



CroZworld

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A pun is not bound by the laws which limit nicer wit.
It is a pistol let off at the ear; not a feather to tickle the intellect.
Charles Lamb, 1833, 'Popular Fallacies - ix', in *The Last Essays of Elia*.

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We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of our Treasurer, **Steve Workman**, on 11 January 2007. Steve passed away after a long illness and the lasting contribution he made to the ACC and the cruciverbal art will be long-remembered. Steve worked closely with our lovely Secretary, Bev Cockburn over the years and they developed a great working relationship. We send our sincere condolences to Bev and the Workman family. See p9 for an obituary and Members' Tributes.

The renewal of membership subs has been gratifying indeed especially the level of generous donations made to our 2007 Prize Fund. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a Membership renewal form with a Special renewal rate. It's a deal not to be missed!

When we mentioned in the last *Crozworld* that *The Bulletin* had scrapped the crossword because of "cost-cutting" we were badly wrong. We were correct in saying that Noel Jessop had compiled *The Bulletin* crossword since 1991 but now we find that not only is the crossword continuing in 2007 but it has a new compiler named Mungo MacCallum. Feel free to have a go at the crossword and if you think like many do that the editor of *The Bulletin* has made a big mistake, why not express your views about this turn of events? You can write to The Editor, *The Bulletin*, GPO Box 3957, Sydney, 2001; Fax (02) 9267 4359; Email: bulletin@acpmagazines.com.au

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles for your delectation with another popular Half & Half by Noel Jessop and puzzles by our regulars *St Jude*, *Southern Cross* and *Virgo*. *Raoul* has devised a tough one in Slot 5 and we welcome back Col Archibald with one of his special compositions titled *Woodstock!* Plus a beaut Quiz by *InGrid*.
Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

Appreciation of members for another superb issue of *Crozworld* to start 2007 is shown by the very high participation rate. Unfortunately a number of solvers have already broken their New Year resolutions by submitting entries with blanks in grids and careless misprints. Culprits should stand in the corner next to the sinner whose entry arrived with no name on the form or the envelope, and the absent-minded one who sent a second entry which contained the same errors and omissions as the first. Some of your astonishment at missing out on dots may be explained in the following:-

Slot 1: The Stroz Christmas tree decorating was spoiled by an array of bloomers, including FORE/PARE for 22ac, SOHUR/SEHUR for 2dn, LORE for 11dn, KISO/NISO/MESO for 29dn, and various one-offs.

Slot 2: Not so 'Easy Peasy' apparently, and the principal causes of dotlessness were LAOTSE for 4dn (failing to read the clue as an anagram of ZEALOT), an outbreak of REDPOLL disease at 1ac, MASS for 35ac, and sundry others.

Slot 3: The definition of VIZARD in the clue for 10ac raised an eyebrow or three, and a number of solvers were very astray, giving WIZARD as the answer. Other versions were LIZARD/HASARD/PICARD/VISARD. A few other desperate non-words appeared here and there to complete grids.

Slot 4: A well received and well solved AJ by TT, with only the L answer LEPORID causing any angst (LEMURID/LEPONID), as it does not appear in some dictionaries. An honorable mention for imagination goes to FOOTSIE (FOXTAIL).

Slot 5: Plenty of reaction to this *Virgo* special, as the comments page will reveal. Some interesting variations on the correct answers were AMID/ALIA/ABET/ARID for AMIN, and T MODEL FORDS/A MODEL HONDA for the crafty vehicles clue. Overall, for such a difficult puzzle it was handled with aplomb by our doughty solvers.

Clue of the month: Altogether, 40 voters nominated 17 clues across all the slots, with Slot 3 having the most clues nominated. A comfortable winner, though, with 15 votes and many compliments, is *Virgo's* Slot 5 clue for DANIEL DEFOE. The Audrey Austin Puzzle Factory does it again!

Compiler of the year: There were 43 solvers who cast votes, with appreciation for the efforts of our setters being shown by the range of voting, and each of our best known and most prolific compilers receiving plenty of support. Several votes were lodged for 'All' which probably explains why not everyone who submits puzzle entries is willing to make an individual selection. However, the clear winner with 13 votes is *Praxis*, Roy Wilson, the Ximenean master.

Cards and letters accompanying your entries are much appreciated. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year, as *Crozworld* continues to provide so much pleasurable puzzlement. —Jim Colles

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	117	117	113	109	97	553
Correct entries	97	93	96	103	87	476
Success rate (%)	83	79	85	95	90	86
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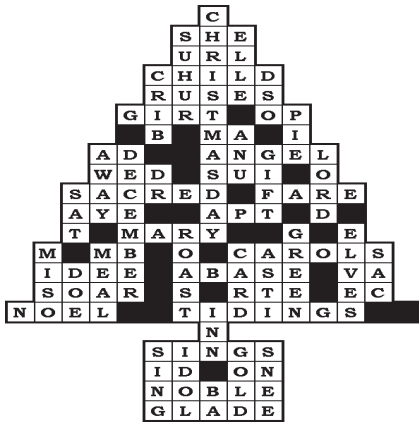
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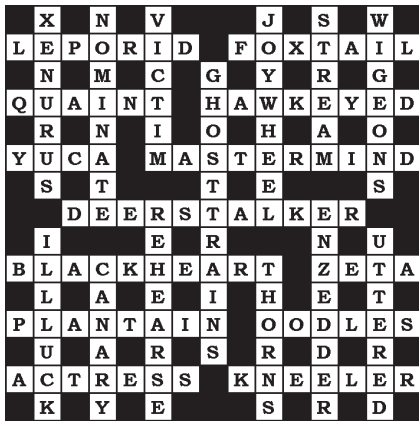
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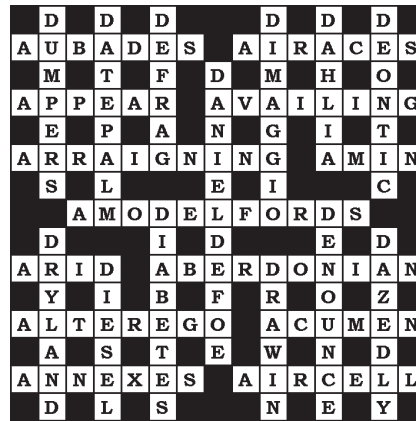
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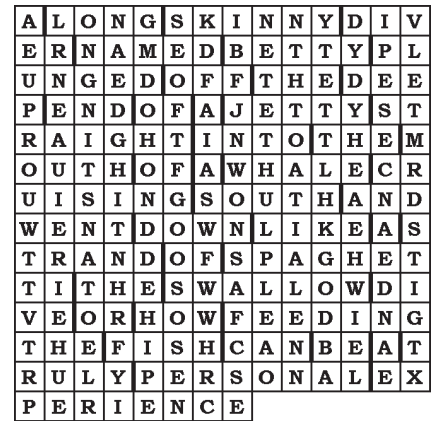
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Dec 6-2006



MEMBERS RESULTS FOR DEC Slot 6 2006 & JAN 2007 Slots 1-5

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ANDERSON C
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ATKINSON S
AUDRINS K
AUSTIN A
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BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BATUM C
BELCHAM R
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLLES J
COLLINS M
COOKE L
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVEY J
DAVIDSON D
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DUCKER R
EDWARD J
EGGLETON B
FOSTER C
FOWLER J
FRELAND J
FULLER D
GALBREATH M
GARNER P

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
GILLIS J
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
GREENING D
HAGAN R
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEAGNEY R
HEENAN C
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JENKINS J
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LEE C
LEEDS G
LOBSEY V
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McPHERSON T
MARTIN A
MARTIN F
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MERCER P
NOBLE C
O'BRIEN E
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PARSONS D

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RAW M
RODDICK M
RYAN A
RYAN W
SAVANAH T
SEALE E
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SKILLICORN A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
STREET P
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
TICKLE B
TROLLOPE S
VILLIERS W
WAITES L
WALLACE B
WALTER A
WATSON R
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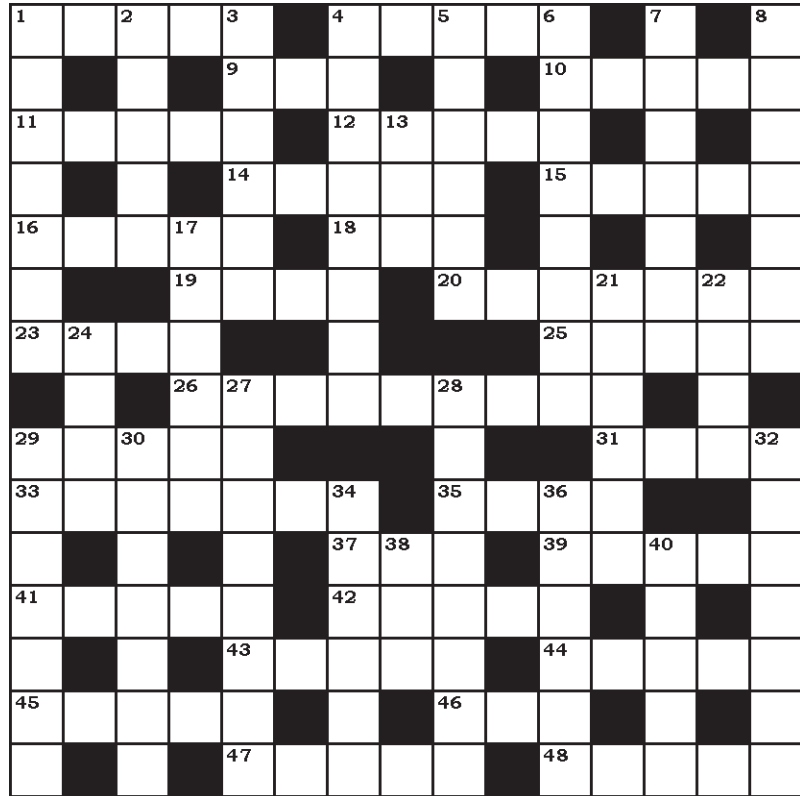
Half 'n Half
by
Noel Jessop

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[rrp: \$49.95]



Across

- 1 Push (5)
- 4 Footwear (5)
- 9 Consumed (3)
- 10 Oat genus (5)
- 11 Blueprints (5)
- 12 Hellene (5)
- 14 River in Tasmania (5)
- 15 Chiefs (5)
- 16 Vacuous (5)
- 18 Greek letter (3)
- 19 Country (4)
- 20 Excess (7)
- 23 Wax plant (4)
- 25 Speech skill (5)
- 26 Sudden U-boat descent (5,4)
- 29 Unit of radioactivity (5)
- 31 Helps (4)
- 33 Issue (7)
- 35 Submissive (4)
- 37 Greek letter (3)
- 39 Cays (5)
- 41 Aggressively masculine (5)
- 42 Divided into districts (5)
- 43 Boadicea's people (5)
- 44 City in Germany (5)
- 45 Vladimir Ulyanov (5)
- 46 Gentleman (3)
- 47 Grind the teeth (5)
- 48 Fine streak (5)

Down

- 1 Note police accompanying an old fighter? (7)
- 2 O, Mother, laugh in Nebraska (5)
- 3 Bum steer about a festival (6)
- 4 Sent gems out with parts cut off (8)
- 5 A prose translation for entertainment (6)
- 6 Peace activist, also known as Henry inside Russia, gets a pound outside (8)
- 7 Church thanks church article for the whales (7)
- 8 Take an exam put in to alter a seat of learning (7)
- 13 Deserter has sticky stuff-up? (3)
- 17 Some maniac ingested nicotinic acid (6)
- 21 Fakers upset eccentrics (6)
- 22 Chilled fish around church (4)
- 24 Gamete begins once victim uses medicine (4)
- 27 Arriving, put your hands up in front of governor (8)
- 28 Get smaller and smaller in bowl (8)
- 29 Instrument of church doctor left in a ring (7)
- 30 Sailor takes flying start riding the river (7)
- 32 A girl up front in ship with Australian sides going two ways (7)
- 34 Ecuador maze developed disorder (6)
- 36 Wild desire to down producers (6)
- 38 Call new sweetheart (3)
- 40 Downed one with sole right to change (5)

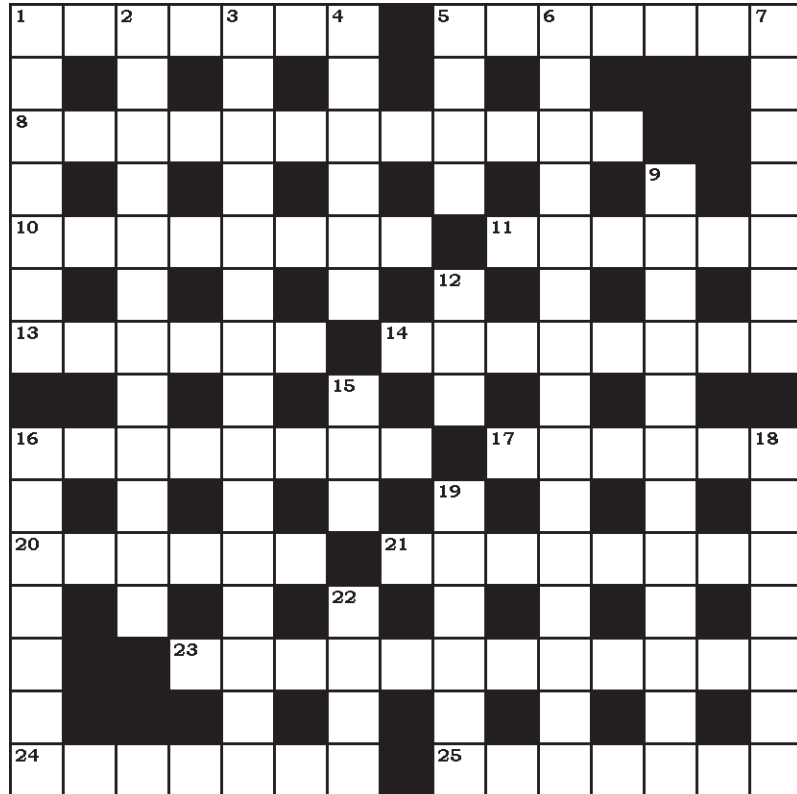
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Cryptic by St Jude



Across


- 1 Nightclub loses first customer after third rate fabric used for upholstery (7)
- 5 In a way, it's a portion of an English barrow (7)
- 8 Rule to handle low-fat digestion (3,2,3,4)
- 10 Say you'll take the call after everyone is charming (8)
- 11 Intruded, but Col left to return to the wasteland (6)
- 13 It's sickening! Back me and I'll take on the rest (6)
- 14 Not a breath about northern lodge members (8)
- 16 In this case, the lime crop is gathered for me! (8)
- 17 Darn salesman with his song (6)
- 20 Fire able to dance (6)
- 21 Displacing us with a damaged rug pin (8)
- 23 Abuse when I take Puritan vote in Assembly (12)
- 24 Old money at court no longer (7)
- 25 Detect colourful bouquet (7)

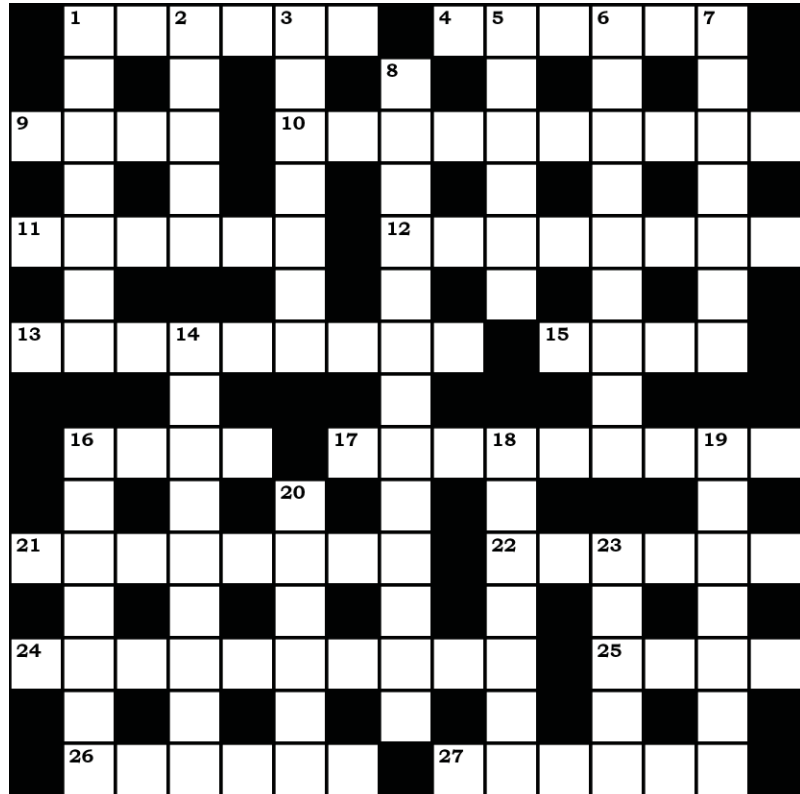
Down

- 1 High time for old tax (7)
- 2 Confusion when I'm wild about beer? Just the opposite, I meant to say! (12)
- 3 Rebuilt defence and initially rallied every stronghold if Third Reich's top commandos have limitless rations (15)
- 4 To make a paste, blend Tahitian - no thanks! (6)
- 5 One fish on a shoe (4)
- 6 Reformed what the road workers did? (6,5,4)
- 7 Documented first rate humour about perfect (7)
- 9 Changing and growing about edge of encephalitic brain, for example (12)
- 12 Judge an attempt to irritate (3)
- 15 Stared, but Georgia left at last (3)
- 16 Caught the saint leaving prison with a hat feather? (7)
- 18 Furniture ruling for another period (7)
- 19 Behind, like a bird (6)
- 22 Barrel of fish an object of derision (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a terrific edition of *Crozworld* with seven crosswords, two quizzes and two chess problems to solve. Also great to see the increase in prizes and the reinstatement of awards for the top cumulative solvers. The only problem is if two or more tie at the end of the year - presumably one drawn out of a hat for the trophy. In that case, perhaps certificates with Patrick's beautiful calligraphy for the other(s) who tied. [David, we are planning to award a trophy to each one of the solvers with the best scores. Patrick]
- I've been a member for a while, but this is my first submission. Hope I've done everything correctly. Thanks for a great time waster/user. *David Procter*
- Many thanks to all the wonderful adjudicators for giving their time - it must be an awful job! Happy Christmas and a great New Year to you all. *John Jenkins*
- Well! What a collection of puzzles this month. Thank God for Bailey's and BUSHMILLS. Don't you just love Roy Wilson? I'd love to know what tablets he takes to keep setting the puzzles he does! *Sally Knight*
- Another great issue - wonderful! Two terrific AJs - Slot 4 by my favourite AJ compiler, *Timid Terrier*. *Del Kennedy*
- Our stalwart trio - Patrick, Noel and Shirl - eased us fairly gently into Crozworlding 2007, then the gloves were off with a vengeance! I can't find the *Timid Terrier's* 'L' word, but cannot think what else but 'leporid' it can be. Presumably a leopard crossed with - what? [*Collins Dictionary*: Leporid: Relating to, or belonging to the *Leporidae*, a family of lagomorph mammals having long ears and limbs and a short tail: includes rabbits and hares. From Latin *lepus* hare. Ed.] Audrey as usual had some clues which can only be described as obscure. But all in all a great start to the New Year. *Catherine Foster*
Margaret Davis

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Southern Cross</h2>




Across

- 1 Had Poe confounded this Aust. Poet? (1,1,4)
- 4 A well-signed convergence of paths? (6)
- 9 It's wrong but also right to incite heated discussion (4)
- 10 Moral, comfortable existence (4-6)
- 11 Refugee briefly returns to Spanish capital with presents ... (6)
- 12 ... coming from a nun born outside of the city (3-5)
- 13 Top-level sign of approval for large marine creature (5,4)
- 15 A drink, say, in one's last but one stopping place (4)
- 16 Greek character twice refers to a shellfish (4)
- 17 Awful argument where 2s are on show in a London park (6,3)
- 21 State rights sold out to those seizing military power (8)
- 22 The woman is taken on by a Catholic author in England (6)
- 24 Hood's disguised in woman's clothing in this rough hotel (10)
- 25 Spoils of an ancient god? (4)
- 26 Student takes pains about securing flats (6)
- 27 Idol taking in 2 ... (6)

Down

- 1 ... represents fellow in actors' revolt (4,3)
- 2 Croaky sounding creature (5)
- 3 2 that gets a flying start? (7)
- 5 Like students at assembly connected to the Internet (2-4)
- 6 Popular account, or the opposite (9)
- 7 Half-2 is about nature's transformation (7)
- 8 One who's a saint to climb this peak south of the Gibson Desert (5,8)
- 14 Rings after shock, as ordered, having spotted 2 (9)
- 16 2's a long way, they say, above circuit (4,3)
- 18 Swingers' bar? (7)
- 19 Rover transformed a French swamp (7)
- 20 Rising in favour of Dynasty's bereaved child (6)
- 23 Relief work came to nothing (5)

Results of Seeking "me" by Hazel Freeman.

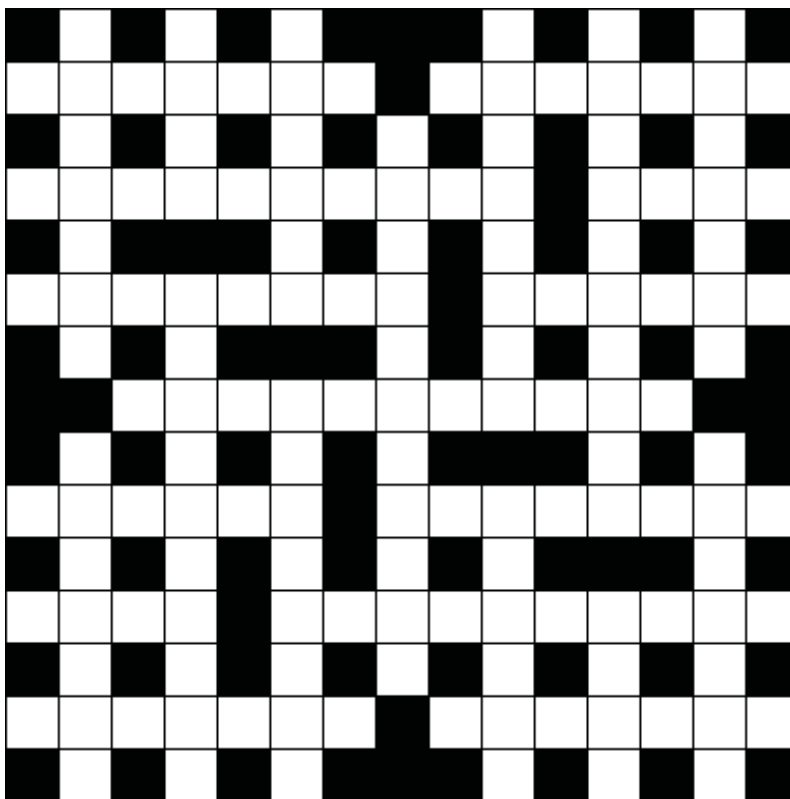
For solutions see *Crozworld* Jan 2007, p14.

Prizewinner: Nea Storey. Congratulations!

26 correct: A Austin, J Barbour, G Cole, J Colles, M Cowan, P Dearie, C Foster, B Glissan, D Greening, V Howard, B Ibbott, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, J McGrath, T McPherson, C Noble, S O'Brien, T O'Brien, M Procter, M Roddick, W Ryan, J Smith, J Stocks, N Storey, A Walter, R Watson, I Watts, C Wilcox and N Wilson, **25:** K Audrins, C Jones, V Dinham, P Garner, P Mercer, J Martin, B Siegman and D Procter. **24:** D Kennedy.

Notes: 'zoochrome' and 'zoetrope' are interchangeable in *Chambers*, so I accepted both. 'extreme' and 'epitome' do not concur in meaning. 'yeosome' and 'funsome' are not to be found in *Chambers*, and different letter count. 'xyz syndrome' is not the same as 'x-chromosome'. Some answers mis-spelled. —Hazel

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AJ by <i>Virgo</i>


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

- A** Agitation can ease by states of temporary activity (10)
- B** Music alternating in Glebe's new charm (7)
- C** Offsets going well with the sounds of approval (11)
- D** Turning aid to fashion colonnade (8)
- E** Premise involved in an old hazardous undertaking (7)
- F** Islands P.G. rhyming game (4)
- G** Camouflage uses big opera hats (7)
- H** Rosemary is one with her bottle opener (4)
- I** Look into alternative sugar enzyme (8)
- J** Chat to rib Maxilla (7)
- K** Child blinks at other children (11)
- L** Sounds like a gangster? Robin perhaps, that's the probability (10)
- M** Most like the sea (6)
- N** A backward Islander ... (7)
- O** ... Mismanaged our red dirt (6)
- P** Unmatched lemon peelers going south (8)
- Q** The man with all the answers (10)
- R** Protect from the rain again? What a shame! (7)
- S** The wise man of the Islands? (7)
- T** Wisdoms heard it's a fact. I sent a message on my mobile (7)
- U** Yawns due to change but is still of the same opinion (8)
- V** National or Blue movie (6)
- W** Move round it. Why? It's Christie's speciality! (10)
- X** A photo of a crossbeam (1-3)
- Y** Yankie is on time, Pa (6)
- Z** Olympian returns from city in Egypt (4)

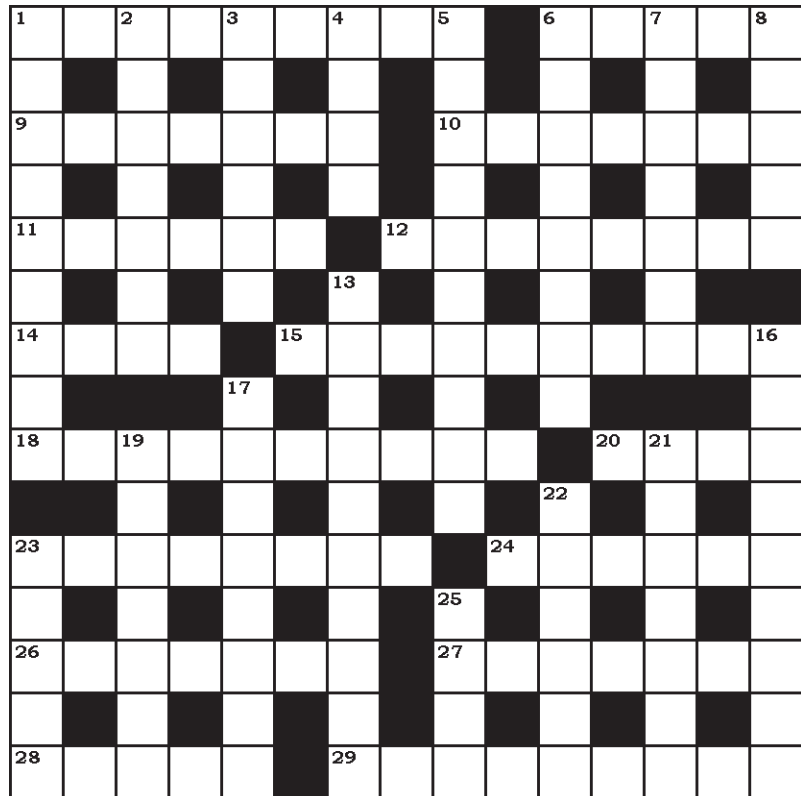
GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

• Thank you very much for the *Macquarie Dictionary* which I was lucky enough to win for the November Slot 1 puzzle. It was a lovely surprise. *Robyn Caine*

• **On the film WORDPLAY:** It depicted the 2005 Annual Crossword Competition in New York run by the *New York Times* crossword editor Will Shortz. The scene with the 3 finalists was riveting. Also the commentary by many experts, including Bill Clinton, was interesting. One fascinating puzzle published by the *New York Times* at the time of the US elections had the answer in the centre CLINTON ELECTED, prior to the election results. Several complained of the *New York Times* bias, only to be told that BOBDOLE ELECTED also fitted the grid! All the clues giving either CLINTON or BOBDOLE were amazingly ambiguous! *Alan Walter*

F E B 2 0 0 7 S L O T 5
Risqué by Raoul
Prizes: \$50  2006 edn

Bonus prize:
 "A nice bottle of
 Chateau Renepo Gel
 from Raoul's cellar"



Across

- 1 Gives fish the cold fish sometimes (9)
- 6 .. is I in this? (5)
- 9 Does Gaycot doss here? (4-3)
- 10 Rocket's grandfather makes a fuss! (7)
- 11 Not on the hook yet? (6)
- 12 Catch floozy with popcorn, maybe? (8)
- 14 ... singular in 6ac a very long time ago (4)
- 15 Three time crook? (5-5)
- 18 Crap! Ringo? Six-footer? Yeah! (4-6)
- 20 Copulate! Exhausted, China! (4)
- 23 A finals man? Amen (8)
- 24 Sign of rain in the Tops? Not in my backyard, Sam (6)
- 26 Obtain a potassium-free chicken dish in pain (7)
- 27 Seen Fox? I prefer the Aussie paper (5-2)
- 28 Tooheys, say, then arithmetic! Now, that is scary (5)
- 29 Boomer the Big White Horse? (5,4)

Down

- 1 Horse – talking horse! – What a cliché! (9)
- 2 If this is Windhoek, then I'm in Aba and lost! (7)
- 3 Slight, like a sledgehammer, it's said (6)
- 4 These help when you're sick (4)
- 5 Easily explainable and clear: no sex. Can do? (10)
- 6 Sick a dumb dog? Voilà! (8)
- 7 Pillow bite? (7)
- 8 e-car or 'Blue' (5)
- 13 Meet gin nut cocktail in the gazebo (10)
- 16 Hey, fruit! Buy Mick, get Keef, for the same price! (9)
- 17 Golden one a-after being this (8)
- 19 Each, every, either...None of these (7)
- 21 Dam! Boy naturally has wood (7)
- 22 Over the hill, El Duce founds the Jewish foundation (6)
- 23 Age direction: "Cut!" (5)
- 25 No action for gelding here (4)

NEW CROSSWORD SITE LAUNCHED:

A new crossword site on the Web has just been launched. It's called **Crossword Crazy** and can be found at: <http://www.crossword-crazy.co.uk> The site is managed by Michael Curl who has had puzzles published in *The Guardian* and the *Financial Times*. Principal highlights of the website are:

- 1. Extensive help facilities for crossword solvers, including a cryptic crossword tutorial, a cryptic crossword dictionary, categorised word lists and miscellaneous reference.
- 2. Daily online puzzles: Quick Crossword, Coffee Break Cryptic, Codewords and Sudoku.
- 3. A repository of free online puzzles, including some puzzles previously published in *The Guardian* and *Financial Times*.

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Donations to the ACC prize Fund 2007 are gratefully received from: Yvonne Ainsworth, John Jenkins, Jeanette Kitto, Veronica Reeves, Eva Seale, Sue Thomas and Will West. Many thanks!

Please note that this will be the last copy of *Crozworld* for those members who have not renewed their subscription for 2007. If you would like to renew at the special renewal rate, kindly fill in the membership renewal form enclosed and post it to the ACC.

Solutions to Chess Game Problems Nos 1 and 2/2007: No 1: KRc2. No 2: Qd2. **Prizewinners:** Bev Solomon and Brian Symons. Congratulations!

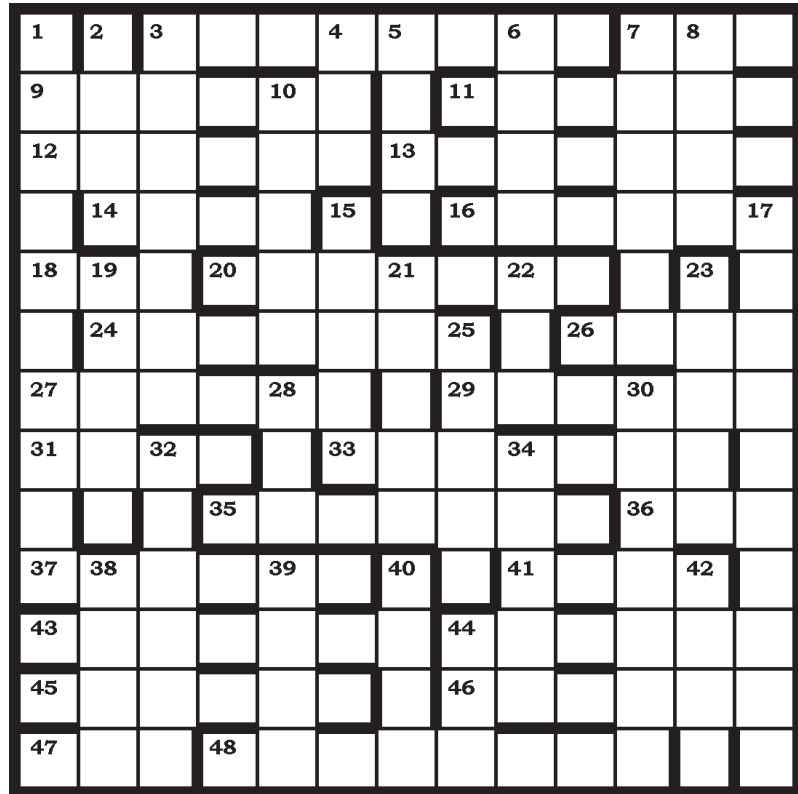
Prizewinner of January Slots 1-5 (\$100): Alison Shield. Congratulations Alison!

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Woodstock! by Colinebrii



Unclued answers have something in common.



Across

- 3 (8)
- 7 (3)
- 9 Flat proposition to Arabia (6)
- 11 Young salmon left off of hotplate starts spoiling early (6)
- 12 Live at swamp and be bogged (arch) (6)
- 13 Novello that is, dies and was supplied with teeth (7)
- 14 Record very large poem (4)
- 16 Disguise measure to cipher manners (6)
- 18 West African chief no degree (3)
- 20 (7)
- 24 Penelope's husband found in July's session (7)
- 26 Levantine vessel with South African in charge (4)
- 27 A Latin born in contact with bright orange colouring (6)
- 29 Hoof takes wildebeest back you say to LA (6)
- 31 Old unfledged hawk out north say? (4)
- 33 Great number to upset years for one of the Furies (7)
- 35 (7)
- 36 Old arrow shot Ray (3)
- 37 Uproar with bird taking energy from the Maori (6)
- 41 Girl takes Latin by the forearm (4)
- 43 Old Portuguese citizens to proceed on a course and direction (7)
- 44 Encircled northern tiger recklessly (6)
- 45 Horn learnt with difficulty (6)
- 46 Acquire gold carriage (6)
- 47 (3)
- 48 Ron Magee cultivated prickly poppy genus (8)

Down

- 1 Uplifting and aloft with lightness of spirit (10)
- 2 Bolt and run! (4)
- 3 Heard posturing in the manner of French city (7)
- 4 Old ox top class again (3)
- 5 Virgin asks mother for I/D (4)
- 6 Inflexible press (4)
- 7 Tumour discovered in seraglio maiden (6)
- 8 The objective we put to the journalist is experienced (4)
- 10 Musical upbeat for vulgar bums! (5)
- 15 Scots broom to exist with Somerset (5)
- 17 (10)
- 19 (5)
- 21 Take a punt on the Spanish nut (5)
- 22 Not a palindrome? (3)
- 23 Frail arrangement having wires (5)
- 25 Sweet Will takes back music to America (5)
- 28 Two Scots old airlines (3)
- 30 UN aired distorted definition of a transuranic element (7)
- 32 Sadly Anthea finds Scot below (6)
- 34 Sailor finds some feminine Italian for Ethiopian patriarch (5)
- 38 Belgian battle for Latin mound (4)
- 39 To plaster the Maori Queen ... (4)
- 40 ... and take 39 around the network (4)
- 42 A rake consuming strong liquor (4)
- 44 (3)

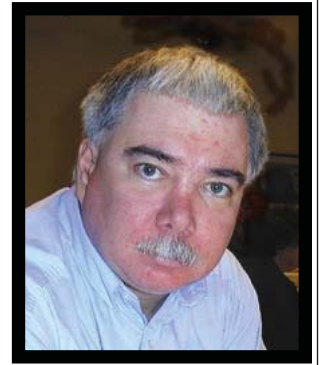
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VALE STEVE WORKMAN

We were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of our highly-respected ACC Treasurer, **Steve Workman**, who passed away on 11 January after suffering ill-health for some time. He was only 50 years of age. Steve joined the ACC in 1997 and was a very successful solver regularly gaining the perfect score. For many years Steve took on the pleasant task of Adjudication which he carried out in an efficient and capable manner. He also collaborated with our wonderful Secretary, Bev Cockburn to compile some well-received puzzles. In 2003, Steve took on the task of ACC Treasurer and was efficient and well-regarded. He drew up comprehensive documents about the member subscriptions and was of great assistance in keeping that information up-to-date. Those who met up with Steve at the Get-Together at the Cauliflower Hotel in November 2006 were sorry to see that he was not physically in good health. However, those who spoke to him were amazed at his positive and cheerful manner. He was inspiring considering that his health was causing him some distress. Steve will be remembered for his cheerfulness, patience and erudition. He was friendly and affable to everyone and he will be sadly missed by Bev Cockburn and the members of the ACC who knew him. We send our sincere condolences to his family.



—Patrick

Remembered Always

WORKMAN, Steven B.Sc. — January 11, 2007, passed away at Westmead Hospital after a long illness. Aged 50 years.

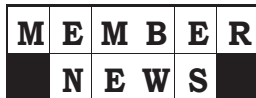
He will be sadly missed by his loving parents Lola and Ted, his sisters Vicki and Robyn, brother-in-law Clayton and fond niece Holly.

To be privately cremated

STEVE'S family would like to thank his friends for the time shared with him. Especially Bev for the wonderful support and companionship she gave him. Steve was buoyed by the thought that an organ transplant may give him another chance. The family asks that no flowers are sent, but you may wish to consider the value of being an organ donor to help others in need.

TRIBUTES

- Will you please pass on my heartfelt sympathy to Steve Workman's family and all of his friends and co-workers at our ACC? He will be sadly missed by all. *Catherine Foster*
- Steve was so kind and helpful to Betty Wallace and me on a couple of visits, most particularly the time when we stayed with Bev Cockburn, Betty's niece. I'm pleased now that I had the opportunity to sit and talk with him for ten minutes or so at the luncheon, not having that opportunity to chat with a few other people I'd have liked to. He has been a wonderful asset to our club, and will be sadly missed. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Steve and I knew each other from high school and he was instrumental in my joining the ACC. He instilled in me the essential principle that the crossword isn't finished until you understand every clue. I'll never forget that. The club has truly lost a leading light. *Mal Cockburn*
- I was saddened by the news of Steve's death. He'll be missed by the club and all who knew him. *Roy Wilson*



New Members: A warm welcome to **Richard Hopkinson** from Atherton, Qld (a Gift Membership from Dave Parsons), **Marie Bennett** from Trafalgar, Vic and **Peter Flemming** from Chisholm in

the ACT (a Gift Membership from Jacqui King). Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: Cheryl Wilcox gained dots for Dec puzzles 1, 2 and 4 and Steve Workman dots for Dec puzzles 1, 4 and 5.

Crozworld Compendium vol 7 puzzle adjustments: No 25. 1dn: insert the word "size" after the phrase "My nose". No 36. In the P clue the "C" solution should be C _ _ _ _.

Alternative Word of the Month by Max Roddick:

Dot-loser n. 1. The unsolved clue which prevents completion of a crossword puzzle **2.** The grid so affected **3.** The would-be solver, even more affected.

Comment of the Month: New Year good wishes to all the hard working ACC compilers, adjudicators and newsletter creators - to say nothing of the e-boffins who make it so easy to submit our entries. It was lovely to get a post-Christmas present of my beautiful prize cheque for December Slots 1-5. Very much appreciated. *Kath Harper*

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WORD OF THE MONTH

grok v. (grokked, grokking) 1 tr. US colloq. understand (something) intuitively or by empathy (*corporate leaders seemed to grok this concept fairly quickly*). **2 intr.** establish a rapport. [ORIGIN: a word invented by Robert Heinlein (1907-88), American author.]

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QUIZ No 2/2007

Place It Quiz by InGrid

Clues are in order of Postcode and there is one placename for each letter of the alphabet except X. Send your answers to: Jean Barbour PO Box 290, Wonthaggi, Vic 3995 or by email: wbar3370@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 9 March 2007. Prize: \$50.

- 1 Dark precipice (5,5)
- 2 Rat 'e' (5)
- 3 Gems on a novice (7)
- 4 State leader? Not I! (6)
- 5 They are boring within (4)
- 6 In the capacity of a doctors group(6)
- 7 Bungler in conflict (9)
- 8 Darn untidily (4)
- 9 Titania's significant other (6)
- 10 Ahhh..tea.. It's not right, but it's good (5)
- 11 Redone redone (6)
- 12 One wouldn't read about it (5)
- 13 At the heart of eulogies (6)
- 14 Sleeps over one lie (6)
- 15 Shipbuilder follows the conflict (7)
- 16 Notch under turmoil (6)
- 17 Hoppy marsupial (7)
- 18 White lion territory (5)
- 19 Let's accept she became confused (3,10)
- 20 Beam back at the noose (7)
- 21 Hope you did everything neatly at first (5)
- 22 Pace about to dry (4,4)
- 23 Mountain for young scout reject (9)
- 24 Fires back (4)
- 25 Sounds like mum has lost weight (8)

January 1-2007: Christmas Cheer by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- A nice opener for the festive season. *Catherine Hambling*
 - As usual, a nice Christmas offering from Patrick to kick the year off. *Col Archibald*
 - I've tried, but my Judeo-Unitarian background prevents me answering 17dn correctly. Will LORE do? *Doug Butler*
 - Thanks Stroz for your cheerful Christmas puzzle with its trim tree. 39ac RTE = Radio Telefis Eireann. *Alan Walter*
 - Patrick's tree had plenty of Christmas tinsel. *Ted O'Brien*
 - A clever topical puzzle. Most enjoyable except for the proliferation of two letter clues, which became a little irritating. *Irene Watts*
- Writing up the good grid was very hard on my old eyes because of the small sized squares. *Irene Watts*
- A relaxing start to the New Year. This lulled me into a false sense of security for what was to come. *Jenny Wenham*

January 2-2007: Easy Peasy by Noel Jessop

- Not so 'Easy Peasy' as the title suggests. Once finished, a sense of satisfaction. *Col Archibald*
- Hardy lardy, Noel, more than easy peasy. *Ted O'Brien*
- This EZY PEASY was not so; in fact it was very Tricky Dicky, Hardy Yardy. Please explain 39ac. ('Boy' = Dan: 'level of proficiency' in Japanese combative sports is called a Dan) *Irene Watts*
- Your puzzles are much enjoyed, Noel. 1ac: RED+BILL found in the *Macquarie Dictionary*, can be a swamp hen or a sooty oyster catcher. 34ac: CH+A+IN, CHIN = Talk (about A). 4dn: LAO-TZE, anagram of 'zealot'. (Alt. spellings LAOTSE & LAOTZU) 6dn: COR+RE+CT. 43ac: ASS+ESS! *Alan Walter*
- Not quite a walk in the park. Perhaps a not too strenuous jog? *Jenny Wenham*
- A Christmas gift from our Christmas namesake – maybe reasonably 'easy' but by no means 'peasy'! *Catherine Hambling*

January 3-2007: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Another good cryptic, thanks Shirl. 26ac: Liked your OS+CARS. 2dn: A+MOO+C upset = COOMA. 7dn: TOOT+RUE = TOO TRUE. 13dn: IR+RIG+ATE+S. *Alan Walter*
- I guessed at a French word to fit 3dn but it sounds Scottish. Here's hoping! *Max Roddick*
- Shirl's 16dn is my COTM. Also liked 6dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- A beauty from Shirl. My favourite clues 14ac, 21ac, 5dn and 6dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- I always enjoy Shirl's puzzles, though I think the definition in 10ac is a matter of opinion. *Jenny Wenham*
- Another good example of *Southern Cross*' clever clue construction. Found 11ac as my COTM. *Irene Watts*
- Another great puzzle from Shirl. Loved 7dn: 'Too true' only piped at the post for COTM by Audrey. *Col Archibald*

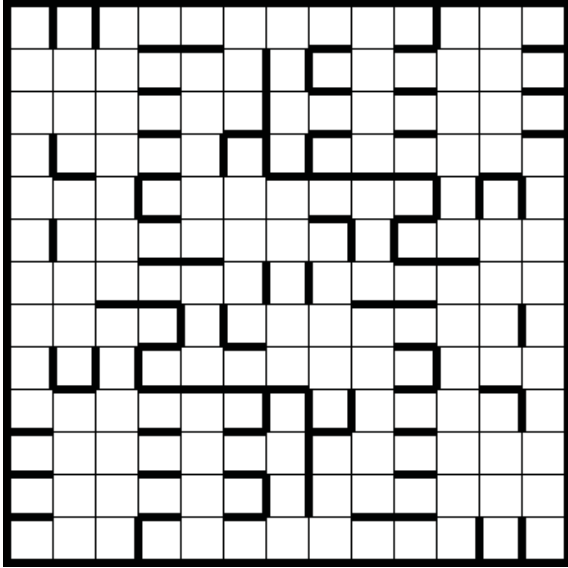
January 4-2007: AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- A nice first AJ for the year. I learnt about blackheart cherries but couldn't find LEPORID in *Chambers*. *Jenny Wenham*
- An excellent AJ. I like the conventional ones. *Catherine Hambling*
- Another tester from the 'Bloody Great Rotweiler'! Down Fido! I have a bone for you – it's buried somewhere in Outer Mongolia!! *Col Archibald*
- I hadn't heard Joy Wheel before. Is it the same as a Ferris Wheel? (??) *Ted O'Brien*
- Enjoyed this, especially FOXTAIL, but I fear my L&N combination might be a dot-loser. *Max Roddick*
- A pleasant AJ, thanks Joan. Liked DEER+STALK+ER, FOX+TAIL, GHOST TRAINS, L+EPOR+ID (located in *Collins Dictionary*) T+HORN+S, W+(P)IGEONS, YU+CA. *Alan Walter*
- Good to have Joan back with the Alphabetical: such an enjoyable item. *Irene Watts*

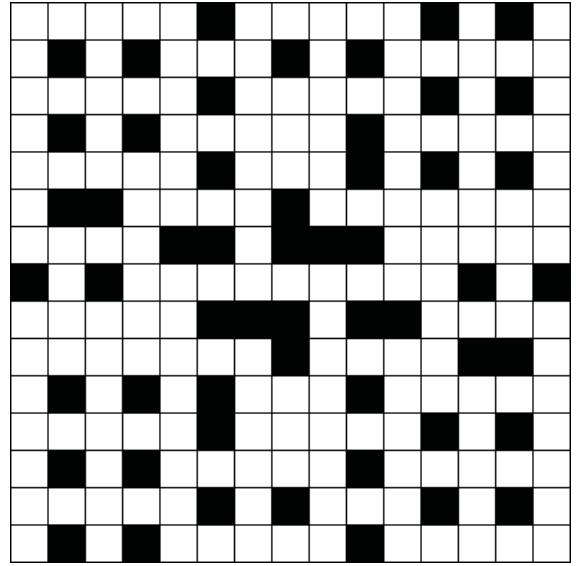
January 5-2007: Across and Down by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- I take my hat off to Audrey for producing a puzzle with all the Across answers starting with A and all the Down answers with D. If only I'd noticed this when looking for the answers instead of when filling in the grid to send it in. I should have taken notice of the title. *David Procter*
- *Virgo* in top form. Wish I'd noticed the A & D sooner. Who'd have thought old Daniel wrote those books? *Max Roddick*
- You're a wicked, wicked woman! I hate to think how many of us looked up authors of those two non-existent books to find Daniel Defoe. A brilliant puzzle nevertheless. Keep them coming, Audrey. *Carole Noble*
- Clever Audrey once again. I could not have done this without the special brilliant touch of all across clue beginning with A and all down clues beginning with D. Congratulations and thanks to *Virgo*. *Irene Watts*
- Just when I thought our compilers were going easy on us at the beginning of the year, Audrey slipped this one in. It was very clever but so difficult that I almost gave up. Enjoyed the clue for Daniel Defoe, once I solved it. *Jenny Wenham*
- *Virgo*'s Across and Down certainly took my mind off the heat, and it was such fun to do. My COTM is Clue 1 of Slot 5 – Author of *The Lion Tamer*.... I was pretty rampant myself until the penny dropped. *Alison Martin*
- Jim and I have built a duplex yurt for you and *Timid Terrier* in OM, Audrey!! (Carpeted in latest Axword squares and wallpapered in stylish Ximenes). Brilliant composition. COTM to you for Daniel Defoe!! *Col Archibald*
- A testing A and D puzzle, thanks Audrey. Having tried to locate the book titles unsuccessfully, it finally dawned that *The Lion Tamer* was the biblical DANIEL and 'of The French Rival' = DE+FOE. A truly cryptic clue! Also liked ABER+DON+IAN, DIMA+GG+IO, DA+ZED+LY, A+VAILING, and A+MODEL+FOR+DS. *Alan Walter*
- A very good novelty from *Virgo*. Wish I'd tumbled to the A and D starters earlier. Could have saved myself a lot of agonising over the placements in the grid. *Catherine Hambling*
- What will *Virgo* come up with next? A rare beauty! More of these please! *Catherine Foster*
- Very clever, and different. *Nancy Hazell*
- It was at 4.15 a.m. one day that the significance of Across and Down struck me! *Ted O'Brien*
- I'm blaming *Virgo* for being so late. I had a terrific struggle with her No. 5. The very last word to fall into place was 'defrag'. I have no real excuse for this; my boys are always defragging their computers, and occasionally come and do it to mine, so it's quite familiar. *Margaret Galbreath*

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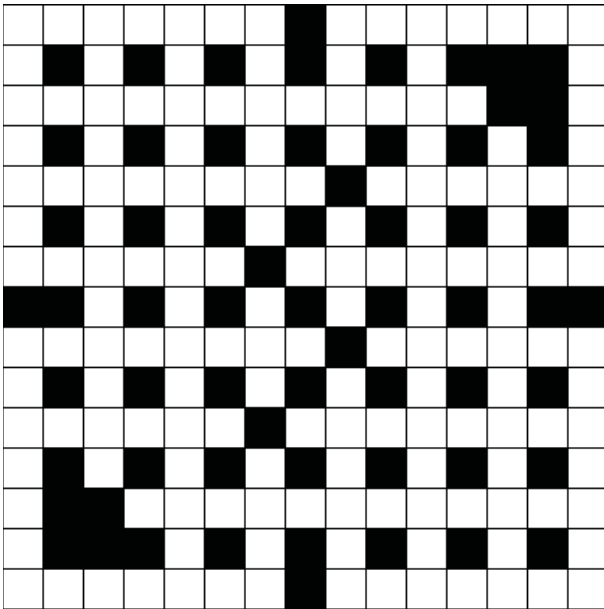
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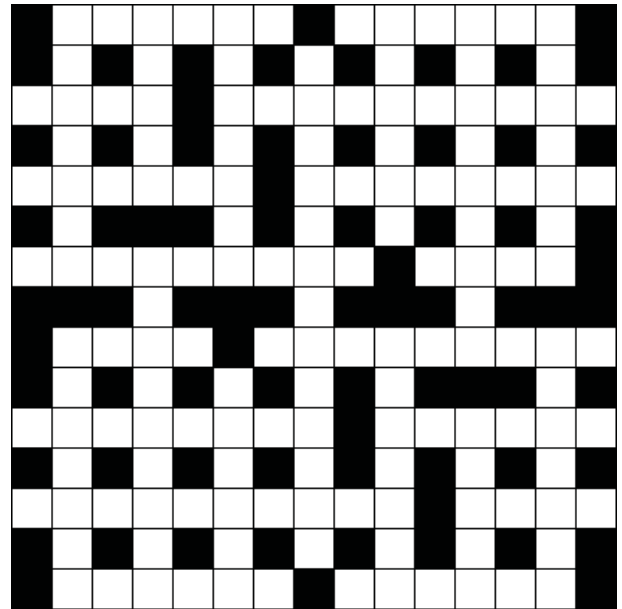
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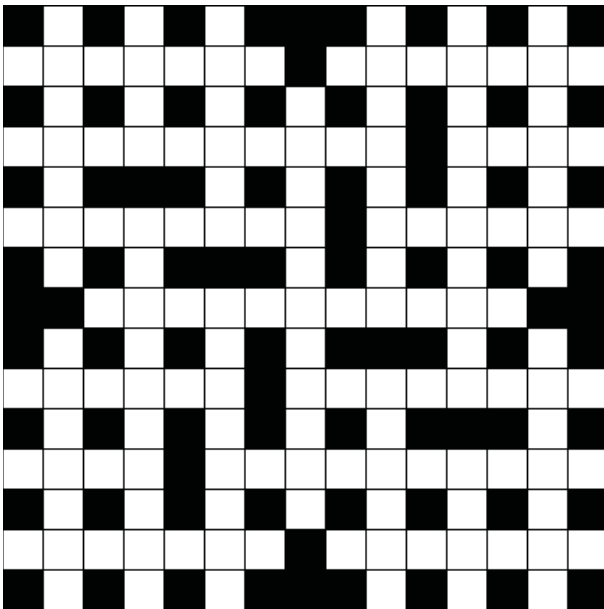
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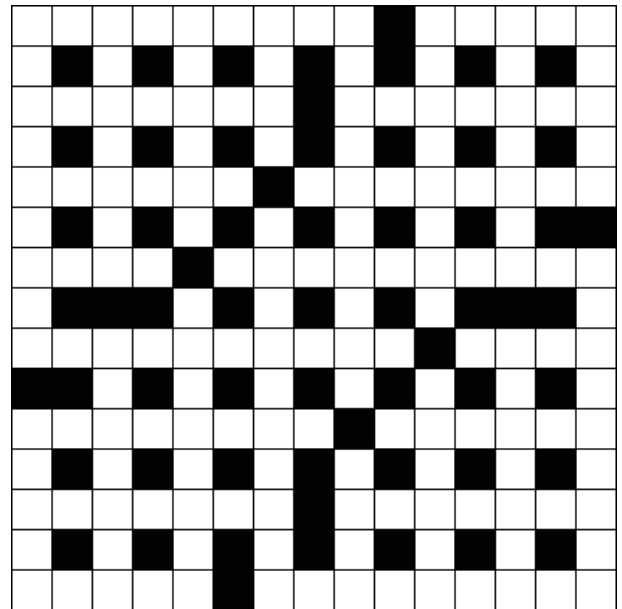
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2006 – Limerostic by Cactus (Jim Colles)

Entries: 48. Correct: 47. Success rate: 97.9% Prizewinners: Margaret Davis and Bob Hagan. Congratulations!

Solvers' Sentiments:

- Not the best limerick but an enjoyable puzzle. Progress was very slow at first, but fortunately I was on a Murray River cruise and had plenty of time. (Did you do any diving, Jill?) *Jill Freeland*
- Every clue was an 'Epic' in your brainbusting 'Limerostic'. I just simply opened up my *Thesaurus of Cactonyms* and there the answers all were! A puzzle so difficult it could deduct a decade off one's life span! (Murder!) *Alan Walter*
- Good one, Jim. Some unorthodox clueing. Should be more of it – never mind "the rules". (Me Rafferty?) *Karl Audrins*
- I think Betty had an armchair ride compared to the rest of us. (RIW Betty) *Ron O'Rourke*
- Wow! That's my comment. I won't take up all the room with the adjectives I'd like to express. (Curses!) *Carole Noble*
- A great acrostic! Loved the verse, with the titles of 'The Swallow Dive' or 'How feeding the fish can be a truly personal experience'. The source and author being 'Unpublishable verses, Jackass'. (Such a luvverly lady!) *Catherine Foster*
- I do enjoy limericks, and limerostics too. I've got two books of them. Ingenious clues. I have to admit I don't quite understand N 'Voyaging' It was more of a challenge, too, to have an unknown text to unravel, instead of saying 'Oh, obviously Tolkien, or *The Ancient Mariner*, and just looking it up. (All revealed below) *Margaret Galbreath*
- As usual your puzzle was tricky, definitions problematic for me, clues fair though. I still think you should stick to crosswords rather than poetry. (Hmm, Audrey/Ornery/Laundry – some likely limerick assonance here) *Audrey Austin*
- Quite a challenge and very enjoyable. (What, no baring of terrier teeth?) *Joan Smith*
- I found some of the clues difficult, but with inspirational guesses and a lot of 'toing and froing', grid to grid, it came out! Most satisfying. My favourite type of puzzle. (Sounds like a whale of a time, Roy) *Roy Taylor*
- It took me a long time to make any headway, but at last I got onto your wavelength. As with Kev Layton's double acrostics it was good to know that one couldn't 'look it up'. (A benefit of being unpublishable, Daphne) *Daphne Greening*
- I can't believe I've actually finished one of your puzzles. They're usually put in the TBH basket. I hope it's correct, but even if it isn't I enjoyed doing it. (Never in doubt, Joan. Now throw the TBH basket away) *Joan McGrath*
- Very tough to start! Couldn't get more than a few in. Being a limerick I knew the pattern but it didn't help for a while. Whittled away, got a few words in the verse that I could transfer back, mucked up quite a few, then Presto!! Loved E, K, M and S. Thanks for a lot of fun. (A business to do pleasure with you W.G.) *Raoul*
- Thank you for compiling this 'Limerostic' for the enjoyment of members of the ACC. Maybe 'enjoyment' isn't the right word, as I did give up a number of times. However, I stuck at it, wrote the letters of the answers to the clues I had solved into the solution grid, and then tried to 'intelligently' guess some of the letters in the grid, and work them back to the clues. This way, eventually I managed to solve the puzzle. What I liked about it was that, unlike some past double-acrostics, all the clues had to be solved to get the quote. Well done! (Glad you almost enjoyed it, Graeme) *Graeme Cole*
- The following is a copy of a review of new poetry in the prestigious avant-garde magazine "Doggerel And Other Poetic Forms" of a new work by Jackass: "The author has, in his new poem 'The Swallow Dive', captured the quintessential essence of the limerick form. His lines roll smoothly off the tongue and exemplify perfectly the finest examples of this form. The wonderful staccato double ts in Betty, jetty and spaghetti are memorable and will resonate with his readers. The comparison of the long, skinny diver with a strand of spaghetti, and the clever pun in the title give a vivid mental image of the whale's enjoyment of its 'suckulent' meal. We recommend this verse to you" - Neir B'Odet for the Editorial Board of DAOPF. (A literary magazine without peer – or publisher) *Ted O'Brien*

Cactus Chatter: The verse ain't Shakespeare, but 'Limerostic' was concocted with the evil intent that puzzlers should not be able to discover the quotation without solving the clues fully. Clues queried are explained as follows: N: Choosing bar time (Vo(t)ing) now happy back (gay/yag replacing (t), on the drink = at sea/voyaging. R: A good (a twist on 'goods' as effects) cause = effect. T: Dive (Joint) badly, not off (remove 'bad') together = jointly. U: Wrongly opposing (much too obscure 'double definition' clue). Thank you to all the sturdy solvers who refused to give up on it and made quite good entry numbers.

—Cactus (Jim Colles)

Results of Quiz No 12/2006. Animal Phrases Quiz by Brian Symons.

Adjudicator's Comments: Thanks for all the Christmas cards, kind comments and even a lovely cartoon. It was gratifying to crack the half century of entries. The quiz did not prove as easy as I thought it would – especially to adjudicate – as our clever members found so many possible alternatives. Those that were accepted are acknowledged in the answer section. So many clips and cakes! The answers were meant to be metaphors or idiomatic allusions and straight descriptive terms such as salmon cake, song bird, flea collar, white rhino etc were not accepted. 3 answers, although clearly inferior to the given solution, were so hard to adjudicate that in frustration they got half marks (mother goose, bunny hug, black adder). The other reasons for losing marks were: using single words (toadstool, nighthawk), using the same animal twice (dog), using the wrong number of letters (black dog, cold fish), unconfirmable or obscure words (eg trout hatch – possibly IT jargon) and of course the inevitable transcription errors of leaving one answer out or putting the wrong half in eg wrench instead of monkey. The tie-breaker proved useless as almost everybody got it almost right and nobody got it completely right, so it was ignored in marking. —**Brian Symons**

Answers: 1 Booby **2** Swan **3** Tiger **4** Duck **5** Eagle **6** Monkey **7** Sheep **8** Bird **9** Lizard **10** Horse **11** Cat **12** Zebra, pelican **13** Owl, stag **14** Cow **15** Ram **16** Walrus **17** Dog **18** Hen **19** Pig, dog (only if 17 wrong) **20** Bee **21** Kangaroo **22** Wolf **23** Alligator, bulldog, butterfly, crocodile **24** Elephant **25** Pigeon **26** Bear **27** Turkey **28** Crow **29** Sponge, butterfly, hedgehog, hummingbird **30** Rabbit, sucker. Tie Breakers: Fox; Rat; Horse; Human Being and Salamander.

Results: Entries 54. Prize winner and best entry: Peter Dearie — Congratulations!

30: B Bennett, D Butler, P Dearie, V Dinham, J Fowler, C Hambling, K Harper, I MacDougall, C McClelland, J McGrath and R O'Rourke.

29.5: K Audrins, J Smith, N Storey, A Walter and R Watson. **29:** S Atkinson, A Austin, G Cole, R Ducker, P Garner, L Howard, S Howells, D Jones, M Kennedy, D Procter, W Ryan, M Steinberger, J Stocks and C Wilcox. **28.5:** C Anderson, J Barbour, M Dodd, D Greening, D Hemsley, A Jermy, C Jones, C Noble, T O'Brien and J Wenham. **28:** P Mercer, R Taylor and N Wilson.

27.5: B Glissan, G Leeds and S O'Brien. **27:** C Foster, M Galbreath, D Kennedy and B Siegman. **26.5:** J Colles, M Procter. **26:** J Balnaves. **23:** V Howard.