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“Words form the thread on which we string our experiences”.  
Aldous Huxley, 1937, *The Olive Tree*

## GRIDATORIAL

January 26 – Australia Day – is meant to be a special day of celebration in our calendar. However, with the severe drought throughout many areas of the country and the devastating fires especially in the ‘bush capital’, there does not seem to be much to celebrate at the moment.

Kay and Ian Williams who live in the ACT suburb of Holt wrote to say:

“We’re on the north western corner of the ACT, and have bushland on the north and west side, which was burning 2km from the house. We’re hoping that the worst is past, but have the emergency packing fairly close to the door.”

We send our best wishes to all who may be threatened and hope that some drought-breaking rains will bring relief soon. For those who can concentrate on some puzzles, we invite you to “toil with hearts and hands” on our Aussie puzzles this month. All of our puzzles have that special Aussie flavour and you will find them challenging and enjoyable as always!

We were delighted to see that one of England’s top crossword compilers, Eric Chalkey (better known as *Apex*) was made an MBE in the Queen’s New Year Honours. The award was made for his services to the newspaper industry. For more details see page 9.

Our congratulations are also extended to those cluey members who achieved a perfect score in the Cumulative Slot 6 puzzles. Well done! See page 4 for details. Also, we announce the winners for the Cumulative Quizzes for 2002. See page 5 for details.

**Clue of the Month:** We introduce a new feature this month. We invite solvers to indicate on page 11 what, in their opinion, was the clue of the month. Just a reference to the Slot No. and the clue should be sufficient: eg Slot 5, 20 ac.

Happy solving!

—Patrick

## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Judging from the results of this month’s puzzles, the rum punch must have been given a hammering during the festive season. Few solvers emerged unscathed, and some appeared to have taken a cerebral vacation. The Christmas Delights festive tree from *Stroz* produced a high number of victims for a Slot 1 puzzle, and many were felled by Slots 3 and 5. The most notorious of the offences were as follows:

**Slot 1:** 34 vacationers went bye-byes with a cocktail of PISTACHO (7dn) and TAO (27ac). The puzzle solution PISTACHE is found in *Macquarie Dictionary* (3<sup>rd</sup> edn.). From the *Chambers* description, MASS could not be accepted as an optional answer for 43dn because, on its own, in the sober light of day, it cannot be seen as a synonym for MEDLEY. There were some NOSOs for 10dn, and a few other oddments.

**Slot 2:** The major blunders in this one were ANIMATO for 19ac and SUE for 16ac. This clue required the answer SHE, being the title of a novel by Rider Haggard. GONG for 23dn didn’t get one because the clue ‘Party (DO) no good (NG)’ = DONG. A few original variations on the ARIOSTO theme (14ac) and the Russian ILYA (7dn). GINSENG for 27ac and RECUSHIONS for 2dn displayed very lateral thinking indeed.

**Slot 3:** The clue for 21ac caused much hyperventilation, and about 20 desperates opted for CHOP. However, although ‘chop’ is a stroke (as in cricket), it does not fit the clue description of ‘This could be responsible for a stroke...’. Neither do IRON, CROP, CLUB, CROW. What bad luck! The other big upset was UPPER PRICE at 13dn. BEAM for 12ac was a long way off it, as was DEEM. The award for creativity here goes to FANNY PRICE at 22ac.

**Slot 4:** In contrast to the rest, this popular puzzle was dealt with as if by clean living, razor sharp masters of cryptology. Just four little bingles in the whole caboodle, each from lack of attention to detail.

**Slot 5:** A couple of Col cons in this one cost plenty. Although FRANGIPANI is an alternative spelling for 1ac, the clue requires an E ending, ‘... abnormal pain (ipan) in the selection (rang...e)...’. And likewise for IDOLATOR at 33ac, it doesn’t fit the clue ‘... a fantasy (idol) consumed (ate) by first rapture.’ Most of the rest were the consequences of making paper aeroplanes during school spelling classes.

Now that you’ve all had a practice run, take note that 2003 has just been designated the Year of Solving Seriously, and hawk-eyed adjudicators will be assiduously scrutinising your future work. Be sure to consider clues carefully, and fill every blank square, to give yourself the best chance of sharing in the spoils.

—Jim Colles

## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	106	103	102	110	87	508
Correct entries	57	82	59	106	57	361
Success rate %	53	80	58	96	65	71
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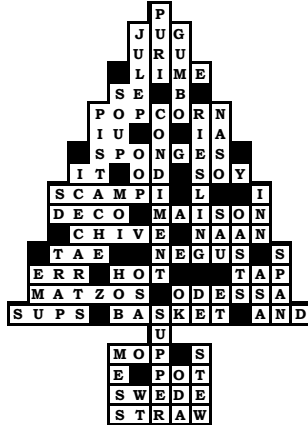
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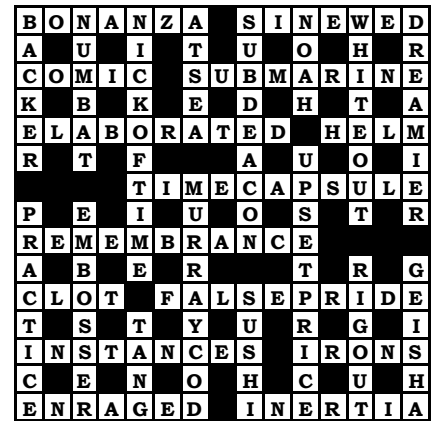
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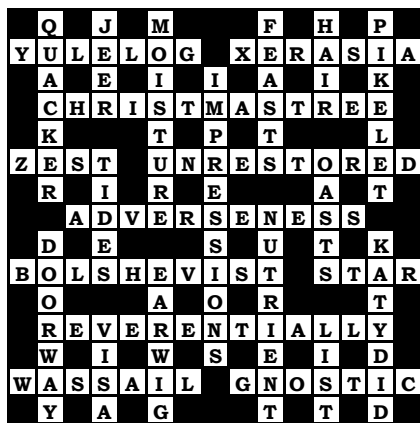
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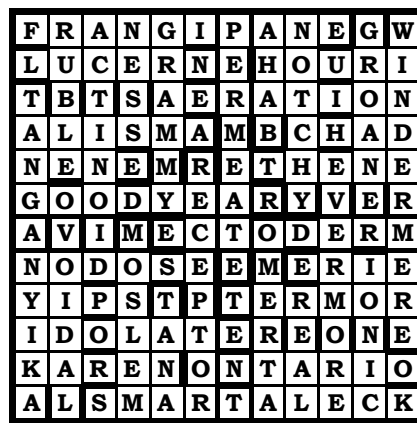
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**January 4-2003**



**January 5-2003**



**December 6-2002**

**Mystery Name:**

**General  
Sherman  
Giant  
Sequoia**

**MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2003**

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALTMAN E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANDERSON C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANDERSON J B		✓		✓		
ARCHIBALD C					✓	
ATKINSON S	✓	✓		✓		
AUSTIN A	✓			✓	✓	✓
BATUM C	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BENNETT B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BENNETT D		✓	✓	✓		
BROWN I		✓	✓	✓		✓
BRYANT R		✓	✓	✓		
BUTLER D	✓			✓		
CAMPBELL G B	✓		✓	✓		
CHANCE C				✓	✓	
COATES D	✓	✓		✓	✓	
COCKBURN B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COCKBURN M		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COLLES J	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CONWAY H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
COWAN C				✓		
COWAN M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CRANE L		✓		✓	✓	✓
DAVIS K		✓		✓	✓	
DAVIS M			✓	✓	✓	
DEARIE P		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DENNIS M		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DINHAM V F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FOSTER C				✓		
FOWLER J	✓	✓		✓	✓	
FOX I				✓		
FREELAND J		✓		✓		✓
FULLER D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
GALBREATH M	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
GARNER P	✓	✓	✓			
GLISSAN B		✓	✓	✓		✓
GRAINGER D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GREENING D		✓		✓	✓	✓
GUY S				✓	✓	
HAGAN R		✓	✓	✓	✓	

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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HEATH P		✓		✓		
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IKIN D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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JONES D		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KENNEDY D J	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
KITTO J				✓		
KNIGHT S	✓		✓	✓	✓	
KNIGHT V				✓		
LAYTON K			✓	✓		
LEE K E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
LOBSEY V	✓	✓	✓	✓		
McCLELLAND C	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
McDERMOTT P		✓		✓	✓	
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McGRATH J		✓		✓	✓	✓
McKENZIE Dr I		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKERRAL A	✓	✓		✓	✓	
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PARKER J		✓		✓		
PHELAN T W	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
POTTS M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PREWETT G	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PROCTER D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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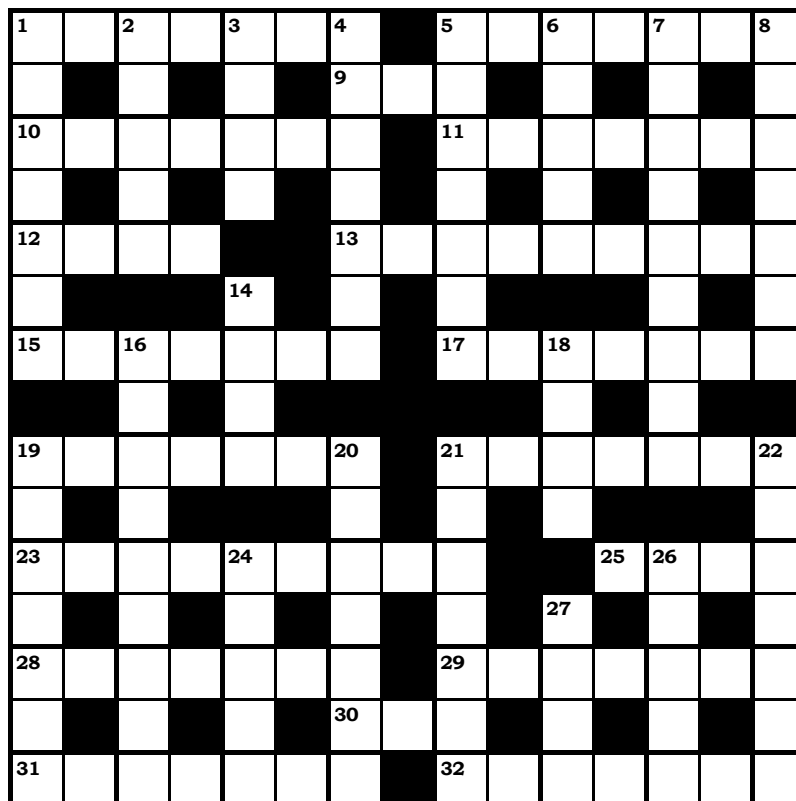
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REEVES V A			✓	✓		
RENDELL Dr A	✓		✓	✓		
ROBERTS R				✓		
ROBERTSON D		✓		✓	✓	
RODDICK M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RYAN A		✓	✓	✓		
RYAN W G	✓	✓		✓		
SAVANAH T		✓		✓		
SEALE E	✓	✓				✓
SHIELD A						✓
SIEGMAN B				✓	✓	
SKILLICORN A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SMITH J	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
SMITH T	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
SOLOMON B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STOREY N		✓		✓		
SYMONS B	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
TAYLOR R				✓	✓	✓
THOMAS E	✓	✓		✓		
TICKLE B		✓	✓	✓	✓	
TOFONI B						✓
TROLLOPE S		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VERESS M		✓		✓		
VILLIERS W			✓			
WAITES L				✓		
WALTER A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WATTS I		✓		✓	✓	
WENHAM J	✓		✓	✓	✓	
WHITEHEAD R	✓			✓		
WILCOX C			✓	✓		
WILLIAMS K		✓	✓	✓	✓	
WILSON R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WORKMAN S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ZUCAL H	✓					

**Half & Half**  
by  
**Noel Jessop**

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**Across**

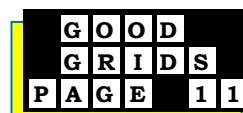
- 1 Smearing (7)
- 5 Arbiters (7)
- 9 Clerical vestment (3)
- 10 Burdened (7)
- 11 Old object (7)
- 12 Forearm bone (4)
- 13 Avidness (9)
- 15 Fur helmets (7)
- 17 Evening (7)
- 19 Growing unchecked (7)
- 21 Left (7)
- 23 Hypnotism (9)
- 25 Freshwater fish (4)
- 28 Rock! (3-4)
- 29 Eccentric (7)
- 30 Dance step (3)
- 31 Groups of six (7)
- 32 Grounded (7)

**Down**

- 1 Move to offer in return about backward boring routines (7)
- 2 Ordered back to overrun German state (5)
- 3 Dimly decentralised and shuffled vainly (4)
- 4 Spike obtains contraptions (7)
- 5 You, say, exclude soldiers and natives (7)
- 6 The old man to caress the queen (5)
- 7 Cheese pal lifted from messy parquet floor (9)
- 8 Let it stand on child's hat (7)
- 14 Some despicable type (4)
- 16 Rest seems inappropriate for courses (9)
- 18 Isthmus in New England creek (4)
- 19 Body stays (7)
- 20 Triple-header stumbles around church (7)
- 21 So move a motion and leave (7)
- 22 Ace lost blood and played (7)
- 24 Elicit a note on Mussolini (5)
- 26 Ah, the exploitation of barren country (5)
- 27 Rode around the river (4)

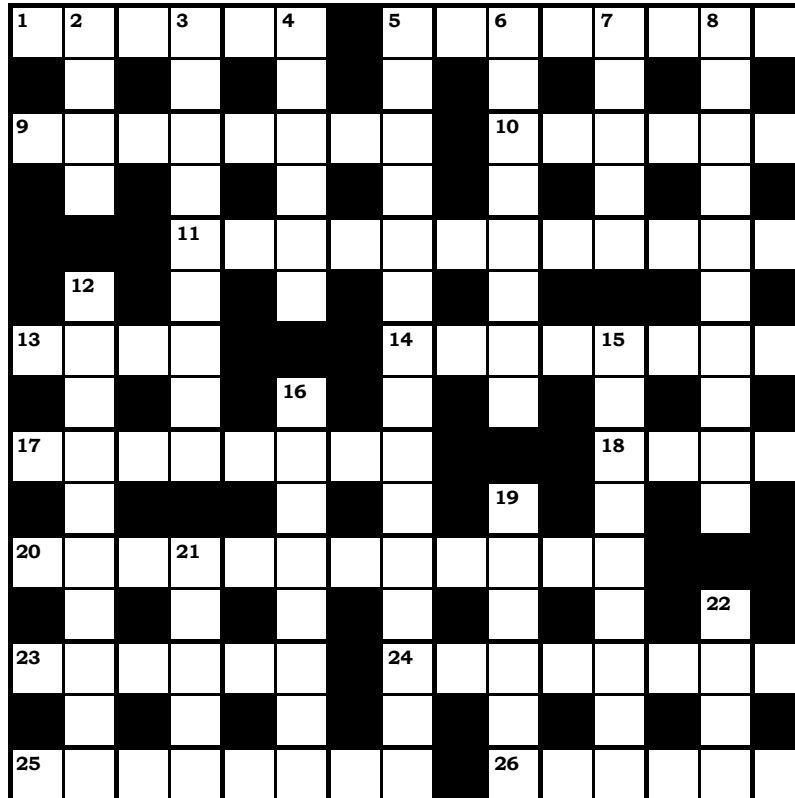
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e-mail: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au  
Closing mail date: Friday 7 March 2003.



**CRYPTIC**  
by  
*Southern*  
*Cross*

FEBRUARY 2 2003



**Across**

- 1 Elvis isn't finished, with my computer encompassing gyrations like his (6)
- 5 Children from one family sing out after pound is returned (8)
- 9 Going back cross, Kelvin takes a big shot – for an opener! (8)
- 10 Feel poorly (6)
- 11 Special rule applied around the north when night-light is temporarily out (5, 7)
- 13 Shadowy place during 11's low point (4)
- 14 Deception leading to bad direction change taken by union (8)
- 17 Braced around top of portico, like most old churches (8)
- 18 Lincoln died, but not like this! (4)
- 20 Mean to bury first and negotiate later (12)
- 23 Spike gets right into study (6)
- 24 Force into an eastern state or move abroad (8)
- 25 Waxes lyrical, then changes exercises (8)
- 26 Planting seeds, initially unpaid (6)

**Down**

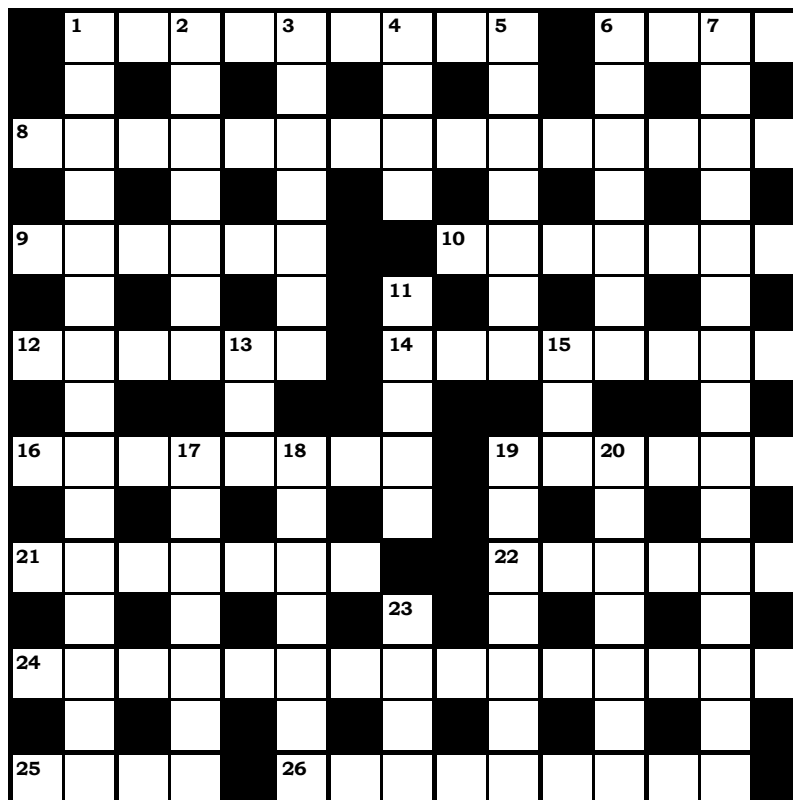
- 2 Love this rose arrangement! (4)
- 3 Football code wanted to replace nothing of violence or hostility (9)
- 4 Dog gets in – stick around! (6)
- 5 Grave looked after – head of a self-controlled state? (5-10)
- 6 These permit one to make observations from different angles (8)
- 7 A medical man separates the ones with rhythmical feet (5)
- 8 Tax covers everything – one's affliction? (10)
- 12 Nine cotton reels in dispute (10)
- 15 Mark Crowe's drunk! He frightens off the birds (9)
- 16 Liberal smoulders about weight-watchers (8)
- 19 Uni chap makes a mistake and bowls (6)
- 21 A go-between in 11, with a broken heart (5)
- 22 "Shock! Big star adopts model" (4)

**CUMULATIVE SLOT 6 WINNERS JULY - DECEMBER 2002**

Corryn Anderson, Bill Bennett, Bev Cockburn, Mal Cockburn, Margaret Galbreath, Ann Jermy, Doreen Jones, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, David Procter, Marian Procter, Aileen Skillicorn, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Alan Walter, Roy Wilson and Steve Workman. Congratulations!

**CRYPTIC**  
by  
*Daintree*  
*Lady*

FEBRUARY 3 2003



**Across**

- 1 Mate ill-treated with spray – discharge skipper! (9)
- 6 Destroy mine (4)
- 8 Foul talk – read more here! (4-6, 5)
- 9 Struck with amazement silver has begun tarnishing (6)
- 10 Stoutly submit to holding partial counsel (7)
- 12 Draw near, I’m outside Proserpine with new director (6)
- 14 Secret rioter joins odd lout in rebellion (8)
- 16 Fascinating meeting (8)
- 19 Foolish troop leader is in action (6)
- 21 Add money for easy cash (3, 4)
- 22 Start sawing planks, recover armrest with leather to make lounge (6)
- 24 One, two (heard in Paris), count three, disclose something illegal (5-3-7)
- 25 Subsequently shut out (4)
- 26 On the road one could be useful in the back – but not in the middle! (5, 4)

**Down**

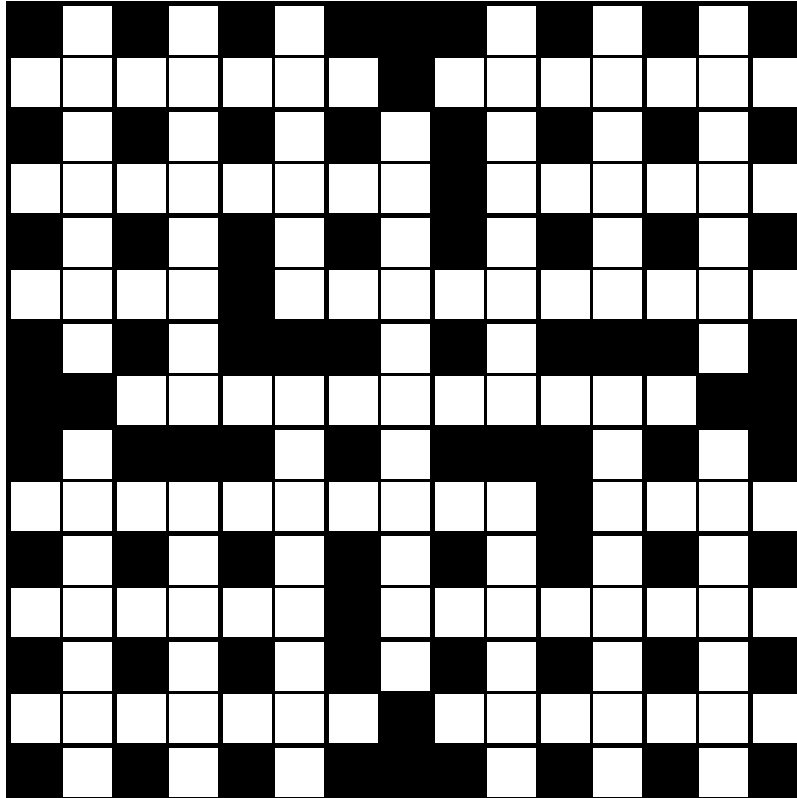
- 1 Food for the tiller? (10, 5)
- 2 Cart back on time for measurement (7)
- 3 Backed battered organisation right away (7)
- 4 Counts up little ones (4)
- 5 Select piece in Wales? (7)
- 6 Reader (second class) squabbles with Queen (7)
- 7 Aitch is there – and very isolated! (6,2,7)
- 11 Avoid sweet (5)
- 13 Drink without noticing love-in! (3)
- 15 Forego, but not for morale (3)
- 17 The sale, sir, is mismanaged and stuffy (7)
- 18 Push over – time’s up (7)
- 19 Marshal, do spies go straight? (7)
- 20 Try out girl with yen for oppression (7)
- 23 The second to exist – thanks! (4)

**PRIZEWINNERS OF CUMULATIVE QUIZZES FOR 2002:**

Equal first: David Procter and Brian Symons (156 points) 3rd: Alan Walter (155.5 points) 4th: Joan Smith (153.5 points) 5th: Bev Cockburn (149 points) 6th: Audrey Austin (148.5 points). Congratulations!

**AJ**  
by  
*Timid  
Terrier*

FEBRUARY 4 2003



Fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.

- A** Bill and Roger not finished with new fern (7)
- B** Signal essayist outside Red Centre? (6)
- C** Narrow opening for rising artist and an Indian gazelle (8)
- D** The German, American outsider heads south with weapons (10)
- E** Letter to ancient Irish assembly about right for Scottish shows (7)
- F** Construction material Taino demolished (11)
- G** Blunder holds back Rhode Island animal (7)
- H** Coll. having inside knowledge to connect T bone! (3-5)
- I** Heard vain, old phantom (4)
- J** Man captured English flunkey (6)
- K** Muffled defeat of editor (6)
- L** North American moth in pool unaffected (4)
- M** Unite to issue in revolt exclamation of protest (5,4,2)
- N** Inspid male returns near girl and heartless boy (5-5)
- O** Philo troubled worker with ancient ivory hunting-horn (8)
- P** Trudge along a New Guinea playing-field (6)
- Q** Wager Scots girl backs everything (8)
- R** Wild Irish-plunderer to dance to and fro with English sweetheart (8)
- S** Fleece drunk not learner who had too much to drink (7)
- T** The Maori comprehends new starts in colour technique? (7)
- U** Hull centre images include harbour candle-fish? (8)
- V** Inane model lost at country sides gap?
- W** Wearied Scots roll back cattle (4-3)
- X** Ten unsure buried armadillos (7)
- Y** Old hunting cry calling for misplaced sick (6)
- Z** Hit at a revolutionary (6)

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**ACROSTIC**  
by  
*The Beast*

FEBRUARY 5 2003

Solve the clues, insert the answers in the grid and then transfer the answers to the numbered grid below. The first letter of each answer spells out the name of a poem which should be inserted below the completed grid. The bottom line of the grid will reveal the author's name.

- 1 International fraternity butchered a long-haired man (6)
- 2 You old blokes joined up in the Middle East (5)
- 3 Sort of sub. that can lose its stern and still carry a sting! (6)
- 4 May be composed of notes, sometimes coined (6)
- 5 A card game in a certain place, and it's the sailors' call (4, 5)
- 6 He would shortly star in new production, but was rubbished (7)
- 7 Cheat two different ways to reach harbours (6)
- 8 Starts experimenting using narcotics. Usually completely heals such physically impaired blokes (7)
- 9 Get African manager in trouble; usually in hot water (3, 4)
- 10 Eat out with the newsman? My word! (6)
- 11 Roman power connection (6)
- 12 Her Majesty and I take a stroll (7)
- 13 Is not very stable – sometimes goes with Kate (7)
- 14 Soft, sweet angle for a swimmer (9)
- 15 An abnormal bewilderment, say, but only on various occasions (3, 4)
- 16 Floating in the ocean at Antigua (6)
- 17 The sun-god somehow makes it land (5)
- 18 Top catch, perhaps, but always on the sea-bed (8)

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
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67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	
111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121

1	63	112	87	25	102	19				
2	108	5	67	84	38					
3	104	57	53	116	88	99				
4	77	46	114	11	81	60				
5	13	92	30	105	43	2	18	32	61	
6	89	35	80	100	119	34	76			
7	97	74	36	8	45	40				
8	91	42	71	31	15	111	83			
9	21	107	93	7	55	101	33			
10	16	85	66	51	79	28				
11	14	118	58	56	48	82				
12	121	3	26	75	59	72	117			
13	4	44	41	106	23	1	115			
14	69	54	94	78	24	49	65	73	22	
15	70	62	17	86	37	29	109			
16	12	47	96	98	10	103				
17	9	120	68	39	50					
18	52	20	64	113	95	27	6	90		

Name of poem:

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**A Sporting Obsession**  
by  
*Virgo*

FEBRUARY 6 2003



The unclued lights all have something in common.  
32ac is a clue to the sport

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
14					15						16		
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	19					20			21	22			
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31			32		33			34			35		
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41				42							43		
		44							45	46	47		
	48	49			50				51				
52	53		54	55		56					57		
	58						59						
60						61							

**Across**

- 9 Left; had a good time and I left (6)
- 14 She feared no danger for she knew no \_\_\_ (Dryden) (3)
- 15 A warning to a small yacht (4)
- 16 Mix an endless whole centre ring (4)
- 18 Original 'die' movie (6)
- 19 A drink is okay as it's all been arranged (4)
- 23 Preachers average issue (7)
- 25 To be more adventurous exploring American hides (5)
- 26 Drop-out peals off (5)
- 29 Rumoured regret in damage (4)
- 30 It's a back sore, love (4)
- 31 Make the mistake that every other hearer makes (3)
- 32 Grass pitch tournament (3, 5)
- 35 I see it's rumoured to be very cold (3)
- 36 A song from Maria Callas (4)
- 37 One may cover a legend (4)
- 38 Draw south to the boat (6)
- 41 Brown mountain! (4)
- 43 Fifty one started out from Egypt, man (3)
- 44 Rebuild right just before the break etc (7)
- 47 Fighter takes part in reverse regime (3)
- 48 Ring for Booth (4)
- 50 Drink better when off the wagon (4)
- 51 A mongrel dog in action (5)
- 52 Devil's member is held (4)
- 55 A match, if cruel, can be a disaster (7)
- 57 Slide and almost slue (3)
- 58 Currency: we hear you're next to nothing (4)
- 59 Business in new for old (5-2)
- 60 All pen names to the company notice (6)

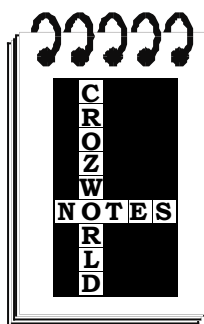
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- 2 She takes off when I enter (4)
- 3 The year the princess lost England for a love letter (4)
- 4 A palindromic sensor (5)
- 5 Sneaks right into a disgraceful sulk (5)
- 7 Physicist Georg initially operating heavy machinery (3)
- 8 No exclamation is quite appropriate for this boat builder (4)
- 9 Monty's boa? (6)
- 10 And all the \_\_\_ a solemn stillness holds (Gray) (3)
- 11 Assess the rate on a vehicle (4)
- 12 Lifts the Spanish seat assembly (6)
- 14 Spit in the sandbar (5)
- 20 Bypass the rolls that came back (4)
- 22 Listen to the old chook wandering about the boat (6)
- 24 Learner seen in charge moving unsoundly? (7)
- 25 Take a peep at the lizard (5)
- 27 It is before the abbot (5)
- 28 Said in old speak: bath half the cake (5)
- 34 A creature of passion (3)
- 35 That is about better times to take an inventory (7)
- 36 Shrub to account to an American law enforcement agency (6)
- 39 A noise from inside the prison (5)
- 42 American sweet poetic yellow (5)
- 45 Fancy leads head to model (5)
- 46 The respectful title of the All Ordinaries (4)
- 49 Stirred soup movement (4)
- 54 The eastern gentleman that Mister Turner met is absent (3)
- 56 Milk producer can only win firsts (3)

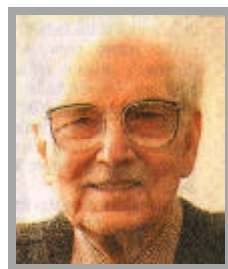
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**APEX:** After setting crafty crosswords for more than 30 years, Eric Chalkley (known to all crossword lovers as APEX) has been made an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours for services to the newspaper industry. Eric said: "It came as a bit a shock when I received the official letter from the Prime Minister. I never expected to receive this honour. I was thunderstruck!" Retired carpenter Eric, who celebrated his 85th birthday on Boxing Day, has been creating crosswords for national newspapers for 35 years. In that time he has amassed an army of enthusiasts and celebrity solvers, including American composers Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, and Colin Dexter, the writer of the television show Inspector Morse. Eric, who also has a website dedicated to his brilliant brain teasers, added: "I am really pleased and honoured to have been made an MBE." We congratulate Eric on this well-deserved honour. If you would like to sample a crossword specially compiled by APEX for the ACC, visit our website, click on APEX and then "Spot the Team".



**MEMBER NEWS**

A warm welcome to new members **Lesley Jacobs** from Northmead, **Rachel Day** of Killara and **Veronica Reeves** from Leichhardt, NSW, **Wendy Villiers** from Ringwood and

**Barbara Brown** from East Brighton, Vic. Happy Crozworlding!  
**Acknowledgement:** Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Feb 2-2003).  
**Puzzle Adjustments:** Jim Colles lost a tick for December 1-2002.  
**David Procter** has relinquished the position of distributor of *Crozworld*. Many thanks, David for your outstanding work in the past 30 months. Your efficiency always ensured that *Crozworld* was delivered in a timely fashion.

**A Letter from Sheila Hasenkamp:** "I have to advise my resignation from the club. I lost my husband in September after a long battle with cancer. Since then my life has been turned upside down and I find I cannot continue my membership. I would like to wish all club members the Compliments of the Season and I hope you will publish my wishes and goodbyes to the many club members with whom I had contact. The Club has been a great joy and consolation to me during the many years of membership. I wish you all, all the best for the coming year."  
 —Sheila Hasenkamp

**David Stickley** has solved the anagram of 'Naomi I Caravan-Park' mentioned on p5 of last month's *Crozworld*. It's 'Marina Karapanovic'. And answers to *Morse Code* on p7 are: 1. autopsy 2. hip flask 3. donald 4. seismic 5. bra.

**More Mondegreens:** At school French lesson, 'I got up at eight o'clock' was translated by one of the boys as: 'I got a potato clock'. At Christmas Carol service they sang 'While Shepherds washed their socks by night...'; and 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sin'. Our boss's new English secretary told him when he returned from lunch that there had been a phone call from the 'Lawn System' Branch. (She meant Launceston, of course!)

—Audrey Austin

**ACC Website:** Our website [www.crosswordclub.org](http://www.crosswordclub.org) has been an undoubted success during 2002. We have had more than 34,000 visitors to it from all over the globe and the feedback has been impressive indeed.

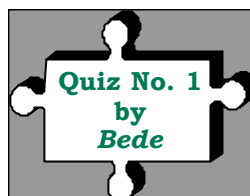
**1.** We are planning to expand our CONTACTS list. If you would like to have your name and e-mail address added to this list, kindly notify Patrick at [pstreet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pstreet@bigpond.net.au)

**2.** Ian *Makeanote* Brown has suggested that it may be useful if some of the puzzles each month could have detailed explanations to some of the clues. Ian said: "I thought this would be a good way for members to learn the tricks and devices to look out for, as well as to confirm (or deny) the correctness of answers." Ian has generously offered to take on this exciting task.

**3.** Kay Williams has suggested that it might be useful if we had a Small Ads page on our website. Members could place ads to sell or buy crossword books etc. Sounds like a good idea. If would like to start off this new page on our website, contact Patrick at [pstreet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pstreet@bigpond.net.au)

**Cactus explanations for Dec 3/02:**

4ac: even once upon a time is dumped (*anagind*) for convenience = amenities (?)  
 8dn: 'look embarrassed' = 'turn red'.  
 26dn: Runs away from unde(r) a single (I) flapping (*anagind*) swallow = indue.  
 27dn: Got on (as got older = aged) with rising artist, mostly = DEGA(S).



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**Name:** .....

- 1 P \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ E (7, 6) A *white* mulberry
- 2 R \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ N (5,4; 4,6)  
Early greenies
- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ E (7, 7) Pupil/teacher relationship
- 4 H \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Y (10, 5) More on the moors
- 5 H \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ L (4, 8) What a racket
- 6 C \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ A (6, 9) Guile on the Nile
- 7 J \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ L (4, 4) Climb every mountain
- 8 F \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Y (7, 6) He done me wrong
- 9 S \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ L (5, 9) Mrs Robinson's friends
- 10 B \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ S (4, 8) Tommy Thumb, where are you?
- 11 H \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ L (4, 6) Shack on a highway
- 12 A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ E (6, 9) Tintagel twosome
- 13 C \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ N (12, 9)  
*Not* gift-bearing Greeks
- 14 P \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Y (5,3; 5) Grow up, lad
- 15 D \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ S (5, 7) Now that's friendship
- 16 D \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ E (5, 8) Poetic couplet
- 17 E \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ S (4, 9) Return to sender
- 18 G \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ G (3, 5) **BIG** problems
- 19 H \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ A (8, 9) Feathered friends
- 20 D \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ S (8, 6) Sunstruck
- 21 O \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ A (6, 7) Fabulous fairyfolk
- 22 G \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ O (7, 9) A wooden heart
- 23 T \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ N (7, 4) Not on thin ice
- 24 R \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ N (6, 11) Music to the ears
- 25 A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ S (7, 6) Twinkle toes.

**JANUARY 1-2003: CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS by Stroz (Patrick Street)**

- *Chambers* (1998) gives 43dn 'mess' as a medley. However, it also defines 'medley' as a 'mingled and confused mass'. I settled for MESS as the simplest but MASS should be acceptable. Really the clue should have been better defined to remove any confusion. *Kay Williams*
- 43dn: I looked up MESS in *Chambers* '93 and it said 'a medley'. I then looked up 'medley' and it said a MASS. I hope both are correct. (see adjudicator's report) *Bev Solomon*
- I enjoyed this puzzle which did not present any real difficulties and was in keeping with the season's festivities, not to mention the abundance of food and drink. *Irene Watts*
- When I SAU detree and deboxes I also looked for delights! What an eye-catching grid and suitable thematic puzzle for Slot 1. Thanks Stroz. *Alan Walter*
- A nice little opener of Christmas delights. I don't usually like the inclusion of so many 2 letter answers, but the puzzle shape necessitated this. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Patrick's Christmas Tree supplied plenty of food for thought. *Ted (it's raining, you beaut) O'Brien*
- Nice and festive. Some good research questions in this straight puzzle. Thanks Stroz! *Ian Brown*

**JANUARY 2-2003: CRYPTIC by Noel Jessop**

- A very reasonable cryptic from Noel. No real problems. He must have been in a kindly mood with this one. *Irene Watts*
- Nice job by Noel. 1ac was clever, outback = T and ARIOSO was the poet, giving ARIOS+T+O = Like an aria. *Alan Walter*
- Noel's clues are always spot on. I particularly liked ARIOSTO and LEARNED. *Max Roddick*
- Noel's 25ac and 20dn were notable. *Ted O'Brien*
- Quite an enjoyable puzzle, although 16ac for me was a hair-puller. I'm not sure, even if I saw the answer, how it could be either SUE or SHE. (see adjudicator's report) *Ian Brown*
- Not as difficult as many of Noel's puzzles, but full of notable clues, particularly 17ac, 21ac, 25ac. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Good one, as always, by Noel. *Catherine Foster*

**JANUARY 3-2003: CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)**

- I've always found *Southern Cross* puzzles logical and well structured, and this was no exception. I particularly enjoyed 1ac, 12ac and 24dn. Thank you. *Ian Brown*
- Some unfair cluing, and I have had to guess at 16dn and 21ac as the best of many alternative answers. Unchecked squares need more direct clues. *Barbara Ibbott*
- 21ac: Liked your CLOT "responsible for a stroke of bad luck!" And 28ac was cleverly worded, giving "one with a detached retina" as INERTIA. 6dn: NO+AH was quite humorous. 12ac: Well hidden gave HELL as HELM. Thanks Shirl for your entertaining potpourri. *Alan Walter*
- I did not like this cryptic which had too many rather remote clues. Shirl's puzzles seem to have changed, and I don't enjoy them as I used to do. Particular No-No's were 12ac, 21ac & 16dn. *Irene Watts*
- 'Helm' was most devious. *Bill Bennett*
- Not being into auctions, I had to search for Shirl's 13dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- This month's hardest. 12ac: DEEM fits about 95% but BEAM & SEEM partially fit too. If DEEM is wrong could you please explain? (Erebus = HEL(L) one letter forward to HEL(M) = to Command) *Brian Symons*
- Loved the clues. I had two options for 21ac - CHOP or CLOT. Thought either would fit. *Catherine Foster*

**JANUARY 4-2003: CHRISTMAS AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

- 'Wassail' really 'quacked' me up. A most enjoyable puzzle, *Virgo*. *Bill Bennett*
- Does anyone know if Audrey takes time out to eat and sleep? (only on Pancake Day we believe.) *Ted O'Brien*
- *Virgo* provides non-stop entertainment always. My favourite this time was BOLSHEVIST. *Max Roddick*
- Your 'Quacker Duck' was quite appropriate for a Christmas 'Cracker' theme puzzle. Thanks *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*
- Still my favourite cryptic. Hope I got the S one right, it seemed too easy. *Catherine Foster*
- Alphabeticals are always enjoyable and so are puzzles by *Virgo*. When combined, pleasure is guaranteed. *Irene Watts*
- I like doing the AJ first, and found this one fairly straightforward despite a different grid from normal. *Barbara Ibbott*

**JANUARY 5-2003: LEAK STEW by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)**

- Delighted to see that Col's nailed the Ximenean grid. *Roy Wilson*
- I hope Col is well. I'm sure older members thank him for his puzzles which engrossed or bamboozled us. *Bev Solomon*
- This was a clever puzzle containing many lakes from different parts of the world - LUCERNE, CHAD, ERIE, ONTARIO, NESS (properly LOCH NESS I assume), WINDERMERE, TANGANYIKA and TANA. This last one had me in a 'stew' for quite a while. Thanks for this world tour, Col. *Alan Walter*
- 'Sma' use of Scots words appreciated. *Bill Bennett*
- Good to see one of Col's teasers. It was hard - oh yes! Plenty of peculiar words but, as always, they were all in *Chambers*. *Irene Watts*
- Whew! No idea about the unclued answers. Couldn't complete it, and am patiently awaiting solution. *Catherine Foster*
- What a relief! I was worried that Col had been 'yurtified' again. Seems he was on a world tour of the lakes! *Ted O'Brien*
- I liked the LAKE idea (actually quite a watery theme with WETS, SWEAT, LEAKS, ALES, SLAKE and WAKE also obtainable from your title) *Ian Brown*
- What can I say? Another Col 'stinker', but I think I've finished it successfully. I really don't know where Col finds all of these very odd words. I felt I was very clever in realising that LEAK STEW was an anagram of WESTLAKE, which enabled me to find the other waterways. (You were certainly a lot cleverer than the adjudicator, Barbara.) I don't understand 21ac, and would appreciate an explanation of the clue. (*Chambers* shows 'goodyear' as Shakespeare's 'the plague'.) *Barbara Ibbott*
- A really good puzzle. 1ac very tricky due to alternative spelling. I should have looked at the heading. *Brian Symons*
- Seven lakes and a loch. Och! *Max Roddick*

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

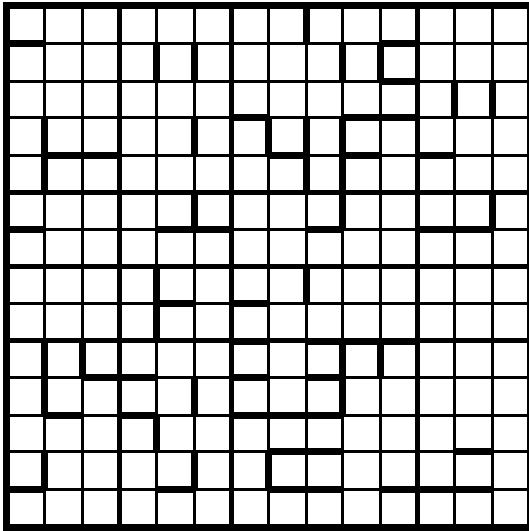
- I would like to thank Alan Walter for the sterling work he has done for the Club during the past 13 years. Alan, along with Carole Noble and Noel Jessop saved the original club from extinction. Alan has always been motivated to avoid the same fate befalling the present club, and each year has produced a budget that has ensured a small surplus at the end of each year, and prospects of the Club continuing indefinitely. Well done, Alan. *David Procter*
- Many thanks for the December Slot 1 prize. January's puzzles were a pleasure. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks to Stroz, Noel, Audrey, Col and Stef for their challenges. *Shirl O'Brien*
- I hope the Club has a good year as it gives me a great deal of enjoyment each month. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I was delighted to receive the prize for Slot 5 in December. Having not read the list of prizewinners, the postman's knock came as a pleasant surprise. Thank you ACC for the unexpected Christmas present. *Kay Williams*
- May I wish all our members a very happy and successful new year. *Margaret Galbreath*
- I would like to thank the club for my prize for the cumulative competition for July - Dec 02. *Mal Cockburn*



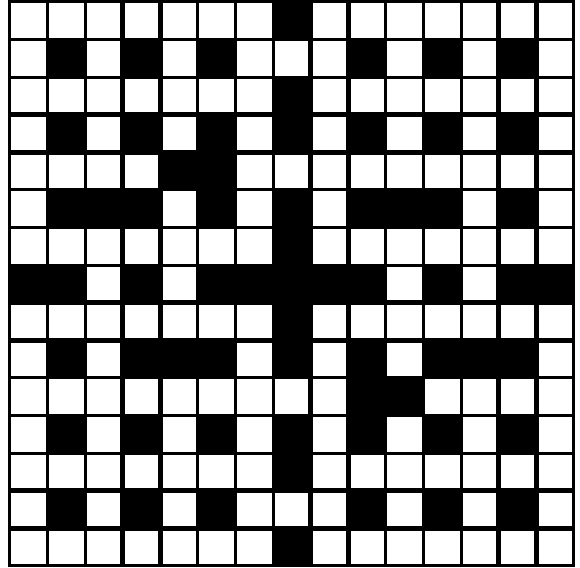
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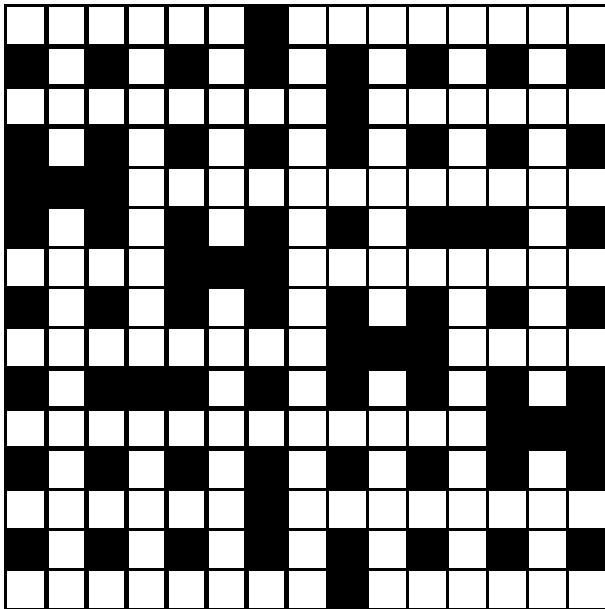
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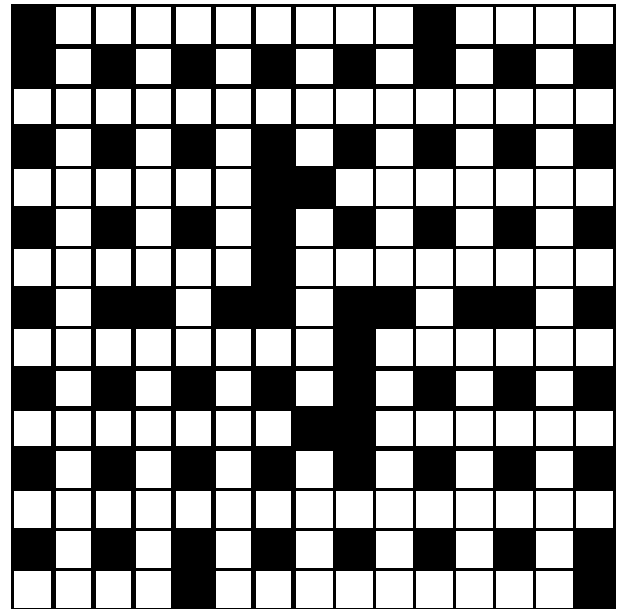
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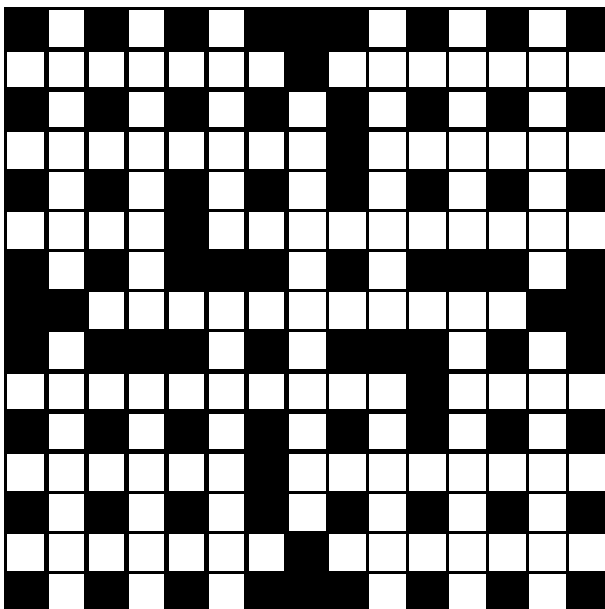
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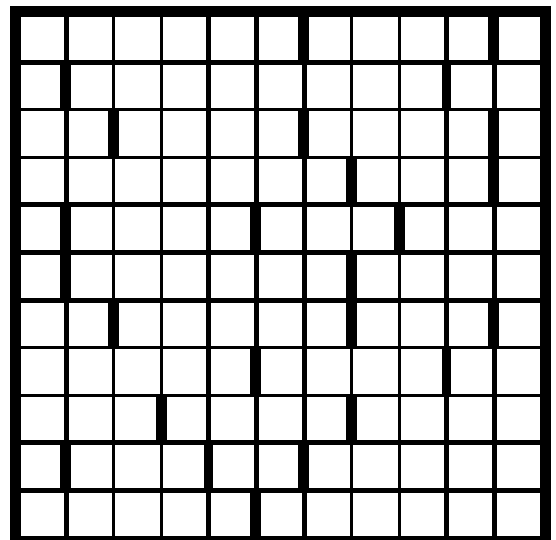
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Name of poem:

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December 6-2002 - Wooden? You Know it! by *Makeanote* (Ian Brown)

Entries: 47. Correct: 47. Success rate 100%. Prize Winner: Margaret Dennis. Congratulations!

The General Sherman Giant Sequoia



**Comments from Adjudicator/Compiler *Makeanote*:**

Listed in the Guinness Book of Records, the *General Sherman Giant Sequoia* is recognised as the largest living thing on the planet. Standing at 83.82m tall (or 275 ft), this behemoth contains approximately 1,486m<sup>3</sup> of timber. This would almost be the equivalent of a solid 'block' of wood 1m x 1m x 1.5km!

Located in the aptly named 'Giant Forest' of California, this photograph shows the size of the tree at its base. While not the world's tallest tree (that honour belongs to the Mendocino Tree at 112m (also a sequoia)), the first branch is 130 ft above the ground and it is believed to have first broken the soil almost 700 years before Christ walked on the earth.

My congratulations firstly go to all those who submitted an entry to this puzzle. I am pleased to announce a 100% success rate to all entrants. I was also very grateful for the many pieces of feedback I received over this puzzle, as well as the cards and well wishes for the New Year.

The main difficulty faced by many solvers was the fitting of the solved clues into the grid. A welcome suggestion to overcome this was to have a smattering of letters throughout the grid. While it was not my intention to frustrate or have a puzzle left in the 'too-hard' basket, I do apologise to those members who may have met with disappointment in working through this one. To those who thrived on this puzzle, I also thank you for your encouraging remarks. I trust it will be the nature of ACC puzzles to always be fair and for adequate satisfaction to be gained that is proportional to the effort required.

The solutions then, in order across the grid, were:

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|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Pomegranate | 10. Gardenia    | 19. Nutmeg       |
| 2. Chestnut    | 11. Zebrawood   | 20. Bonsai       |
| 3. Quandong    | 12. Damson      | 21. Umbrella     |
| 4. Tangerine   | 13. Jacaranda   | 22. Kumquat      |
| 5. Viburnum    | 14. Ironwood    | 23. Laurel       |
| 6. Acacia      | 15. Mahogany    | 24. Xanthorrhoea |
| 7. Walnut      | 16. Hibiscus    | 25. Raffia       |
| 8. Oleaster    | 17. Sycamore    | 26. Eucalyptus   |
| 9. Fuchsia     | 18. Ylang-Ylang |                  |

**Results of Quiz 7 by Brian Symons**

**Answers:**

1. Bill Lawry; 2. Peter Taylor; 3. John Landy; 4. (a) Shadow King (b) 5 times; 5. Don Bradman; 6. Gary Chapman; 7. Michelle Goszko; 8. Bob Hawke; 9. Australia 11 wins America's Cup in 1983 at Newport Sound; 10. Brian Booth; 11. Grant Davies; 12. Ron Clarke; 13. Any 3 of the following were accepted: tug-o'-war; backstroke swimming; high jump; sculling; coxless pairs and fours and, leniently, rowing; 14. (a) judo (b) luge.

**Comments by Brian Symons:**

Thanks to all who entered this quiz which seemed to require a fair bit (perhaps too much) research. In view of this, silly spelling mistakes were only docked half marks but any errors of fact lost full marks. Everyone got questions 3, 8, and 14 and no one got question 7. Michelle Goszko scored 204 on test debut against England in 2001. Peter Taylor (Peter who? – surely you mean Mark) was awarded man-of-the-match for his performance on test debut against England in 1987 as a response to the criticism of his surprise selection. Kayaker Grant Davies had already signed the gold medal register when the judges changed their decision indicating he was 2nd by .005sec. Gary Chapman won bronze in 1956 and died in a boating mishap in 1978. Although the net seems to imply Mina Wylie, silver medallist in 1912, was found dead in the Yarra in 1925 the wylie's website indicates she died in 1984 ([www.wylies.com.au](http://www.wylies.com.au)) as I was also informed by the Australian Swimming Association. I guess just because it's on the net doesn't make it right. Perhaps it was purposefully wrong.

**Results:** (out of 18). **Winner:** David Procter. Congratulations!

16: D Procter 15.5: J Smith; J McGrath; A Walter 15: D Greening 13: J Colles 12.5: A Austin 12: B Cockburn 11.5: P Garner 10: B Solomon 9. M Procter.

**Results of Crazy Confusing Christmas Carols and Songs by Tobi (Barb Ibbott)**

**Prizewinner:** Verna Dinham. Congratulations!

**Answers:** 1. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer 2. O little town of Bethlehem 3. Deck the halls 4. Hark the herald angels sing 5. Away in a manger 6. O Holy night 7. Silver bells 8. It came upon the/a midnight clear 9. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth 10. Silent night 11. The first Noel/Nowell 12. Joy to the world 13. The three kings/We three kings 14. O come all ye faithful 15. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas 16. The twelve days of Christmas 17. Frosty the snowman 18. I saw Mummy/Mommy kissing Santa Claus 19. Walking in a winter wonderland 20. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Scores:** 20: B Bennett, I Brown, P Dearie, V Dinham, B Glissan, D Kennedy, V Lobsey, C McClelland, J McGrath, P Mercer. C Noble, T O'Brien, J Parker, M Raw, J Smith, T Smith, B Symons, K Watt, S Workman and H Zucal. 19: C Anderson, A Austin, P Garner, V Howard, E Seale, S Trollope, I Watts and K Williams 18: P Heath, G Prewett, D Procter, A Ryan, B Siegman, N Storey and L Waites. 17: C Wilcox 15: J Colles.

**Comments:** Thank you for all the Christmas greetings. I'm glad that so many members enjoyed a light-hearted puzzle to entertain over Christmas. However, due to the large number of correct enries, I was particularly strict with the answers acceptable. Most members lost marks for No 8: 'Fell upon/came within' were not accepted. No 19: 'walking through' is not correct as the original song has 'walking in'. I decided to allow No 13 (We three kings) even though I was really after another carol titled 'The three kings' (a much more beautiful carol than the other), but I decided that maybe it was unknown to most people. —**Tobi (Barbara Ibbott)**

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