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“The safest words are always those which bring us most directly to facts.”
Charles H. Parkhurst

GRIDATORIAL

NEWS! NEWS!! NEWS!!!

The official website of the **Australian Crossword Club** — www.crosswordclub.org — was successfully launched on the 201st anniversary of the birth of the French lexicographer, Emile Littré (1 February 2002). Already, the feedback has been very encouraging indeed and we intend to make improvements and develop it so that it amply reflects the modern spirit and the professionalism of the Club. If you would like to make any constructive comments about ways in which the website can be improved, kindly contact Patrick Street.

We must express our sincere thanks to former ‘gridman’ of the ACC, David Stickley, for his careful custodianship of the ACC on his own personal website over the past few years. David has been exceptionally generous to the Club for the ways in which he has enhanced the reputation and standing of the ACC and for his overall magisterial contribution to the cruciverbal art in Australia. Thank you, David for your inspiration and kindness to the ACC.

Due to lack of space in this month’s *CroZworld*, **General Comments** can be found on the ACC website at: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/deef.html> Many thanks to Dot Mortensen who has sent us a note of appreciation in verse. Also, you can find a detailed explanation of the answers to *The Pud* on our website at <http://www.crosswordclub.org/News.html> With the development of our website, it’s going to be an exciting phase of our wonderful Club’s history.

Date Mate in Airport

Did you realise that on 20 February, time, for sixty seconds only, read in perfect symmetry 2002, 2002, 2002, or to be more precise, 20:02, 20/02, 2002?

This historic event was an event which has only happened once before, and is something which will never be repeated because the clock only goes up to 23.59. The last occasion that time read in such a symmetrical pattern was at 10.01am on January 10, 1001. Anyone remember that?

New Adjudicator

We extend a warm welcome to our new Adjudicator, Doug ‘Mr AxWord’ Butler. Thank you, Doug for taking on this most rewarding and pleasant task.

Solvers!! Kindly note that we have brought forward the ‘closing mail date’ to Thursday 21 March 2002. This is to ensure that all copies of *CroZworld* will be delivered before Easter. We have another excellent selection of crosswords this month and we welcome back Taro Ogawa in Slot 6. Happy solving!!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Warm greetings to all of our members (family). A fairly tough lot of puzzles this month were met with fortitude and frustration, but always enjoyment (once solved). Many thanks to Alan Walter for saving me a heap of explaining some of the stickier clues this month via his comments — much appreciated Alan.

Slot 1 seemed to give the greatest degree of frustration to those who attempted it — and to those who didn’t solve it — with ‘Piecrust table’ causing the greatest degree of difficulty. Other than that not a great deal of error.

Slot 2: ‘Rabbitoh’ caused some angst to those not familiar with Rugby League and the various nicknames for the teams. This happens to be the popular name for a team member of South Sydney Rugby League team and has had wide coverage in the media of late in NSW and Queensland. But it must have been difficult for those in States where there is a different football code. Also, it is not to be found in any reference that I have.

Audrey Ryan kindly sent me the answer to a query with reference to the ‘U’ clue in her double acrostic puzzle ‘sing or hum in croons’ for “warbles like a bull?”. **Chambers**’88 edition gives the definition of “croon” as “to utter a low, monotonous inarticulate sound like a bull: to sing or hum in an undertone”. I hope that helps clear it up. When sending completed puzzles by e-mail, it would be a tremendous help to the adjudicator to use black ink or biro. It makes it a lot easier on the eyes.

—Col Archibald (*Colinebrii*)

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	82	83	83	82	83	413
Correct entries	61	71	72	70	77	351
Success rate %	74.4	85.5	86.7	85.3	92.8	85.0
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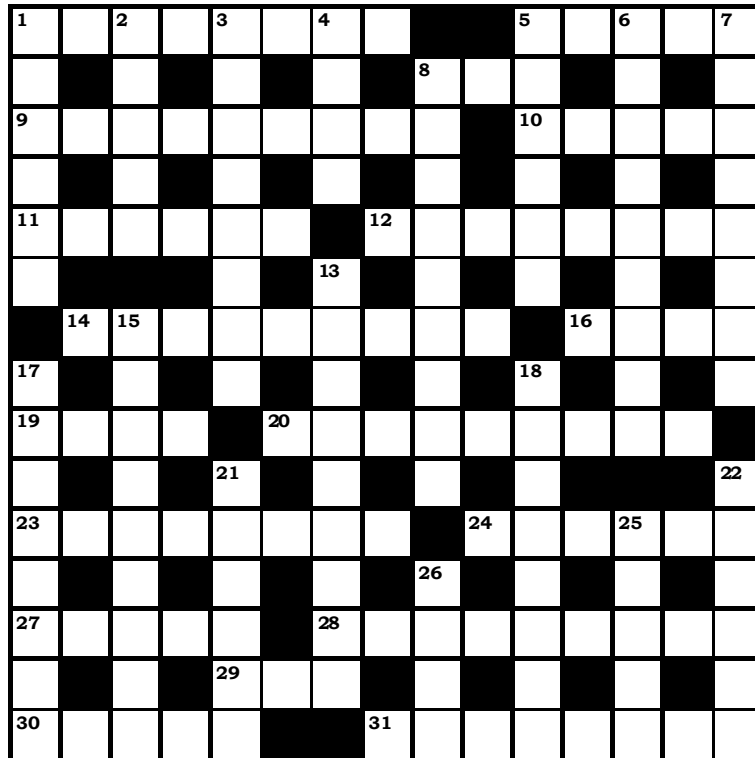
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General Knowledge Crossword by Virgo

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- 1 Tasmanian Greens senator (3, 5)
- 5 Instruct or guide (5)
- 8 A run made on a ball not struck by the batsman (3)
- 9 Opera by Verdi composed in 1851 (9)
- 10 Member of the Dravidian stock of India (5)
- 11 A weasel, white in winter and brown in the summer when it is called a stoat (6)
- 12 The flower of the dead in Greek mythology (8)
- 14 Natives of a NW African republic on the Mediterranean (9)
- 16 A group of families descended from a common ancestor (4)
- 19 ___ Klemperer, German orchestral conductor and composer (4)
- 20 Robert ___ movie director who directed *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (9)
- 23 A truck with two parallel horizontal arms for lifting and carrying goods (4-4)
- 24 Indian fertility God (6)
- 27 & 1dn Australian cricket captain from 1984-94 (5, 6)
- 28 Island resort off the coast of Massachusetts (9)
- 29 ___ Stark, UK fashion model, former girlfriend of Prince Andrew (3)
- 30 Alfred ___ English poet who composed *The Highwayman* (5)

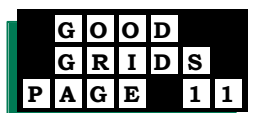
31 The helmsman of a lifeboat (8)

Down

- 1 see 27ac (6)
- 2 A Muslim woman ruler or lady of high rank, often a widow (5)
- 3 Softened; became more compassionate or forgiving (8)
- 4 James ___ Scottish engineer who developed the steam engine (4)
- 5 Irritable or touchy (6)
- 6 Armoured mammal native to South America and southern North America (9)
- 7 Palestine (4, 4)
- 8 Brazilian dance music rhythmically related to the samba (5, 4)
- 13 Guiseppe ___ Italian operatic tenor b 1921 (2, 7)
- 15 Taken word for word (9)
- 17 German writer and musician (1776-1822) famous for his tales (8)
- 18 Objets d'art belonging to a former period (8)
- 21 The rapid opening and closing of the eye (6)
- 22 First name of US actor who starred in the movie *The Graduate* (6)
- 25 Australian shrub characterised by hard, woody fruit with winged seeds (5)
- 26 To unfasten or erase (4)

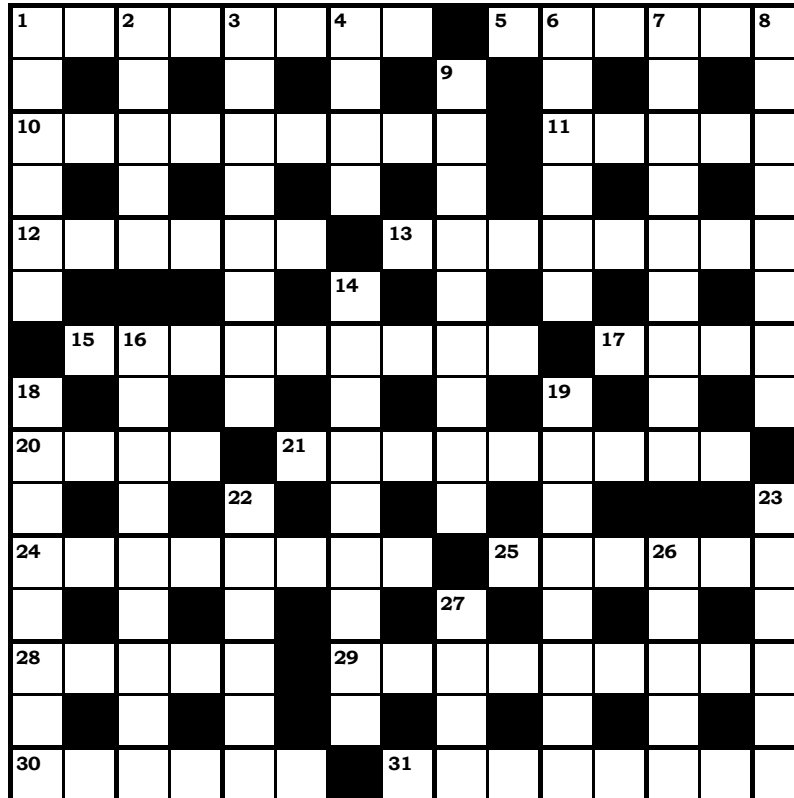
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- Slot 6: Taro Ogawa, 54 Currong St, Braddon ACT 2612. email: hydroxide@inorbit.com Closing mail: Friday 5 April 2002.





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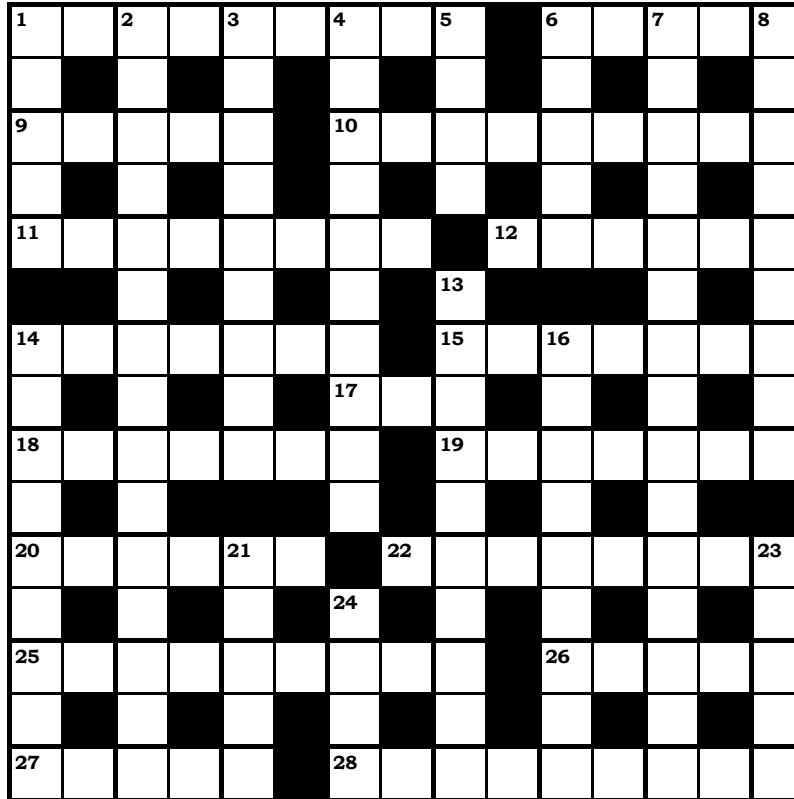


Across

- 1 Last abode to ruin bank (5, 3)
- 5 Self catering horse beetle (6)
- 10 English City game (9)
- 11 Corresponding with English bird I left out (5)
- 12 First rate Dolly Mixture? Grand! (6)
- 13 Ammo young man exhausted (8)
- 15 Opening top entrance (5, 4)
- 17 Give a ring? (4)
- 20 Tramp to call branch office (4)
- 21 Noel coins variety band partition (9)
- 24 Lag has porridge with Edward (8)
- 25 Construction material (6)
- 28 Cheer up! Egghead is dead! (5)
- 29 Bag rice, if in forfeit (9)
- 30 Scots do man ... That's the spirit (6)
- 31 Deceased in month preceding Paradise! Last request? (8)

Down

- 1 Trifle with expert on cocktail measure (6)
- 2 Snake counter (5)
- 3 Striped cloth locks series (8)
- 4 Promise cereal to husband first (4)
- 6 Saucy Chaplain has two sweethearts from Kentucky! (6)
- 7 Unrefined, fashioned from the wild (5-4)
- 8 Live dwarf to diminish! (8)
- 9 Anne with opium, but without being prepared for illness (9)
- 14 The Spanish Chief turned wise about direction to plant (9)
- 16 Scots rob double church office (9)
- 18 Guardian of quiet record collection (8)
- 19 Exercise for solo voice using eloquent eyes so to speak? (8)
- 22 Refrain from warning and exit (6)
- 23 Accountant has coin stress (6)
- 26 Abandon advance (5)
- 27 Man with air conditioning about to suffer (4)



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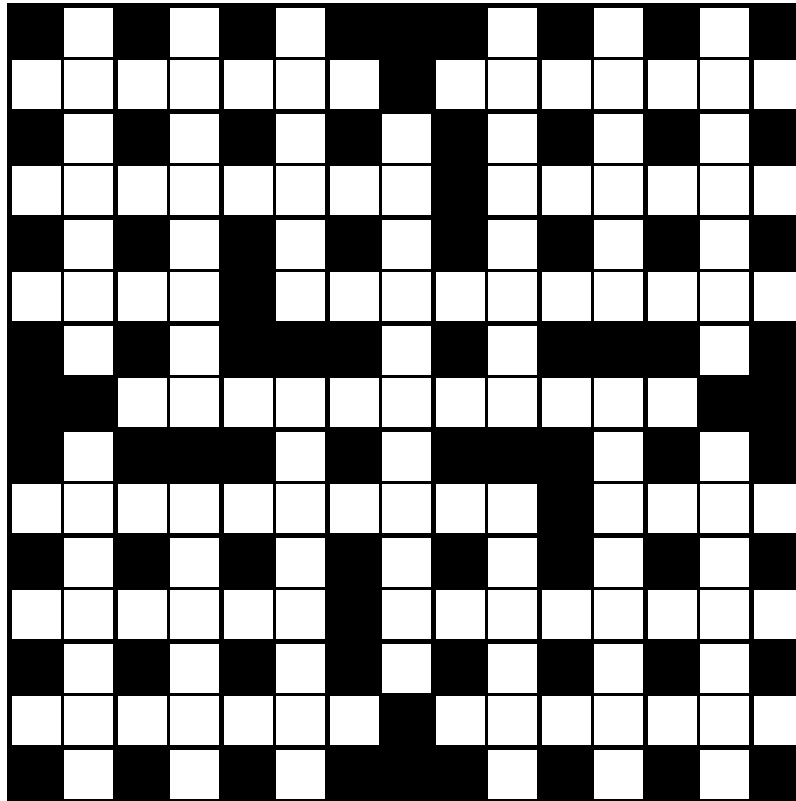
- 1 Flower to crystallise on tussock (9)
- 6 Record that's an award (5)
- 9 Piercing thing could be wearisome (5)
- 10 French town priest indisposed to enter into a day of triumph (9)
- 11 Bard idly altered coccinellid (8)
- 12 Notice ring is increasing (6)
- 14 Shut up one married male university radical (7)
- 15 One cold area around polar covers (7)
- 17 Chatter of returned catch (3)
- 18 Samples the Maori port (7)
- 19 Pleased to be out in the past, say (7)
- 20 Infuser made of second-class agate (3, 3)
- 22 Finished without gold money being ratified (8)
- 25 Environmentalist gets one cool treatment (9)
- 26 Behind sailor near the stern (5)
- 27 Accounts of Kelvin in seas returned (5)
- 28 Put off when spuds need cooking (9)

Down

- 1 Sailor in California for secret party (5)
- 2 Neither mood changed by his rising article on old country prince (7, 8)
- 3 Measures taken about a girl's convicts (9)
- 4 Brigand due to be reformed completely (10)
- 5 Checks, thanks to academic (4)
- 6 Taken around avenue and bathed (5)
- 7 A lad's ill, singing out "Show" (9, 6)
- 8 Sweetheart resigned strangely invigorated? (9)
- 13 Bathe and rinse lackadaisically in winters (10)
- 14 Art sent it off ripped to bits (2, 7)
- 16 Add detail to and cheer about Aboriginal initiation rite (9)
- 21 Are heartless on stage initially for ages? (5)
- 23 Yes, Russian chap is fixed for time (5)
- 24 Politicians left in the same place by society (4)



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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer

- A** Girl with cover for adult worms (8)
- B** Patrons' old boon details (11)
- C** Cunning of resourceful head (10)
- D** Drawling doctor just after gin cocktail (7)
- E** Perplex specialist with a broken leg (8)
- F** Leafy aspect surrounds cave (8)
- G** Child's catapult here in the middle of plant (6)
- H** Spunky star in charge (6)
- I** Scot near the farmhouse by way of the city (6)
- J** Lady without sir shot hybrid (7)
- K** Bird sounds like a pigeon (4)
- L** Small chamber contains Dutch iodine for small scale in grass flower (8)
- M** Financial Institution beat up about Maori retribution (6)
- N** The head to improvise on a musical instrument (6)
- O** Old English woman's cat detailed for King of Thebes (7)
- P** Endorsing licence for titanium at New Guinea (10)
- Q** Prison animal's small area for investigation of animal life (7)
- R** Cavalier, trendy, Aussie male with a record (8)
- S** Modify sulphur regularly (6)
- T** The first cereal variety an old antidote for poisons (7)
- U** Female to register a holder of one benefice (7)
- V** Western barbarian to call in without tea say for uncivilised person (8)
- W** Reported trap for savage small aquatic animal (5, 6)
- X** King returns from occupational therapy with vitamin course for abnormal dryness of skin (7)
- Y** Hungry Scot to speak foolishly about University (4)
- Z** Plant genus of cereals to manage within railway (7)

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**HALE
and
PACE
by
PRAXIS**

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Unclued words form two themes.
The Chambers Dictionary 1998 ed. is recommended.

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Across

THEME A: 1(6); 14(4); 19(8); 23(6); 25(5); 28(8); 38(6)

- 6 It's assumed top politician denied queen a ship (7)
- 11 Employ unknown character in plant overhaul (5)
- 13 Old Russian secret police dispersed group without right (4)
- 15 Cruise around the edges to the clump of trees (5)
- 16 There's more than one body of water about for the boat (5)
- 17 Refugees from isle rebuild (6)
- 21 Saying one's back on board misleads! (5)
- 22 Law includes new weaponry (6)
- 30 Accountant squeals about gemstone's weight (6)
- 31 In a way Sandra recalled the 'avenger' (5)
- 33 They govern one code of football (5)
- 34 State overturned Anglo-Norman nation (4)
- 35 Chapter in the translation is genuine German (4)
- 36 Nothing turned up inside the plant (5)
- 37 Quiet animal? Rabbit? (7)

Down

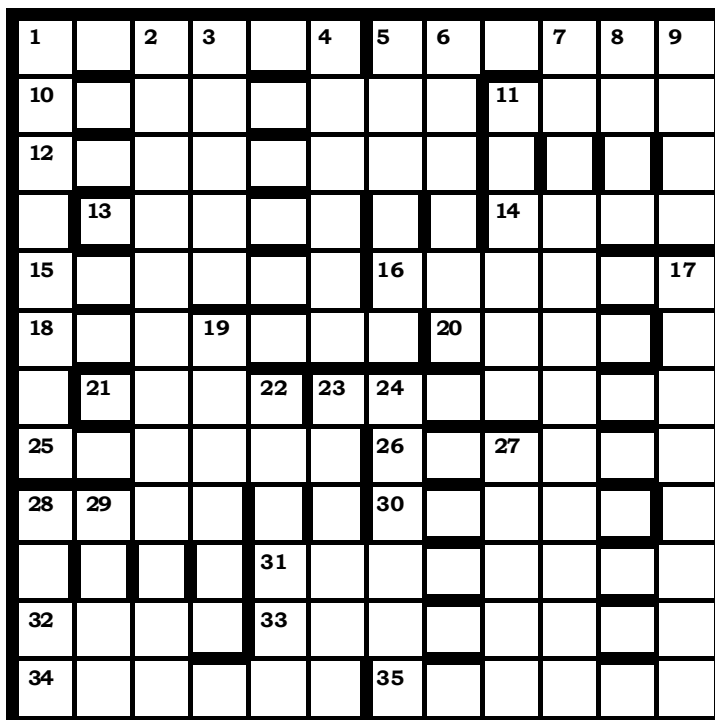
THEME B: 4(4); 8(6); 9(5); 25(6); 27(5); 28(5); 29(5)

- 1 Apache lost family to alcohol (4)
- 2 Wood-sorrel's neat! Al's holding one (6)
- 3 Leave a month to climb obscure ... (5)
- 5 ... steep circuit — way extremely greasy (7)
- 6 Hairy, sanctimonious cad's docked (6)
- 7 Frost's right! The truck's overturned! (5)
- 10 U-boat's on internal-combustion — it's inaudible (8)
- 12 Buffet tug — turn the ship about (3-4)
- 18 Acquire property (4)
- 19 Transport left half fresh chives outside (8)
- 20 Switches broken toaster (7)
- 21 Inlet's risen — gives Scot's grief (4)
- 22 Sticks function in here? Quite the opposite! (7)
- 24 34's currency's given to part of Venice (6)
- 26 Cravat spike — the sort popular, I'm told (3, 3)
- 31 Last transfer for the old sea dog (4)
- 32 Academic (German) gets money from Vietnam (4)

Light Exercise?
by
Ohara

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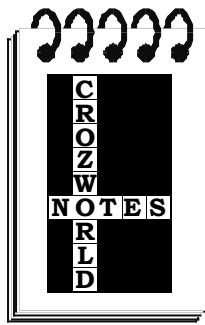
- 1 Marathon winners move faster without run having thousands (6)
- 5 Miner circling mat in wrestling finish (6)
- 10 Gav's scrimmaging with rear of Canberra Raiders (8)
- 11 Limit broadcast of sports day (4)
- 12 Old doc's aversion to food after having a place not on first (8)
- 13 Quick walkers lapping lake (5)
- 14 Jock's headgear for mat work with square (4)
- 15 Pluck out first female league in America — Spain's relegated (6)
- 16 Acquired last place (ran poorly at end, lacking ticker) (6)
- 18 Funny the race horse's scratched — a little donkey's provided (7)
- 20 English cricketer Graeme ____ hit a ton off to mid-wicket (4)
- 21 This distance stroke's out in kilometres' swim (4)
- 23 Olympic batons? Cheats or rebels don't use one (7)
- 25 Lope around in gym race (6)
- 26 Having swellings treated sans drug? (6)
- 28 A path Peri cycles (4)
- 30 Almost ... almost too quick off the mark (5)
- 31 Writer paid athletes at sports institute on time (8)
- 32 Dodgy Yank replaces samples' contents (4)
- 33 Programs easy fight against European (8)
- 34 One packing a gun shot trap with me (6)
- 35 A duellist who pushes boundaries? (6)

Down

- 1 Golf trophy's what we drink from when courses are over (5, 3)
- 2 "To live" in sumo wrestling (where the unfit perish) (12)
- 3 Relaxation L. Frame used to support work (5)
- 4 What's laid where golfers start? Couch is (6)
- 5 Ready ... set ... (6)
- 6 He prophesied Italy — South Africa, 1 - O! (6)
- 7 Announcer's boxing style: "Left hook. Ali's out cold. He's down!" (12)
- 8 Where's the starting line (to the smallest unit)? (4)
- 9 What's reported after the points are added? (4)
- 11 Some tricky displays of foot-work, or quite the opposite? (6)
- 17 Runner when poorly rested has hesitation (8)
- 19 Records Pele broke in El Salvador (6)
- 22 Slip away to report what G. 'ackett does (6)
- 23 Hewitt's foot fault causes panic (6)
- 24 The only false start? (3-3)
- 27 Equalled top discus range, although win's needed (5)
- 28 Failed to win in polo stadium (4)
- 29 Gold by Qld ace returning to water (4)

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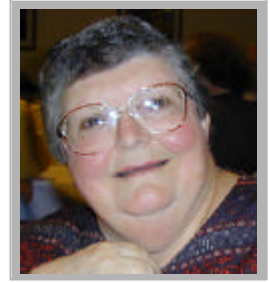
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CATHERINE HAMBLING



MEMBER



PROFILE

"My childhood was spent in various parts of Sth Qld. I went to school at St Hilda's in Southport where I first took an interest in crosswords. My friend and I would snaffle the class newspaper and do the crossword instead of prep — maybe that misspent youth accounts for a lot of things! In 1950 I went to work at RBH as a lab technician. After marriage and a couple of years in Canberra I returned to Brisbane with a baby son and eventually acquired a daughter and another son. By 1968 when I returned to work in a private pathology lab, the daily papers were publishing English cryptics. I was hooked and managed to spread my addiction to several others (like all good pushers!). With the help of the lab photocopier we would try to beat

each other to finish the day's puzzle. In 1980 my daughter was doing some work for a new paper TIME OFF. She suggested that I compose cryptics for it. I was horrified but managed some simple ones. At \$10 a puzzle I didn't see it as a career move! Soon after I retired from the lab in 1989 a journalist friend decided that composing cryptics was exceedingly clever (I was not about to disillusion her!). Her piece appeared in the Sunday Mail and I was contacted by several Brisbane members including Shirly O'Brien. I immediately joined the club and the rest, as they say, is history."

MEMBER NEWS

New member: Dorothy McKenzie of Ringwood, Vic. **Renewals:** Mary Leask and Marie Maunder. **Donations to Prize Fund:** Mary Leask & Maurice Cowan.



Crossword Software



1. David English has sent the following about his strategy crossword board game.

"**Questique** is a strategy crossword board game that is challenging, entertaining, educational and fun. Rare amongst skill based games, it can be played by children, families and adults. This is from elementary to advanced levels. A simple handicapping system allows players of mixed abilities to all play together and each stand a good chance of winning. Even the grand master of words and a young child can be a match! There are many options to choose from. One of these is "fast play" which is ideal for active minds and impatient players of all ages. No need for an egg timer here to keep the game moving! **Questique** can be played solo or by up to four players. The website is: www.questique.co.uk and my e-mail address is: davidenglish@questique.co.uk"

2. John Stevens from AUS-PC-SOFT has developed crossword software called **Crossword Express**. John writes: "**Crossword Express** is available in both PC and Macintosh versions. Demos can be downloaded from my web site at www.crAUSwords.com Numerous free dictionaries are also available and more are being added on a regular basis. There is a library of six Java applets which implement various types of interactive word puzzles. These are free to all registered users. Registration (\$44.00 Australian for people who register directly with me) provides a lifetime free upgrade service. You never have to pay for an upgrade. You can visit www.crAUSwords.com/history.html for a complete history of CWE which now extends over a period of more than nine years. I now have over 3,200 registered users in more than 70 countries. The program is the result of implementing almost all of the suggestions which I have received from the user base during the life of the program. I would be interested in the comments of any of the members of the ACC who would like to have a look at the program."



Iris Pate



We were saddened to hear of the death of our former member Iris Pate on 9 January 2002 at the wonderful age of 85. Iris joined the Club in May 1991 at the suggestion of Paula Mercer and was a keen and successful solver until January 2000 when her failing sight made it impossible for her to continue. We extend our sincere condolences to Iris's family and in particular to her daughter, Pat Garner who is our well-known member and adjudicator from Young, NSW.

THE CROZWORD COMPENDIUM, Vol 2: *The Crozworld Compendium*, vol 2 has been selling like 'hot cakes'! Some members have ordered multiple copies to give away to friends who are interested in the cruciverbal art Downunder. With 35 puzzles of all types and some marvellous prizes to be won, the *Crozworld Compendium* is outstanding value at only \$5. Why not order some extra copies to give to your friends for the New Year? Kindly contact Treasurer Alan Walter to place your order. Puzzlement assured for 2002!

Answers to Neat Clues: Nightie, Torpedo, Prudential, Likelihood, Theseus, John the Baptist, Ptarmigan, Alpha, Gravy boats, Gatepost, Never say die, Rheumatic, Eton, Stow, Own, Dear Sir, Wooden spoon, Thimble, Epidural, Topiarist, Iota, Pole vault.

ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS

Chris Stocks gained ticks for January Slots 1-5.

It's a Girl!! Congratulations to Ian and Shelby Brown from Balcolyn, NSW who are the proud parents of Jasmine Clare Brown born 5 February and weighing 7lb 2oz. "She is a real beauty", says Ian. Congridulations, Ian and Shelby!

Results of Quiz No 1 - 2002 - Hell's Bells by Neir B'Odet (Ted O'Brien)

Answers: 1. Hobson's 2. King Solomon's 3. Jacob's 4. Aaron's 5. Granny Smith 6. Arthur's (Mountain near Edinburgh (ask Col); also on the Mornington Peninsula, Vic) 7. Rafferty's 8. Bob's 9. Cleopatra's 10. Wellington 11. Queen Anne's 12. Rubik's 13. Martha's 14. Melba 15. Debrett's Peerage 16. Ockham's (Occam's allowed) 17. Achilles' (not Achille's) 18. Halley's (2 1's) 19. Geiger 20. Freudian. **Winner: Drew Meek. Congratulations!**

20 correct: A Austin, B Cockburn, M Cockburn, J Colles, M Davis, P Dearie, V Dinham, D Greening, A Jermy, D Jones, J King, P McDermott, J McGrath, D Meek, C Noble, S O'Brien, G Prewett, D Procter, M Raw, A Skillicorn, J Smith, B Solomon, B Symons, M Veress, A Walter and S Workman.

19 correct: P Arno, D Butler, J Freeland, P Garner, L Howard, V Howard, B Ibbott, D Kennedy, K Lee, P Mercer, R O'Rourke, D Robertson, A Ryan, E Seary, B Siegman, B Tofoni, L Waites and I Watts.

18 correct: C Anderson, B Bennett, I Brown, B Cumming, M Dennis, C Krans, K Layton, M Procter and E Seale.

16 correct: N Storey. **15 correct:** T Phelan and H Murray-White.

Comments: The Quiz asked for well-known phrases — naboth's and dodona's do not comply with this. It should have been obvious that owners/connections were all people, not holders of position e.g. Usher's; Driver's; Bishop's (seat). Martha's Vineyard was in the news when John Kennedy Jr and his wife died in the plane crash in that area. My thanks for all the words of encouragement. For those who claim to be of my vintage, I hit the three score and fifteen in April. Don't be upset: it's a great age — plenty of time for crosswords — even with transcription errors!

—Ted O'Brien

FEBRUARY 1- 2002 — I'll Drink to That by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

- We have enough drink to make a huge cocktail. Sorry not to see mango juice nor yak milk included. Maybe you'll put them in a soft drink puzzle! With answers like epos, piecrust table, tête-bêche, rhaetia, paste-up & applejack, this puzzle seemed more like a difficult slot 6 puzzle. Thanks for the toast, Col. (I'll drink to that, Alan! C.) *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. Does anyone actually drink Slivovitz? (Last time I did I didn't remember a thing! C.) *Catherine Hambling*
- What happened to the XXXX? (As it was the festive season, I changed to Chivas. Yummy! C.) *Joan Smith*
- A good No 1 slot. The unusual plural of amoebas caused a lot of headaches. *Brian Symons*
- Wot no Irish Cream? 27dn 'noes' or 'nots'? (Mmm, think I'd have to pay both there, Tom. C.) *Tom Phelan*
- I felt quite tipsy by the end and didn't think I should drive my car, particularly as my son-in-law is a policeman. (Maybe you should have done this one last, Barb; it knocked you around for slot 2 I think! C.) *Barb Ibbott*
- A refreshing starter, this was a fun puzzle and I enjoyed it. I like the thematic puzzles, and even though I am not a drinker, I was familiar with most of the names. (Not even a wee doch an doris, Irene? C.) *Irene Watts*
- After putting in 'Champagne' for 4ac and 'port' for 6dn I was baffled for some time. By the way, how come you failed to include 'Fourex' in the puzzle? (Didn't know how to spell it, Peter! I thought it was XXXX! C.) *Peter Dearie*
- Through years of practical experience I am quite familiar with strong drink but know b**** all about interior decorating, so I couldn't get No 1 out. Still it was fun trying (Yes Kev, bit tough for a slot 1 I must admit. C.) *Kev Layton*

FEBRUARY 2-2002 — Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- 22ac: 'central plan' = LA should require an exclamation at the end of the clue! 26ac: L+EG+BE+F+ORE: LORE = learning, about = holding for example = eg, last = BE (ref *Chambers Thesaurus*) F = female: quite a crafty clue! *Alan Walter*
- Always enjoy Noel's puzzles. I can always account for every word in a clue. *Catherine Hambling*
- As a one-eyed Rabbitoh fan I thought this puzzle was first rate. (Mighty Broncos will trample all over "em"! C.) *Joan Smith*
- Good one Noel. 16dn took a while to understand. *Brian Symons*
- I rather liked LAUDS for 23dn but could not make it work. *Tom Phelan*
- I thought RABBITOH was most unfair. In Tasmania we only play proper football (AFL), and I only found RABBITOH with an internet search. *Barb Ibbott*
- I am getting used to Noel's puzzles but found this one quite difficult, especially 1dn. I had never heard of the RABBITOHS and could not find it in any of my dictionaries. I feel that such localised clues should not be used. (This sentiment was echoed by several members, Irene. C.) *Irene Watts*
- I thought that cluing 15dn as a three letter word was rather misleading; also if 'Leeds' is correct for 23dn 'English Ground' it is not a particularly helpful clue. (Does it refer to Headingley cricket ground?) All in all, a tough slot. *Peter Dearie*
- 1dn was an unfair clue requiring localised knowledge. Compilers should avoid these type of questions. *Margaret Dennis*

FEBRUARY 3-2002 — Cryptic by Difficult Women (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)

- 24ac: Introductory = PRELUDIAL, PRIAL = pair-royal = 3 cards of the same denomination (ref *Chambers*) = set of three, ELUD = ELUDE no English (delete E). 8dn:RE+DRESSED, REED = Scots enclosure (ref *Chambers* under Ree 2). *Alan Walter*
- Another good puzzle with precise clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- Some interesting answers such as Yarborough and preludial such as earn the setters their chosen title. *Tom Phelan*
- 'Showers' was a tough clue which took some trial and error; however, by and large, a fair puzzle. *Barb Ibbott*
- Shirl's puzzles are always fair, though tricky. Not being a bridge player, I found 21ac hard. *Irene Watts*
- Another toughie with some clues mystifying me still. I have put 'tower' for 6ac and 'tote' for 6dn as I can't think of anything else to fit, but they don't match the clues. (6ac 'tow' = transport *Chambers Thesaurus*, ER = Queen, 'refuge' = tower, same ref. 6dn is a double meaning clue; both 'carry' and 'burden' = 'tote': hope that helps, Peter. C.) *Peter Dearie*

FEBRUARY 4-2002 — Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

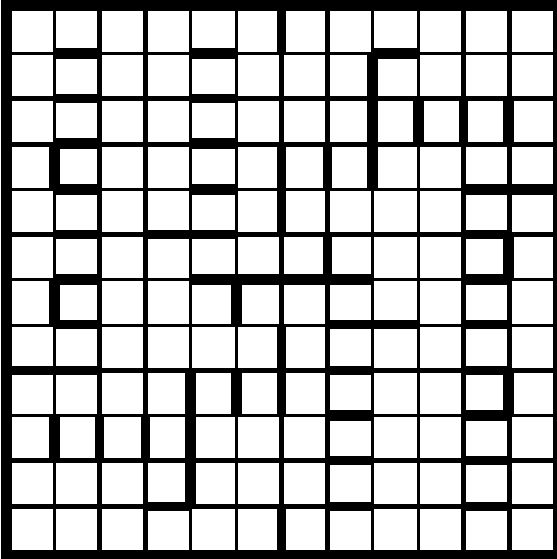
- First clue: 'Transport aged con as above', answer = AEROBUS: aged = AE, con = ROB, as above = ut supra = US. A none too easy clue! Second last clue: Answer can only be UKULELE due to homonym. UKULELE is incorrect. Roy, this is a stunning work of art by a master compiler. *Alan Walter*
- Of course I tried "Waltzing Matilda" first, then realised it was our National Anthem. It all seemed very daunting, but once I'd worked out the initial letters it was not as bad as it looked (I hope). *Catherine Hambling*
- I wrote the first line of the song beside the clues and was having trouble. My husband has always said to me read the instructions. Eureka! *Joan Smith*
- An intriguing puzzle, but it's unusual for Praxis to be so inexact as to equate molecules with ions. They're more like opposites. *Brian Symons*
- I have always regarded Praxis as brilliant. Now I find I have underestimated him. Let us truly rejoice in having his contributions for our enjoyment. *Tom Phelan*
- Just what is happening to our AJs? I thought the directions most confusing and misleading. Please can we return to the usual AJ? (A sentiment expressed by a number of members, Barb. C.) *Barb Ibbott*
- Though there was some excuse for the different kind of alphabetical this time, I do not like the present trend with additions to variations of many kinds. The original AJs were always enjoyable and still the best. (I have to agree with you there, Irene, I too, like the standard AJs. C.) *Irene Watts*
- An interesting variation on the AJ theme, most ingenious. If 'Audi' is correct for the fourth clue, an explanation of how this answer is arrived at would be appreciated. (Okay Peter, start with 'auditor' = someone examining, take away 'eminence' = tor, which leaves you with 'Audi' the car. C.) *Peter Dearie*

FEBRUARY 5-2002 — Double Acrostic by Audrey Ryan

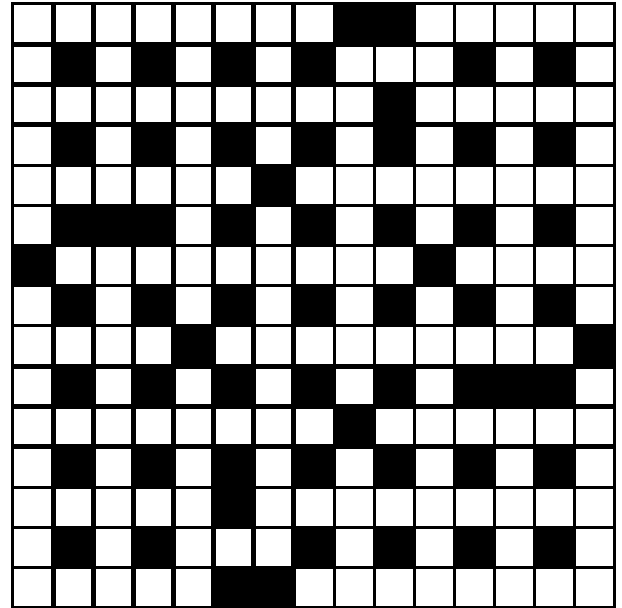
- Audrey, when Cook's compass pointed astray, was this reference anything to do with his observation of 'the transit of venus' or was it only in reference to Magnetic Island? Thanks for an interesting quotation. *Alan Walter*
- I like doing double acrostics with their mixture of figuring out and guessing in both grids. I am sure these are much more difficult to compose than to solve. *Catherine Hambling*
- Love 'decrease employment' for 'iron work'. Please explain clue U for me. *Brian Symons*
- Once w, x, y, and z were solved 'insh' stared one in the face, thus pointing one toward that well known author Noel Macainsh. I know Col, I'm full of it!! (Gee, Tom, you almost had me convinced, before I read the last sentence that is, I thought what **is** he on about? ya old devil!! C.) *Tom Phelan*
- I've never heard of this poem or author, although the puzzle was reasonably straightforward. *Barb Ibbott*
- I always admire the skill of the acrostic setters, though I am not fond of this kind of puzzle. This one had some very difficult clues, and solving them involved much to-ing and fro-ing. *Irene Watts*
- An enjoyable puzzle with some very tricky clues. 'Isodonum' took a while to work out! *Peter Dearie*



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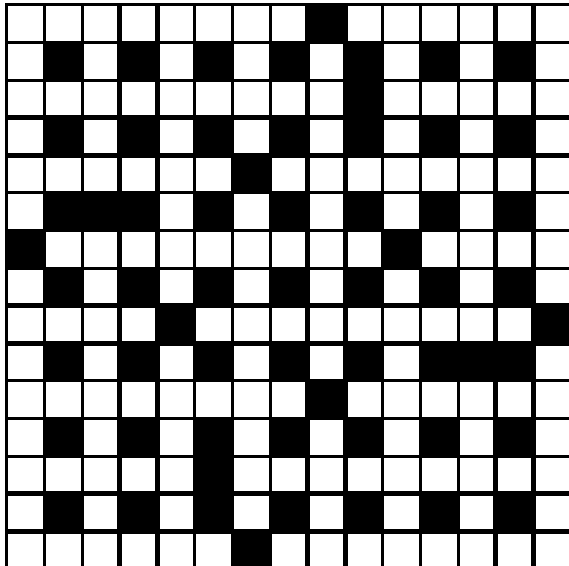
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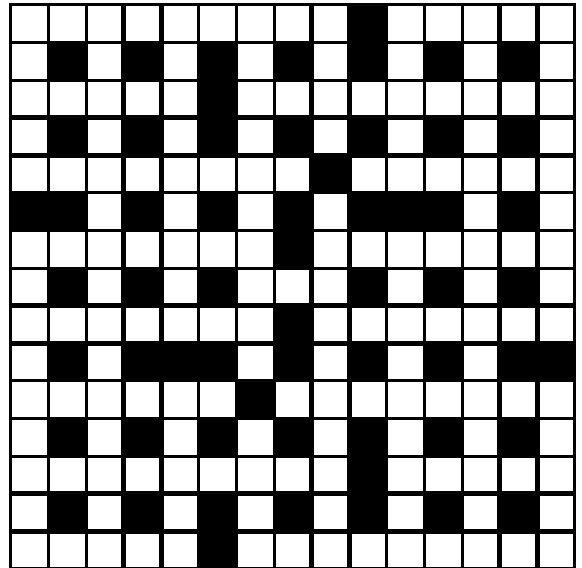
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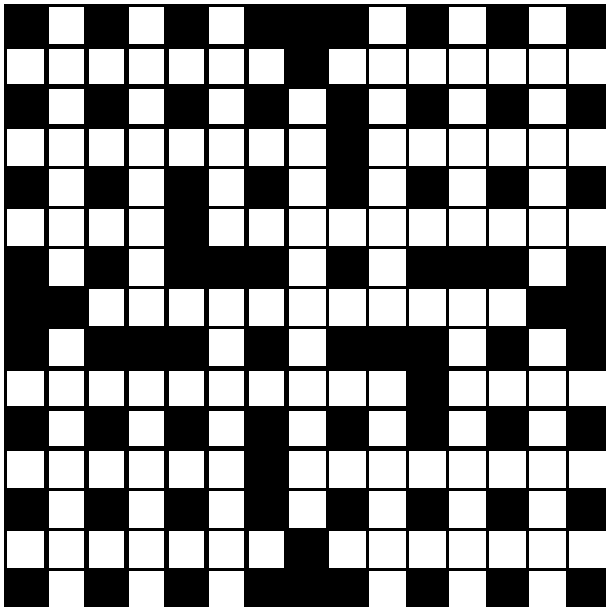
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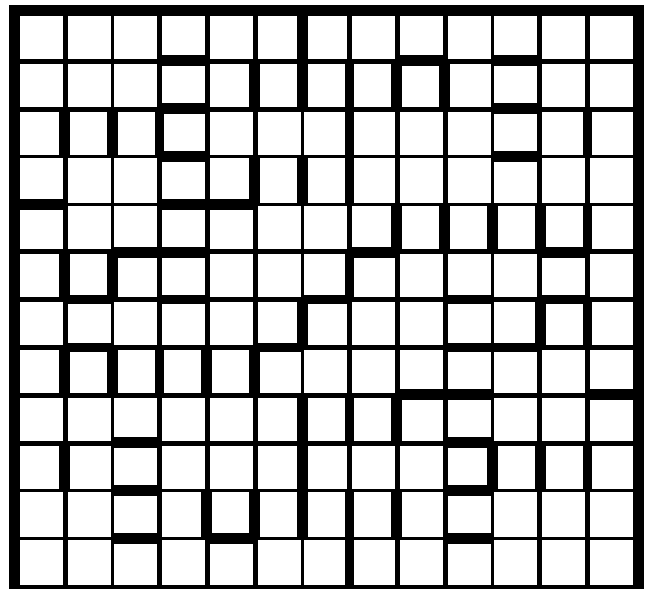
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JANUARY 6-2002 — Crossword Logic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Entries: 51. Correct: 41. Success rate: 80.4%. Prizewinner: Michael Veress. Congratulations!

- I enjoyed it immensely — thanks a lot. *Catherine Foster*
- A novel idea to combine Logic and Crossword puzzles! *Gwenda Prewett*
- Enjoyed the challenge ... the logic clues certainly make you think. *Graeme Cole*
- ... something a bit different! Reminded me a bit of Cluedo — the professor in the study with the dagger! *Roy Wilson*
- Great fun. I did it several times to see if there was a 'shortcut' — couldn't find one. *Mal Cockburn*
- Couldn't manage the dots and crosses ... once I wrote the five grids in order it sorted itself out. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Enclosed is my almost certainly incorrect solution to Jan Slot 6. I'm hopeless at this sort of puzzle and hope to see no more of them in *Crozworld*. (That's a pity Peter — you did get it right!) *Peter Dearie*
- Congratulations on a very clever puzzle — my son says that people tackle logic from different angles. *Margaret Galbreath*
- A puzzle with a difference. I remember doing something similar thirty years ago! *Bob Hagan*
- Logic problems are the next best things after Cryptic crosswords! *Pat Garner*
- ... a really good one with the extra need to solve the clues thrown in ... *Jim Colles*
- Another stimulating puzzle. Although I've reached a solution I'm never sure with logic puzzles. *David Procter*
- I'm baffled, but maybe I missed something. All the same, I enjoy logic puzzles. *Veniece Lobsey*
- ... you have given me a lot of thought with the logic crossword ... *Audrey Ryan*
- It was really a mind bender for me ... *Bill Bennett*
- ... a very innovative puzzle ... it has given me a lot of pleasure ... *Ron O'Rourke*
- ... would have been improved with a bit more consistency in the nomenclature ... *Catherine Hambling*
- Quite a challenge until I realised that clue 3 was less devilish than I assumed! *Jill Freeland*
- ... I kept coming up with two solutions ... unable to find a contradiction to either (The set of answers you sent in were correct, Chris, but it's a pity you substituted "infidel" for "inhuman"). *Chris Stocks*
- ... much more to it than meets the eye, at first. Congratulations on such a devious device! *Betty Cumming*
- I would have preferred this to have been included as an 'extra'. I love your Slot 6 cryptics. *Daphne Greening*
- ... as Tweedledee said — "if it was so, it might be; and if it were so, it would be: but as it isn't, it aint". *Geoff Campbell*
- There were times when I felt like playing noughts and crosses in the grid. *Alan Walter*
- Is there a vital piece of information missing from the clues? *Cheryl Gleeson*

Adjudicator's Comments: Audrey has broken her right wrist, and so, you are stuck with her spouse for these comments. I noticed that many people swapped Martin's and Roger's mistakes in their answers. This was due to the assumption that "inhuman" was the Alphabetical and "nymphette" was the hard cryptic. Obviously, an extra clue such as "The Alphabetical answer was the longest word" was required. As I had completely forgotten solving this puzzle (apart from the clued answers) I decided to resolve this puzzle to see if there was more than one solution possible. I tried three times, differing the order in which I tackled the clues each time — I came up with the correct solution each time — sorry! A number of people sent in a correct solution but had "inhuman" as the A-J and "nymphette" as the hard cryptic — Martin + Columbus and Roger + Puzzle King! These people have been marked correct due to the lack of the extra clue. Two unfortunate fellows had "abob" instead of "afro" — their logic was correct! I hope we didn't cause too much pain out there. —Bruce Austin

A SEASONAL TREAT by Stroz

Entries: 31. Correct: 29. Success rate: 93.5% Prizewinner: David Stickley. Congratulations! Winners see p 2 col 7.

- As usual your clues were a mixture of the canny the confusing and the learning experiences. I wonder if many like me went to the dictionary to see if there was a word 'ufuifs'. I was nearing the end of my tether before the light dawned. I thought your use of 'paper-cutter' for 'ed' in clue 6 was a gem. *Jim Colles*
- Congrats on your Pud; soft in the centre but devilishly difficult around the edges; took an age to figure out the perimeter and hence the last three or four recalitrants. *Doug Butler*
- Thank you for doing the Pud. We all enjoy the challenge (well, those of us who like dessert, that is). *Carole Noble*
- I bet this caused some indigestion with some solvers. The ingredients were very rich! *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for your Pud! I think we should include puzzles this hard every month. *Mal Cockburn*
- I suppose some setters have a NEED to be dirty rotten scoundrels. Such as too, the "master", who forgets to give solvers some of the clues. Thank you for lots of fun. *Bev Solomon*
- There were a number of times I thought you had me beat — even to the point where I'd solved most of the clues. All in all, a most satisfying challenge! *Roy Wilson*
- I am still recovering from your Christmas Pud. I have spent hours on it. I think it was a bit more than I could handle, but I think the clueing was great, each one coming from a different angle. I thought the Sentiment would resolve itself as I put it together but that is really where I was mistaken and the hard work began. Thanks for a great treat. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Much liked SLATER in clue No 2. In No 13 if 'Notelet' is to imply 'note + let' = Re + hire then the clue should fairly include an exclamation mark! 'Denial' was very cleverly disguised in 'Complained'. Do hope all members 'See the lights in the New Year' both literally and in terms of the crosswords they successfully solve. Your 'Seasonal Treat' was very testing but overall a deLIGHT to solve. *Alan Walter*
- This was the hardest Pud ever, Patrick! The alternately lettered sentiment was very tricky! *Shirl O'Brien*
- Ten/Ten for your extraordinarily designed puzzle. Clueing a thing of beauty — Sentiment brilliantly applied and reference to the lights we will encounter in 2002 was appreciated. I trust that my submission is correct. Now Helen and I may resume a more normal lifestyle not punctuated by curses levelled at the deviousness of Pres Patrick. *Tom Phelan*
- Yes!!! I've finally done it. I thought I was stuck but pressed on. Also said a few prayers to St Jude. *Del Kennedy*
- I think this was the richest pudding ever! *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thank you for giving me so much enjoyment & satisfaction, even though I may be a dead loss around the home for a couple of days (or more!). How do you make up such a puzzle? Congratulations for a fine effort and a very clever Sentiment. I hope I can see the light on a few occasions this year. *Graeme Cole*
- I've spent the last couple of weeks chewing over your Pud. It was thoroughly enjoyable; I think we all look forward to these mental challenges. Please keep them coming. *Betty Siegman*

ANSWERS: 1. Silage 2. Slater 3. Gender 4. Gather 5. Tether 6. Debase 7. Rebate 8. Heaste 9. Aerate 10. Repast 11. Stasis 12. Seethe 13. Rehire 14. Recipe 15. Cytisi 16. Samiti 17. Seamer 18. Seeger 19. Entire 20 Acuity 21. E-layer 22. Retene 23. Hecate 24. Reduce 25. Denial 26. Hether 27. Rather 28. Warren 29. Negate 30. Alegar. **Sentiment:** See the Lights in the New Year.

Stroz Speaks: 5: TETHER: The letters of the word "Ufuifs" are the letters of the alphabet which follow the light (or answer) TETHER. 6: DEBASE: "Paper cutter" = editor (ed) returned = de + home = base. 13: REHIRE: Note = Re, let = hire, do = ditto. 25: DENIAL: Hidden in last six letters (reversed) of "complained". 28: WARREN: "a supercar" = ARR (A Rolls-Royce) in WEN = London. For a full list of explanations visit: www.crosswordclub.org/News.html