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Syntax is a faculty of the soul. Paul Valéry, 'Literature', in <i>Odds and Ends</i> (trans. S Gilbert, 1970).	

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The call for new crosswords has been productive. In this issue of *Crozworld* we feature a new compiler — *Sinbad* — who has composed a puzzle which is in the Half & Half style. Congratulations to *Sinbad* on making this quantum leap. May there be many more! You can read about *Sinbad* in further detail on p9.

The Clue Writing Competition has been very well received with a goodly number of Clues submitted. Steve Trollope is the moderator of this successful innovation and we appreciate his efforts in this regard. See all the details from the first Comp on p16. All of the clues to Christmas Carol (9,5) together with Steve's masterly analysis can be found on the Club's website.

Oxford University Press who have been very generous in their most welcome sponsorship of the Slot 5 puzzles have contributed a *Word of the Month* commencing with this issue of *Crozworld*. This will be a regular spot and will be appreciated by all members of the ACC. See p9 for the first Word of the Month from Oxford.

We hope you enjoy the puzzles we have selected for you this month. *Southern Cross* has composed a themed cryptic which is just charming! Noel Jessop and *Virgo* are back with delightful compositions and *St Jude* has devised a brilliant Double Acrostic which he has titled *Spring Trip*. *Cactus* makes a welcome return with one of his masterly challenges and we have a bonus puzzle for you from *Cha-Cha*. It's another bumper issue!

We have all the details *The Beast's* puzzle *Two-Up* and *Raoul's* first Brain Teaser together with the results. And for those who like these attractive diversions, *Raoul* has contributed another Brain Teaser Corner. Finally, we have a Quiz from *Virgo* and if you are a chess player, another two chess game problems. There is plenty to keep you entertained in the next month. Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

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Many thanks to all who sent nice cards and greetings to me (sorry to the senders of those cards lacking large amounts cash in them; sadly they remain dotless!). Those elusive clues that are not explained here you will find in Members Comments. Once again Alan has saved me a plethora of explanation and typing. Thank you, Alan.

Slot 1: A big casualty count here. Errors included subleasee (sublessee), intents (intends), declares (dictates), dislectic, dyslexiac (dyslectic), Ticho, Ticko, (Tycho) russe (rusty), befog (decoy) diaper (dipper) and 3 blanks.

Slot 2: Fewer casualties here; armoril, (admiral) unos, anas, (anis) inri (inro) snuggle (smuggle), naivety (naivete) Gabriella (Gabrielle), and immunizing was sadly disallowed. 'Immunising' was the answer sought for "to celebrate" is to sing, not zing! Ref *Chambers* '99ed.

Slot 3: The adjudicator is in danger of being made redundant! Hass (Huss) and terch (terse) nett (next). Many queried the use of GE for Georgia. It is the IRV car plate for Georgia in Russia; maybe some indication should have been given of this. Marxism (machismo) Ma(ch/ism)o.

Slot 4: Adjudicator has a smoko! Artifice, artifact, (artefact), Pompideu (Pompidou).

Slot 5: roan (roon), 2 blanks. Many queries regarding 30ac 'Redargued'. The best I can do here is to quote Websters revised unabridged Dictionary 1913: '[L.redarguere; pref. red-, re- re- + arguere to accuse, charge. with: cf. F. r[e]darguer.] To disprove; to refute; to confute; to reprove; to convict.[Archaic]'. "How shall I . . . suffer that God should redargue me at doomsday, and the angels reproach my lukewarmness?" — Jer. Taylor. "Now this objection to the immediate cognition of external objects has, as far as I know, been redargued in three different ways." — Sir W.Hamilton. I'm not sure that I can equate 'Knocked down' to the above.

Once again blank spaces and typographical errors made up a fair share of the dotless. I know I say this every time I adjudicate, but, double, and even triple check your entries before submitting them to the 'executioner'!!

COTM: The clue of the month goes to slot 4, the 'H' clue which received an overwhelming response! Narrowly beating 27ac in slot 3 and 5dn in slot 1. I received one entry with a Canberra postmark, but bearing no name, with slots 1, 2, and 4 completed and an incomplete slot 5. Please contact me if you think it is your entry! —Col Archibald

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Entries received	89	90	77	89	72	417
Correct entries	63	70	71	81	58	343
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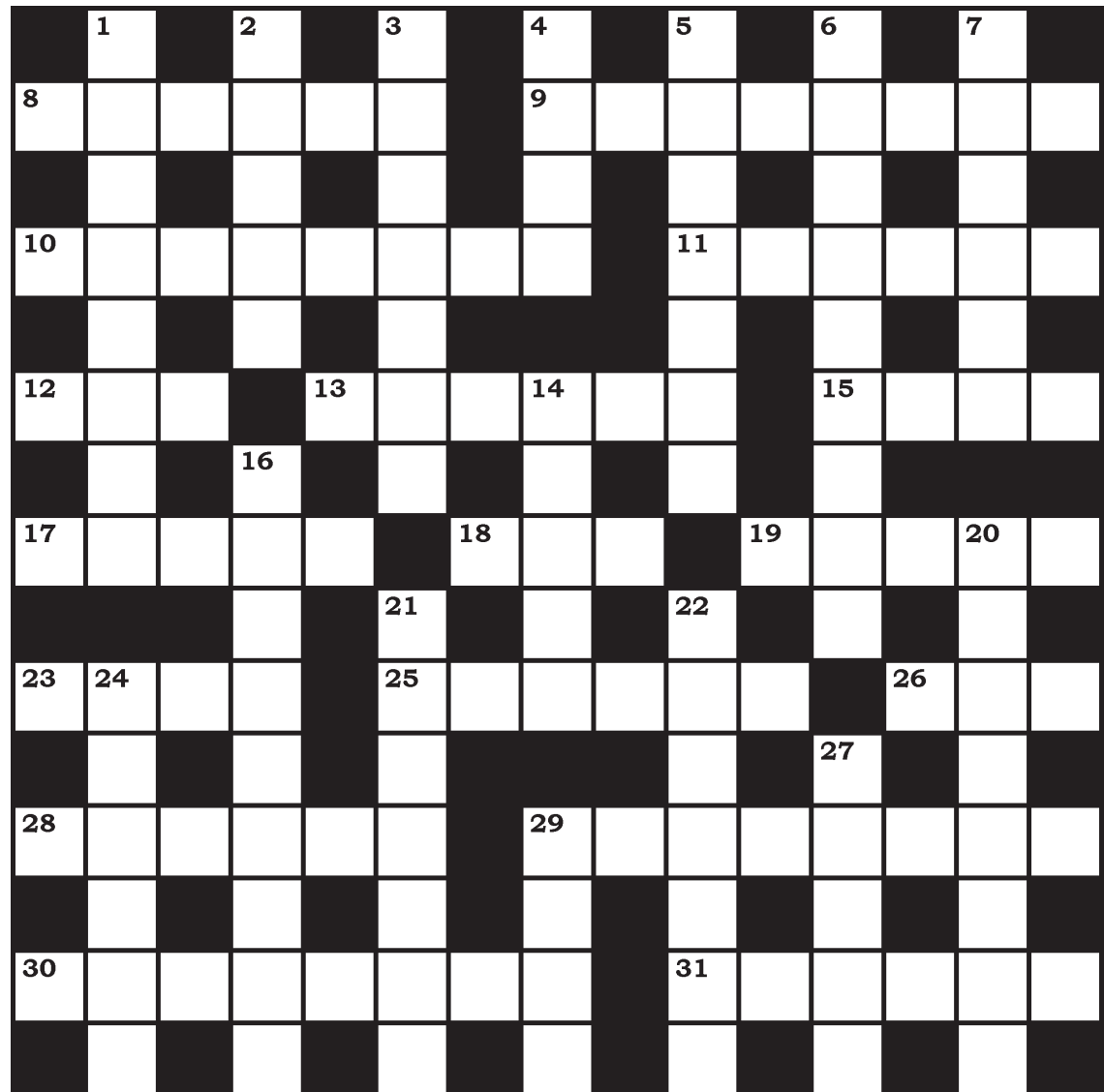
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Half & Half by Sinbad



[rrp: \$45.00]



Down words are clued differently. All have something in common.
Across clues are cryptic

Across

- 8 Deed, I have to be busy (6)
- 9 Muddy lagoon is equiangular (8)
- 10 Precipitous and very wet (8)
- 11 A boat in the flotsam Panama Canal (6)
- 12 The Aussie bird at Rosehill is part of the parade (3)
- 13 Machine-gun exploded, Minn outright clumsy! (6)
- 15 Hold-up behind (4)
- 17 A poor reason without love can be a trap (5)
- 18 The smell from the gallows is disgusting (3)
- 19 Sneak around to find reptile (5)
- 23 To record a ton is impressive (4)
- 25 Top exposed in covert exhibit (6)
- 26 S African native makes novel sound (3)
- 28 Shakespeare scored a ton. How poetic (6)
- 29 Plead or hare around without ecstasy. Gee whiz! (8)
- 30 Atom species includes mixture (8)
- 31 Creep to a place in South Korea (6)

Down

- 1 Flying (8)
- 2 Coal (5)
- 3 Crossing (7)
- 4 Pond (4)
- 5 Pot (7)
- 6 Bender (9)
- 7 Kick (6)
- 14 Havana (5)
- 16 Tears (9)
- 20 Red (8)
- 21 Pear (7)
- 22 Fairy (7)
- 24 Butter (6)
- 27 Mack (5)
- 29 Up (4)

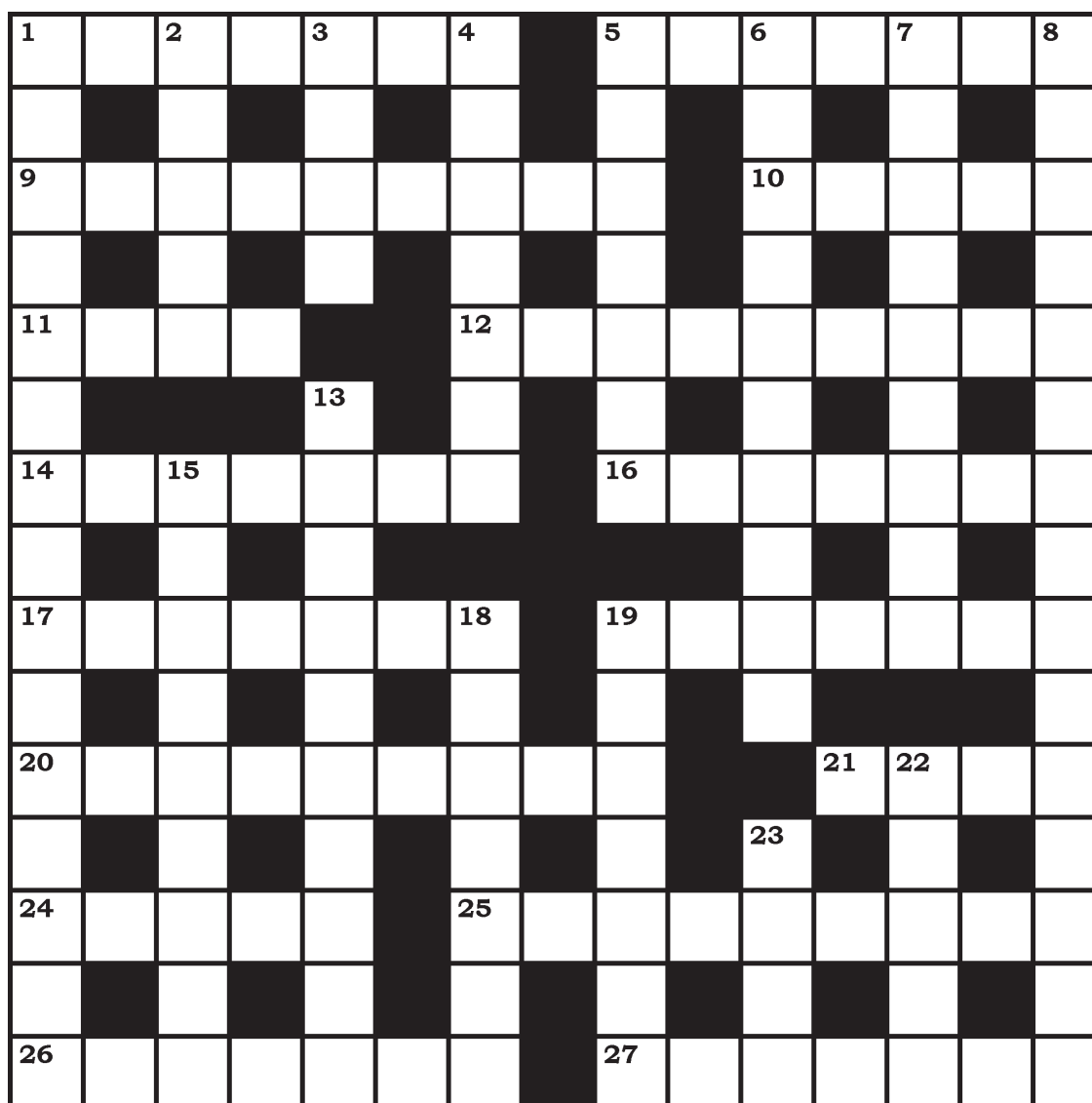
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Cryptic
by
Noel Jessop



Across

- 1 Removing some lawyer as inglorious (7)
- 5 Stirs the mobs (7)
- 9 Concerning story about Guido's note, it is deniable (9)
- 10 Know your colloquial country (5)
- 11 Pay attention to heads of hospital emergency entrance divisions (4)
- 12 Opponents of Paul, i.e., bit nose off! (9)
- 14 Hard man with Irish fool (7)
- 16 Sun and air's unsuitable for a Muscovite (7)
- 17 Kicks around higher English hairpieces (7)
- 19 Service included in fashions for contemporary folk (7)
- 20 Whirlpool and rock make a place for a lighthouse (9)
- 21 Soldier backed alternative prince (4)
- 24 Scipio won here with insolence in top-class return (5)
- 25 Pharaoh ... he-man poet, possibly (9)
- 26 Packing pieces of arsenic and potassium in bags (7)
- 27 Act it out with country historian (7)

Down

- 1 Grounds proverbially mad fellow in government — that's momentous (15)
- 2 A man relocated a file ... (5)
- 3 ... to somewhere inside to turn it on (4)
- 4 End of long article on sides of beef established such talk (7)
- 5 Thinner pipe? That's right! (7)
- 6 Academic rulers do return with a cooking ingredient (6-4)
- 7 More extended misrepresentation of reel thing (9)
- 8 Top novelist rubbished priest's flag (5,3,7)
- 13 Chimney cleaners film scene in cup activity (10)
- 15 Traditional Chinese establishments under sail informally (9)
- 18 Catch-phrases of rocking-stone in the heart of Russia (7)
- 19 Sheep into nuts, etc., getting life-support (3,4)
- 22 Nobble the progeny, note time (3,2)
- 23 Elegant greeting in civic environs (4)

My Favourite Word: ELEEMOSYNARY: A Comment from Max Roddick

"Eleemosynary" stirred the memory. Like *Cactus*, I'd met the word in my younger days (but I don't recall where) and had put it in a mental pigeonhole labelled 'Interesting Words You're Never Likely to Use'. So I sat bolt upright when one day I heard it spoken! It was a broadcast of Question Time from Canberra, and the exchange was something like this:-

Questioner: "These payments that we're discussing, Mr. Treasurer — are there any conditions attached? Will the recipients have to repay them?"

Treasurer: "Oh no! I understand they're eleemosynary".

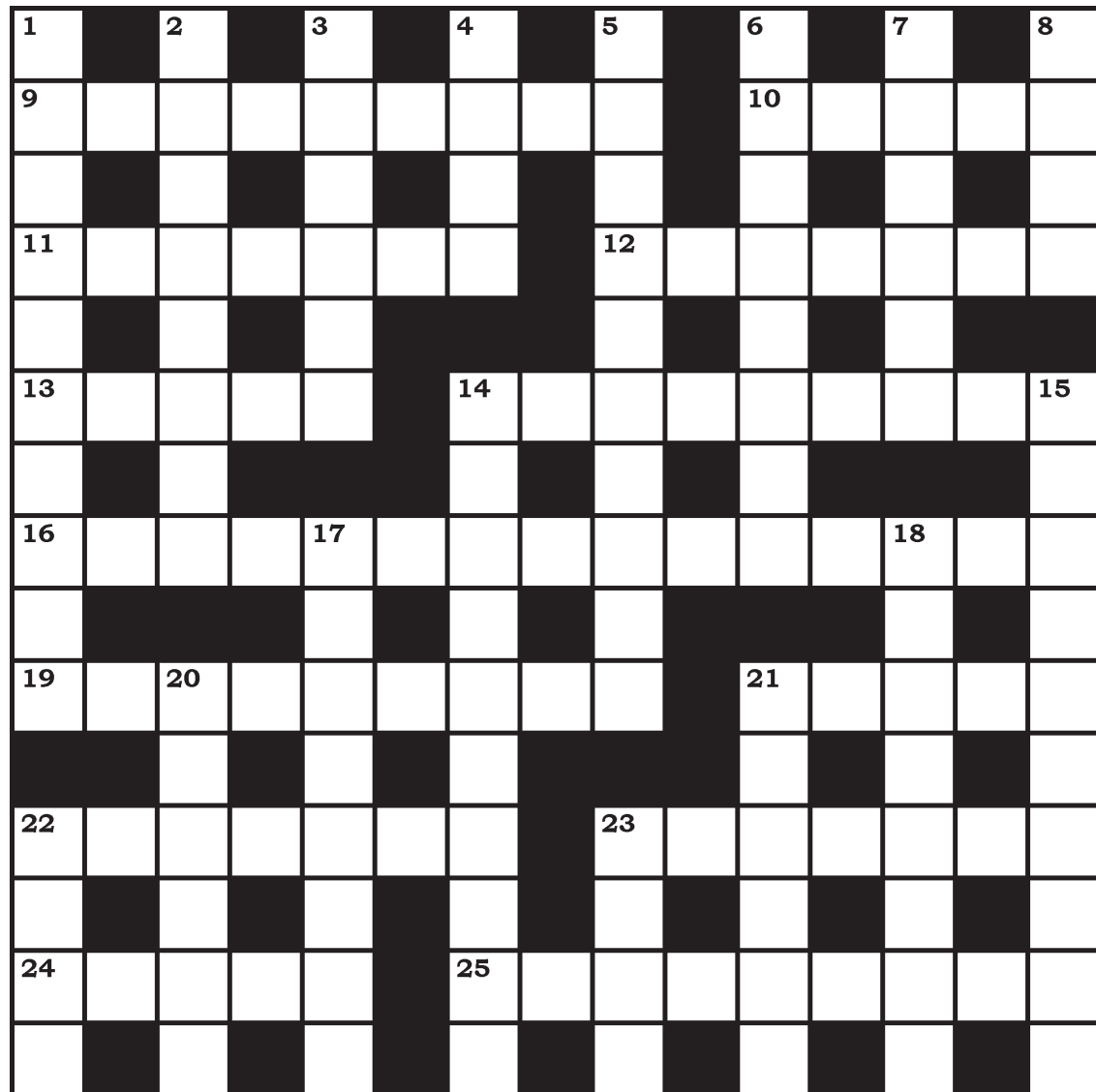
The Treasurer was the late R.G. (later Lord) Casey, and he said it as casually as another person might have said "free" or "charitable". For that alone, apart from anything else, I think he deserved his life peerage. If the *Hansard* reporter was paying attention (and could spell it!) it will be a notable find for some future archivist."

From Carol Bullard (Former Director of Development, Yaddo):

"Though no writer of note (indeed no writer at all!), let me add one word which comes to my mind, which is "eleemosynary." To be sure, as one who labors in the philanthropic vineyard, it is a natural, but I really do think it is quite a special word, both in the way it rolls off the tongue and its spelling, which is probably why Lee Blessing chose it as the title of one of his recent plays." —from *The Logophile's Orgy - Favorite Words of Famous People*, by Lewis Burke Frumkes, Delacorte Press, 1995.

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**Themed
Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross**



Across

- 9 He holds the strings of pets, ever so briefly (9)
- 10 Wild pet from India's dreaded hole (5)
- 11 Pass Bill again – about to measure wildcat (7)
- 12 South African carnivore said to be only a pet (7)
- 13 Kitty's pet (5)
- 14 Hesitation shown after pet part in play calls for mineral oil (9)
- 16 Pets from the Skye team spoken of? (4,4,3,4)
- 19 Gosh! Speed changes with these working pets (5-4)
- 21 One might need to do this for a pet, after a little time (3,2)
- 22 Pet lies knocked out around a hollow in the ground (7)
- 23 Pet to ring for a raspberry? (7)
- 24 Class pet second in English (5)
- 25 Immature affection is nothing to a pet (5-4)

Down

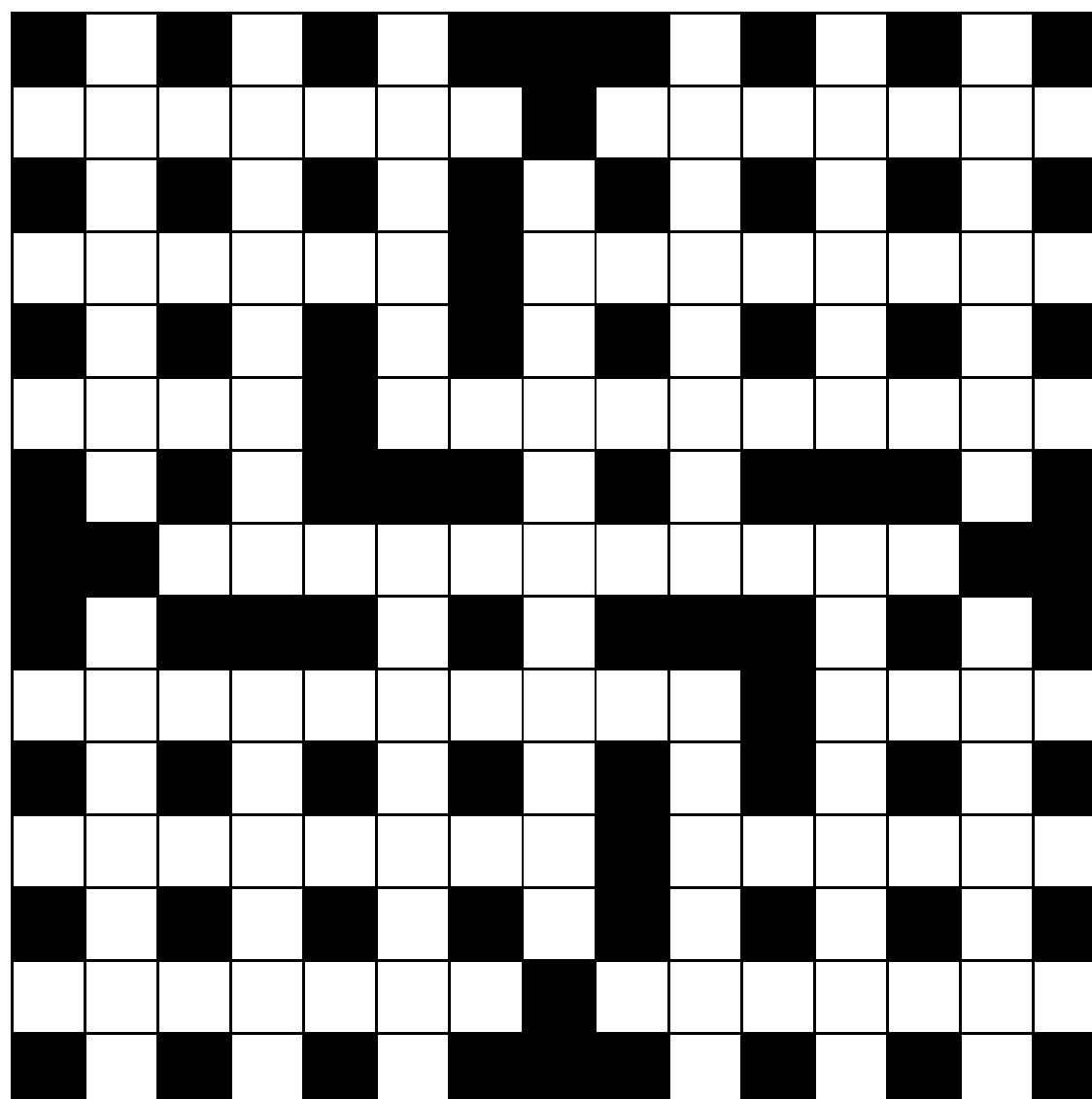
- 1 The motor shop carries them – squirming pet asps – arr! (5,5)
- 2 Tailless pet risks a transfer with gear for Thredbo, perhaps (5-3)
- 3 Support given over a hundred years by pet charity of many Aussies (6)
- 4 Impudent pet gets right inside (4)
- 5 Poor stray after a bit of bread from clearers of dinner table (5-5)
- 6 Inaction once with tick over head covering (8)
- 7 Hit while fencing? Contact pet centre (6)
- 8 Pet's becoming a nuisance (4)
- 14 Pet to phone about ruined glory of rock carving (10)
- 15 Girl, Cardinal's put to Editor, had "Letters" out of order (10)
- 17 What could be important to the Aussie eleven tips over (8)
- 18 Short Pomeranian injured after Prince takes large stone from Delphic centre (8)
- 20 Pass where some pet sits in a certain direction (6)
- 21 A radical Frenchman takes on "Seven Little Australians" author, we hear (6)
- 22 Sool on pet, said to be unwell (4)
- 23 Deal competently with company pet, though not completely (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Re Slot 2 January 2005. Sorry about AIRTRAIN not being dictionary identifiable! It is the name of the privately run train (and the company) that services both the Brisbane International and Domestic Airports. It runs on Queensland rail lines to Eagle Junction, and thence on a private elevated railway. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Congratulations to our NOBLE queen and noble EARL. Well deserved. *Brian Symons*
- I express my congratulations to Noel and Carole on being made life members of the club. I can think of no two more worthy recipients; they have both done an enormous amount of work over many years and it's doubtful if the club would even have got off the ground without their efforts along with those of our other deserving life member, Alan Walter. Well done! *Roy Wilson*
- Many thanks to the club for my cheque for slots 1-5 winner for Jan '05; was a totally unexpected surprise. I would also like to add my congratulations to Noel and Carole on their life memberships. Well deserved! *Col. Archibald*
- Thanks to the ACC for prize cheque Jan 2- 2005. Congrats to Carole and Noel for their life memberships — well deserved recognition for their outstanding contributions to our club over many years. *Geoff Campbell*
- Congratulations to Carole and Noel, and to the committee, on their much deserved life memberships of the ACC. Without their tremendous work over so many years we would not have such a great club. *Jim Colles*
- I like the new prize structure; it gives more people the chance of winning something. I don't agree that the word SUCCUBI is offensive, I don't actually think any word on its own is offensive. It is the usage that makes it so. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the club. It is a pleasure to be a member. *Jenny Wenham*
- It was nice to see new faces winning Quiz No 6. Congratulations to Barb and Irene. *David Procter*

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AJ
by
Virgo



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

- A** Growing urge — curtail activity (11)
- B** Two relative to one in a top and bottom (6)
- C** They are all related to the subject of escorting you and I (11)
- D** Fly camped out (6)
- E** Expunging: no end to caffeine drunk — Gee! (8)
- F** Fast partner will be wild (7)
- G** Fords go round the city (7)
- H** Live bat — I hate cruelty (8)
- I** Tearing about the Sierra, they never thank you for anything (8)
- J** Jan built product triumphantly (8)
- K** The bird I found at Kew I lost to the wedgetail (4)
- L** It hurts to speak of a sitar lying all twisted (10)
- M** Lisa sounds like a whinger (4)
- N** Kiss and cuddle and permit an adornment (7)
- O** Cracked ice is for making holes (8)
- P** A little dog can go back on promises and be ready to fight (10)
- Q** In the presence of mortality we have silence (7)
- R** Bits of batter in the walls (8)
- S** Having more of it than another (6)
- T** Provides choppers; hurts little ones (7)
- U** 'My head is bloody but ____' (WE Henley, *Invictus*) (7)
- V** Poor Dave got the cat in and left (7)
- W** The young dog goes after the exciting war parcel (4, 2)
- X** An Egyptian statue across a hazy noon! (6)
- Y** A hunting cry tops — yet official insists culling koalas stops (6)
- Z** Polyp cells from the last jumping coyotes climax (7)

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**Spring Trip
Double Acrostic**
by
St Jude



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Solve the clues and transfer the answers to the grid to reveal a quotation. Insert the name of the Book title and the author's name in the space provided below the grid. The first letter of the quotation ('W') has already been provided.

- A** Viceroy let in the girl for a celtic warrior (11)
- B** Broadest grin is most banal (9)
- C** Cannon with zero damage (8)
- D** First very loud, skilfully and pleasantly (7)
- E** Unrestrained, a French humorist's heart embraced (10)
- F** About to throw the decapitated fish — how disrespectful! (8)
- G** Ceramic made from lug after using tungsten and argon energy (11)
- H** Correct, white shoe part of a turn (5,5)
- I** Gangster follows that model leaving on route to Macbeth's station (9)
- J** Fashionably up and down over time? (8)
- K** Dodger Braun and the German (6)
- L** The heat starting in a notch can be infernal (9)
- M** On foot, the skill of the Human Resource Officer is identifying the critter (9)
- N** No! Remove some phosphorus from the bin, you good-for-nothing (2-5)
- O** Before the thirties, begin the London connections (8)
- P** Finish and ring the bookie or else begin to seed (9)
- Q** R — a bank location (10)
- R** Feudal rents collected from a town for a long time (8)
- S** University that French find unparalleled (6)
- T** Invigorate ferns here perhaps (9)
- U** Lad back with little Bob, the thug (5)
- V** Takes one to catch one? (5)
- W** Why leave the coney with insect disease (7)
- X** Stone unconscious after round consumed (8)
- Y** Eastern states overlapping the bundle (8)
- Z** Staff rung because of toe injury in Scotland (5)

W

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**Mittake after
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Each clue has a misprint of one letter in the definition part. When the correct letters from all the misprints in this puzzle are read in a certain order, a marathon message is revealed, to be shown below the grid.

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Marathon Message

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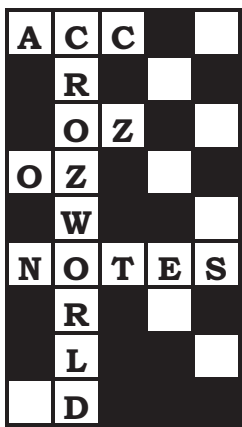
- 1 Take food and drink to share (7)
- 5 Trades unruly steed outside Connecticut (7)
- 9 Torn wing is clear, the bill opening needs to be cut (5)
- 10 Sister ran, affecting crimps (9)
- 11 Police after nuisance I hope finally gets prison (9)
- 12 Pony is normal in some ways (5)
- 13 Stack together, and served after I left (8)
- 15 Early in game, Ned begins spinning, a yard at times (6)
- 18 Brace small relative arriving in wet (8)
- 19 Takes months to express different points about end of war (8)
- 22 Not many ways to make scones (5)
- 24 Packing things up in butchery, dumping tripe first (9)
- 26 The dousing of a fool not starting race (9)
- 27 Ormer caught a second before the hour passes (5)
- 28 Try to glide back, for example, in wild gusts (7)
- 29 Thick, maybe, like group holding American power (7)

Down

- 1 Sometimes likes promoting journey East aboard ship (7)
- 2 Gets time off after each year's culls (5)
- 3 In the open, oddly, Ross sprays (9)
- 4 One setback after period of arts (8)
- 5 Curries to start dinner when hot, and eats outside (6)
- 6 Binds a vocal act singing early (5)
- 7 Possibly stems from service for country, fighting English (9)
- 8 Pat off drink, keeping shilling tip (7)
- 14 Heart surgery for one unnamed gentleman is new (9)
- 16 Carries our partners' bills after drawings, maybe, returned (9)
- 17 Frank's outside home finally fixing cleats (8)
- 18 Slave-driver at last embraces East, backing shops (7)
- 20 Heading crew in great port of Turkey? (7)
- 21 Heist's a one-off pitiful failure (6)
- 23 Battle top Arab in audition (5)
- 25 Sobs starting in school so, not oddly, quiet (5)

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COMPILER PROFILE: GRAEME COLE (Sinbad)

"The pseudonym *Sinbad* was suggested by my wife Jill as I am a sailor. I was embarrassed to use my correct name on the puzzle Half and HALF and thought that the members would make critical comments on my puzzle not knowing who I was.

Briefly, I am a retired Maths teacher who spent most of my teaching life in Albury. When my wife Jill also retired we moved to Coal Point on Lake Macquarie to be closer to our relatives in Sydney and to be near real "sailing waters", unlike the Hume Weir in Albury.

My interest in crosswords began with the *Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* (orthodox crosswords) and in my thirties I became interested in cryptics from the SMH, though I was not very successful at solving them.

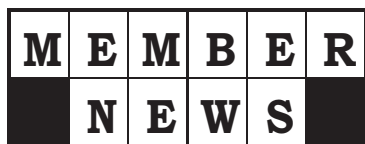
I joined the Crossword Club in 1988, established by Alan Eason. (I still have Crossworder No. 1, Sept 1988) and then became a member of the Australian Crossword Club. I have not been able to participate as much as I would have liked but I hope to turn that around.

My favourite puzzles are AJ's and those with a theme. I am pleased when I can solve ONE clue in Friday's SMH Cryptic by DA (David Astle), let alone complete a puzzle."

CALLING ALL COMPILERS: We have had a good response to our call to replenish our stocks of crosswords and quizzes for 2005. Any cryptic, AJ, innovative, themed, Ximenean etc will be gratefully accepted. We particularly encourage any new compiler to 'have a go'. The ACC provides a scarce forum where you can have your crossword published and scrutinised by Australia's best solvers. Why not become a compiler for 2005? It can be a rewarding experience! We could do with a few plain cryptic crosswords too. They might look easy to compile but it is surprising how difficult it can be to devise inspired clues. This is your big opportunity to 'make it' in the world of crosswords. "Come alive in 2005". Please send all compositions to Patrick at pstreet@bigpond.net.au

E-LODGMET: Ian Williams now manages e-lodgment of entries. It is well known that the delivery of postal items can be quite unreliable. It's time to consider e-lodgment. Quick, reliable and inexpensive. Ian has written a full explanation for those interested in e-lodgment. Once you read Ian's explanation, 'snail mail' will be a thing of the past for you! Visit the following link for this useful information: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/e-lodgment1.html> Many thanks to Ian for his valuable assistance to the ACC. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Veress for winning the Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!



New Members: A warm welcome to **Pamela Holmes** of Redcliffs, Vic (a membership gift from Margaret Galbreath), **Michael Kennedy** from Figtree, NSW, **Don Hemsley** from Williamstown, SA and

Claire Wiggins from Dubbo, NSW (a membership gift from Veniece Lobsey). Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Themed Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Mar 3-2005).

2005 Renewals from David Bennett, Mal Cockburn, Hilary Conway and Pat Horan.

Cumulative Quizzes 2004 prizewinners:

Bev Cockburn (130 pts), Carole Noble and David Procter (129 pts each), Alan Walter, Catherine Hambling and Brian Symons (128 pts each). Congratulations!

Memory Bank ...

From Derek Harrison (crosswordcentre.fsnet.co.uk):

"Nick Almond from the Centre for Memory and Language at the University of Leeds has been conducting research into whether doing crosswords has any effect on memory loss. His findings so far are quite startling. He says, 'The first analysis actually indicated that taking part in cryptic crosswords was linked to an increase in the frequency of cognitive failures.'

However, we have suggested that cryptic crossword participation actually increases individuals' awareness of their cognitive abilities, especially in older adults. Due to this increased awareness individuals notice cognitive failures more often than people who do not take part in cryptic crosswords. His results indicate that only cryptic crossword participation frequency has any impact on cognitive decline."

OUP

Oxford University Press have again kindly agreed to sponsor the Slot 5 puzzle for 2005. Previous lucky solvers who have won the prestigious *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* know how handy this wonderful book is for puzzle-solving. Our special thanks go to OUP and Carolyn Wadey-Barron, the Dictionary Promotions & Product Coordinator, Oxford University Press for Australia, New Zealand & Singapore for their generosity to the ACC.

Australian Oxford Dictionary WORD OF THE MONTH

lenticular *adj.* **1** shaped like a lentil or a biconvex lens. **2** of the lens of the eye.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition Edited by Dr Bruce Moore, \$99.95. ISBN 0195517962.

The Australian National Dictionary Centre was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. W.S. Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from *The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles*, ed. W.S. Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.

Bard Mouthing...



• Though he is not naturally honest, he is so sometimes by chance.

The Winter's Tale 4.4.734-5

• Canst thou believe thy living is a life, So stinkingly depending? Go mend, go mend. *Measure for Measure* 3.2.27-28

• You speak an infinite deal of nothing.

The Merchant of Venice 1.1.114

• You starveling, you elf-skin, you dried neat's tongue, you bull's pizzle, you stockfish! O! for breath to utter what is like thee; you tailor's yard, you sheath, you bow-case, you vile standing tuck!

Henry IV, part 1 2.4.274-78

• I have seen better faces in my time Than stands on any shoulder that I see Before me at this instant.

King Lear 2.2.99-101

• He has everything that an honest man should not have; what an honest man should have, he has nothing.

All's Well That Ends Well 4.3.290-94

Cheerfully appropriated from:

Shakespeare's Insults by Wayne F Hill and Cynthia J Öttchen, 1991, Ebury Press.

February 1-2005: Crossword by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- 20ac: Are RUNES actually stones? Aren't they inscriptions on stones? 21dn: NUT-GRASS ref. *Chambers* indicator should be (3-5) Alan Walter
- 22ac: 'Legend' is not pronounced as 'leg end' so the clue needs an exclamation mark! Brian Symons
- A very good slot 1. Especially liked TURNIP, ENEMAS and ENTREES, of course 'of' in 30ac. Should be 'is' (Yes, Brian, Dakar of course is the capital of Senegal, not vice versa. C.) Noel Jessop
- I detest seeing 3 consecutive black squares in the second row or column. Come on setters, if you can't fill a fair grid, perhaps you should think again about setting at all. 30ac: "Senegal the capital of Dakar"! When did that revolution happen? Surely we can eliminate silly mistakes like this. Roy Taylor
- 12dn: I think VIRUS is singular. (Yes Roy, germs should equate to viruses. C) Ted O'Brien
- Apart from 30ac which everyone will note, Audrey's clues were her usual well crafted efforts. Jim Colles
- As always *Virgo's* imaginative clues were a pleasure to do business with, though I don't feel at ease with my answer to 20ac. (You're not alone there, Jim. See members comments for more. C.) Peter Dearie
- I don't know Russell Crowe's nickname, what beer he drinks or the make of his car, and think that all of these facts have equal merit as far as solutions to our puzzles are concerned (i.e. NONE!!). 30ac. Whoops!! Doreen Jones
- I have put RUNES for 20ac. Don't know if it is correct but cannot think of anything else. Also 21dn NUTGRASS I would have expected a creeper (as in ivy) so perhaps that is not correct either. Catherine Foster
- Good one by *Virgo*, but I didn't like 20ac STONES as a good clue for RUNES, as they are mostly described as letters or inscriptions, not stones. I liked 5dn TURNIPS & 16dn OAKEN. Brilliant!! Irene Watts
- A bit of a liquorice allsorts, with straight clues, cryptic, and general knowledge. Rather difficult for a No1. Margaret Davis
- Not happy with 12dn: "germs" plural but "virus" singular.
- 20ac: I can find no word starting with A and continuing right through the alphabet, that means 'stones'! Believe me I have tried! I opted for 'runes' which are written on stone, rather than 'dunes' which could perhaps be considered to be composed of minute particles of stone. Margaret Raw
- A good puzzle which contained my COTM for 5dn but disappointingly implies that Senegal is the capital of Dakar. Jenny Wenham
- This was too difficult for a No.1 Slot, containing some words which were answers to quiz questions eg. SAGAN, RUSTY. Barb Ibbott
- 20ac: 'Stones' I wonder if this is a mistake and should be 'Tones' = Tunes. Bev Solomon

February 2-2005: Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- One good in bed was a clever definition for GREEN FINGERS in 11ac. If 'GREEN' = 'immature' how does 'bird' = FINGERS? 14ac: If 'information' = OIL & 'skilfully' = WELL what has to be arranged? 22dn. Has the article 'a' been inadvertently omitted from 'boy's dish'? Anagram of A + LADS = SALAD. An enjoyable puzzle thanks, Noel. Alan Walter
- A difficult but rewarding cryptic. Brian Symons
- Is 20dn RONDEAU? If so please explain. (Definition = poem, foregone conclusion = e; around peculiar = anagind of around. Giving an anagram of around + e = RONDEAU C). Doug Butler
- I no longer have the facilities of the Kiama library to help me, so I'm not sure of 25ac. Ted O'Brien
- If I could write clues like these I'd turn pro too. Jim Colles
- Noel at his best. Catherine Foster
- This was a toughie. Irene Watts
- Had great difficulty tracking down M. Condillac. What about the people without a computer or access to one? Margaret Davis
- Only had to guess one answer, so hopefully all is well. Jenny Wenham
- I don't know why I found this so difficult to solve as the answers were not unusual words. Barb Ibbott

February 3-2005: Cryptic by *Praxis* (Roy Wilson)

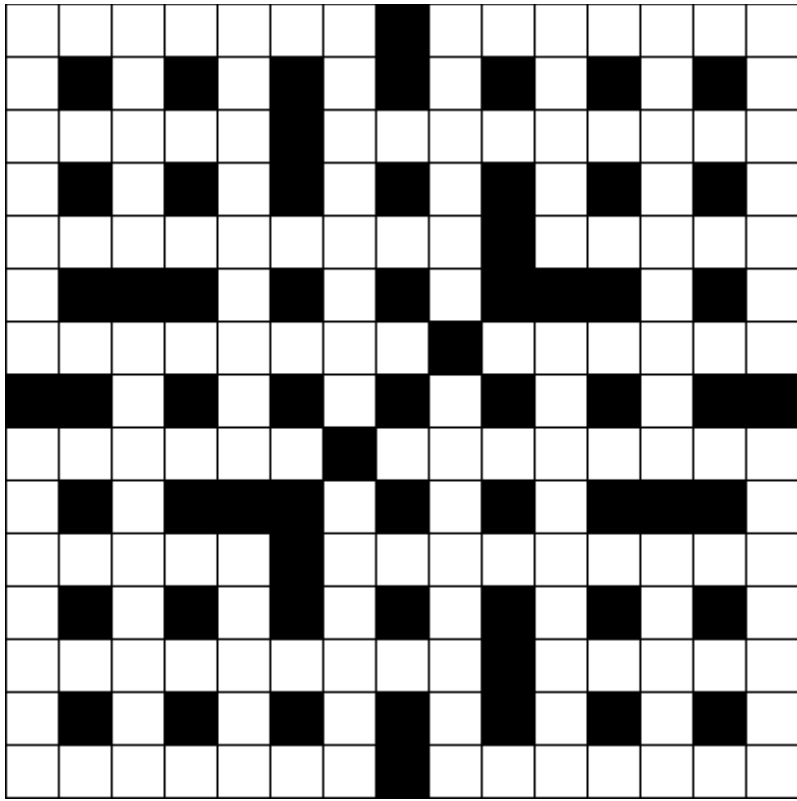
- This was a very challenging puzzle thanks, Roy. In 21dn it appears that you may have clued the word SERO+SA rather than SERO+US which fits the grid. 31ac: POURPARLER was an unexpected answer which I found only in the 2003 edition of *Chambers*. Alan Walter
- 10 rounds with Mike Tyson would be a snack after this. Brian Symons
- 17ac: Student = L? 29ac: What is the function of 'his' in this clue. Typo? Noel Jessop
- Have mercy Roy! My old brain's not as young as it used to be. I really enjoyed this though - especially 12ac. Brian Tickle
- 17ac is not usually in my fish diet so I hope I'm right. (slot 2 comment applies here too) Ted O'Brien
- 16dn: Rock Sound is a real place in the Bahamas. Did Roy know that when he wrote the clue, or is it just a fortuitous extra diversion? I do wonder. Max Roddick
- There were a lot of unusual words requiring consultation in *Chambers*, but the clues are so good that the answers can be worked out without the knowledge. Interesting that GRUMPH gets an encore after last month's disastrous appearance. Jim Colles
- If a prize were given for the puzzle containing the most obscure words this would win it. Gwenda Prewett
- A challenging puzzle. Great clues. I especially liked 14ac & 27ac. 2dn should read 'Ship' or 'barque' as schooners lack square-sails. Peter Dearie
- Now here was a mind bender! I liked 31ac. (A new word for me) great clue, I made it my choice for COTM. Catherine Foster
- Roy's puzzles are always mind-benders and I do not care for this type of grid. Especially difficult clues were 1dn, 14, 17 and 31ac. Irene Watts
- If 1ac is "estrangle" (and I can't think what else it can be) I've never seen 'GE' for Georgia. Margaret Davis
- Did anyone else find crossword 3 too hard for this position? Clues like 31ac and 32ac. For example 31ac is clever but very obscure both in the answer and in the implication that 'mother' was the pourer. I've probably got the answers wrong, but I couldn't reconcile 1dn and 4 dn with the clues. And 1ac is yet another one I have doubts about. Margaret Raw
- Plenty of interesting words in this one, but the very fair clues make them possible to solve. Jenny Wenham
- What a lot of nasty words were encountered. This was a difficult puzzle. Barb Ibbott

February 4-2005: AJ by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

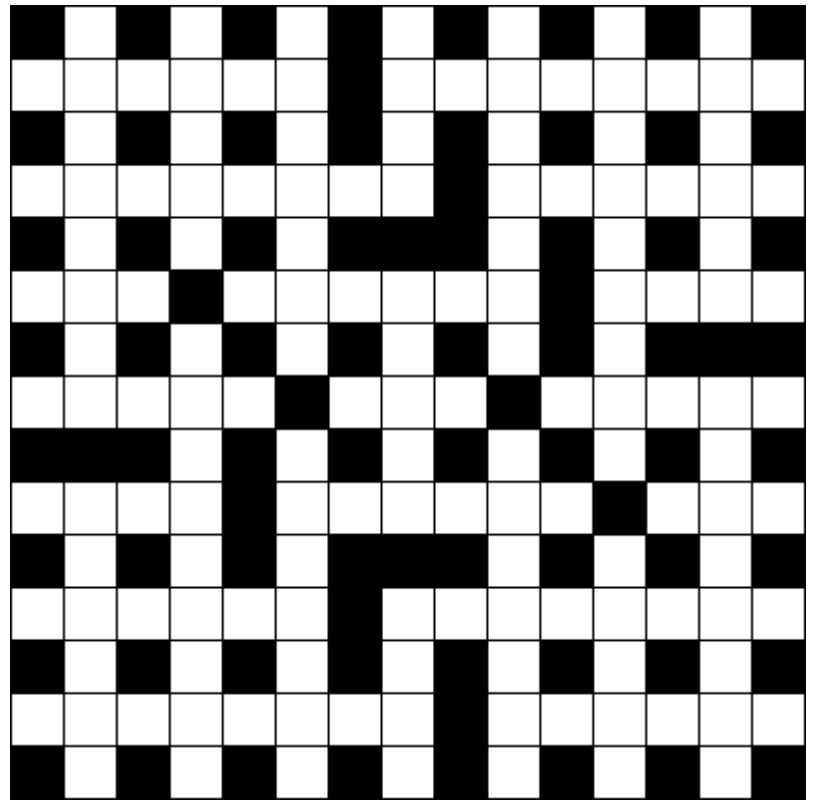
- Some really good clues, thanks, Shirl, especially H: Coo! It's rare! = HALF COOKED. R: Getting up-date on insurer's = RISING DAMP. W: BMW case = WEBCAMS (anag). Could only find this answer in the latest edition of *Chambers* and in the Z clue 'Closer' was a clever disguise for ZIPPER. Alan Walter
- Loved the H clue. Noel Jessop
- Great clueing, Shirl, no dictionary required and plenty of humour. I reckon it's the best puzzle I've done in *Crozworld* so far. Congratulations, and thank you. Bill Bennett
- Shirl is a wonder, isn't she? Pompidou, Xavier, cat-scanning etc, all in one puzzle. Ted O'Brien
- A pleasure to do puzzle, clues D and O especially. Max Roddick
- For a while I had the ridiculous idea that SC had bungled a clue (O) and was about to pounce. Then the correction page turned up. Should have known better of course. Anyone who can think up a clue as good as H won't make blues. Jim Colles
- An enjoyable puzzle: ingenious clue for 'zipper'. Peter Dearie
- Just love the AJ's. I liked the H & Z clues particularly. Catherine Foster
- Alphabeticals by Shirl are always enjoyable. The penny had a really long drop to enable the solving of the O clue. Irene Watts
- A nice AJ from Shirl but are all our solvers old enough to remember Xavier Cugat? Margaret Davis
- Struggled with the 'S' clue until I realised that the "John" referred to in the 'O' clue wasn't John Laws! Jenny Wenham
- Once I had solved the long words it became easier. However, this was one of the more complex AJ's I've completed. Barb Ibbott

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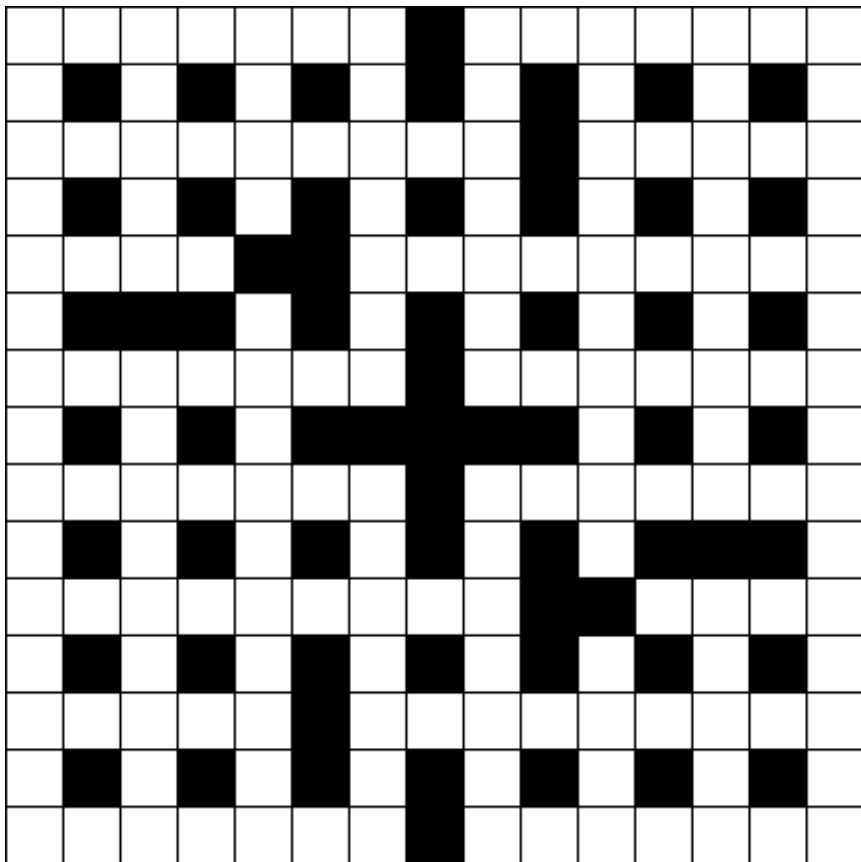


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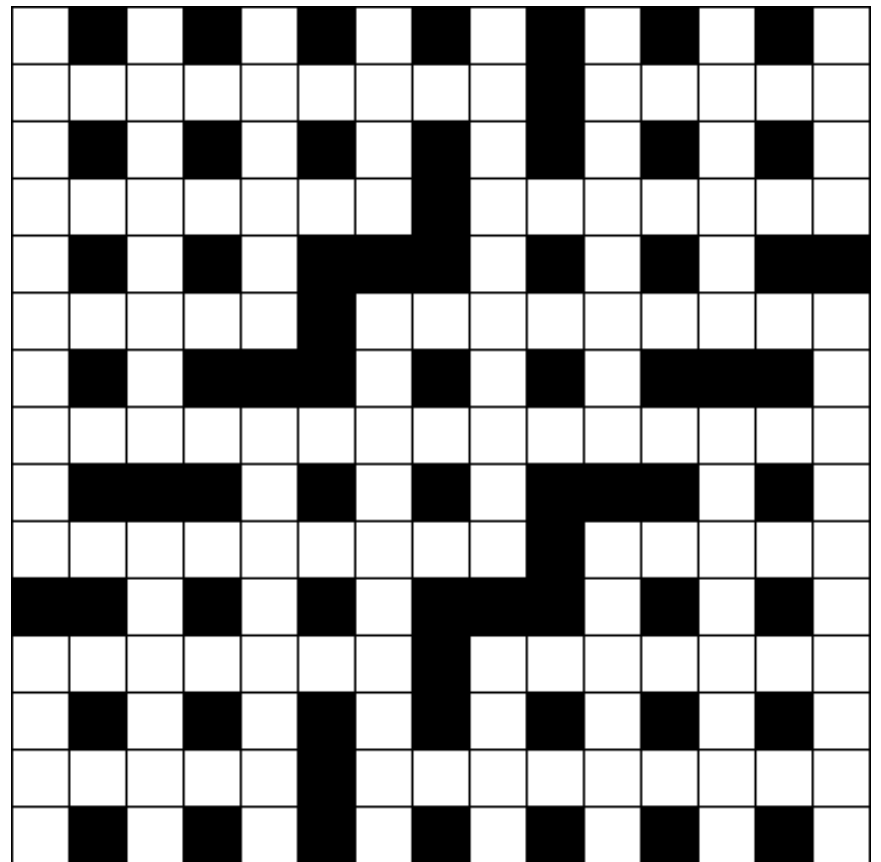


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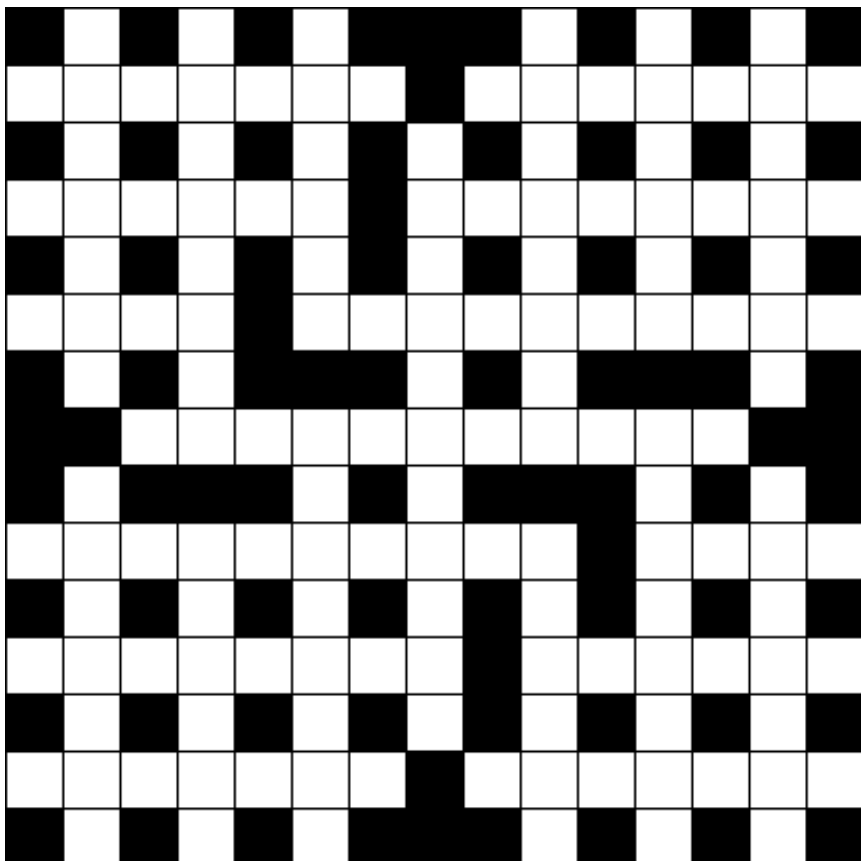
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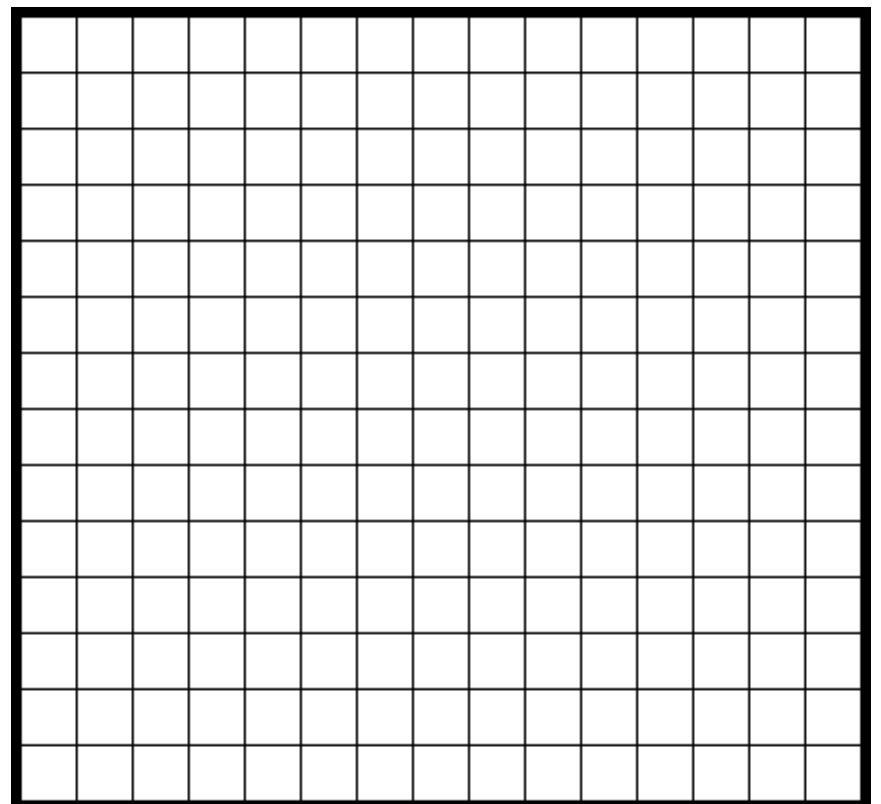
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Author's name

Clue of the Month

January 6-2005 - Double Decker by Praxis (Roy Wilson).

Entries: 73. Correct 67. Success rate: 91.8%. Prizewinners: Wendy Villiers and Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

- Thanks for this interesting puzzle. More ordinary words than usual. *Carole Noble*
- Loved your puzzle, i.e. if I got it correct, otherwise it was awful. (Not a problem, Del.) *Del Kennedy*
- I really enjoyed doing your puzzle with not too many unusual words. Needed to check the dictionary on AMARANTH, SERIF, TRONC (what a great word!), CRASIS, ASMEAR and ANTLIA. *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks again for many hours of solving fun. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for the No 6 slot; much satisfaction and, as always, very original with great clues. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Congratulations, nice puzzle, nice clues. *Iain MacDougall*
- Your grid looks like a huge Double-Decker sandwich with teeth marks all over. It took some time to get one's teeth into this double trouble puzzle! Your normal clue gave great 'satisfaction' and your other clues created 'steam!' Thanks for this mind-blowing Double Dagwood dazzler. This was a great omnibus for all to catch. *Alan Walter*
- A bit difficult but not too difficult once you got going. *Jill Freeland*
- I loved it! Aren't we lucky to have such a consuming passion. *Shirl O'Brien*
- They always take a while to get on your wavelength but the finished product is rewarding. *Bob Hagan*
- Another enjoyable puzzle. *Bev Solomon*
- Relaxing holidays are improved the more by this sort of puzzle. Very enjoyable. *Denis Coates*
- Doing Roy's puzzles is like watching high-altitude aerobatics. You're not quite sure what he'll do next, but you know it'll end up fine! *Max Roddick*
- Enjoyed this puzzle but these compilers are getting more devious by the minute! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- A top puzzle. (See *Chambers* 2003 ed re 'TRONC')
- I really enjoyed this puzzle. As a newcomer to the Club, I hope I've managed to solve it. *Catherine Foster*
- Your puzzles are usually beyond my capabilities, but this time I've managed to solve it and enjoyed doing so. *Hilary Cromer*

Adjudicator's Comments:

14ac: Oops, the police, of course didn't have to turn. Sorry. 19ac: SA(rev)/pen – Aspen, ski resort in Colorado. 21dn: Parts = parcel (a group or set; bound = leap set up around RC (church); 6/24dn: ave/ng/E – ch/anag/E. There were once again several entries that had to be considered incorrect because of obvious transcription errors. **—Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

MEMBERS COMMENTS (cont'd from p10):

February 5-2005: Here's Looking at You by dB (Doug Butler)

- A really difficult puzzle to solve. 31ac: If the answer is ENIGMA then shouldn't 'cryptograms' be singular? 1dn: If the answer is SOLVER how does this represent paint? Paint could be SILVER, 'yourself' could be I, but what indicates replacing I with O? 5dn: Assuming 'cell' = CRYPT, then IC = integrated circuit = chip. 9dn: Enjoyed learning that Wilhelm HIS was a German anatomist who discovered the fibres to the heart called the 'bundle of HIS'! 27dn: Colour = MAROON. With 'mum' taken out = ROON = Scottish fabric. 28dn: As QUIZ is an obsolete term for 'Oddball' this should have been indicated. 30ac: Was a very difficult clue to interpret. Surely REDARGUED needs an 'obsolete' indicator? 32ac: Top ZZ is a US band in pipe = PULE, giving PU+ZZ+LE. *Alan Walter*
 - Clever and extremely difficult. *Brian Symons*
 - 7ac: Partaken = Par taken. A question mark, Doug if you don't mind. 12ac. Don't understand the clue. Hope I got it right. 14ac: Roeg is Nicolas according to Google. 31ac: Should that have been a cryptogram? 1dn: What has paint got to do with it? 5dn: Chip = IC, yes, quite obscure. 9dn: This must be the most arcane inclusion and clue I have ever seen. "Bundle of some fellow" for "bundle of nerve fibres of the heart". Too vague. 11dn: 'Took' as a part hidden indicator. There are many better choices. 19dn: "Gave" seems to be superfluous in this clue. 22dn: There will be members too young to know much about Nelson Riddle. 25dn: The island is one hundred and four exactly ... Just mixed up a bit. *Noel Jessop*
 - I struggled with No. 5. Doug, Robert, Nicholas, Wilhelm??? I must have led a sheltered life! *Verna Dinham*
 - EGAD!! This CRYPTIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE was an ENIGMA to this SOLVER. *Carole Noble*
 - Took me a couple of days to get my first word in slot 5 and ended up guessing a couple of the answers. Good fun! *Jean Barbour*
 - 7ac: Was rather 'twee' I thought. *Ted O'Brien*
 - dB's clues are D'd clever! *Max Roddick*
 - Had a great time with HLAY. Surely the d in dB is for difficult or devious or devilish or all of them. Lateral thinking essential with clues like 1ac, 7ac, 30ac, 1dn, 22dn, etc. As for 14ac, the misspelling of Nicholas rendered *Axword* word finder impotent, and Net surfing was required to find the unheard of Nicolas Roeg. As if solving isn't a tough enough job without that! *Jim Colles*
 - Clue for 1dn is incomplete. It should read "Paint yourself into a corner and get stuck!" I can't find a logical answer for 30ac and 16ac. ROEG nearly drove me to despair. *Peter Dearie*
 - 12ac: Is the answer RIPPING? I cannot understand the clue. *Doreen Jones*
 - 21ac: (BOB) DYER and 22dn (NELSON) RIDDLE could be quite difficult for the younger solvers. 12ac: RIPPING "Exciting strip arrest" was rather baffling as the only word befitting the spaces was RIPPING but I could not read it from the clue. Can you please enlighten this old duffer? I liked 1ac, which when I realized that dB was Doug Butler. *Catherine Foster*
 - A clever use of thematic clues, some peculiar words – LOGOMACHY, ROEG, REDARGUE. *Irene Watts*
 - More blasts from the past: Anton Dolin & Nelson Riddle. (I was reminded of the former, whom I saw dance in Glasgow more years ago than I care to remember, on reading the obituary of Alicia Markova recently). *Margaret Davis*
 - Had trouble for ages with the bottom right corner. REDARGUED took forever to work out, but I think I have it now. *Jenny Wenham*
 - A clever puzzle about crosswords; it was much easier once I realized the crossword theme. *Barb Ibbott*
 - I wish you had put Nelson's sieve, instead of Nelson's drill. *Bev Solomon*
- [dB responds: I'd forgotten I once wrote to *Macquarie* about (*inter alia*) their Nicolas Roeg misprint. A few other clues were well below standard. But I can't see the problem Solver = paint. Or has Dulux® the monopoly outside South Aust?]

Members Comments for Two-up by The Beast continued from page 15:

- Thanks for a puzzling puzzle — had lots of alterations in the replacement clues. *Audrey Ryan*
- Lots of fun! Thanks for something different. Loved the * clues. *William Ryan*
- Thank you. I enjoyed this, but some of your connection clues were a bit weird. I have not encountered the term "opening medicine" and would have preferred "batsman". *Jill Freeland*
- I enjoyed this puzzle – not impossible but not easy either. *Mary Dodd*
- Thank you for the pleasure you give with your puzzles in *Crozworld*. *Two-up* was another excellent puzzle but marred by the omission of one of the clues for 22dn. The missing letter could be any of the 5 vowels dependant on the clue. I can't see that it would require an answer to BLANK or MISSING. *David Procter*
- Thank you for the puzzle; it was most enjoyable as always with great clues. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Not being required to do Slots 1-5 this month enabled me to pay early attention to your most enjoyable *Two-up* composition. Particularly enjoyed your word selection for the connection clues, and the humour in many clues such as 9ac and 23ac. The James Barnes connection for 22dn was a beauty, I thought. Thanks for the entertainment. *Jim Colles*
- This is (to me) a new format and pleasantly challenging. I'm afraid a few of my answers are mere guesses, but heck, it's worth spending 50 cents. *Iain MacDougall*

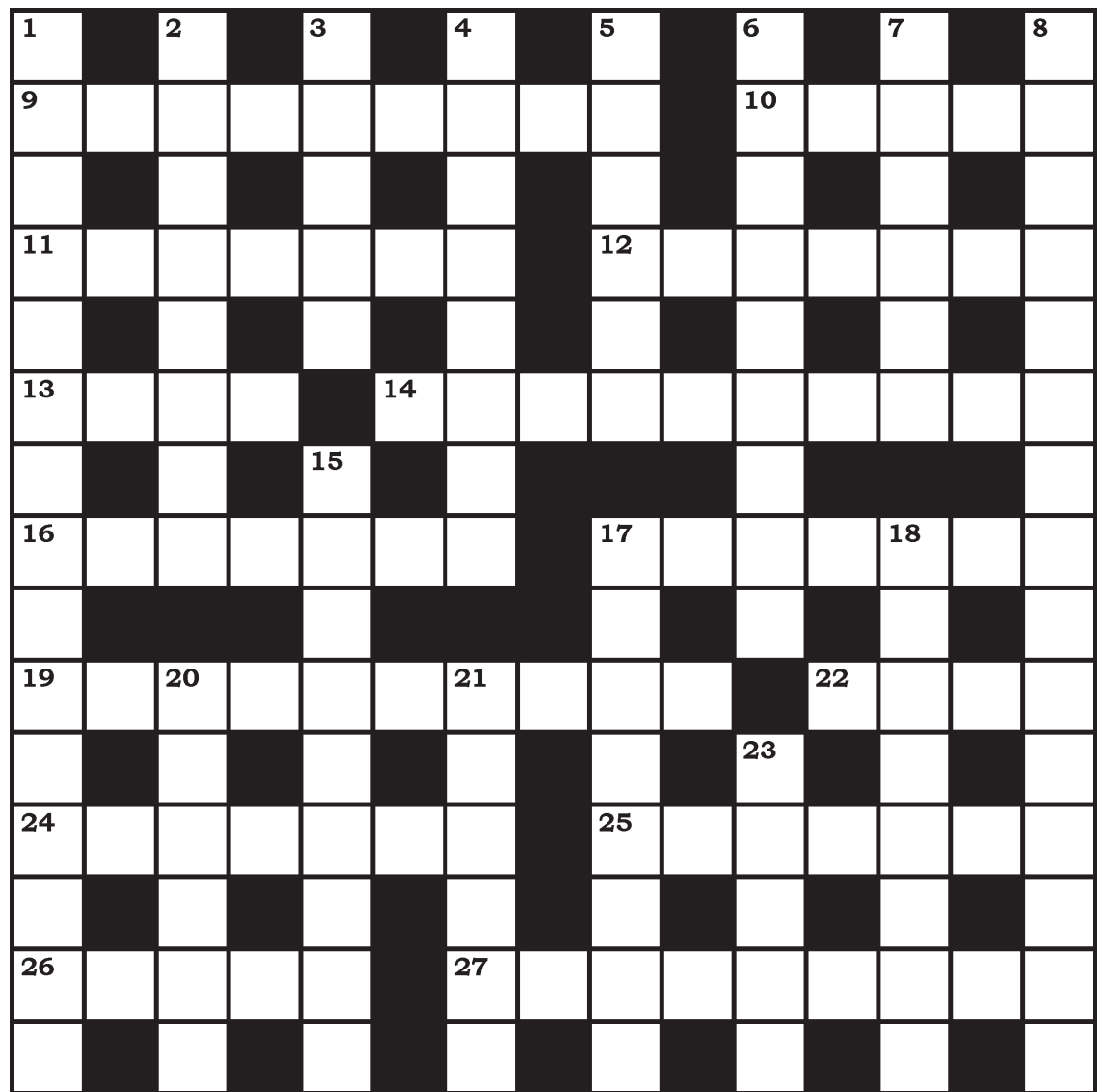
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Cryptic by Cha-Cha
Prize: \$50

Across

- 9 Exclude A1 escorts - bizarre! (9)
- 10 International greeting comes from buffalo habitation (5)
- 11 Bedding material confirms the clock is working (7)
- 12 Charge me because I am coloured (7)
- 13 Express exultation with a kiss - it's a trick (4)
- 14 Now and then there is a savage police raid (10)
- 16 Scrounges cakes (7)
- 17 Our semi is wrecked - it's now more insignificant than ever (7)
- 19 It is very steep but the globe and I are still among the living (10)
- 22 A potato requires backup in South Dakota (4)
- 24 Entice fish back to the sheltered side (7)
- 25 Snapping bones can help with diagnosis (7)
- 26 Feel naked without a small gin (5)
- 27 I need corn to treat a type of gland (9)

Down

- 1 A sad lonely thought is brought on by living in temporary quarters (5,10)
- 2 Distinctly separate notes reveal an animal in my Southern fried corn pancake (8)
- 3 Sound against a cover (5)
- 4 Curly sterling curls (8)
- 5 Italian family of me, Penny, here in Paris (6)
- 6 Computed a program under canvas (6,3)
- 7 Short facial hair with state in charge produces patchy design (6)



- 8 A single person's unit is the reward for academic achievement (9,6)
- 15 The whipper is the winner of the struggle with the urge (3-6)
- 17 Mixed NO2 compound (8)
- 18 Unspoken young devil is close to lawful (8)
- 20 Exaggerate on top of work (6)
- 21 Brought order to bear but, sadly, it died (6)
- 23 Scampered by the church to arrive at the cattle property (5)

Post solution to:
Catherine Hambling
516 McWhirters, 38 Warner Street,
Fortitude Valley Qld 4006.
Closing mail date: 8 April 2005.

Quiz No 2/2005

RAINBOW COLLECTION



by *Virgo*

All answers contain names of colours. Answers are in Alphabetical order.

Send your answers on this or a separate sheet to:

Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250 or by email to: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au

Closing mail date: 8 April 2005. Prize: \$50.

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| <p>1 Popular Children's novel by Anna Sewell (5,6)
-----</p> <p>2 A crisp unsweetened biscuit (5,7) -----
-----</p> <p>3 Author of <i>The Da Vinci Code</i> (3,5) -----</p> <p>4 British Heavy Rock Group – <i>Smoke on the Water</i> (4,6) -----</p> <p>5 Actor who starred in the British TV series <i>Dad's Army</i> (3,8) -----</p> <p>6 American actor who won an Oscar for his performance in <i>Cabaret</i> (4,4) -----</p> <p>7 A hard, tangy sweet (5,4) -----</p> <p>8 US TV series starring Ernest Borgnine (6'1 4)
-----</p> <p>9 Symbol of Peace (5,6) -----</p> <p>10 A manicure tool (6,5) -----</p> | <p>11 UK rock group – <i>The Wall</i> (4,5) -----</p> <p>12 Late-night US talk show host (4,3) -----</p> <p>13 UK pop group – Mick Hucknall vocals (6,3)
-----</p> <p>14 Painting by Gainsborough (3,4,3) -----</p> <p>15 Play by Anton Chekhov (3,6,7) -----</p> <p>16 Musical by Oscar Strauss (3,9,7) -----</p> <p>17 Novel by Stephen King (3,5,4) -----</p> <p>18 Novel by Baroness Orczy set in The French Revolution (3,7,9) -----</p> <p>19 A useless possession (5,8) -----</p> <p>20 A Chinese river (6,5) -----</p> |
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Results of the Quiz No 1/2005: Catalogues and Cowards by Brian Symons

Answers: 1 OXYgen; 2 MANGo; 3 YAKka; 4 APERTure; 5 CAMELlia or BARBerry; 6 HOGshead; 7 ASSAssination; 8 SHREWd; 9 BULLetin; 10 BUCKram; 11 STAGnant or SLOTHful; 12 SEALant; 13 RATHER; 14 MOLEst; 15 EUROpium; 16 BATtleground or BATtlefields; 17 OUNCES; 18 LAMBast; 19 HAREm; 20 BEARnaise; 21 Aikido; 22 PIGment; 23 DOGgerel; 24 PANDAnus; 25 RAMpage.

Comment from the Quizmaster:

Any group of 25 answers will have something in common eg they are all words or all in English etc. Such broad and general commonality is almost meaningless except that it implies the best answer will have a commonality that is most narrow and most specific. In this case it is that all answers BEGIN (hence grAPE, kaRATE etc not accepted) with the name of a MAMMAL (hence SLUGgish, ANTimony, KARate etc not accepted). Half marks were lost for spelling mistakes (eg camelia, lambest, doggeral) and using a mammal more than once as it is implicit the best answer will have 25 different mammals.

Entries 42. Prize winners: Pat Garner and Mike Potts (shared). Congratulations!

25: P Garner and M Potts. **24.5:** B Cockburn, A Austin, D Procter and J Standard. **24:** G Campbell, L Waites, A Jermy, B Bennett, R O'Rourke, C Noble, B Solomon, A Walter and Anonymous. **23.5:** A Ryan, J McGrath, P Dearie, C Wilcox, E Seale and C Dodd. **23:** B Glissan, S Atkinson, W Ryan, S Howells, J Stocks, V Dinham and M Davis. **22.5:** N Wilson, B Ibbott, M Veress and I Watts. **22:** J Freeland and J Barbour. **21.5:** J Colles. **21:** C Hambling, P Mercer and G Leeds. **19:** Y Ainsworth. **18:** M Procter. **17.5:** G Cole. **10:** C McClelland.

Members' comments:

- Thank you for some good Summer's entertainment. *Barb Ibbott*
- Lots of fun — a great idea and a good brainteaser. *Pat Garner*
- I enjoyed this quiz with europium and aikido being the most difficult. Ounces kept me quite busy. *Bev Cockburn*
- This was a pig of a quiz; but then I like pigs. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Lots of fun. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I loved this unusual quiz; it was something I really got my teeth into. We ought to frogmarch you to the goatherd so you can be badgered and horsewhipped with a cat-o-nine-tails. *Carole Noble*
- What a wonderful menagerie. A tricky but enjoyable quiz. *Alan Walter*
- Clever quiz. *Audrey Austin*

A load of 4U words: I got USUFRUCTUARY from somewhere a long time ago and couldn't think of any others, but our beavers have come up with plenty, viz:- TUMULTUOUS, UNSCRUPULOUS, MUU-MUU, FURUNCULOUS, KOTUKUTUKU, TUKUTUKU, SUCURUJU, SURUCUCU, KUKUKUKU, UNUNUNIUM, TUMATUKURU, JUSQU'AUBOUT, and a few derivatives. Alan Walter hooked a 10U word HUMUHUMUNUKUNUKUKUAPUAA, but it looks a bit fishy to me. To those who came up with these words I say thanks 4U's making the effort. *Cactus* (Jim Colles)

Results of Raoul's Brain Teaser Numero Uno:

1. 50 cents (\$9.50 + \$0.50). You would be surprised with some of the answers...
2. April Eighteenth and September Twenty-Third.
3. Four seconds (bong, bong, 2 seconds; another bong equals four).
4. The manufacturer couldn't have predicted the Birth of Christ.
5. No navels; couldn't really accept the missing rib. Or the fig leaves!
6. Five - Menzies, Fadden, Curtin, Forde and Chifley. Lots of shocked members on this one! (I'm sorry for the PM abbreviation - every afternoon, very quaint!)
7. Captain James Cook. OK, and by a Minister. (Thanks Daphne for the copy of the Cook-Batt Marriage Certificate!)
8. Venus, which is the only planet (not Mercury, P&B!) where a 'day', (revolution = 243 Earth days) is longer than a 'year' (orbit the Sun = 225 Earth days). Very interesting answers included graveyards, Purgatory, Heaven, North & South Poles, Brigadoon, Death Row & an S&M den(!) - but couldn't really award any of these on the rationales provided.
9. If you take into account all the one legged people, the toe amputees etc, vs the extra-digit-ed ones, the average number of toes on all humans is 9.9999..., therefore most of us have an above average number of toes.
10. 1,972 x 20c coins is 20c more than 1,971 coins. (I learned a lot about inflation, numismatic appreciation, cupro-nickel content and Royal Mint production statistics!)

I received a baker's dozen entries, all having great and varying merit, but the bottle of 1999 Deep Woods Margaret River Shiraz goes to **Jack Stocks**. Congratulations!

Raoul's Brain Teaser Numero Due:

1. What 14 letter word contains only the vowel 'i'?
2. The word KNOT has its letters in alphabetical order. Can you find a seven letter example? (Double letters are permitted)
3. What number comes next in this series: 3 3 5 4 4 3 5 5 4?
4. Two men are having a running race over 100m. A wins by 5m. They race again with the handicap of A starting 5m behind B who remains on the starting line. Presuming consistency, who wins this time? What would be the handicap for a Dead Heat?
5. How many Best Picture Oscar winning movies have an animal in their title? Name them.
6. What was Sergeant Schultz's, of TV's Hogan's Heroes fame, occupation before the war?
7. What country's flag is the only one that is not the same on both sides?
8. The following are middle names of which Australian Test Cricket captains? Maldon; York; Baddely; Noel.
9. A man walks into a hardware store and upon examining an item asks, "How much will one cost?", "Three dollars" is the reply. "And ten?", "Six dollars." "Then how much for two hundred?" "That will be twelve dollars." What was the man buying?
10. Who said: "The pursuit of mediocrity is always successful". And who, "When the only tool you have is a hammer, everything starts to look like a nail".

Entries to Raoul, 304/30 Buckland Street, Chippendale NSW 2008, or raoul@ryanwines.com.au by 8 April 2005. Prize: "A bottle of something interesting!"

Results of Two-Up by The Beast

Entries: 64. Correct: 55. Success rate: 86%
Prizewinner: Kay Williams. Congratulations!

From the Adjudicator. The main problem was with the missing clue to 22 down (rot). There was 1 RAT, and 3 RIT's (probably a contraction of ritardando (mus.)). However, if submitted on the original page, all were accepted. One on the replacement page was not. There were two blank spaces, and one obvious transcription error. Many thanks for the cards and kind wishes. Kev Layton

Members Comments:

- I enjoyed this one, but took a while to find "socle". Loved 14ac "towed." *Margaret Raw*
- 14ac has me stumped. Gang gangs are parrots, but "flying gangs"? Especially when "gang" is already in the clue. (No mistake. My *Oxford Concise Australian Dictionary* (1992) has "Flying gang - a team of railway maintenance workers." KL) *Yvonne Freedman*
- Loved your puzzle; only hope I got it correct. *Del Kennedy*
- I really enjoyed this puzzle with so many clever clues - too many to mention. 10ac "cheerio" is often a bone of contention between my husband and I. I come from Melbourne where they are always "cocktail frankfurts" and he grew up in Central Victoria where they are "cheerios". *Yvonne McKindlay*
- So "cheerio" is a sausage? Baloney! *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for the puzzle; it was quite a juggling act to sort out the appropriate answers for each separate grid. For 3dn I couldn't find the phrase "silly leg" in any of our 3 reference dictionaries, nor was it locatable in the full Oxford dictionary, the huge Merriam-Webster dictionary, 3 cricketing dictionaries and the Webster's Sports Dictionary. Could you please quote a reference for this phrase "silly leg" and also for "dead run" in 20ac with which I had similar trouble. Hope these 2 answers are correct and that your assessment of these doesn't put me TWO DOWN. *Alan Walter* [*The Oxford Concise Australian Dictionary* (1992edn) and the *Pocket Oxford* has "silly - Cricket (of a position or fielder close to the bat", and *Chambers Concise* (1992) "cricket - close-in". I have heard it used on occasion by cricket commentators. "Dead run", coming straight and fast, while I have no reference, has been a familiar expression in my experience for many years. It may come from marine origins, (see Graeme Cole's comments and/or could be regional as with "cheerios" in Yvonne McKindlay's. KL)]
- I liked the clue for "rustiness". I did not see at first that the "creoles" were about in the supermarket. I got "Erato" after I erased "houri." *Bev Solomon*
- I spent some time baffled until I transposed "two" and "Sao". Thanks for an entertaining and challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- I had a big struggle with this. I think I won. The main doubt was whether "Sid" should be spelt with a "y" but the books seem to agree on "i". *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks for the interesting puzzle. I like your fair dinkum clues. *Catherine Foster*
- It takes a while to get on the wavelength, but then it's just a hard slog. As I managed to complete it - on reflection - it was most enjoyable. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for devising such a complex, challenging puzzle. Basically I enjoyed it but it was very time consuming and of course frustrating. Am unsure of some of my answers. 14 "gangs"? 20 "opening"? Is it "opening medicine or "medicine opening"? (opening medicine = a diarrhoeic. KL) 20 "dead run": The late dead, take off run? = at a fast clip. In sailing it means running directly before the wind. 1ac took me ages. Re inside "Coles" my surname! 10ac, I liked this clue but again took me ages. Thank you again for the effort, enjoyment and challenge you have given to members of the ACC. *Graeme Cole*
- Thank you for this puzzle. We like to have something different to sink our teeth into. It was tricky to know which grid to put words into at first, but as with AJs it soon becomes apparent. Keep up the good work. *Carole Noble*
- Great puzzle. I feel as though I've been to the mental gymnasium for a good workout! *Betty Siegman*

[Members Comments continued on p12]

[For full results see col 7 p2]

Solutions to Two-Up by The Beast

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CLUE WRITING COMPETITION — No 2/2005

These are the rules which the adjudicator will use to determine the winner each month:

- 1 Clue complies with Ximenean principles – see December 2004 issue of *Crozworld*
- 2 Clue makes sense as a sentence – a good clue should “tell a story”
- 3 Clue misleads the solver, but still meets 1 and 2. “You need not mean what you say, but you must say what you mean”
- 4 Clue is “clever”
- 5 Clue is short.

This month's word for the clue writing competition is **AURA (4)**. Note: only one clue per person. Good Luck! Send your clue and the explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope at 28 Pannosa Court, Capalaba, Qld 4157 or by e-mail to stevejt@dodo.com.au (preferred). Closing mail date: 8 April 2005. Book prize.

Results of Clue Writing Competition – No 1 [January 2005]; Christmas Carol (9,5). Adjudicator: Steve Trollope.

I was delighted to receive 17 entries for the competition and by the positive response which I received to the principle of holding a regular Clue Writing competition (although I guess that the sample could be considered to be a bit biased). Several of the submitters mentioned that they had not tried clue writing previously, but just wanted some feedback on their entries. This should help them both in clue writing, should they attempt to submit crosswords in the future, and in solving cryptic crosswords, because the more you understand clue construction, the easier it is to disassemble a clue to arrive at the answer.

I have listed above the guidelines which I will use to determine which are the best clues and which clue is the winner. All the submitted clues met the basic requirement of “Fairplay” as intended by Ximenes and his followers, except for a couple of minor cases. Most of the clues are “charade” style clues, ie the answer is dissected into parts and an indication is given for each of the separate parts, which when reassembled lead to the definition (as in the parlour game of the same name). The second main group are anagrams (including over-anagrams, with letters removed and under-anagrams, with letters added), some of them being extremely inventive, eg GLADI left ADAMGILCHRISTS crazy (anagram of AMCHRISTS) leading to CHRISTMAS (for the uninitiated, the oft-used term ‘anagind’ means the anagram indicator, ‘crazy’ in this clue)!!

Now for the clues:

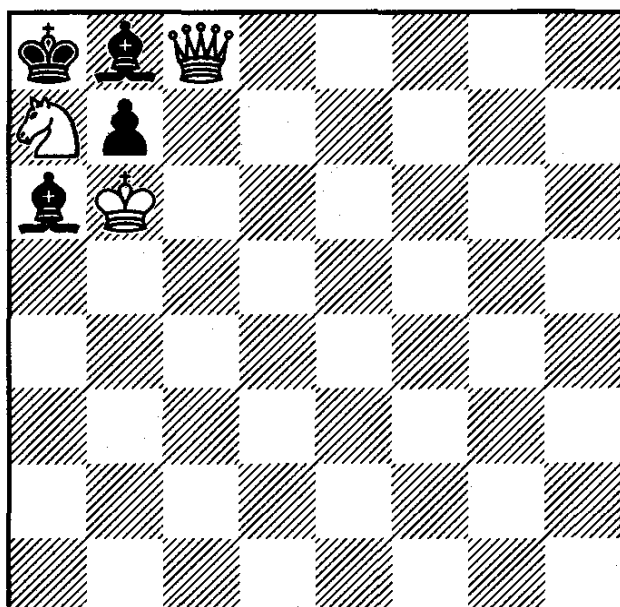
- (a) Better scholars matric in seasonal song
- (b) Noble follows Jessop's Festival? What the Dickens
- (c) Festive song you'll hear by a girl
- (d) Son of God, Sam, came back to look around on transport song
- (e) Sounds like you'll sing this song by Noel
- (f) Anointed one man – not cardinal – to mark the focus of holy song of praise
- (g) First a rich soil is put back to cover a craggy rock formation after Christian presents a festival song
- (h) Orchestral musical composition for seasonal song (Noel you say)
- (i) Charms sit ill at ease with the lady's joyous airs
- (j) Glad I left Adam Gilchrist's crazy girl and chose one quiet evening
- (k) Time forgiving the girl who will keep repeating the same old song
- (l) Present day vehicle sold second-hand, finally going for a song
- (m) Not a Dickens of a song
- (n) Periodic strain for boy clinging to wrecked mast with girl
- (o) Jesus at church service, not Sabbath, with girl for a silent night
- (p) Male model and uncle returning to join lady in seasonal air
- (q) Father's son and mother's girl make beautiful music together

Winner: Clue (l) by Jim Colles. Congratulations!

The clue is a charade type and makes perfect sense, leading one to think of someone buying a ‘newish’ car for a bargain price. There is the problem of where to look for the indication and the definition because one has been misled, but the clue is a perfect example of “You need not mean what you say, but you must say what you mean”. The author has said exactly what he means because every word is necessary to indicate and define the answer. Analysis: Present day (CHRISTMAS, acceptable because the competition was run over the Christmas period) vehicle (CAR) sOLD second (S) hanD finally (D) going (remove S and D from sold (OL)) for (linking word) a song (definition).

Equal second: Clues (m) Jean Barbour and (q) Jeremy Barnes. Well done!

[Note: All of the clues with Steve's analytical comments can be found on the Club's website. Click on News then Clue Writing Comp. Feel free to contact Steve about any of his comments.]



UNCHECKED ... Chess Game Problems Nos 3 and 4/2005

White to play and mate in two moves.

Name White's first move in each problem.

Send solution(s) to:
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