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To the word of this year one replies next.
[An offended person is wise to be patient.]
Proverbial (Fulfulde)

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The year 2008 has been another successful one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have maintained our level of membership, continued to host and manage our website and Forum and we furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles and quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subs and the generosity of member donations we will ensure that the ACC is the best place for challenging crosswords & quizzes in 2009.

Slot 1: Never before have I seen such a consistent error as in this Slot. There were 26 submissions of GAMENESS which is the more common form of the definition. However, GAMINESS was required as GAMIN is the 'urchin'. It is a variant of 'gameness'. The dense grid also realised 5 of the 6 blank squares for the month. CHOW Enlai also appeared, incorrectly.

We sincerely thank those who have adjudicated in the past six months: Ian and Kay Williams, Bev Cockburn, Carole Noble, Doug Butler, Audrey Austin, Andrew Patterson, Brian Symons, Pat Garner, Roy Wilson, Catherine Hambling, Jean Barbour, Jenny Wenham, Joan Smith, Ann Jermy, Jack Stocks, Steve Trollope, Margaret Steinberger, Nea Storey, Cally Martin and Gillian Champion. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club.

Slot 2: There was a range of errors in this one. SKIERS and SHIERS were rejected for SHIRRS. IN,VERSED didn't make any sense in 12ac when IN,VERSE was needed.

We specially mention our new Life Member (see pp5, 16) and hard-working Secretary **Bev Cockburn** who has made a huge contribution to the success of the Club and in 2008 once again took on the additional workload as Treasurer. Our sincere thanks to **Ian Williams** for his sterling work as the Club's Puzzle/Quiz submission master and to **Patrick Street** for his valued assistance in formatting and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

Slot 3: Generally this Slot was completed without much problem. It seemed more the typo variety of error. Although I would like, one day, to see the BELLICOSE ORIOLE that one solver delivered.

You will enjoy the puzzles selected by Ian this month. It's a bumper issue to start off the New Year in a grand style. And we publish the prize schedule for 2009 on p9. Finally, the Executive Committee of the ACC extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New year. Happy Crozworlding!

Slot 4: A lot of submissions arrived with only Slots 1 & 4 completed. Solvers find the Xmas period busier and felt inclined to do only the manageable puzzles. Not many errors but a few PHYLUM misspellings and some silly stuff.

Slot 5: Obviously this Slot was too time-consuming for December. About 40% of solvers left it blank. Of the 60% who did persevere, only about 55% of those got it right. Unfortunately many incorrect entries were for CONSIDERABLE when CONSIDERABLY was the required answer. The clue says 'cleverly'. CONCILIATORY had a number of variations and then some other guesses were included. A tough Slot - many commenting that maybe too tough.

COTM: 37 nominations were spread across 20 clues, with 2 clues breaking clear - PALINDROME in Slot 2 and PHYLUM in Slot 4. Phynally, with 5 votes to 4, the winner was PHYLUM. Congratulations to *Southern Cross*.

GENERAL: Many expressions of Holiday Greetings were passed on from solvers to all others. I now have a number of lovely cards on the shelf. I'd encourage anyone to have a go at adjudication. It's interesting to see, especially from a setter's point of view, where people struggle and what people like.
—Andrew Patterson

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	115	109	99	112	66	501
Correct entries	67	80	88	99	37	371
Success rate (%)	58.3	73.4	88.9	88.4	56.1	74.1
Prizewinners	J McGrath G Lloyd	W Allen D Greening	B Bennett N Hazell	A Rendell	M Procter A Woodward	from 116 members

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|L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |L|I|G|H|T|S| **Prizewinner: December 2008 Slots 1-5: Jeremy Barnes**

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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



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- 1 Bears (7)
- 5 Rare (6)
- 9 Gravel ridge (5)
- 11 Quickest (8)
- 13 Airfield runway (6)
- 14 Youth (3)
- 15 Indian nursemaids (5)
- 16 Mountain range (4)
- 17 Lover of Paris (5)
- 18 Covered pot (9)
- 22 Frosted (4)
- 23 Worshipper (6)
- 26 Jostle (5)
- 27 Shade of meaning (6)
- 30 Light refreshments (4)
- 32 Enterprise, for instance (9)
- 34 Greek letter (5)
- 35 Bites (4)
- 36 Shaving tool (5)
- 39 Warm boots (3)
- 40 Gathered skirt (6)
- 41 Frightening (8)
- 42 Up (5)
- 43 Tiny (6)
- 44 Perfume-bags (7)

Down

- 1 No suction applied for a bruise (9)
- 2 Restore corded cloth to fortify (7)
- 3 The writer to deliver a plant (4)
- 4 Seem as if changed for til (6)
- 5 Chap seen in those theatres (4)
- 6 Conservative, foolhardy editor came to grief (7)
- 7 Rose to stroll in river surroundings (7)
- 8 Old argument against one out (2,3)
- 10 Filthy place in street fork (3)
- 12 Boy in suffering is a peer of Charlemagne (7)
- 19 Range eastern pews unsystematically arranged (5)
- 20 Old string about half beer can at the start (5)
- 21 Left beards of barley on grassed areas (5)
- 24 Using to scatter excursions (7)
- 25 Concerning relations with the opposition (9)
- 28 Rough seas put about through shower (7)
- 29 Shuffle cards as to make Hungarian dance (7)
- 31 Does pie version of serial part (7)
- 33 Greets silly birds (6)
- 34 Gold French named in statement of account (5)
- 37 Join in co-operation with everything yielded initially (4)
- 38 Not on with no fine first beginnings (3)
- 39 Old city in charge of acid? (4)

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Seasonal Greetings from Virgo



Across words are clued differently and have a common theme.
Down clues are cryptic.

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Across

- 1 Month (8)
- 5 Christmas (6)
- 9 Play (8)
- 10 Chocolate (6)
- 12 Fir (4)
- 13 Roast (9)
- 15 Table (10)
- 18 Brazil (3)
- 20 Custard (3)
- 22 Chorus (10)
- 25 Theme (9)
- 28 Mince (4)
- 30 Icing (6)
- 31 Fillers (8)
- 32 Town (6)
- 33 Red-nose (8)

Down

- 1 Perform to Turkey say; make a contribution (8)
- 2 A little chop to avoid delay (6)
- 3 I left the film and made a shift (4)
- 4 Bar of the sweetest opening (5)
- 6 Collect for the morning service (5)
- 7 Evenly matched when a number is above itself (3-2-3)
- 8 Crush this fruit (6)
- 11 A funny feeling to have centre in Jude (the Obscure) (4,2)
- 14 Something to be eaten in the time allowed (4)
- 16 Concert Halls poem wavers (6)
- 17 One mother Mary with a priest (4)
- 19 The Orson Welles movie from the Fielding position (5,3)
- 21 Flattery from a silly mug – could be sweet coating (3-5)
- 23 Even a tot can move angle measuring device (6)
- 24 Half a dozen eat sandwiches and conjecture (6)
- 26 Burn the playwright if recited (5)
- 27 Rocker ties a classical composer down (5)
- 29 How to look in Tuscany? (4)



Christmas Cards: This popular form of seasonal greeting is of comparatively recent origin. WCT Dobson RA is usually regarded as having sent the first such card in 1844. Sir Henry Cole and JC Horsley produced the first commercial Christmas card in 1846, although it was condemned by temperance enthusiasts because members of the family group in the centre piece were cheerfully drinking wine. They first came widely into fashion when commercial firms began printing them in the 1870s. —*Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable*


Sponsorship of the Slot 5 puzzles for 2009

Rachel Ellis, Marketing & Product Coordinator Dictionary, Trade & ELT, Oxford University Press Australia and New Zealand has kindly written: "Oxford would be pleased to continue our sponsorship in 2009." Many thanks Rachel and OUP for your generosity to the ACC.

Explanations to December Slot 3 by InGrid.

Explanations are provided where submitted by the compiler – Thanks, Jean.

Slot 3: Across: 1 busjet+fAnCy+n (anag), 6 Lara (Croft)+v, 9 related clue, 10 re+port+in+g, 14 a (v not c)ouch, 15 re+view+er, 17 cre+vas+(a)se, 18 ba+boon, 20 Having A Right Proper, 21 iamnobrute (anag), 24 op+i+chilly (anag), 26 retch (anag). **Down:** 1 st+o+ic, 4 ear+thy, 5 typ+ifi+ed, 8 dm, 13 sit+at+un+gas, 14 dm, 16 collapse (anag), 19 obe+che, 22 hEMENDon't.

<p> J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 9 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Southern Cross</p>


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Across

- 1 6 for a knight – university supporter (6)
- 5 Putting company where we are (Northern Territory) is logical (8)
- 9 Changing from jumper and muffler firstly where students regularly gather (4,4)
- 10 A student chappie's niche? (6)
- 11 Not seated together, having a role to play after session (7,5)
- 13 Backsliding doesn't begin in church's recess (4)
- 14 The way Agassi was initially – now a national symbol (2,6)
- 17 Flush the waterhole before making a fuss (4-2-2)
- 18 Rush about, hollow-eyed (4)
- 20 Uprooted and resettled after setting out land patterns (12)
- 23 For one who joins up, section must appear before royalty (6)
- 24 Eastern boundaries should contain replacement of tavern exhaust (8)

25 A very fine reproduction bed? (4-4)

26 Scrub the shopping complex on two points (6)

Down

- 2 Boss said to be a big shot (4)
- 3 Vivacious woman's devastating action? (9)
- 4 Sort out after sailor terminates (6)
- 5 Comment about gain is so absurd! He finds acting for others rewarding (10,5)
- 6 Top equipment makes capital covering (8)
- 7 Trotter is moving up to go over it again (5)
- 8 Author Jules at no time getting around the outback (5-5)
- 12 Put soft fruit in a cane arrangement in front (10)
- 15 US lawman rose above corruption- he's game (9)
- 16 This sometimes precedes punishment for an NCO (8)
- 19 Current supplied from master-switch? (6)
- 21 Famous Pooh missing? (5)
- 22 Last year's ailment (4)

No Cross Words at the Cauliflower!

At William Ryan's world-famous Cauliflower pub on 23 November members and significant others enjoyed a day of cruciverbal conversation, conundrum cracking and cogitation over quiz questions. Nearly 40 local and interstate individuals attended, undeterred by the unseasonal Sydney weather. Our setters and solvers, too many to mention by name, renewed old acquaintances and participated in the fun which was ably organised by our Secretary Bev Cockburn. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation by Ian Williams, on behalf of the President, of a beautifully-scripted Life Membership certificate to Bev for her outstanding work with the Club over a long period of time. Our thanks to Bev for the organisation of the day and the competitions and to William for again making his historic South Sydney hostelry available to us. See you next year!

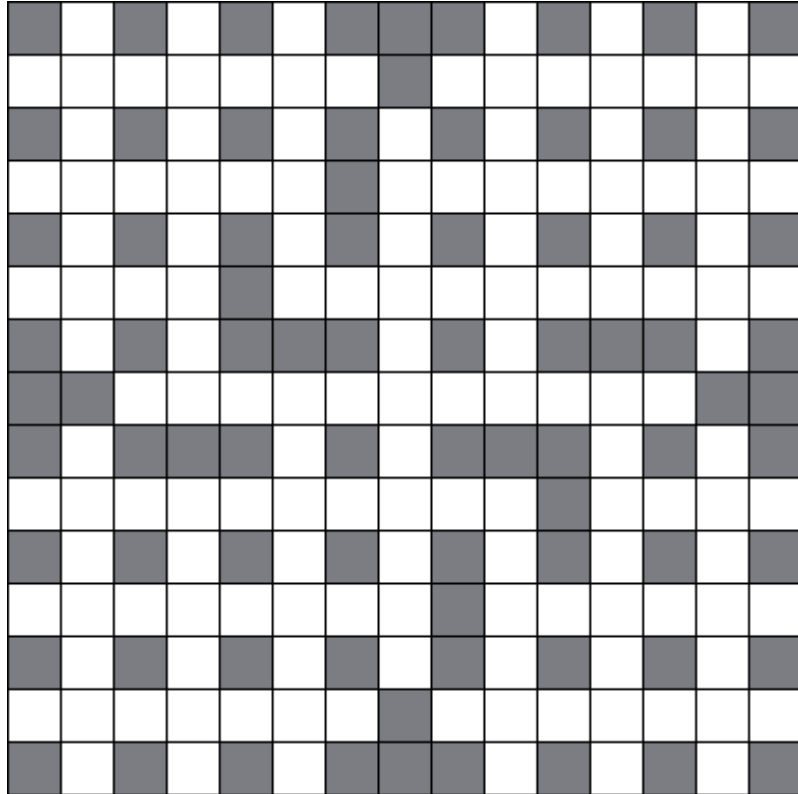
Thoughts on the November themed edition.

Thank you for the comments and suggestions on the November issue, which comprised grids and the quiz following a Halloween theme. Overall, members who commented either loved the idea or hated it. The most frequent comment was that once the overall theme had been determined a lot of the fun had gone out of it. As well, themed crosswords by their nature normally need some unusual words to fill the gaps between theme words. This in effect meant that we had five hardish grids in the month which did attract unfavourable comment and perhaps contributed as much to the reduced number of entries as did the shorter time available for completing the puzzles. In summary, while representing a *tour de force* for our compilers (for which "Thank you all" from me) it doesn't seem to me as though the response was such as to merit devoting a whole issue to the one theme again.

—Ian Williams

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AJ
by
Difficult
Women

Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

- A** A unionist to assemble by hearing (7)
- B** Confused birds in cot (7)
- C** Split in Miracle Avenue (6)
- D** Libel of French family on nation not new (10)
- E** Some are the really spiritual (8)
- F** Facade appearance with silver starting to erode (8)
- G** Gerry has no right holding repaired tome for school subject (8)
- H** Feature each ex agonising over figure (7)
- I** Body parts found on Island meadow (4)
- J** Jean losing a mesh for small Spanish horse (6)
- K** Dishonesty of old rogue at railway (7)
- L** Make it longer, queen's added leaves for the table (11)
- M** Lodestone magazine to produce a clear profit (6)

- N** Typical pattern for man (6)
- O** Eastern relation corrupted (8)
- P** Cherished lady misses commercial in a precious way (10)
- Q** Neighbourhood forgiveness (7)
- R** Keen-edged implement to fashion hairdo (5-3)
- S** Tonic with wise man's meal (4,3)
- T** Symbol of Abel outside Long Island (8)
- U** Wild United Nations pacified (7)
- V** Released outlet for editor (6)
- W** Casanova to pipe with a coarse expression of admiration to a woman (4-7)
- X** Ten for sailor's movie classifying (1-6)
- Y** Those with the German are in view at a distance (6)
- Z** Hybrid domestic cattle in New England district (4)

ACC MEMBERS SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS NOV 2008


We apologise that some entries were not able to be processed before the publication date for the December edition. A supplementary table and revised statistics for November are shown below.

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PYC M		•		•		R
TROLLOPE S	•			•		A
VERESS M		•	•			L
WINDOW D	•	•			•	L
Entries received	53	74	76	62	67	334
Correct entries	47	65	62	47	63	284
Success rate %	89	88	82	76	94	86

Bonus Quiz January 2009 by Calathumpian.

Given below are the names of 21 songs that won the Oscar for "Original Song". They are listed in alphabetical order. Your task is to name the movie in which each appeared. Send your answers to Cally Martin, 4/6 Newman Avenue, Carnegie Vic 3163 or by email callymartin@bigpond.com Closing mail date: 13 February 2009. Book prize.

- Oscar Winning Original Song**
- 1 Lose Yourself (1,4)
 - 2 Evergreen (1,4,2,4)
 - 3 A Whole New Life (7)
 - 4 Up Where We Belong (2,7,3,1,9)
 - 5 Moon River (9,2,8)
 - 6 Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head (5,7,3,3,8,3)
 - 7 Secret Love (8,4)
 - 8 Mona Lisa (7,5)
 - 9 (I've Had) The Time of My Life (5,7)
 - 10 In The Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening (4,5,3,5)
 - 11 White Christmas (7,3)
 - 12 Chim Chim Cheree (4,7)
 - 13 Baby, Its Cold Outside (8,8)
 - 14 When You Wish Upon A Star (9)
 - 15 Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah (4,2,3,5)
 - 16 Can You Feel The Love Tonight (3,4,4)
 - 17 Under The Sea (3,6,7)
 - 18 Que Sera Sera (3,3,3,4,3,4)
 - 19 The Morning After (3,8,9)
 - 20 We May Never Know Love Like This Again (3,8,7)
 - 21 I Just Called To Say I Love You (3,5,2,3)

J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 9 S L O T 5
Cryptic by Ann Ass
Prizes: \$50  Win! [2006 edn]

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Across

- 1 Is Air Force One used to aid survival in the wilderness? (9)
- 6 She got the best out of sparkling wines (5)
- 9 Freedom fighter reportedly is a thug (7)
- 10 Love a holiday that doesn't include California? Cheers! (7)
- 11 Fainted when mingling: shortly to marry (7)
- 12 Charm our mean mongrel (7)
- 13 Hyacinth's suppers are able to unite Penny and Latin aristocracy – but no Earl (9)
- 15 Caught on front of leg – maybe shin (5)
- 16 Covert assassin in Japan (5)
- 19 Program in-depth former database (4,5)
- 22 Effective Conservative replaces Republican food (7)
- 23 Imitate apeman (7)
- 25 Great at organising boat races (7)
- 26 Disquiet in the heart of machine-gunner veteran (7)
- 27 True sovereign line replaced queen (5)
- 28 Casanova is male and excited (6,3)

Down

- 1 Phoney underwater vessel about to travel upside down (5)
- 2 "Keep gushing", said Gielgud (3,4)
- 3 Lieutenant Bogey connection (7)
- 4 A minor prize (5)
- 5 Sweet, or at ramble where Daisy might appear that way (3-6)
- 6 A unit in a Queensland town that was used for Jesus' address (7)
- 7 Kenyan city bigwig embraces state independence (7)
- 8 Despatched empty rosary case to guard's location (6,3)
- 13 Cape used for launching disastrous naval race (9)
- 14 Community visit may be used to contact the girl next door (5,4)
- 17 Frenchman who is likely to finish last? (4,3)
- 18 Latin instrument spinning on boundary at Land's End (7)
- 20 Make an impression on a politician in Georgia (7)
- 21 English Chamber Orchestra incorporates a percussion instrument! Quite the reverse, Grace! (7)
- 23 Was able to initiate construction of urban land development (5)
- 24 Draw popular connection (3-2)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Have had a horrible 2 months involving completely unexpected open heart surgery, so it was the greatest surprise and pleasure to be awarded a prize – a most useful dictionary – a few weeks ago. Thank you very much. *Margaret Raw*
- Thank you for my colourful card for slot-3, November, 2008. Also a thank you to our club for the said prize. I am having great difficulties with trying to solve the puzzles of our newer setters. I wonder how many of our solvers would like to give Ian Williams a bunch of fives. Ahh!!! *Bev Solomon*
- Due to a long set of travel commitments I deeply regret to say I will not be able to continue with my membership until my return at some time in the future. Additionally, I have to admit that I simply do not have the time to complete the puzzles (that never seem to get any easier!!). Meanwhile, I sincerely hope that the club continues to grow from strength to strength. Many, many thanks for the enjoyment over the years. *Judy Neck*
- Thank you very much to the club for my \$50, and thank you to you for the beautiful calligraphy! What a rewarding club this is to belong to. Good crosswording! *Margaret Galbreath*
- Merry Christmas to All. *Nancy Hazell*

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Cryptic by Praxis



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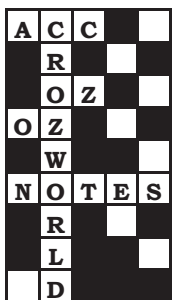
- 1 A doctor's given mother's plants (7)
- 6 and 8dn Around the end of May, took off for the city (5)
- 10 A hyrax mother has one (5)
- 11 Connection with Mafia boss is secured (6, hyphenated)
- 12 Havana? (8, 2 words)
- 13 Both males and females take turns in transport (8)
- 14 Some mystery surrounds genus of terrapins (4)
- 15 and 25ac Grandee's mad (7)
- 20 Nonsense! Go with the learner! (6)
- 21 Empty tin will keep buffalo tongues (6)
- 25 See 15ac (7)
- 27 Comfort stop; a hundred going (4)
- 28 Kill rodents getting back into fruit (8)
- 30 Bend over a row to return spider? (8)
- 31 and 2dn Airman's going out with her (6)
- 32 Teaching canine to bring back animals (5)
- 33 Weasel has a way to get grain (5)
- 34 Plot to turn over fool without direction humiliates (7)

Down

- 1 Building promotion wins award (5)
- 2 See 31ac (6)
- 3 More than one Greek letter's zero on old micrometres (8)
- 4 & 29dn Army changed her (4)
- 5 'Neeson rose before queen;' he wrote (6)
- 6 They smack those showing affection? (7)
- 7 The old people tie drunk Arab (8)
- 8 See 6ac (5)
- 9 The first person has nose broken by dwarf (7)
- 16 One left work over coldness; a lack of hair? (8)
- 17 Love funny verse about sympathy expressed for cows (8)
- 18 Butcher tears paper flowers (7)
- 19 Bowler's ruthless this year, starting to terrorize? (7, 2 words)
- 22 Engrave nice design around 'Isaiah' (6)
- 23 Ready launching site for vessel (6)
- 24 Carry over a weight? (5)
- 26 Exploits legal documents (5)
- 29 See 4dn (4)

Post
Solution
to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 13 February 2009.



ACC COMPILER OF 2008: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2008. No doubt you have your favourite ACC compiler. If so, then we would like you to vote for him/her as the ACC Compiler of 2008. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2008 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2009. During 2008, the results were as follows. Sincere congratulations to **Carole Noble** with 4 COTMs, Shirl O'Brien with 3 and Michael Kennedy, Audrey Austin, and Bev Cockburn with 2 COTMs each. Well done!

COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium* Vol 9 (only \$5) which is distributed with this month's copy of *Crozworld* features a large number of challenging puzzles and quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There are also generous book prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 8 and 9 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners are included. If you would like to order extra copies of this exciting publication please send your cheque to the Secretary of the ACC.

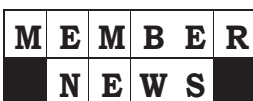
SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2009, the cost is only \$30. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2009! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$30 for the whole year. Great value!

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Happy Birthday to Betty Wallace (Singleton) who celebrates her 90th Birthday on 27 January 2009. Good Health and Many happy returns Betty.

Mini Quiz No 11 by Ian Williams

What do the following words have in common?

Banana; Potato; Dresser; Revive; Assess.

Answer to miniquiz 11: Move the first letter to the end of the word and it reads the same backwards! Although I had another two that fitted the bill, Mr AxWord (Doug Butler) sent a list that shows that such words (otherwise described as palindromes after the first letter) are by no means rare and include: acidic booboo brewer fretter gnomon grammar greyer igniting peewee petite prefer presser preyer redivide rococo teepee torero trekker uneven ureter voodoo and in Chambers alone: agnizing agnizing batata caracara corocoro glycy hoodoo hooroo ideaed koodoo matamata meinie plagal resinise retinite sememe takamaka thanah thannah zoozoo.

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WORD OF THE MONTH

quixotic *adj.* 1 extravagantly and romantically chivalrous; regardless of material interests in comparison with honour or devotion. 2 visionary; pursuing lofty but unattainable ideals. □□ **quixotically** *adv.*
quixotism *n.* **quixotry** *n.* [ORIGIN: from the name of Don *Quixote*, hero of Cervantes' romance, from Spanish *quixote* 'thigh armour']

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PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2009

Monthly prizes for Slots 2, 3, and 6: \$50 x 2 each. Slots 4 & 7 and all quizzes: Book prize. Puzzle No 1: The Macquarie Crossword Dictionary (2007 edition) or other book as selected plus one x \$50. Puzzle No 5: The Oxford Crossword Dictionary (2006 edn) or other book as selected plus one x \$50. Slots 1-5 correct selected winner each month: \$100. Cumulative slots 1-6, Jan-Dec, trophy. Numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec, trophy.

NOTES: (1) "Closing mail date" means that entries eligible for a prize must be received by the Adjudicator at or before the time of the postal mail delivery on the date specified each month in *Crozworld*. This includes any entries which may be sent electronically via e-mail. Any entries received after that time and date will not be eligible to gain a 'dot' or to qualify for a prize.
 (2) Only current financial members of the Australian Crossword Club are eligible to win prizes in 2009.

A Note about the Prizes for 2009

Thanks to the generosity of members, we are able to maintain the prizes for 2009. We are continuing with the Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2009. We recognise that like most Clubs, we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement. As in 2008, we will award trophies for the Club's champion solvers and each will carry a plaque setting out the details of the winner's name and the particular competition. Trophies will be awarded for Cumulative Slots 1-5 Jan-Dec 2009, Cumulative Slot 6 Jan-Dec 2009 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2009. These special trophies will look great any anybody's mantelpiece so go to it! Commencing from this edition of *Crozworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2009!

Note: In 2009, only one entry per person per puzzle or Quiz is allowed. In cases where e-lodged submissions of completed grids are corrupted, or are otherwise unable to be read, a repeat submission may be allowed following consultation with Ian Williams.

December 1-2008: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- 4dn: INCH 'comprehends' = CH [Apparently - Adj.] 5dn: I haven't thought of Uganda as a state rather a republic. 21dn: Should there be some sort of indicator that LYON is part of oddly only? [Anagram actually - Adj.] 27dn: A guess here. *Graeme Cole*
- October's was too easy, November's too hard but December's was just right. Are we reworking the Goldilocks story? *Carole Noble*
- Another fair puzzle from Noel. *Ted O'Brien*
- 16dn brought a smile. *Max Roddick*
- In 16dn I wasn't sure whether to put CHOU EN LAI or CHOW EN LAI. CHOW sounds so Chinese! In the end, I settled for CHOU because the clue does specify CABBAGE. *Nea Storey*
- A difficult Slot 1. INCH is clever & GAMINESS tricky. *Brian Symons*
- A good 2 halves - thanks Noel. 18dn RAY=RE,+BELLING = Flaring out & rising. *Alan Walter*

December 2-2008: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- 4, 6 and 28ac: I'm certain I have the answers but I would not be able to explain to a learner what type of clues they are. 11ac - OCREA? According to *Chambers* a sheath. Don't know. *Graeme Cole*
- 14dn according to my grandson's DVDs, is Wile E. Coyote not Wily Coyote. *Merv Collins*
- 11ac: OCREA - I must have the wrong reference books as the three I consulted did not mention 'armoured guard in Rome'. [It's a piece of leg armour but I had to Google - Adj.] I liked 15ac 'Madam Turner' which had me trying to work in Lana. Two palindromes KAYAK and EWE appear in the grid. *Doreen Jones*
- My COTM went to 29ac EWE. Loved it! *Carole Noble*
- I liked 19ac but gave my COTM to 3dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- 25ac - nice clue but in my references, ASTRO is a dog not a boy. Woof! *Max Roddick*
- Wily Coyote is mostly referred to as Wile but not always apparently. [Wile E. Coyote is his real name - Adj.] *Brian Symons*
- Enjoyable cryptic - thanks Audrey. 14dn WILY COYOTE sounds like WILE E. COYOTE. *Alan Walter*

December 3-2008: Crying Foul! by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- 17ac: CREVASSE - not certain how? [? -Adj.] 1dn - STOIC = detached? 5dn: TYPIFIED - meaning of 'this' in the clue? *Graeme Cole*
- Found this tough going with a couple of new words. *Merv Collins*
- LARVA is not necessarily 'tadpole'. 20ac should be 'starts' as 'p' does not mean 'proper'. [Even better - 'starts to have a right proper'. - Adj.] 10ac 'telling again' = 'reporting'? *Doreen Jones*
- This was for the birds, lots of 'em. *Carole Noble*
- Chuff-chuff held me up until I found the alternative. *Ted O'Brien*
- Liked 4ac AVOUCH. 6dn could be LARK or LORY - did I pick the right one? [Either will do - Adj.] *Max Roddick*
- Perhaps some alternatives possible - lorry/lark, grebe/glebe/geese. *Brian Symons*
- Challenging cryptic to complete. Am 'crying foul!' on 10ac as the word 'again' should be omitted? Telling = REPORTING. Telling again' would appear to be RE-REPORTING. In 18ac, Egyptian soul = BA. *Alan Walter*

December 4-2008: AJ by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Excellent as usual. Thanks Shirl. *Carole Noble*
- A very Shirl puzzle! *Ted O'Brien*
- PHYLUM for COTM! *Max Roddick*
- I think DRUG PEDLARS is preferable to DRUG SELLERS. It would be unusual and silly to clue a 7-letter word with itself. [Indeed so but I have to accept it - and DRUG DEALERS - Adj.] PHYLUM gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- I loved a lot of the clues, especially V & C and gave COTM to S. *Roy Taylor*
- CAR POOL - A brilliant clue! *Alan Walter*

December 5-2008: New Horizons by Dazy May (Kath Harper)

- Alas, I can make no sense of Slot 5. *Ross Bryant*
- Took me ages to solve G, Part 1 EXPRESS = breathe. Well, I think it is right. *Graeme Cole*
- It just seems a lot of isolated clues which don't gradually build to a satisfactory whole as in a real crossword. *Merv Collins*
- This is an ingenious puzzle but is not a CROSSword and as such should be with other word puzzles and not taking up crossword space. *Margaret Davis*
- I recall doing the Keats poem a few years ago in a similar fashion: No doubt before *Dazy May* joined the club. Her clues were very good. *Bob Hagan*
- I thought slot 5 was too difficult to be included in the "normal" entries. These puzzles are easy to compose but hard to solve as they have very little cross checking - just one letter for each solution and no correlation at all between the answers themselves. Nevertheless I

thought some of the clueing was brilliant and have awarded my COTM accordingly. *Catherine Hambling*

- Line B: SUNDRY meaning 'many'? *Doreen Jones*
- Not easy but I enjoyed the challenge. *Carole Noble*
- Some intriguing clues here - especially those resulting in FATHOMLESS and CULTIVATE. *Ted O'Brien*
- Keats makes us feel sublime but this made us think! Congratulations *Dazy May!* *Max Roddick*
- It looked daunting but I decided to persevere and really enjoyed it. BATHED and EXPRESS had me stumped for quite a while but most clues were really great. *Eva Seale*
- If BOTTOMLESS is correct for Slot 5 F could an explanation for the cryptic part of the clue be given please? [Sorry, Joan, it's not correct - Overweight = FAT + "in" short = HOME + not so much = LESS (deep = FATHOMLESS - Adj.) *Joan Smith*
- I love this variant. Always a challenge. *Brian Symons*
- Some discombobulating clues here! *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks *Dazy May* for your 'New Horizontal' clues. A lyrical production! *Alan Walter*
- I haven't submitted slot 5. I like a crossword that is a challenge to complete but also with a conventional crossword I get more help as I enter more solutions. Therefore although I might not know or be able to think of some of the answers, I can reduce my options considerably as my solution advances. However puzzles of the style of slot 5 do not give me this assistance and it becomes a battle to reach an answer one at a time knowing that nothing will make the next clue easier, especially when I don't know what the definition of each clue is. I don't find this type of puzzle an enjoyable challenge!!! *Steve Trollope*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

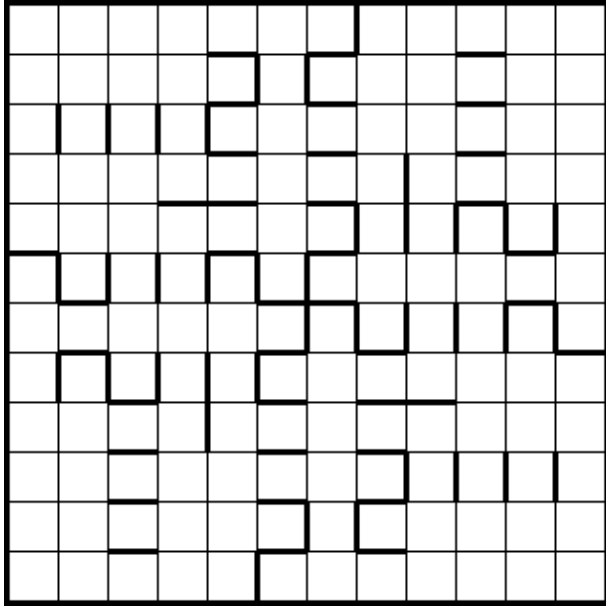
- Thanks to the ACC for my prize cheque for Slot 3 November and wishing a Merry Xmas to all. *Geoff Campbell*
- Many thanks to the ACC for a great year of entertainment (except for November!). Thanks to the compilers & to all concerned. A wonderful job. *Fay Copland*
- Thanks to the Club and a further thank you for my prize cheque. It's always a thrill to open the envelope and find such an elegant reward. A Happy Christmas to all the members. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks so much to all adjudicators for doing what must be a dreadful job. [Not at all! - Adj.] *Sally Knight*
- I was one of the blokes who whinged about the surfeit of Halloween crosswords in November so you draw my name out of the hat for a prize just to make me feel bad! Many thanks for the cheque - I love themed puzzles now! *Merv Collins*
- Many thanks to Patrick and all Members of the Club for my book prize for Nov 2008 slot 4. It is *Chambers Dictionary of World History* and is very well deserving a prized place on the bookshelf. It's not at all dry and crusty and an easy and enjoyable book to dip in to as well as, I feel sure, a valuable tome of reference. An enjoyable and "moderate" set this month although Slot 3 was a bit hard for this location. *Jim Fowler*
- A belated thank you for my Slot 3 prize in October! I was ridiculously pleased. Hope everyone has a great summer break and returns full of energy and ideas in 2009. *Christina Lee*
- Thank you for my prizes for September slot 7 and November slot 5. Gotta love this club - two prizes in two months! And a special thanks to all the adjudicators, committee members and setters. Your hard work and dedication make it a pleasure to belong to the ACC. *Jan Wood*
- Slots 1 to 5 were a good selection for this time of year, being challenging but not requiring too much reference work (and therefore time) to solve. *Alison Martin*
- Thanks very much for two recent cheques I've received. My household is now better off for a decent atlas. *Andrew Patterson*
- In my opinion, recent CrOZworlds have become more about the answers than the clues. I get much enjoyment from well-written clues but next to nothing from a filled grid. The recent spate of themed puzzles, while cleverly arranged, has me thinking I'm doing QuilZworld rather than CrOZworld. I'm not against the internet but I've had to use it rather a lot. There's too many obscure words and when they appear, the clues aren't always clear. Themes that have many possibilities or have variations in spelling etc should be tightened so that the answer is clear. In general, all clues should make sense in the surface and extraneous words be eradicated. I've noticed while adjudicating that very few criticisms are made - all solvers should be able to find an 'area for improvement'. *Andrew Patterson*



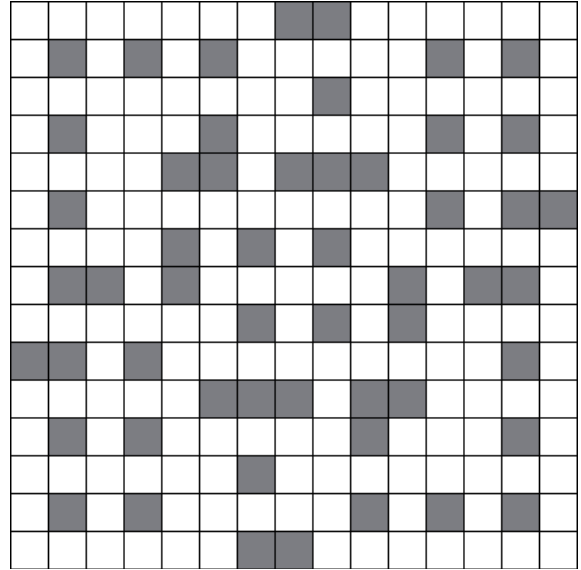
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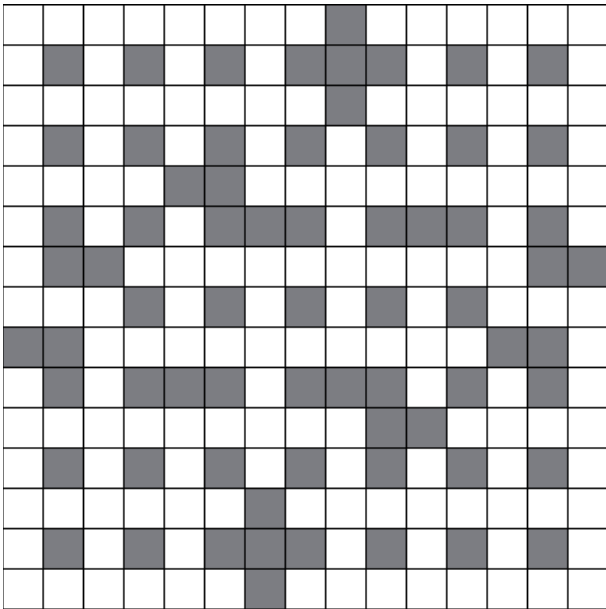
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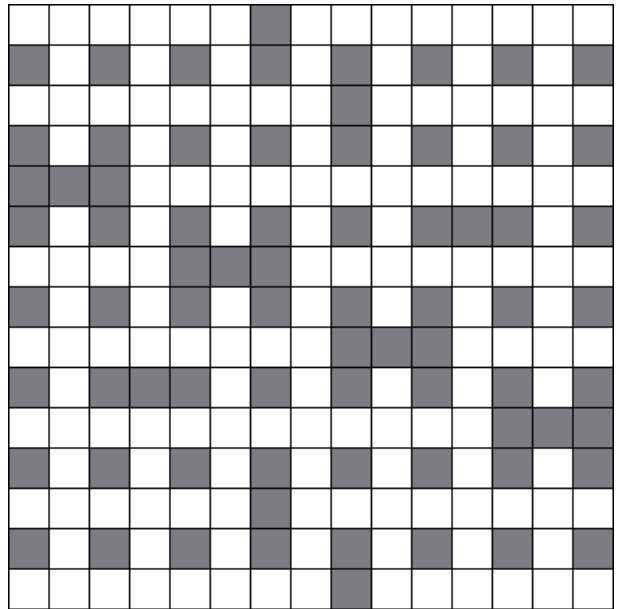
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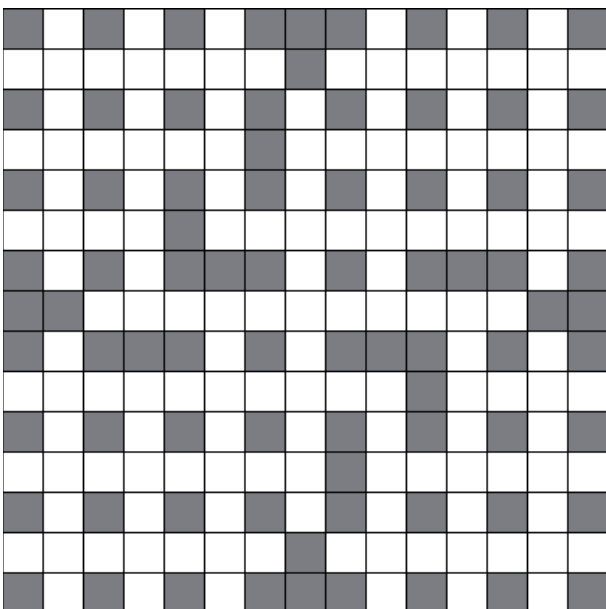
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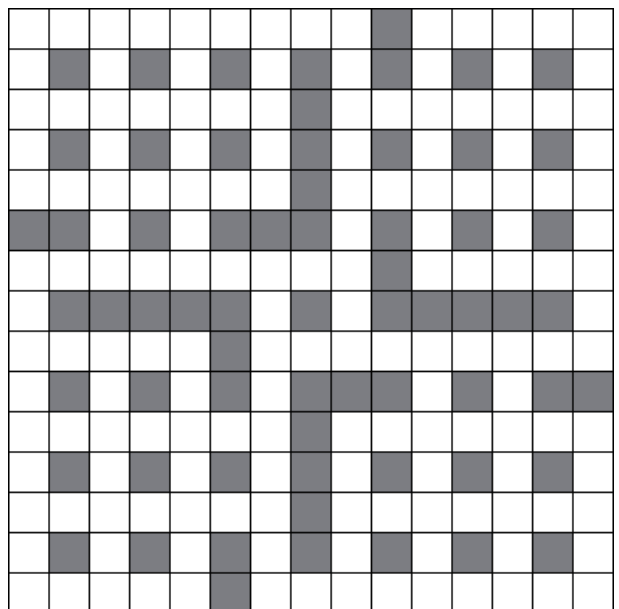
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year

November 6-2008: Blood will out! by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Entries: 55. Correct: 43. Success Rate: 78.2%.

Winners: Brian Symons and Roy Wilson. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Although it's not possible to reply individually to all cards, letters, and comments, they are, as always, very welcome. The mistakes here were: Out to Munch (several of these), Sticking, GingerBread, Agan, Egar, Rhonche, Concentric and Friend (a few of these), a few Embalms, Concanonic, Nyctophile and Nick. There were quite a few questions regarding 12ac. To Munch or to lunch? The answer was OUT TO LUNCH ("Out tool unch" using "tool" for weapon - Ouch, sorry!) And of course Dracula, being always on night-shift probably has his lunch about 3a.m. May you all have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

-Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

As there were a lot of queries regarding other clues, explanations of all clues are given:

Across: 1. TRANSYLVANIA(home for 29)=T(bar) +RAN (service) +SYLVI-A(woman)+AN- (anon). 8. BLANCH=BLA-H (insipid) + -NC- (northern cold) 9. STACKING(arranging) = STA-KING (29's probable demise) + -C- (conservative) 12. OUT TO LUNCH = OUT (Caught) + -TO(O)L-(weapon) +-UNCH(unchecked). "Out to Munch" was probably as good but did not really fit with the clue for "weapon". 13. AGAR (setting agent) = RAGA(music,rev) 15. DRACHMA(coin) = DRAC (nickname) +HMA(His Modern Alias) 18. NEE(born)= -EE (midweek)+N-(noon)19. EMBOLUS (obstruction to 8D)=-OLD- + Duke vanished (minus D) +EMB- US(inside to arrange transport) 20. BACKRUB(gives relief)=BUR(rev) 21. SOCK(stocking)= -C-(cold)+ SO- (well before)+ -K (knitting first) 23. COFFIN BONE(Mount's support - what holds the horse up) = COFF(Scot's buy) + IN + BONE (off white) 26. LOVE BITE (passionate mark) =LOVE-(zero)+-BITE(homonym of Byte) 27. UNDEAD ("quick" description of 29)= UNDE/r(almost short of) + -AD (promotion) 29. COUNT DRACULA(fictional character)=DRAC-(Jack(card))possibly, rev) inside +COUNT-(esteem)+ -U-(Uruguay)+-LA(city).

Down: 2. ROAST LAMB(dish)= MALTS+A (rev)(drinks for one) +RO-B(fruit syrup) 3. NECROPHILE(lover of late)= -OPH-("hop"hip)in +R-ILE(anger)+NEC-(after hearing 6D) neck) 4. YEAR (time) = YEA(affirmation)=R(right). 5. VATIC(of prophecy)=V-C(chapter and verse revd)+-A+TI(Titanium, strong element) 6. NECK(embrace)=29's target. 7. AGING=A+-GIN-(trap)+-G(mid-niGht) 8. BLOOD VESSEL(source of sustenance for 29)=BLOOD(kind of relation)+-VESSEL(ship)10. GARLIC BREAD(tasty snack)=GARLIC(29's anathema)+BREAD(cash) 11.HUMANS(diet for 29)= -AN+-HUM-(U)S(decomposed stuff)loses U(turn) 14. NONCANONIC(not according to the rules of the church)= -CANON-(Clergyman)= -IC(in charge)+N-O-N-(after news ring-in)16. REBUFF(slight)= RE-(reference to) + -BUFF(y)(unfulfilled opponent of 29)refers to Buffy the Vampire slayer, a TV character.17. CORPOREAL(material)= -ORP- (for backing)+ C-ORAL(pink)+-E- (mid-crEam insert) 22. CIVIC(of the city)= -IV-(island victor)+C(h)-IC(heartless fashion) 24. OCTET(group)= -C-(cold)+O-(old)+T(wins)-ET(lady's apparel)+wins out)25. ABOU(man's name)=ABOU(t)almost astir.

Solvers' Comments:

- I liked this one a lot - a lot. Had "hoofed" in for "coffin" and couldn't get the last one out! Good fun. *Raoul*
- I almost felt like some general blood-letting following that toughie. The bottom RH corner had me congealed for some time, and while I was confident that CORPOREAL was the answer, only now have I finally worked it out. Your definition for COFFIN BONE was cleverly misleading. I'm not sure entirely about OUT TO LUNCH, assuming I'm correct of course. I look forward to its explanation. *Michael Kennedy*
- I feel by now over-draculated and ready for something more in the laughing line. *Ted O'Brien*
- Please explain 12ac and 25dn. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks for a great topical puzzle. I particularly liked 20ac and 16dn (once I got them). *Jenny Wenham*
- Enjoyed the puzzle which was difficult but not impossible - as it should be. 1. Unsure about ABOU, assume it has to be. 2. Is there such a word as NONCANONICAL - it looks logical and should exist, but does it? I couldn't find it. [You are strictly correct. "Noncanonical" is actually a term used in Molecular Biology to describe splicing, however in this instance, "Noncanonical" was used to denote the negative form of "canonic", in the regular or ecclesiastical sense. Probably a bit iffy, but nice to see that everybody got it right! B] 3. If the answer to 8ac were "Branch", that line would read "Branch stacking" [The vampires seem to be enough trouble without any more. B] *Jim Fowler*
- Thank you so much for this thoroughly enjoyable puzzle - loved the whole themed exercise! I was unable to confirm 23ac as an off-white but it seems to fit the clue and it sounded as if it could be. [Probably more of a term used by the fashion gurus for such things as shoes. B] *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you for your ghoulish puzzle in keeping with the Halloween

theme. I've learnt more about Count Dracula now - not that I wanted to! However, it was fun researching the story. I particularly liked your clue for 9ac STACKING and was impressed with the number of relative words you were able to include eg neck, undead, love bite, even blanch! *Bev Cockburn*

• Thank you for your crossword. I must admit though, I was a little tired of the subject by the time I got to yours. That's the trouble with having a whole mag devoted to one theme. I didn't expect Count Dracula to do lunch; he's supposed to be in his box during daylight hours. [see above] *Carole Noble*

• Thank you for your theme puzzle. I found it pretty bloody difficult. But they never seem so hard when they are finished, I find. *Ron O'Rourke*

• Thanks for your "bloody" puzzle - it certainly spooked me. I'm having trouble with 12ac, "Weapon" can be a "tool" or a "gun". "Big Bertha" and "Long Tom" were guns in WW1, I think Bertha fired across the Channel from behind German lines, so.. OUT TO..M UNCH or OUT TO L UNCH ..? Given your Poetic licence and sense of humour with the topic I'm going for "MUNCH" Hope I'm right. [Sorry!] *Bill Bennett*

• Gosh that was a bit of a challenge. All of this month's were. *Trish McPherson*

• Great puzzle, Gillian. I loved 20ac. Clever clues and answers to suit the theme. *Betty Siegman*

• Thanks for the puzzle. A bit more solver friendly than Slot 1. *Bob Hagan*

• Thanks for a challenging puzzle Gillian. I thought some clues like Rebuff, Love-bite were great, but a couple were beyond me and I had to guess - I hope correctly! *Roy Taylor*

• It took me ages to get going with your puzzle - I needed to solve 29ac! I'm not really certain how I eventually obtained COUNT DRACULA, but I can see now what a great clue 29ac was. For 13ac I have guessed EGAR; RAGE (music show on TV) backwards and 25dn I guessed ABOU - from ABOUT = ASTIR and almost = ABOU (T) I liked 12ac OUT TO MUNCH - if Munch (not Lunch) is correct. I reasoned the M comes from TOM = weapon, Also liked 26ac LOVE BITE. Actually, reading through the clues again, I am amazed how I managed (I hope) to solve so many of your clues. Looking forward to more of your puzzles, but maybe not as hard. *Graeme Cole*

• A very enjoyable puzzle as usual, Gillian! *Robyn Caine*

• Thank you for a very enjoyable puzzle. I had to make a stab at one or two of the answers, e.g 12ac - I don't get the second half of the clue - "with weapon unchecked". I'm probably just being dim! I spent far too long on slots 4 & 5 this month and even then did not finish them, which is unusual. And I have to say that I think to have all 7 puzzles on the theme was a bit too much. I, for one, am all Hallowe'en-ed out. Anyway, please keep them coming. *Margaret Davis*

• I found your puzzle enjoyable but very challenging and am not confident of getting a dot. I have question marks at 12 and 19ac, 2 and 7dn among others and look forward to explanations. My favourite clue was 17dn. *Jan Wood*

• This is a great puzzle but I feel a bit iffy about a couple of my answers! Nevertheless it was fun to do. *Valerie Howard*

• More blood & garlic! Never mind, it was an enjoyable puzzle. I don't think there were any particular difficulties: it was all nicely logical. *Margaret Galbreath*

• Thank you. I enjoyed this but it did take a while and I'm not sure about "About". *Jill Freeland*

• "Fangs" for your puzzle: it was enough to drive a person batty and leave them drained! In fact, I needed a Bloody Mary to recover after I finished it. I don't understand some of the clues, eg. 19ac and 17dn, but my answers seem to fit, so I'm hoping for the best. *Peter Dearie*

• As always, I enjoyed butting heads with Betelgeuse - even if sometimes I come off second best! *Pat Garner*

• This puzzle certainly had me tearing my hair out! I am still not sure if some of my answers really fit the clues, but at least I have filled all the blank squares. Right or wrong, I look forward to your explanations of 12ac, 2dn and 22dn and any others that I may have wrong. *Catherine Hambling*

• Thank you for a very difficult cryptic. 2 explanations - in case different from your solutions - 12ac I would like to have put "OUT TO MUNCH" - Dracula's nocturnal eating habit, but couldn't get a weapon (TOM as short for Tomahawk is stretching it a bit) whereas "to" is a sword - I guess he is "out" to lunch, usually lying in his coffin at this time. - ABOU is an Arabic boy's name especially common in Australia & is almost ABOUT ie astir. *Brian Symons*

• Thank you for another excellent puzzle. *David Procter*

• Congratulations on an excellent construction with plenty of references to the theme. I must say I far prefer the short witty clue (13ac Agent for setting retro music = AGAR was superb) to the elaborate ones where the cryptic element is used only to justify the solution. *Doug Butler*

• Thanks Gillian, I'm always challenged, and entertained by your puzzles. *Kath Harper*

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Cryptic by Manveru
Book Prize

Clues marked with a * lack a definition and share a common theme. All other clues are normal. The circled letters in the grid, when put in the correct order, will spell out the theme (5,6,4) (not required for a "dot")

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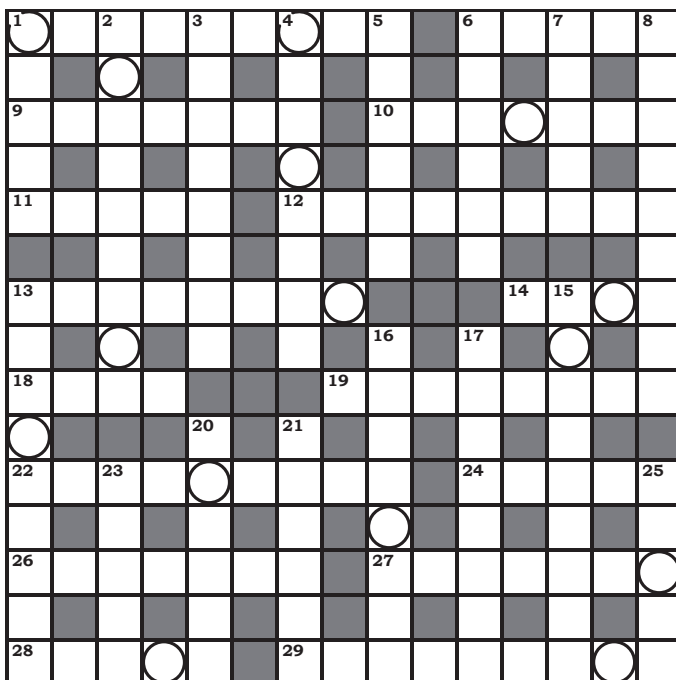
Across

- 1 King, extremely enraged to be besieged by tax – head for the hills! (9)
- 6 * Garland divorced from Rose, ultimately (5)
- 9 Watch outside broadcast before opening tennis shot (7)
- 10 Italian case A6051 to follow initial ruling (7)
- 11 Employed and given a raise, I heard (5)
- 12 Aliens disguised as parking officers, perhaps (9)
- 13 * Makes a mess of nutty log (8)
- 14 * Minister robbed of love (4)
- 18 * In the beginnning, love understates sexual temptation (4)
- 19 Dog attack sent back Aussie male to his vehicle? (8)
- 22 Overwhelmed by work pressure to wear tailored European dress (9)
- 24 Second ballot? He rigged some of the figures (5)
- 26 Take off a glove, almost upsetting tea (7)
- 27 School of thought: Love is to bind one's arms together (7)
- 28 * Consent to removal of American Democrat (5)
- 29 Bush to secure a regressing Russia with Southern riches (9)

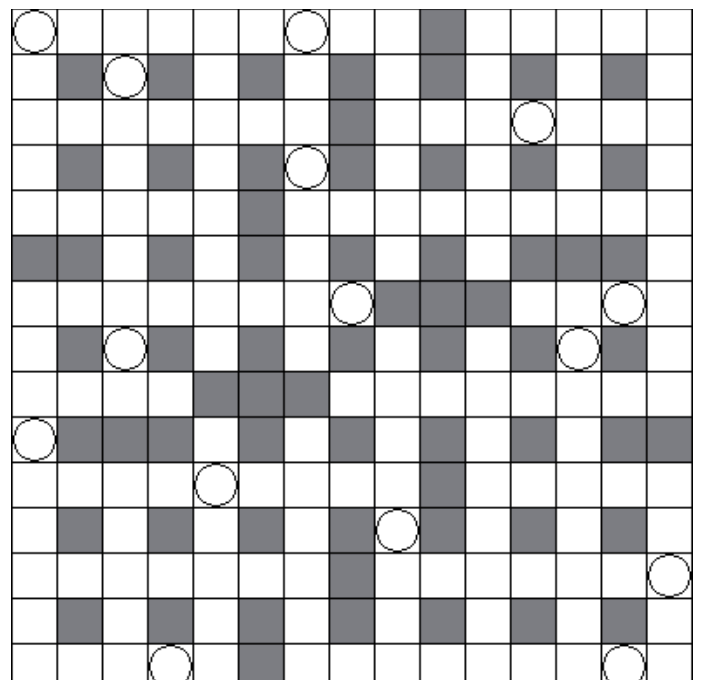
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- 1 * Crack, followed by heroin (5)
- 2 Wraps up objectives around work-hours (9)
- 3 Extreme bitterness with Australia (e.g. Sydney) incorporating travel restriction (8)
- 4 Putting clothes on – this can be saucy too (8)
- 5 Faults from alarms failing to initiate (6)
- 6 Signalling with a wine glass to have girl removed (6)
- 7 Make-up for a character (5)
- 8 Bob, for one, is on the poll? (9)
- 13 Irritating to have surgery when progressing rapidly (9)
- 15 The airgun fired in a more wayward manner (9)
- 16 Calligraphy (a certain amount) is elegant (8)
- 17 Coils are designed for heat units (8)
- 20 Embarrassed to have newspaper backing judge (6)
- 21 Verbally agree to going back in time (6)
- 23 * Park and Go (5)
- 25 Digital circuits? (5)

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Quiz No 1/2009

by Max



Quiz 1/2009: No Relation – a Quiz by Max

Clues relate to pairs of more-or-less famous people who are known by the same name but (as far as we can determine) are not related, listed in surname order (you can tick off their initials as you find them: AAABBBBCCDDDEEFFFGGGHHIJJJJJKLLMPPPPRRRRSSSVWWWW). The first has been “ticked off” as an example. A ‘Special Mention’ will be awarded for the most complete concise explanation of why so few of these people (three only) are women. Most names will be found in *Macquarie People and Places*. Send your entries to Doug Butler, PO Box 303, Oaklands Park SA 5046 or by email: Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au Closing mail date: 13 February 2009. Book prize.

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Results of Quiz No 11/2008.

The Monster Quiz by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

17 entries. Prize winner: **Trish McPherson. Congratulations!**

Thank you to all who entered this monstrous quiz which apparently held no fears for the majority. There were twelve completely correct entries, several with ½ or 1 incorrect, spelling mistake (Zis for Ziz) or missing answer and one missing two answers, so very well done to you all! There were also several alternative answers of which some of you were aware, namely Afrit, Ammit or Ammet for the A clue, Candyman for the C clue and Tomte for the T clue but I could not allow Xtabay for the X clue as it was incorrect. One or two pointed out that the J answer should have been Jabberwock, not Jabberwocky and I stand corrected. Both answers were counted as correct. Thanks to those who sent Christmas and New Year good wishes. The compliments of the Season to all and happy year of solving to come. —*Bev Cockburn*

Results: 26: Robyn Caine, Peter Dearie, Catherine Hambling, Susan Howells, Gabrielle Leeds, Trish McPherson, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, David Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith and Alan Walter. **25½:** Jack Stocks. **25:** Sonia Atkinson, Pat Garner and Margaret Steinberger **24:** Drew Meek.

Answers: Ammut, Bunyip, Cenobite, Dracula, Ebirah, Frankenstein’s Monster, Godzilla, Hedorah, Incredible Hulk, Jabberwock or Jabberwocky, King Kong, Loch Ness Monster, Minotaur, Nian, Owlman, Poltergeist, Questing Beast, Redcap, Scylla, Troll, Ushi-Oni, Vampire, Wyvern, Xelhua, Yowie and Ziz.

Solvers’ Comments:

- Yet another great quiz. The theme this month was great – so many scary creatures. I’ve really enjoyed them all. *Betty Siegman*
- At first I thought that the answer to the J clue was JORMUNGANDR, a Norse monster. However, on further searching I discovered that JABBERWOCKY was the fictional monster with “eyes aflame”, which was quite a surprise as I thought ‘Jabberwocky’ was a nonsense term from Lewis Carroll. *Alan Walter*
- I enjoyed your Quiz which introduced me to a number of Monsters that I hadn’t previously met. It set me off wondering about an appropriate collective noun for them: an Unnaturalness of Monsters? An Exaggeration of Monsters? Or even a Fright of Monsters? (I think I like a Fright of Monsters best. Bev) *Susan Howells*
- Another good one Bev. I actually know some of these without having to research further: always more fun than looking them up. Thanks. *Trish McPherson*
- We have certainly had plenty of nasties to deal with this month! Strangely not too many of the monsters overlapped from one puzzle to another. *Catherine Hambling*
- This is due to Ggoogling and guesses/memory. I enjoyed the quiz and hope I got some right. (You did indeed. Bev) *Robyn Caine*
- Here is my attempt at your monstrous monster quiz.Thanks for the challenge. *Jack Stocks*
- What a monstrous issue this was! With ghosts & ghouls, headless horses, bunyips & poltergeists on my mind, it will take a miracle to get me any sleep tonight. *Sonia Atkinson*
- Thank you for the quiz and I wish you all the best with your quiz solving and compiling and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Many thanks, David and the same to you and your family. Bev) *David Procter*

Bonus Quiz – November 2008: The Headless Horses by *Virgo*

1. Kensei 2. Windbag 3. Hyperno 4. Foxzami 5. Doriemus 6. Skipton 7. Malvolio 8. The Pearl 9. Rain Lover 10. Just a Dash 11. Old Rowley 12. Lord Nolan 13. Posinatus 14. Comedy King 15. Nimblefoot 16. Vintage Crop 17. Gurners Lane 18. Baghdad Note 19. Evening Peal 20. Artilleryman.

Scores: 20: S Atkinson, C Anderson, D Butler, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, M Cowan, P Dearie, P Garner, K Harper, N Hazell, S Howells, A Jermy, G Leeds, C McClelland, T McPherson, A Miles, B Morris, C Noble, D Procter, M Roddick, B Seigman, J Smith, J Stocks, B Symons, L Waites, A Walter, J Wenham, N Wilson and D Window. **19:** C Hambling.

Prizewinner: **Lorna Waites. Congratulations!**

Solvers’ comments:

- A clever and timely quiz. *Bev Cockburn*
- Another good quiz – thanks so much. *Trish McPherson*
- This was a great quiz. I was surprised at how many I was able to work out before resorting to reference sources. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Thanks for the fun! *Dallas Window*
- I hope that I have correctly unscrambled your horses and reattached their heads appropriately. *Susan Howells*
- Thank you for an enjoyable quiz. *Peter Dearie*
- A great quiz with topical Melbourne Cup Winners. *David Procter*
- Thanks for the quiz but what a job the stewards must have had at that race meeting. *Betty Siegman*
- Another entertaining and very topical quiz. I think I prefer the horses you invented to the real ones. *Kath Harper*
- Headless horses seem to be the only ones I get in the sweeps. *Jack Stocks*
- I enjoyed the challenge but of course I needed a list of past winners which I had. I had to reread the instructions before understanding what was required. *Graeme Cole*
- Another great quiz; I don’t know how you do it!!! *Ann Jermy*
- Thanks for another fun quiz that was something a bit different. I was puzzled by a couple but the December corrections put me right. *Jenny Wenham*
- With Neill it all makes sense – otherwise you’d have had this sooner. *Max Roddick*

Adjudicator’s comments:

30 entries with only one error: Ethereal instead of The Pearl for No. 8. In this entry, Foxami was allowed as this was its spelling in some references. Thanks to all who pointed out the two errors in the original. I haven’t been seeing too well lately with cataracted lenses in both eyes. One has now been replaced and I can see much better. The other is scheduled for 18 December. Typos are nothing to my having had a collision in my car, put water in the brake fluid and had to mop it out with a tissue, opening a can of soup for the cat and a can of catfood for Bruce, opening a tin of peeled tomatoes instead of tiny taters and having to change the menu to use it up, refilling the sugar container with coffee, and putting the pepper container upside down on a shelf... Thank you all for your good wishes regarding the ops, the many positive comments about the quiz, and your kind wishes for a happy Christmas. Particular thanks for the nice Christmas cards from Nancy and Robyn. I meant to back a horse that had something to do with eyes, but I couldn’t read the list of runners properly and missed out on *Viewed*. I hope some of you had better luck! —*Audrey Austin*

November 7-2008: Deliverance by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams). Entries 51. Correct 43. Success Rate 84%. Prizewinner Louisa Cooke. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's/Setters' comments:

Although most saw the theme the answers of some suggest that it remained a mystery to them. The anonymous old prayer runs "From ghoulies and ghosties and long legged/leggety beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord deliver us", hence the title and the careful placing of the "and"s in the rubric. Thank you for the comments – so nice that others enjoyed something that we found so much fun! Individual queries are answered as they occur below, or in the explanations below.

Members' comments:

• Not a banjo in sight but plenty of good clues. 'Ghoulies' started the bells ringing to dredge out this prayer my father used to say. Only one clue I can't quite follow: 26ac: I'm hoping the fabulous clothes = nudity (as in the emperor's new clothes). The big city in NY and dot=dit [when expressing Morse code by voice] but that leaves U to indicate 'acceptable' and I don't follow that ["socially acceptable according to Chambers cf "non-U": H&C].
Drew Meek

• "Good Lord Deliver Us". My sources reckon its "long leggety" – but I was looking up who wrote it to find that useless bit of info. Mr. Anonymous had a lot to say didn't he? Thanks for the puzzle – I/We (Mrs Chanticleer and I often do them together) thoroughly enjoyed it.
Jim Fowler

• Thanks for a bit of fun – which wasn't easy. The title was no help at all – why is it called Deliverance? Especially liked VISION and SINUOUSLY: ('supply' is very tricky).
Brian Symons

• Oh very nicely done! Thanks for a lovely time. *William Ryan*
• Thank you for this most entertaining but challenging and subtle puzzle. Among the many excellent clues, my favourite was 8dn SINUOUSLY where SUPPLY is used as an adverb from SUPPLE.
Catherine Hambling

• Thank you for this most challenging puzzle. It was lots of fun.
Jean Barbour

• Oooh, I had to sleep with my security blanket after solving this one! I don't have one living daylight left!!! I was unable to confirm my answer for 26ac and am delighted to find it was not something I knew off the top of my head. Thanks to both you and Ian for a very enjoyable exercise. [Sorry Roy, but there's a reason you didn't know it off the top of your head. H&C]
Roy Wilson

• I had a bit of a tussle with this, so submit with both fingers and eyes crossed! Thanks for helping me exercise the grey matter.
Pat Garner

• Thank you for our bonus puzzle this month. I found it frightfully good.
Ron O'Rourke

• I'm spooked with demon Puzzles – fiendishly designed too! I enjoyed your puzzle as always – thank you.
Bill Bennett

• Apart from the words "Things that go bump in the night" I hadn't heard any more of the poem so it held me back a bit. Indeed, I didn't even know it was a verse. I'm learning something every month.
Carole Noble

• A great puzzle, and some really good clues. I liked 7dn recidivist men, and the alternative meaning for supply – very clever. I was really stumped with 12ac, couldn't make sense of it at first, then I read your warning re clues and all became clear. Thank goodness. This month's crop has been great; I loved the theme. What devilish minds all you setters have!
Betty Siegman

• Thank you for another Hot & Cold puzzle & my introduction to the full prayer about "Things that go bump in the night!"
Bev Cockburn

• Herewith your unusual slot 7. You were right about the clues which would cause some distress!
Bob Hagan

• More scary beasties! I'm all ghosted out! Took a while before I realized how to approach this puzzle.
Roy Taylor

• Your puzzle was good – though by the time I got to it I was well & truly spooked out. If it had been one of the earlier puzzles it would have my COTM for SINUOUSLY – took me ages for the penny to drop – very clever.
Shirl O'Brien

• I almost called a séance to finish this grid! It was worthy of a

Slot 7. Eventually 'Things that go bump in the night' revealed themselves. 'Supply' is a fiendish definition. Is 'delivered' from 27ac a homophonic indicator, as in a 'delivering a speech'? [Yes, indeed. H&C] I now know there's no such thing as 'colapops'.

Michael Kennedy

• Loved the puzzle!

Robyn Caine

• I've never heard of a pine-house: don't somehow think the idea will catch on in Queensland! A great clue for 13dn.

Peter Dearie

• All in all I found all the slots 1-7 quite difficult this month, particularly 1,4,6 & 7. Looking forward to more of Hot & Cold in 2009, but maybe not as difficult. I have really enjoyed attempting your puzzles in the past.

Graeme Cole

• Loved it. Haven't heard "bump in the night" since I was a kid. I have laboured and thought hard over 15ac and have eventually given up and put in a guess. [Correctly, Trish. H&C]

Trish McPherson

• After last month's acrostic, I feel guilty for Googling the verse, but it was great fun! I don't get how 10ac works [If a flight is overbooked, excess passengers are "BUMPed" onto another flight +IN - H&C].

Jan Wood

• I really enjoyed your reference to nocturnal noises! Thanks for the challenge.

Ted O'Brien

• Thank you for your puzzle. I think you were very clever to get in the old "ghoulies & ghosties". Growing up in Scotland I knew the beasties as "long leggy" – yours are more sedate. I must admit by the time I got to No 7 I had had more than enough of Hallowe'en and other shocks and horrors.

Margaret Davis

• This could all be wasted effort, as I have been unable to decide on the right answer to 2dn. Out of the possible words I have picked one at random, no reason for it that I can see [Well picked, Margaret – see below: H&C].

Margaret Galbreath

• Thanks for your interesting co-compilation.

John Gillis

• Been putting off sending this, as am not at all sure of 2dn – Escrow seems to be the only thing that fits but can't see exactly why. [the Esc key is at the top left corner of the keyboard + ROW - H&C]. Particularly liked 21ac, and 4 and 8dn – (quite tricky). Can remember my grandmother reciting these lines with great relish – it seems the sort of verse that goes with grandmothers somehow.

Gillian Champion

• What an appropriate puzzle for page 13! It got easier when I connected the MA rating to the old invocation I learned back in the dark ages of childhood – "when the Earth was black, Mum", as my kids say.

Kath Harper

Explanations to November Slot 7 – Deliverance by Hot and Cold – see also compilers' comments. Results p2 column 7.

Across: 1 T (HEN) IGHT, 5 ANAG, 9 anag ALCO + POPS, 10 reference to objectionable airline practices + IN, 11 anag, 12 T+HAT+GO, 15 DDef, 18 anag, 21 prGRESS - pr, 22 BE (ASTI) ES, 24 anag + H, 25 anag, 26 reference to HCA's Emperor's new clothes N (U+DIT) Y, 27 homophone. **Down:** 1 TWA + NG, 2 Esc (key) + ROW, 3 IMP + UTE, 4 HA (P + PEN + I) NGS, 6 HO (UGH + T) ON, 7 MEN backwards with POT + IS inside, 8 anag, 13 MERE + WETHER, 14 HALLO + WEEN (Ch), 16 anag + D, 17 CLOSE + SET, 19 anag of 23Dn + S, 20 VISage - age + (L)ION, 23 Jocular reference to chorus of old song – what a gal!

Solution to November 2008 Slot 7

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition: Nov. No 5/2008.

Write a clue for SCHOONER (8).

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

I found three definitions for schooner:

1. large beer glass (US and Aus) (in most Aus states, asking for a schooner will get you a 15froz drink, but in SA only a 10froz drink) or a large sherry glass (Brit)
2. fast sailing-ship with two or more masts, and rigged fore-and-aft (where the sails are attached directly to the masts, as opposed to square rigged vessels, where the sails are attached to horizontal spars which are attached to the masts)
3. large wagon with broad wheels and an arched canvas top; used by the United States pioneers to cross the prairies in the 19th century more commonly prairie schooner (who remembers *Wagon Train?*).

Eleven clues were submitted this month, as shown below, and mostly they are fine examples of Ximenean crosswording. The winning clue is:

Champion earlier consumed large glass of beer

by Roy Taylor. It is an excellent example of a clue which has an indication, a definition and nothing else, not even a joining word between the two parts. It is also very short, but still makes complete sense as a sentence and tells a story. It brings to mind Bill Werbeniuk, a champion Canadian snooker player who was in the sport's top eight players in the early 1980s. A quote from him was "I'd down six to eight pints of lager before I started (a snooker match). Then I'd have one pint a frame." Considering that the World Championship finals consisted of 35 frames, he was as well known for the time he spent away from the table having 'comfort breaks' as he was for his snooker breaks.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner see the March 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the indication (in italics), and underneath I have added some comments.

Vessel whose content caused its sinking!

A pun on the two most common definitions, ie a sailing vessel and a drinking vessel. I've sunk a few drinks myself but luckily I've never been around when a sailing ship sank.

Blew nose we hear, for example; or **an old container**

'Blew nose we hear' refers to *Bluenose*, a Canadian fishing/racing schooner built in 1921. The 'old container' definition refers to a container for Old – definitely a clue from a New South Welshman. To be a "fair" Ximenean clue, Old should really have a capital letter. The best way to avoid the problem (of making the clue more obvious by using a capital letter) is to rearrange the clue so that Old is the first word of the clue and therefore would have a capital anyway.

Champion earlier consumed large glass of beer

Champion leads to CH in (consumed) SOONER and the definition is a large glass of beer (presumably not a clue from a South Australian).

Harness horse and cart in front on to the old wagon

Harness is the anagind indicating an anagram of HORSE plus C (cart, in front) plus ON.

You may sail in one on the sea or ride in one on the prairie. I prefer one full of beer at the bar.

This clue is a triple definition, covering all three options.

Vessel, being scuttled on shore, took in remnants of cargo left behind when the other ship departed

The definition is 'vessel' with an indication identified as an anagram by 'scuttled', the anagind, with the letters being ON SHORE plus C (cargo minus Argo, another ship).

Singer to promptly tidy up **glass vessel**

The singer is CHER and promptly is SOON and 'tidy up' is the anagind. This clue however is what is known as an indirect anagram, and is not considered to be a fair exercise of the setter's powers because the word 'SOON' has to be inferred from its synonym 'promptly' and then used as part of the anagram. Well known abbreviations (such as NE for 'north east', which is normally fairly obvious) are acceptable for use in anagrams, but less obvious abbreviations (such as NE for 'direction') would not be considered as fair. They are therefore unlikely to be considered as potential winners in this competition and would probably be sent back to the compiler with a request to reconsider the clue, if they appeared in a crossword submitted for publication in *Crozworld*.

Have a big drink when a student from an educational institution becomes a not entirely foolish fellow

Take a student (L) from a SCHOOL and add a not entire NERd to get a big drink.

Unkempt screw, without top warder, catches lout and has a **big glass of beer**

'Unkempt' indicates an anagram of the letters SCREw (without top of Warder) which are then placed around (catching) HOON (lout). The warder ends up celebrating with another big glass of beer.

Boat from onshore travels around cape

'Travels' is an anagind for ONSHORE, which is then put around Cape.

Befuddled by love, Sonny and Cher leave New York and get **transport across the prairie**

'Befuddled' is an anagind for O (love) plus SONny (less New York) plus CHER leading to the definition of a prairie schooner. The indication part of the clue is brilliant!

Clue Writing Competition No 1/2009:

Write a clue for the word **SYDNEY (6)**. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 13 February 2009. Book prize.



Bev Cockburn and Ian Williams at the Award presentation.
Photo: Shirl O'Brien

BEV COCKBURN – LIFE MEMBER OF THE ACC

Bev joined the ACC in January 1997 and started off her puzzle solving with a perfect score. Things have not changed much for her since then! When the ACC's founding Secretary Carole Noble stood down in February 1998 after 7½ years she handed the Secretarial baton to Bev in February 1998. Carole said at the time: "You will find Bev a very pleasant and capable lady." Too true! By March 1998 Bev was thanking the membership for her warm welcome and for the prizes she had already won. She said candidly: "It's nice to be rewarded for something I enjoy doing."

Bev has been a great support to me as President and as the publisher of *Crozworld* since June 2000. She was a great help when there were some adverse comments about the new design of *Crozworld*. One member could not accept the modern lay-out and presentation. But Bev was able to smooth the waters and keep everyone happy. Bev has also been our Treasurer following the untimely demise of Steve Workman. So you can see that Bev has been filling two roles and you can imagine how busy she is especially at renewal of subscriptions time. Bev has been our hard-working Secretary for more than ten years and has fulfilled that role in a most capable and efficient manner. Thanks to her undoubted ability, the business of the ACC has been carried out with unparalleled competence and diligence. She is the Best!

Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided to recognise her remarkable contribution not only to the ACC but also the cruciverbal art in Australia. We are delighted to award her Life Membership of the Australian Crossword Club.

**Patrick Street, President
The Australian Crossword Club**