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“All words are pegs to hang ideas on.”
Henry Ward Beecher, 1887, *Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit*

GRIDATORIAL

Our website has continued its undoubtedly successful debut with impressive numbers visiting the site. For example, for the week ending 13 April, there were 3104 ‘hits’ on the site. A ‘hit’ is a request for data such as a web page, a file or a bitmap. On 9 April, we had a record 1115 ‘hits’ on the site.

We have been delighted with the way in which the members have contributed to the NEWS page on our website. There has been a lively discussion about all matters cruciverbal, including some pertinent and fascinating comments about whether the word PEAL was an acceptable answer for March 2, 17ac. Have a look at the Members’ comments and the Reasons for Decision given by the ACC Executive Committee in accepting PEAL as an alternative answer.

We have added plenty of crosswords to the site including a selection of Classic Oz puzzles. These are all gems from the distinguished past and have stood the test of time! They are well worth downloading and solving! Also, we will be adding plenty of fresh and challenging puzzlement regularly. So why not visit our website frequently?

Doug ‘Mr AxWord’ Butler has made available a version of his well-known software for use in submitting entries via e-lodgment. Also, Doug’s full version of his AxWord software has been very favourably reviewed by Derek Harrison, UK’s most ‘cluey’ crossworder. Have a look at Derek’s glowing comments on our website under ‘Axword’. You can purchase the full version of AxWord from Doug at the special Club price of \$50. Mention our website and Doug will donate 25% of the purchase price to the ACC Website Maintenance Fund. Thanks a lot, Doug.

We have another sparkling selection of fine puzzles for your delectation this month. The excellent puzzle by Praxis will provide you with plenty of challenge and satisfaction. Many thanks to Praxis and all of the compilers for their wonderful contribution to the cruciverbal art DownUnder. Finally, a special thank you to Doreen Jones who has done a sterling job in her first stint at Adjudicating this month. Well done, Doreen!
—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Members wrote that they found this month’s puzzles challenging. I always feel sorry for those who have obvious misprints and omissions and I feel like giving them a tick anyway. Unfortunately rules are rules.

Slot 1: A number of solvers incorrectly put THRASHER for 8dn and 27ac caused some comment — thunder mug is referred to in The Macquarie Dictionary 2nd ed. Some had not heard of the Italian Stallion (19dn) so they are not Stallone fans obviously!

Slot 2: 7dn caused problems for solvers when they put VOID as the answer. This does not fit the subsidiary indications of the clue at all.

Slot 3: Oh Dear, Oh Dear, Oh Dear — go to the back of the class all those (and there are many) who misspelled MISOGYNISTS.

Slot 4: OCTANGLE caused quite a bit of comment. It is referred to in Collins English Dictionary — Australian Edition, 3rd ed @ page 1081 (‘a less common name for octagon’) and also in the Shorter Oxford Dictionary, 1993 ed @ page 1975 (†‘An octagon. M17-E18’).

Slot 5: Members loved this one and thought it extremely clever even if difficult.

Thanks to everyone who sent comments, cards, letters and good wishes. Bev Solomon’s beautiful copperplate writing and easy to read printed answers are a joy to check; although if ever there is a prize for good handwriting then Alan Walter has to be on the short list.

— Doreen Jones

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	94	109	105	103	82	493
Correct entries	75	76	86	92	69	398
Success rate %	79.8	69.7	81.9	89.3	84.1	80.7
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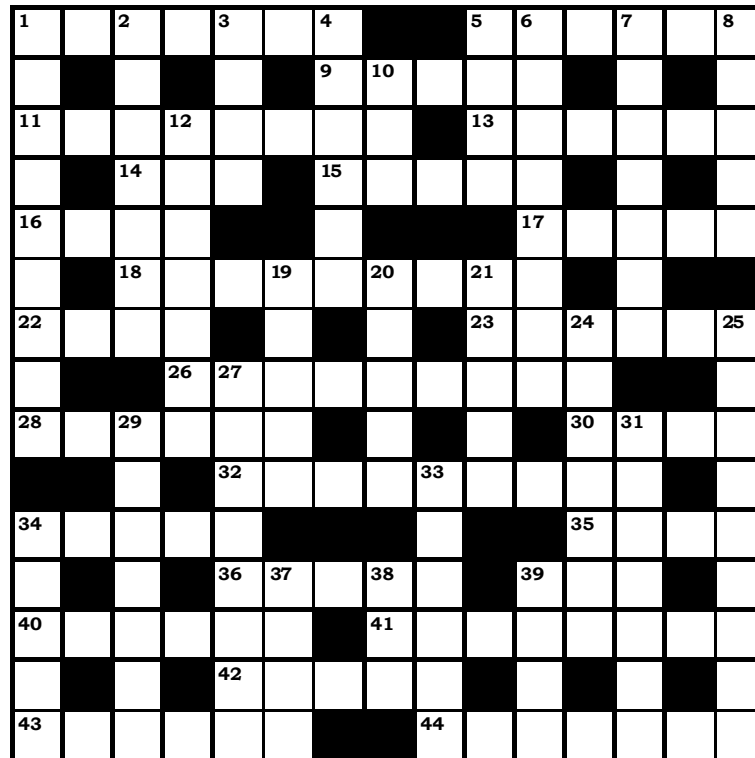
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**Half &
Half
by
Noel
Jessop**

MAY 1 2002



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Across

- 1 Canteen (3, 4)
- 5 Harnessed (6)
- 9 Brother of Moses (5)
- 11 Surfie (5, 3)
- 13 Pointed arches (6)
- 14 French coin (3)
- 15 Vassal (5)
- 16 Long poem (4)
- 17 Wheel hubs (5)
- 18 Plunged suddenly (9)
- 22 Jason's ship (4)
- 23 Ogled (6)
- 26 Recounters (9)
- 28 Ribbon bookmark (6)
- 30 PNG currency unit (4)
- 32 Building up (9)
- 34 Tilted (5)
- 35 Type of shark (4)
- 36 Vacillate (5)
- 39 Pole (3)
- 40 Boasted (6)
- 41 Grisly (8)
- 42 Forbidden (5)
- 43 Islamic (6)
- 44 Ambushes (7)

Down

- 1 Seasoning a sailor on board (5, 4)
- 2 Humbling one academic to inform (7)
- 3 Exclamation of surprise where? In France around an island (4)
- 4 Academic duel handled roughly? Yes! (6)
- 5 Egg to move forward, move up (4)
- 6 Not all men with information on the German bear (8)
- 7 Petrol-head about one gets a drink (7)
- 8 Tables beginnings of dead easy studies and kindergarten sums (5)
- 10 Radio the writer — a friend on the continent (3)
- 12 Commanding Officer murmurs about new silken sheaths (7)
- 19 Really left out, otherwise in good time (5)
- 20 Unsuitable paint mixture (5)
- 21 Bolt cut off with ease, say, outside (5)
- 24 Northerners ski — some strangely (7)
- 25 Mysterious seances do reveal churchwoman (9)
- 27 Tease the funny art lover (8)
- 29 Main gripping appliances for pirates (3, 4)
- 31 A dancer let off asteroidal explosion (7)
- 33 Tear hot shaft (6)
- 34 Hold centre up combined with Latin substitute (5)
- 37 A mother raising Cain? No, his father (4)
- 38 Self-contained in allegory? (3)
- 39 Count held centre in railway (4)

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to:**

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- Slot 6: Roy Wilson, 2 Dell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.
Closing mail date: Friday 7 June 2002.



CRYPTIC
by
Virgo

MAY 2 2002



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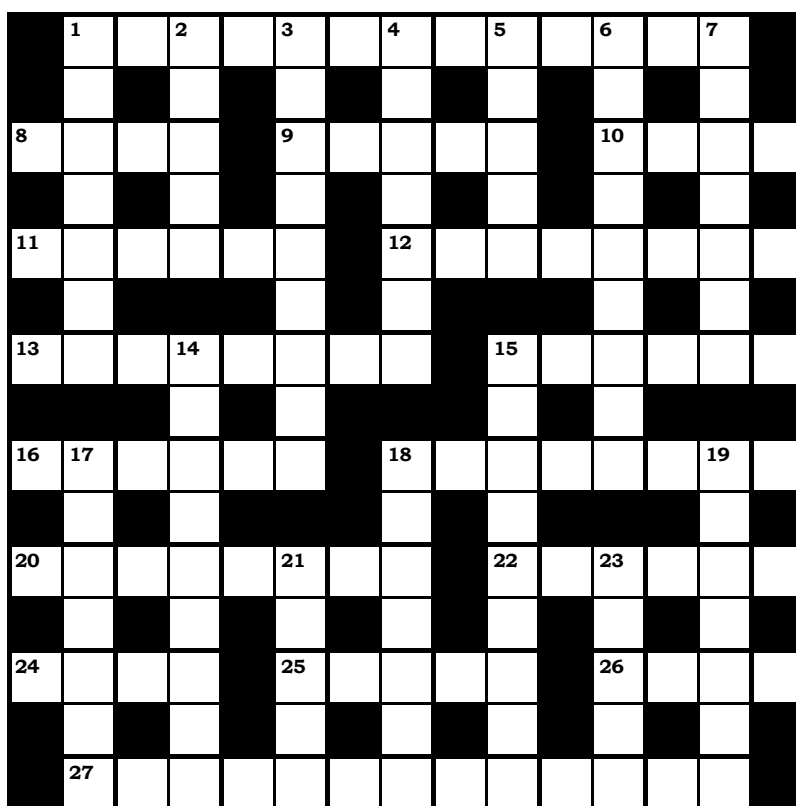
- 1 Hands held in fright, say (6)
- 4 Pot-holder — skint and broke (3-5)
- 10 Iceland? Yes and no! (7)
- 11 Rock dance period with charge to open bottle (7)
- 12 Peacekeepers love endless gin cocktail — heartless! (8)
- 13 The numbers of fingers of the hands (6)
- 15 Morse has an overdose in the church (4)
- 16 Overseas, in a quiet fishing village, perhaps (10)
- 19 Singing to and sending out are entangled (10)
- 21 Fields initially in your common hostel (4)
- 24 The sad deny each briefly brought forth (6)
- 25 English author at cover point perhaps? (8)
- 27 Cheerful French pal and expert (7)
- 28 A mother might catch one of these! (7)
- 29 The French with illegal token scam reveal its framework (8)
- 30 It is indeed revised in order to be cut! (6)

Down

- 1 Capital means to call on rum recess — about three quarters of an hour (9)
- 2 Grand old boy ran and ate hastily (7)
- 3 The endless river detailed flourish (6)
- 5 Take the Devil for example ... (4)
- 6 Naughty girls in the ACU hospital procedure (8)
- 7 It's a sin to send smorgasbord of caviar down to Evans Head (7)
- 8 These may be played thanks to Eliot (5)
- 9 Outside areas of various layers at Barry's and Buck's (9)
- 14 Pearl fisher may be kind in various odd ways (9)
- 17 Lurched and, at different times, astounded! (9)
- 18 Cast in an outfit (8)
- 20 See liar change and get some insight (7)
- 22 A blow once from a luxury car in a white assembly (7)
- 23 What Robert and Elizabeth did peel and do fancy (6)
- 24 The age of Ayers Rock (5)
- 26 Lighter fluid found in tanker oil (4)

**HAVE A GO
YA MUG**
by
Cactus

MAY 3 2002



Across

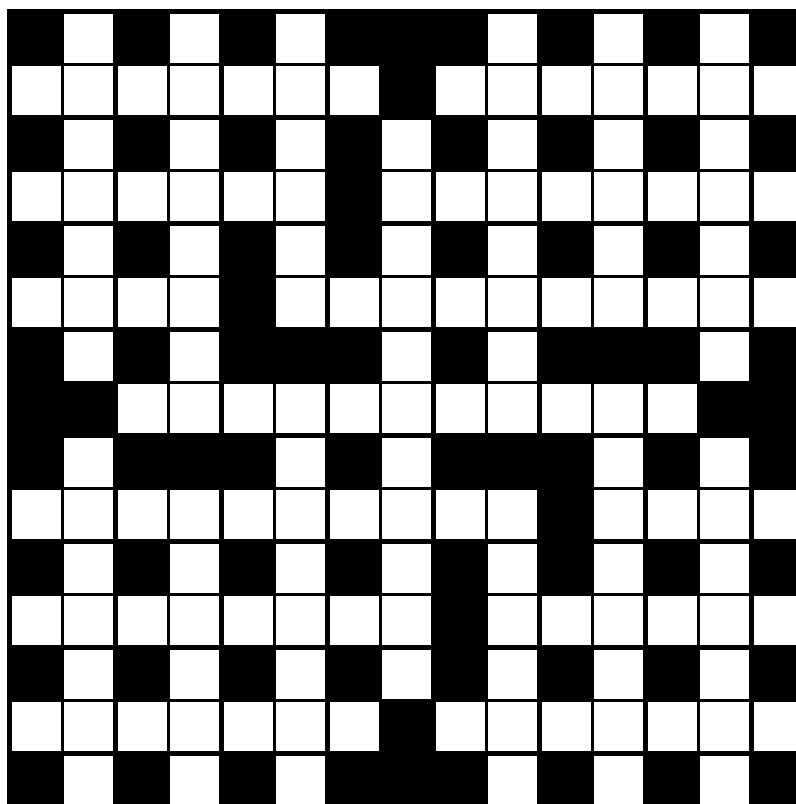
- 1 Bowl more maidens with us in slips (13)
- 8 Slow opener would hear "have a go!" (4)
- 9 Cups holder has voice outside game (5)
- 10 Behind, so help finish rolling pitch (4)
- 11 Juice up the finals with spinner left out (6)
- 12 Old players have a ball during the circuits (8)
- 13 Winters are bad when we leave grounds (8)
- 15 Fans see nothing in colourless centuries (6)
- 16 Inspiration brings opening over hat trick (6)
- 18 Not really so slippery, it's suggested (8)
- 20 Bad early delivery resulting in small loss? (8)
- 22 Enjoyable time taking in the overseas sport (6)
- 24 Star begins innings going after half century (4)
- 25 Topless woman in club's a bit of hot stuff (5)
- 26 Tight fit between horses in starting gates first (4)
- 27 Some soccer sides cheat Pele, shaming jumper (13)

Down

- 1 Islander lifts hit over skinhead in small stand! (7)
- 2 Average spinner's content to retire and smoke (5)
- 3 Teams leaving state ring his mobile for prank (9)
- 4 Suits game's leg side positions (7)
- 5 Duke of Edinburgh opening in final? That's very unlikely (5)
- 6 Hits higher shots (9)
- 7 Deep mid-off ducks, then drops first catch? (7)
- 14 Tail has scope to score again (9)
- 15 Offer to stay and keep, at end of match (4, 5)
- 17 Such failures are easy to dismiss (7)
- 18 Mean to swap, bowling East not West (7)
- 19 Bitterness after boundaries given to batter (7)
- 21 English placed second in trophy after I freeze ... (3, 2)
- 23 ... trophy remains with opponents (5)

AJ
by
Southern
Cross

MAY 4 2002



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.

- A** Loco's sudden temperature drop? (1,4,6)
- B** He's wanted in live commercials, being tops (7)
- C** In a stormy decade, Holm (half-back) led, in partnership (2-6)
- D** Garbo's gallery? (5, 6)
- E** Reorder ten and note colour recorded (7)
- F** Woman following message via computer, they say (6)
- G** A child's meal for the old Dr Hollingworth after go-go dancing (5-3)
- H** Iron supplement needed for the beneficiary, an immature female (6)
- I** Inspire one to name hard drink (6)
- J** When in France I must have matching clothes for members of religious order (7)
- K** Possibly Perkins has one knee (right) dislocated (6)
- L** Furtively, Y's artist suppresses a cry of pain (8)
- M** Miners having nothing ousted by wool producers (7)
- N** One soon returned with directors to Qld seaside resort ... (5, 5)
- O** ... another one's involved in broadcast by radio (2,3,3)
- P** Phones outside ring before wild 'gator makes a snap (10)
- Q** Almost entirely desert (4)
- R** Lees live outside of the university (7)
- S** Parts cut off by FBI agents in groups (8)
- T** With GST nothing changed dearer dresses to impress (4, 2)
- U** Dues carelessly expended (4)
- V** Therapeutic massager rising after 6, with support (8)
- W** Small jockey is inside having fun (7)
- X** Primitive statue of beast being raised soon? (6)
- Y** Lely designed "Shout" (4, 3)
- Z** Eager for Greek god-father to have a look inside (7)

[rrp: \$75]

ACROSTIC
by
The Beast

MAY 5 2002

Solve the clues, insert the answers in the grid and then transfer the answers to the numbered grid below. The first letter of each answer spells out the name of a poem. The bottom line of the grid will reveal the author's name.



- 1 Opens investigations regarding Americans questioning indigenous Arab national
- 2 Big John to start working afternoon shift
- 3 Gaelic sentence follows after song played in broadcasting schedule
- 4 Many stay late to hybridise some flowers
- 5 Smells a bit rank, possibly from seafood
- 6 Rock Hudson with bare mundowies!
- 7 Five in Christmas story
- 8 A wild sloth's toe has no power
- 9 Enigmatic sort of white-ant, maybe
- 10 Can trade advertisements be obtained from a pusillanimous servant?
- 11 Feline relations sometimes found hanging from a tree
- 12 Top weight connection
- 13 Brown car owned by a Cockney
- 14 Swore to vary tucker provided by the shearer's cook
- 15 Using a winch as a logging tool
- 16 Realigning a top tooth becomes a contentious issue
- 17 Measure branch from which salts were once suspended
- 18 Tank leaked! Is holding something just over a foot
- 19 Bloke whose wife died ran amok in old movie classic
- 20 Something put over eye, say, around four, common to a golfer

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**Left,
Right
and
Centre**
by
Praxis

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Clues are presented in symmetrical pairs; the two clues in each pair stand side by side without overlapping and either may appear first and the division between the two clues is not necessarily marked by punctuation. Which goes where may be determined by solving the lettered clues. The answers to these clues are all seven letters and must be entered in a jumbled form horizontally in the seven consecutive squares of which the appropriate lettered square is the central one. They thus extend across the left, centre, and right sections of the diagram (e.g. in the case of A from the fourth letter of 1ac to the first letter of 8ac). In the completed diagram, the central column (A to K), along with 1 & 11dn will reveal a phrase pertinent to the Club.

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Across

- 1, 37 Elegant tea's set out, staff retired and poet performs (6, 6)
- 8, 36 Nick remains after Greek island experienced reversal (4, 4)
- 12, 35 Hud admitted the woman's still able to capture mean reptile (6, 6)
- 13, 34 Foolish one in tavern's bearing a sword left inside, for the record (5, 5)
- 14, 33 Earth in Scotland's arid around about Inverness initially, grain's starting to sear also (4, 4)
- 15, 32 Writing: it has Arabian caliph initially refuse to return jewel! The fool! (6, 6)
- 16, 30 One's after top tent leather, soft and light (4, 4)
- 17, 27 A king's given twice the charm/wit of convert priest (3-3, 6)
- 18, 26 Vessel held a straight easterly direction — a ship to get the Spanish (6, 6)
- 21, 25 Criminal's s-secret hideaway — 'e'd settled (6, 6)

Down

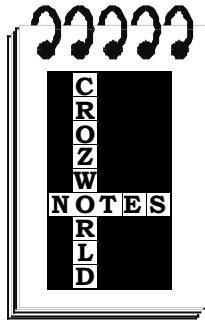
- 1, 11 Allen's after award, old gang's demanding saturnalia's reform for us (11, 11)
- 2, 31 Grant halved the city's dance exercises and there's fuel (4, 4)
- 3, 24 Former model's first to realise it's about the atmosphere over the Adriatic peninsula (6, 6)
- 4, 22 Regarding Aphrodite, the girl has to get up, duck into the shelter for a time (7, 7)
- 5, 29 Church is on outskirts of Sydney — groom books cleric accepted by each (4, 4)
- 6, 20 Men seed new estate — I'd clear out the small root (7, 7)
- 7, 28 Outside shed contains new seal designed for brews (4, 4)
- 9, 23 Fleming invested in dope for Easterners — discovered it's crushed antler (6, 6)
- 10, 19 Harry docked best, beheaded liege! Smart, in time it turned to idleness (7, 7)

Lettered Clues (7)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Oriental's reported for holding land B Littered! We'd accept assistance C Aim to talk about a course that gets on the board results D This stem will produce stone fruit E Shankar withdrew money for passes F Phone around each duke in English town G Yes once set out, daughter added the ferment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H Portion left the course — it can be tough I Conservative, I criticize about you starting on eyelashes J Scattered rain interrupting expert on mites K Pass over the French gift |
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DAPHNE TITUS-REES

MEMBER



PROFILE

"My father introduced me to cryptic crosswords when I was a teenager, growing up in England in the 50's. My mother was quite convinced our brains must have been scrambled — and now my husband Peter shares her earlier conviction! I was a secretary for several years before spending a year on a working holiday in Southern Africa (where my father was born). I later joined P & O as an assistant purser and quite literally 'saw the world' — or at least a lot of ports! Peter was an Australian passenger, on leave from New Guinea where he was a copra plantation manager for Burns Philp, and we met at a Captain's Cocktail Party in

the middle of the Indian Ocean — I don't know about shipboard romances never lasting because in December we celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary! We were married in England, spent three more years in PNG and finally ended up in Brisbane in 1976 where, over the years, we have operated several small businesses and also spent three years living aboard our yacht cruising the Queensland coast. We semi-retired in 1996, hit the road in a caravan and found our little piece of paradise here in beautiful Daintree — and that was when I really became hooked on the fascinating hobby of compiling crosswords!!!"

MEMBER NEWS

New member: We extend a warm welcome to **Kenneth Young** of Bellerive, Tas. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlāing*, Kenneth!

Adjustments: Audrey Ryan gained ticks for Feb 6-2002 and March 1, 3 and 5. Sorry, Audrey!

The word PEAL has been accepted as correct for March 2, 17 dn. Ticks are awarded to the following: Corryn Anderson, Mal Cockburn, Catherine Foster, Dave Fuller, Cheryl Gleeson, Sheila Hasenkamp, Gwen Inglis, Iain Macdougall, Marian Procter, Margaret Raw, Eva Seale, Betty Siegman, Michael Veress and Betty Wallace. The answer ROUGHSAWN has been accepted as an alternative answer in March 2-2002, 7dn (together with CALL for 17ac). The following have gained ticks: Paula Mercer, Mary Moore and Dorothy Robertson.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (May 4-2002).



Dear Audrey (Austin),

I wish to express my thanks for you pulling my name out of the hat for your Aussie Icons' quiz last month — quite an achievement for a 'Pom' — I came out earlier than you, in 1949. It was a most enjoyable puzzle and it took quite some time to complete — including going down quite a few dead ends. I was also very happy to see that you contributed this month's A-J: it is my favourite each month, but recently has either been 'tampered with' or been full of impossible words. This month the pleasure returned — thank you very much. I look forward to many years of enjoying your compositions. Thank you for the enjoyment and pleasure you have already given me. Regards,

Pat Garner

• Many thanks for my prize for March No 5. It was a happy surprise and helped to ease my disappointment at getting three others wrong — one a transcription error and two stupid errors. Will I ever learn?

Valerie Howard

• I would like to pass on a sincere vote of thanks to all members who have compiled puzzles for *Crozworlāing* over the past 12 years of our Club's existence. Your challenges have kept us on our toes, have at times sent us half demented, yet have given us all much pleasure and kept our minds actively engaged in sleuthing the appropriate answers. Long live the ACC! May we celebrate our 12th Anniversary and many more and may we all successfully 'turn on the lights'!

Alan Walter

• I wish to acknowledge my prize in the number 3 puzzle for March. It was a great thrill, especially as I haven't won for a long time and the cheque arrived on a day when I wasn't feeling my usual cheerful best. I shall probably put the cash towards a *Macquarie* dictionary as I do not have one of those yet. Thank you to Doug Butler for picking my name out of the hat.

Irene Watts

• Many thanks for the Dictionary prize for January — lovely surprise especially as I manage to complete so few puzzles!

Anne Rendell

WORDS in WINTER FESTIVAL

DAYLESFORD 'WORDS IN WINTER' FESTIVAL

This Festival, to be held on Sat 3-Sun 4 August 2002 at Daylesford, Vic, promises to be a 'celebration of words in all their forms and expressions'. The ACC has been invited to participate. The proposal is that the ACC assist in the organising of a crossword competition for the locals and the visitors. Details have yet to be finalised. It's an exciting opportunity for the ACC to become involved in a worthy community-minded venture. If you would like to make the trip to Daylesford on this weekend or suggest how the competition might best be run contact Patrick Street via e-mail: pstreet@bigpond.net.au or 'phone (03) 9347 1216.

FAREWELL TO UK COMPILERS

MIKE RICH, co-editor of *The Listener* crossword, died from a heart attack on 24 March 2002, aged 61. A financial adviser by day, Mike initially turned his attention to setting and editing *The Listener* crossword in his spare time. Rich, whose pseudonym was *Ploutos*, also helped to organise *The Times* Crossword Championship. Under his editorship Rich insisted that he or his co-editor had to attempt to solve every puzzle on the basis that, if neither of them could solve it, then it must be nearly unsolvable and therefore almost certainly unfair. The last puzzle he compiled, which appeared on December 22, 2001, contained the clue: See Welsh girl blessed (7). Answer: Elysian. More elegant still, and from the same puzzle, is: Endlessly test the virtue of one in office (4). Answer: Temp. A couple of years ago Rich started a monthly subscription magazine, *Tough Crosswords*. He was working on the last issue on the day he died.

BERT DANHER, *The Daily Telegraph* crossword compiler who died on 5 March 2002 aged 75, liked to introduce himself to strangers as "the man who is Thursday" because his puzzles appeared on Thursdays. He was a great inventor of anagrams and began by using Scrabble tiles to devise such clues as "World Cup team" for the answer "Talcum powder". A classical music lover, Danher also liked to signal his authorship in cryptic puzzles by beginning 1ac with a musical clue. He particularly enjoyed linking two clues together so that the solutions created a homophone; thus the clues "fairy-like" and "ghost" made "elfin" and "spectre", or "botanical gardens" and "beast" made "Kew" and "brute". His fascination with crosswords was fostered by his uncle Jim McCartney, the father of the Beatle Paul. This led Danher to start devising clues and in 1974 he launched himself as a professional compiler by sending two puzzles to the *Guardian*. He was soon working every day of the week for Fleet Street. His puzzles in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* were unsigned, but he was known as *Dinmutz* in the *Financial Times*, *Aquila* in the *Independent* and *Hendra* in the *Guardian*.

April 1-2002 – Connections for Example by *The Beast* (Kev Layton)

- Liked your originality of your BK clue (9dn). Thanks Kev. for yet another challenging enjoyable Slot 1 puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- 1 & 5 took all of Good Friday to get going on. *Robina Otrupcek*
- This was not my favourite variety of No. 1 puzzle though it was more interesting than some of the earlier ones of this type. *Irene Watts*
- Different but interesting and I enjoyed it as a change from the usual. *Barb Ibbott*
- I didn't enjoy this much but a strange fascination kept me coming back to 'nibble' at it. I liked 16ac though. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks *Beast* — I'm sure you have advanced to "Devil" status with this one. "Thunder mug" indeed! It's a few years since I've heard that one. *Catherine Foster*
- A lovely pipe opener. *Tom Phelan*
- An interesting new type of puzzle and no pushover. *Betty Cumming*
- Spent ages on No. 1 — used to be a time when it warmed us up for what lay ahead. *Del Kennedy*
- Far from being the "warm-up", I had to put it aside until I'd done 2, 3 and 4. *Betty Siegman*

April 2-2002 - Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- I have only one question — who is Josip Broz? *Marian Procter*
- Josip Broz was (Marshal) Tito (Yugoslav leader). *Southern Cross*, thanks for another star puzzle. The number of BLACKOUTS sent me dizzy! *Alan Walter*
- Shirl's clues were, as usual, spot on. *Ted O'Brien*
- Some clever clues especially 4ac, 22ac, 7dn and 16dn. When I saw what you'd done with 17ac, I was reminded that the word libraries is an overlap of two signs of the Zodiac. *Brian Tickle*
- I particularly enjoyed Shirl's clue for CAVIAR. *Roy Wilson*
- I nearly gave up on this one. Loved 6ac. 8dn was tricky and 17ac was brilliant. *Catherine Foster*
- *Southern Cross* has excelled herself. I particularly enjoyed clues 4, 12, 16, 17, 18...dammit they're all good. *Doug Butler*

April 3-2002 – Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- Flustered = anagind, "impregnators peg out" means subtract "peg" then rearrange to obtain RAINSTORM. *Alan Walter*
- 2dn — great clue for a crow-eater! *Mal Cockburn*
- Got quite gigli and minnehaha over the clues. An enjoyable No. 3 with just the right degree of difficulty. *Barb Ibbott*
- 19ac tickled my fancy! *Ted O'Brien*
- I think one of the criteria for judging clues to be good is that, when you have worked out the answer, you **know** it is right. *Noel's clues fulfil that criterion 100%, as always.*
- I always enjoy Noel's precise clues. *Iain MacDougall*
- Good brain teaser. 12ac was a new word for me. Couldn't quite fathom 26ac — EARFLAP was a guess. *Catherine Foster*
- I loved MINNEHAHA at 19ac. *Irene Watts*

April 4-2002 – AJ by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- H clue — I was just about to look up Mahler's symphonies. *Mal Cockburn*
- There were some very tricky clues. *Irene Watts*
- An easy AJ for a change. I was very pleased to solve this without resorting to any dictionaries — a first for me. *Barb Ibbott*
- 'Silverbeet' was the last answer I solved — must say I did not like the clue. Something like 'Greens money defeated opposition, we hear'. Money = silver and defeated opposition = 'beat' might have been a more elegant clue. *Peter Dearie*
- How do you keep it up, *Virgo*? *Betty Cumming*
- S clue was particularly good. *Catherine Foster*
- F, I, S and X were interesting. *Ted O'Brien*
- A slightly easier AJ than usual — and none the worse for that. *Iain MacDougall*

April 5-2002 – Backflips and Doublespeak by *Cactus* (Jim Colles)

- *Cactus* must be congratulated for an elegant puzzle, composed within very tight constraints. *Denis Coates*
- What a mind bending, back flipping switchback of a puzzle! Congratulations to *Cactus*, the master of prickles for such an innovative puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- This was really difficult but extremely clever. When I found out who *Cactus* was I wasn't the least surprised. *Bev Cockburn*
- What a brain teaser! *Mal Cockburn*
- *Backflips and Doublespeak* was very innovative. At first I couldn't get the hang of it at all, but after a few frustrating hours, light began to dawn. Just hope I've got it right. *Kev Layton*
- I can't believe I've done a Jim Colles puzzle. I usually put them in the TBH basket and even if it isn't correct, at least I've tried. Wonder what pills he's on — it certainly seemed easier than his usual contributions. *Joan McGrath*
- I am unconvinced about DROWS and DELIVER but found the puzzle intriguing. *Robina Otrupcek*
- Without a doubt No. 5 was the highlight of the month for me. Quite brilliantly conceived and executed, a great challenge. *Roy Wilson*
- As far as I am aware, the across-clues format is totally original and excellently realised. The down-clues format has been done before, but again it was beautifully realised. *Iain MacDougall*
- Found *Cactus* a little prickly in parts but answers were verifiable. *Tom Phelan*
- Brilliant, frustrating and very rewarding on completion. *Catherine Foster*
- Thanks for your time, *Cactus*, spent jumbling the letters from two answers and being able to make a sensible sentence from them with the addition of an anagind and definitions. *Did our club coin the word ANAGIND? *Bev Solomon*
- Once I realised that the anagrams were interwoven, as it were, I found life much easier. *Margaret Davis*
- What a great set of horizontal clues! *Ted O'Brien*
- I eventually got on to the wavelength, so I have my fingers crossed for a few correct answers. *Betty Siegman*
- I enjoyed solving all the puzzles, especially No 5 by *Cactus*. *David Procter*

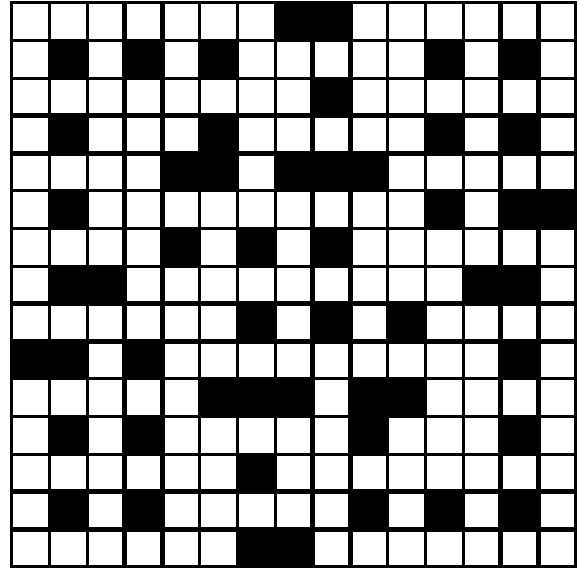
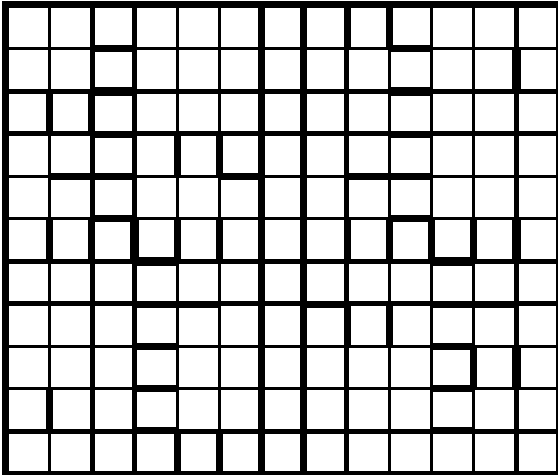
OBITUARY

We would like to extend our condolences to Enid Thomas (mother of Ken Davis) on the recent loss of her husband Bruce after 57 years of marriage.

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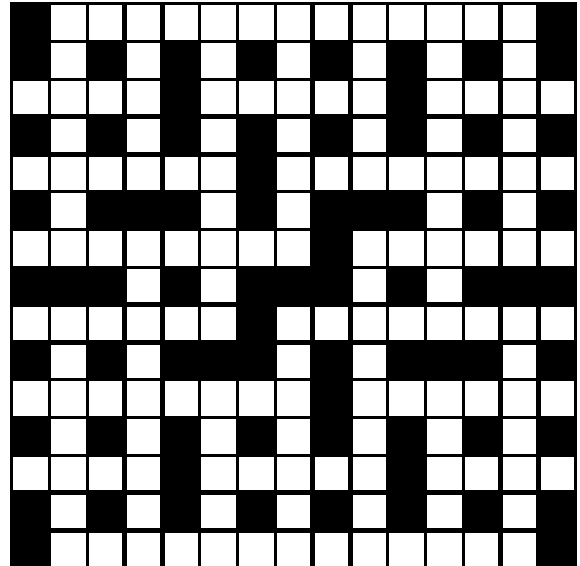
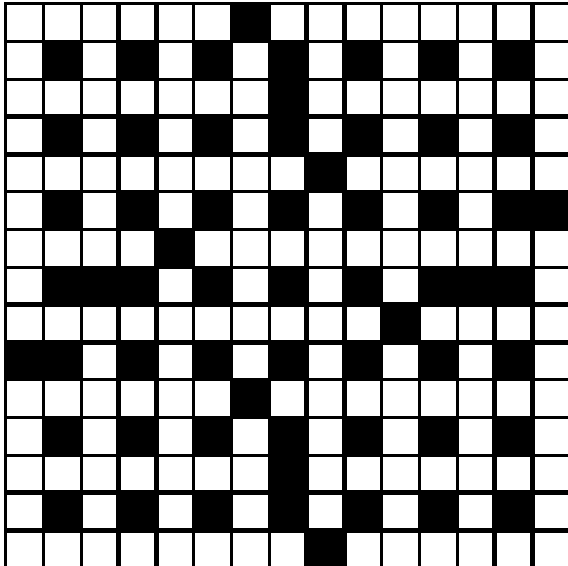
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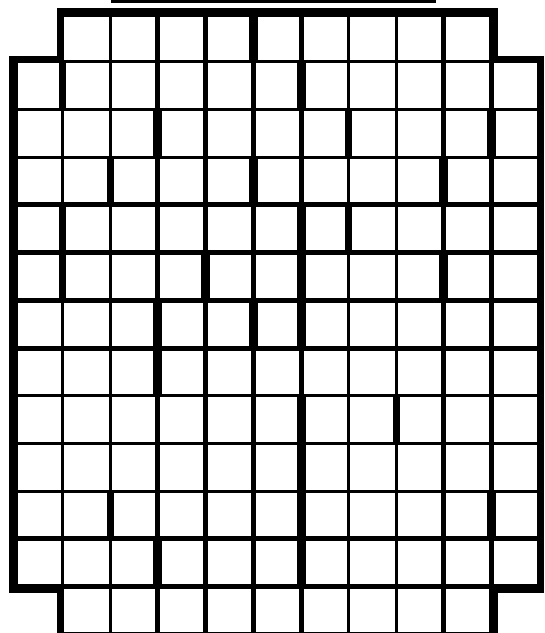
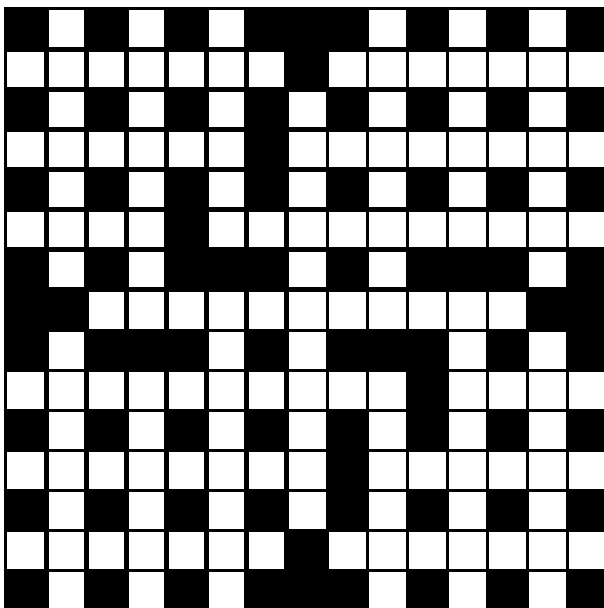
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MARCH 6-2002 — Light Exercise? by Ohara (Taro Ogawa)

Entries: 58. Correct: 47. Success rate: 81%. Prizewinner: Alan Walter. Congratulations!

- Light Exercise??? Bah humbug!! More like a Route March! [Bonus clue to explain the title: "Light exercise??? Bah humbug!! More like a Route March! (10)" (answer at end) -T.] *Tom Phelan*
- This puzzle was certainly no "light exercise" to solve! 1dn proved to be "heavy work". At first I thought the answer was RYDER CUP... certainly a well known Golf Trophy, then I tried PEACE CUP but this still did not gel. Eventually GRACE CUP dawned and I was able to confirm this via the *Macquarie Dictionary*. 7dn — Took me a while to deduce that announcer = MC... A devious clue. *Alan Walter*
- Great puzzle — that is of course if I am correct, otherwise it's a horrible puzzle! [Glad it wasn't, Del - T.] I paint a bit Taro, and will now think always of my EASEL as a "Relaxation L Frame". Loved "ackett" too, and thought that "Writer" clue was just great. *Del Kennedy*
- 'Light Exercise?' No way. A good solid work out and I enjoyed every minute of it! Absolutely brilliant the way you evoked the sports theme into your clues. So many good clues but 8dn, 22dn and 24dn stand out in my mind, but then, just mentioning them is being unfair to so many others! Look forward to many more. *Roy Wilson*
- It took me a while to get my head around your puzzle, but I finally found it to be very clever. Some funny clues, loved 23dn and the clever anagram in 2dn. *Betty Siegman*
- Good crossword. One query:18ac — 'horse' does not equal "H" . ["Horse" is slang for "Heroin" ("H") - T.] *Doreen Jones*
- Great thematic clueing. Loved 8dn & 9dn & esp. 7dn. Don't fully understand 15ac. [EVE + L in US with E (Spain) moved to end (relegated) - T.] *Brian Symons*
- Many lovely clues (and funny). *Iain MacDougall*
- Thank you for another challenging puzzle. Some excellent clues especially liked 21ac but haven't worked out the significance of "starting line" in 8dn. [It's "AT Om", ie "at zero metres". It and ISAIAH may not be quite fair since they push the accepted 0 to O conversion to breaking point - T.] *David Procter*
- I didn't find this easy but finally found something to fill the holes. Here's hoping I found the right ones. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- A very clever and tricky puzzle — some of the clues are still baffling me. I particularly liked 1ac and 1dn, the last two answers that I put in. I am not a golf enthusiast, and spent some time looking for the "Grace Cup", until I came to the (hopefully correct) conclusion that "Golf Trophy" translates as GOLF = communications lingo for the letter "G" and TROPHY = "race cup". Marathon winners — "Greeks" was pretty sneaky too! *Peter Dearie*
- As an armchair sportsman in the Norm mould I thoroughly enjoyed being allowed to indulge in the medley of sporting activities without moving from a seated position. Among a multitude of great clues I thought 1ac, 21ac, 11dn were cunning in the extreme. The clue for 1dn mystifies me a bit, though, because I've never heard of the Grace Cup as a golf trophy. Thought I'd have heard of it if it's a well known event. [You're in the rough, Jim — See above - T.] *Jim Colles*
- I found your Light Exercise rather more than light but very enjoyable, esp your 2x12 letter words. Don't forget the Guinness on the 17th. [Forget the Guinness? I barely have memories of it! -T.] *Ted O'Brien*
- I loved your clues, especially 26ac, 35ac, and 4dn. Greeks as Marathon winners was inspired although I am not sure how the rest of the clue works out. [GEE (to move faster) outside (without) R (run) + KS (thousands), def. refers to Battle of Marathon between Greeks and Persians]. I am not a "sports person" so at first was daunted but once I got your drift thoroughly enjoyed it. *Audrey Ryan*
- Thanks for your puzzle. I think I have managed to get on to your line of thought. *Ron O'Rourke*
- This was a challenge, Taro! Keep up the good work. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thank you for such an interesting puzzle. I was particularly impressed with the way you were able to include sport in the clues, even when the solution had nothing to do with it. Some of my favourite clues were 13ac, 16ac, 4dn, 5dn, 11dn and 23dn. Can't quite figure out 15ac. Please let us have more of these — they are very challenging, but satisfying when completed. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thanks for the brain bending exercise — it nearly got tossed into the too-hard basket but battling on regardless I have come up with what looks like a pretty good answer. I particularly liked 25ac and 19dn, but 6dn was brilliant. I could not associate 'old doc' with the 12ac clue — it's still bugging me. [APOSITIA's an obsolete medical term. - T.] *Catherine Foster*
- Thanks for a fun puzzle. I was a bit daunted at first, but gradually one answer led to the next and I think I've solved it successfully. *Barbara Ibbott*
- My compliments for an excellent puzzle. All clues showed careful attention to detail & were a delight to solve. *Mal Cockburn*
- Thank you for another intriguing puzzle. I particularly liked 22dn, "ELAPSE" being the answer. I do not understand 8dn and I hope ATOM is correct. *Bev Cockburn*
- I'm not sure about a couple of solutions but one must have a go! Very clever and enjoyable. *Kev Layton*
- Thanks for a most challenging & intriguing puzzle. I found it "heavy" rather than "light" exercise! *Betty Cumming*
- It is good to see that some of the newer members of the club are composing crossword puzzles for our enjoyment. Judging by the ones you have provided so far, I think that you must have a very ingenious or devious mind. I am never very good at the No 6 variety and yours is especially difficult... Your pseudonym seems to indicate an Irish origin. Am I right? [The pseudonym is of Japanese origin via a <shudder> US TV show - T.] *Irene Watts*

Compiler's comments: My thanks go to those who sent comments, cards, notes and stickers. The principal killers were GRACE CUP (5*GRADE CUP/ 2*GRAPE CUP), ATOM (ATOP/ADAM) and TAMS (TAPS/TAME) [anagram MAT + S]. Other mystifying clues were MELANCHOLIAC [MC around (boxing) ELAN + HO + LIA (Ali's knocked out) + C], FLEET [FEET (walkers) round L], APOSITIA [A POSITI(on) A] and METE [hom. MEET]. The bonus clue's answer? "CROSSWORDS" ["LIGHT" ref. *Chambers* (1998)].
—Ohara (Taro Ogawa)

THE CROZWORD COMPENDIUM, vol 2. RESULTS of Prize puzzles.

No. 1 — A Festive Tree of Writers by *Stroz*. Apologies for the misspelling of the answer to 1dn. Any reasonable spelling was accepted. Entries received 10. Correct 9. Prizewinner: Paula Mercer. Congratulations!

No. 20 — Cryptic Australian Places by *Jackdaw*. Entries received 33. Correct 27. Prizewinner: Sally Knight. Congratulations!

No. 35— Printer's Devilry by *Praxis*. Entries received 15. Correct 12. Prizewinner: Iain MacDougall. Congratulations!
 For further details about the puzzles, including Members Comments, Adjudicator's Comments and the solution grids, visit our website www.crosswordclub.org click on NEWS then COMPENDIUM RESULTS. Many thanks to all those who submitted solutions. A special vote of thanks to David Procter who adjudicated the puzzle *Cryptic Australian Places* compiled by the late John D Dawson (*Jackdaw*).