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"Apt words have power to suage the tumors of a troubled mind." -John Milton, Samson Agonistes [1671], l. 184

he reaction of members to our 'new-look' Crozworld has been truly favourable indeed. Some of the compliments have included phrases such as "very impressive", "many giant steps forward", "looks fantastic", "looks very nice", "it will become a valuable collector's item", "love the new format", the "separation of the 'roughs' from the 'good copies' works extremely well" and "congratulations on a splendid production".

David Stickley has kindly offered to post the current Crozworld on his Home Page which can be found at: http://ar.com.au/~stickley/acc.html

Thank you to all of the members who responded. Your valuable comments are much appreciated. All of the suggestions made for adjustments to the format will be taken into account in the preparation of future issues of Crozworld.

-Patrick & David

'ew puzzles are always welcome, particularly for Slot 1. If you wish to submit a puzzle for publication in Crozworld, kindly send me (via e-mail or by ordinary mail) a copy of the completed grid together with the clues. I will format it and send it to Alan Walter for testing.

Ximenean-style puzzles should be a maximum of 13 x 13 squares and symmetrical if possible. If this type of grid is any larger it can result in a profusion of clues which then require a smaller font. As a result there is a reduction in clarity and readability.

Compilers should check that words and phrases used in the grid can be validated by reference to the Chambers Dictionary, the Macquarie Dictionary or the Collins English Dictionary.

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Greetings 'new look' members! Most of the many comments received about our exciting 'new look' are included under MEMBERS' COMMENTS. Any too long or too late for such inclusion will have been passed on to Patrick and all will be considered.

Many members expressed varying degrees of worry and apology having filled in the grids N/S instead of E/W, upsidedown or as otherwise expressed. However, don't worry, so long as it works! Just take a moment to reflect on the fascinating topic of the symmetry of grids!

Oh, late birds, as I write I have only one more mail to come in and only 65 entries in so far. Surely not 40+ to come in on Tuesday?! That just doesn't allow time for the consideration that each grid deserves. To maintain our wonderful turn-around time, we really must get our entries in earlier! (I include myself in the admonition).

A few common problems: Slot 2 2dn RETURN not accepted for RETORT. Endless TERRA = TERR, to heart gives TE(TO)RR. FIRMER SET indicates the anagram of TETORR is RETORT. Slot 4 J Not JAMIES for JAGIRS, JAS = abbrev JAMES and RIG UP = GIR. Z Not ZONA for ZANY. Slot 5 16dn Surrounding words indicate SNEER as a likely solution – using P for quietly, put back P into SNEER. Then 'alters' indicates anagram of (SNEER+P) = NEPERS = units expressing the ratio of two currents. 5dn NERITA does not fit the anagram of IN TREE.

Otherwise everything went fairly smoothly. However, there were 4 blanks (not counting several large sections of grids not wholly attempted) and sadly, one of those single blanks cost the member a share of the super-solver cumulative prizes. Many thanks everyone for all those cheery greetings. —Bettu

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Month total
Entries received	86	86	79	86	66	403
Correct entries	73	49	66	72	48	308
Success rate %	84.9	57.0	83.5	83.7	72.7	76.4
Prize winners	C Hambling	D Margerison	G Prewett	R Taylor	G Campbell	From 88 members

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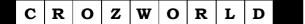
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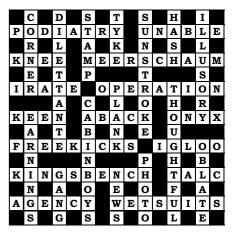
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MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR JUNE 2000

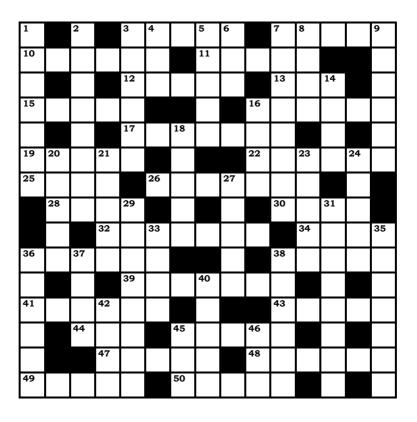
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CONVENTIONAL by Griffin

JULY 1-2000



Across

- 3 Long, narrow rock bound inlet (5)
- 7 Animal track (5)
- 10 Comestible (6)
- **11** Major artery (5)
- 12 Anticipate (5)
- **13** Month (*abbrev*) (3)
- 15 Hold tightly (5)
- 16 S. African villages (6)
- **17** Merry (7)
- 19 Mr Chase, actor (5)
- **22** Crown (6)
- 25 Game of chance (4)
- **26** Foundered (7)
- 28 Engrave (4)
- 30 Large hook (4)
- **32** Eternal (7)
- **34** Demure (4)
- **36** Squared stone used in building (6)
- 38 Compensate (5)

- **39** Thorn apple genus (*pl*) (7)
- **41** Destroyer (6)
- **43** Capture (5)
- **44** So, thus (*L*) (3)
- **45** Garden implement (5)
- **47** Clog (5)
- **48** Naked (6)
- **49** Indian tent (5)
- **50** Irritated (5)

Down

- 1 Bird of spectacular plumage (7)
- 2 Thin ointment (8)
- **3** Limp, drooping (6)
- 4 Israelite (3)
- **5** Lift (5)
- **6** Morse element (3)
- **7** Bird (8)
- 8 Daddy (4)
- **9** Freedom payment (6)

- 14 Monetary unit of S. Africa (4)
- 16 African antelope (4)
- 18 Famous Marbles (5)
- **20** Listens (5)
- **21** Uttered (5)
- **23** Alter (5)
- 24 Small, mischievous (5)
- **27** Broadcasting (2, 3)
- **29** Migraine (8)
- **31** Coldly (8)
- 33 Spoken (4)
- **35** Ways (7)
- **36** Arrival (6)
- **37** Farm birds (4)
- **38** Climb (6)
- **40** Higher (5)
- 42 Gaming cubes (4)
- **45** Snow runner (3)
- **46** Owing (3)



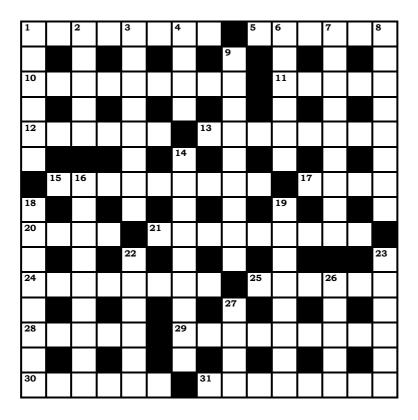
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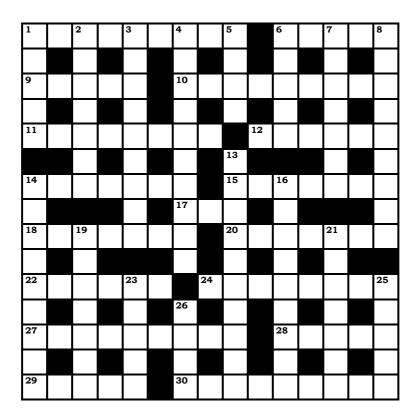
- **1** Approach Territory ruin (8)
- **5** "President has lost weight I see" ... Heard at training group (6)
- 10 Milk munchers with small cogs? (4-5)
- 11 Courage never exploited (5)
- 12 Sydney suburb's gold brand (6)
- **13** Epergne ... A planned colour? (3-5)
- **15** Grave openers without tenor for musical characters (4, 5)
- 17 Final verdict: All sides caught with powder (4)
- 20 Wednesday talk package (4)
- **21** One Minister inflamed upstart of French range! (9)
- **24** The French return woman to serve Golden City (8)
- **25** Very quick look with other poster (6)
- 28 Good looker to tack ahead? (3-2)
- **29** Thin coating over used crockery! (7-2)
- **30** Appropriate sailor at channel (6)
- 31 Dismal territory between extremes (4, 4)

Down

- 1 Research facility with International Algebraic Language formed by the lips (6)
- 2 Important person in N. America with duck (5)
- **3** Revolt against tradition has that which is to come with no end to distinctive theory (8)
- **4** Whales are said to spring one? (4)
- **6** Aligning old waterfall decline (6)
- 7 Tender to cultivate Abigail? (9)
- 8 Jersey style for man with impudence (4, 4)
- **9** Animal enclosure causes followers to collapse! (9)
- **14** Retract assent to eat crow (5, 4)
- **16** Forsaken desert press chief! (9)
- 18 Fragrant seed creates colourful flowering plant (8)
- **19** Paradise for English bird with sex appeal unknown! (8)
- **22** Turning point, combining form denoting change, with isotonic sides (6)
- **23** Ring the French nuisance (6)
- **26** Sweeten heroin (5)
- 27 Resettle star ruler (4)

CRYPTIC by Archduke

JULY 3-2000



Across

- 1 English bird, a friend forever (9)
- **6** First glassy filigree with ice (5)
- 9 Return drunk to base (5)
- 10 Territory talk, Emmet scolding (9)
- 11 Spurred Orwell about editor (8)
- **12** Said to purchase track title down under (6)
- **14** Eke out the sentence (7)
- **15** Understanding cash, i.e. comes with the territory! (7)
- **17** Musical drama has no work for a period of time (3)
- **18** A number in a type of Republic have a handkerchief! (7)
- 20 Shook turncoat ... The first were in front (7)
- 22 Measure centre again (6)
- **24** Children who cook undersize fish? (5, 3)
- **27** Big rig to practice on the track (4-5)
- 28 Permitted sound audibly (5)
- 29 Old physician's shelter is beside church (5)
- **30** Tyrannical ruler has 'flu trouble (9)

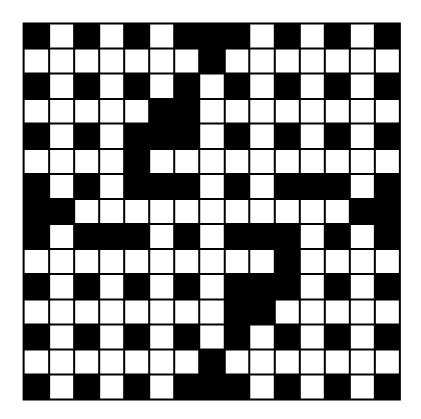
Down

- 1 Ancient tree (5)
- **2** Authorise start of electro-magnetic force (7)
- **3** Clear profit allowed on each small herbal beverage (6-3)
- **4** Written message by the chief became the company title on paper (10)
- **5** Truly, no novice rebuilt that unusual tent (4)
- **6** Type of train held in boat (5)
- **7** Miss Gardner has type of paddy that yields rapacity (7)
- **8** Specialist reacted, removing a key when begged (9)
- **13** Units aside, the troops will join Mr Eliot initially (10)
- **14** Transporter backs up, with neutral at last going beneath a main nervous system axis (9)
- **16** Tickle little bird not feeling well after tea upset (9)
- **19** Mark Kay off in front of the London Gallery. Wink! Wink! (7)
- **21** Rocket launch elevator out of order (4-3)
- 23 Reach Cher about tea it is said! (5)
- 25 Lyric poem introduced to disheartened lady transposed for a falsetto voice (5)
- **26** Emotional state with marine! (4)



ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Daphne Rees

JULY 4-2000



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

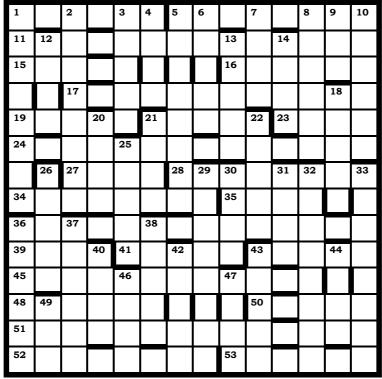
- **A** One infected helper emerged cleanly (11)
- **B** Plant-studying bandicoot is disoriented do keep out! (7)
- **C** Erica went in to cry (3)
- **D** Experts who have kicked the bucket all the same? (4, 7)
- **E** Express regret over small cubes surrounding last shy Greek nymph (8)
- **F** The Italian hovers round young ladies (7)
- **G** Last big pigeon has power! (5)
- **H** Head of hospitality in charge of drink containers has trouble breathing (7)
- I There's a kind of merit in being temporary (7)
- **J** Twelve engineered in makeshift set-up (4-6)
- **K** Bird left dirtbike, went off with swindler (4)
- **L** They grow close to bridges but are not cultivated (3-5)
- **M** Marilyn lost direction through the port (8)
- **N** Warn about approaching semi halted by cetacean mammal (7)
- O Silly Don holds pig ready for take-off? (2, 5)
- **P** P.S. Hitler used them to charm (8)
- ${f Q}$ Remove leading icon from external corner of wall wall is from an earlier time

(7) **R**

- **R** Revolutionary first lady (topless) comes to exercises and works out again (10)
- **S** Continental land development seen on foot (6)
- **T** Fish round island (salmon identified initially) indicate country (7)
- **U** Gain sound drink holder (3)
- V At six wild child has gold shaker (8)
- **W** Commencing what an unearthly loud cry (4)
- **X** Became overexcitable round about violator leaving on sailing ship (5)
- **Y** Beam back at English cathedral city hurriedly (6)
- **Z** No divisions to the location the result of a departure? (8)

TOLERANCE by PRAXIS

JULY 5-2000



Six unclued rows contain a well-known quotation and its author.

Across

- 1 Girl divides mother's doughy masses (6)
- **5** Even more fantastic; Sabu arranged journalist's return in a limo (8)
- **11** (1, 3, 10)
- 15 Old ship follows bearing the fish (5)
- 16 In time the tenor made good (6)
- **17** (2, 4, 3, 3)
- 19 Continue to perform in the stuffed jacket worn under coat of mail (5)
- 21 An old vinegar is put inside the fish (5)
- 23 Long timber (4)
- **24** (3, 1, 4, 6)
- 27 Send back new beer for a dash (4)
- **28** Turnover south-eastern area to large strong grasses ... (8)
- 34 ... plant female variety right in the marsh (4-4)
- **35** A South Australian river has gravel bank from a glacier (4)
- **36** (2, 3, 5, 4)
- 39 He cooked rice (4)
- **41** Abyssinian prince with last words; croaks (5)
- **43** Ethel tumbles into river in Hades (5)
- **45** (5, 2, 3, 2)
- **48** Trail twists with rock everywhere (6)
- **50** Northern god first to show irritation (5)
- **51** (6, 8)
- **52** Left girl to soak the bird (8)
- 53 Senior Deacon retained land that's consecrated (6)

Down

- 1 Wrongly identify Babylonian deity after conversion to Islam (8)
- 2 Georgia perished executed the Spanish way (8)
- 3 Old poet's under the surface in a meadow (5)

- 4 Complain to soldiers about bomb (4)
- **5** Attacker is in the navy I'm told (8)
- 6 They can kill hounds (5)
- 7 You say top doctor is competent? (2, 2)
- 8 Jock's sickly teacher is up with energy (6)
- **9** Girl on the edge (3)
- **10** Wine without pigment is coloured again (2-4)
- 12 Con turns up and remains after the wine's made (4)
- 13 Once settled apartment retains the old interior (5)
- 14 Scottish patron to supply our first prize (4)
- 18 Harry has any number inside (5)
- 20 Fatty is ahead of time according to New Yorker (4)
- 21 These old eyes identify a German (4)
- 22 It provides restraint for three hounds (5)
- **25** State judge turned over the snap (5)
- 26 I stroll up to the kiwi (5)
- 29 Covers up stolen picture (8)
- 30 Irishman's pets (4)
- 31 'Mavis Bramston' star has the fish course (4)
- **32** Run, a disturbance is lifting the footpath (8)
- 33 It can be shown or hidden (8)
- 36 Shirt, large, to fit about the back (6)
- **37** Big cat crossed game left with no retreat (6)
- **38** Took out a notice about the fellow (5)
- **40** Dog food (4)
- **42** Only about five work out (5)
- **43** Say, tease awkward layabout with the worm of dog's tongue (5)
- 44 German lord makes the second blunder (4)
- 46 Could be a box right in the driving area (4)
- 47 The Italian, in a declining state, suffers (4)
- 49 Alcoholic drink? Scotch at all? (3)

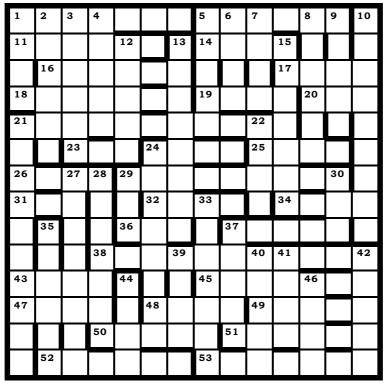




A SPORTING OBSESSION VI by VIRGO

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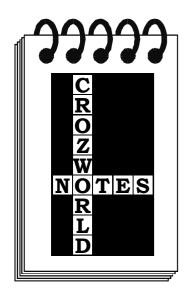


The unclued answers all have something in common

Across

- **1** (7)
- **5** Bottle scheme a farce (6)
- 11 Well behaved Chinaman in an Olde English pub (2, 4)
- 14 Frenzied morning all right! (4)
- 16 Imply study overhead with the Maori! (6)
- 17 Starts out a six to the grain house (4)
- **18** (7)
- 19 A former British P.M. in the garden (4)
- **20** She's not being issued with a crop (3)
- **21** (11)
- 23 Shout Cary Grant a deduction (3)
- **24** (4)
- 25 Change from many raving returns (4)
- **26** Adam's son whipped S.A. people (4)
- **29** Threw punch to a reporter and recorded some success (7, 2)
- **31** Eastern play a fat type of chance first half (3)
- **32** (4)
- 34 An ocean taxi lounge (4)
- 36 Stuff a State headdress (3)
- **37** (5)
- **38** Partying with Becel and gratin smorgasbord (11)
- **43** Former 'Monty Python' cast member now with nothing to do (4)
- 45 Former President Odi brought back Eastern code of chivalry (7)
- 47 Fools and goes in a manner of speaking (4)
- 48 Lake produce (4)
- 49 The Indian in 'Hud' movie! (5)
- 50 Idles around playground equipment (5)
- 51 Produce in 'Tell' medley (6)
- **52** (1'5)
- **53** (7)

- 1 Weakling getting into the swim perhaps (4)
- **2** Certainly in action! (6)
- 3 The Reverend class our Queen in charge (6)
- 4 Sixties group twists (5)
- 5 Desert ship 'Old Smokey'! (5)
- 6 Somewhere in a morning cartoon kingdom (4)
- 7 (4)
- 8 (6)
- Take a measure to litigate and see what can occur (5)
- **10** Doctor atop those with complications (9)
- 12 Clamorous starts to news over in South Yarra (5)
- 13 Ended in the East in strudel pot-pourri (8)
- **15** (7)
- **21** (10)
- 22 Always in reverie (4)
- **24** (8)
- 27 (8)
- 28 Sailor's dirty pool pussy matter! (7)
- 29 Nilsson's operatic work starts at once (3)
- **30** The fee from talkback! (3)
- 33 Clay pipe fountain (7)
- 35 In the wind, I go for some shade (6)
- **37** Heartless and filthy lucre (5)
- **39** An example of a commercial exclamation (4)
- 40 Palefaced Arthur, a dark skinned player, goes north (5)
- **41** Slim into nothingness (4)
- **42** (5)
- 44 Ends superb aqua pool Maori island (4)
- **46** In every other ignition (4)



Famed crossword compiler, Noel Jessop wrote: "Congratulations to all concerned for the new gorgeous Crozworld we can now look forward to each month." Many thanks, Noel. If members have not yet bought Noel's latest book A Ton of



Cryptics send a cheque for \$11.95 (plus \$5 p&p) to Ryan Publishing, PO Box 7680, Melbourne Vic 3004. It's an essential book for all crossworders.

Quizzes: Also due to lack of space, we can only run a Quiz every second month. Quizzes should be limited to a maximum of 20 questions. Atlas locations should be verifiable from the Macquarie Atlas or the Encyclopædia Britannica Atlas. Send your quizzes and solutions to me for formatting.

It was suggested that we publish all the names of the members as previously and that page 12 be left blank to make notes, jottings etc. Due to limitation of space, we are not able to implement these suggestions at present.

Thank You Adjudicators!

Many thanks for the valuable contribution made by our loyal and efficient adjudicators of the many puzzles published in Crozworld in the past 6 months: Jim Colles, Col Archibald,

Veniece Lobsey, Rob Watson, Ken Davis, Betty Cumming, Bill Bennett, Audrey Austin & Bob Hagan. -Patrick



Cumulative results: January - June 2000.

Equal 1st with a perfect score: Congratulations to Col Archibald, Sally Bouvier, Bev Cockburn, Valerie Howard, Ann Jermy, Iain MacDougall, Carole Noble, Ron O'Rourke, Marian Procter,

Joyce Sheahan, Joan Smith and Brian Tickle.

Cumulative Crossword Contest Slots 1 - 5: July -**December 2000.** This competition starts with this issue of Crozworld. Prizes: 1st \$200; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$120; 4th \$100; 5th \$90; 6th \$80; 7th \$70; 8th \$60; 9th \$50; 10th \$40. The total prize money is \$960. The prize money will be averaged in the event of a tied score.

Cumulative Slot 6 Puzzles: July - December 2000. \$300 to be divided equally between all those sharing top score.



A warm welcome to new members: Eileen Jones (SA), Barbara Woolf (Qld), Graham Witt (Vic) and Steve Harper (ACT).

We were saddened to hear of the death of member Jon Edwards from Margaret River, WA. Jon was a very successful solver and his passing is a real loss. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, especially his son Chris (who is also a member of the ACC). Vale, Jon.

Last month six South Australian Crozworders enjoyed a pleasant lunch together getting to know each other. Our thanks to Doug Butler for CROWS making it possible. We had an excellent meal and found plenty to talk about. We are all looking forward to the next lunch. Watch this space for the next time and place! -Doreen Witt





MEMBERS AMOK by Ultor Debug

Solutions: Audrey Austin*, Col Archibald*, Catherine Hambling*, Paula Mercer*, David Procter*, Carole Noble*, Marian Procter*, Margaret Galbreath*, Daphne Greening, Joan Smith*, Cheryl Gleeson, Shirl O'Brien*, Jim Colles*, Alan Walter*, Valerie Howard*, Eunice Altman, Betty Siegman*, Peter Holmick, Bev Solomon*, Alison Shield, Tom Phelan*, Patrick Street, Roy Wilson*, Corryn Anderson, Peter Dearie*, Steve Workman, Michael Veress*, Rob Watson, Irene Watts* and Doreen Witt*.

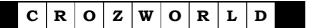
53 Entries received — those asterisked above plus: Anon from postcode 2326, Sonia Atkinson, Bill Bennett, Sally Bouvier, Geoff Campbell, Bev Cockburn, Betty Cumming, Margaret Dennis,

Jon Edwards, Pat Garner, Ann Jermy, Doreen Jones, Patricia Kellett, Del Kennedy, Veniece Lobsey, Patricia McDermott, Bob Hagan, Barbara Ibbott, Mary Moore, Ted O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, Gwenda Prewett, Judy Randall, Margaret Raw, Dorothy Robertson, Audrey Ryan, Joyce Sheahan, Phyl Shillig, Brian Tickle, Lorna Waites, Jenny Wenham and Dallas Window.

All were adjudged correct. Thank you for the many delightful, witty and interesting comments. Space doesn't allow for many to be printed, but these may give the flavour:

- O You'd better prepare yourself, the writs are certain to be in the mail. Jim Colles
- O Despite your disclaimer my husband felt you had hit the spot with my name. Catherine Hambling
- O I didn't intend to send in an entry but I spotted Alan Walter with Jim Colles above and I was hooked. Brian Tickle
- O Good fun, Doug. I LOVE anagrams. Dallas Window

Many signed off anagrammatically. I loved Wine Taster, Massive Lecher, Ram Rage Wart, Joe's One Nerd, Nobler Irish, Clem Pofflegab and Part Divorced. The names pulled out of the hat were: Lorna Waites and Patricia Kellett. -Doug



MEMBERS' COMMENTS

JUNE 1-2000

- It would seem that slot 1s have regained some semblance of sanity, at last. Keep 'em coming, Ann! Col Archibald
- A pleasant little puzzle to do whilst having a cup of tea, although I had to resort to the reference books for the female followers of Bacchus (not being one of them myself!) Barbara Ibbott
- GRIFFIN has given us another good conventional. She always includes some difficult words to make us think and to trick us sometimes, but her puzzles are enjoyable. Irene Watts

JUNE 2-2000

- . If I'm correct in believing that 2dn is meant to be 'retort' (only after due consultation!) then it would seem that Audrey has set a new paradigm for anagram indicators 'Firmer set'? I mean to say! Col Archibald
- I found 2dn to be a very tricky clue, requiring a thorough examination to get to the bottom thereof. The definition Jim Colles given for 26dn certainly put an 'expression of interest' on my wrinkled dial.
- I enjoyed this puzzle, particularly as it contained anagrams which I'm starting to master.

Barbara Ibbott Noel Jessop

- I count 20 anagrams or part anagrams in this puzzle. Come on Audrey, you can do better than that. I nearly got caught with 2dn & 25dn, but I 'he-dead' the advice in 23ac.
- Ted O'Brien
- I must be the only melon head who welcomed the new format by commencing slot 2 from South to North in lieu of West to East. Oh no you weren't, Tom! B) Tom Phelan
- There were some very cleverly disguised anagram indicators in this puzzle, eg 11ac, 18ac, 29ac, 3dn. Brian Tickle
- Virgo is always one of my favourite setters. Her puzzles are interesting and not too excruciatingly difficult. (I tried to get myself into trouble at 32ac as I wrote in AGENCY from the same position in puzzle 3 and had to use the whiteout to correct my error). Irene Watts

JUNE 3-2000

- This merger of two unstable minds has produced its usual problems, such as 9ac, 13ac, 19ac, 5dn, 14dn, etc. Liked the Charlie's aunt clue at 2dn, though. Jim Colles
- This was rather tricky and I had to keep returning to it after 'recovery' time.

Barbara Ibbott

- I'll have to start my own 'Col's Scottish Glossary', I reckon. I wanted to 'PLONK' it down. The dialectical 'UN' was a 'good-un', too in 9ac. Ted O'Brien
- Anacoluthia provides tension enough in my life of placidity, when these two mischief making setters resort to an unfair grid (36% of squares are darks resulting in less than 50% of letters common to two answers). Tom Phelan
- Quite a brain twister this, as we have come to expect from the Anacoluthia combination. I can't see why 'OPERATION' fits the clue, so perhaps I have the wrong word at 13ac. Irene Watts

JUNE 4-2000

'PRAXIS' = A model or example. True!

- Col Archibald
- Is PRAXIS a new setter or a new disguise? Will we ever know? Whatever, it was a very good exercise, with a lot of choice clues, and a new word for the GST. The government getting its JAGIRS. Jim Colles
- Changed the grid again! However, I think I've managed to find my way through the maze. Amazing! Barbara Ibbott
- The Alphabetical Jigsaw was, as always, great. VUGGY marvellous, I say.

Iain MacDougall

What VUGGY disgorged PRAXIS. Is that you Roy? Enjoyed it?

- Tom Phelan
- Is there someone else in the club besides Roy Wilson who can create an AJ with this grid? It certainly isn't I. I spent three days trying to make one of these only to be told by Roy that he can make three before breakfast (or something like that). Brian Tickle
- Another of these unusual alphabeticals. I don't care for them very much, but I recognise the skill of the setter. (Who was that?) Irene Watts

JUNE 5-2000

- I think one would need to be a Philadelphian Lawyer to decipher the clue for 22ac = 'Racquet'. I found many other clues to be verging on the obscure. Took me two days to knock it off (hopefully)! A very apt title! Col Archibald
- Some good clues, but rather long and therefore more baffling. RED ONE an anagram of DOREEN. Was Doreen Jones the compiler? Otherwise I rather suspect Col up to his old tricks! Audrey Austin
- Another myster setter emerging from the depths, probably with horns. An absorbing, if more than a little batty, creation. Bradman at the top and Grace at the bottom is about right. Jim Colles
- I nearly went BATS trying to solve this conundrum.

- Barbara Ibbott
- 'Out of Hell' was an excellent puzzle (though the theme was perhaps a bit too easily guessable). However, it was an enormous relief that ABAC (32ac) turned out to be the first four-letter word in *Chambers* ending in -AC. (Seriously, is it fair to use two definitions of extremely unusual words to clue a word beginning in two unches?) Congratulations, anyway. Iain MacDougall
- The BAT struck me with a thump, wallop and whack. Mine was a much slower pace.

Ted O'Brien

- Very entertaining. I suspect that I have only eleven BATS in my BELFRY. 6ac but also 5dn.
- Tom Phelan
- 23ac (POLE) isn't right for the 'recoiled snake without sun' which would be PALE (ELAPS is the snake). Yet 21dn has to be NOVA from 'star' & Judy Canova. Audrey Ryan
- Appreciate if you could explain 16dn. I am sure the answer is 'sneer' but everything else eludes me. Joan Smith
- A clever theme and some good clues, but I'm afraid my entry contains several best guesses.

Brian Tickle

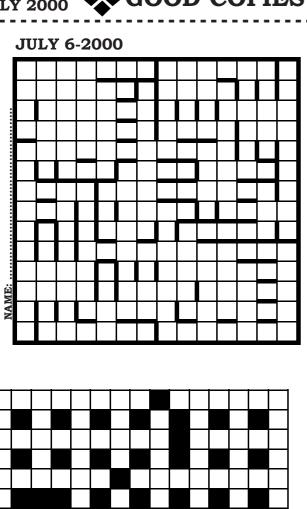
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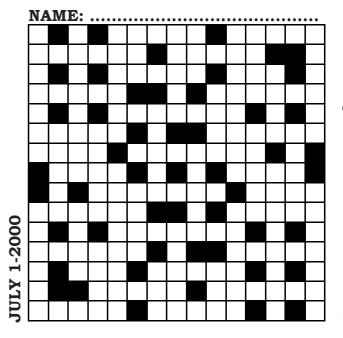
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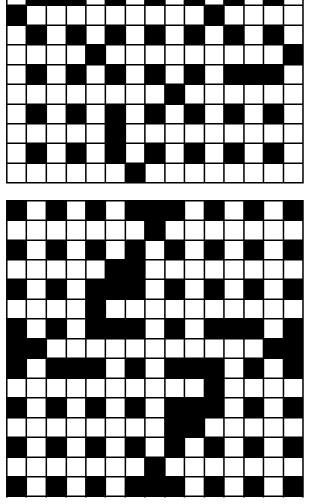
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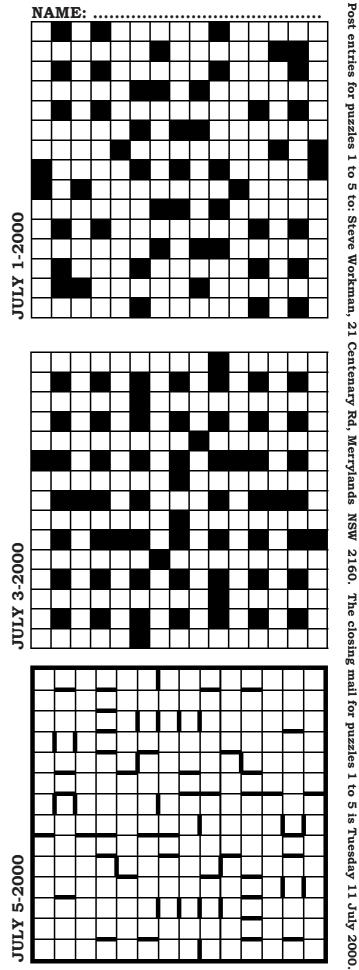
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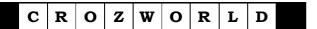
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MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from page 10)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Each of the puzzles took quite a bit of solving — no pushovers and I found slot 5 quite unique!

Bev Cockburn

- Would you please convey my thanks to the club for my \$20.00 prize last month. It is going straight on to Noel's new book! Fancy a club where you get paid for having fun!!! Del Kennedy
- My special thanks to Alan Walter & David Stickley for their time and devotion to the club.

Hilary Murray

A lovely pair of words to chip into the conversation - VUGGY & JAGIRS.

Michelle Thomson

Yes, Carole. I haven't participated much lately. My job now has me flying, driving and generally rushing all over the countryside with little time to solve, let alone create, puzzles BUT when my current contract runs out on 28th January 2003 (by a sweet coincidence forty years to the day since I started teaching - pounds, shillings and pence among other things - in a little oneteacher school in the bush) I hope to come up with some Brian Ticklers. Brian Tickle

COMMENTS ON OUR NEW LOOK CROZWORLD

- I rather like the new format, but there is no way of knowing who the compilers are, and that's a good job, because I feel that the compiler of slot 5 would be copping some low blows from the members once his/her identity was revealed!
- I liked the new Crozworld format, but not sure whether cutting comments to the bone is fair on the members who take the time to make comments. I miss the jokes and anecdotes, the chit-chat etc. Most annoying of all, I've had to change my method of transferring answers from rough to good copies - I used to insert these as I went, in the interval between thoughts of other solutions. Now I have to copy the whole X-word. No matter, life is a montage of changes and adjustments, nothing stays the same for ever, and Patrick and David have done a really good job with the first magazine of the new era! Audrey Austin
- Patrick & David have certainly given a more professional look to the magazine, and the incorporation of all the 'good copy' solutions onto one page should make the checking job a bit easier, maybe — if we all do what we've been asked to do, and don't get them upside down. Congratulations to the new production team on their first issue. It's a great job. Jim Colles
- When I first joined the ACC I was very impressed with the set-up having the clues above the grids and I wish that had continued with the new magazine format. Daphne Greening
- Congratulations to those responsible for our 'new look' magazine. It is an improvement in many ways. However I would like to see all members' names printed each month whether they submit entries or not. After all they are financial members and I don't think we should 'save space' at their expense, and we do like to know who our members are. Valerie Howard
- I am quite pleased with the new Crozworld format, particularly as I no longer have to chop up pages to send my puzzle entries. However, I feel we should retain the full list of members and attempt to include some of the members' jokes and quips. The latter add so much to the enjoyment of belonging to the ACC. Barbara Ibbott
- Love the format of our new journal.

Del Kennedy

The new format is a Great Improvement. Can the pages can be stapled so that they fold over flat?

Iain MacDougall Marge Pope

I love the new format of the magazine. It is very easy to read.

Gwenda Prewett

I enjoyed the New Look Crozworld. I appreciated the spaciousness of the solving pages.

- Top marks for the new Crozworld layout, but please find a way to inform us of setters' identities. I have a list of setters going back ten years, but suddenly no way to identify these two new pseudonyms. Shirl O'Brien
- My congratulations to all concerned with the production of the new look Crozworld a really professional effort as one would expect from the line up of experts in charge. Ted O'Brien
- I think our new look journal will be an improvement, particularly if we get some new ideas in the feedback. Patrick is a quite Ron O'Rourke brilliant fellow and I think he will make a few changes for the better.
- I was extremely impressed with the new magazine, an excellent layout it will be very popular with all the members. Roy Wilson

A CROZWORLD LAMENT

Oh! Where oh where has our old friend gone, / The CROZWORLD that we all knew? / It's changed its spots and it's lost its dots, / The checker and setter signs too. / I miss the list of the members' names, / I miss the layout of old, / The jokes and tips and amusing quips / The new set-up feels too cold. / I think the page of 'good' is fine, / To save us cutting our file, / But the tidy font is not what I want; / The old friendly style made me smile. / Irene Watts

ADJUSTMENTS: Joan Smith gained an extra point for Mirrored Initially Quiz II. Carole Noble gained a dot for March Slot 6. Marge Pope said she did not qualify for a tick in last month's Slot 1. Thanks, Marge. You've been 'ticked off'!

MAY 6-2000

Entries: 59. Correct: 43. Success rate: 73%.

Prizewinners: 1st: Daphne Greening (\$20), 2nd: Jenny Wenham (Book prize: A Ton of Cryptics by Noel Jessop)

- It must have been an old duck in this soup because it was very tough. Enjoyed the puzzle especially the phrases around the Jim Colles
- As no one has perstringed me for at least 3 weeks with that word, it could be considered a trifle passé.

Tom Phelan

The mix of clue types made it an interesting exercise.

Catherine Hambling Betty Cumming

Really lateral thinking for this curly contraption. Congrats on your creativity.

Vainly I sought some reptilian quote to describe the convolutions of your cryptographic mind. With 4dn I realised that your thinking was not sinuous but just devilishly straightforward! Thanks for a "rattler" of a puzzle. Ted O'Brien

Methinks Bill has been on the Bailey's with La Belle Del and becoming benign besides! Good one Bill.

Col Archibald Roy Wilson

My abysmal lack of knowledge of Miss Menken was highlighted. Very tricky puzzle. I enjoyed Duck Soup, especially the borders. Mixture of clever clues and off-beat words.

Brian Tickle

Combination Duck Soup was quite a tasty dish with plenty of spicy bits, even a stripper; very enjoyable.

Ron O'Rourke Peter Dearie

Haven't come across the expression SNOG-IN; maybe I've lived a sheltered life.

Your puzzle was like the curate's egg Bill but these parts I just can't swallow: SNOG-IN, NEED HONING — purely BoBo-esque!!! The parts I did like: EAT YOUR HEART OUT and SEAMY SIDE OF LIFE. Shirl O'Brien

Audreu Ruan

Loved the clue GUN MOLLS. Explain IDIOCY please. (Chambers both words. B.)

ADJUDICATOR'S COMMENTS: Really appreciated your cards and get well messages (even the mental one). Thank you! There were only 16 errors and they were all the same word: ANGELENO, a conventional clue I mentioned in the soup recipe. Chambers lists it, but not ANGELINO. ANGELINES are not exclusive to any particular city, and NO!! I was not FLAKERS in the local ANGEL INN. A special thanks to Shirl O'Brien and Sonia Atkinson for indicating that YOUNGTH has no plural (Chambers says -n YOUTH but not A YOUTH, sorry!). Perhaps "Youngth's toey sharpness needs constant honing." **—Bill Bennett** (B9)