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When old words die out on the tongue, new melodies break forth from the heart; and where the old tracks are lost, new country is revealed with its wonders. Rabindranath Tagore, 1912, *Gotanjali* (trans.) p37.

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The year 2010 has been another stellar 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 2011.

We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all puzzles and quizzes during 2010. The Club could not function without the valued assistance of the adjudicators. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club. We are confident that 2011 will bring out the best in our compilers and will provide an unending source of delight for all ACC members. Thank you compilers for a job well done! And a special vote of thanks to Andrew Patterson who has greatly assisted with the set-up of the Quizzes.

A special thank you to our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has made a huge contribution to the success of the Club. And 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.

We hope you will enjoy the puzzles selected by Ian this month. It's bonus time! We have increased the cash prizes and doubled the book prizes! We publish the generous prize schedule for 2011 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! *Patrick*

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I know I'm on record for growling at solvers who lose dots because of blank spaces (because they're so easily checked). This was my third adjudication and can I say at the outset how good it was to get so few errors caused by blanks – in fact I thought I was going to get through the whole set of answers without finding any. In the end there were a couple but you should take a collective bow this month for addressing this issue. Thank you too for the greetings and cards, (seasonally adjusted) – that's the bonus the December adjudication provides!

Slot 1: The intersecting PRE and UNE meant that getting one wrong got you two errors, as nearly 10 solvers found. Otherwise, no real problems, typos mainly – FRANKINSTEIN, CANE AAH, EARTMOBHERS for example.

Slot 2: Three answers in particular tripped up solvers here – FIORD submitted for FJORD, WITHHELD for WITHHOLD and OSIERS/ASTERS for ASPENS. The remaining errors were either typos, blanks or creative attempts (SORORITY for JOCOSITY).

Slot 3: Isn't always the case that **one** answer in **one** slot causes the most grief? More than 25 solvers tried HOME GAME for HOME BASE (with one happy variant of LOVE GAME) and lost the dot. Other slips were interesting (PIRACY for BIGAMY – a Freudian slip perhaps, SIRNAME for SURNAME) or constructive (KEEP ON for KEEP UP) or creative (LEASEE for LESSEE) but wrong nevertheless.

Slot 4: Lots of comments from solvers about the difficulty of slot 4 this month but amid the plethora of interesting variations and spellings HOPPLING tripped up more than most with HOPPLANT, HOBBLING, HOP ALONG being offered. Other errors were obvious typos (SKYSEAPE, YOGOSLAV) or desperate attempts to find any letters to make an intelligible word (so ZOFTIG and UPLOCK and NYOBE). Entertaining but wrong. Slot 4 though provided the COTM – see below.

Slot 5: Some interesting variations on the spelling of VICOMTE, and GALLOONED was obviously a new word to many (self included) with GASCOYNED and GADROONED being tried in its place. FAWN became FAWM (typo perhaps) but also DAMN and BANN which might have indicated personal feelings. I was surprised that STREEL – another unusual word – trapped only one player.

COTM: A good spread of suggestions this month, with firm favourites emerging early. Slot 2, 1ac (WITHHOLD) and Slot 3 15ac (BIGAMY) were well-liked, but the runaway winner was the T clue in slot 4 (TAPER) with 10 votes, and one comment ("clue of the century!") summing up neatly how many solvers felt. Congratulations to Len Colgan (*Crowsman*)
—David Grainger

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	84	75	84	67	73	383
Correct entries	67	54	52	45	55	273
Success rate (%)	79.7	72.0	61.9	67.1	75.3	86.2
Prizewinners	C Lee T O'Brien	D Bennett W Villiers	A Simons M Pyc	S May	F Martin G McAdoo	from 108 members

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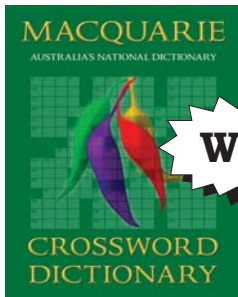




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Half 'n Half
by
*The Eager
Beaver*

Prizes: \$75



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Across

- 1 Parvenus (8)
- 5 Belly (6)
- 9 Wimp (8)
- 10 Stockpiles (6)
- 12 Chaos (5)
- 13 Cross between tangerine, grapefruit and orange (4,5)
- 14 As opposed to one direction only (3,3,6)
- 18 Assembly (12)
- 21 Accurse better as speak profanely? (9)
- 23 Carrion-feeding carnivore (5)
- 24 Instruments (6)
- 25 Sameness in colour (8)
- 26 Avidly (6)
- 27 Orbicular (8)

Down

- 1 Silly to have begun wisent-herding inside! (6)
- 2 Symbol of solar deity found with wrecked barcas (6)
- 3 Maximum hostility after end of innings battle (3-3,3)
- 4 Language oscillator creates perpetrator of idle gossip (6-6)
- 6 Indifferent loofa is different! (5)
- 7 Nourished mistreated rued runt (8)
- 8 I see that doctor shillyshally (8)
- 11 He competes against an idiot and clowns around (5,3,4)
- 15 Chewing implement on fowl's head used for parasite removal (9)
- 16 Cold confection found in twice blockaded area (3,5)
- 17 Enmesh the small fly as it flits upwards in the shady north lee (8)
- 19 Abridged recipe uses grease for a kick (6)
- 20 Rush wildly into life's work (6)
- 22 Nepal arrangements relating to discipline (5)



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Cryptic by Wol

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Across

- 1 Ring the stall to pay for your trip here (9)
- 6 Crop bring credit and a lot of awe (4)
- 8 Magicians on the outskirts of London worried about the principles of the C of E (11)
- 9 Finish mend without starting machine (3)
- 11 Surroundings of alien in deception (7)
- 12 Ancient Egyptian dead. Beat that. (3,4)
- 13 Plenty of room for brains, but do such people use them (3-6)
- 15 A peculiar island drink (3)
- 17 A measure to sell short (3)
- 18 Publish too many? Excess to impress (9)
- 22 Immediate stain messed up the NT (7)
- 24 Getting out was stirring, though without a hundred (7)
- 25 One new prefix (3)
- 26 The day of choice for the first woman? No, the day before (8,3)
- 27 Only a lake boundary (4)

- 28 I defy lash wielded on parts of farm (9)

Down

- 1 With limited allowance, I run in torn pants, giving off vapour (13)
- 2 Small change from first to last gives illumination (6)
- 3 Strike contains trouble for agent (7)
- 4 End of fruit? It's the European butterfly (6-3)
- 5 Raise washing. Is hot, mangled (5)
- 6 In short arrive, repair, praise (7)
- 7 Capital queen (8)
- 10 Insect parent not short on supports (5-4-4)
- 14 Wicked unknown hides depression, obviously (9)
- 16 Primitiv plant went upward, produced fine flowers (4,4)
- 19 Age tree to make display stand (7)
- 20 Spilled oil after journey to capital (7)
- 21 One panel shaped like a cone (6)
- 23 Note the mongrel canines (5)


Compiler Profile: Wol (Margaret Galbreath)

Born England in 1925. War/teenage years at Orpington, Kent. 1946, married Ron. 1948, first child. 1949, emigrated to Australia - £10 Poms. Started Aussie life at Gympie on cousin's dairy farm; very hard work. 1950, to Melbourne for 6 years, acquired 2 more children. 1955, to Hobart, one more child. 1958, to Canberra, Ron working at Mt Stromlo for 3 years. A girl this time. 1961, moved to Elizabeth SA, built a house, still live in it. Robin, our baby was born. When he started school I became a library lady - the best job in the world: loads of books to read, loads of interesting people to chat to. 1985, retired. Hobbies, play recorder and penny whistle in a folk group, Tai Chi, gardening, reading, crosswords. We have been married now for 64 years and have 6 grandchildren and 4¾ great-grandchildren. The greats are all boys! "Wol" is how Owl in *Winnie the Pooh* spelled his name. He could spell Tuesday too so you knew it wasn't Wednesday! He left a note for Pooh and Rabbit saying "Gon out Backson Wol." I've always loved owls, my favourite is Minerva's owl from Aquae Sulis. When Bev and I co-operated, we called ourselves 'Two grey owls', and I thought I would continue the tradition.

Explanations for December Slots 1-5 (where provided by setters) - thanks to Len and Drew.

Slot 4: The Crowsman **A:** anag (&lit); **B:** double def; **C:** counter/at/tacked; **D:** Den(yin)g; **E:** en(case)d; **F:** F(loo)red; **G:** double def; **H:** hop/pling (! is a pling); **I:** Ivor/Ian; **J:** jet/liner; **K:** homonym; **L:** leg(at)ions; **M:** maxim/a; **N:** NY/mp; **O:** overt/urns; **P:** plea/sure/see/king; **Q:** qu(AGM)ires; **R:** re(pro)bate; **S:** sky/s/cape; **T:** double def; **U:** un/lock; **V:** verge(r); **W:** W/heel; **X:** (lonely/X) rev; **Y:** guy(rev)/also(rev)/v; **Z:** z(on)ing. **Slot 5: St Jude: Across** **1** anagind) **5** ST + REEL) **9** Double defn **10** ST(R)EAK) **12** MAC + ADAM + IA **14** ArGUE) **16** NUT + ATE + D) **19** BR + OIL + E + D) **21** CO + DE) **24** CAR + GO) **25** CO (NTU) MELY) **27** stRIDENT) **28** RES > SER) + AG) + anag OIL) **29** double defn) **30** anag MANI f E s TED) **Down** **1** DR + E + AM + Y) **2** double defn) **3** S + HARD) **4** VIC + OM + TE) **6** TITILLATED - LL + V) **7** EXEC + RATE) **8** LAKE + SIDE) **11** triple defn) inc homophone) **15** G + bALLOONED) **17** OBS + CURED) **18** double defn) **20** triple defn) **21** CON (CE) DE) **22** ZEA + LOT) **23**, 13-across anag) **26** HW.)



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Work it out! by Kaeila


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Seven clues are, broadly, of a kind and lack further definition.

Across

- 1 Rip rust off this iron support (7)
- 5 Melody requires royal pipe (7)
- 9 Physician is after vineyard for a small amount (5)
- 10 Crumpled blackout drapes lost colour when stretched wide (9)
- 11 Scruffy junk – empty contents! (7)
- 12 Batman dressed as little fowl (6)
- 15 Conceal in leather (4)
- 16 Cheeky retriever playfully swallowing last of ptarmigan (10)
- 19 In tavern on drink? Ernie's one who only drinks lemonade! (3-7)
- 20 Principally lusts over gold on emblem (4)
- 22 Respect paid to silver in our house (6)
- 24 Small carpet with a beetle (7)
- 27 Celts ran author ragged! (9)
- 28 Twist together in wet dance (5)
- 29 Inspiration of 19, say, outside Nimes, treated loss of memory (7)
- 30 True height ... (7)

Down

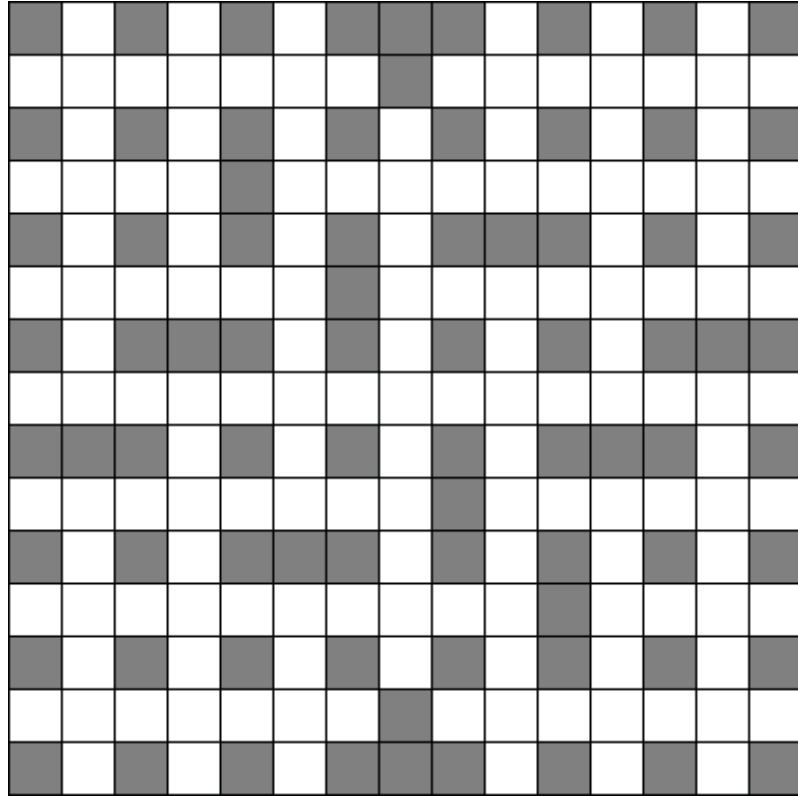
- 1 ... of Young Conservative in the Society of Engineers (4)
- 2 Bird manure put on island fronting old reptile! (9)
- 3 Wandering brown bear lacking beard (6)
- 4 Flourishing expert's exercise hoop (10)
- 5 Joints reversed in stucco (4)
- 6 Greek letters lacking a writing system (8)
- 7 Negotiate with Mad Hatter, but not Henry (5)
- 8 Embarrassed English Parliamentarian into nonconformist salvation (10)
- 13 Furry rodent cold in panda country (10)
- 14 Been manipulating agent. He gives donations! (10)
- 17 English Chamber Orchestra! See the point? (9)
- 18 Gert's rig shuddering, starts off (8)
- 21 Put arm casually around worker in religious chant (6)
- 23 Simpleton partly infirm or only lame? (5)
- 25 Eager for a comeback? (4)
- 26 Agent returns holding a fruit (4)

Another Sydney Get-Together Triumph!

At William Ryan's modern Harold Park Hotel on 28 November members and significant others enjoyed a day of cruciverbal conversation, conundrum cracking and cogitation over puzzles and quiz questions. Approx. 45 members and friends gathered in the salubrious upstairs surroundings for a memorable occasion. The Sydneysiders were well represented including Roy Wilson, David Stickleby, Del Kennedy, Joan McGrath, Corryn Anderson, Marian Procter, Dale McManus, Robyn Wimbush, Margaret Davis, John Brotherton, Andrew Patterson and Michael Kennedy and Veniece Lobsey from Dubbo, just to name a few. Victorians were in attendance also including Patrick Street, Alison Shield, Kath Harper and Alison Martin. The ACT members included our puzzle-set-up man and adjudicators Ian and Kay Williams, Nea and Charles Storey and David and Hazel Grainger. South Australians included Doug and Paulina Butler and Len Colgan. A couple of 'easy' puzzles were tabled by *stroz* and our Secretary Bev Cockburn devised a challenging Quiz. Len Colgan gave us a couple of fascinating clues on the whiteboard and there were numerous prizes given away to skilful solvers and lucky door prizes. The food supplied by William was first-class and the day was a stunning success. Photos of some of those in attendance kindly supplied by Doug Butler can be admired on p20. We sincerely thank William for making his Pride and Joy available to us for our ongoing enjoyment and we have all resolved to come back again in 2011! Also, we appreciate all the work done by our Secretary Bev Cockburn. Her painstaking preparation and organisation contributed to the overall success of the occasion.



J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 1 S L O T 4
AJ by <i>Virgo</i>
Prize: Tornado Crossword Pencil [rrp \$77.00]



Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Basic lake in the French Revolution (8) B Iris is down; slow down! (4,4) C A show stopper! (10,5) D Flying asteroids leave nothing behind in a catastrophe (8) E The model has it both ways (4) F Half the school follows, knowing Alpine mass (6) G Pull ALP log out for survey of voters (6,4) H Her Majesty and miler fooled a Nazi (7) I Sheds light on nouveau art diaries (10) J Joy Penn, Ph.D – Turner and Pirates movie star (6,4) K The old back takes over round swinging constituency (3,4) L Toilets sent to Her with less formality (6) M In all humility, clean up the never ending mess from the frantic knees-up (8) N The top of the drink? (8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O These poems go unrecited outside class finals (4) P Piper moves last off messenger of the minor incident (10) Q Game media chief showed fear (7) R In politics, Kevin is shorter than Phillip (4) S Moving the top cover in grass ... (7) T ... in an attempt to get the goal in (6) U Understanding Pat Formby's instrument medley (6) V Funny! Half the school – five hundred – going with Ivan for a curry (8) W Gwen writing uncomfortably, covered in perspiration (8,3) X Annual events are different; same difference in crosses (6) Y The age limit of every other tyre pair (4) Z The last eastern bear is lost without a predator-safe camp (6) |
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GENERAL COMMENTS:


- I have just received my prize of the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*, and I am thrilled. I have always said you can't have too many dictionaries and this edition is most welcome. *Joan McGrath*
- Many thanks for the prize for November's Slot 5. An early Christmas present! *Denis Coates*
- In the comments on my November 5 puzzle it was mentioned: "solvers had some reservations regarding PILOSES." Brian Symons, in fact, going so far as to say: "I don't think that there is such a word as PILOSES (it is PILOSIS)". The *Merriam-Webster. Unabridged Dictionary* defines 'Psiloses' as the plural of 'PSILOSIS'. Perhaps I could more accurately have defined it as 'hair losses'. *Roy Wilson*
- Many thanks to ACC for the November prize – I go into hospital soon, and the cheque will help ease the pain. *Margaret Steinberger*
- Very enjoyable bunch of crosswords – I post them off with confidence – probably unwarranted! *Merv Collins*
- Another great lot of puzzles. *Betty Siegman*
- ... thankfully there were no headache-causing 'pesky' four letter words this month ... *Odette Greenberger*
- A lovely lot of puzzles once again, with new words added to my vocabulary. I found slot 4 very challenging but with a bit of help from new friends at the Annual Get-together finally managed to piece it all together ... [I]t was so nice to meet the members of *Crozworld* and put faces to names or should I say names to faces! Thank you so much for the book prize – the *Chambers Thesaurus* is being used constantly and is a real help to puzzle solving! Not sure of 'strel' in slot 5 but at least a completed puzzle to enter. *Lynne Spicer*



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Cryptic
by
The EmCee

Prizes: \$75



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Across

- 1 Conflict's fashionable for old trireme (7)
- 5 A triumph hard to articulate for one who 8-downs! (7)
- 9 A garland? OK, that'd make for a fun time (7)
- 10 The classy ringer displayed a lot of needle (7)
- 11 He had a saline partnership – and plenty of it (3)
- 12 I fled in confusion from the disbeliever (7)
- 13 Look in the field, Rick, for the tiger, of course! (7)
- 14 Publicise the cockney girl's tresses (3)
- 16 The sheep went backwards to the trap near the edge (6)
- 18 Wow! Everyone can come in and indulge in the pleasure (6)
- 20 A town on the Nullarbor? That's a clue, strangely (5)
- 21 Rip off and run to the church (6)
- 22 The move was a risk; the French left it (6)
- 23 Times are moving backwards (3)
- 25 Practical views are, firstly, rarely expressed as living in silly make-believe (7)
- 28 'Fever!' – bad French song (7)
- 30 Hey, little brother! See you round when you come back (3)
- 31 Electing? No, I bungle it and overlook the opportunity (7)
- 32 I heard the foully cursin' princess was once a Turkish official (7)

- 33 On the surface, the leaves may seem red (7)
- 34 Fruit produced sore, dislocated joint (7)

Down

- 1 Wage for a million changed a King of England (7,2,6)
- 2 The cavalry, perhaps, will strengthen! (9)
- 3 He who understands only in part, is still a great nose for news (5)
- 4 Father Fitzgerald makes Spanish fare (6)
- 5 None heard sibling (6)
- 6 Better preserved (5)
- 7 When Nui Dat market closed, boredom set in (5)
- 8 Effect of pronounced problem which makes sausages hard to spit out! (6,4,1,4)
- 15 Suffer like a popular pooch (5)
- 17 Nearly every necessity for a maiden name (3)
- 18 Posh sportsman's wife is a cheeky one! (3)
- 19 'The room next to Laboratory X needs a wash', said one who 8-downs. The bull lived there (9)
- 23 Ed swallowed a speck of dust and over-reacted (6)
- 24 Ale before noon produces tobacco juice (6)
- 26 A glen yields a viewpoint (5)
- 27 New theories can reinvigorate a side (5)
- 29 Encourages strongmen's achievements (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

• What excitement when the December issue lobbed in my Inbox. First, Slots 1-5 all OK, then a prize for me for Slot 4 and the icing on the cake – one of my clues got the COTM! My grateful thanks to everyone responsible for this bonanza.

Catherine Hambling

• For clue of the month, I vote for the AJ clue O – 'overturns' with Slot 2, 25ac 'purchases' as a runner up. Both clues are marvels of brevity with great surface readings. Well done to the setters.

Mal Cockburn

• I was tempted by *St Jude's* 6dn and 11dn (Slot 5), but finally went for *Virgo's* 4dn in Slot 4 – brief and beautifully misleading. Thank you for the lovely prizes I was lucky enough to be presented with at the end-of-year lunch, especially the terrific *Chambers Dictionary*. Sadly, William Ryan's generously donated bottle of wine didn't make it home – we felt obliged to drink it so that our luggage wouldn't be too heavy on the return trip!

Kath Harper

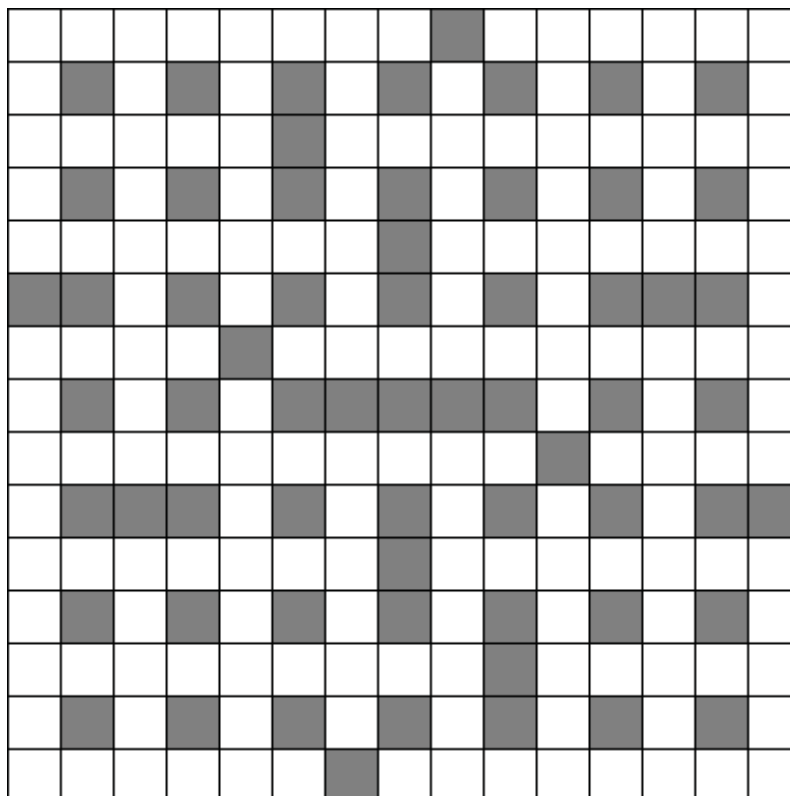


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Clueless by InGrid

Prize x 2

11th edn. 2008
rrp: \$99.95



Solve the anagrams and place them in the grid, where they fit

- ATTIRE RULE (10)
- CAREER INTO (10)
- READ LABEL (9)
- ARGUE ONCE (9)
- TRIM HALOS (9)
- TIN CADDIE (9)
- TEN SITARS (9)
- EMOTE SINS (9)
- STAR ITEM (8)
- PERUSERS (8)
- RENT RAGS (8)
- HEARD VAN (8)
- ASS SEAM (7)
- CANE HEN (7)
- LOSE PIN (7)
- RAN SPEC (7)

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- SHAMS (5)
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- GRAB (4)
- SIDE (4)

**Post
Solution
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ACC COMPILER OF 2010: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2010. 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 2010. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2010 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2011. During 2010, the results were as follows. We respectfully recognise the late **Noel Jessop** with 3 COTMs, Jenny Wenham and Len Colgan with 2 COTMs and John Brotherton, Tony Dobebe, Catherine Hambling, Michael Kennedy, Nea Storey, Ian Williams, Roy Wilson and Andrew Patterson 1 each. Well done!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2011, the cost is only \$30. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2011! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$30 for the whole year. Great value!

Subscription renewals kindly received from: Anderson C, Austin A, Banks M, Barbour J, Bryant R, Butler D, Carroll L, Champion G, Chance C, Clayton J, Collins M, Copland F, Davey J, Dearie P, Dobebe T, Fauser G, Freeland J, Greig N, Hazell N, Hemsley D, Horan P, King J, Lobsey V, May S, McAdoo G, McGrath J, McPherson T, Meek D, Mitchell J, Patterson A, Potts M, Procter D, Raw M, Savannah T, Smith J, Solomon B, Trollope S, Wallace B, Watzinger M, Wilcox C and Wilson R.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2011 are gratefully received from: Corryn Anderson, Margaret Banks, Jean Barbour, Doug Butler, Lesley Carroll, Gillian Champion, Chester Chance, Merv Collins, Fay Copland, John Davey, Tony Dobebe, Jill Freeland, Don Hemsley, Pat Horan, Jacqui King, Veniece Lobsey, Greg McAdoo, McGrath J, Trish McPherson, Sandra May, Drew Meek, Andrew Miles, Judith Mitchell, Andrew Patterson, David Procter, Therese Savannah, Joan Smith, Bev Solomon, Steve Trollope, Margaret Watzinger and Cheryl Wilcox.

E-LODGMET: Would you like to lodge your solutions in an electronic format rather than relying on the post? If so, then e-lodgment is for you: it's quick, reliable and inexpensive. Ian has been skilfully managing e-lodgment entries since July 2005 and we express our sincere thanks to him for the time and energy he has devoted to this worthwhile project. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au

Appeals: If you feel aggrieved about any decision made by an Adjudicator, then contact the Adjudicator and put your case. If your appeal to the Adjudicator is unsuccessful, you may contact the Executive Committee who will then finally determine the appeal.

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New Members: **Nicolas Liberman** from South Yarra, Vic and **Matthew Jury** from Rowville Vic (a Gift Membership from Alison Hocking). Welcome to the

Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Errata and Corrigenda for January 2011 Crozworld.

Alison Shield received dots for November slots 1 and 4.

December Slot 6: the word length indicator for 10ac would more normally read (4-3)

Providing your comments on puzzles: While we aim to publish all comments made by members on puzzles (space in *CrOZworld* permitting), the volume of some of the comments that are provided in manuscript form creates a significant workload for our long-suffering adjudicators. To help us to help you to have your comments published, where you have e-mail would you kindly provide your comments by e-mail so that the adjudicator only has to cut and paste the comments rather than spend a considerable amount of their valuable time in typing them? Thank you.

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2011

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the 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 2011.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

rubricate *v.tr.* 1. mark with red; print or write in red. 2. provide with rubrics. [ORIGIN: Latin *rubricare* from *rubrica* (*terra*) 'red (earth or ochre)' as writing material, related to *rubeus* 'red'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

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A Note about the Prizes for 2011

Thanks to the generosity of members, we are able to maintain the prize schedule for 2011 and are continuing with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2011. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement. As in 2010, we will award trophies for the Club's champion solvers and each trophy will carry a plaque setting out the details of the winner's name and the particular competition. Trophies will be awarded for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2011 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2011. These special trophies will look great on 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 2011!

Note: In 2011, 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 or opened, a repeat submission may be allowed following consultation with Ian Williams.

December 1-2010: Quite Candid by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

• Must mention how much I thoroughly enjoyed Slot 1. Some answers were so simple they didn't even register at first, but when the penny dropped, they did make me laugh. Thanks for some great fun.

Glenda Lloyd

• An unusually low percentage of unches gave a large number of clues (56) which unfortunately included 4 'naughty' 2-letter answers. Nice theme.

Brian Tickle

• Thanks Fortuna 48 for your quite 'Frank' opening puzzle. 'Elle' gets two mentions: 33ac and 8dn.

Alan Walter

• What happened to the days when Slot 1 was an orthodox puzzle? This one was no 'gimme'.

Col Archibald

• Frankly, shouldn't be Slot 1. Is BLT clue cryptic?
• Not your usual Slot 1, and until 6ac was solved the going was slow. I found that even Chambers defines 'Frankenstein' as a monster.

Roy Taylor

Peter Dearie

• Fluked 6ac which was a good start! Cannot confirm 33ac or 36dn so am hoping the 'through' answers are correct.

Anne Simons

• Nice title, which I didn't notice till I'd finished and there were some reasonable clues for short words which can be difficult. 18ac: hope to hear what "voter for an Archibald Prize" has to do with Frank Packer. [not Frank directly, but a double definition referring to the alternative prize awarded by the gallery packers. IMWJ] 22ac: behaviour is a noun not a verb, so "describing lustful behaviour" would be 'horny' not 'hornily'. 1dn: Frankenstein was the scientist not the monster.

Drew Meek

Tony Dobebe

• Clever theme - candid/frank.
• An interesting slot 1 and, frankly, an odd mixture of trivial and obscure words and clues. Good fun.

Jim Fowler

• Frankly, my dear ... I loved the quirky playfulness of many of these clues.

Kath Harper

• Quite a few new words for me in this one with TAR BABIES being my favourite. Favourite clue was 5dn. I don't like the split definition in 39dn, though.

Jenny Wenham

December 2-2010: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• In 1ac using 'water' to mean HHO is a little naughty but oh, so clever. I felt a minor irritation when I saw '(Spenser)' in 23dn as I am not a big fan of the use of Spenserian words. Once again Audrey was much too clever for me. Spens formed the bulk of the answer 'aspens'.

Brian Tickle

• 18dn: FLYPAPER = an insect trap. Presumably Fly(ing) paper is a kite. Thanks Virgo for a good cryptic.

Alan Walter

• Nice one thanks Audrey.
• WITHHOLD nearly got my COTM.

Col Archibald

• A well-clued slot, liked 'avon' for a German river.

Peter Dearie

• Some great clues here especially 13ac, 31ac and 18dn.
• 5ac: nice surface reading but the double definition is in fact the same definition 15ac: Chambers indicates testimony = vt (Shakespeare) to test, prove or judge by evidence = trial but what does "change" indicate? 4dn: "movie" is a bit of a stretch for an anagind! 16dn was my COTM.

Drew Meek

• I have AVON for 17ac but not sure how German leads to VON. 'Von' in German is 'of' or 'from', not 'a'. Unless I've misread the clue and got it wrong. Couple of iffy anaginds - 'movie' and 'settle'.

Tony Dobebe

• A generally fair and high standard puzzle. I'm not keen on references to 'not all that well known' persons - ie Roger Bannister in 11ac. I'm of a certain age and well remember the 4 minute mile. Youthlier persons may well say "what's a mile? I liked the misdirection in 23dn.

Jim Fowler

• I enjoyed 17ac, 28ac, 4dn and 14dn. Does the "Street" in 21ac refer to Patrick?

Nea Storey

• Was it deliberate, I wonder, to include a description of the setter at 22dn?

Kath Harper

• I liked 28ac & 16dn. In 29ac, does F=French? I can't find any reference to this.

Jenny Wenham

• Ideal Slot 2. Favourite clues were 1ac and 14dn.

Len Colgan

December 3-2010: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

• David Astle has some warm and well deserved compliments about Shirl on p67 of his new book *Puzzled*. He also writes about some over-zealous PC concerning clues like 9ac and 24ac on p141. Your clues didn't make me 'mad' Shirl. Loved 15ac.

Brian Tickle

• 10ac: L+ESS+EE = He rents, LEE = sheltered spot which is placed around the 'ESS' bend. 25ac: SH+ODD+Y eccentric = ODD, without being inhibited = SH+Y - neat clue. Much liked 15ac: BIG+AMY, 2dn: O+PALS (zero friends for 'The Stones' and your 2 x 15 letter themes in 9ac and 24ac. Thanks Shirl.

Alan Walter

• Ahhh bliss the mistress of the Slot 3 spot, our Shirl! Col Archibald

Col Archibald

• As always, a pleasure to solve. 'Bigamy' was neatly clued.

Peter Dearie

• Enjoyed this one although it took a while to twig to 'BATS ...'

Anne Simons

• A nice cryptic from *Southern Cross!*

Tony Dobebe

• Not easy but not hard and displaying Shirley's consistency in producing well constructed puzzles (hope that doesn't sound pompous - it's not intended).

Jim Fowler

• I thought 13dn very clever.
• A solid mental workout with no nasty surprises to spoil the fun.

Nea Storey

• I didn't know Surinam could be spelt with a final E. Favourite clues were 10 & 15ac and 13dn.

Kath Harper

Jenny Wenham

• Quality clueing and no weird words. Keep them coming, Shirl.

Len Colgan

December 4-2010: AJ by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• What a great grid! My favourite clue was M: saw a number of peaks = 'maxima'.

Brian Tickle

• H=HOPPLING, why a 'dance'? HOPPING or HOP is a dance, but is HOPPLING a dance? T=TAPER=a 'wick'-ed thing! Z=Z+ON+ING where Energy=ZING. Y=YUG+OSLA+V where YUG='upset chap', OSLA=turned 'further' + V=versus (against). This was a challenging AJ, not easy to fit into the grid. Thanks *Crowsman*.

Alan Walter

• Hated the grid: not very conducive to solving an AJ with some clues that had me scratching my noggin, but when solved almost made sense to me! Having said that my COTM goes to the 'T' clue - 'wicked' indeed! Should have been a Slot 6!

Col Archibald

• Slot 4 grid was different. Then I managed to get 2 interlocking 6-letter words and the rest managed to fit in. Hope they are right!

Betty Siegman

• A very puzzling jigsaw! MAXIMA nearly COTM.

Roy Taylor

• This style of grid is more of a challenge than usual. The T clue was a gem - wicked indeed! Regarding the F clue, I wonder if the Fred Basset cartoon strip is still being syndicated? I haven't seen him for years.

Peter Dearie

• Another challenging AJ, COUNTERATTACKED and IVORIAN being the last ones to fall into place.

Anne Simons

• H: the definition is clear but secind is not clear to me. If "dance" indicates "hopping" the insertion of "I" doesn't seem to be indicated. R: clue suggests rep(FOR) rebate (ALLOWANCE) = reprobate but the only place I could find that word was in online urban dictionary - reprobate: A person who can't spell reprobate (miscreant), so I put in reprobate [see explanations on p4].

Drew Meek

• A different grid pattern from the usual, leading to only four initial letters included in other words, none longer than 9 letters.

Tony Dobebe

• Len is definitely not easing off with his clues which range from fairly hard to phwaah. The 'H' clue Hoppling has to be my COTM. Getting on towards the completion of the puzzle - it had to be hoppling. In desperate forlorn hope I turned to Pling in *Chambers!* and there it was! - "The answer is Pling!", he exclaimed. Also a curious (or intended) interlinking of BOLTED and UNLOCK in the bottom right hand corner.

Jim Fowler

• Definitely not easy! I had never heard of "hoppling" before. The J clue threw me for a long time, because I was thinking of jetplane rather than jetliner.

Nea Storey

• Tricky! Quite a challenge with so few starting letters readily accessible, and the occasional unusual word to up to degree of difficulty.

• A double challenge with Len's clues and the AJ format. Favourites were G & M.

Kath Harper

Jenny Wenham

December 5-2010: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

• I really enjoyed the way 'titillated' was transformed into 'titivated' in 6dn.

Brian Tickle

• 18dn: PORRIDGE. If you are in the 'porridge' you do 'time'. 22dn: ZEA+LOT. 23dn: and 13ac - first thought a 'rabbit killer' was a 'punch' Bit of a put-down to state that 'the MYXOMA VIRUS' should be 'blindingly apparent'. MYXOMATOSIS may well be. Thanks for your mind-wracking puzzle

St Jude

Alan Walter

• I liked the triple definition DOCK.

Roy Taylor

• Slot 5, 20dn: I love these 3-definition words and am pleased that the Club finally is permitting them.

Doreen Jones

• I've never heard of Lakeside raceway. I found this slot a hard one. 'Streel' took ages to work out.

Peter Dearie

• Last one finished! Took ages to get 5ac. Clever clues.

Anne Simons

• Another anagind quibble - 'digested' would be better as a containment indicator.

Tony Dobebe

• What a co-incidence to have the myxoma virus in a crossword just before the death of Professor Frank Fenner, who introduced it to Australia! Needed to check on spelling of 11dn (faun/fawn). I tossed up between 17dn and 18dn for my COTM vote.

Nea Storey

• Loved the cheeky misdirection of 19ac. I can't verify OBS as an abbreviation for "obstetrics", only OB. My favourite clue was 24ac.

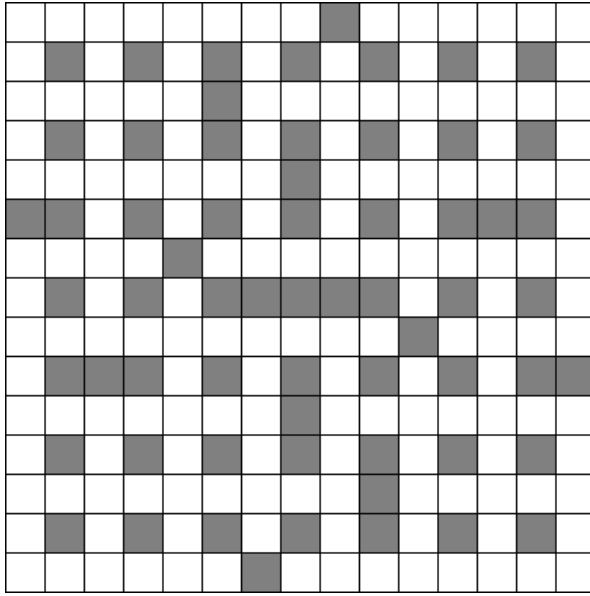
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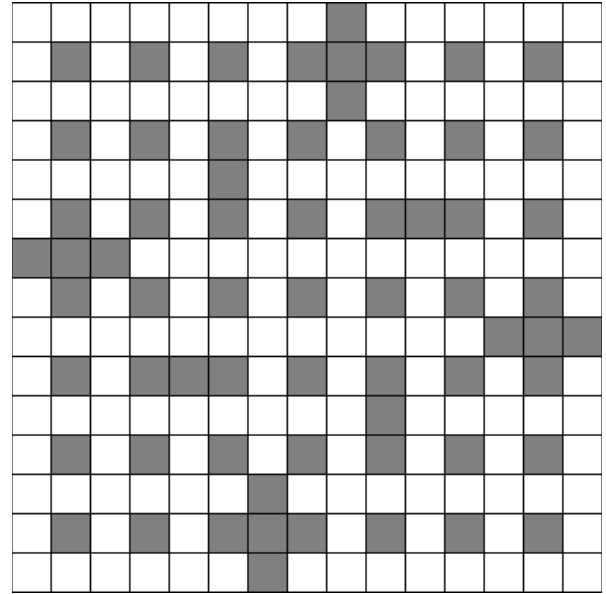
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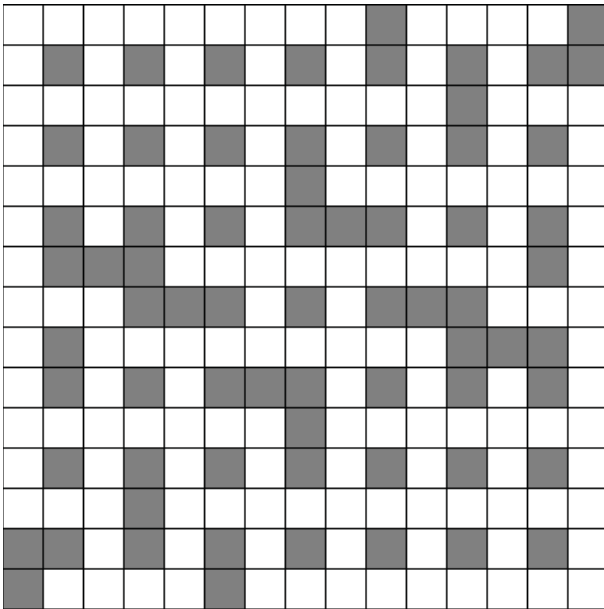
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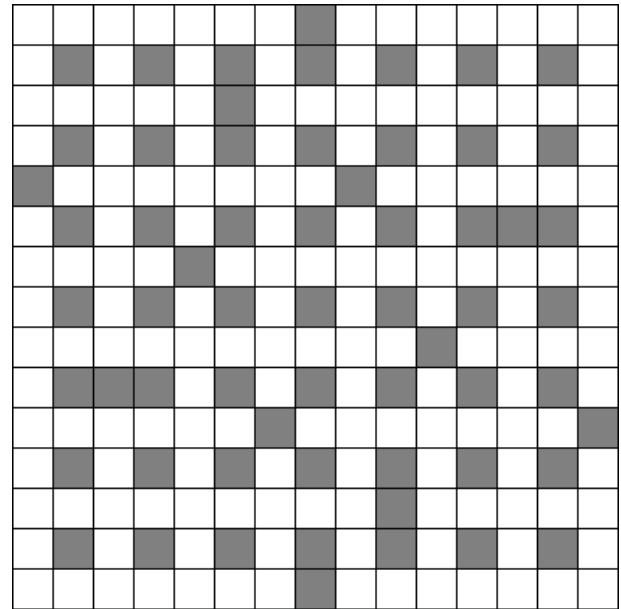
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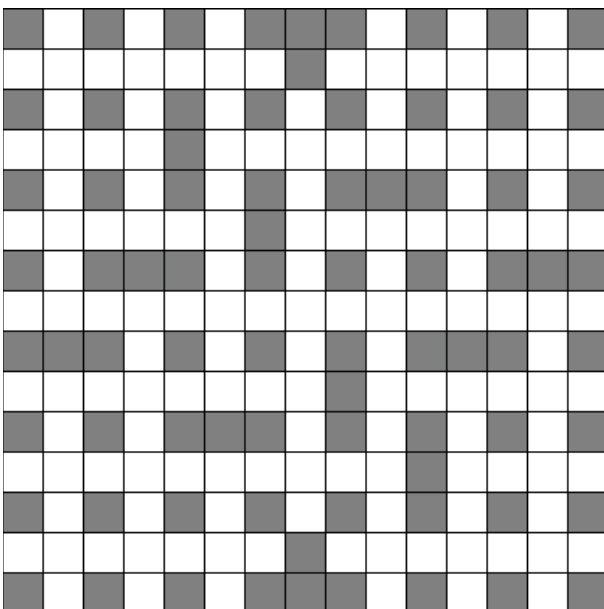
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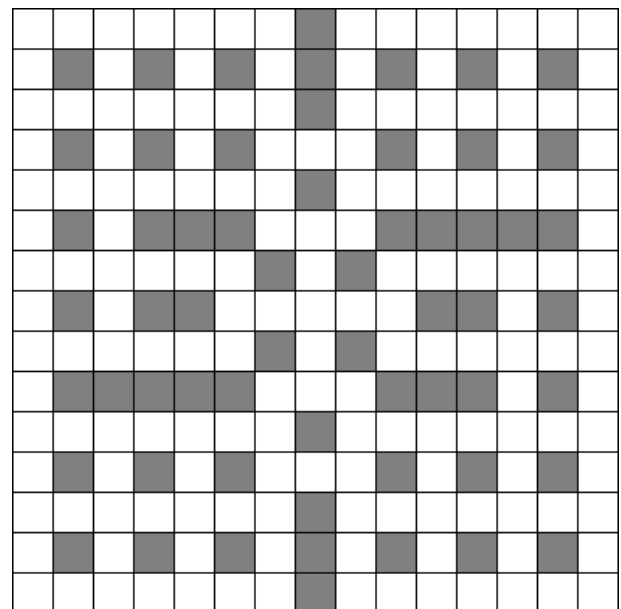
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 2010 Slot 6 Mr Pug's Eviction by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)

Entries: 77. Correct: 45. Success rate: 58%.

Prize Winner: Fay Copland. Congratulations!

Explanations [Film titles in capitals]: **Across: 1/15** anag **GONE WITH THE WIND, 5** AD + REAM, **10** E + ROD + E, **11** EVE + RAFTER, **12** A carpometacarpus - Rotarua = **SPACE CAMP, 13** HEN + NA(if), **14** IL rev + MAIL, **18** Steam coal - SA = **CAMELOT, 20** ROOT + LE, **22** NSW IT = **TWINS, 24** Pained Mrs = **SPIDERMAN, 25** DD, **26** hw, 27 Gig Ted = **GIDGET 28** I (anag TURNED) R (IVR). **Down: 1** *(t)E(en) AGERS = **GREASE, 2** *MEANSZION, **3** See galah 'ere, Drew = **WHERE EAGLES DARE, 4** *(goa)LLTHEWA(y) = **THE WALL, 6** anag = **DEATH BECOMES HER, 7** HW, **8** *DISARMME = **MERMAIDS, 9** ESP in DOT, **16** MEN inside O+ED after (m)LL(y), **17** SCAT+H(err)ING, **19** T+ISSUE, **20** *MARANIN = **RAIN MAN, 21** END+EA+R, **23** I (ZA) RD.

Setters'/adjudicator's comments: Thanks all for your entries and comments, also for the welcome cards and Christmas greetings. The disappointingly low success rate is due almost exclusively to one clue - 23dn - for which many solvers had ISARD instead of IZARD. Most of these had no other errors. While ISARD does fit the second, we are unable to find it in any online or hard copy English dictionary. ISARD is cited in some as the French spelling, but this would have been indicated in the clue and therefore cannot be accepted. ZA is the IVR abbreviation for South Africa. Many members questioned the logic of SCATHING "Stinging fish - fish without sin". See the PS to Alan Walter's comments for the explanation. A few solvers admitted to Googling "Mr Pug" without success. But the title is in the same format as the themed clues - an anagram of "Moving Pictures", where moving was intended to give an extra hint to the anagram approach. How did we miss the extra titles? Thanks to Alan and Carole for pointing them out.

Solvers' comments:

- Two new words for me (LIMAIL, ROOTLE). Favourite clue was 17dn, with its answer SCATHING the last one entered. *Len Colgan*
- Thoroughly enjoyed the puzzle and especially liked 11ac and 9dn. Not quite sure how SCATHING works (if it is right); I was happy with scat but could not work the rest of the clue out. *Joan Smith*
- Your Slot 6 Nov Cryptic was a mind-bender to solve with its 12 movies requiring anagrams that were not indicated. I omitted 2 more movies from this list as anagrams were not needed for them and the full title was not included in 11ac EVER AFTER (a Cinderella Story) and 28ac (The) INTRUDER. Thus overall you had 14 movie titles contained in your amazing grid. Could you please fully explain clue 17dn (for which I answered SCATHING=stinging etc) & the significance of your title: Mr Pug's Eviction (Is this a recent movie?) ... or did it put him in the GRUMPS?! Thanks for the originality of your very challenging puzzle. PS: 17dn The light has dawned. SCAT+H(err)ING (delete ERR=SIN). *Alan Walter*
- I do enjoy cryptic crosswords which have a theme and especially where the title is included in the puzzle. Well done for some interesting clues which weren't too hard to fathom. *Steve Trollope*
- Thanks for an enjoyable slot 6. Moving pictures indeed!! Hope 5ac ADREAM is correct, I couldn't find a reference but then I have limited resources. *Tony Dobe*
- How clever to get so many movies into the grid. You actually got 13, almost 14 as EVER AFTER is also a movie and so is *The Intruder*. Well done! Your SCATHING clue was very tricky. It took me ages before sin became the err in herring so I finally got the hing part. Phew! *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for a great puzzle with a clever theme. *Brian Tickle*
- Great work out! Still don't know who Mr Pug is? Nor his eviction from or to the doghouse?! Thought EATEN the most elegant, simple clue and showed all the front bar wannabe cruciverbalists. Love your work. *William Ryan*
- Thanks for a great challenge. Especially liked SCATHING which took a while to understand. Also took a while to find ADREAM really was a word. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle - the theme was not too obscure and the puzzle brought back many memories. I couldn't place the reference to Mr Pug's Eviction but the puzzle didn't seem to hinge on that. *Jeremy Barnes*
- I was bringing down all sorts of curses on your head until I noticed that some of the clues had the same letter count as the solutions and then I was away! Thanks for a very entertaining puzzle. *Catherine Hambling*

- 12 movie titles into the grid is a fine effort and enjoyed the clueing as well. *Roy Wilson*
- I really enjoyed this one! *David Grainger*
- The best slot 6 for a while. *Audrey Austin*
- I trust Isard is an alternative form of IZARD. I couldn't quite come to grips with SCATHING. *Bob Hagan*
- Loved the puzzle about moving pictures. Tough anagrams!! Thank you. *Bill Bennett*
- Enjoyable theme, but I'm too dumb to know what Mr Pug's Eviction is about. Couldn't find ROOTLE [in ours H&C] or ADREAM [in SOED] in *Chambers*. *Roy Taylor*
- I'm posting this off now before I lose it! Three times it's ended up in a pile of papers off to recycling, only to be rescued at the last moment. It has such survival instincts it may be destined to end up in a higher "plane" or "plain" of life!! Loved it, by the way! *Del Kennedy*
- Great puzzle. Haven't worked out the title's connection with the theme. *Mal Cockburn*
- Thank you for a great puzzle with several favourite movies included. I worked out the anagram too - MOVING PICTURES - from Mr Pug's Eviction - quite devious, actually! The outstanding clue with double difficulty was 17dn - SCATHING. Fortunately, the answer was pretty obvious but how the clue worked was much harder - herring less 'err' - very clever. *Bev Cockburn*
- Good *Hot and Cold* fare! CAMELOT and LIMAIL were a couple of nice morsels. *Max Roddick*
- A fun and challenging puzzle. Thank you. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks for another 'entertaining' puzzle: took me a while but once I figured the anagram title out I was home and hosed. Keep up the good work. *Col Archibald*
- Thank you for an interesting puzzle. I'm afraid the significance of the title escapes me. Who or what is "Mr. Pug"? Constructing all those anagrams must have been quite a task. How do you divide the labour? I have huge respect for all you clever people who compile. I have tried but my brain just goes blank! *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks for a cinematic beauty. *Ted O'Brien*
- Your puzzle proved very difficult for me though, and I don't know how, I've filled in all the white squares. In previous puzzles, Ian has expressed that the use of 'this' is inappropriate as the definition part of a clue. Wouldn't the same apply to 'here' in 25ac? [As a rule it's not best practice, but sometimes need to bend the rules for a word that is hard to clue without reverting to anagrams - and especially when the surface reading appealed to us as a place to find dust: H&C] *Graeme Cole*
- Mr Pug's Eviction = "Moving Pictures". This heading had me mystified for a while until the penny dropped. Thanks for an entertaining puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Most enjoyable. Spent while looking for "Grumps" before it dawned. *Andrew Miles*
- A very interesting puzzle. It took me a while to work out the theme, but then I'm not a film buff. I really only remember the films of my youth. And I never saw *Gone With the Wind*. Shame, shame! *Margaret Galbreath*
- Did enjoy this Slot 6 - rarely do I complete one! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I loved the theme - probably because I've seen all the movies. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- It is with heavy heart that I submit a solution without fully knowing how one answer works. I've pondered over 17dn for weeks now but I don't see it. I've plumped for SCATHING which has a closer synonym to 'stinging' than SCYTHING. A 'scat' is a fish but beyond that... well, not much. Please, please explain yourselves! *Andrew Patterson*
- Such a clever way to incorporate the theme - thank you for a very pleasurable puzzle. On re-reading the clues, I was struck by the way some of them managed to suggest the answer within the anagram. For example, 1dn - Teenagers without net = GREASE. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. Took ages to find SCATH(Err)ING. Just needed a different ANGLE. *Jack Stocks*
- Thanks for an intriguing puzzle. How on earth did you come up with 12ac with carpometacarpus and Rotarua? [Just a flight of fancy, Jim, sorry if it was near the bone - H&C] It took a fair bit of time and effort to come up with what is, actually, a straightforward clue. *Jim Fowler*



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Cryptic by Manveru
Book Prize X 2

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Across

- 1 Shots at the title require skill from the outset (7)
- 5 Mate embraces women – good for a chat (7)
- 9 Relative timepiece installed with inner rewind (5)
- 10 Ocean silt, perhaps, could wash up here (9)
- 11 British guilds in merger to produce towers (9)
- 12 Charges taser to get crook (5)
- 13 Hit "Return" to secure answer and marks (5)
- 15 Having knowledge of area before battle makes sense (9)
- 18 Feat is about the Achaeans ultimately taking ancient city to be razed (9)
- 19 Reserve bit player (5)
- 21 Bird is partially disrobing (5)
- 23 Things made by carbon to form treasure (9)
- 25 Kinds of trivia modified around English and European shows originally (9)
- 26 It's serious to turn up late here (5)
- 27 Bureau can reject monitor's working area (7)
- 28 Special forces to adopt inappropriate topless dresses (7)

Down

- 1 Attack and strip witch, as reported by Spooner (7)
- 2 Revamped Reaganomics? – no go for these people (9)
- 3 Make improvements to 'European' army with Roman unit of 500 bringing up the rear (5)
- 4 Lower back needs vertebra (the most caudal segment) surgery – no rush! (9)
- 5 This theory is about how, initially, aberrations at the start get large (5)
- 6 Ref and I enter maul to get in the way (9)
- 7 Joint has card game where king trumps hearts? (5)
- 8 The opening of 'Grinch'? – Doctor Seuss takes note and imagines (7)
- 14 Gross (and net), tailored with time invested will produce the most rich (9)
- 16 Talks to a religious academic about the origins of sin, satan, evil, and sex (9)
- 17 Put up interest (9)
- 18 Suffering from hardship without a penny gained (7)
- 20 Replies to Robin and Tiger, for example? (7)
- 22 Pens bylines over the phone? (5)
- 23 Frosty reception, initially received by Clubs, is to gain power (5)
- 24 Sportsman in row about girlfriends, primarily (5)

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Quiz No 1/2011



by **Brian Symons**

- 1 Farewell
- 2 Greeting
- 3 Rake
- 4 An S-shape
- 5 Type of board
- 6 Flow gently
- 7 Melody
- 8 Nitrogenous waste product
- 9 Jot
- 10 Bush signal

Quiz 1/2011:

Only One by Brian Symons.

Each answer is a word made up of vowels and only a single consonant, eg idea. Each answer is 4 or 5 letters long and there are no "y"s. The order is random. Send your entries to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232. e-mail bms65@bigpond.com
Closing date: 11 February 2011. Two Book prizes.

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| 11 Sewing case | 21 Eye part |
| 12 Earth goddess | 22 Continent |
| 13 NZ abalone | 23 Sword |
| 14 Pale blue | 24 Dandy |
| 15 A mammal | 25 Relieve |
| 16 Hawaiian feast | 26 Instrument |
| 17 Pelvic bones | 27 Eternity |
| 18 Liqueur | 28 Tree of lily family |
| 19 Scary | 29 Pigtail |
| 20 Fever | 30 Pout |

Bonus Quiz January 2010

Who are these people? by *The Busybodies* (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble).

The task is to identify the things represented by the following individuals, in no particular order: An additional point is available for providing the category of the things (10,7). Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com. Closing date: 11 February 2011. Two Book prizes.

- 1 Flora Fennwell (7, 6)
- 2 Naomi (5)
- 3 Gwen D Telalot (6, 6)
- 4 Hal Clan (7)
- 5 Clint Osmale (11)
- 6 Marta (5)
- 7 Goran Akapow (8, 3)
- 8 Lou N Burg (8)
- 9 Peter Stud Stears (5'1, 6, 3)
- 10 Ada I Tinman (10)
- 11 Tara Haw (7)
- 12 Moll Nogo (8)
- 13 Ian Skab (7)
- 14 Ron Bathus (9)
- 15 Rhett B Bolus (6, 5)
- 16 Chris Onum (9)
- 17 Vergil Lea (9)
- 18 Fred Nils (8)
- 19 Nora Bio (7)
- 20 Charles Gate (11)

Results of Bonus Quiz November 2010

Melbourne Cup Winners by Kaiela (Anne Simons)

Entries: 29. Success rate: 24%.

Winner: Max Roddick. Congratulations

Correct Finishing Order: Viewed, Dunlop, Poseidon, Nimblefoot, Tawriffic, Carbine, Evening Peal, Light Fingers, Shocking, Gatum Gatum, Media Puzzle, Efficient, *The Quack*, Kingsburgh, Haricot, The Barb, Brew, Warrior, Russia, Arsenal, Lantern, Nightmarch, Hall Mark, Kiwi.

Scores: 25: P Dearie, R Gardiner, S Howells, G Leeds, C McClelland, M Roddick and J Wenham. **24:** W Allen, H Annand, B Cockburn, T de Grys, V Dinham, G Cole, P Garner, B Glissan, G Lloyd, J McGrath, D Procter, M Procter, W Ryan, J Smith, J Stocks and R Wimbush. **23:** A Austin, B Hagan, V Howard, B Siegman, B Symons and N Wilson.

Adjudicator's Comments: Truly, racing is a mug's game! Most members correctly named the 24 horses, but getting the correct order proved almost as hard as picking the Trifecta in the Cup itself, and for most the results will prove just as heart-breaking. Although several members found a nose-to-tail order, only 7 managed to place an 8-letter name in 13th spot. Most entries fell at the first hurdle (4th position) putting Nightmarch instead of Nimblefoot. Despite the example provided, some members did not understand the nose-to-tail requirement, and listed the horses in chronological order of their wins.

Kaiela originally supplied word-lengths for 5 positions, but our Quiz-Master did not think our members would require any assistance. After much debate, we decided one would suffice. There were many chances to make a mistake before the 13th position. Once the first 13 were correct, the rest fell into place. I sympathise with members who found it too frustrating – particularly *Raoul* who sent me all the little bits of paper he had vainly shuffled around!

And I congratulate those who persevered and got the required order. They obviously know how to pick a winner! A special thanks to Graeme Cole, who provided a very entertaining call of the race (marked NFP so I can't share it with you) and two finishing orders (unfortunately, both incorrect).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! —*Nea Storey*

A Selection of Members' Comments:

- Thanks for a fun quiz. I had them all listed nose to tail then realised No.13 wasn't 8 letters. I had to scrap that list and start again. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thought it would be quite easy ... but it took me a considerable time. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for another quiz with an Australian flavour. My No13 has only 7 letters. *Bev Cockburn*
- Took quite a bit of solving – some excellent clues. *Pat Garner*
- What a great puzzle! I had the most fun getting the horses in the order you wanted and I got a different answer so there must be more than one way unless you miscounted. *Audrey Austin*
- I failed to pick this year's winner (in the Melbourne Cup). I hope this is more successful. I really enjoyed the exercise – nice clues. *Bob Hagan*
- Fairly easy ... when you access the list of Melbourne Cup Winners. *Tony de Grys*
- Fitting the answers in the correct order took a bit of juggling ... an enjoyable quiz. *Susan Howells*
- I enjoyed the quiz and have spent an inordinate amount of time on it! *Robyn Wimbush*
- I really enjoyed it, especially working out the 'nose to tail' part. (You must be the only one who did! – A) *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Finding the horses was a pleasant exercise; getting them to finish in the right sequence was quite a manoeuvre! *Max Roddick*



November 7-2010: It's not all about you! by *InGrid* (Jean Barbour)

Entries: 69. Correct: 45. Success rate: 65%.

Prizewinner: Col Archibald – Congratulations!

Correct: W Allen, C Archibald, A Austin, J Barbour, B Bennett, R Caine, R Christiansen, B Cockburn, G Cole, L Colgan, M Davis, P Dearie, T Dobele, R Ducker, J Fowler, J Freeland, M Galbreath, P Garner, B Glissan, D Grainger, R Hagan, K Harper, D Hemsley, V Howard, S Howells, A Jermy, D Jones, C Lee, G Leeds, C McClelland, J McGrath, I McKenzie, P Mercer, A Miles, C Noble, T O'Brien, D Parsons, M Steinberger, J Stocks, R Taylor, B Tickle, S Trollope, A Walter, J Wenham, N Wilson, R Wilson, R Wimbush.

Explanations:

Most of the clues were well received, with the most success going to those who realized that every answer had the word ME in it.

12ac: Music causes men to follow – Mento is a form of Jamaican music.

13ac: This was the most troublesome clue with answers such as pipe, hive, mime and pine. Lime is a tree and Limehouse is both a blues song and an area in London famous because of the song *Limehouse Blues*.

22ac: Messmate is a tree – lose partner (mate).

3dn: Dispense (def) with express gathering (sounds like meet).

21dn: Mr Torne is Mel and bird is kite = Melkite (Christian).

23dn: Note (si) found by amateur (am) gives directions (ESE) to cat Siamese.

—*InGrid* (Jean Barbour)

Solvers' comments:

• This puzzle had me in a medium meltdown, a meticulously melded puzzle meriting mercurial mention methinks! Well done.

Col Archibald

• Memorable theme! Pity there was no way of fitting in MEME.

Denis Coates

• I applaud your ingenuity and perseverance to construct such an innovative puzzle. The title revealed the underlying concept very early, thereby making the puzzle comfortable to solve. Favourite clue was SEMEE.

Len Colgan

• A mesmerizing, memorable, meritorious mélange methinks.

Peter Dearie

• It took a while of wondering why there were so many M's before I twigged to the meaning of the title. Well done!

Kath Harper

• Methinks it's medication time.

Carole Noble

• Thank you for your 'ME TOO' puzzle. It was a pleasure to try to see what the theme was!

Ted O'Brien

• Did somebody say "Think of me often"?

Max Roddick

• Who had fun with this? Me!

Margaret Steinberger

• I was struggling with the last few words and looked up at the title and realized it was all about ME! That helped.

Roy Taylor

• Me like! But you were wrong when you said. 'It's not all about you.' It is all about ME. What a clever idea. I really enjoyed it.

Brian Tickle

• Medalworthy, memorable, meritorious, mesmerising, meticulous, and brilliant. Well done!!

Steve Trollope

• Phew, 36 clues containing 38 'ME' entries! Only 3 answers contain 'U' (you said) so this puzzle is certainly 'not all about you'!

Alan Walter

Solution to November 2010 Slot 7

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Results of Quiz No 11/2010.

Oh dear, oh dear by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

Entries: 38. Winner: Margaret Galbreath. Congratulations!

Solutions: A. AFOOT B. BANDICOOT C. CARTOON D. DRAGON E. ELBOW-ROOM F. FATHERHOOD G. GROOM H. HOOK I. INGLENOOK J. JACKBOOT K. KNIGHTHOOD L. LAGOON M. MUSHROOM or MILKWOOD N. NINCOMPOOP(S) O. OUTLOOK P. PUSSYFOOT Q. QUADROON R. RACoon S. SHATTERPROOF T. TABLESPOON U. UNDERFOOT V. VROOM W. WHIRLPOOL X. X-COORDINATE Y. YEARBOOK Z. ZOOM.

Results: 26: Warren Allen, Robyn Caine, Graeme Cole, Tony Dobele, Rosemary Dorrell, Margaret Galbreath, Rosemary Gardiner, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Bob Hagan, Kath Harper, Phyl Heath, Ann Jermy, Gabrielle Leeds, Claire McClelland, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Ted O'Brien, David Procter, Marian Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Norman Wilson and Robyn Wimbush. **25:** Peter Dearie, Jim Fowler, Lesly Howard, Anne Simons, Nea Storey, Alan Walter and Jenny Wenham. **24:** Audrey Austin, Valerie Howard and Jack Stocks. **19:** Catherine Jones and Betty Siegman.

Members' Comments:

• Oh dear, oh dear, it took a while for the penny to drop. A really good quiz – very clever idea and great clues. *Betty Siegman*

• Very different and most enjoyable. Thank you. *Valerie Howard*

• Thanks for the challenge of yOOr clever quiz. *Jack Stocks*

• Thanks for the hours of fun doing your *morose* quiz! *Peter Dearie*

• Tricky stuff that consumed a lot of my mental resources that I can ill-afford! *Jim Fowler*

• This was good fun, however not too sure of Q and X which took ages. *Anne Simons*

• Many thanks for a thought-provoking and entertaining quiz. It TOOK a decent LOOK to HOOK out some of these answers. *Alan Walter*

• I had to get a few answers before I figured out the relevance of the title. *Jenny Wenham*

• Thank you for providing such an interesting quiz. My dear old Mum, in her later years, used to say "Oh dear, oh Dear". I've been known to say it too on occasions! *Graeme Cole*

• I haven't tried an ACC quiz before – thanks for a bit of fun. *Tony Dobele*

• This was good fun. X had me tricked for a while – a long time since I used those. *Rosemary Dorrell*

• I always enjoy a quiz I can do without ploughing through Google, and you are clever to think them up! *Margaret Galbreath*

• I thoroughly enjoyed the twist in this quiz – thank you. *Pat Garner*

• It took a few answers till the penny dropped with your unusual quiz. *Bob Hagan*

• I'm not sure where you find the time to create these quizzes but I'm very glad you do. I especially liked the bow-legged bandicoot and the revolving kitty. *Kath Harper*

• TOO GOOD 4 ME (but I tried and enjoyed it immensely) [and got 26/26. Well done, Bev] *Phyl Heath*

• What an interesting quiz, Bev. It took me quite a while to realize that my solutions were coming up with 'oo' in them. *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Ooh good'un! *Carole Noble*

• Oo! What a quiz! *Ted O'Brien*

• At first it seemed to make no sense and I had about 8 answers before I noticed their similarity. Oops! *Roy Taylor*

• So many 'oo' words! Q is a complete guess but it has 2 'o's in it! [Good guess, Robyn. Bev] *Robyn Wimbush*

Adjudicator's Comments:

The title 'Oh Dear, Oh Dear' was simply to indicate two 'o's' or 'oo'. Carole Noble pointed out I could have just called it "Oh, Oh" – (much better, I think.) The Q clue gave the most trouble but many guessed correctly. 'Quad' is a term for 'prison' and 'cell' is 'room' but with a note (n) for 'money' = 'marks' (m) = 'Quadroon'. Only 4 had other answers – 2 x quadrate, 1 x quadreau and 1x quadrant. I counted 'milkwood' correct as a clever alternative to 'mushroom' but although cute, I couldn't count 'scatterproof' or 'scrapbooking' for S. Other inspired answers included 'jackaroo', 'toadstools', 'kinghood', 'lassoo', 'milkroom', 'x-spermatazon', 'looney' and 'x-priesthood'. One member left out two letters, O and W. Many thanks for all the Christmas wishes and favourable comments. May I take this opportunity to wish all my fellow crossword aficionados a very enjoyable Christmas and the very best of health and successful cross-wording and quiz-solving for 2011. —*Bev Cockburn*



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2010

Write a clue for MUSSEL (6)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

There was a high calibre collection of clues for MUSSEL this month and choosing a winner was none too easy. For the entrants who missed out on first prize I'm more than happy to pass along a terrific recipe for hot chilli mussels in pasta. Just drop me a line. There was a solid sixteen mussels to adjudicate this month and I've gone with **Peter Dearie** with his near perfect clue:

Seamus sells shucked shellfish on the seashore (6) (See below for the explanation)

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions are *italicised*.

Definition of **MUSSEL** from *Chambers* (11th Edition):
(n an edible marine lamellibranch shellfish of the family Mytilidae with a brownish-black elongated oval shell; a freshwater lamellibranch of the Unionidae with a slightly flatter shell; the shell of any of these; a mussel-plum.)

A shellfish found living in Malone's wheelbarrow ***

Probably the best way to explain this clue is to quote you the first verse of *Molly Malone* (also known as *Cockles and Mussels*), which is apparently the unofficial anthem of Dublin.

*In Dublin's fair city,
where the girls are so pretty,
I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Malone,
As she wheeled her wheelbarrow,
Through streets broad and narrow,
Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"*

Great surface reading. Obviously one would need to be familiar with this ballad to have a chance of solving, but it is a relatively familiar one. However, you would also need checked letters to help you as the answer could also be 'cockle'.

Bearded relation to clam up without hesitation ***

A charade type clue (LESS + UM) turned up. This down clue has a cleverly hidden definition where 'clam' the noun reads as 'clam' the verb. We are only left wondering why the bearded relation may be clammng up.

Clam up in muscles summit ***

A succinct clue that hides the answer 'up' in the middle of 'musLES SUMmit'. The definition is well hidden and the surface reading works well. My only criticism is that 'muscles' echoes the answer a little too closely.

Emus seldom are content with this to eat ***

Another containment clue, and one of two using the same fodder. While 'content' is meant to indicate containment, 'are content' does not literally indicate containment as it's the wrong tense. The surface reading is excellent and I have little doubt that emus seldom dine on mussels.

Emus seldom ingest shellfish ****

Same idea as above, but the containment indicator 'ingest' is perfectly placed. The surface reading is completely plausible and it has been achieved with only four words.

Get rid of beard before eating this! ****

A lovely cryptic definition, playing on the fact that mussels have beards (actually byssal threads), which need to be removed before cooking. These clues are particularly useful when the answer is limited in its definitions.

Greek character goes from Melbourne to Phillip Island, for example, to get 50 shellfish ***

MU is the Greek character and SSE is the direction from Melbourne to Phillip Island. Adding on L(50) gets you your MUSSEL. The use of local geography to get SSE is novel and 'for example' is essential here. Even so, it would be difficult for solvers not familiar with the area to know. The surface reading is fine.

Greek character serves up less seafood ***

Again, MU makes an appearance. To make up the rest LESS is

turned up. This is a very good clue and one can easily associate a Greek with seafood.

Make a mess of the Spanish seafood ****

A simple, but elegant charade using MUSS + EL. This clue reminds me how it doesn't need to be complex and verbose to be a great clue. This is a clue with the solver in mind.

Marine creature audibly demonstrates power ****

This simple homophone clue is a little gem. Having read *Moby Dick* recently, the surface reading conjures up an image of an angry whale, and indeed the clicking sound of a sperm whale is the loudest sound produced by any animal.

Plum type to ruffle the backward French ***

A fair attempt at using the lesser known *plum* definition. Also new to me is 'muss' for 'ruffle' but indeed *Chambers* contains this. To be pedantic, I don't think 'the backward French' is adequate for EL, as 'the' and 'French' ought to be together.

Seamus sells shucked shellfish on the seashore ****½

This is a containment clue, with the answer revealed when you remove the shell (i.e. shuck) of 'Seamus sells'. The definition provides more information by adding that it's a shellfish found on the seashore. If the shell removed was symmetrical I would have given this clue five stars for its sound mechanics, and its wonderfully poetic and alliterative flow.

Shellfish that might be taken back without delay ***

The definition here is an expanded one indicating edible shellfish. The secondaries set out to reverse 'without' (LESS) and 'delay' (UM). 'Um' is an interjection used to indicate hesitation, but I am not convinced that it can be defined solely by the word 'delay'. 'Back' certainly indicates reversal for LESS, but the solver would have to speculate as to whether UM is reversed or not. The surface reading works very well.

"Slippery Elm" swallowed; most of Soviet "C" food followed **

This is an anagram of ELM around USS (most of USSR), resulting in 'C' food. 'Slippery' is a clever anagram indicator. However, the definition of 'C' food (i.e. seafood) would need some sort of homophonic indicator to be fair. The surface reading is also a little strained, even allowing for the quaint sentence rhyme.

This main delicacy is a bit fishy Mr Gibson says Spooner ***

A spoonerism based on 'Suss Mel'. The definition is a real treat, as it cleverly misleads by using the definition of 'main' as 'sea'. The spoonerism is a fair attempt but one normally wouldn't pronounce MUSSEL (MUSS SELL) as suggested.

Throw back tasteless umbrella-shaped shellfish **

An attempt at a containment-type clue that almost works. Unfortunately, it is missing an indication that the answer is contained *within* 'tasteless umbrella-shaped', as 'throw back' only indicates reversal. All it would need is a word like 'some'. The surface reading is fine.

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Fairness	0	1	2
Surface Reading	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Star Rating: No star; 1-2 *; 3-4 **; 5-7 ***; 8-9 ****; 10 *****

Clue Writing Competition No. 1/2011.

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Write a clue for the word **MEDIOCRE (8)**

Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: mlk@activ8.net.au

Closing mail date: Friday 11 February 2011. Book prize.



Bonus Puzzle 1 — Cryptic by *Betelgeuse*

Across

- 1 Young players pay for plant (9)
- 6 Restored state of river bird (5)
- 9 Rumour is working, French said (2,3)
- 10 Implements second question on old pop group when leading band has left (9)
- 11 Rascal dressed in daytime fabric (7)
- 12 Is successful, but when not so loud, shows his origins (5,2)
- 14 Theologian with acceptable male convert (5)
- 15 Provide sound barrier against unholy noise (9)
- 16 Animals entertain Kojak in U.S. (9)
- 18 Likely limits on rate of body fluid (5)
- 20 Man from Hell restricted parking in disorderly house (7)
- 21 Ancient city where small capital fellow is lost (7)
- 22 Cancelled broad programme with crowd access (9)
- 24 Straight muscles used in correct isometric exercises (5)
- 25 Poet returns from Etna daily (5)
- 26 Measure cat container before grand burial (9)

Down

- 1 Raucous, unhinged family's about. Delete situation created by 8 (5-6-4)
- 2 The French lazy, good-for-nothing robber (7)
- 3 Pot has to raise conscious state overall! (7,4)
- 4 Start new collection after old (5)
- 5 Can't change in actual society, so cuts short) (9)
- 6 She's married, age not first given (3)
- 7 In the middle of case-work he left for a bun (7)
- 8 Dreaming within, transports quiet, near-drunk ruler (7,8)
- 13 Mother reliable – banning ale, drug and rum on the open sea (4,7)
- 15 Arch shoulder – cold first out in foreign streets (9)
- 17 Relation loses directions but keeps right on with filtering unit (7)
- 19 Bookmark in the fashion of cold greeting! (7)
- 21 I'd wager about old, small nag (5)
- 23 Costume, note, follows string singlet (3)

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Bonus Puzzle 2 — Cryptic by *Crowsman*

All clues, bar 13 across, are consistent with a theme.

Across

- 6 Escaped convict with false wig wearing suit (8)
- 8 New schoolmaster returns without public transport (6)
- 9 and 21 and 22 Lawyers once cut boy's hair and create confusion, reportedly (6,3,4)
- 10 Christmas goose mislaid via Arras (4,4)
- 11 Seedy character? (3)
- 12 Member of gang of thieves drops off with leader disappearing (5)
- 13 Self-reflective monarchs? (5)
- 15 Boston doctor takes pulse around five (5)
- 16 Study supports second description of Sir Leicester's gout (5)
- 19 Glory rejected by rival of 3, 17 (5)
- 20 Ignoring pressure, secretly introduces drug into vicious criminal (5)
- 21 See 9
- 24 General Assembly congregated around annex (8)
- 25 and 2 Novel martini garnish, right with common mixed drink (6,5)
- 26 Old boy's enduring description of solicitor's silver snuff box and Dick's music-book (6)
- 27 He unknowingly rescued his cousin from low cost work group, it is said (8)

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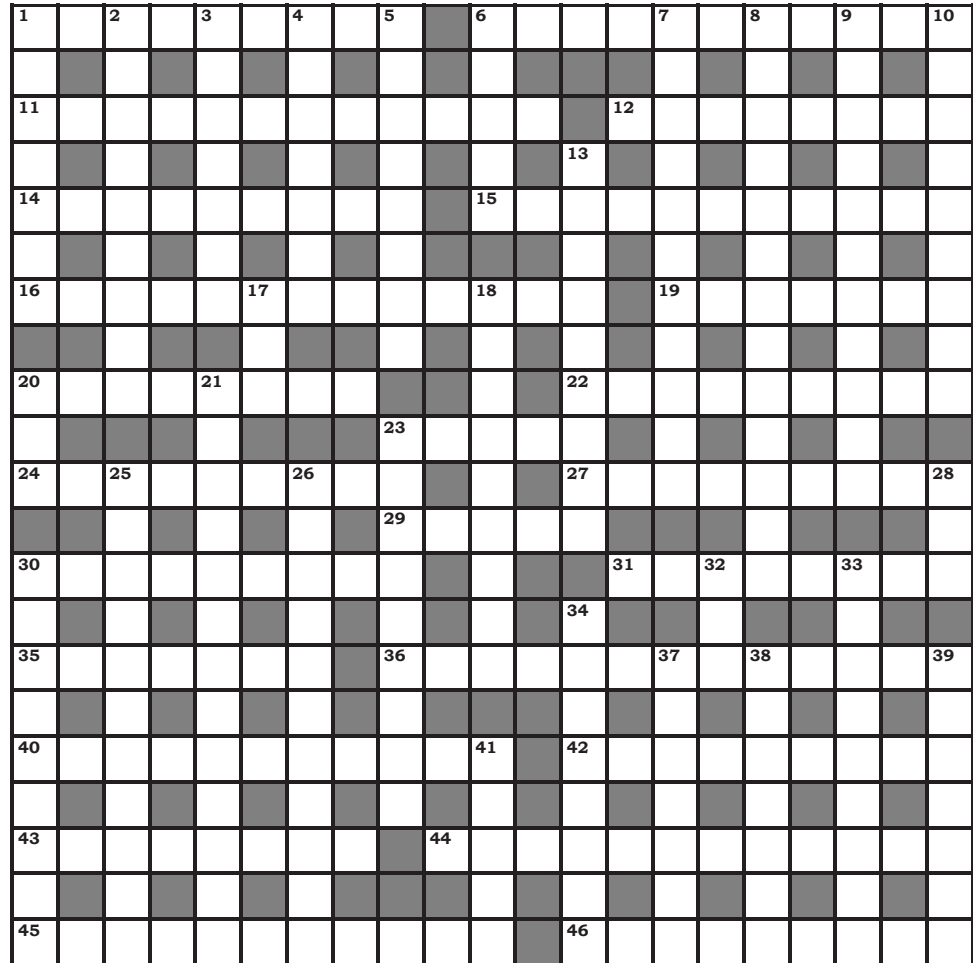
- 1 Sing in English, with sweet accompaniment by neglected daughter (8,7)
- 2 See 25 Across
- 3 and 17 With devil in support, burn the French writer! (7,7)
- 4 Rock group's fawning clerk (5,4)
- 5 Kid hangs around one, a scoundrel close to factory owner (6,9)
- 7 Butt – jolly school caretaker with wooden leg (6)
- 8 Pretty housemaid in the Barmy Army? (4)
- 14 Autumn event has left out what clerk could do for 27 (9)
- 17 See 3
- 18 Girl's unrestricted voice is like 11, perhaps (6)
- 22 See 9 Across
- 23 Crushes Julia's father (5)

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Partly Cryptic by Virgo



Across

- 1 A small white flower (9)
- 6 A small blue flower (6-2-3)
- 11 A long blue and white flower (3,5,4)
- 12 To give strength (8)
- 14 Bedraggled like a rodent? (3-6)
- 15 Found fault with (11)
- 16 Completely novel environment (5,3,5)
- 19 Atomise cooking salt! (7)
- 20 "Cabaret" star (4,4)
- 22 Metal strips that secure carpets on steps (5,4)
- 23 Once lard with weapons? (5)
- 24 Actor and comedian – one-time offsider to Sid James (4,5)
- 27 Capital of the Netherlands (9)
- 29 Frequently softening without squeal (5)
- 30 Gamin avoided short hairstyle (6,3)
- 31 Not real (8)
- 35 Short-sighted cartoon character (2,5)
- 36 Lands once ruled by the Czar (7,6)

- 40 Final body preparation? (4,7)
- 42 Pain-relieving (9)
- 43 Short spotted dog on the Adriatic coast (8)
- 44 Silence! It's a Michael Douglas movie (4,3,1,4)
- 45 Owners of exotic prowlers? (3,8)
- 46 Eccentrically, tsar doted on practical vehicle examinations (4,5)

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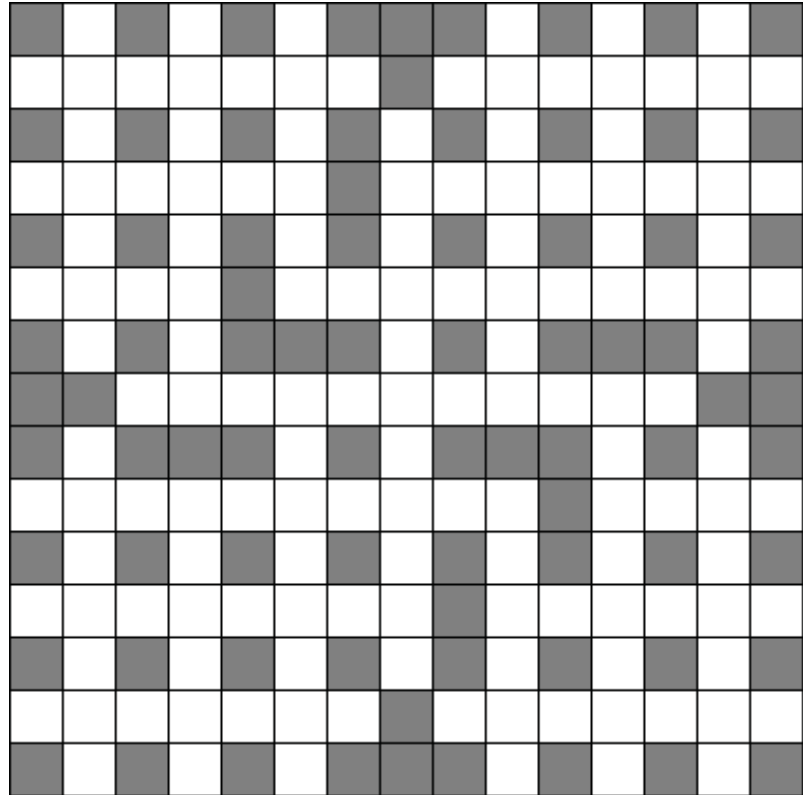
- 1 Swallow one's pride (3,4)
- 2 Conductor (9)
- 3 Land under cultivation needs mature vehicle first (7)
- 4 A drifter from the North (or South) (3,4)
- 5 Expelled from college (4,4)
- 6 Clerk doing her nails? (5)
- 7 Ask over nice, grotesque American comedian (5,6)
- 8 The late French mime artist (6,7)
- 9 America singer and composer (Sweet Caroline, etc.) (4,7)
- 10 Dum and Dee are con men? (9)
- 13 A digger (9)
- 17 And not in drunken orgies (3)
- 18 Authors' and songwriters' returns (9)
- 20 Name a G.I? (3)
- 21 Trying desperately to breathe (7,3,3)
- 23 Mystic teachings (9)
- 25 Division of wages for tax purposes (6,5)
- 26 Commencement point indicated by ref's whistle (4,3,4)
- 28 Stewart's Maggie – the fifth perhaps? (3)
- 30 Atonal, perhaps (9)
- 32 Caustic soap ingredient (3)
- 33 A number of cuts (9)
- 34 "Terrible thing, this flower", said Paddy (8)
- 37 Falls at the border! (7)
- 38 New arrival on the road – Hugh, perhaps? (7)
- 39 Former Portuguese currency (7)
- 41 Demonstrates live performances (5)



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AJ
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Penobscot

Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit. Two answers of equal length do not start with the designated letter but finish with it



- A** Spray from a height around hindmost, nameless mast(8)
- B** Identification of correct legal procedure (7)
- C** Snappy, given city limits about corrosion (6)
- D** Churchmen after leading lights suffer a change of leadership (7)
- E** Shutters that can flutter? (7)
- F** Support in graceful cruiser(7)
- G** Attraction of life in the allotment after groundbreaking start (11)
- H** Forerunner, as Romeo's lark to morn (6)
- I** Succinctly where the colonel is heard to be found (2,1,3,5)
- J** In the can! Easy audition for Afghan shooter (6)
- K** Seedy locations for the said officers (7)
- L** The French bird is a layer (6)
- M** Quite obvious from the passenger list (8)
- N** Annoyance when Lisa half in the shade (8)
- O** Block obsolete unfinished truck by tinkering at the start (8)
- P** Unqualified type of indulgence (6)
- Q** Set of four make a temporary start in the mill (7)
- R** Cheers for Rugby Union supporter (3-3)
- S** Works perfunctorily for mischievous fellows (6)
- T** Recorded about - about - about - then came to the point (7)
- U** Loud mina reformed in a singular fashion (8)
- V** An oath Rio Verdi administered (4,4)
- W** Benevolent person throwing coins in a fountain? (10)
- X** Hockey appeal heard. Last river to cross (4)
- Y** Lug the fish and get the home of the brave (10)
- Z** A-this in the bee-loud glade? (4)

SUMMARY OF **DAVID ASTLE'S** INTERVIEW WITH MARGARET THROSBY ABC FM TUES. 23 Nov 2010 10am-11am.

David mentioned that the first crossword was published in 1913 by Arthur Wynne in the form of a diamond. He was a Liverpudlian expatriot. It was the first crossword published with clue numbers in the grid. The centenary of this publication occurs in 2013. Centuries previously, the first engraved crossword appeared on the Pompeii Sator Stone. It was a 5x5 Latin square translated to state "Arepo, the helmsman, has his hand on the wheel" eg R O T A S, O P E R A, T E N E T, A R E P O, S A T O R, arranged as a word square, gives the same 5 across words as the down words (no clues supplied).

In the US on the Baltimore to NY Express a dictionary was supplied in each carriage on the train to assist crossword solvers on their journey. In the 1920s the English reowned the crossword by supplying riddle-like clues, including anagrams, puns, hidden & charades, characterised by each clue using a definition & wordplay. The lattice style grid is good for cryptics & contrasts with the American "al dente" style of the NY Times

where every square is crossed twice. These are harder to weave in the grid words, but the art of the cryptic crossword depends on the clueing.

David was asked by Margaret to supply a clue for EVASIVE. He gave "Slippery vase I've repaired" & also suggested that CAP could be clued "Small explosive hat". In compiling a grid he would start at the bottom right-hand corner with say an 8-letter word WATERLOO & work upwards from there then continue from the top left hand corner with another 8-letter word heading downwards towards the grid centre to complete the 'gobbledegook' amalgamation. Although computers can compile a grid they did not have any 'maverick' sense of humour like a human compiler in constructing clues.

His favourite compiler is *Bunthorne*, who is a *Guardian* setter, Bob Smithies & whose favourite clue was that of *Araucaria's* "Amundsen's forwarding address" (4) (Answer: MUSH) which is a pun clue with an oblique definition. Similarly ALIMONY can be defined as a "Splitting headache!" David also said he liked the Piñata Principle where the donkey needs to be burst open, so he likes

to include some clues that can be 'cracked' together with the harder ones.

When he was 6 years old he had an early affinity with words, particularly when his parents gave him a copy of *Mother Goose* nursery rhymes. He remarked to their surprise that this title included the word OGRE (spelt backwards), the hidden monster! He said that as a young lad he grew up in Balgowlah & much liked riddles & Knock-knock jokes, such as Knock-Knock, Who's there? Sara. Sara Who? Sara point to this?! He also worked in hotels pulling beers & much liked fiction & observing word changes such as NOTICING changes to GIN + TONIC or that WATERLOO is a song, a suburb & a battle or that MANDIBLE gave rise to LAMB+DINE or MELBA+DIN or MEDAL+NIB. He mentioned that Andy IRONS surname gave the washing powder RINSO which was related to his SURF world. He said his own initials DA equate to Dangerously Addictive!

At the conclusion of this hour-long interview David selected the music of "Flame Trees" from Cold Chisel. Margaret then mentioned his recent book: *PUZZLED* by David Astle published by Allen & Unwin. —*Alan Walter*



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