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First learn the meaning of what you say, and then speak.
Epictetus, 2nd century, *Discourses* (trans. TW Higginson), III, 23

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The ACC's website continues to provide an excellent Forum for Club members. To date users have posted more than 6400 articles not only about the cruciverbal art but also on a variety of other subjects. In January 2007 we achieved a monthly record of 192,653 hits taking the total to 2.23mill. hits since the Forum's inception in May 2005. In January 2007, Australian users accounted for the most hits of 90,648 followed by USA (66,771), China (22,673), Hong Kong (2929), Canada (2558), Italy (2318) and Great Britain (1418). If you have not yet registered on our Forum why not have a go? Your comments would always be most welcome.

We are saddened to announce that two of our esteemed members **Enid Holford** and **June Edward** died recently. Also, Christina Lee's father passed away. We send our sincere sympathy to their families.

The ACC's senior member, skilled solver and poet, **Irene Watts** turns 93 in April. For her 90th birthday, Irene was presented with a book of her poems. Thanks to her daughter Barb Ibbott we are able to publish one of these gems titled *Memories*. See p7.

This month we welcome two new compilers called *The Two Bears*. This is a collaboration between member Christina Lee and friend Glynn Owens. They have compiled a cryptic puzzle for us and we are sure it will have plenty of appeal to all solvers.

In addition, we have plenty of enjoyment for you this month. Starting off with a Semi-Thematic from *Virgo*, we welcome back *zinzan* whose clues are always skilfully crafted. For the AJ lovers we have another offering from *Timid Terrier* and in the Slot 5 spot, Karl Audrins has compiled a puzzle titled *Simple ? Crossword*. It's a thematic puzzle with orthodox clues but solvers might find it anything but "Simple". Karl has also compiled a bonus Quiz for us this month. Our quizmaster is 'Mr Axword' Doug Butler showing his fascination for dogs. This quiz will provide plenty of stimulation for all solvers. Our Slot 6 puzzle by *Red One* is another beauty titled *Dire Straits* and the Slot 7 composition is by the popular *midships* with a themed grid of a "naughty" nature! And we have another Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by Steve Trollope. Plus a couple of chess problems. It's yet another bumper issue of thought-provoking puzzlement all designed for your ongoing enjoyment. Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

Many thanks for the lovely cards and good wishes from those who submitted entries. Space precludes me from making too many comments in this issue but you'll find plenty in Members comments! (I'm so glad to be adjudicating this month!!) So it's straight to the chopping block!

Slot 1: Many variations of 'AVENA' were disallowed. SHOVE also had its fair share of variations and blank spaces also reared their ugly heads again. Otherwise a good success rate.

Slot 2: 'ZED' suffered the most casualties with many blank spaces along with 'aunt' for 'butt' and 'cembali' for 'cembalo'.

Slot 3: Main mistakes were 'broadseal', 'orcanseal' for 'greatseal' and also 'Rottonrow' for 'Rottenrow'.

Slot 4: 'Kiddlewinks' (Kiddiewinks) not allowed; also 'likelihood' for 'likenhood'.

Slot 5: What can one say? Comments ranged from "Horrible" through to "Brilliant"! Most comments being reserved for 6ac, 'Morse' 2 dots '..' being 'I' in Morse code. This puzzle still attracted a fair number of entries, although the success rate was less than pleasing!

COTM: No less than 27 nominations for COTM 12 of these being for Slot 5! The runaway winner was Slot 5 6ac 'Morse'. Runner up Slot 3 15ac 'Bier'. Congratulations *Raoul*.

—(colinebrii) Col Archibald

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	95	91	92	92	66	431
Correct entries	80	71	81	76	31	339
Success rate (%)	84	78	88	82	47	77.75
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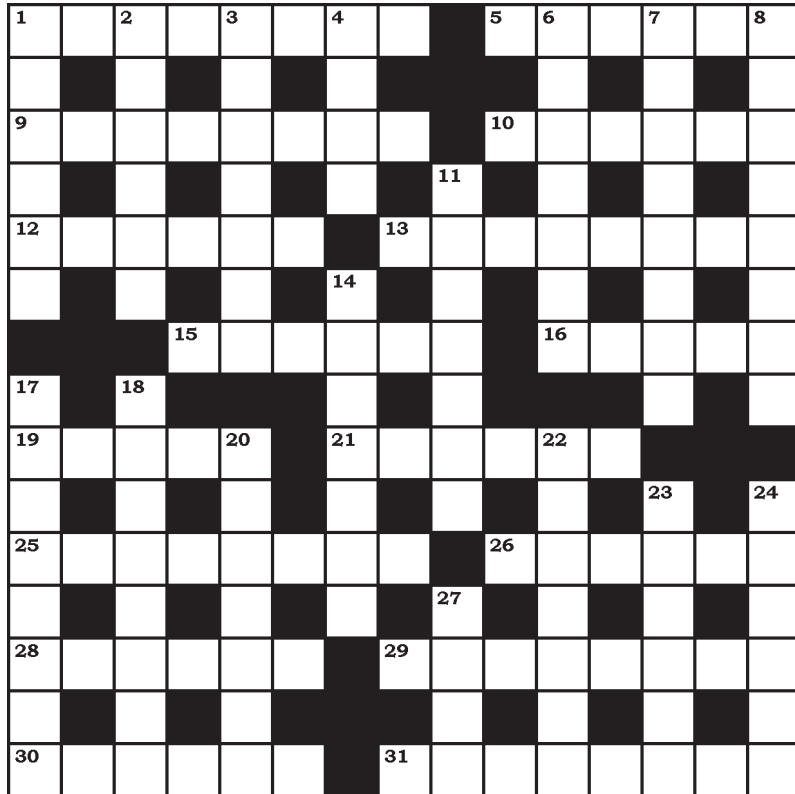
**Semi-
thematic
by
Virgo**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

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Down clues are orthodox.

Across words are clued differently and have a common theme.

Across

- 1 Path (8)
- 5 Jam (6)
- 9 Oil (8)
- 10 Peel (6)
- 12 Mood (6)
- 13 Grill (8)
- 15 River (6)
- 16 Knight (5)
- 19 Cracker (5)
- 21 Cake (6)
- 25 Furniture (8)
- 26 Paste (6)
- 28 Cookware (6)
- 29 Sin (8)
- 30 Leap (6)
- 31 Roast (8)

Down

- 1 What the piano singer shook (6)
- 2 Attack New Vogue initially in New Idea (6)
- 3 Welsh back out (7)
- 4 Drop off by the hut (4)
- 6 Flight attendants wire car badly (3-4)
- 7 Downright evil of Ian to disrupt the orchestra (8)
- 8 Black-filled dole line? Disgraceful! (8)
- 11 Exhibitors' baths? (7)
- 14 One cent wrapped up in an arm support could be cutting (7)
- 17 Slippery map: cress runs off (8)
- 18 Bloody Hell! Brat held in awe (8)
- 20 A dynamo mat gone haywire (7)
- 22 Alloys odourise bubbles (7)
- 23 A Spartan Ninja swallowing acid (6)
- 24 Leave the free table without a cup (6)
- 27 A television series break up (4)

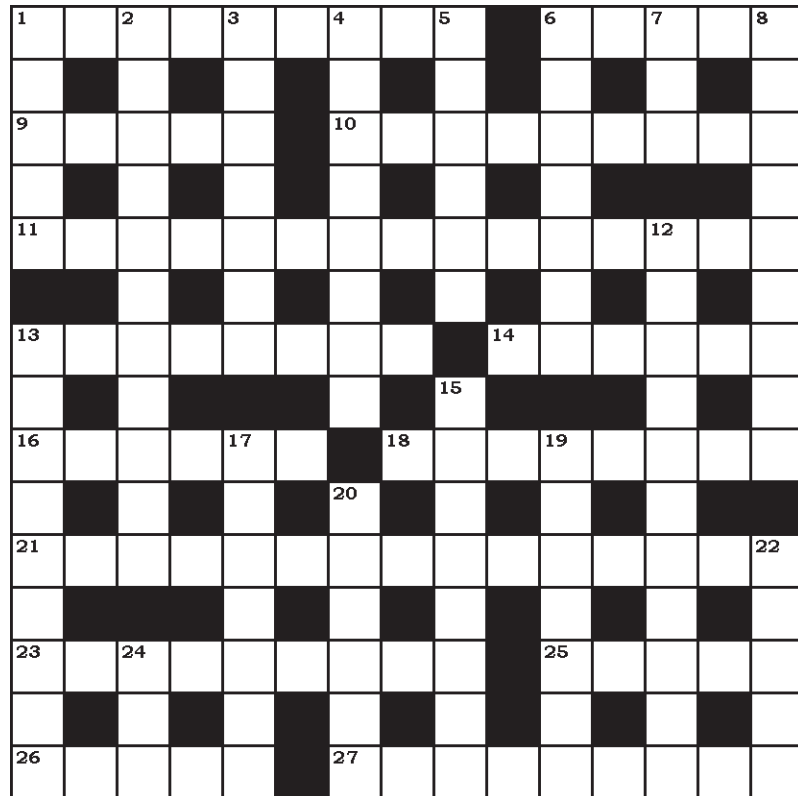
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Slot 6: Doreen Jones, 89 Second Ave, Rossmoyne WA 6148.
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Closing mail date: Friday 13 April 2007.

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Cryptic
by
The Two Bears



Across


- 1 Reorganise, shape, snip to bring great joy (9)
- 6 Space station's truncated article produces giggles (5)
- 9 Look in a crenellated shell to find its own lining (5)
- 10 Asked for search in the long grass (9)
- 11 Cry in pain, Little Richard in Norfolk waterway – Dorothy went this way (6,5,4)
- 13 European gets into self-starvation, resulting in much consumption (8)
- 14 Right into the meat – move at high speed (6)
- 16 50 in battle, making retreat (6)
- 18 Romeo's friend was true comic, endlessly confused (8)
- 21 Ginger and Fred were filmed hurrying duck feathers to South American city (6,4,2,3)
- 23 Most preferred, starting from a very old Ukrainian recipe, it's the easiest (9)
- 25 One mad rush and it's crooked (5)
- 26 Runs into – appropriate end of Marcus (5)
- 27 Reverse cap and hang around to become Public Enemy No. 1 (9)

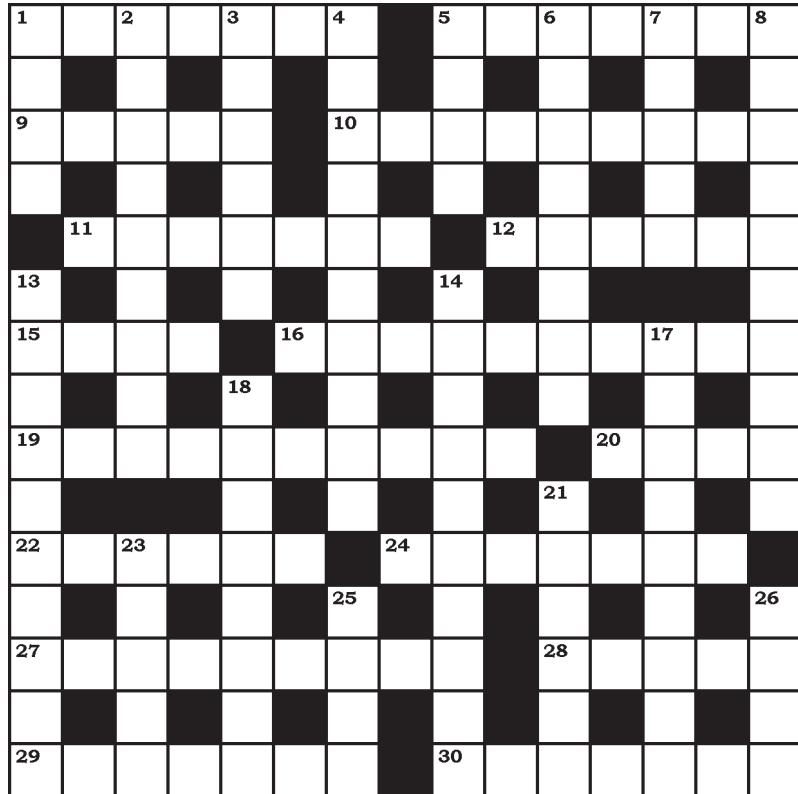
Down

- 1 Sweet treat for Rupert Brooke beneath the church clock (5)
- 2 An odd thing, show mercy around Evangelical Christian Union and teller of untruths (10)
- 3 In charge, English ship found in Arctic waters (7)
- 4 Run into the English National Opera. Crooner is donning an academic gown (8)
- 5 Sarah Elliott firstly, one of five, glitters (6)
- 6 Mixed-up rake met sociable African animal (7)
- 7 Returning sailor leaves sinking ship (3)
- 8 Checked out hoard. Hard, pesky knot, oddly (3,1,5)
- 12 Excessive woodworking (11)
- 13 Arrange unlimited timeout. Very, very, very loud giant's cry (2,2,2,3)
- 15 Solzhenitsyn's four-novel series – a communist circle (3,5)
- 17 Medals to be found in march on our southern neighbours (7)
- 19 Descendants of the Manichaeans have a pet with tangled hair (7)
- 20 Ted passed over and swirled around (6)
- 22 Sleek water creature in pottery (5)
- 24 Battle six elephants initially (3)

COMPILER PROFILE: THE TWO BEARS

The Two Bears are Christina Lee and Glynn Owens. They live respectively in Brisbane and Auckland and have been known to do cryptics together by phone, email, text message, online chat, and occasionally fax. When they get together they do cryptics in person, usually over a beer. So, how do two people write one crossword? Basically, Christina drafted the down clues and Glynn the across clues, and then they argued at great length. This is their first published crossword and they hope you like it.

<p> M A R C H 2 0 0 7 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by zinzan</p>




Across

- 1 Net return to double to 1000% (7)
- 5 Say, "Left leg is a little flexible" (7)
- 9 Instinct needed outside of radio range (5)
- 10 Donated to an institution? (9)
- 11 Follow it inside a unit being built (2,5)
- 12 Throw into the pool an off-green sink? (4,2)
- 15 Skips through to the most likely source of resistance (4)
- 16 Girl's attention disorder close to cure (10)
- 19 Agrees to a mismatched tennis set (10)
- 20 Disturb stage audience (4)
- 22 Spain excluded from distribution of surfeit product (6)
- 24 Potential for me is constrained (7)
- 27 Boundless money retained by not having a wife? (9)
- 28 Cant a Beatle change sides? (5)
- 29 Football moves doctors to have a change of heart (7)
- 30 A strong stomach needed for a number of beers (3-4)

Down

- 1 Got up close to dancers' costumes (4)
- 2 "Sing!" say Tom, Dick and Harry among others (4,5)
- 3 Choose not to work with a solicitor (3,3)
- 4 Wildly incensed about knight on board game (4,6)
- 5 Bear fruit after initial slide (4)
- 6 Perform without ambition flourishing (8)
- 7 Ready to go on and dance (2,3)
- 8 Close to being wiped out as grenade explodes in terminal (10)
- 13 A great deal of red with some blue (5,5)
- 14 Driver initially is consumed by violent rages after losing demerits (10)
- 17 St Anne ran around a shrine's screen (9)
- 18 Facing out (2,6)
- 21 Ordinary, not special, kiss is involved (6)
- 23 Parasol's length cast a shadow (5)
- 25 Too soft and juicy almost (4)
- 26 A Scottish athlete? (4)

Clue Writing Competition No 2/2007:

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Write a clue for the phrase **MALADROIT (9)**.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to:

steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 13 April 2007. Book prize.

See page 16 for the full results of the Clue Writing Competition No 1/2007.

COMMENT OF THE MONTH:

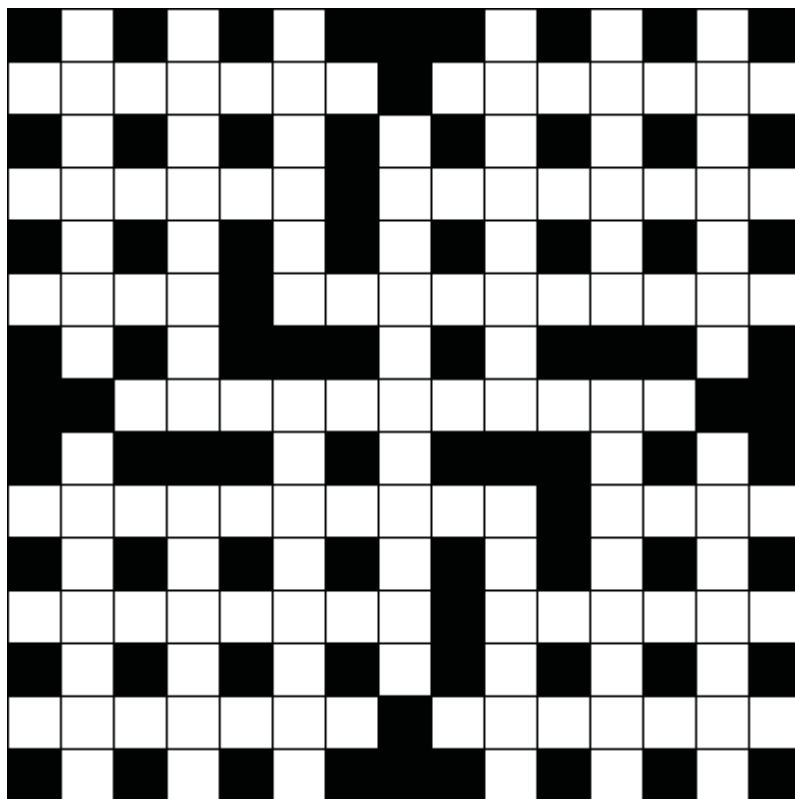
I've been doing crosswords since I learnt to read. I enjoyed compiling puzzles and was encouraged by the helpful advice I received from members and their comments. The Australian Crossword Club has become a very real part of my life and the monthly puzzles are of a great standard for all comers. All of which leads me to say *Raoul's* Risqué Slot 5 this month is the finest puzzle I have ever attempted. Top clues encouraged lateral thinking with an ever present sense of humour. My sincere sympathy goes to members trying to find the best COTM in Slot 5. Thank you Bill for your Cauliflower sauce and what a bonus!

Bill Bennett

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AJ
by
**Timid
Terrier**

**Prize
\$50
x2**



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

- A** Animosity of a model (8)
- B** Graduate outside old city with annual return for treasurer (6)
- C** Central America's counterfeit money collection (8)
- D** Obscene prank a despicable act (5,5)
- E** Liveliness in gospel annotation (4)
- F** Proficiency of Football Association town without the Italian (8)
- G** Bad-tempered D. Langer in disguise (7)
- H** Stupid animal, we hear, has support from upset Enid (4-7)
- I** Investigation of surveyor losing gold at one while working (10)
- J** Book US woman for old court of injustices (4,4)
- K** Japanese dramas start keenly after blackout upset knight's innovative speech (7)
- L** Food drop in alley (7)
- M** Greatest mother returns at 9 am (7)
- N** Spiteful water-spirit initially nothing in England and nothing at all in South Africa (3-3)
- O** Ignore past fashion (8)
- P** Footballer without dividends to sell drugs illegally? (6)
- Q** Question advertisement of section car (4)
- R** Genuine city without college validity (7)
- S** Brown seaweed for main old plaited border (3,8)
- T** Rowan without fool at card game (8)
- U** Innumerable United Nations revealed (6)
- V** Six advance and run out in ball game (6)
- W** West Indies endowment for old relict (7)
- X** Ten may finish but lose wood-sugar? (6)
- Y** Dog barks sharply at bird losing appendage (7)
- Z** Letter for one coffee, say bath sponge (7)


GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you very much for my prize for Slot 6 December 2006. A delightful surprise and most welcome. *Margaret Davis*
- **NEW BOOKS on CROSSWORDS:** *A - Z of Crosswords* by Jonathan Crowther rrp \$49.99, published by Collins, 342pp. *The Daily Telegraph: 80 Years of Cryptic Crosswords* by Val Gilbert, rrp \$33, published by Macmillan, 280pp. *Cruciverbalism, A Crossword Fanatics Guide to Life in the Grid* by Stanley Newman & Mark Lasswell, rrp \$27.99, published by Collins. *Anagram Solver* (New Edition) by John Daintith, rrp \$29.95, 712 pp. *Alan Walter*
- A Question for Hazel Freeman: In your November Seeking "me" quiz you clearly stated that: All answers end with "me". However on page 5 of the February *CrOZworld* you said that you accepted both 'zoeochrome' and 'zoetrope' because they are interchangeable in *Chambers*. As 'zoetrope' ends in PE this would appear to be an answer not ending in ME. That definitely does not concur with your instruction. So is it fair to count 'zoetrope' correct? *Alan Walter.*
- Many thanks to the ACC for my wonderful prize of \$50 for January Slot 3. Very encouraging. I intended to quit this year but my son Stephane would not allow me: he renewed my membership as a Xmas gift (Good on you, Therese; you are not allowed to quit the ACC! *Therese Savanah*

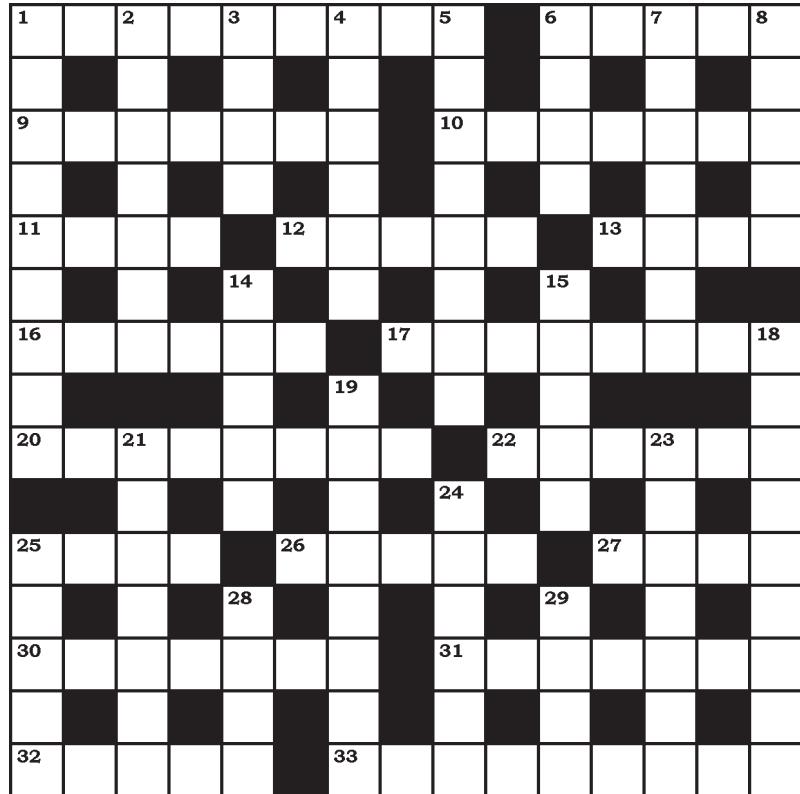
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**Simple (?)
Crossword**
by
Karl Audrins

Prizes: \$50



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All asterisked clues have something in common literarily.

Across

- 1 * (9)
- 6 * (5)
- 9 Botanically unarmed (7)
- 10 Imitative (7)
- 11 Cross (4)
- 12 Buckwheat (5)
- 13 Blue pigment (4)
- 16 Armour plate (6)
- 17 * (8)
- 20 End (8)
- 22 Fishing float (6)
- 25 Wind (4)

26 Stinks (5)

27 Filth (4)

30 Shunning (7)

31 Chemical substance (7)

32 * (5)

33 * (9)

Down

- 1 * (9)
- 2 Scottish drains (7)
- 3 * (4)
- 4 Glaze (6)
- 5 Creek Indian (8)
- 6 Drug (4)

7 Braver (7)

8 * (5)

14 Broom (5)

15 Wheat bundle (5)

18 * (9)

19 African trees (8)

21 Royal motto (3,4)

23 Camphor (7)

24 Strike (*Spens.*) (6)

25 * (5)

28 Liver secretion (4)

29 * (4)

[Our senior member, **Irene Watts**, turns 93 years of age in April 2007. Here is one of Irene's poems published for her 90th birthday in her book *An Almost Singing*. Many thanks to Irene's daughter Barbara Ibbott for sending us this priceless gem. Many happy returns, Irene.]

Memories (2000) by Irene Watts

My days of wine and roses all are gone,
For I am old.
No more the quickened breath of expectation.
The happy senses singing, eyes ashine
And feelings all a-bubble with elation,
When I was young and all the world seemed mine
And shone like gold.

The years have flown fast and ever faster;
The days grow cold.
The bubbles leave the wine, the sparkle's missing;
A quietness fills my heart and soothes my mind;
The smile of memories sweet is filled with comfort
And soft caresses from my family kind,
That me enfold.

I close my eyes and dream, in silent musing,
My tales are told.
The flying years go faster, ever faster,
Like petals from roses as they fall;
And yet, and yet they bring a quiet contentment
And memories, the kindest gift of all,
When one is old.

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DIRE STRAITS

by
Red One



Asterisked clues have no definitions, the answers of which (word lengths given first) do not fit the spaces and solvers have to deduce what is the connection to be entered – word lengths of which are the second set of numbers shown. In the grid the name of a woman (who resides in France) is hidden (4,4). She has no right to be there and should be exposed, ie highlighted.

Across

- *1 & 5dn Henry rolls eyes meeting chief nudist (6) [3,6]
- 6 Withers with censure a school sheltering a main killer (6)
- 13 Time holds no respect (6)
- 15 Back in school a half light ring (4)
- 16 The Seekers provide a home for an addition in Scotland (3)
- *17 Continue without change in riotous parties (7) [6,2]
- 18 Second-hand rose half dressed by navy women's circle (4)
- 20 Spenser's to give over thirty-fives heart (3)
- 21 Finishing touches require Asian money (3)
- *22 & 14dn Rest note played (8) [10,5]
- 25 One-off artificial language (3)
- 26 Old drunken tailor buys nothing (5)
- 27 Existence upset when religion's missing sweet age (7)
- 28 Dance man performs without former partner (3)
- *29 & 29dn Very quick final solution (7) [7,7]
- 32 Note primary love and hate (3)
- 33 Cut off aid on theatres water plant (7)
- 35 Pancake make-up I'll bin when original lipstick runs out (5)
- 37 Bard's incite to fight a ferocious person when doubled (3)
- 38 Cook roars "stove bakes too much" (10)
- 40 Unite, the first that is (3)
- 42 Loose women lose on old belly (3)
- 44 Could a taxman have the facts? (4)
- 46 To harangue or peer at rudely (8)
- 48 African animal runs in big numbers (3)
- 49 Hurry about endless river valley (4)
- 50 Centre eccentric Madagascan insectivore (6)
- 51 I leave dancer in a state of gazing (6)
- 52 Desire a top Scottish kilt (3)

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Down

- *1 Wipe deals set out (8) [3,10]
- 2 Japanese poetry is satisfactory in Hong Kong university (5)
- 3 Renewing without circle to drive into water (4)
- 4 Faulty reboots have no electronic computer controlled machines (6)
- 5 See 1ac (6)
- 6 Title found among India's rich (3)
- 7 Many aged are spiritless (4)
- 8 Help turns up in Shakespeare's estimation to shine (7)
- 9 Links two countries – caught German in half nelson (7)
- 10 A beginner pupil in high school accidents (4)
- 11 Cudgel potential energy in inner talent (6)
- *12 Reject is after son of apprentice (8) [4,2,3,4]
- 14 See 22ac (5)
- 19 Organization of space astronauts beginnings in North America (4)
- 23 Delightful meal if prawn starter is included (5)
- 24 Row Reaumur's thermometric scale vessel (5)
- 25 Taciturn almost returned winter fruit (5)
- 29 See 29ac (7)
- 30 Hewitt's one nil before rally starts last set (4,3)
- 31 Aromatic plant stew and recipe (4)
- 33 Scots have a quarter inside cloth worn by Arabs (6)
- 34 Bride money clothes a person of great skill (5)
- 35 Sailor man at emergency room (6)
- 36 Concealed number in Indian isolated pillar (6)
- 39 Accents Shakespeare's mirror if last goes first (5)
- 41 Extreme pressure has short measure for dry goods (4)
- 43 Skirt twirls around tree (4)
- 45 Mausoleum's home flag raised inside (4)
- 47 Swallowed at last minute (3)

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Solution
to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 13 April 2007.

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VALE ENID HOLFORD

We were sorry to hear of the death of our member **Enid Holford** on 7 February 2007. Enid was the mother of our popular and prolific member/compiler **Jean Barbour** from Wonthaggi, Vic. Jean said: "My mother Enid loved the club and it gave her a lot of pleasure over the last couple of years. My results will be the poorer for not having her help!" We send our sincere sympathy to Jean and her loving family.

VALE JUNE EDWARD

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of our member **June Edward**. Betty Siegman tells us that "June joined the ACC almost 3 years ago. She was also a staunch member of our U3A Crossword class, a great lateral thinker with a sharp, incisive mind, a wonderful sense of humour and a wicked chuckle. We shall all miss her very much." We send our sincere sympathy to June's loving family.

Membership Renewals:

Ross Bryant, Dr Bob Crossman, Judith Evans, Roger Heagney, Pat Horan, Nicholas King, Michael Potts, Anne Rendell, David Stickley, Daphne Titus-Rees, Rob Watson and Ian & Kay Williams. Many thanks.
The generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund 2007 from **Alison Shield** is much appreciated.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for my cheque (Slot 1, Jan). It was a delightful surprise. My husband who is usually oblivious to such things, asked if a machine had printed it! I told him it is the President's brilliant calligraphy – most impressive. *Crozworld* gives me such pleasure: joining was one of the best decisions I've ever made! Thanks again and very best wishes for 2007. *Catherine Jones*
- I was delighted to receive such a generous prize for the Jan Slots 1-5. It was very much appreciated. *Alison Shield*
- Thank you so much for the *Macquarie Dictionary* from last month's *Crozworld*. I haven't got one so it's an excellent addition to the reference collection. *Christina Lee*
- Thanks for the introduction to CROSSWORD CRAZY. Each day I now print my 2 puzzles out – the cryptic and a Sudoku to fill in some spare time in my dotage – so cool! *Catherine Foster*

Winner February 2007 Slots 1-5. Andrew Patterson. Congratulations!

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New Members: Fr Tom Knowles SSS of Melbourne, Vic, **Cathy Martin** from Clayton, Vic (a Gift Membership from Cally Martin) and **James Bullen** from Brooklyn, New York (a Membership & Birthday Gift

from James' mother **Liz Turton** of Hadspen, Tas. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: Doug Butler gained a dot for November 3-2006. William Ryan gained a dot for the December Slot 6 puzzle Limerostic by *Cactus*. Barbara Glissan and Barbara Tofoni gained dots for Jan 2007 Slots 1-4.

From the Doug Butler Warehouse of Pointless Knowledge:

A kalpa is the period 'Day of Brahma' from Creation to Destruction. Consists of 14 manvantaras of 308,448,000 years plus another 1,728,000 totalling 4,320,000,000 years. It's traditionally divided into 4 yugas defined by their characteristics rather than mathematically. We are now in the 4th (the decline) which is expected to last 432,000 years and commenced in what we'd call 3102 BC. A Day of Brahma is followed by a 'Night of Brahma' (my references don't say how long) then the cycle repeats, endlessly. Like what a lot cosmologists theorise – a closed loop system. I haven't tried to reconcile these numbers with scientific numbers, but obviously tallies better than Bishop Ussher's timeline.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

fandom *n.* the world of fans and enthusiasts, especially of fans of science fiction magazines and conventions.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 0195517962

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BONUS QUIZ by Karl Audrins

Each of the following depicts a common word or phrase. What are they?

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February 1-2007: Half 'n Half by Noel Jessop

- Thanks Noel for your puzzle. Liked your SOPWITH fighter in 1dn & 30dn **RA** +F+ **TING**. *Alan Walter*
- This excellent puzzle makes you appreciate what we are now, alas, missing from *The Bulletin!* *Michael Kennedy*
- Couldn't find 10ac anywhere so guessed it. 1dn I owe to my fondness for Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel! *Jean Barbour*
- I loved the use of "bum" as the anagind in 3dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- A good ½ and ½ – especially 'Eider'. *Brian Symons*
- Took me back to WW2 days as a child devotee to WE Johns & Biggles, Ginger Meggs and their "Sopwith Pups". *Bill Bennett*
- Noel's Half 'n Half is always a good way to start the month. *Margaret Davis*
- No real problems in this one. Enjoyed SUSANNA 22dn. *Irene Watts*
- I had a bit of a hold up on 30dn until I realized that the clue, like all Noel's clues, was totally logical. Then I realized that I had been wrong with 41ac. And all was clarity. *Margaret Galbreath*

February 2-2007: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- 16dn: *Chambers* defines COCKADE as 'A rosette worn in the hat as a badge'. Can this equate to a feather? *Alan Walter*
- Floorshow at the TAB *St Jude* but no upholstery. Good puzzle. Also liked 'nosegay' cluing. *Bill Bennett*
- Some nice clues here, especially 9ac and 6dn. *Margaret Davis*
- A lot of clues alluding to the position of letters in a word (e.g. 'first customer' for C) should have, in my opinion, an indicator of possession i.e. 'first of customer' or 'customers first'. 15dn 'at last' = 'zed'? *Andrew Patterson*
- We were spoilt here with some clues having three definitions – 5dn, 12dn and 22dn. *Corryn Anderson*
- Tricky but do-able. A good No.2. Had some trouble with 16dn 'COCKADE'. Liked 'Mended their ways' 6dn. *Irene Watts*
- Great puzzle! *Michael Kennedy*
- Pretty tough going for this slot but very good clues. 'English barrow' = 'how' in 5ac was certainly new information for me. *Jim Colles*
- 15dn had me stumped. I contemplated every 3-letter word in the book (2nd letter E) starting from A. *Jan Wood*
- Loved 8ac – reads well. Not too sure about 5ac and 6dn. *Jean Barbour*
- This was a tough but satisfying puzzle. I had to do some REORGANISING where I'd been REVITALISING before I could finish it. *Jenny Wenham*
- A pretty tough puzzle that required quite a tussle to unravel. Cockade & Extinct took ages. Well done, *SJ*. *Mal Cockburn*

February 3-2007: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Thanks Shirl for your clever 'horse' theme puzzle. It was quite a challenge to solve. *Alan Walter*
- The usual high standard. 'STIR' is my favourite. *Brian Symons*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Particularly liked 15ac BIER. *Bill Bennett*
- I've given my vote for COTM to Shirl this month. I thought 15ac was very neat. *Margaret Davis*
- Problems with this one, particularly trying to find intersecting answers to 17ac and 8dn. *Corryn Anderson*
- Super Shirl clues. Nuff said. *Irene Watts*
- So many clues worthy of COTM. Just brilliant! *Michael Kennedy*
- Everything has been said, but I think a clue such as 9ac deserves special mention. A four letter answer brilliantly disguised. *Jim Colles*
- I enjoyed the link to 2dn when I finally worked out what it was. 21ac got my COTM because it reads so well. *Jean Barbour*
- I had terrible trouble finding the peak in 8dn. I've given my vote for COTM to the simple and elegant 23dn. I also liked 6dn. *Jenny Wenham*

February 4-2007: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- An enjoyable AJ, thanks *Virgo*. Liked your opera hats (GIBUSES) your palindrome Nauruan & Christie's WHODUNITY. *Alan Walter*
- An excellent AJ but the I in abeyancies is not clued. Abeyancies is an equivalent but of only 8 letters. Also the definition should be 'States of temporary inactivity'. *Brian Symons*
- A most enjoyable AJ from *Virgo*. I particularly enjoyed the backward islander – a palindrome I've overlooked. *Bill Bennett*
- A good AJ from Virgo – How does she manage to keep them coming as she does? *Margaret Davis*

- A few queries (A) is short a letter, 'Abeyancies' are 'states of inactivity' (I) If 'or' is 'alternative', why is 'look into' = 'invert'? 'Inverter' isn't a sugar enzyme but 'invertase' or 'invertin' is (P) Lemon as an anagind? What is 'going' meant to do in the clue? (N) 'Backward' isn't 'is palindromic' (Q) Not a very cryptic definition. (V) is a quiz question. (Y) 'Early' isn't quite 'on time'. *Andrew Patterson*

- (I) I put in INVERTOR – it fits! But I don't understand it. (See Andrew Patterson's comments re this clue. C) (M) Should there be an exclamation mark or a question mark? (I think the latter would be in order. C) (Y) YEARLY fits but is on time 'EARLY'? & where does Pa fit in? (EARLY is strictly speaking, before an appointed time, Pa is the definition per annum = 'Yearly' C). *Graeme Cole*
- Alphabeticals are my favourites and Audrey's puzzles are always enjoyable. *Irene Watts*
- A nice AJ! A wide array of cluing methods made for an entertaining puzzle. Can't work out 'A' though. *Michael Kennedy*
- Found this to be one of the most difficult AJs for some time, not least because of the different grid layout which required much manipulation of answers. I wonder if A. Christie would have described her writings as 'Whodunnity'? *Jim Colles*
- This was a fun puzzle. I really enjoyed the misleading clue in Y and N was clever. *Jean Barbour*
- A difficult AJ but I think I have it. I liked the H clue. Shouldn't the definition in the Y clue be 'pa' rather than 'Pa'? *Jenny Wenham*
- The A word took a while as the 'i' is missing from the clue. How did that slip through? Love 'whodunnity'! *Mal Cockburn*

February 5-2007: Risqué by Raoul (William Ryan)

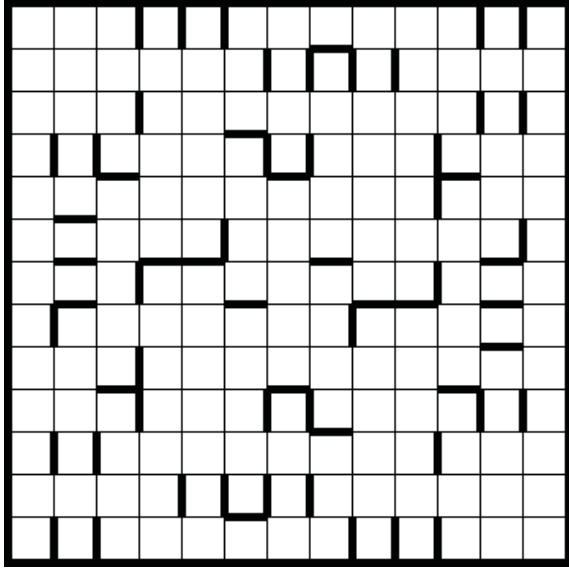
- Thought your 'Renope Gel' was retrogressive! Your puzzle had some clever clues like 10ac 'Rocket's grandfather makes a fuss' (PA+LAVER). 6dn 'Sick a dumb dog' (MAL+A+MUTE) & 8dn 'e-car or blue' (E+RR+OR). However 6ac and 17dn both included the unacceptable definition of 'THIS' which we should all strive to avoid. Several clues contained extra words that were entirely unnecessary (18ac YEAH! 28ac NOW 6dn VOILA! & 16dn HEY!). 6ac was a statement so the ? was not needed and very misleading! In 11ac if the fish is 'Not on the hook yet' it is NIBBLING not NIBBLE! In 15ac please explain why SNEAK-THIEF = 'three time'? 20ac: what is the significance of 'Exhausted'? 23ac: AMEN = 'so be it' does not equate to 'epilogue'. 27ac is 'TALLY-HO' an AUSSIE paper or is it made in England? 1dn: HACKNEYED means 'Filled with clichés' not 'What a cliché!' 5dn: Please explain wordplay 'clear: no sex, can do?' For 'EXPLIC+ABLE'. 13dn: INTEGUMENT and gazebo may both be 'coverings' but I can't find these as synonyms! 16dn: should 'Keef' be 'reef'? Please explain wordplay of FREESTONE. 17dn: In 'one a-', 'a' is not accepted in dictionaries for 'ACROSS'. 25dn seems to be an uncryptic clue. *Alan Walter*
- More risky than risqué but many very clever clues. 'erie' got my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- I've filled in all the squares but found some of *Raoul's* clues very convoluted, for want of a better word e.g. 20ac: I get the 'copulate' and the 'China' references but why exhausted? And if 'integument' is correct at 13dn – and I can't find another anagram of these letters – Where does 'gazebo' fit in? Enlighten me please! (*Chambers* 'Mate def. 2 states (Archaic) Checkmated, confounded; baffled; exhausted; daunted. I can only assume that the correlation between a gazebo and an integument is that they are both coverings of some description, although of very different type. C.) *Margaret Davis*
- What an interesting and different cluer he is – I am still trying to work out 'NEITHER' 19dn. I hope it is right. *Doreen Jones*
- I'm taking a lot of answers on trust. 12ac: loose definition. 18ac: What is 'Yeah' for? 24ac: 'U' is not clued. (I think that US is meant to be the indicator for (Uncle) Sam. C) 27ac: What is 'I prefer' for? 8dn: surface reading? 13dn: I don't think the definition is correct 17dn: I don't understand – I'm probably wrong. 22dn: Lots of superfluous words. 25dn: Doesn't seem cryptic. 14ac: No idea of the word play. *Andrew Patterson*
- Was annoying me so much I decided to quit. It will be interesting to see some of the answers and even more interesting to see some of the explanations! (I also await enlightenment along with many others! C) *Corryn Anderson*
- I don't like this puzzle – too difficult. Some unpleasant clues. *Irene Watts*
- I regret that I've had to give up on *Raoul*. I've worked & worked on it but am stuck on the top right corner, and even some of the



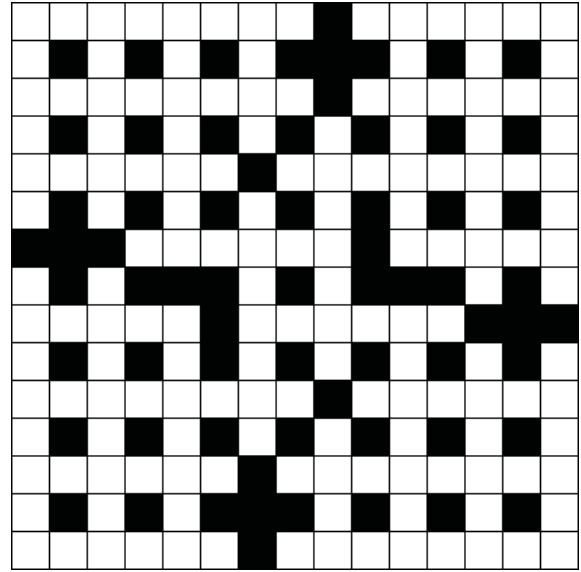
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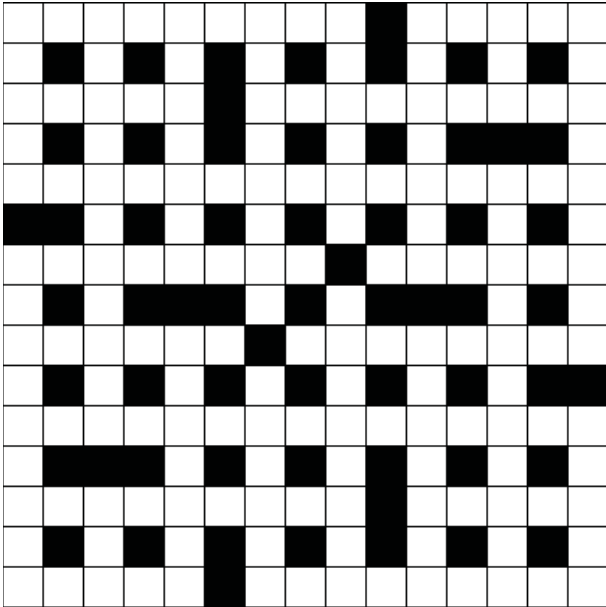
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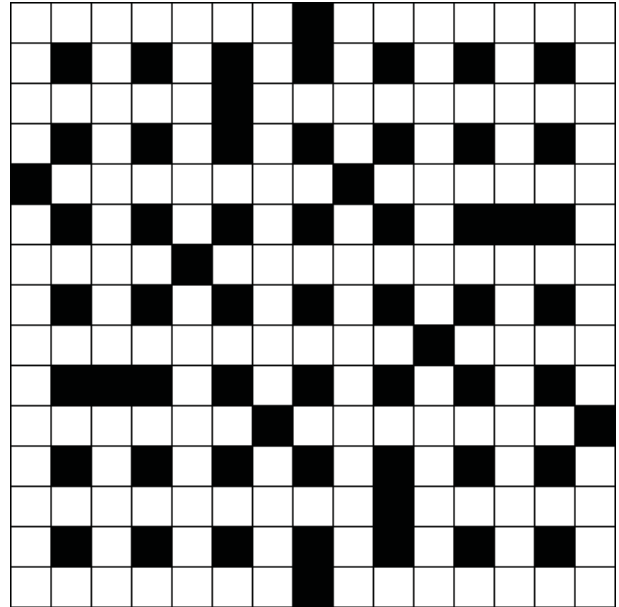
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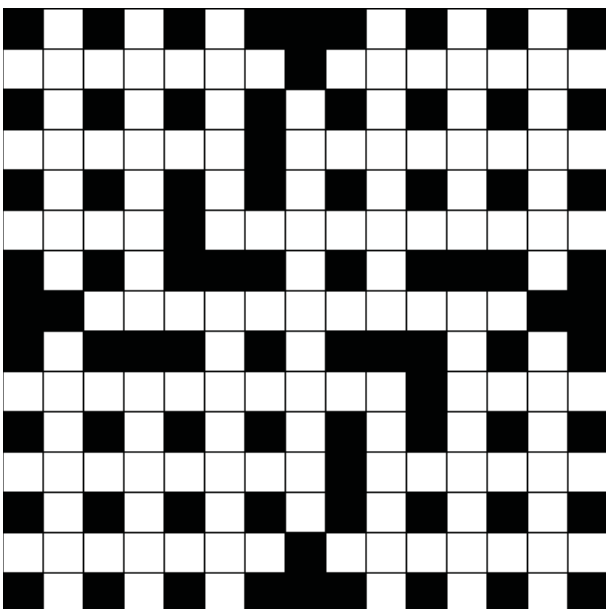
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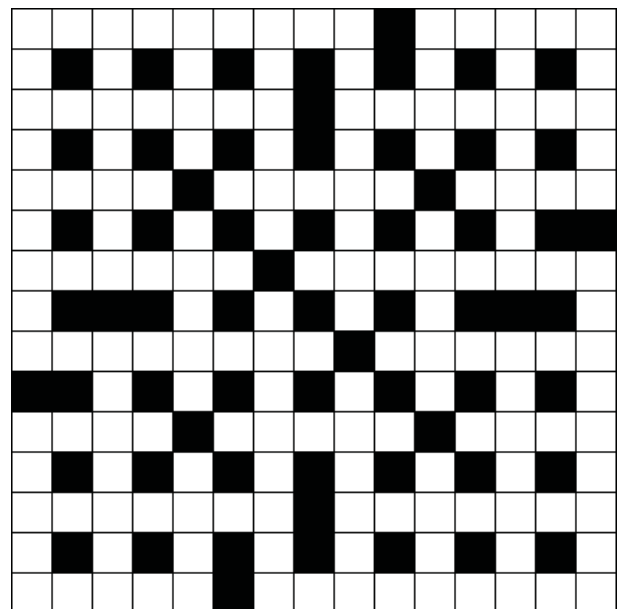
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Clue of the Month

answers I've got still leave me boggled. What does 'gazebo' have in common with 'Integument'? e.g assuming that is the answer.

Margaret Galbreath

• (!!!) After the penny dropped for 6ac I had to give it COTM but too many too hard and obscure clues *Raoul!* There must be an easier way to get a leg opener. Or is a reverse leg opener a leg closer? 14ac is probably my downfall but YUAN was singularly involved in Morse code. But The year dor was a very long time ago. *Roy Taylor*

• The inimitable style of *Raoul!* Five star entertainment with the mood lights on. *Michael Kennedy*

• I knew it! As soon as the compiler's moniker loomed there had to be trouble ahead. Somehow the grid was filled in after much tearing of hair, but there are question marks all over the place. E.g. What does 'exhausted' in 20ac have to do with the answer? How do 'Mick' and 'Keef' fit 16dn? What's the story with 17dn? On the other hand the clue for 6ac is a beauty (when finally seen) and I have to give 28ac a vote. *Jim Colles*

• *Raoul*, you are one sick puppy. (Is there a vet in the house? C) *Jan Wood*

• Oh dear! It would be easier to list the certainties rather than the guesses in this one. Enjoyed 27ac, 7dn, 1dn and 18ac but guessed 6ac, 14ac, 29ac and 15ac. Very challenging but plenty of entertainment. Thanks *Raoul*. *Jean Barbour*

• If I had any hope of getting full marks this month it went out the window with this one. I have to confess to a few guesses. Could you please explain 6ac & 14ac? I liked the clues for 10ac, 28ac (which was a close 2nd for my COTM) and 7dn with its well deserved question mark. *Jenny Wenham*

• This puzzle had some of the best clues I have seen for a while, while others clues were a bit obscure. 1. I don't understand how integument equates to a gazebo: all definitions are biological or natural. Obviously I need a better dictionary. (Maybe I'll win the prize.) 2. Words such as 'Hey' in 16dn & 'Viola' in 6dn are superfluous in my humble opinion. 3. I don't understand 14ac as '...' is S in Morse code but where does 'year' come from? 4. I don't understand why a sneak thief is a three time crook unless three refers to 3dn 'subtle'. 5. Popcorn = filmgoer? It must be in that dictionary I need to get. 6. Ah, I just got 17dn. That's also very obscure. I'm sure all of the above will be explained in the next magazine. On a positive note, 6ac is brilliant - gets my COTM! This should have been a Slot 6 and *Raoul's* prize wine sounds very similar to another famous drop: René Pögel from the same region. *Mal Cockburn*

• *Raoul's* *Risque* was how should I say? Different. For the life of me I cannot really justify 14ac, however, maybe it was meant to refer to YEAR DOT (being singular of the dots in Morse). *John Gillis*

• "Risque" Hazardous; risky; verging on impropriety. Quite a challenge. *Jack Stocks*

• I can't remember getting more pleasure out of doing a *Crozworld* puzzle than this ripper. Great clues, as always, and spiced up with the extra mystery afterwards to be solved. Very satisfying indeed to get to the bottom of it all. *Jim Colles*

• What a whopper! You had me beaten until the penny dropped. Bravo! *Catherine Foster*

• Thank you for the puzzle - it was pretty tricky and took a bit of time. Congratulations on compiling this work of art. *Jim Fowler*

• A lovely puzzle - difficult but the clues are always very clear - when you finally get there! What a devious mind *Praxis* has. *Jill Freeland*

• This was a great puzzle - how did you manage to incorporate so many layers of challenge? *Kath Harper*

• Your crossword was a great concept and it puzzled me for a while but enlightenment came to me in bed where I do a lot of good thinking. (me too, Doreen) *Doreen Jones*

• What a remarkable phenomenon. And you had Cook, Page, Fadden, Forde in reserve. 10 out of 25 I make it. Amazing. *Iain MacDougall*

• This was so difficult, but so rewarding; I hope my entry is correct. *Giabelle Leeds*

• A brilliant puzzle (or set of puzzles. Like Russian dolls). *Ian McKenzie*

• This was a brilliant blend by "the Master". I love the challenge of all the components. *Carole Noble*

• This was great Roy! Can't imagine how you managed to get the instruction (SWAP INITIALS etc) into the order of clues. A superb effort! (Thank you, Shirl) *Shirl O'Brien*

• There's a word I have eschewed as being over the top, but it's the only word I can think of for your puzzle - AWESOME... *Ted O'Brien*

• Thank you very much for the puzzle. If there was a Puzzle of the Year trophy, this already would be VERY hard to beat. *Andrew Patterson*

• Thank you for another excellent and difficult puzzle with that extra sting in the tail. *David Procter*

• Best non-Slot 1-5 crossword EVER. Just brilliant, *Praxis*. Enough fun and angst whilst completely un-put-downable. *William Ryan*

• Another amazing puzzle with such an innovative twist. *Brian Symons*

• Another beautifully constructed brainteaser. Crossword life would much the poorer without *Praxis*. *Roy Taylor*

• Your Acrostic jigsaw was so devious to solve that I shall be suffering withdrawal symptoms for some time! *Alan Walter*

• Brilliant Acrostic/Jigsaw with excellent clueing which should set an example to existing and aspiring compilers. The message and its execution added to the enjoyment. Sixfold congratulations! *Ian Williams*

Adjudicator's Comments:

Initials when arranged as per rubric read: SWAP INITIAL FOR PRIME MINISTER'S NAME. ANSWERS: Seating/KEATING; Colt/HOLT; Truce/BRUCE; Toward/HOWARD; Eraser/FRASER; Carton/BARTON.

PAPERING = pa(peri)ng; TOWARD to(WA)r/D; TRUCE = curt (fretful; rev)/E; Several misunderstood rubric, including going to New Zealand's prime ministers to find 6 starting with 'S' (Swap's initial). Once again, transcription errors, including whiteout used on a square and no letter written over it. Thank you to so many members for their kind words and best. —*Praxis (Roy Wilson)*

January 6-2007: Acrostic/Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 79. Correct: 70. Success Rate: 88.6%.

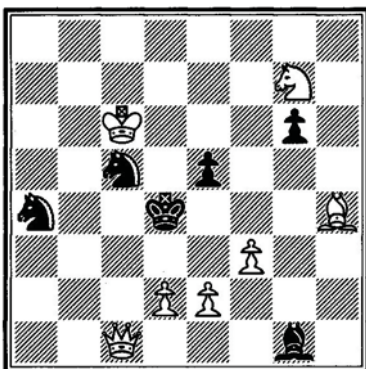
Prizewinners: Michael Kennedy and Doreen Jones.

Solvers' Comments:

• I loved this puzzle! Very innovative and the clues were first class. Then working out the acrostic and finding the 6 prime ministers was the icing on the cake! *Audrey Austin*

• Talk about a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. This may be the cleverest word puzzle I've ever done. Well done. *Merv Collins*

No. 3

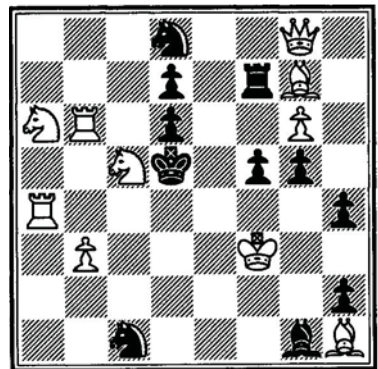


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**Chess Game Problems
Nos 3 and 4/2007**

White to play
and mate in two moves.
Name White's first move
in each problem.
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No. 4



Quiz No 3/2007



by dB

Gone to the Dogs ... A Quiz by dB

Can you put names to these dogs of Fact or Fiction?

Send your answers to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 13 April 2007. Book prize. A small prize will additionally be given to members who contribute useful additions to my 'lifetime list' of around 200.

A....	Ulysses	M...	Ginger Meggs
B....	Sir Henry Lee	N...	Darling family
C....	Dian Fossey	O.. -	Elvis Presley
D....	The Phantom	P....	Mickey Mouse
E....	catatonic dog in Frasier	Q.....	Lord Ivywood
F....	cruelly killed by Mr Barrett	R...	Dennis Mitchell
G.....	wise companion of Wallace	S.....	Charlie Brown
H.....	Bob in <i>Priscilla Queen of the Desert</i>	T....	Dick, Ann, George and Julian
I.....	Asterix le Gaulois	V..	Lord Avebury's literate terrier
J...	Buster Fiddess' singing dog	W...-....	Hamish Macbeth
K.	Doctor Who	Y....-....	Sergeant Preston
L...	poodle owned by Walt Disney	Z....	played W...-....

Results of Quiz No 1/2007. Christmas Quiz by Tobi (Barbara Ibbott)

Answers: (1) Angels we have heard on high (2) (O) Holy night (3) It came upon the/a midnight clear (4) Away in a manger (5) Little drummer boy (6) Silent Night (7) Santa Claus is coming to town (8) The first Noel/Nowell (9) What child is this? (10) Hark the herald angels sing (11) I'm dreaming of a white Christmas (OK I admit it is called just *White Christmas*) (12) All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth (13) O come all ye faithful (14) Deck the halls (15) While shepherds watched their flocks by night (16) O Christmas tree/O tannenbaum (17) I saw three ships (18) Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer (19) Joy to the world (20) The twelve days of Christmas.

Results: **20:** C. Anderson, J. Barbour, R. Bennett, R. Caine, B. Cockburn, M. Collins, F. Copland, B. Eggleton, P. Flemming, C. Foster, P. Garner, C. Hambling, K. Harper, S. Howells, D. Jones and D. Kennedy, J. King, G. Leeds, V. Lobsey, T. McPherson, A. Martin, T. O'Brien, D. Procter, B. Siegman, J. Smith, M. Steinberger, J. Stocks, S. Trollope, B. Webber, J. Wenham and I. Williams. **19.5:** J. Balnaves, R. Belcham, B. Bennett, P. Dearie, D. Greening, L. Howard, V. Howard, A. Jermy, F. Martin, C. Noble, A. Skillicorn, N. Storey, B. Symons, L. Waites, A. Walter and C. Wilcox, **19:** S. Atkinson, K. Audrins, A. Austin, M. Kennedy, J. Martin, M. Procter and B. Solomon. **18.5:** V. Dinham, N. Hazell, P. Mercer. **Winner: Merv Collins. Congratulations!**

Common Errors: (1) Several put the wrong carol "Angels from their realms of glory". This is a lovely carol but doesn't fit the clue. (6) Someone wrote *Nocturnal Noiselessness* as the answer! (9) Use of that in place of this. Also some weird guesses. (12) Several wrote are my two front teeth. (15) Oh dear, this was the main stumbling block which I found very surprising. Flock for flocks; watch for watched; sheep for flocks were most of the disasters. (18) red-nose for red-nosed.

Setter's Comments: Thank you for the many cards and greetings (Nancy Hazell's entry was particularly decorative). It was exciting to collect the mail and with 57 entries I was quite overwhelmed! Because of the high number of correct entries (31) I was very strict about many minor errors. There may be variations to some carols, but I used the *Oxford Book of Carols* as my main reference plus general references for the songs. I was glad to hear that so many of you enjoyed the quiz. —Tobi (Barb Ibbott)

Solution to Jan 2007 Slot 7

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS for Slots 1-5:

Slot 1:

- 13dn made me smile.
- I liked 2 & 8dn particularly.

Max Roddick
Ted O'Brien

Slot 2:

- 24ac: "at court no longer" sounded like a retired tennis player, but I couldn't find one. Hope my choice was right.
- 9dn took me days, trying to fit BRAIN in.

Max Roddick
Ted O'Brien

Slot 3:

- Some smart verbal horseplay.
- I didn't know St Aloysius had a mountain named for him. One of my garden gnomes at Kiama was also Aloysius.

Max Roddick
Ted O'Brien

Slot 4:

- WHODUNITRY for word of the month! Bravo *Virgo!*
- Some new words for me to drop in conversation, 'gibuses, abeyancies and emprise'.

Max Roddick
Ted O'Brien

Slot 5:

- Thanks *Raoul* for many clever and entertaining clues, but please, how does 17dn work? The word must be obsolete ... Or am I?
- *Raoul's* naughtiness was somewhat forgiven by his wonderful 14ac & 8dn clues.

Max Roddick
Ted O'Brien

My Bookshelf by Kay and Ian Williams

[An occasional series contributed by ACC members. Members are invited to write an article (or a few lines) on their favourite references or the ones that they find the most useful for helping to solve or compile crosswords or for any other reason.]

Our list is in approximate order of usefulness and starts with the *Chambers Dictionary* 2000 or later editions (but not the 21st Century edition). An absolute must. With its mix of dialect, Spenserian and Shakespearean words it is the dictionary most consistently used by crossword compilers. We also have the CD ROM version which comes with a comprehensive thesaurus and provides search facilities for words within the text, forming a very effective "reverse" dictionary. *The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* on CD ROM is a valued source of words, and of their applications and usages, and allows sophisticated searches which interrogate the whole text for a given word or combination of words. If these fail, *One Look*® Dictionary Search <http://www.onelook.com/> is reputed to give access to over seven and a half million words (presumably some are duplicated) in over 900 dictionaries and has wild card and reverse dictionary search and translation features.

The Complete Crossword Companion, Chancellor Press, 1988 was picked up in a remainder bin some 15 years ago and has been in almost daily use ever since. It has some 150 lists, in alphabetical and words length order. A little old-fashioned compared to, say, *Bloomsbury Crossword Lists* (1994) or *Bradford's Crossword Lists* (2004), but it's a mainstay for discovering words once the subject or theme has been established. The *Collins English Dictionary* 1991 has, in addition to its normal words, a fairly good representation of geographical names, which are absent from *Chambers*. For ACC work and other Australian crosswords and word puzzles, the *Macquarie Concise Dictionary* (revised Third Edition) provides another dimension. *The Macquarie Thesaurus* (1987) is a treasury of words and provides we immigrants with another source of Australian terms: it is organised much more logically and helpfully than *Roget's Thesaurus*.

More useful in the days before the personal computer, and the availability of programs such as AxWord to turn words inside out and upside down, are the books comprising classified and sorted words such as *The Oxford Crossword Dictionary*, which has words sorted into alphabetical order and the number of letters. It also features a number of specialised lists, which are rather limited (in number and content) compared to the specialised books of lists mentioned above. *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* 2000 takes a rather different approach and classifies words that are synonyms of selected "headwords" by the number of letters. It also has a number of specialised lists such as philosophers, physicists, religious figures, furniture, types of lace, etc. *Chambers Synonyms and Antonyms* 2004 gives another perspective on words, quite similar to a well-organised thesaurus, but has no word length sorting. *Chambers Anagrams* has 110,000 words from three letters up to fifteen sorted into their component letters, which are then placed in alphabetical order. A bit cumbersome and time-consuming if

one has a computer and of little use as a compilation tool.

In addition to general dictionaries and word-related publications, our nine year old *Encyclopædia Britannia* CD-ROM enables look-up and search services, although the multimedia part has gone the way of all applications that are incompatible with one version of Windows or another. The hard copy *New Penguin Factfinder* has 800 pages of interesting information, made very accessible through a comprehensive 130 page index. If you want to know the magnitude and distance away of Sirius, the currency of Burkina Faso, how many Popes Leo there have been (XIII), Nobel prizewinners, names of the members of *The Seekers*, Oscar or BAFTA winners, etc etc etc, you'll find them there. Good for answering and setting quizzes, too! Quotations from literature figure frequently in crosswords, particularly in acrostics and in the *Guardian* crosswords that represent our staple solving fare. Compilers Paul and the late lamented *Bunthorne* specialise in torturous anagrams based on popular and less-known quotations. *The Penguin Dictionary of Quotations* was a good, if limited, source of information until its pages fell out! *The Dictionary of Quotations and Proverbs* (Everyman Edition, compiled by DC Browning MA, BA, BLitt(Oxon.)) is marvellously old-fashioned, with its marbled endpapers and gold-edged pages. It contains some quotations in the original Greek or Latin (would that we could do more than transliterate them!) but is less useful as an everyday tool than the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, Fifth Edition, 2001. The latter also has some handy lists such as quotations from political slogans and songs, famous telegrams and lines from films. *The Penguin Dictionary of Modern Quotations* helps to fill in any modern gaps. Brewer's *The Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* was a mainstay for reference to things mythological, until a book token for a birthday made *The Oxford Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* an absolute must. Our *Comprehensive Atlas of the World*, Eleventh Edition, *The Times* at 320x460mm is too big for anything but the top shelf of a (low) bookcase but must contain reference to almost every place on Earth!

ACC Christmas lunch auctions and other sources of absolute, can't-be-missed bargains have added to our bookshelf a number of specialised publications such as *Chambers Biographical Dictionary*, *The Oxford Dictionary of Music*, Barry Jones's *Dictionary of World Biography*, *The Oxford Companion to the English Language*, *Brewer's Dictionary of Politics*, *The Wordsworth Companion to Literature in English*, *Chambers Dictionary of Literary Characters* and the *Wilkes Dictionary of Australian Colloquialisms* among others. While these are handy for crossword solving from time to time, the Internet and Google with its incomparable research capability have largely taken over from them. Why spend tens of dollars on a dictionary of music when a reference suitable for most crossword solving purposes is available on line, free, at <http://www.essentialsofmusic.com/>? The same goes for biographies or any other subject such as is available on the free online encyclopaedia <http://www.en.wikipedia.org>. The main use of the books is now for dipping into for amusement and diversion when the TV and the Internet pall, but we wouldn't be without any of them.

Results of Philosophers Quiz by Renée Bennett

Solutions: 1. Anaximander 2. Aristotle 3. Augustine 4. Bacon 5. Bentham 6. Copernicus 7. Diogenes 8. Epicurus 9. Franklin 10. Heidegger 11. Hippocrates 12. Kant 13. Leibnitz 14. Maimonides 15. Plato 16. Russell 17. Schopenhauer 18. Socrates 19. Wittgenstein 20. Zeno.

Results: 20. Carole Noble and Ann Jermy 19. Alan Walter, Kath Harper, Bev Cockburn, David Procter, Karl Audrins and Susan Howells. 18. Trish McPherson 17. Delores Kennedy, Margaret Steinberger, Ted O'Brien and Catherine Hambling 16. Peter Dearie, Barbara Ibbott, Irene Watts and Marian Procter 14. Fay Copland, Brian Symons and Jean Barbour 11. Pat Garner.

Outright Winner: Carole Noble. Congratulations!**Solvers' and Setter's Comments:**

• Perhaps word length indicators should be supplied, especially with a cryptic quiz as no extra help is given by a grid. Clue 10: This clue needs a homophone indicator for HEI and DEGGER = HI + DIGGER to give this German philosopher. Clue 11: HIPPO+CRATES. Cannot see the necessity for 'in church or at the races' (I could be wrong here) Clue 17. If the correct answer is SCHOPENHAUER = CHOPIN + HOUR a homophone is definitely needed here, eg seemingly pianist keeps time. Clue 18: SO + CRATES, can't quite follow the need for "sound odd". (Clue 11: A horse-box is a high sided church pew. (*Chambers*). Clue 18: Pronunciation being SOCRATEEZ so CRATES "sound odd". Seems I was short on homophones and word-length indicators. Being new to this game, I do appreciate your comments and advice. Thank you. RB) Alan Walter

• This was seriously hard. I had difficulty making a decision about 1 and 10 and was tempted with MORE for 14. I was keen to put DESCARTES in somewhere but couldn't justify him. Thanks for introducing me to more philosophers than I knew existed. Trish McPherson

• Thank you for a wonderful collection of word play – clever, circuitous! Of all of them my favourite was Chopin hour!! 8: Green (what does a doctor do – he practises, and where does one practise? On a green. (*Thanks for the compliments. Loved the visual imagery in your*

explanation for GREEN for Clue No. 8)

Ted O'Brien

• Thank you for a really unusual quiz. Very, very hard and very clever. Happy adjudicating. (*Thanks for your kind comments and congratulations on solving all but one. Sorry, this wasn't meant to be very, very hard – I don't know about "very clever"!*) Bev Cockburn

• Loved the quiz – not sure about a couple of these. Delores Kennedy

• I found this quiz more than extremely difficult. Nevertheless here is a combination of answers and guesses. (*Sorry Brian – I didn't mean this to be extremely difficult*) Brian Symons

• Thank you for providing a bonus quiz. Don't put me in the draw for the book prize – I just want to see how many I solved. It was a big help having the answers in alphabetical order. Good luck with your solving and compiling in 2007. (*Thank you, David, and congratulations – you solved all but No 6. Hopefully a copper will never nick you – for a carnap!*) David Procter

• At first perusal I could not answer one clue, so in frustration I wrote this limerick "I attempted the Bonus Quiz, but after a good long squiz, I sat down and cried, 'cos hard as I tried, it ended with me in a tizz!" However, once I found a list of some philosophers it wasn't that difficult. Number indicators would have been helpful. One has to be fair: a cryptic quiz is much harder than a cryptic crossword as there are no intersecting letters. I hope to see more of your work in 2007.

Carole Noble

• Thank you for this very challenging quiz.

Jean Barbour

• Here's my entry for this lovely quiz – lots of fun with a few 'maybes' and wild guesses in for good measure. (*I'm glad you had lots of fun with my quiz. Your wild guesses were spot on, except for No 2 which was half right anyway*) Kath Harper

• Thank you for a most challenging quiz. I was surprised to find how difficult it was to complete: in fact I am not at all confident of some of my answers but at least I now have something in every slot.

Catherine Hambling

• In spite of leaving it right until the last minute I am unable to complete this quiz, however, having burnt much midnight oil over it, I shall still submit my efforts.

Pat Garner

Results of the Clue Writing Competition: Jan. No. 1/2007.
Write a clue for THE ASHES (3,5).
Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

19 fascinating clues were submitted this month. "THE ASHES" is defined in *Chambers* as "a trophy that contains the charred remains of a stump that was burnt on the 1883 England tour of Australia, awarded to the team that wins any of the regular series of cricket matches played between England and Australia, the award or otherwise being referred to as 'winning, losing or retaining the Ashes'". A more complete and interesting discussion on the "trophy" can be found in *Wikipedia* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ashes), for those of you who have access to the Internet. It certainly appears that there is little which can be agreed upon in the history of the "urn".

Australia won "the Ashes" 5-0 and the winner this month is **Michael Kennedy** with "**This competition has the English and Australians ultimately coming together**". The clue describes the competition but also includes an anagram of THE ASHES, a very clever piece of clue writing.

I received two interesting queries this month:

1. "What is the meaning of ANAGIND, because it doesn't appear in any common dictionary?" The word is a contraction of ANAGram INDicator and, I believe, was first coined by your own, your very own, Noel Jessop. If you enter 'anagind' into Google, you get lots of crossword sites, but they all appear to have a link back to ACC.

2. "What is your interpretation of the Ximenean attitude to clues or puzzles labelled "punctuation may mislead"?" I don't understand why compilers put this in their crosswords. Punctuation is just one of the many tools at the disposal of the cryptic compiler and can be readily used to mislead the solver. They presumably would not consider putting "watch out for anagrams" in their introduction. I have always assumed that they are aiming at beginners and guiding them to consider the clue from as many angles as possible to reach the solution.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *CroZworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and then underneath I have made some comments.

In cricketing parlance, these must be earned.

Is this an "& lit" clue type? (see clue below for discussion on "& lit"). I feel that the definition is the whole clue – the Ashes must be earned by the winning team, with the reference to cricket acting as a guide. The indication refers to the homophone (parlance) of "earned" and "urned", where the Ashes are stored, although the Ashes are now considered to be the urn as much as its contents. An excellent clue and one of the contenders for this month's prize.

Beats outright (of course!) in incendiary result

THRASHES (beats) less R (out-right) plus E (of course) inserted (in) gives THE ASHES. A complex indication, but I don't personally like the use of 'course' to indicate a direction. However it is in common use by compilers so I feel that I have to accept its use.

Remains of broken sheathes.

A very concise clue using an anagram of SHEATHES.

Trophy that man and woman sat around with.

That man (HE) and woman (SHE) with (SAT) around (anagind). It creates a picture of a couple sitting around admiring the trophy they had once won at the local bridge club.

January 7-2007. Missing 15s by InGrid (Jean Barbour)
90 entries, 70 correct (and one unnamed). 77.8 % success.
Winner: Steve Trollope. Congratulations!
[For results see p2 col 7: for solution see p14]
Compiler's Comments

Thank you to everyone who went to the trouble of entering this Slot 7. I had 90 entries which is really gratifying. Thank you to the many members who sent cards and good wishes. They make adjudicating and compiling a treat. I received one solution with no name on it. Claim it if you think it may have been yours.

A couple of queries: 9ac: Aa is a river in France. This might be a little obscure but it helped the reading of the clue. Cataract (11ac) pet (cat) show (act) has a (a) river (r). The main problems were 26ac Ole instead of One. A is the definition for this clue, with victory it seemed being a sound like won. Another problem was marinate instead of marinade (marinate fits the definition but not the clue (dead = d)). Other than those two, there were a few typos and a couple of disadvantageous, which doesn't fit the anagram, instead of disadvantageous.

Solvers' Comments

• Finishing this puzzle came as something of a surprise as some of the

This competition has the English and Australians ultimately coming together

The indication comprises HAS plus THE plus E (English) plus A (ultimate letter of Australians) 'coming together' (anagind). The whole clue is the definition – an "& lit" clue – in this case an "anagram & lit" clue. 'Lit' means that the definition is "literally" the whole clue with an anagram included in it as the indication.

In sheer haste unfortunately; but not back again in the remains
 An anagram of SHEER HASTE minus (not) ER (re – again back).

He has set a puzzle to win a trophy
 An anagram of HE HAS SET with "a puzzle" as the anagind.

Sat back with man and woman in the remnants of the fire
 The indication is very similar to one of the clues above, with a different definition. This time however there are three people involved in my mental picture.

The small trophy was responsible for *Ms Astley's hesitation early on*
 The indication refers to Thea Astley (an author), combining THEA with HE'S (the early part of hesitation). I do like the definition of "a small trophy", because the Ashes urn is tiny, but then it doesn't have to hold much.

Look at Thea, she's holding the trophy
 Very similar to the previous clue.

Covered batsmen writhe as he spins 'em, for cricket's big reward
 'Covered' meaning "hidden", with the answer hidden in wriTHE AS HE Spins 'em. This clue creates an image of Shane Warne torturing the English batsmen.

Sheet has to be torn up; are you game for the remains?
 An anagram of SHEET HAS with "torn up" as the anagind.

The remains of ongoing pitched battle?
 This is a double definition. I think that "ongoing pitched battle" is fine as a secondary definition, cf two clues down for use of "pitch".

She heats stew for a prize – (remains put in small container)
 An anagram of SHE HEATS with "stew" as the anagind. This creates an image of a woman preparing her stew for the competition in her local Show, then taking what's left home in her small container.

Pitch is needed for ash sheet being laid out
 An anagram of ASH SHEET with "being laid out" as the anagind – but it doesn't suggest a mixture of the letters. Also, although "pitch is needed" does go with ash sheets in the clue, it is a bit vague as a definition for a cricketing trophy.

Thea Hess battered the test trophy
 An anagram of THEA HESS with "battered" as the anagind.

International trophy has these changes
 An anagram of HAS THESE with "changes" as the anagind.

Triumphant team has these cooked for trophy
 Again an anagram of HAS THESE, this time with "cooked" as the anagind. Triumphant team is not required in either the definition or indication, but is only there to improve the sense of the sentence. All the words should be used.

It sounds as if to earn a noble prize is all that remains
 Another homophone of "earn" and "urn".

clues seemed vague or lacking substance. I found all the hidden links later. It made me think!
Yvonne Ainsworth

- Not 100% certain about 26ac. I've assumed it's a 'sound alike' clue. *Mal Cockburn*
- Harpsichordists just leapt out at me. *Graeme Cole*
- 18ac had me stumped with the other meaning of yarn. *Margaret Davis*
- I particularly liked 25ac. The only one I found slightly the wrong way around was 6dn. Keep them coming. *Doreen Jones*
- A good crossword and a new concept with 4 big anagrams. *Joan McGrath*

- I thoroughly enjoyed all your clues but I think 8ac and 25ac were my favourites. *Max Roddick*
- Nuisance was a very clever clue, but I didn't think the word epidural would ever make me smile. *Audrey Ryan*
- Nice little puzzle. Particularly liked 8ac. *Betty Siegman*
- Loved the anagrams. Isn't it amazing what can be done with a mere 26 letters. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for something different. Especially liked epidural. *Alan Walter*

- Hopefully now the 15's are no longer missing. *Irene Watts*
- For a while I had 'ole' for 26ac however Roger Federer's win in the Australian Open making him No. 1 gave me the answer.