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Words are the fortresses of thought.
William Hamilton, quoted by Samuel Butler 1890.

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The CruciverbaLimerick Competition proved to be a very popular and successful event. Congratulations to our three winners, Maurice Cowan, Kev Layton and Jim Colles for their winning inspirations. They are now the lucky recipients of book prizes kindly donated by the originator of the competition Brian Symons. Many thanks to Brian for his welcome suggestion and his generosity in providing the prizes. See page 9 for the full details. If you have any suggestions for future Competitions, kindly contact Patrick.

We were sorry to hear that the Club's Grand Quizmaster Ted O'Brien (or *Neir B'Odet* backwards) has not been in the best of health lately. We send you our best wishes Ted for a speedy recovery and sincerely hope you will be 'up and about' in the near future. As a result, the details of Ted's 14th Anniversary Quiz have been held over until next month.

We have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month starting with the now familiar *Half & Half* by Noel Jessop. We are delighted to welcome back *Makeanote* with another of his fine cryptics and *Aeolian* has compiled an interesting puzzle which he has titled *Rocks to Riches*. *Virgo* has contributed the AJ puzzle this month which is in the Zyxototic style. Timid Terrier has given us a Nature Study and finally *Brother Naga* has compiled another of his masterpieces.

We are indebted to David Stickley for his insightful review of the new *Collins Australian Dictionary* (see p9).

We hope you enjoy the puzzles and a new Quiz by Brian Symons this month. Many thanks to the compilers and quizmasters for their valued assistance. Happy Crozwordling!
—Patrick

My 10th adjudication (does this entitle me to long service leave?). Having only received 84 entries by Monday night I expected to be inundated on closing day but received only a further 7 entries. This is well down on the 121 entries from last month.

Slot 1. A well received puzzle. I received 9 different incorrect answers (BAIRD, BALAS, BARRY, CAIRN, CAPRI, FARGO, HARRY, HAIGH and ZAIRE) from 14 members who had never heard of the movie *Ruby Cairo*. Personally I'm sure it was more than this, with others having "google" skills, it being a rather obscure film. For 34ac the suggested answer was PAPAYA. I have decided to allow both CASABA (2 entries) and BANANA (6 entries). These 6 members should note that I'm partial to both Guinness and chocolate. However after much consideration I decided that a BANANA was indeed "tropical", generally considered a "fruit" (though in actual fact it's an herb) and "large" (this was the hardest bit but "large" is such a subjective idea and, given what the modern advertising industry considers large, who am I to argue?).

Slot 2. Generally well received, though it appears most members failed to realise the significance of the title until they had completed the puzzle. Great first effort Jack.

Slot 3. A well liked puzzle with all 8 missed dots being for different errors.

Slot 4. The main problem here costing 8 dots was GASPACHO. Although *Macquarie* does give GASPACHO as an alternate spelling of GAZPACHO it does not satisfy the cryptic clue. Move sideways=ZAG not SAG I'm afraid.

Slot 5. Well received though appears to have been a very difficult puzzle with only 57% of entries correct. Of the 37 errors, well over half (26) were caused by 13ac with 24 members putting TITO. While TITO may well be classed as a revolutionary I fail to see how TIT was derived from the cryptic "Judge said". 18ac caused the loss of a further 7 dots with MARK (3) and MARC (4).

Clue of the Month: A large number of candidates, with 35 members voting for a total of 21 clues. It was a tie for first (6 votes each) between slot 4 F and Slot 5 12dn.

Happy crosswording —Ken Davis p.s. My prime searching results can still be found at "www.geocities.com/kraden/mfprimes.html".

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Entries received	83	79	90	81	86	419
Correct entries	58	65	82	66	49	320
Success rate (%)	69.9	82.3	91.1	81.5	57.0	76.3
Prizewinners	G Prewett	L Howard	C Anderson	P Mercer	M Davis	From 91 members

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KNIGHT S
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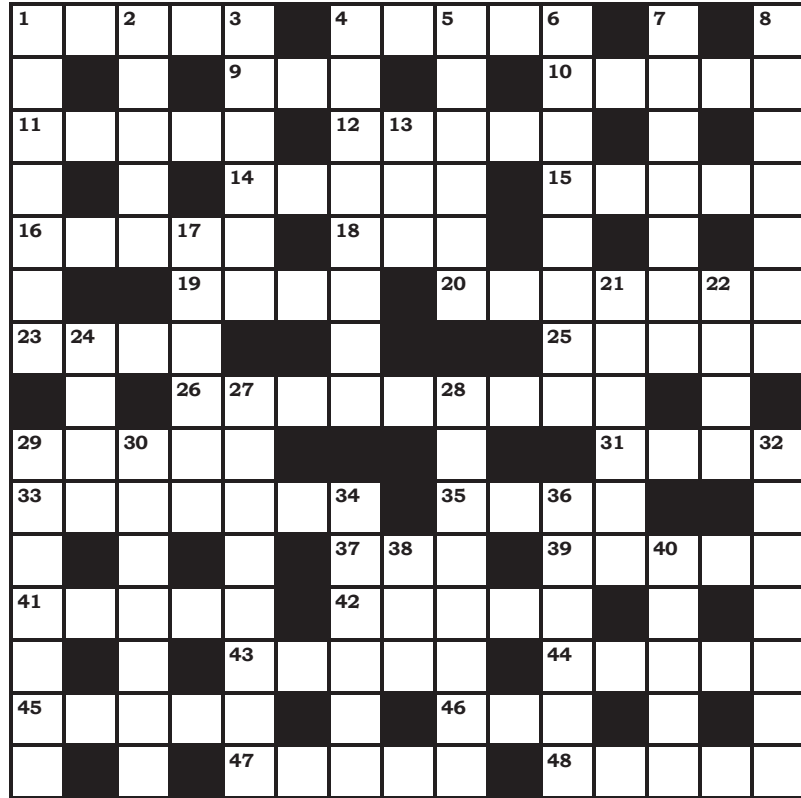
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



[rrp: \$36.95]



Across

- 1 Forest clearing (5)
- 4 King of Ethiopia (5)
- 9 Era (3)
- 10 Small wood (5)
- 11 Creature (5)
- 12 District of New Zealand (5)
- 14 Bolivian city (2, 3)
- 15 Proportion (5)
- 16 Vacuous (5)
- 18 Tint (3)
- 19 Grey (4)
- 20 Newspapers (7)
- 23 Fluent (4)
- 25 Caulking fibre (5)
- 26 Protesting (9)
- 29 Synagogue leader (5)
- 31 Black (4)
- 33 Liqueur flavour (7)
- 35 Tolerate (4)
- 37 Recede (3)
- 39 Gravel ridge (5)
- 41 Enter (3, 2)
- 42 More reticent (5)
- 43 Son of Abraham (5)
- 44 Asian country (5)
- 45 City in Oklahoma (5)
- 46 Leafy expansion (3)
- 47 Hungarian composer (5)
- 48 Philippines island (5)

Down

- 1 Take up singer's chattering (7)
- 2 A lot of stories about one male soul (5)
- 3 Big fliers are better than birdies (6)
- 4 One contrived outrageous hype about tense beginner (8)
- 5 Fixed pain, say, to idle in grand surroundings (6)
- 6 Sign name for a hateful person (8)
- 7 King puts in new satellite (7)
- 8 Homer is off in boldness (7)
- 13 A letter from the Greek thanks university (3)
- 17 Wealthy persons raised prohibition with no balance sheet (6)
- 21 Regals off drinks (6)
- 22 Some neurotic roan wallaroo (4)
- 24 Narrow messy lane (4)
- 27 Well, in France Spike changed once in two years (8)
- 28 Feline's disgraceful act behind betting agency and alongside (5, 3)
- 29 Dodges alien in storage facility (7)
- 30 Travel by Cecil's arrangement (7)
- 32 Hurried up at speed to tell (7)
- 34 Established church in time goes off (6)
- 36 Each rail converted a signal receiver (6)
- 38 Neckpiece may constrict a little! (3)
- 40 A little child to tease at Dee Why? (5)

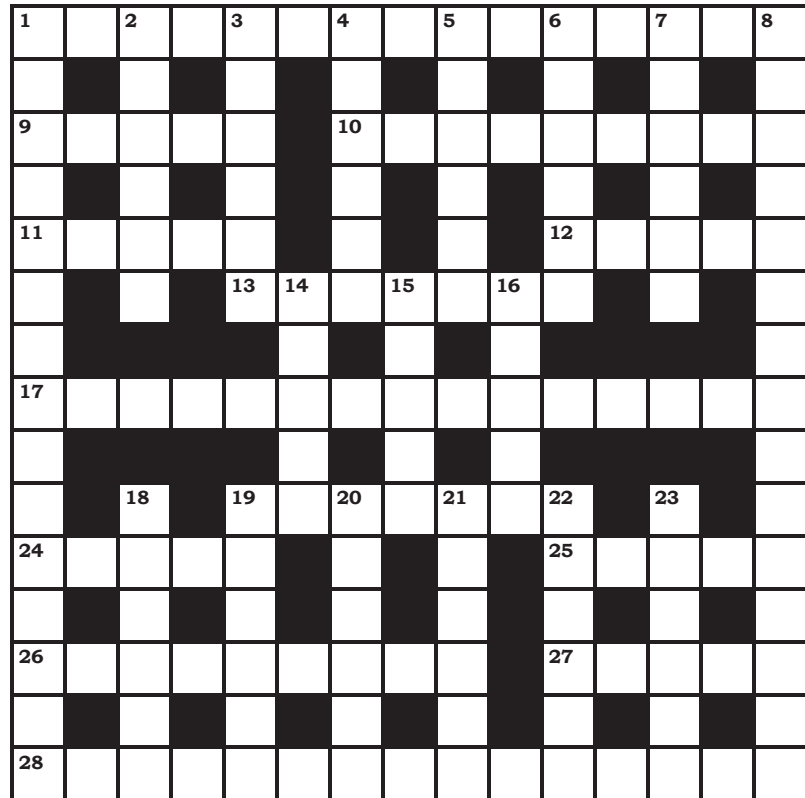
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e-mail: Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au
Closing mail date: Tuesday 29 June 2004.
Slot 6: Bob Hagan, 6 Bradford Drive, Goulburn NSW 2580.
Closing mail date: Friday 9 July 2004.

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**Cryptic
by
Makeanote**



Across


- 1 Inventory list helps to locate what you're after (5,2,8)
- 9 A bug on a phone gives your name away (5)
- 10 The subway inside Western Samoa's capital is case for sore eyes (9)
- 11 King sleeps, being hit with sharp blows (5)
- 12 Curve outward, but unusually starts to get large (5)
- 13 Stores herbs, or pegs by the sound of it (3, 4)
- 17 Lookout for the tip! It's quite unappealing (3,1,6,5)
- 19 Rescale search for oat crops (6)
- 24 "There you have it! Now fiddle with it" (5)
- 25 Asian piece of porcelain (5)
- 26 Shrub lain awkwardly cleans the fingers (4-5)
- 27 Straining to earn an oriental ruler (5)
- 28 Childish competition carries an unbroken shell (3,3,5,4)

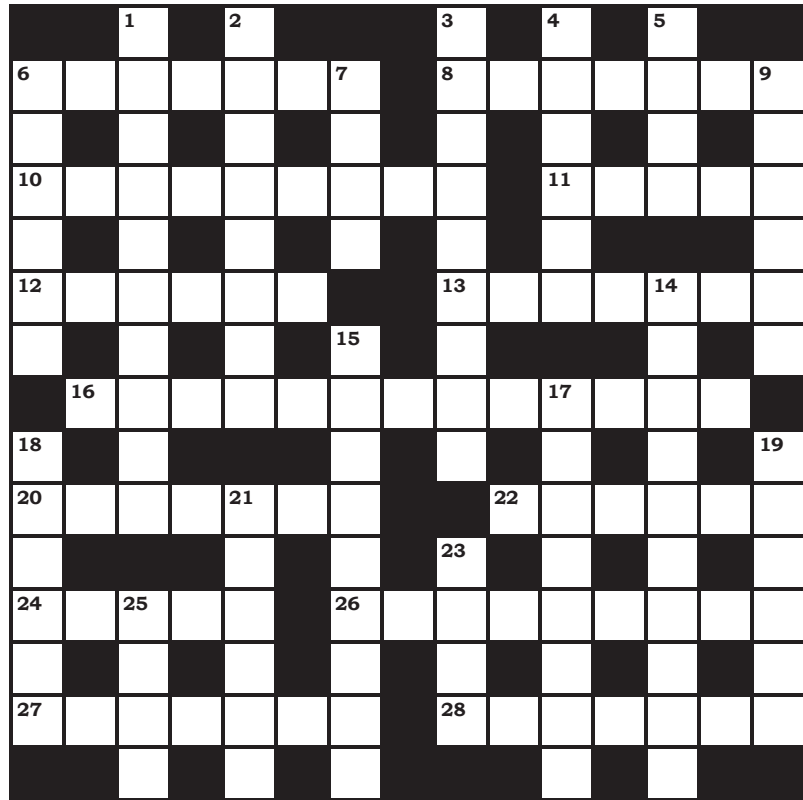
Down

- 1 "Australians all let us give thanks." Quite pre-emptive (6,2,7)
- 2 To lose face, even as the leader (6)
- 3 Detective Steel disturbed the most mature member (6)
- 4 The end of France became a Brazilian location (6)
- 5 Marine plants love to be a back pain (6)
- 6 Heartless actors still showed pulses (6)
- 7 Piece of salt on an open hand an explosive mix (6)
- 8 Ten back from weighing machine, then realign unusual shape (7,8)
- 14 Stronghold quite a high point (5)
- 15 Batman to have a swim (5)
- 16 Indian bovine makes Alistair happy (5)
- 18 Second rate cow in middle-age fist fighting (6)
- 19 Take back support in fake diamond (6)
- 20 Fidel Castro guessed it, partly. Scoundrels! (6)
- 21 Chat about nothing. Love to sneeze (4-2)
- 22 Monitor filter (6)
- 23 Sail oddly around lake. Then, it is said, I see a pile of sand (6)

Book Reference:

Eats shoots and leaves by Lynne Truss published by Profile, retails at \$29.95. A zero tolerance book on "incorrect punctuation". The title refers to a PANDA BEAR who enters a food market, feeds, fires a gun and flounces off!! (Very similar to the BANDICOOT of ribald joke fame - Ken). So does the comma matter? Cryptic compilers don't seem to care about correct punctuation do they?! What about Afrit's injunction? *Alan Walter*

J U N E 2 0 0 4 S L O T 3
Rocks to Riches by Aeolian




Answers to Across clues are related, and no definition is given. Down clues are conventional.

Across

- 6** Acted without a Scotsman (7)
- 8** Like a sheep, about 51 (7)
- 10** Stone pile with notice (9)
- 11** Short gas about honour (5)
- 12** Ten, low fat (6)
- 13** Meeting, in state, but without a model (7)
- 16** Musical sound of spice (8,5)
- 20** Old uncle, the artist, led out East (7)
- 22** Ball loses right, gains point (6)
- 24** Could it be a style of walking? (5)
- 26** Greek letter with grief about it (9)
- 27** Fairy speckle (7)
- 28** Case yet to be solved (3'1-3)

Down

- 1** French syrup (10)
- 2** George ____, who wrote about his brother Jack (8)
- 3** Crawling like an ant (9)
- 4** Twofold (6)
- 5** Branch (4)
- 6** Indian bandit (6)
- 7** Put up two for defence (4)
- 9** In a creepy way (6)
- 14** Maybe papaw – or a mallet (10)
- 15** A tame politician (1, 8)
- 17** High and mighty (8)
- 18** Quietly steal away (6)
- 19** 11pm Perth to Melbourne flight (3-3)
- 21** Alters (6)
- 23** About animals (4)
- 25** Land measure (4)

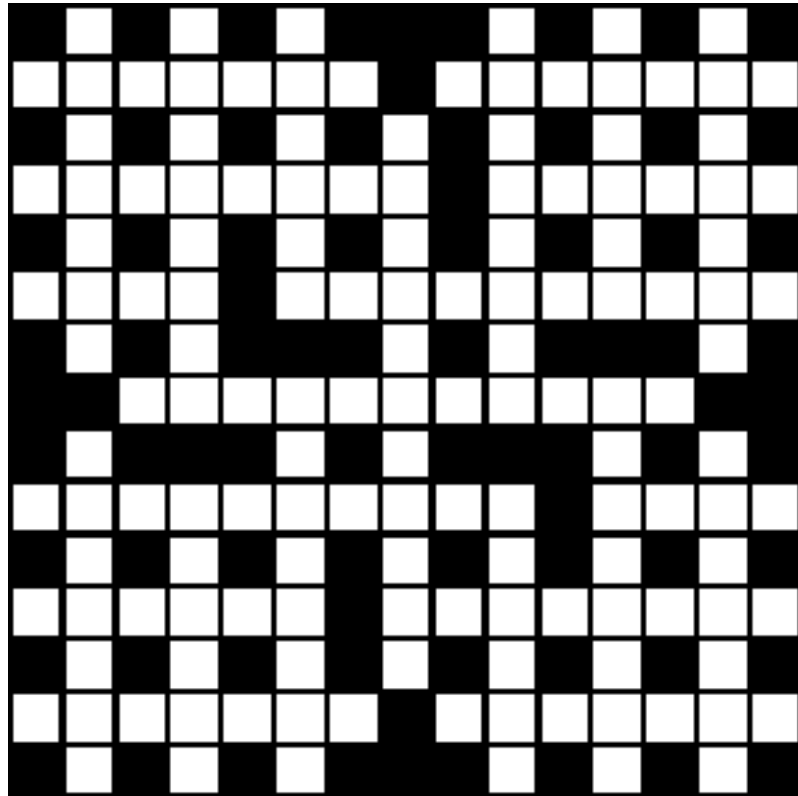
GENERAL COMMENTS

- Thanks for pulling my name out of the hat as a lucky winner recently. Just getting the puzzles out brings its own satisfaction, the cash is an unexpected bonus. I've won two prizes in my two years of membership meaning my puzzling enjoyment has been virtually free of charge. What a great system! By the way, does anyone else see the irony on the Members' Comments page May edition where Audrey Austin, herself seemingly the inventor of the ugly word 'MALINSTRUCT' which caused so much angst amongst solvers of puzzle 4 in April, complains in the next paragraph that she 'doesn't like the obscure words' of Roy Wilson. I seem to recall stuff about pots and kettles! Again thanks to all who contribute so much to make the club work. *Merv Collins*
- Thanks for my slot 1 prize. It's great to receive a parcel in the post, and it's a very handy thesaurus. *Del Kennedy*
- Very pleasing to see over 120 ACC members submitting grids for the APRIL puzzles. This is a good participation rate & indicates that Slot 1-5 puzzles are at the right level with great success percentages. *Alan Walter*
- I would like to thank the club for the prize I received last month. *Jeanette Kitto*
- Many thanks for my prize for Cryptic by Cactus from the *Crozworld Compendium*, vol 4 puzzles. I'm sure I'll get a lot of use out of the *Chambers Encyclopedia*. *Claire McClelland*
- Please pass on my thanks for the prize for the March slot 6 puzzle. What a pleasant surprise to see my own name at the top of the page. I am now well in credit. The prize paid for the last 2 years subscriptions and I've had the pleasure (and pain) of *Crozworld* every month. Who could ask for more from a club? *Jenny Wenham*
- Many, many thanks for the lovely book prize. It's quite a thrill to receive a prize for doing something you enjoy so much. *Patricia Reynolds*

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AJ
by
Virgo

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

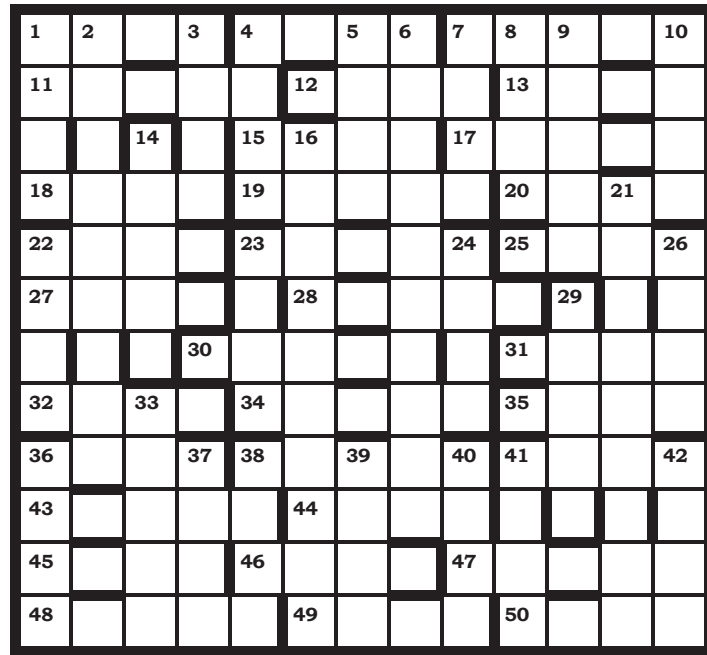
- A** Anyway, it's a coin (4)
- B** The rhythm of the hair comb is uneven (8)
- C** A mixture of 80% mango with 2cc brandy (6)
- D** Seeing an alien in the red centre, Trevor rose and turned back (11)
- E** A Nightingale in Italy (8)
- F** Live semi-interest (6)
- G** About to start calling Langer for standard in football code (6, 4)
- H** The state of Perth students expression of surprise at the Indian fellow (6)
- I** Soda split King and all his subjects in sloth (6)
- J** Home rule was ruined by the Raj (6)
- K** Billy Holder, the nineteenth lookalike (7)
- L** Pull in revised list and repeat the lesson until it takes hold (8)
- M** Noah's relative admits the spa is a sanctuary (7)
- N** Worried Coles starts incentive over new emergency! (8)
- O** A tenor appearing in 'The Kingdom' in Gounod's opera (7)
- P** The depressed head of a titmouse (7)
- Q** A place in which to repair aquarium (4)
- R** Half-paid rock pierced from beneath (6)
- S** Smoothing the last pages in these more relaxed stages (8)
- T** The one with the most money gets red taxi (8)
- U** Back ram at the Golden Buffalo (7)
- V** Grab fine we hear off the author (7)
- W** Old mew bird settled — now he listens to light classics (10)
- X** The case of Jackie's hat (7)
- Y** The lost victory robes were taken to a right winger in the tower (11)
- Z** Knock out and pound over Split Enz in a modern German city (7)

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Nature Study
by
Timid Terrier

Prize:
The
Chambers
Dictionary

[1998 ed
rrp \$100]



Across

- 1 One wager to make good (4)
- 4 Initially satin is the same material (4)
- 7 Theme (a) (5)
- 11 Theme (b) (5)
- 12 Indifferent company look back (4)
- 13 Mix in mellow fruit (4)
- 15 Laos damaged further (4)
- 17 Theme (a) (5)
- 18 Skilful sailor at loose ends? (4)
- 19 Annoying (colloq) Peru weather (5)
- 20 War club for male unit (4)
- 22 River containing fifty shellfish (4)
- 23 Sailor without sweetheart at rain-tree? (5)
- 25 Sluggish owls shot (4)
- 27 Provide pupil with a cottage room in Scotland (4)
- 28 To speak falsely on the queen's stamina (5)
- 30 Cape returned if friend lost money (5)
- 31 Dwarf heard at ancient Egyptian province (4)
- 32 Theme (b) (4)
- 34 Decoy outside college for sordid gain (5)
- 35 Girl returns immediately (4)
- 36 Harass the speaker without the French euphemism for hell (4)
- 38 Theme (a) (5)
- 41 Gentleman reported female slave (4)
- 43 Relative into litigation (2-3)
- 44 Two Scots, heads of tourism, welcomed around Europe (4)
- 45 Vale sadly old calf (4)
- 46 Lofty bird's nest (4)
- 47 Theme (b) (5)
- 48 In Mexico, great enchiladas are consumed (5)
- 49 Old Portuguese money note on Island (4)
- 50 Large cask of flatfish (4)

Down

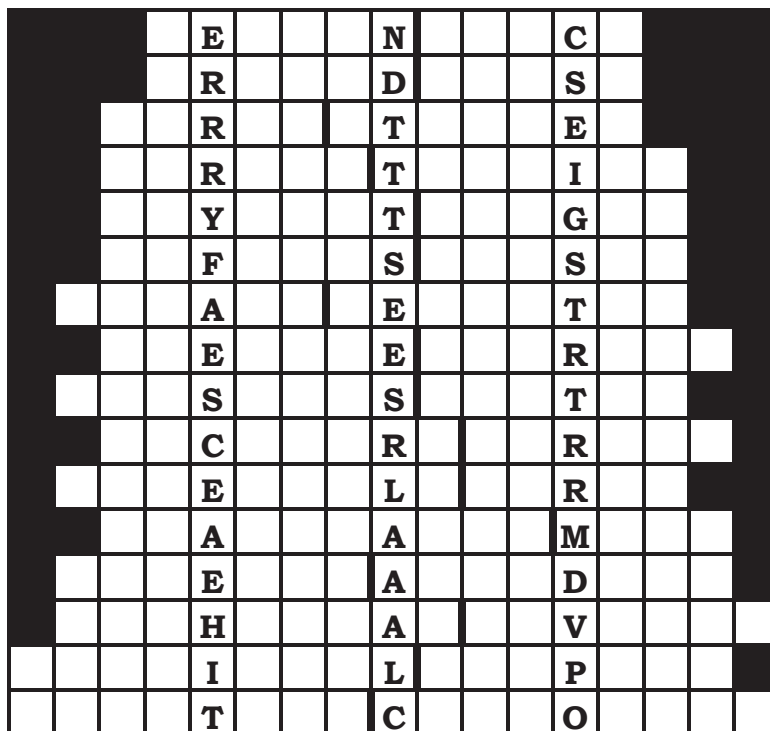
- 1 Water colour (4)
- 2 Theme (b) (9)
- 3 Spelling old team initially to enhance match endurance (4)
- 4 Suddenly break Sunday snooze (4)
- 5 Behold ships defeat (4)
- 6 Theme (a) (10)
- 7 Turkish governor holding large fish (4)
- 8 Religious leader with one South American Indian from Guatemala (4)
- 9 Royal man at Alabama (5)
- 10 Sly Scots at south shelter (4)
- 14 Ring loudly for tribe (German) (5)
- 16 Theme (b) (10)
- 21 Theme (a) (9)
- 22 Association caught Aboriginal woman, not artist (4)
- 23 To manure the ground (4)
- 24 Hawaiian goose born around the north (4)
- 26 Theme (a) (4)
- 29 Theme (b) (5)
- 33 Rising story includes chapter with distinction (5)
- 36 Theme (b) (4)
- 37 Cabbage and leak stew (4)
- 38 Theme (a) (4)
- 39 Spenser's (poetic) precious metal in shallow reservoir (4)
- 40 Rotten desk flies (4)
- 41 Brothers climbing the service-tree (4)
- 42 Worry Father and French (4)

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Winter is Come by Brother Naga



Two words from each line have been chosen and a synonym found for each. The cryptic-like clues follow the order of the lines and the order of the words in the line. These synonyms should then be fitted into the grid. A few letters have been given as a guide to solving. As an example from the title, if 'Winter' had a synonym 'season' and 'come' had a synonym 'happen' the clue would read: The main (sea) issue (son) by chance (hap) put in writing (pen). One way to read the clue is to put the word in front eg. 'Winter is the main issue'. Where the division occurs has been shown in the first clue only as a guide.



Clues

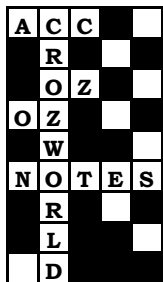
- Carelessly I act and turn/solid end of rod around wrong (8/9)
- Freud initially set up the primitive instincts and a remedy involving first sex (6/5)
- A journey in a ship is a retiree's odd arrangement (6/7)
- Short religious ceremony following opening service made all pleased (9/7)
- Fail to reach Gallic islands of the Great Bear (8/6)
- Former English leader is somewhat clever and laid back about ashes holder (7/7)
- Never disturb skilled speaker's opening early speech! (9/5)
- A French bloke runs outside Surfers then runs inside Coolangatta/Tweed Heads (8/6)
- Scots applaud the Parisian acts so wildly (7/6)
- Settle me into the centre with middle-aged group (7/6)
- Even my Dr. made a rude return "It's rude to start treatment" (6/8)
- Not wrong, not here - somewhere wandering over NSW (5,4/7)
- Beyond, behind, before the fourth Greek character to translate outside (10/4)
- Since the French in a German Union put on a worker (7/8)
- Some hear that it rated poorly (5/7)
- Marine young produce internally before a change (6/5)

WINTER IS COME by JF Hagan (1956)

- The naked arms of silent trees claw gnarled fingers
- In unresisting weakness against the icy blast;
- The numbing breeze shears in, then slowly lingers
- All through the ghostly bleakness and sweeps past.
- Icy arrows, frozen, frigid
- Hang, heedless of young Beauty's daily chores
- Beneath old Mother Earth's crusty silence,
- She finds, (though rigid,
- Refrigerated ripples seal her ice-bound shores)
- Fond compensation for her sudden burden of suspense.
- The dull unlovely debris of her way
- Now reigns, transformed by light -
- Transformed, though strangely dumb;
- Magnificently still for many a fairied day
- The world is clothed in mystic white ..!
- Winter is come.

Post
Solution
to:

Bob Hagan
6 Bradford Drive, Goulburn NSW 2580.
Closing mail date: Friday 9 July 2004.



CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2004

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be "Xmas in July" and will be held at noon on Sunday 25th July at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Motel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt. Waverley, which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern Freeway. Cost for the three-course lunch is \$33. Bookings and enquiries to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester Street, Mt. Waverley. Telephone (03) 9808 4392 by 16th July please. Cheques payable to ACC.

Crossword Forum:

There's something for the webwise at: <http://cracker.com.au> This is a crossword forum that's relatively new. I think "cracker" has been set up by Fairfax, and so many of the comments are related to the SMH/Age crosswords, but any crossword talk is welcome. *David Stickle*

Puzzle Adjustment: Max Roddick lost a dot for April Slot 5.

Many thanks to all the would-be poets who entered the **Cruciverbalimerick** competition and also to all those who voted. It seemed to provide some fun and variety and enjoyment. Most voters commented how hard it was to decide on three from so many worthy entries. Hence there was a wide scatter of selections but nevertheless the voting system provided three clear winners. Before announcing the winners we should remember that it was Edward Lear who popularised the limerick.

Although at the limericks of Lear
We may be tempted to sneer
We should never forget
That we owe him a debt
For his work as the first pioneer.

First Prize No 18 - Maurice Cowan

Please Setters when calling the shots
and baffling us dim-witted clots,
Could you kindly refrain
Desist and abstain
From the Obs and the Spens and the Scots?

Second Prize No 41 - Kev Layton

Said an ill cryptic boffin named Brown,
"There's some pills on that chair, in my gown,
If you'd kindly toss Six or seven across,
I will try to get three or four down!"

Third Prize No 2 - Jim Colles

A crosswording jogger named Horrie
Was run over while swotting Macquarie.
As he lay on the road, Across hopped a toad,
And they both croaked under the lorry.

For the record, not far behind was No 27.
Apologies to Max Roddick whose excellent entries were either mislaid or lost in cyberspace. Here is one of them:
I like doing AJs, don't you?
The compilers have so much to do -
But the question that vexes, When they come to the "X" is:
How on earth do they find something new?

—**Brian Symons**

QUIZ No 3/2004

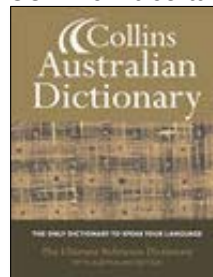
ON FIRST NAME TERMS by Brian Symons

Each of the answers is a well-known christian name that has another dictionary definition eg To prosecute at law __ Sue. Can you identify all your friends? There are 12 traditional girl's names and 12 traditional boy's names. Word lengths are given. All letters occur in the answers except Q, V, X and Z.

Send your entries on this or a separate sheet to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email: brian-symons@bigpond.com.au
Closing mail date: Friday 9 July 2004. Prize: \$60.

- 1 A closely populated slum district (6) _ _ _ _ _ n
- 2 A song of joy (5) _ a _ _ _
- 3 A condition of being born without arms or legs (6) _ m _ _ _ _
- 4 Noisy quarrel (6) _ _ _ _ e _
- 5 Stood up (4) _ _ s _
- 6 Plunder (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 7 Aptness of expression (8) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 8 Whirlpool (4) _ _ _ _
- 9 A presider over canons (4) _ _ _ _
- 10 Prophetess (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 11 Remorse (4) _ _ _ _
- 12 Doomed (3) _ _ _
- 13 Open (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 14 A blood fine paid by a murderer (4) _ _ _ _
- 15 A lady's maid (7) _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 16 Irish halfpenny (7) _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 17 Signature substitute (4) _ _ _ _
- 18 Dwindle away to nothing (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 19 Dark areas on the moon (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 20 Winch (4) _ _ _ _
- 21 A precious stone (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 22 A female ass (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 23 Curtsey (3) _ _ _
- 24 Excursion (5) _ _ _ _ _

BOOK REVIEW by David Stickle
Collins Australian Dictionary (5th edition)



Of course, I like any reference that has a focus on Australian content. Many wordlists available on the Net don't contain many Australianisms, Aboriginal words or native flora or fauna, so to have a reference that includes some of these words is great and makes for better Australian crosswords.

There seems to be a general trend among dictionary makers to limit their non-concise dictionaries to a single volume. This has its disadvantages, the most noticeable being the need to exclude particular content in order to maintain a reasonably-sized book. As new words, phrases and expanded definitions are added, something must make way for them. Collins has decided to remove all biographical references but leave the small Swiss villages. Personally I'd like to see the obscure and obsolete entries and content go, and the biographical returned. It's good to have it all in the one reference. Chambers has never had biographical references but has always produced a separate book to cover this deficiency.

The entry layout of the Collins Australian Dictionary is different to many dictionaries, but curiously similar to The Macquarie. Root words and common multi-word terms score their own headword entry, with related phrases at the end of the headword's definition(s). Australian content is generally good, although Australian icons like Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House aren't represented, and of course, there are no prominent Australians listed.

There appears to be no electronic version of this dictionary available yet, which is a shame. Personally, I think all new modern references should come in both forms since computers are such a big part of people's work and home life and most students do their homework in front of a computer.

Collins has done a good job in producing an Australian version of their renowned Collins English Dictionary. Sensible coverage has always been a Collins' trademark, something that continues in this book apart from the absence of biographical entries. This reference is a valuable addition to any crossword setter or solver's library, and I would highly recommend it.

May 1-2004: Thematic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Clever thematic and nice opener for this month's brain drainers. Audrey.
- Very clever Audrey to fit in so many places. CAIRO was hard!
- Is SALE right? Seems out of place somehow. (Sorry Salerians, no offence intended!)
- Who the devil is Ruby? Barry was a guess. (*Ruby Cairo* was a 1993 movie with, coincidentally, a soundtrack by John Barry – Ken)
- Virgo's thematic in first slot? What a bonus!
- I enjoyed Virgo's innovative Slot 1. Amazing to be able to get in all those towns and cities.
- Our slot ones are becoming very tough.
- A very satisfying No. 1 Slot.
- Thanks Virgo for a lovely blend of locations. Took quite some time to deduce the films *Rio Rita* & *Ruby Cairo*. Also the Welsh actor Donald Houston & the US Actor George Hamilton. An enjoyable Slot 1 thematic.
- This was difficult for a No.1. I expected theatre clues from *Virgo* and sure enough they were there but with towns as well. RUBY at 25dn. Almost queered my pitch completely. *Ruby Cairo* seemed the most likely though I haven't heard of her.

Col Archibald
Bev Cockburn
Doug Butler
Maurice Cowan
Catherine Foster
Catherine Hambling
Bev Solomon
Bryan Symons
Alan Walter
Irene Watts

May 2-2004: Oh, Gee Whiz! by Jack (Jack Stocks)

- Good puzzle for a first attempt, didn't like the grid though with no less than 16 initial letters unchecked. (But 7 were "O" and 7 "G" so "Oh, Gee Whiz!" it seems fair - Ken.) This is an AJ grid not really suited to a Slot 2 Puzzle.
- Gee Whiz – what an original concept – well done, Jack.
- Our new compiler gave us some neat clues but I am unable to find INCANT anywhere.
- We must give Jack a big welcome as a compiler when he can turn out like this! "GO" Jack! I liked 6 & 13dn & 12ac. Catherine Foster
- An excellent puzzle – especially as a first attempt. Catherine Hambling
- Welcome to the world of compiling. I only found the O & G when checking my entry – am still looking for the Whiz. Doreen Jones
- Congratulations to Jack for a fine debut puzzle, arguably the toughest of the month, particularly if, like me, you failed to notice those Ohs and Gees. Iain MacDougall
- Enjoyed the Oh, Gee Whiz: tho' it took me a while to catch on. Leigh Marsland
- Didn't realise the significance of the title of Jack's puzzle until after I'd filled in the grid. Very clever to have all G's in row 1 and all O's in column 1 with more than half the answers beginning with G or O. I look forward to more of Jack's puzzles. David Procter
- Congratulations Jack. I enjoyed your "O" "G" puzzle and your clues. Joan Smith
- Gee! I think you need to "go" very urgently. Bev Solomon
- New compilers are always hard to solve. Well done Jack. Bryan Symons
- Great first effort Jack. The relevance of the title didn't occur to me until I'd finished. Very clever. Wendy Villiers
- Thanks Jack for your "Oh Gee Whiz!" puzzle with the O & G answers. Liked what "Magoo did eat" in 4dn. The answer INCANT is not located in our 3 club reference dictionaries. The full *Oxford* dictionary gives it as "obsolete" so this should be indicated in your clue's definition eg "to charm once". In 12ac "midstream" does not equate to "RE" unless indicated by "!" at the end of the clue. Alan Walter
- I couldn't come to grips with this new setter's clues – only solved seven of them. Irene Watts

May 3-2004: Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- Excellent puzzle from the master, but what's new? Col Archibald
- Clever honest clues, particularly liked 11 & 14ac. Bev Cockburn
- I found Noel a bit tough – but fair I must add. Loved 1, 9 and 28ac, but I chose 21dn as my COTM – Brilliant! Catherine Foster
- Noel never lets us down – thanks! Margaret Davis
- One of Noel's ingenious but never unfair puzzles. Catherine Hambling
- Some terrific clues – especially STRATA & NARRATIVE. Bryan Symons
- The "IMAGINITIVENESS" of your CANTERBURY BELLS deserves applause. Plenty of BLASTS this month with your OBLASTS in 5ac & OSTEOBLASTS in 14ac of Slot 2! Thanks for a sterling cryptic, Noel. Alan Walter
- Went along quite well with Noel's puzzle but a few were very troublesome e.g. 12dn RABBITING and 25dn GEORGIA and I said a few bad words about 5dn and 5ac!! Irene Watts

May 4-2004: Black Tie an AJ by dB (Doug Butler)

- Don't like David Bowie, didn't like the grid never heard of Black Tie album (till now). Bring back the regular AJ grid!! Col Archibald
- Wow! You gave me a runaround with this one dB – but what a feeling when I completed it! RETIARII was a new one for me –HALOGEN and JACONET could have fitted in either slot – hope I chose the right one or is either OK? Catherine Foster
- Nice one Doug. The "I" clue got my COTM. Bev Cockburn
- This type of grid is more difficult than the usual, especially when having trouble solving the second 15 letter word! Margaret Davis
- I enjoyed the AJ – spent ages trying to figure where to put the H and J words until I realised it didn't matter! Catherine Hambling
- Loved the clue for IZZARD. Bev Solomon
- I like the David Bowie touch! Doreen Jones
- Good clues but a very difficult grid, the longest words having no starting points. Even when most clues were solved, placement was a maddening exercise in trial and error. For non-Bowie fans the "Black tie" was a real puzzlement – but now I know! Shirl O'Brien
- An excellent AJ – Liked IZZARD & RETIARII. JACONET & HALOGEN can swap places. Bryan Symons
- What a BLACK TIE occasion for DAVID BOWIE (Bowtie occasion?) with all his WHITE NOISE & likely "endless ghosting" on the TV screen! In the I clue "Gutless, good" does not equate to (G)izzard unless clue ends with a "!" (i.e. GUT less G). In the W clue Italian "and" = E or Ed Spanish "and" = Y or E so "E" is used for "and" in both languages. WHITY would be incorrect as "Y" does not mean "and" in Italian so WHIT+E appears to be the correct answer. Your Zealot clue was a gem. Thanks for a challenging AJ dB. Alan Walter

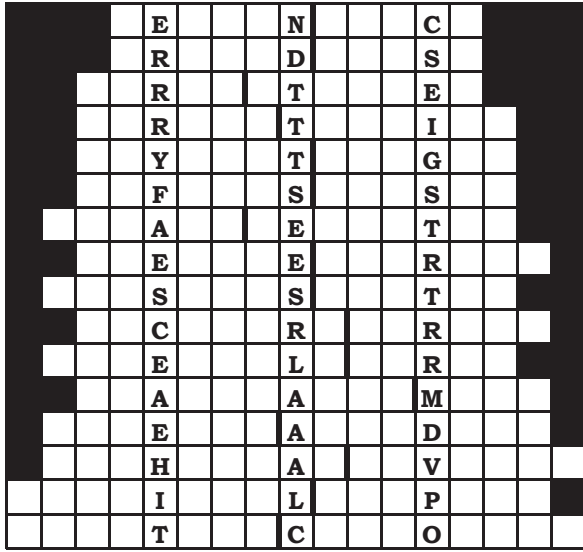
May 5-2004: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Well done, Shirl, fitting so many tongue twisting malcontents into one grid, but you forgot me!! Col Archibald
- Enjoyed the phonetics of BIKO. Bill Bennett
- A great puzzle Shirl – I might say "revolutionary". Bev Cockburn
- Great clues but good to work on – I liked 17ac and 25ac – I found 13ac pretty tough. Catherine Foster
- Liked Shirley's "Revolutionaries". BIKO almost defeated me. Margaret Davis
- Shirl surpassed her own high standard with this puzzle. I guess after 1000 you start to get the hang of it! Catherine Hambling
- 13ac gave me the most trouble as I couldn't see past TITO for some time (At least you eventually did unlike a number of other members – Ken) but it didn't fit the clue. It took some time for BIKO to emerge. Congratulations Shirl on your magnificent achievement of having 1,000 cryptic puzzles published in the *Courier-Mail*. May you continue to have many more published. David Procter
- Loved the clue for HILLS HOIST. Bev Solomon
- Thanks Shirl for your REVOLUTIONARY puzzle. Loved your clues for MAO ZEDONG and ZINOVIEV. 13ac caused a dilemma. Although TITO can be regarded as a revolutionary, it did not fit the clue. (Dr Jose Cardona) MIRO was a Cuban revolutionary: MIR sounds like MEER which *Chambers* gives as a Muslim ruler or ameer. Although a "Judge" is a "ruler" (s)he is not necessarily Muslim. Eventually opted for (Steve) BIKO who was a S. African political activist, as BIK sounds like "Beak"=Judge. Alan Walter
- T.G. for Shirl! Though this was a difficult puzzle which needed research and – for me – some discussion with my daughter, Barbara, it was do-able with good clues as always, clever, fair and enjoyable. Irene Watts

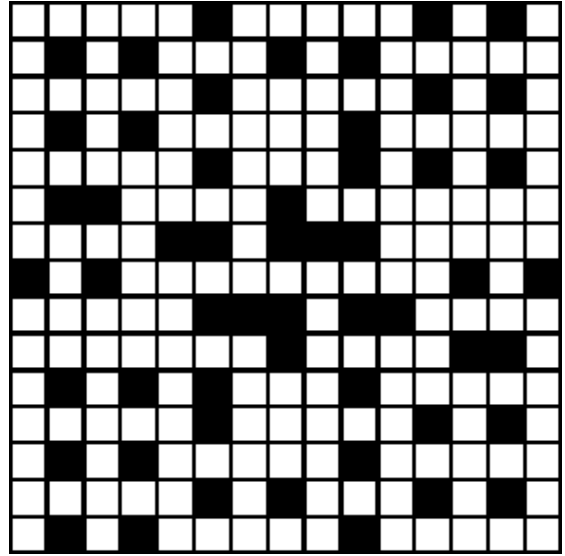
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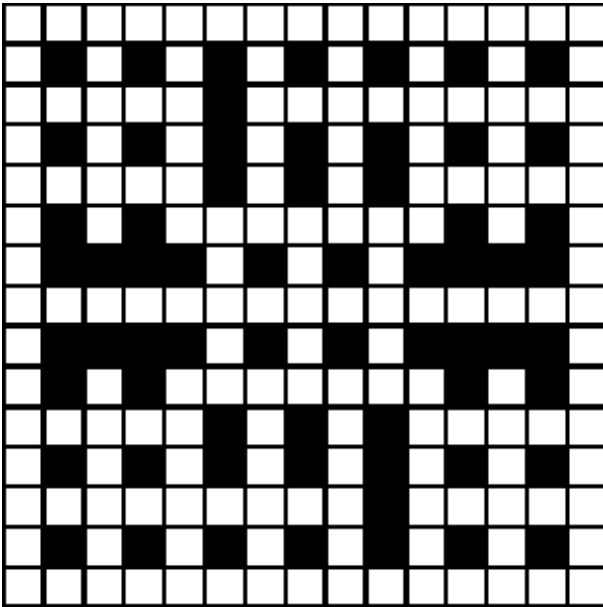
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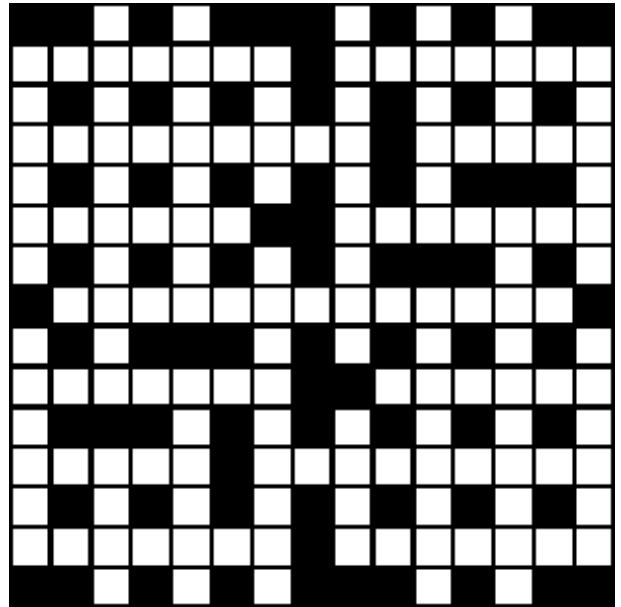
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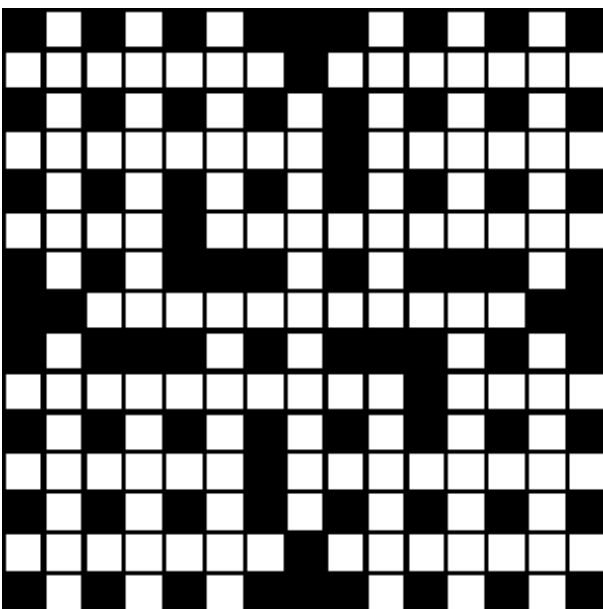
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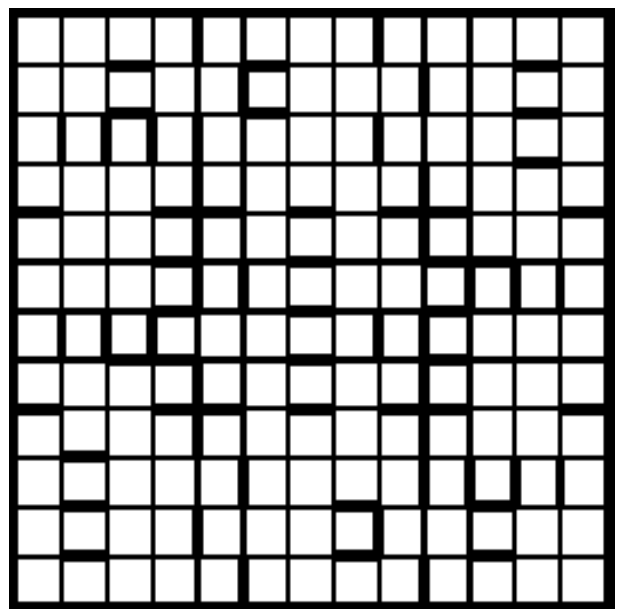
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Clue of the Month

April 6-2004 - True-Blue by Double Xers (Steve Workman and Bev Cockburn)

Correct: 16. Prizewinner: Margaret Davis. Congratulations!

- This was a very clever puzzle and I enjoyed wrestling with all the knotty convoluted clues. The bottom left corner gave the most trouble and it held me up with the final solution. The main fly in the ointment was the Scotsman's promise which was so elusive. I did not find HIGHT until yesterday and the discovery threw all my other clues out of kilter. The puzzle composed by two people really amounted to double-trouble. Truly it had me spitting blue chips. *Irene Watts*
- Reluctantly I have given up trying to solve the last few clues of your puzzle, esp 8dn, but am sending it anyway, with words that fit but don't match the clues at all, sad to say! I will be interested to find out what the answers are. *Peter Dearie*
- I've left this until the last minute because I couldn't make up my mind about 21dn and 25ac. Finally made decisions but am not prepared to wager upon either of them. I had 25ac as TURN (blue). But have just changed it to TORY. Anyway Steve, it was a most enjoyable puzzle to do battle with, and I congratulate you and Bev on its composition. *Jim Colles*
- Thanks for a beaut puzzle. I especially liked XER and UNIT but I don't know whether slot 6 clues are eligible for clue-of-the-month. *Daphne Greening*
- Thanks for the No. 6 puzzle. It was very testing in parts, particularly the bottom left hand corner. 32ac was a three-start special - Scots, Obs and Spens ... they don't come much harder than that. Thank you and Bev for your big contribution to the club. It is most appreciated. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I used *Macquarie Dictionary* page 192 to find BLUE MOON. Also found ONCE IN A BLUE MOON. I hope both MOON and PORN are O.K. (SW. Bev eventually settled for PORN rather than MOON. This was the closer to the setters' intent as being a synonym for blue, not just a word associated with blue.) I don't really understand 31dn. I liked all the other clues and missing clues. Thanks for the puzzle. *Bev Solomon*
- Good puzzle. If you had FIGHT instead of FAGOT then that would have been another BLUE (in Australian slang). Don't you just hate people who give gratuitous advice! (SW. As you will notice from the grid, we did indeed already have FIGHT where you chose (perfectly acceptably) to put RIGHT.) *Doreen Jones*
- I was undecided with 15ac. First I went with MOON, wondered if it could be PORN or GOWN, but decided if you are DOWN you are BLUE. I'm looking forward to the results. I did enjoy the puzzle. (P.S. I thought 13dn (XER) brilliant.) *Joan McGrath*
- Boy, what a battle I had with this. I put in TIGHT for 32ac and RIGHT for 26dn and then spent at least 7 hours trying to find 21dn. Eventually I thought why not try FIGHT for 26dn and within 10 minutes had FIGHT (a big blue) crossing with TIFF (a little blue), 32ac HIGH (as a kite) for drunk + T for time = HIGHT, and 21dn CATCHY as in that's a catchy tune. It's been haunting me for days! What a clever pair you and Bev are. Many thanks for all you do for the club. *Ted O'Brien*

An outstanding setter is Steve
A part of two-X I believe
Bev is the second It's certainly reckoned
Together they combine to deceive.

- I would like to nominate 33ac (GOODNIGHT) for clue-of-the-month. *John Standard*
- Really enjoyed this one - took a while to finish. I liked the 14ac answer as I thought it was KNIT at first - favourite clue if there is one for No. 6. Not sure how 20dn "no after thought given" fits in. (SW. Dutiful is pious, remove the PS (afterthought)) Anyway here's hoping, from a True-Blue Pom to a True-Blue Aussie, keep up the good work. *Marian Procter*
- Many thanks to you and Bev for True-Blue. Though I have to say I found some of the clues somewhat obscure, eg. 18dn, 21dn and 31dn. On the other hand I thought 4ac, 14ac (when I finally got it) and 22dn were excellent. Also I don't think it was very fair to have two unclued lights together (viz 25ac and 26dn). (SW: A point made by others as well Margaret. But after all, we are "double-crossers".) *Margaret Davis*
- Loved the puzzle; took me ages to do it, so I hope I'm correct. Almost put PORN for 15ac - thought that was blue enough, but decided on DOWN as a little more genteel, as I am in my ladylike mode at present. *Del Kennedy*
- There seem to be a few alternatives in this one. I am not at all happy with blue MOON, but I can't find an appropriate synonym. Its great that the setters are discovering innovative puzzles, so please don't give up. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- This was a bit tricky. Loved the clues for SLEIGHT, UNIT, & GOODNIGHT in particular. Didn't like GONER or STYE clues much, but I've yet to see a crossword with 100% great clues. *Carole Noble*

Adjudicators' Comments:

Errors: TEAL + ARGOT; CHANTY + ALLY + LEGIT; TINT + NIGHT; ROAN; MOON (16); RANKLE + KNIT; TALE + LICHT + HECHT; TRUE + UNCUT + HECHT (2); COIN - AVER - IDU?; EVE.

The key to solving STYE was to ignore all the punctuation in the clue. "Where? In a Pig's Eye. Swell" became "Wherein a pig is" plus "eye swell". (According to *Chambers*, "swell" is an acceptable synonym for "swelling".) The SALUTE clue, required solvers to have a little knowledge of SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty between USA and Russia), then add in the heads (first letters) of UK and Europe, viz: U and E. Another queried item was FELLOW - it was not almost FELLdOWN requiring the dropping of two letters - it was in fact almost FELL (FEL) + LOW for down. Apologies for crossing two unclued items down at the bottom left. It did however work out as there were two completely acceptable solutions (TIFF + FIGHT, or TORY + RIGHT).

-Double Xers (Steve Workman & Bev Cockburn)

NEW AUSTRALIAN-INVENTED BOARD GAME

A new Australian word game called *Word Wrangles* has been invented. *Word Wrangles* is a cross between Scrabble® and Crosswords and turns vocabulary into an exciting game of word and strategy. Any crossword player from the casual Sunday player through to the dedicated and devoted crossword player will find *Word Wrangles* an exciting extension to their love of word games, word challenges and puzzles. Full details about *Word Wrangles* are included on the *Word Wrangles* website at www.wordwrangles.com

Review of *Word Wrangles* by Steve Workman: "Recently I received an evaluation copy of a new Scrabble®-like board game called *Word Wrangles*, the invention of Matthew Shallvey, a resident of sunny Sydney. Unlike Scrabble®, which results in an unstructured, unsymmetrical crossword, the aim of *Word Wrangles* is for a player to be the first to complete a defined crossword pattern (with Scrabble®-legal words). A number of patterns are supplied in varying difficulties. Usually all players compete over the same pattern, however the game can equally be played with each player having to fill a different pattern. By choosing patterns of different difficulty ratings, players of differing abilities (say adults v. children) can effectively compete in a reasonable manner. One last feature, the game can also be played solo; as such I have tried it a number of times and found it both challenging and satisfying. For more info on this great new Aussie invention, visit www.wordwrangles.com, or snail-mail to me, Steve Workman, PO Box 660, Wentworthville NSW 2145."

