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Be sure that you go to the author to get at *his* meaning, not to find yours.
John Ruskin, 1865, 'Of Kings' Treasuries', in *Sesame and Lilies*, p24.

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2006 is looking to be a most successful one for the ACC. We have had an excellent renewal of subs and we are deeply grateful for the generous donations which have been made to the ACC Prize Fund 2006. We are always pleased to publish the puzzles of new solvers and we anticipate a goodly number of those in 2006. However, we are always grateful to receive puzzles from our favourite compilers especially Noel Jessop, Roy Wilson and Shiril O'Brien who were the ACC Compilers of the Year 2005. Congratulations!

This month we have another fascinating and challenging set of puzzles for your delectation. Starting off with another popular Half & Half by Noel Jessop, then 3 puzzles by some of the 'newer' compilers (*Agnacenus*, *Zinzan* and *InGrid*), another amazing puzzle by *Virgo* called *T-Squares* and in Slot 6, the master Ximenean *Praxis* with his wonderful puzzle *High and Dry*. The Quiz by *Virgo* is all about Lovely Ladies. Charming! Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

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A brilliant Festive Season issue and it's very pleasing to see new puzzle compilers. Explanations requested for clues in Slot 3 are dealt with on p10, and the following is what happened to your dots:

Slot 1: After some deliberation and consultation with reference books *JUT* has been allowed as an optional answer for 39ac. There were a few misspellings and the multiple blues were for 21ac LUMBER, 38ac ARBITOR, 29dn ATABAG/ ATABUG and 2dn ABUSED, which fits the definition but not the cryptic element 'depot' = 'base'.

Slot 2: Nearly all the clues queried were the odd numbered *straight* ones, and they appear to be descriptive rather than definitional. The clue for 19ac certainly lent itself to speculation and expressions of opinion. Therefore, GOADING (32) and HOUDINI (11) were accepted as alternative answers, but WORDING (3) did not seem a grammatical fit. Another worthy possibility, SODDING, surprisingly didn't make an appearance. For 3dn, EMMESH (12) was accepted as an alternative spelling. There were mistakes in a number of other answers through the puzzle, but SKIN WIG for 14dn deserves an honourable mention.

Slot 3: A much commented on puzzle and the killer here was 24dn for which NAVY was given as the answer by 34 solvers. This does not fit the cryptic element of the clue - 'Many ships capsized' = RAN/NAR 'Yes' = Y; though the definition part of the correct answer has received some criticism. The best of various other mishits was ON THE CADDY for 4dn.

Slot 4: Solved with aplomb by the majority, and the near misses were BACKBOND, JUTE-BOX, ODOUR, PARALOLE/PARALOGUE, TRAASON and X-BUDS.

Slot 5: Nearly every true blue Aussie's favourite poem, but it looks suspiciously as though some solvers took the risk of completing the verse quotation without solving all the clues. Thus, there were several words wrong: IN (AN), OPEN (OPAL), MENS (MANY), KNOWN (BROWN) – and the price of one dot had to be paid.

Clue of the month: Altogether, 42 voters nominated 23 clues across all the slots, and 9 of these were in Slot 3, which produced joint winning clues 27ac. and 16dn. Congratulations to *gizmojones* aka Stephen Clarke.

Compiler of the year: Although just 27 solvers chose to vote, appreciation of the efforts of our setters was shown by the range of voting, and there was a triple dead-heat between Noel Jessop, Roy Wilson (*Praxis*) and Shiril O'Brien (*Southern Cross*). Several votes were lodged for 'All', and I think the general opinion of members was best summed up by this comment: "Anybody who takes the time and trouble to produce a puzzle for the members gets my vote."

Cards and letters accompanying your entries are much appreciated, and I'm sure there's much puzzlement and enjoyment to be anticipated in the year ahead.
—Jim Colles

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Jan 1-2006

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Jan 5-2006

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land —
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand —
Though Earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.

Poem Title: *My Country*
Author: Dorothea Mackellar

Dec 6-2005

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR DEC Slot 6 2005 & JAN 2006 Slots 1-5

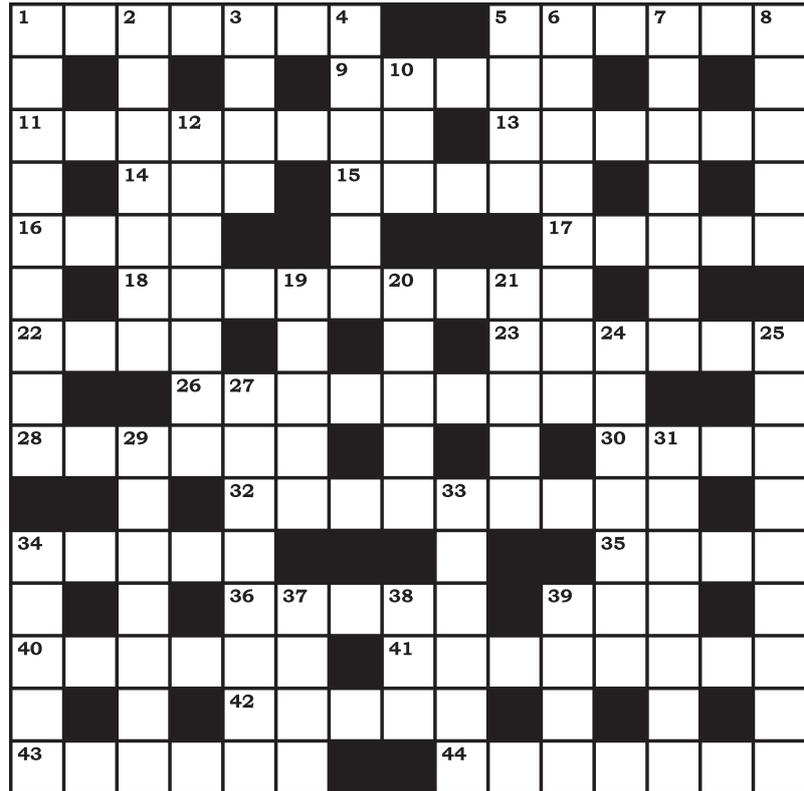
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



Across

- 1 Mixture of marble sides with distorted angle (7)
- 5 Ghostly colours (6)
- 9 Donald correctly described a beaked galley (5)
- 11 Newspaper truck for a manufacturing industry (3,5)
- 13 Chatted with new sweetheart in court? (6)
- 14 A resident magistrate to get weapons (3)
- 15 Settle in with one starting to make plot (5)
- 16 Found in the middle, not out as far as (4)
- 17 World's first railway left yard in the wrong direction (5)
- 18 Whirlpool and rock make a place for a lighthouse (9)
- 22 Finished cake with formality dead (4)
- 23 Part of loaf is heavy and thick (6)
- 26 In transport, not all men knock true resettlement (9)
- 28 Woman in Maryland provided personnel (6)
- 30 Makes known sloth ruins start and finish (4)
- 32 Judges fine gold shoddy at the start (9)
- 34 Pipe back about time to put off (5)
- 35 Lionheart was not finished with state? (4)
- 36 Composition not without direction (5)
- 39 Emmet - a new model (3)
- 40 A kind of carpet with rubber backing repeated (6)
- 41 It's a bloomer to spoil one with riches (8)
- 42 Clean out some fresco urgently (5)
- 43 Preoccupy in bosses reappointment (6)
- 44 Hang exhaust round centre of bush (7)

Down

- 1 Animal pouch (9)
- 2 Heir (7)
- 3 Standard (4)
- 4 Whirlpools (6)
- 5 Scottish island (4)
- 6 Hats, etc. (8)
- 7 True blue (5-2)
- 8 Soapy (5)
- 10 Type of sleep (3)
- 12 Travelled (7)
- 19 Courts (5)
- 20 Pith helmet (5)
- 21 Parts of speech (5)
- 24 Dreading (7)
- 25 Conserved (9)
- 27 Proximity (8)
- 29 Characters (7)
- 31 Similar atom (7)
- 33 Indian instruments (6)
- 34 NSW country town (5)
- 37 Killer-whales (4)
- 38 Flightless bird (3)
- 39 Afflicts (4)

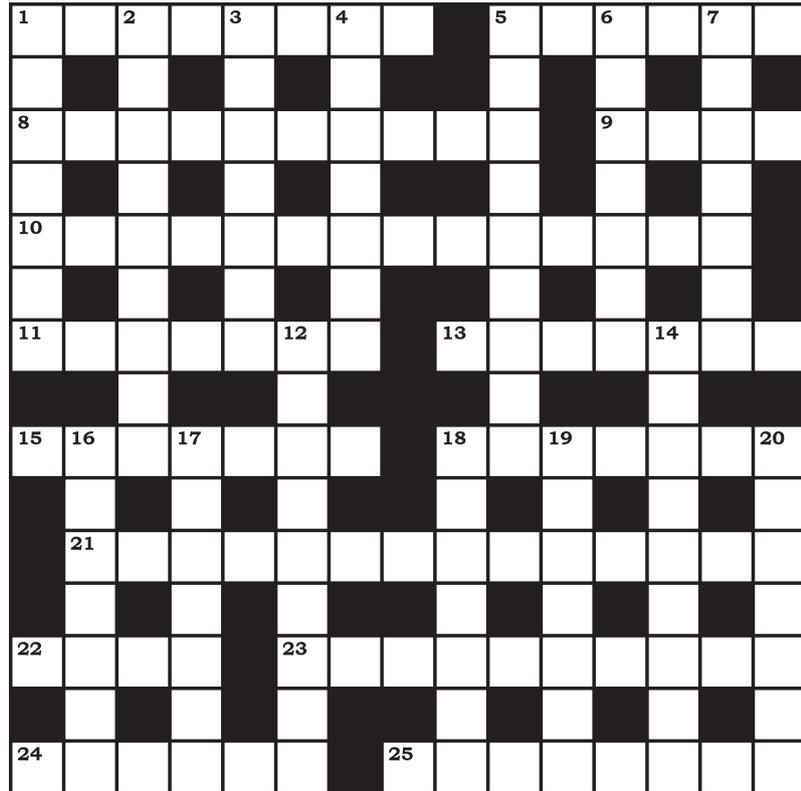
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GOOD
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Cryptic by Agnacenus



Across

- 1 Traffic trouble around Borneo? Pointless mix-up, but lots of bottle! (8)
- 5 Qualified blessing for swinger (6)
- 8 Without mercy. No Babe! (10)
- 9 Mix thoroughfare directions (4)
- 10 Wed with no clothes? It is almost indecent! (5,2,3,4)
- 11 Missing, without gloves, it might seem (7)
- 13 Point, stumble around, produce cloth (7)
- 15 Bower, perhaps with fish, one way (7)
- 18 If worn in the tropics it would doubtless make you one! (7)
- 21 Websites trouble blind, as designed (8,6)
- 22 Van backs up to one small container (4)
- 23 Lady's curves in ample sufficiency. It's obscene! (9)
- 24 Loanshark addict holds court, in part (6)
- 25 Shut by late turnover, perhaps. Shut in! (7)

Down

- 1 Go to battle. Get lost! (7)
- 2 Uses old material and gets nostalgic over clothes (9)
- 3 First born, most advanced and most courageous (7)
- 4 Jailbird of note, with compact six-pack, to escape (7)
- 5 Legislation, perhaps, physically dealing with effects of pressure (6,3)
- 6 Defence in boats at sea (7)
- 7 Finished late. Outstanding! (7)
- 12 Londoner who's sneered at, apparently (4-5)
- 14 Desired outcome of marine enterprise perhaps? (3,6)
- 16 Taurus born, gnarled and evergreen (7)
- 17 Join one inside but be private, perhaps (7)
- 18 Los Angeles, leaderless and disorderly, in Africa (7)
- 19 Get set Go! Is for selfish types (7)
- 20 Rebounded, about to slide off (7)

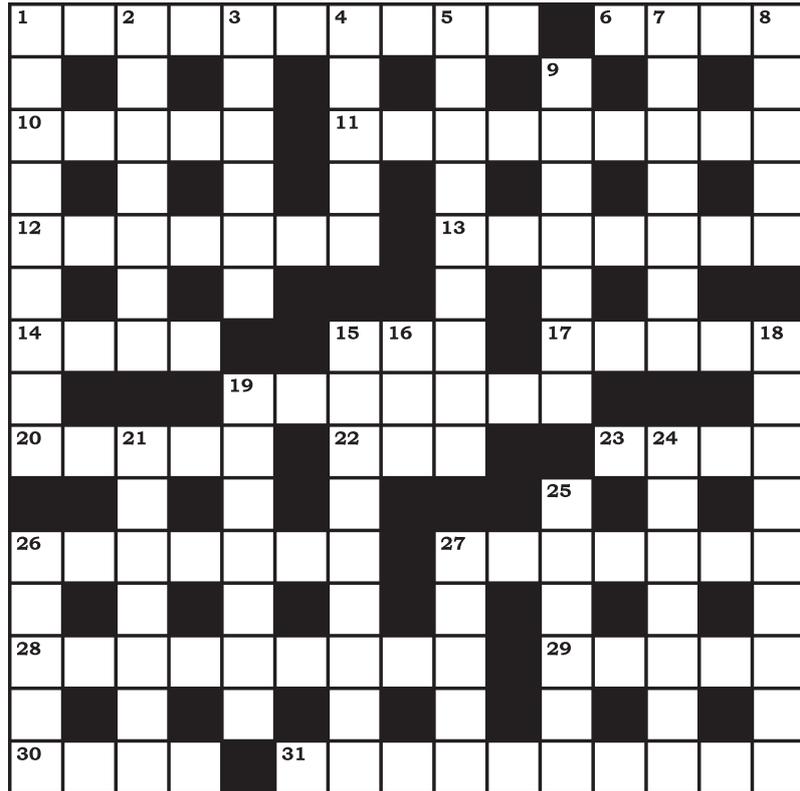
A NOTE FROM AGNACENUS:

"Sincere apologies to those who have valiantly tried to solve No. 8 in the *Compendium*. There were three (I think) clues that did not work. I seem to have had version problems! Thanks in particular to *Zinzan* (Andrew P) for alerting me to them. Hopefully you'll find the puzzle above less perplexing but (perhaps) more puzzling!"

GENERAL COMMENTS: Regarding Eva Seale's letter concerning the merits of the *Franklin Crossword Solvers*. I could find no replacement for my Black when the on/off button died, so bought the Blue. I found both with their pros and cons. Black is American – ref. *Websters*; Blue is English – ref. *Chambers*. Black has many words Blue doesn't, e.g. werewolf; and otherwise, e.g. bougainvillea. Black could list small word anagrams from a larger word – useful in Target type puzzles – it would even anagram words from a mix of letters and question marks, e.g. D?BA would produce ABED, BADE, BAND, BARD, BEAD, DAUB, etc. Blue has synonym lists. Although not so hot on synonyms and phrases, Black was easier to operate with one hand, leaving the pen hand free. I need both hands to operate Blue.

Audrey Austin

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">zinzan</h2>

Across

- 1 Poorly baked with finer kitchen utensil (5-5)
- 6 Half puts together a grooming tool (4)
- 10 Girl has a new girl alongside (5)
- 11 Actor's publicity – as removed from London cockney (9)
- 12 Emotional tirade comes after end of contract (7)
- 13 Martha's cooking skill? (7)
- 14 Final word of six characters before the Feds? (4)
- 15 Pen use stopped by seconds (3)
- 17 Unfortunately, learner died as engine ran in neutral (5)
- 19 Half of bubs' ailment is pastoral (7)
- 20 A month before a long part of flower appears (5)
- 22 Fear the return of some reward (3)
- 23 Stop advertising (4)
- 26 Fade awa . . . ? (4,3)
- 27 One found in Pearl Harbor is in a state (7)
- 28 Accepted pregnant state? (2,3,4)
- 29 One in lewd extremes tightened up (5)
- 30 Father is up and about (4)
- 31 Professed, "Noel is best!" Is distressed! (10)

Down

- 1 They shoulder the responsibility of the supporter? (3,6)
- 2 Meatier arrangement in Arab realm (7)
- 3 Overshadows unorganised forwards or is removed (6)
- 4 Plane crash in mountainous country (5)
- 5 Stroke feeler put out about 15ac (9)
- 7 Unusual dance – quite eccentric (7)
- 8 Overcooked but without raw noodle starters (5)
- 9 Sounds like little girl meets boy of no special character (7)
- 15 Special constable loads badly around very loud supporters of builders (9)
- 16 Draw a digit by ear (3)
- 18 Stroke a pet bat (3-6)
- 19 Initiated plot to get hold of John Donne's first letter (7)
- 21 Dog star (7)
- 24 Service organisation loses Sierra Leone youngster in the wild (4-3)
- 25 Birds embrace the French names (6)
- 26 Undress head to toe for holidays (5)
- 27 Brother left the bush for a walk (5)

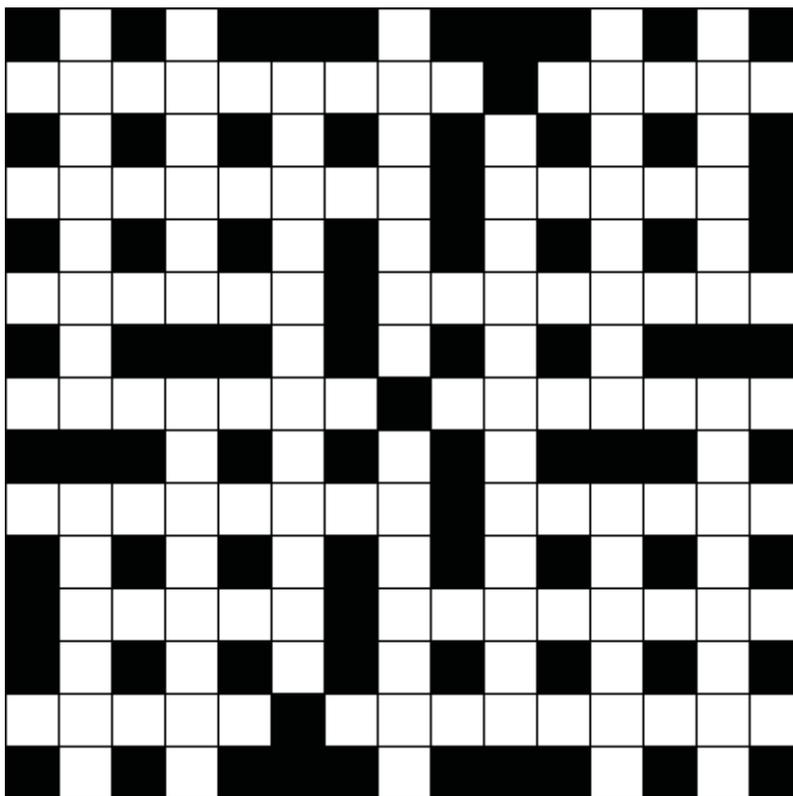
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Re Slot 4 in December: The S clue obviously posed a problem for many solvers. I confess I changed my mind several times and eventually made the wrong decision. I do think when a clue is so ambiguous both solutions ought to be accepted. Andrew, adjudicating, says 'sozzle' does not fit the secondary indicator but, so far as I can see, 'sizzle' is not a particularly good fit either! *Margaret Davis*
- I thought we had an excellent array of puzzles this time and I enjoyed them all. *Catherine Hambling*
- After 4 years in the ACC I still only get 3 puzzles out each month, so it was a thrill to be a Slot 2 winner for December – my family couldn't understand why I got so excited! Two days before Christmas, it was the cream on the trifle. *Nea Storey*
- Many thanks for my prize cheque. *Corryn Anderson*
- I thank the club for my cheque for solving the Dec 1 to 5 puzzles correctly. Also, thanks for the calligraphy. *Bev Solomon*
- Thanks to the ACC for my cheque for Dec. Slot 3. The cash has been put to good use – a bottle of 'Midnight Oil' Black Label, which I needed to help solve *St Jude's* excellent Jan. Slot 5, especially clue 'O' Hobelar. *Geoff Campbell*
- I thank the club for the Slot 3 prize that I shared with Graeme Cole. I can use it to buy Bushmills in Eire, to keep warm during my winter holiday there. *Del Kennedy*
- Thanks to the Club for my *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*, an excellent book, and a pleasant surprise. *Col Archibald*
- A rather difficult month, I thought. *Roy Wilson*
- A word of appreciation for the excellent standard of the puzzles in this year's *Compendium*. *Iain MacDougall*

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AJ
by
InGrid

Prize
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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Imaginary sky pictured (8)
- B** Worked willingly for the newly bereaved (8)
- C** American tree gave state a hit (8)
- D** As fresh winds blow in this short state (12)
- E** Does this plant produce googies? (8)
- F** Piped about love and jeered (7)
- G** Tortoise displays a gap in gaol confusion (8)
- H** Greet anger over rental fee (6)
- I** Royal will rip email to shreds (8)
- J** Tie a bomb to a plant (9)
- K** Variety of Indian people (7)
- L** Tell a story of German and English priest's allegiance (8)
- M** My rise discounted, causing depression (6)
- N** Plane sailing in this part of the world (5)
- O** Play polo right around the deck (5)
- P** Shepard queen in clip about litter (9)
- Q** Four rodents run around about nine curves (12)
- R** Carry on over biography (6)
- S** Moved gently while chatting about leather (5)
- T** "To Let" is found in small rooms (7)
- U** Tools played tunes primarily in low spots (8)
- V** Neckline prize at Bardic forefront (6)
- W** Shake the hairdresser? (5)
- X** Photos back his claim about a swordfish (7)
- Y** Worry about strong-scented plant (6)
- Z** Perch and hesitate beyond Zaire (6)

A NOTE FROM IRENE WATTS:

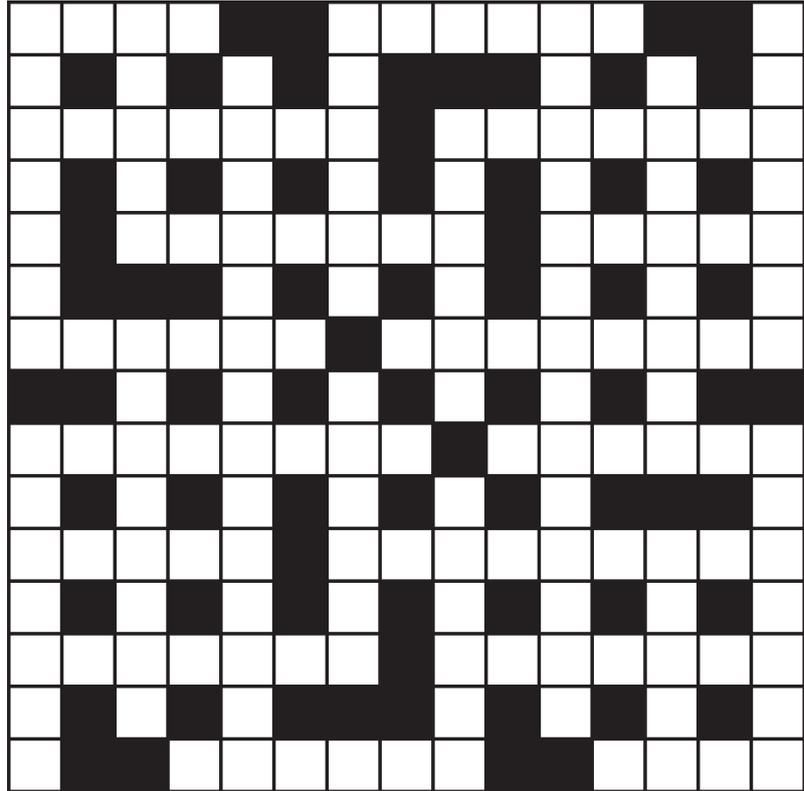
"Subscription time again - how the years fly. My first sub was paid in 1993 by my daughter Hilary, as a Christmas gift - one of the very best ever. As you can see I am an old member in every sense of the word. I now pay the subscriptions for Barbara and Hilary as part of their gifts for Christmas and to thank them for the help they give me in so many ways. I am so fortunate in having a lovely family. I am in much better shape mentally than physically and for that I give much credit to the stimulation my old brain gets from the monthly enjoyable struggle with *Crozworld* puzzles. Some are beyond my capacity and I have to shun them as being too frustrating and exhausting. I can manage most of the rest now and they are a great delight. Thank you for all the work you do to help the Club function so well. Kind regards, Irene Watts."

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T-Squares
by
Virgo



Clues are in random order. Fit the clues where you can.

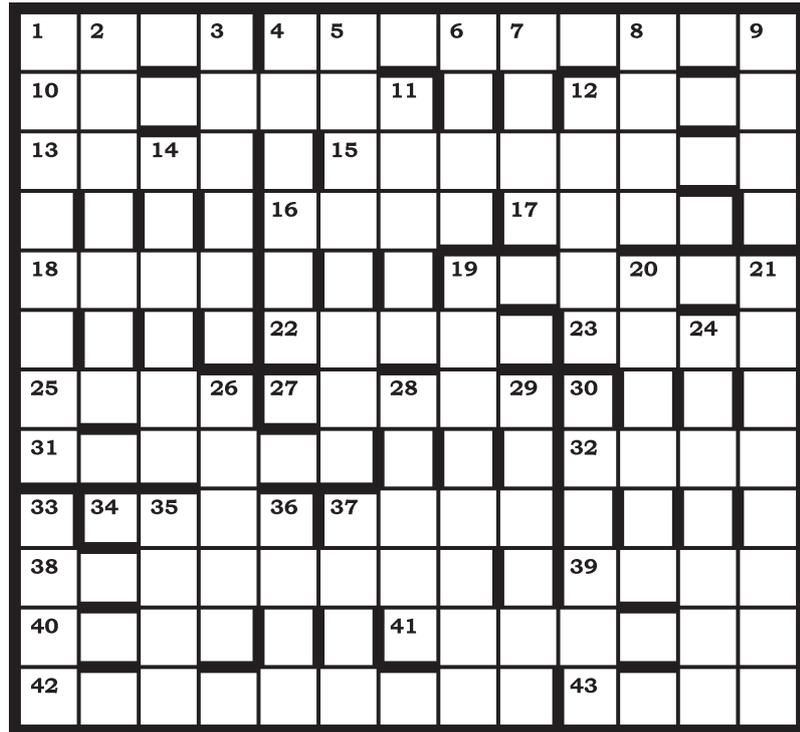


Clues:

- Nation erecting spinning machine (8,6)
- Tags and points scored in an argument (7)
- Blackfish in Oxford is snug around the time of the lion (7)
- Horse soldiers get such poor rest in a revolution (8)
- Thanks to a fellow navigator (6)
- Some fine china from the new estate (3,3)
- Latte Noel prepared for Nick! (4)
- It all adds up to this — a lotta bucks! (5)
- Foot position hopping into this petroleum (6)
- The French found an informal voter (5)
- The one right behind you to suffer in being a fitter target (4-5)
- It flies overhead; the web's easy, it's said (7)
- Mid-section gets corroded but is still firm (6)
- A number throw in their cards. XX? (7)
- Race off with a snippet (4,3)
- Four-rayed creature over in meat tart, etc. (7)
- Stockton river pegs (4)
- One in deals with abuses (7)
- Scorn the first relative (5)
- Fly down at the outset — on the double! (6)
- Secures square numbers (7)
- Careful thinking that is appreciated (14)
- Tennis champions reputedly grow better (3,5)
- Animals — stingers. No outside news, please! (6)
- Teams pulling together across the wharf with no headstart (3,2,3)
- The sense of the appeal (5)
- Dwight at free do. What a skinflint! (8)
- The Isle of Man races featured in a story — or is that all just talk? (6)
- There is more in your old lack of patience (6)
- A fresh trout to be taken to the master (2,5)

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High and Dry by Praxis



Unclued answers are divided into three separate groups as indicated below. Geographical reference: The Macquarie Illustrated World Atlas.

Across

- 1 Man was disheartened with cuts (4)
- 4 Group 1: (9); 42ac (9); 1dn (8); 21dn (8); 30dn (6)
- 10 With a ruler, draws drains (7)
- 12 Country girl abandoned study (4)
- 13 Transport left one doctor (4)
- 15 Laver's girl's back in space at the head (8)
- 16 Tatar wagon crushed Arab (4)
- 17 Over time one creates space (4)
- 18 Teach Spenser the French imprisoned the ruler (4)
- 19 Pet's back, she ruined old fasteners (6)
- 22 Group 2: (5); 2dn (7); 3dn (6); 24dn (7); 28dn (5)
- 23 Hot drink's sent over in a whit for Jock (4)
- 25 Call from workshop to the boss (4)
- 27 Chinese town to respond best (5)
- 31 Diocese has cardinal seethe (3, 3)
- 32 Each grasped Information Technology in Tarawa Atoll (4)
- 34 The lad mentioned a float (4)
- 37 I trim meat rejected (4)
- 38 Soldiers strip people (8)
- 39 They edited, including part that's studied (4)
- 40 Look, girl's all over the hero (4)
- 41 Cologne salesman's back before storm (7)
- 42 See 4ac
- 43 Nailed obliquely! Sounds like a Grahame character (4)

Down

- 1 See 4ac
- 2 See 22ac
- 3 See 22ac
- 4 Service song lifted marines overseas (3-3)
- 5 Involved brief's resolution's welcome (8)
- 6 Ship turned up in North America (4)
- 7 Case cut short by one with the facts (4)
- 8 Set up measures to get goose (4)
- 9 Group 3: (4); 11dn (5); 12dn (5); 26dn (5); 33dn (4)
- 11 See 9dn
- 12 See 9dn
- 14 Maiden lost rouge - will get here late (6)
- 19 Trawl craft turned up, I left with catch (5-3)
- 20 Girl standing in grass sees vaguely (6)
- 21 See 4ac
- 24 See 22ac
- 26 See 9dn
- 28 See 22ac
- 29 Cost to go through old entrance? (6)
- 30 See 4ac
- 33 See 9dn
- 35 Four detailed roughly course from afar? (4)
- 36 It's seen in high places once you set it up (4)
- 37 Crock, in a way, holds forty (4)

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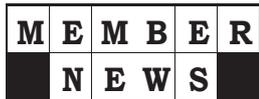
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Prizewinner of January Slots 1-5: **Bev Cockburn**. Congratulations!



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QUIZ No 2/2006

Lovely Ladies Quiz by Virgo

Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your answers to: Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250 or by email: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au
 Closing mail date: Friday 10 March 2006. Prize: \$50.

- 1 Who was known as the Sweet Russian dancer? (4,7)
- 2 Who portrayed Linda Porter in *De-Lovely*? (6,4)
- 3 Which Australian beauty was crowned Miss World 1972 (7,5)
- 4 Who played a silent movie actress in *Silent Movie*? (10, 6)
- 5 Who was known as the Forces Pin-up Girl in WW2? (5,6)
- 6 Who played Emma Peel in TV's *The Avengers*? (5,4)
- 7 What Australian model starred in *Sirens*? (4,10)
- 8 Which 50's U.S. tennis player was known as Gorgeous Gussie? (8,5)
- 9 What English MP gave her movie *A Touch of Class*? (6,7)
- 10 Which Australian beauty was crowned Miss Universe 2004? (8,7)
- 11 Name *The Avengers*' Purdy who became Absolutely Fabulous! (6,6)
- 12 Who played the title role in *Pretty Woman*? (5,7)
- 13 Who played Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* on the London stage? (5,7)
- 14 Name the singing star of *Lovely to Look at* (7,7)
- 15 Which Edwardian beauty became the mistress of King Edward VII (4,7)
- 16 Which blonde actress maintained that *Gentlemen prefer Blondes*? (7,6)
- 17 Who was *Pretty in Pink*? (5,8)
- 18 Which redhead starred in *You Were Never Lovelier*? (4,8)
- 19 Who played the title role in *The Belle of New York*? (4-5)
- 20 Which Hungarian Beauty Queen became the Queen of Hollywood? (3,3,5)

January 1-2006: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- 23ac: Time to get a new atlas, Noel, Eritrea has been independent since 1993. *Rob Watson*
- I don't understand 29dn. (Aus. Thanks = ATA, last = BE (as exist/endure) gov. = G/ = Def.) *Doreen Jones*
- The difficulty level of Noel's Half & Half puzzles seems to be increasing. I hope that trend does not develop further, as I think it is desirable to have the Slot 1 puzzle possible for the less able as well as the 'experts'. *Irene Watts*
- 'Atabeg' and 'Aseity' have been added to my vocabulary. Thanks Noel. *Carole Noble*
- 'Honest INJUN', loved clue 36dn. Thanks for your double-half puzzle, Noel. *Alan Walter*
- Noel's Half & Half's give me a lot of pleasure - when I solve them. *Ted O'Brien*
- I thought 21ac was LUMBER for a while, but once I sorted it out I was right. In 22ac what is the purpose of 'back' in the, as I can't see anything reversed? *Jenny Wenham*

January 2-2006: Mixed Bag by Tawdry Ducky (Al McCartan)

- Some really good clues. However, the use of 'this' as a definition (19ac, 22ac, 4dn, 9dn, 20dn) does not lead to a satisfactory solution. It can only be guesswork. I did enjoy the challenge, though. *Carole Noble*
- Welcome T_D. Lots of entertainment in just reading your clues! *Max Roddick*
- *Mixed Bag* was about right for this one. Some good and bad clues. I fear 1ac got me in the end. *Merv Collins*
- I don't understand 29dn. Well, I do sort of, but I think it's a bad clue. 24dn: THYMUS a 'sweet herb'? *Doreen Jones*
- 19ac: 'This' is a very vague definition! Was Keating a master at disappearing (like HOUDINI)? Was he a master at GOADING? I took it that he was a master at being MORDANT, as he was an expert at biting critical comments. 22ac: 'doing this to a dummy' would be 'spitting'. Prefer 'to do this to a dummy' = SPIT. (correct tense needs indicating). 2dn: Definition of ENGRAVE is needed! [Def. is Inter: Ed.] 24dn: THYMUS is a sweetbread not a 'sweet herb'. *Alan Walter*
- The 'thymus' (24dn) may be sometimes called 'sweetbread' but is not a herb. The clue for 19ac is far too vague. Paul Keating was good at many things (excluding 'bonding', which would also fit). *Margaret Davis*
- 1ac: Ms Troy is Helen, I guess and Helena is being a bit uppity? I pick 20ac as COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- Weird. Many supposedly straight clues looked pretty cryptic to me, and vice versa. Some I just don't grok (e.g. 15ac, 19ac, 2dn, 9dn, 15dn etc.) Fingers crossed! 19ac: With a vague clue and underchecked (only 3/7) diagram slot, could be MORDANT, GOADING or about half a dozen other things. Have mercy, Mr Adjudicator! *Rob Watson*
- *Mixed Bag* (another Half & Half?) for the most part was pretty fair. However, I had to take a stab at 19ac. I thought Keating's description of the Senate as "unrepresentative swill" showed some mastery of wording!! I take issue with the spelling of Lindsey Browne at the bottom of page 4. He was well known, on giving his name, to follow it with "Both with E's, if you please." *Roy Wilson*
- I found this puzzle interesting - the straight clues were often wordy and involved thinking in a different way. I do not know the answer to 19ac. Have toyed with 'loading', as there always seems to be one word that appears in more than one puzzle, and 'loading' is in slot 1 and would fit the grid, though not the clue. My family felt 'goading' was more Paul Keating style, but briefly toyed with Houdini. I looked on the Net, but only found he was the 'master' of numerous things such as 'colourful language', 'the vernacular' and 'telling one-liners'. As it is just a straight clue, probably any word you can justify should be accepted? I hope! *Mary Dodd*
- Another new compiler, so some problems. Amusing clues but some a little suspect (e.g. 14dn, 19ac, 34ac.) *Irene Watts*
- 19ac: The answer could depend on a lot of things - firstly I'm not sure if the first part of 14dn is 'skin'? If it is, then words like 'downing', 'conning', & 'coining' come in. They probably all describe the man. *Don Hemsley*
- Slot 2: Thanks Al. A great first puzzle. I look forward to more. I liked 8dn and 19ac I thought could have been any number of things depending on your point of view. I've settled for GOADING. *Jenny Wenham*

January 3-2006: Cryptic by gizmojones (Stephen Clarke)

- The clues I liked, I really liked (27ac, 1dn, 4dn, 20dn). However, the ones I didn't understand, I really didn't understand (1ac, 5ac, 11ac) *Brian Tickle*
- Really enjoyed *gizmojones'* clues. Some very challenging indeed. *Roy Wilson*
- I gave up on Slot 3 - too many flagrant breaches of the rules of crossword compiling. *Audrey Austin*
- This was tough and took a while to get started. 10dn: thought 'yellow ribbons' indicated someone returning not going? *Merv Collins*
- Enjoyed this overall, but had trouble with 2dn, 6dn, 13dn, 16dn. I hope someone can explain those. *Corryn Anderson*
- Some excellent clues including 16dn (my COTM) and 27ac. *Margaret Davis*
- This was a great challenge, and gave me a great feeling when I finished it. *Ted O'Brien*
- 23ac: SMACK-DAB - I could not find this anywhere but it rings a bell. 27ac TRENDY - great clue. *Doreen Jones*
- Though I picked 1dn as my COTM, I did not enjoy this puzzle very much. It had too many new, unknown words, too many 'gizmos'. *Irene Watts*
- The difficulty level seemed to indicate it should be a Slot 6. *Irene Watts*
- Pretty hard for a Slot 3. I was composing a nasty letter to *gizmo*, but just plugged away and got there. *Roy Taylor*
- I found some of the slot 3 cryptic clues similar to the slot 2 straight clues! *Mary Dodd*
- Some spiffing clues here. My vote for COTM goes to 27ac, with 3dn a close second. *Rob Watson*
- 1ac: Please explain how 'pretty bland' = OR? 5ac. How does 'city bank returns' = NEAR? 23ac. SMACK-DAB = squarely, exactly or directly. Can't equate this to 'fairly'. 5dn. 'Originally altered' doesn't properly equate to 'first letter' changed'. 13dn. IM + (PR+I) + MATUR where 'almost crude' = IMMATUR(E) Publicity one's = PRI. Whew! 24dn: If NARY is correct then the given definition 'No' appears to be incorrect. NARY means 'never' or 'not'. (ref *Chambers*). This was a puzzle fraught with difficulties. *Alan Walter*
- 9ac was brilliant! At first I put in SEASONING, but soon discovered that you had another kind of stuffing in mind. *Carole Noble*
- I don't think No.3 is at all right! Finished in desperation! *Sally Knight*
- Some tricky clues here and a few answers I'm not sure of. *Jenny Wenham*

January 4-2006: AJ by Difficult Women (Carole Noble & Joan Smith)

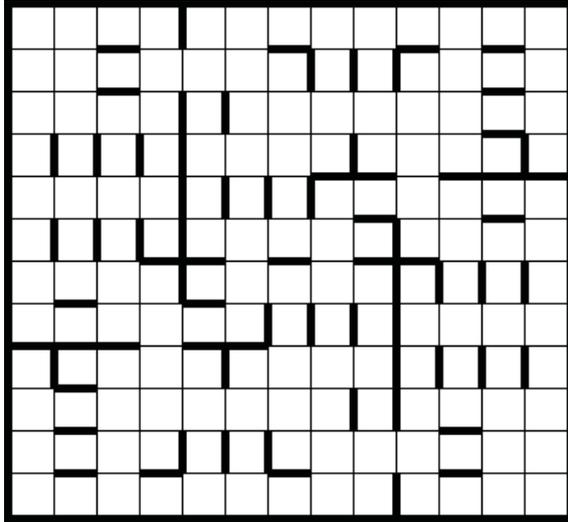
- Alphabeticals are my favourites. The different variety of grid slowed me for a while, but the clues were very fair and not too difficult. *Irene Watts*
- The teasing ladies were quite kind, and I enjoyed their humour in C, G & W. *Brian Tickle*
- Nice change from the more commonly used grid. *Doreen Jones*
- Very good AJ. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks to Carole and Joan for a very enjoyable AJ. A great relief after the Slot 3 puzzle! *Ted O'Brien*
- The change of grid was enjoyable. *Jenny Wenham*
- *Difficult Women* are living up to their name. An interesting AJ grid but satisfying to fill in.

January 5-2006: Thoughts of Home by St Jude (Drew Meek)

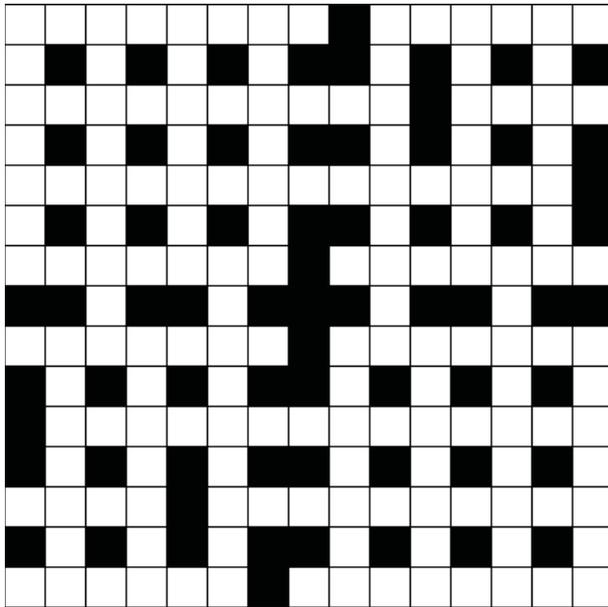
- Who could not be touched by Drew Meek's situation and puzzle? *Doreen Jones*
- Unfortunately, when a well known poem is used in an acrostic, short cuts are inevitable. *Ted O'Brien*
- An excellent Australian theme Double Acrostic puzzle. Bravo to *St Jude*. *Alan Walter*
- My favourite poem. *Carole Noble*
- I am not too fond of acrostics because the transferring of letters and writing up are a considerable strain on my old eyes. However, it was nice to be reminded of D. MacKellar's lovely poem. *Irene Watts*
- What, pray, is a 'hobelar'? I can't find it anywhere. (From Internet - a medieval light horseman) *Margaret Davis*
- A lot of jolly good clues, but HOBELAR is a stranger. It doesn't even sound Scottish! *Max Roddick*
- Slot 5: Luckily I guessed the poem early on, which gave me the initial letters. I still had a fair bit of trouble with some of the clues, though. My favourite was the S clue. *Jenny Wenham*

Clue explanations requested: Slot 3: 1ac: ... 'music, pretty bland,' = MOR, as abbreviation (in dictionaries) for Middle-of-the-Road; 'companies first rejected' = OCCO. 5ac: ... 'city' = N_Y; 'bank returns coming through' = BRAE/EARB. 11ac: ... 'vessel hasn't caught on' = CUP - C; 'with consumers' = MARKET. 25ac: ... 'criminal' (anagind) 'SAID TO SIN' = SOI-DISANT. 28ac: ... 'reject alcohol' = BEER/REEB 'Well' = OK 'just a dash of Scotch' = S. 2dn: ... 'has no time for dealing with' = TRUCK - T 'work' = MAN. 6dn: 'Building blocks knocked over' = DNA/AND; 'by body builders' = ROIDS as abbreviation for steroids. 13dn: 'Publicity one's' = PRI; 'in almost crude' = IM_MATUR(E)... 16dn: 'Falsely' (anagind) 'C(L)AIMING A truant learner (L)'; 'can be a good speller' = MAGICIAN.

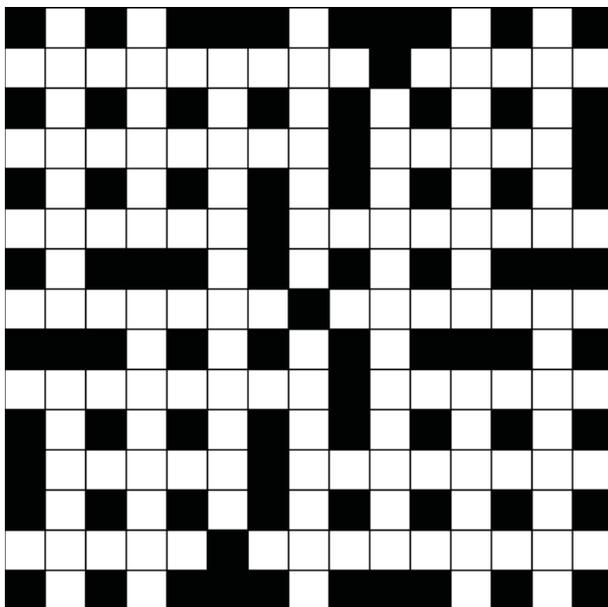
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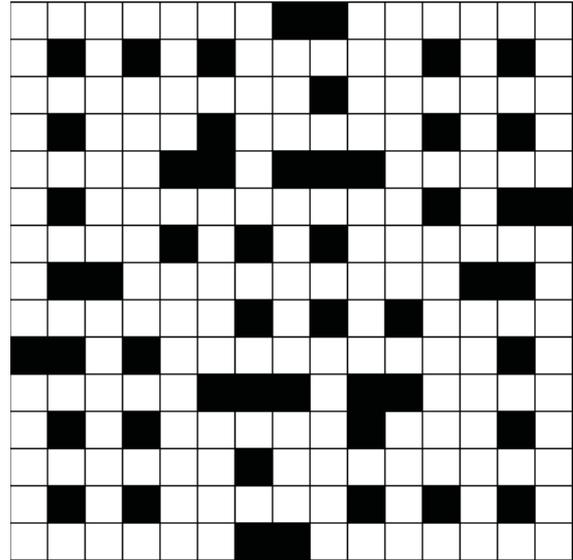
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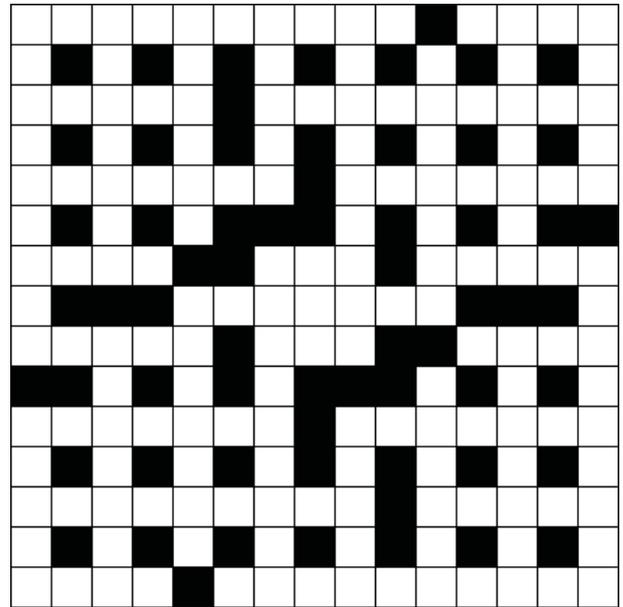
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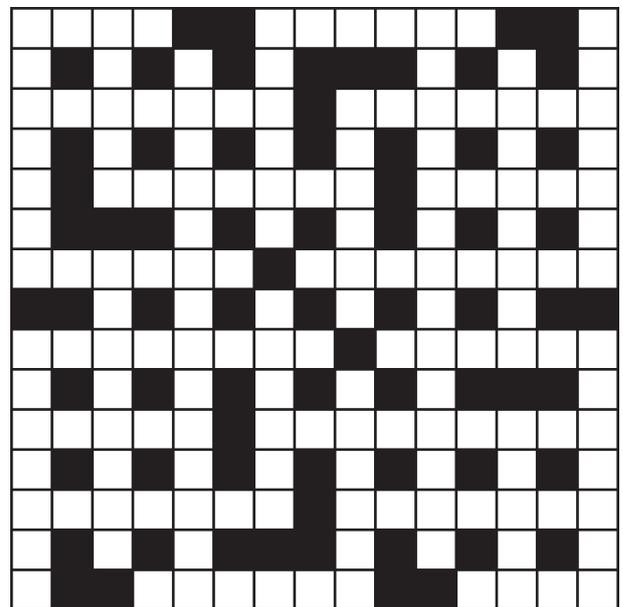
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2005 – A Cruciverbal Christmas Celebration by *midships* (Ian Williams)

Entries: 52 Correct: 44 Success rate 85%. Prizewinners: Kath Harper and Carole Noble. Congratulations!

Setter's notes:

Some members suggested that compilers really had to have had puzzles or quizzes printed in the last twelve months to be fair to new members or those who don't save *Crozworld*. My apologies, but the small population of solvers that I had (some 40-odd) made it quite difficult to construct meaningful down clues, without reducing the options further. The unusual EARTU (in the *OED* and the *Compact OED* as an obsolete form of "art thou") for 31dn was another result of the small population, but happily (although the subject of many admitted guesses) gave solvers no problems at all. Splitting MAN/VERU was said not to be fair, as was putting NEIRB' at 5ac leaving ODET at 11ac. Sorry if the split across different clues confused, but the device can be found in a number of crosswords by established setters and is used on condition that each light forms a normal word. I found VERU by itself (as a Latin word) in *Chambers*, but could do nothing but accept the components of Ted's choice of pseudonym and pretend that each is a word or two. I had clued OAR (as a variant of oarsman/woman/person) as the athlete in 4dn, but a number of members provided "ORR". A quick Google of ORR and athlete brought up Bobby Orr (who, as the first "offensive defenseman", is said to have changed the game of ice hockey), as well as a quarter of a million other citations, so ORR was accepted. I couldn't confirm OIR. 4dn spawned LEX and LEG, instead of the intended FEE, but neither fit the primary "price" definition. 21dn resulted in NEO instead of WEN. I apologise for my sins in setting four three letter words with only one crossing letter. In expiation, I can only refer again to the difficulties of the small population, and promise to try not to do it again. One member got her pizzas mixed up with her pizzas! It was great adjudicating over Christmas and the New Year. Thanks to all for the nice greetings and Christmas cards! – 2006 is sure to be a good one now, with all those good wishes!

Solvers' Comments:

- I enjoyed your slot 6 and the theme thereof, even if I didn't get a Guernsey [it was the J and the U that kept you out! IW]. Two unusual words (6dn [IMMIT], 31dn [EARTU]) which I love and were appropriately clued so the solver can work out the answer fairly easily even without knowing the word. I haven't been able to find 'eartu' in any searches though. *Drew Meek*
- Yeah, thanks, I had to use a magnifying glass to find "eartu" in the *Compact OED*. *Bev Solomon*
- Thank you very much for this puzzle. It was lovely to have my name in it with all the wonderful setters in the Club. I guessed 5dn and 31dn [successfully – IW] but found the puzzle most enjoyable and challenging. *Jean Barbour*
- The theme remained elusive for some time as I was playing around with a canine theme 'drover's dog' and 'lady'. It all became clear when I saw my own moniker reveal itself, albeit split in two. I couldn't help but think that this was deliberate, to symbolise my split personality when it comes to clue creation – some good, some ugly. Thanks for your puzzle. *Michael Kennedy*
- Here's hoping that 31dn is a true version. [Too true, Blue] *Maurice Cowan*
- *Southern Cross* had me thinking. I had to look upwards and then *Stroz* brought me down to earth. *Margaret Davis*
- My answer at 31dn is a guess. Google relates "Eartu" to an obsolete scientific theory, but "art thou"? [see above] *Denis Coates*
- The concept was great and a bit tricky, but once I got most of the down clues the rest just fell into place. Some new words I've learned, thanks! OES and EARTU. I enjoyed it – great fun. *Catherine Foster*
- Thank you for your cheerful Cruciverbal Christmas Celebration puzzle. Did you notice that "mid ships" is 1 and this was your No 1 Puzzle? [I hadn't]. NEIR B'ODET and MAN VERU were certainly tricky and the clues giving MESTO, BONCE, EARTU and URENT required some challenging research. That lovely ghost-town of NEWNES now seems to have disappeared from the postcode listings in the phone book, but it is still located not far from Lithgow. Your Christmas celebration is appreciated. *Alan Walter*
- What a clever puzzle. Lots of new words. I am a bit iffy about 4dn. Loved the use of our clever compilers. *Valerie Howard*
- I'd given up on your puzzle till I got my next lot and saw *Drover's Dog*, so at last I've completed it. *Claire McClelland*
- "I've made it! At last I'm an answer in a crossword". Thank you for finding room for the backward Ted O'Brien. This was a very clever puzzle – when I first saw it I thought "no way, José!" but then I got PIZZAS, which gave me S_R_Z and then the \$2 dropped. Thanks for the challenge. *Ted O'Brien*
- I almost completed slot 6 but have no way of finding the setter mentioned in 14 & 18ac. Although it was a nice idea for a puzzle, I think it was unfair in that the solver was unable to verify the answers from any source. I had hoped that he/she might appear in the *Jan Crozworld* – but not so. I still have all the annual books, but never keep *Crozworld* itself past a few months. *Audrey Ryan*
- No craft in the Sydney to Hobart had as fine a crew as you've mustered! 19dn: Now one knows how one does oes! *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for such an interesting puzzle. It was a tribute to all those clever people who provide us with hours of enjoyment and, at times, frustration. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I had some difficulty with this one! Not sure of 31dn (ie can't find it anywhere except on a million weird 'earth' websites that I'm not even game to look at!) but cannot think of anything else and it fits the second half of the clue. It also took me a loooooong time to figure out 15dn – FEE. Nice to see someone else remembers the Goodies! I hadn't realised how many compilers we now have in the club! An enjoyable theme! *Mary Dodd*
- Plenty of words new to my vocabulary in the down answers, and it took me some time to twig to the plot behind the across answers, followed by research through old issues to bring up some of the setters' pen names. However the clue that gave me most pause was 15dn. Couldn't work out what it was getting at for ages, even with 'e' in the middle. Embarrassed when I finally twigged, to be held up by a 3 letter word. Must have taken quite a bit of putting together, Ian, and I enjoyed the solving very much. *Jim Colles*
- I was convinced that 5dn should be NEWELL, except that it's not a town and doesn't fit the clue. Luckily I remembered the NSW map in the glovebox – still there from our trip to Tamworth in September – so now I'm sure I have it. The one I couldn't verify was 31dn. I couldn't find anything to fit, so have had a guess at EARTU, which is the heart of "you fear tutors". Here's hoping. *Jenny Wenham*
- The grid with four distinct areas had me wondering until the penny dropped. Then I could see the difficulty of arranging such a puzzle. There were some unusual anaginds and some extraneous words but I enjoyed the ride nonetheless. *Andrew Patterson*
- Who's ever heard of Bobby Orr? I spent ages until I finally got *InGrid* and found the theme. *Rosemary Ducker*

Results of Quiz No 11/2005. Quartet Quiz by *Neir B'Odette* (Ted O'Brien). Prizewinner: Max Roddick. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: Many thanks for the Christmas cards and wishes that accompanied most entries. It was a boost to the ego that so many of you used words like interesting, different and entertaining. A number of members commented that the quiz was about the right level of difficulty. Although I dislike name droppers intensely I included the Canadian hotels because I had stayed at the Royal York in Toronto and the Banff Springs and had had two beers in the Library bar of the Empress on Vancouver Island. Although there was no mention that the answers were in alphabetical order it should have been obvious that they were; and so I did not allow Fairmont for those hotels, or any other answer out of that order. Two correct answers did not include the Cup winners so they were excluded from the draw.

Answers: 1 Angel; 2 British Prime Minister; 3 Canadian Hotel; 4 China; 5 Club; 6 College; 7 Curry; 8 Dog; 9 Galaxy; 10 Horse; 11 Island; 12 Lake; 13 Liqueur; 14 Monk; 15 Monster; 16 Muse; 17 Mushroom; 18 Pope; 19 Queen; 20 Race; Melbourne Cup winners: Rogan Josh, Van der Hum.

All correct plus cup winners: K Audrins, A Austin, B Bennett, B Cockburn, G Cole, M Collins, M Davis, P Dearie, V Dinham, B Foott, P Garner, B Glissan, C Hambling, K Harper, L Howard, A Jermy, C Jones, D Jones, G Leeds, V Lobsey, C McClelland, I MacDougall, J McGrath, T McPherson, P Mercer, C Noble, D Procter, M Roddick, B Siegman, J Smith, B Solomon, J Standard, J Stocks, N Storey, B Symons, M Veress, L Waites, A Walter, K&I Williams, J Wood plus one anon from the Northern Rivers Mail Exchange.

All correct but no cup winners: R O'Rourke and N Wilson.

19+: V Howard, B Ibbott, D Kennedy, A McCartan, A Ryan and W Ryan.

18: J Barbour, C Foster and Y McKindlay.