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Stability in language is synonymous with *rigor mortis*.  
Ernest Weekley, 1929, *The English Language*, p9.

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**M**ay is the Month for a Milestone! *Southern Cross* (aka Shirli O'Brien) will have her 1000th weekly cryptic crossword published on 1 May by *The Courier-Mail* in Brisbane. Shirli has been setting cryptics for the *Mail* since 1984 and has contributed many puzzles with themes such as bushrangers, native birds or Aussie sportspeople. We are well familiar with her marvellous compositions and it is with much pleasure we publish one of Shirli's gems in our Slot 5 puzzle this month. Congratulations to Shirli for a wonderful achievement and we wish her many happy returns.

The CruciverbaLimerick competition has closed and we publish the last few. Many thanks for your inspirations! All you have to do now is select the best three and send your selections to Brian Symons who will do the sums for us. For further details see page 9. Sincere thanks to Brian Symons for devising and supervising this fascinating competition.

We are delighted to welcome a new compiler to our ranks. This one is Jack Stocks whose cruciverbalnym is *Jack*. I'm sure you will enjoy *Jack's* first cryptic puzzle. See page 4 for a Compiler Profile of *Jack*.

In addition, we have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month starting with a Thematic by the ever-popular *Virgo*, a cryptic by 'Mr Crossword' Noel Jessop and a warm welcome back to Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler with the AJ. *Makeanote*, who has devised challenging Slot 6 puzzles in the past has presented us with an original 'Puzzle with Additives'.

We hope you enjoy the puzzles we have selected for you this month. Many thanks to the compilers for their valued assistance. Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

There were the usual misprints and blanks – such a shame.

**Slot 1:** 44ac (IRAQI) caused ten solvers grief when they put IRANI and in one case IRAKI. Five people had 1ac (NONES) wrong which often made 2dn incorrect as well. 39ac OSAGE caused a couple of problems also.

**Slot 2:** 13dn (REAMS) was the answer which caused eleven mistakes; seven with 'reads', one 'rears' and three 'reaps'. Four solvers had 'sailable' for 4dn (SUITABLE).

**Slot 3:** There were fewer problems here although 6ac (MORTAL) tripped up five solvers who put either 'hostel', 'pastel' or 'portal'. One had 'blaser' for BLAZER and one 'careless' for HOPELESS and three members had 'coffin' for BOFFIN.

**Slot 4:** Careless mistakes were 'quilter' for QUILTED; 'zanadu' for XANADU; 'joiners' for JOINERY; 'confused' for CONFUSES; 'dacotas' and 'dakotan' for DAKOTAS. The answer which was wrongly entered the most was LASAGNE – eleven solvers put 'lasagna' which does not fit the cryptic indications of the clue.

**Slot 5:** A lot of members did not attempt this one but those who did submit entries were mostly successful. PENULT was wrong on four occasions, NANUSA and SPOOL twice each with KIERIE once.

**Clue of the Month:** Congratulations to *Virgo* for coming first in this competition. The 'U' clue in Slot 4 received the most votes. A lot of the other clues in this same puzzle also received votes. Second was *Southern Cross's* 5ac in Slot 3 PARDON. Barbara Ibbott voted for 10ac in Slot 1 (IRENE) with the comment "in honour of my mother (Irene Watts) turning 90 on 19 April this year". I'll second that!

Thank you to everyone for their best wishes and appreciation of the work done by the adjudicators. Kind regards to all.

—Doreen Jones

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| Entries received | 119       | 116       | 117        | 112     | 71       | 535              |
| Correct entries  | 97        | 99        | 104        | 89      | 58       | 447              |
| Success rate (%) | 81.5      | 85.3      | 88.9       | 79.4    | 81.7     | 83.5             |
| Prizewinners     | D Kennedy | J Barbour | D Greening | J Kitto | J Stocks | from 121 members |

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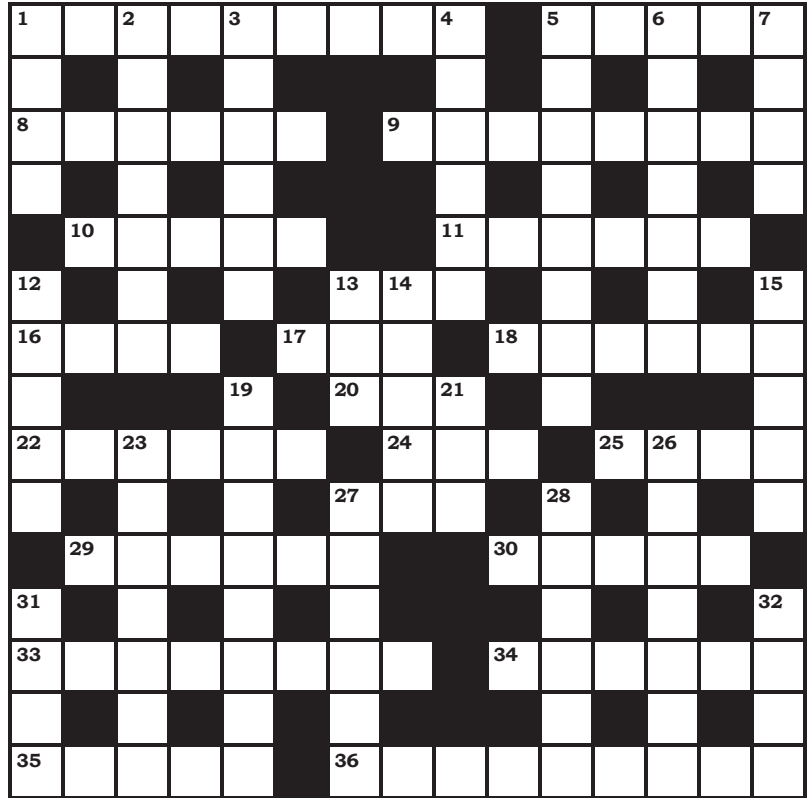


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**Thematic  
by  
Virgo**



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Down words are clued differently. All have something in common.

**Across**

- 1 Business groups (9)
- 5 One of Three Musketeers (5)
- 8 Negligent (6)
- 9 Uncertain (8)
- 10 Fetter (5)
- 11 Singularity (6)
- 13 Royal Geographical Society (*abbr.*) (1,1,1)
- 16 Assuage (4)
- 17 Recline (3)
- 18 Rupture (6)
- 20 Undivided (3)
- 22 Wheel cover (3-3)
- 24 Antique (3)
- 25 Steep rock (4)
- 27 Epoch (3)
- 29 Function (6)
- 30 Hut (5)
- 33 Idle (8)
- 34 Large tropical fruit (6)
- 35 Oak seed (5)
- 36 Long, convoluted tale (9)

**Down**

- 1 Tip (4)
- 2 Belle (7)
- 3 Powers (6)
- 4 General (6)
- 5 Angus (8)
- 6 Donald (7)
- 7 Canal (4)
- 12 Belly (5)
- 13 Rita (3)
- 14 Cake (5)
- 15 Ruby (5)
- 19 George (8)
- 21 Cathedral (3)
- 23 Horn (7)
- 26 Hope (7)
- 27 John (6)
- 28 Cigar (6)
- 31 Beans (4)
- 32 Garage (4)

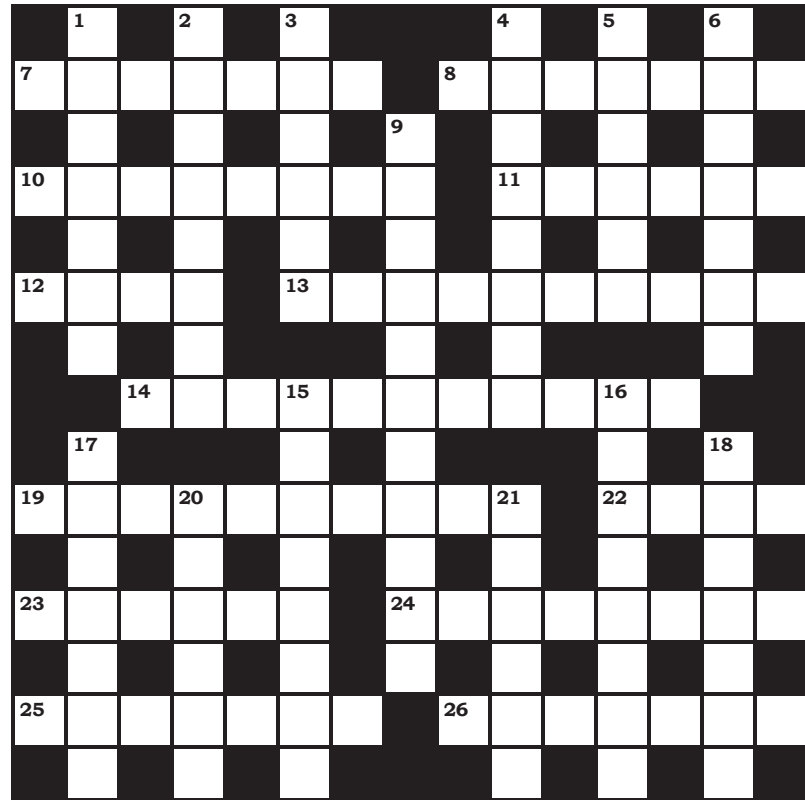
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**Oh, Gee  
Whiz!**  
by  
**Jack**



**Across**

- 7 Scull collections broken up years ago without question (7)
- 8 Pulpny fruit from tart potion (7)
- 10 Spanish support and the Queen for rose laurel (8)
- 11 Pullover. Princess first to strip (6)
- 12 Cry of pain midstream gets Jock over (4)
- 13 Planning to fracture shin with cudgel (10)
- 14 Turning SE to duck before storm's cells (11)
- 19 Officer, without hesitation, initially indicates a time every sergeant regularly performs duties (10)
- 22 Force ring about, to shape like a sector (4)
- 23 Part for a clever seer (6)
- 24 Cancelling directions to a channel in the top of gulf (8)
- 25 Single headland agreement (7)
- 26 Player near first, second or third is lowly person (7)

**Down**


- 1 Girl has short direction for hanging frame (7)
- 2 Festive meals on striped cotton cloths (8)
- 3 Crystal chambers for example, distort hymns (6)
- 4 Magoo did eat holding a plan worth considering (4, 4)
- 5 Road rash for example (6)
- 6 Deity's death may be a blessing (7)
- 9 Banning brief professional greeting. Nasty! (11)
- 15 First examine hair covering. Footnote: Unknown affliction (8)
- 16 Dress space at the same time (8)
- 17 To face a loud battleground (7)
- 18 Great to notice your father's Pa (7)
- 20 Fashionable use of specialised language to charm (6)
- 21 Aligns crooked hooter (6)

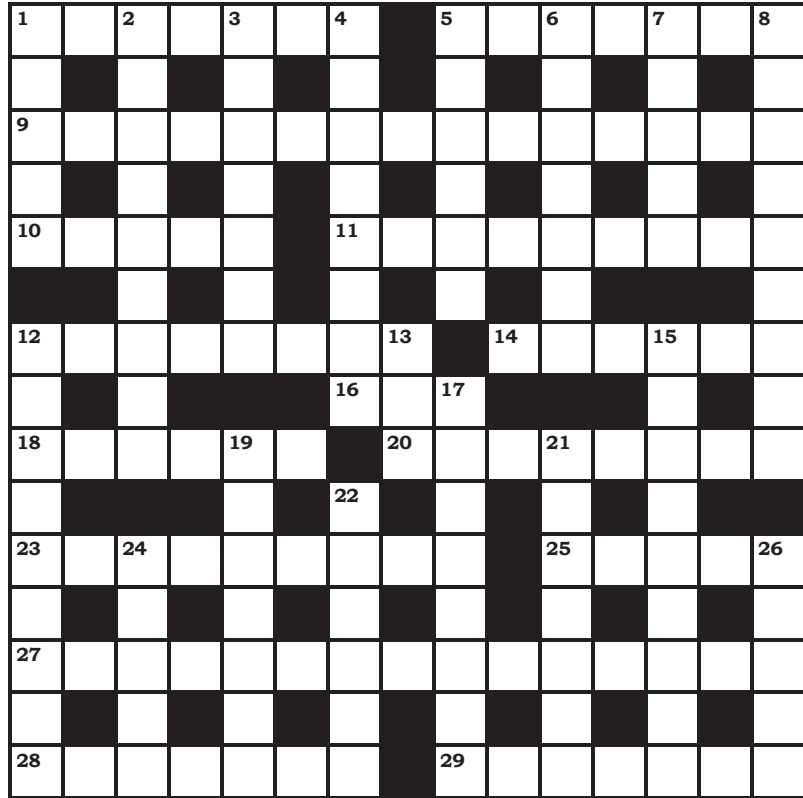
**COMPILER PROFILE — JACK**

"I have been interested in words, word games and wordplay for as long as I can remember, but only discovered cryptic crosswords via "Talkback Cryptics" when my mother subscribed to *Australian Post Magazine*. As a solver I use more perspiration than inspiration, but find the experience relaxing and enjoyable.

I doubt that I had fully completed a single puzzle until my younger son joined the ACC following a visit to David Stickley's website. Together we struggled to complete a few puzzles and when he could no longer spare the time, I joined in his place.

Having recently retired from teaching, I had a little time (between fishing, prawning and woodturning) to devote to learning some of the finer points of cryptics. Attempts to compile, proved to be a quick way to learn, and thanks to Patrick's patient advice, I have finally submitted what I hope members will find an enjoyable puzzle." *Jack*

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| <b>Cryptic</b><br>by<br><b>Noel Jessop</b>  |
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**Across**

- 1 Old-fashioned, obscure, starting to yell at his crook (7)
- 5 Former student survives in Russian provinces (7)
- 9 Run to hide rings and flowers (10, 5)
- 10 Executing dingo painfully (5)
- 11 Account of tavern air-conditioning? (9)
- 12 Concerning the main point on railway office (8)
- 14 Start display (3, 3)
- 16 Assistance from topless servant (3)
- 18 Offers without exercise for upright creatures (6)
- 20 Summit backed condition that's dead calm (8)
- 23 Foolish about graduate being dialectal (9)
- 25 Clean out a weapon (5)
- 27 The writer to chat with one Aboriginal on head, showing creativity (15)
- 28 The state of woman (7)
- 29 Bird in blackest relapse (7)

**Down**

- 1 Confronted G-man taking in a hundred (5)
- 2 Combining to attack in Scotland, going to a higher place (7, 2)
- 3 Cold periods, that is, around the front of prisons (3-4)
- 4 Are back after heavy artillery prohibition for dance (8)
- 5 Model system; bad error by your leader (6)
- 6 Have a position about troublesome child's balance (7)
- 7 A sort of solid money (5)
- 8 Inclined to believe in dubious speed cuts (9)
- 12 Loquacious Jewish leader can start to govern (9)
- 13 Short cry begins your independence and prosperity (3)
- 15 Go cross-country, in one direction always (9)
- 17 Bird expert on a little bird (8)
- 19 Stopping up for crazy return by Dynasty (7)
- 21 Line steamship left hurriedly in disorder (7)
- 22 Start out with A levels (6)
- 24 Sounds like the setter owned a cultivator in state (5)
- 26 Slacken left frame (5)

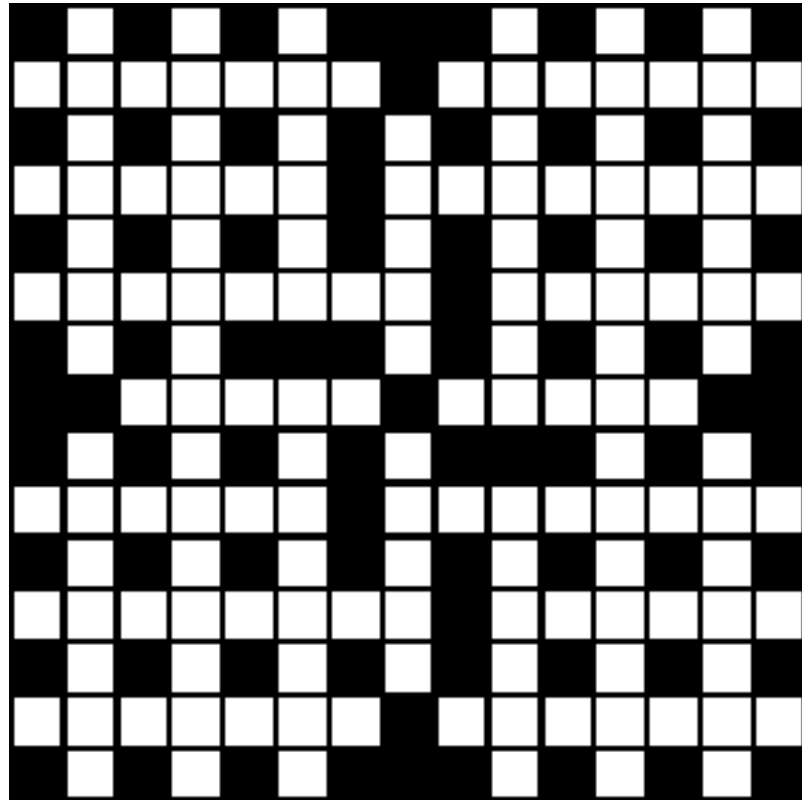
**GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Great to have all these humorous limericks included to add a lighter, brighter side to *Crozworld*. This April edition appears to have been printed on sturdier higher quality paper than previously and looks good. Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the ACC to celebrate the first edition for May 1990 (being completed on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1990 and despatched). Alan Walter
- Thank you so much to those members who sent me good wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday — they added to the pleasure. I had a lovely day and I can now say I am an ANCIENT, I think. Irene Watts
- Thank you for the prize for March – the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* – it's already come in useful for the April crosswords. This is the first prize I have won. Roger Manning

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**Black Tie**  
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*dB*

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

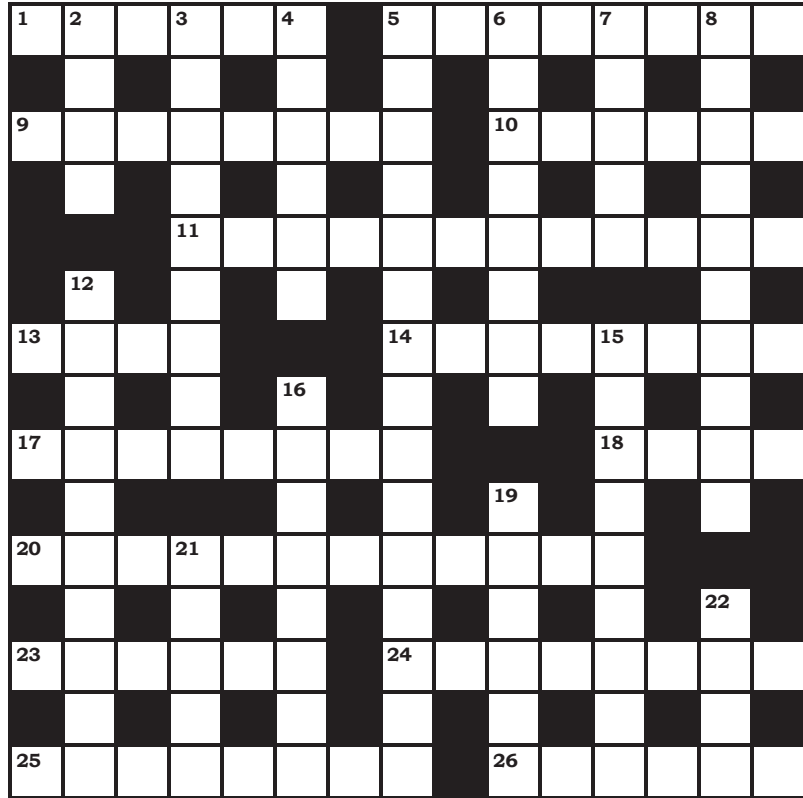
- A** Embrace insurance company car (8)
- B** Ribbon that is a form of cutting implement (5)
- C** Take it out of racetracks for entertainment (6)
- D** Dead keen boy who became king (5)
- E** It's said you have the odour of a Goldfield (6)
- F** Ruffled or excited by somefing? (7)
- G** Move sideways back, poor chap, of course cold (8)
- H** Ring around with good oil for Iodine's class (7)
- I** Gutless, good old Zed (6)
- J** A swindle in black semi-precious stone material (7)
- K** In Germany, children are less cruel (6)
- L** Perspicacity from endless ghosting (15)
- M** As a lament, single Spanish hero returned (7)
- N** Sound irritates most when heard (5)
- O** Oil-ring, a broadcast made once only (8)
- P** Sydney gang, mostly drunk and insistent (7)
- Q** Fever-tree in the capacity of a cocktail, as is (7)
- R** Gladiators get it back in the last two! (8)
- S** A weapon used by Aussie kids in China (8)
- T** Pass hospital vehicle back to cell of woody tissue (8)
- U** Free, caught out and fresh (6)
- V** How one might view Rift Valley curiosity (15)
- W** European with mixed Italian and/or Spanish following (5)
- X** Malcolm was unsure about Armadillo genus (7)
- Y** Lambing Flat Queen having parent with the same name (7)
- Z** Laze about with old books and a big fan (6)

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Southern Cross*



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**Note:** Asterisked clues have no definition. All are 5 down.

**Across**

- 1 Fate of Kurdish leader is settled (6)
- 5 Contest in which exchange of notes could incur drivers' anger (4, 4)
- 9 \*The last letter, one on Guy Fawkes' Day, that is included (8)
- 10 \*Actors put off? (6)
- 11 Postmen even changing about fifty wrappings (12)
- 13 \*Judge said nothing (4)
- 14 The essentials could be shade and the odd cask (8)
- 17 Connect with electrical outlet and drag in piebald horse (4, 4)
- 18 \*German currency, from what we hear (4)
- 20 Great fun could be had with wheatmeal, if nothing else (5,2,1,4)
- 23 Using wrong page to register (4, 2)
- 24 A popular singer, soldier returns to upset lassie (8)
- 25 Good-lookers having coshes? (8)
- 26 Lacy table decoration – almost à la Carte? (6)

**Down**

- 2 One teacher raised the flag (4)
- 3 \*Nothing is found in labyrinth before the bells sound (3, 6)
- 4 Rob hit out one day previously (6)
- 5 Radicals sign, after rising (15)
- 6 Gangster, head covered, is in the drink ... (2, 6)
- 7 ... one in the drink is a girl (5)
- 8 Concierges producing a second film showing vehicles outside (10)
- 12 Aussie icon – could it be one of the 5dn? (5, 5)
- 15 Yes, student mail's distributed haphazardly (9)
- 16 A French pair separate (8)
- 19 Bird went first like one of the nobility (6)
- 21 \*Nile flows north (5)
- 22 \*These days seen in church (4)

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**Puzzle with  
Additives  
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Makeanote**

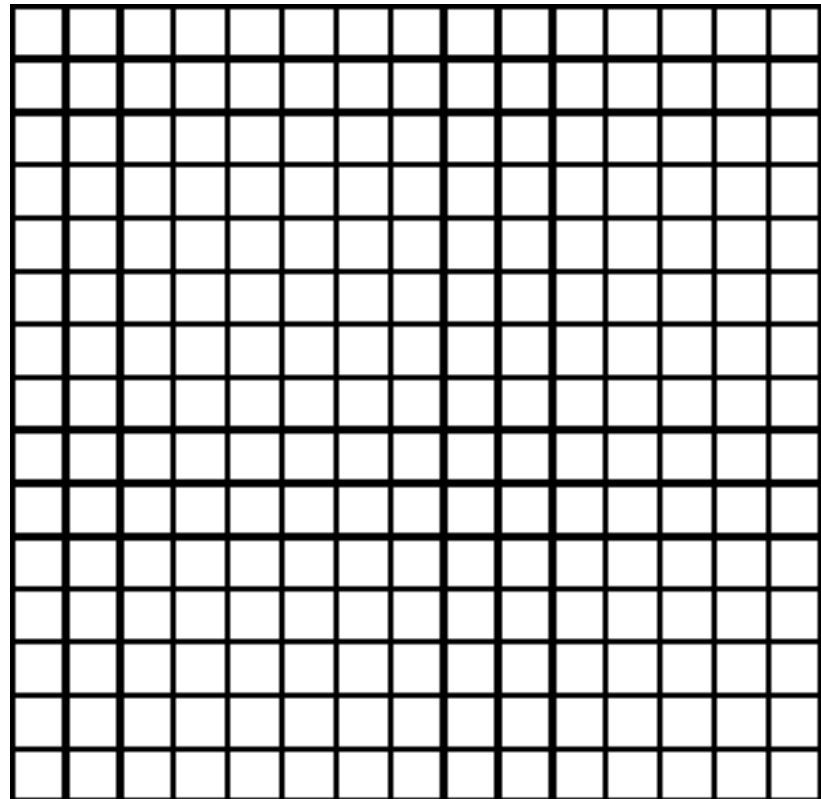


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| 11 | 28 | 17 | 18 | 29 | 15 | 31 | 28 | 23 | 19 | 7  | 18 | 2  | 11 | 15 |
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| 39 | 29 | 18 | 15 | 28 | 12 | 32 | 14 | 6  | 39 | 12 | 8  | 17 | 19 | 15 |
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| 39 | 24 | 8  | 12 | 11 | 18 | 7  | 14 | 3  | 38 | 37 | 19 | 13 | 39 | 29 |
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| 12 | 3  | 7  | 2  | 25 | 11 | 23 | 6  | 13 | 11 | 3  | 12 | 2  | 12 | 11 |

This is a standard, symmetrical crossword grid with the elements replaced by numbers. All the letters of the alphabet are used except two. Each letter used is represented consistently by the same number. Using the clues given below, as well as the blank grid, your task is to rebuild the grid, showing all black squares and correct word squares.

**Clues:**

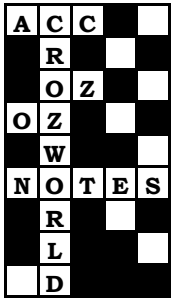
- Five won't make an appearance, or a thousand. Obviously, that means 7 is unseen 3 & 5 times.
- Searching for natives? Look for examples of excellence. They also appear to equal 129...all five down.
- The Maoris play football with twelve on their side!
- Five sounds right from six... now that's table talk.
- One solution will frequently sound a little painful. Eleven appears also, but differently.



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Solution  
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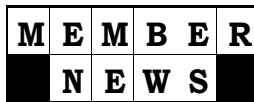


**THE CRUCIVERBALIMERICK**

The Cruciverbalimericks competition has closed. Many thanks for your original contributions. All you have to do is to nominate which three Limericks you think are the best and send your selection on or before Friday 21 May 2004 to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by e-mail: brian\_symons@bigpond.com.au You are not allowed to vote for your own Limerick(s). A full list of the Limericks can be found on pp13-14 or on the Club's website at www.crosswordclub.org Click on 'News' then 'Cruciverbalimericks'. Prizes generously donated by Brian Symons will be awarded to the best three Limericks. Here are the final contributions:

- 48. A favourite pastime of mine  
Is to mix up crosswords and wine.  
The more that I drink The quicker I blink,  
So my slots are off out of line!
- 49. What is it that could make Mirle sick,  
Or might be what strangely riles Mick.  
Or sours Eric's milk, Or wraps crime in silk.  
And even can make a rime slick. (and composer seem a clever Dick)
- 50. I find crosswords such a delight,  
And I puzzle away half the night.  
Now what's the right word, For a sleepy old bird?  
Ah, yes! It's a night owl, all right!
- 51. There once was a lady called June  
Who started her crosswords at noon  
But late in the day, She just had to say,  
I must stop or my poor brain I'll ruin.
- 52. A crossword compiler called Dracula,  
Set puzzles quite often spectacular,  
But his eyes went elliptic While compiling a cryptic,  
And his clues are now in vernacular.
- 53. Irene's a crosswording whizz  
Perhaps she should make it a biz

- But at 90 she feels Little time for such deals  
Being busy with six great-grand kids.
- 54. I'm anxiously waiting the post  
For the letter that I like the most  
Crosswords in a letter Will make me feel better  
When taken with tea and hot toast
- 55. The number Four Slot "Alphabetical"  
(AJ) it is called (parenthetical)  
O L, now I C Y U Z "It must be  
An impossible task - theoretical!"
- 56. That eleven letter word 'cruciverbal',  
Had our compiler waxing most lyrical,  
'Such a word', she enthused, 'Cries out to be used',  
But fitting it in took a miracle!
- 57. A fellow who calls himself *Cactus*  
Sets puzzles which often have whacked us.  
His devious ways Never cease to amaze  
Oh he really knows how to distract us!
- 58. There once was a Mother Superior  
Who thought Brother Naga inferior.  
Till a puzzle he made caused her brain to be frayed  
And made her bewildered and wearier.



**New Members:** A warm welcome to **Jean Barbour** from Wonthaggi, Vic. and **Murray Ingersole** from Allenby Gardens, SA. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

**Adjudicator's Notes:** March entries for Yvonne Ainsworth, Anne Rendell and Phyl Heath arrived too late for adjudication. *Veniece Note:* The answer length indicators for Q9 in the Quiz No 2 should be (7, 10) not (7, 11).  
**Crossmas Cruciverbal 2004:** As decided by those present at the last Victorian Crossmas Cruciverbal, this year we will celebrate 'Christmas' on Sunday 25 July. Make a note in your Diary now! Details later.  
**E-lodgment:** Would you like to send in your solutions to Slots 1-5 via the e-lodgment program? It's so easy and saves you time and money. For further details contact Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler at: Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au  
**Acknowledgement:** Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (May 5-2004).

**SOLVERS' DEBATE**

"Solving clues should be a contest of minds between setter and solver, not a series of conundrums to be resolved by reference to a published word-list". Jonathan Crowther (*AZED of The Observer*). If you would like to respond to this statement, kindly send your comments to Sonia Atkinson, PO Box 29, Nimbin. NSW 2480.

**Nutritional Guide** (courtesy of Mike Potts):

- FACTS:**
1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
  2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
  3. Africans drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
  4. Italians drink large amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
  5. Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.

**CONCLUSION:** Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

**MATHSWORD results:**

**Entries received: 30. Correct: 30 (100%).**  
**Prizewinner: Patricia Reynolds. Congratulations!**  
**Members' Comments:**

- Thank you for something different. Keep them up.  
*Brian Symons*
  - Your puzzle has kept me interested and occupied on a grey afternoon. Thanks for that. I think the 10ac clue should read: Square of the sum (not product) of two primes. *Max Roddick* (Although  $(17+5)^2 = 484$ , so does  $(2 \times 11)^2$ . Phil)
  - I love your address *Bonza View* and guess it lives up to its name. (Yes it does, P) *Joan McGrath*
  - You get my attention in an instant with something like this. Thank you for a most enjoyable puzzle. *Jim Colles*
  - Your puzzle was quite a challenge as I was not sure of the math definitions so I had to do a bit of research.  
*Ron O'Rourke*
  - Thanks for a good puzzle. I thought there may be multiple solutions but then it all fell into place.  
*Roy Taylor*
  - Thanks for this mathematical problem. I love solving these. *Catherine Hambling*
  - An interesting problem and quite challenging.  
*Graeme Cole*
  - Sometimes we forget about numbers. Great puzzle.  
*Bill Bennett*
  - What a fun puzzle.  
*Betty Siegman*
- Adjudicator's Comments:** Maths 'crosswords' are not everyone's cup of tea, but the solvers who sent in their results expressed pleasure that this alternative was offered. Some commented on the fact that they had to use a form of logic to solve the puzzle. Thank you for your words of encouragement.  
**Phil Pope**

**Solution to Mathsword:**

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## April 1-2004: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- I've combined my comments with the limerick competition: Noel's two halves are as good as one. They're always a whole heap of fun. You reckon they stink but they make you think, how sweet they will be when they're done!  
*Ted O'Brien*
- An excellent Half and Half.  
*Brian Symons*
- 26ac Baldeagle. This name was not obtained from *bald* meaning hairless or without feathers. The original sense in Celtic Middle English of *balled* was 'shining, white', as in bald-faced stag. In Breton English 'bal' was a white streak on an animal's face, so *bald* implied 'white marked' as was the original meaning in the term *baldeagle*. *Baldheaded* could imply a shining top!  
*Alan Walter*
- I always enjoy Noel's Half and Half puzzles.  
*Jenny Wenham*

## April 2-2004: Cryptic by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)

- Not often you see a good clue for a 3-letter word. 12ac *era* gets my COTM.  
*Doug Butler*
- What an enjoyable puzzle this was, with so many great clues. Particularly worthy of mention among the gems were 11ac, 12ac, 16ac, 26ac and 4dn. A pleasure to solve.  
*Jim Colles*
- 13dn. I cannot find *extracts juice* as a meaning for *reams* anywhere and surely in its other sense it simply means quantities of paper rather than *written matter*. 17dn Forebear is ancestor, 'forebear' can be ancestor or refrain, forebear is not refrain.  
*Margaret Davis*
- Lovely clues. I could happily have picked several for the Clue of the Month.  
*Iain MacDougall*
- Here, out of the forests of time, a Lady from North Queensland's clime, her cryptic Slot 2, was a pleasure to do, and her puzzles were really sublime.  
*Ted O'Brien*
- 3dn - can't see how light = model.  
*Mike Potts*
- I don't think *refrain* is spelled this way.  
*Brian Symons*
- DUNDERHEAD in 28ac does not equate to D. If it is used here to imply 'the head of dunder' then this chicanery properly should be indicated by an exclamation! In 24dn according to *Chambers*, DRAWL implies 'extend speech' or 'to dawdle' (obsolete). 'Extend' on its own does not imply DRAWL in terms of speech, nor 'dawdle' which is really 'loiter' or 'extend one's stay'. In either instance the definition 'extend' needs qualifying.  
*Alan Walter*
- Daintree Lady's* clues are often very difficult to solve. This one seemed a little easier than some in the past. Some of her clues reveal themselves after being solved using some guesswork.  
*Irene Watts*
- Great clues, including my pick for COTM for 12ac.  
*Jenny Wenham*

## April 3-2004: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- The usual superb clues from SC, with the first clue, 5ac, setting the tone and Shirl has come up with yet another way of clueing LEGEND at 7dn. Great stuff.  
*Jim Colles*
- Southern Cross* always gives pleasure. I liked the clue at 7dn.  
*Margaret Davis*
- I'm forever at a very great loss, to eulogise our great *Southern Cross*, she just has to shine, 'cause she's an O'Brien, her clues leave no argue to toss!  
*Ted O'Brien*
- 11ac is somewhat out of date.  
*Mike Potts*
- Thanks Shirl for another excellent cryptic.  
*Brian Symons*
- Loved 5ac. Average cricketer? Excuse me! (6) = PAR + DON. A gem clue. 23ac BLAZER - liked the humour here and also at 8dn STEWARDS + HIP. Good one, thanks Shirl.  
*Alan Walter*
- Difficult but, as always with Shirl's cryptics, very good clever clues.  
*Irene Watts*
- No problems with these clues - very fair and just challenging enough not to cause too much frustration.  
*Jenny Wenham*

## April 4-2004: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- With reference to the M clue. MALINSTRUCT?? I can find no such creature in any of my references including COED. Please tell us where I can get one Audrey!!  
*Col Archibald*
- This didn't look easy and it wasn't. Had some difficulty coming to terms with the M answer. MALINSTRUCT isn't a word that I remember seeing. No doubt 'mal' and 'mis' are interchangeable. Thought the Z clue stole the show in a very satisfying AJ.  
*Jim Colles*
- I fear *Virgo* is up to her old tricks of creating a word to suit her purposes! I cannot find MALINSTRUCT anywhere but what else can it be?  
*Margaret Davis*
- I am a bit concerned that, increasingly, puzzles are including answers that cannot be found in any standard dictionary. This type of crossword was once reserved for the slot 6. The slot 4 has MALINSTRUCT which is not in my Collins, Chambers or Macquarie (or several other dictionaries I checked). RPA HOSPITAL also leaves much to be desired, not even given a cryptic clue.  
*Peter Dearie*
- MALINSTRUCT?? Ugh!!  
*Verna Dinham*
- ANTISERA does not mean 'antibiotics'. According to *Chambers* it is a serum which contains antibodies. I could not confirm MALINSTRUCT but I guess it has to be that. I had to guess about the Royal Prince Alfred but it seems reasonable.  
*Margaret Galbreath*
- Liked Audrey's U clue with the S clue a close second.  
*Ann Jermy*
- My vote for the COTM is the W clue. I liked the double use of itinerant as the definition and as an anagram indicator.  
*Drew Meeke*
- Among our Crosswordian Who's Who, Audrey displays a talent profuse. Her new A to Z leaves nought to be said about our prolific Mistress of Clues.  
*Ted O'Brien*
- I followed Audrey's cryptic instructions to end up with MALINSTRUCT.  
*Bev Solomon*
- A very superior AJ - lots of clever clueing.  
*Brian Symons*
- S clue was neat. *Look* = see, past (tense) after present = saw, ie seesaw = unbalanced. Z clue A + BEAR + Z'S (snoozes), 'around' = anagind giving ZAREBAS (encampments or fortified camps in the Sudan). Nice to have our standard AJ back again.  
*Alan Walter*
- I always enjoy the alphabeticals as well as puzzles by *Virgo*.  
*Irene Watts*
- Loved the S clue.  
*Jenny Wenham*

## April 5-2004: The Lean Years by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

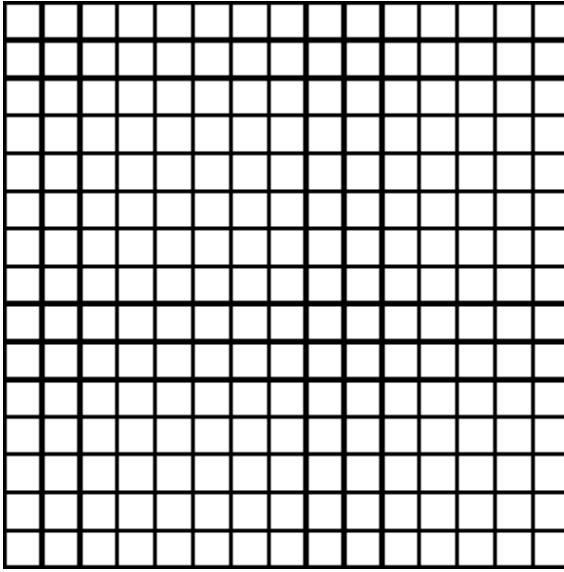
- I haven't got much confidence in some of my answers to this puzzle especially 31ac. Can the answer really be ONIONIER? It certainly made my eyes water!  
*Yvonne Ainsworth*
- I found this extremely difficult although I have loved all the David Lean movies. I don't like the obscure words - perhaps the definitions could be made easier.  
*Audrey Austin*
- Barely visible in the atlas with a 10-power microscope, hardly rates a mention in my HUGE Indonesian Atlas. Yet now NANUSA is ON THE MAP!  
*Doug Butler*
- This little beauty was a really hard nut to crack. Having finally twigged that *The Lean Years'* theme was films and not anorexia, it was a relief to find that the titles were familiar. Some great clues, of course, such as 15ac, 22ac, 6dn, 24dn etc though the clue for 7dn is mystifying. (Roy explains: Det (rev) after ha (definition 1 in *Chambers*).  
*Jim Colles*
- Roy can be obscure at times but always fair. I enjoyed his *Lean Years*. *Ryan's Daughter* set me on the right track.  
*Margaret Davis*
- This slot with its obscure geographical references should have been a slot 6. I have no problem with ONIONIER, as ONIONY is in *Chambers* and the comparative listed in my *Chambers Official Scrabble Words*.  
*Peter Dearie*
- I stumbled and fumbled for days on end until suddenly the bottom line looked like RYAN'S DAUGHTER and the penny dropped as to who 'Lean' was. An excellent puzzle and absolute bliss when the final square was filled.  
*Catherine Hambling*
- I enjoyed the geographical answers, all of which I eventually located with the aid of a powerful magnifying glass.  
*Iain MacDougall*
- Clever work fitting in David Lean and six of his films, Roy.  
*Shirl O'Brien*

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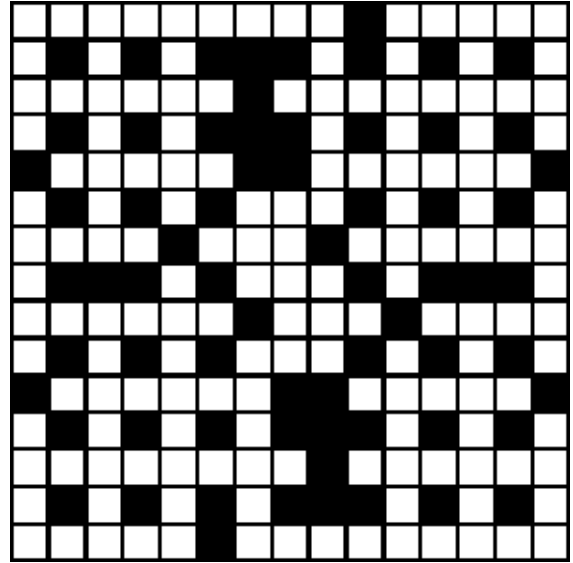


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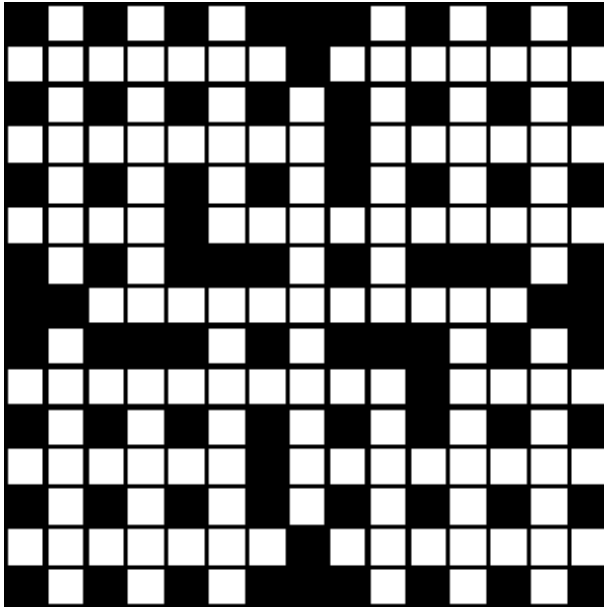
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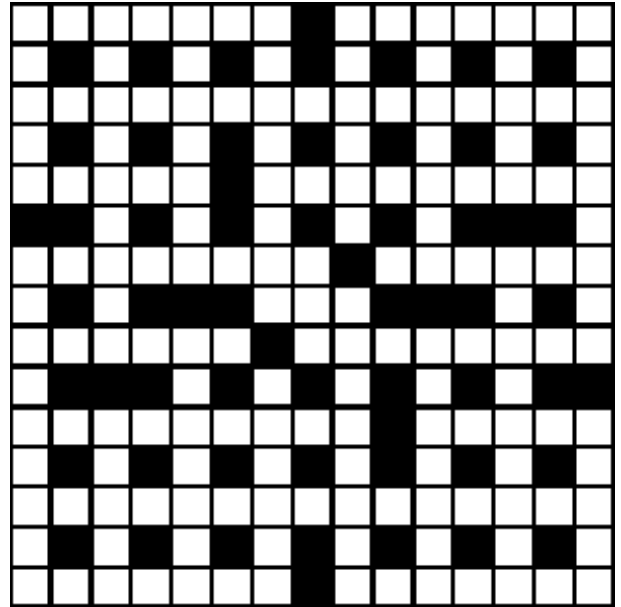
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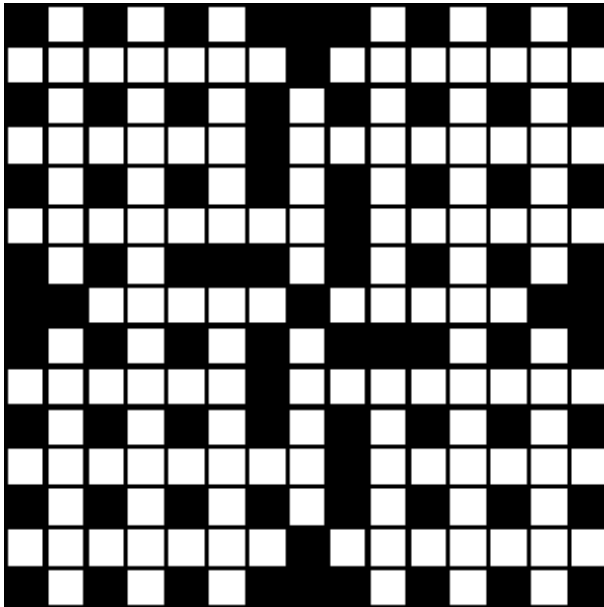
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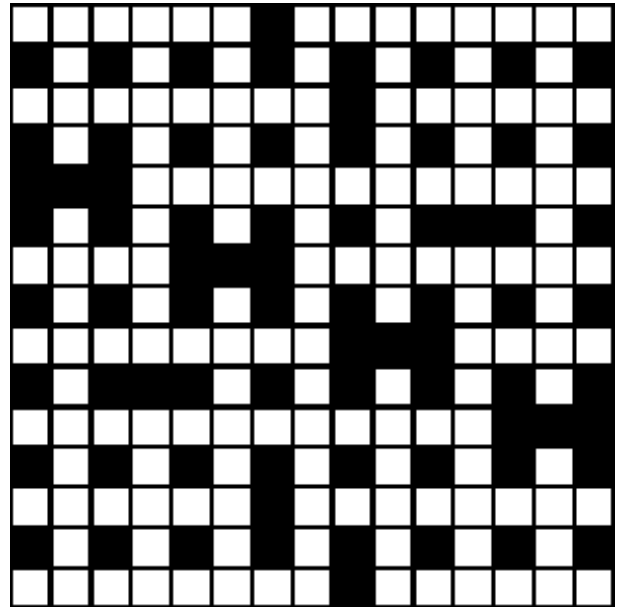
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Clue of the Month .....

**March 6-2004 - Anagramedley by Cactus (Jim Colles).**

**Entries: 40. Correct: 37. Success rate: 92%. Prizewinner: Jenny Wenham. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- I did not enjoy this puzzle. It became a chore and not the kind of puzzle we should be espousing in *Crozworld*. It should not have been published in its present form, with too many convoluted clues, too many vague associations, and too many 'unlikely' definitions and tenuous letter selections. With proper editing this could have been polished up for publication as a masterpiece. 'Double duty' clues are too misleading! After this puzzle I felt like 22ac - BRAINDEAD. Am surprised the closing date for this wasn't Thursday! (No fooling you, Alan) Alan Walter
- Where new types of puzzles and/or clues are introduced, it would significantly assist puzzle solvers if a simple example was given - to clarify the instructions. (Point taken, Ian) Ian McKenzie
- The formula(s) made for much difficulty especially at the start, being unsure which particular formula was being used for the clue that one was attempting. Thank goodness the definitions were reasonable. TWERP and BRAINDEAD for Drip! Drip! gave me a chuckle. (Not many saw any joke in this puzzle, Audrey) Audrey Austin
- Huh? (Methinks that's really cryptic for Ugh! Yuk! Grr! & Aarrgh!) Carole Noble
- This was a real challenge! What was a complete mystery at first was slowly revealed as I understood the various clue types. Very enjoyable but arduous. (It was a puzzle designed specifically for masochists, Roy) Roy Taylor
- I couldn't figure out what to do with the composite clues until I'd filled in the grid. I thought knowing they were all anagrams would make it easier. Not so! If I get a dot for this it will be amazing. (Never in doubt, Jenny) Jenny Wenham
- WOW! I had a hate/love relationship with this beauty as I'm not quite sure of the different types of anagrams - for instance, what is an 'anagind'? (It's an abbreviation for 'anagram indicator', Catherine) Catherine Foster
- Thanks for an outstanding puzzle. Usually I follow the directions to solve the puzzle, but here I had to solve the puzzle to understand the directions! (Cryptic directions are a bonus, Brian) Brian Symons
- Took me nearly as long to understand the instructions as to do the puzzle. I found the whole thing very difficult but the clues all made sense in the end. (Not many thought so, Doug, including me) Doug Butler
- You have a seriously sick mind my friend. That I finished this at all is down to my sheer genius and tenacity - or just dumb luck and bloody mindedness!! (All through having plenty of G & T, no doubt) Ann Jermy
- What a challenge!! I very nearly gave up on this one after several days without progress. Then late one night came the breakthrough, and I was thrilled to finish it. (Spoken like a true addict!) Jill Freeland
- It took ages, but the thrill of completion makes it all worthwhile. (Another one!) Bev Cockburn

**Cactusbaffle:** It seemed like a good idea at the time. Maybe I should have kept the original title Anagramisery. On review there were certainly some tortuous clues, some vague synonyms, and the preamble explanation for the new type Composite clues should have been made clearer with an example. The concept comes from the English Crossword Club Handbook. The definition given in the clue *also* joins with the answer to provide the anagram letters. The 8 such clues in this puzzle are explained as follows: 5ac - Nearly 'caus(e) that wreck' is anagram of 'hacksaw' plus 'cutter'. 10ac - 'Diamonds scarce' is anagram of 'comedians' plus 'cards'. 24ac - ...'gig with rip near Darwin' is anagram of 'repairing' plus 'withdrawing'. 26ac - ... 'studies I am off Sp(I)der(ma)n' is anagram of 'denudes' plus 'strips'. 4dn - ...'chry(s)ant(h)e(mu)m in a pl(ace) without mush is anagram of 'machinery' plus 'plant'. 5dn - ... 'inane, mug B(us)h dropped American' is anagram of 'human' plus 'being'. 15dn - ... '(th)e last Lords test again E(n)glan(d) sides' is anagram of 'estranged' plus 'isolated'. 16dn - ... 'the car (with) glee and d(rove) first' is anagram of 'altered' plus 'changed'. Now that you understand it all, and can't wait for the next one, just be patient. Be very patient. -(Cactus) Jim Colles

**Members' Comments continued from page 10:**

- *The Lean Years* could not have been funnier, with Roy making use of his onionier, a Bridge on the Kwai, was more reason why, *the Lean Years* by Praxis was punnier. Ted O'Brien
- This month's lot were a goodly mix. Their challenge undiminishing Except Slot 5 should be Slot 6, Then I'd have some hope of finishing. Max Roddick
- Wonderful - but please explain 20ac. (Roy explains: n/ever) Brian Symons
- Thanks to Praxis for this excellent puzzle. At first I thought *The Lean Years* would probably imply *The Depression*. Initially the difficulty of this puzzle did cause depression, since when I couldn't solve a clue I thought I'd get the answer using other clues but invariably these other answers were unclued! In 31ac ONIONIER nearly had me shedding tears! In 25ac I found a Nepalese river SETI but decided this wasn't Siberian. Eventually I discovered the ISET in Siberia! In 33ac I started putting K+ID+ER...not to achieve a proper answer till I realised 'one's bearing' = I+E giving 'stick' as K+I+ER+I+E (a S African term). 11dn was a gem 'bearded' = goateed lecher (GOAT) picked up Sandra (DEE) to give GOAT+EED. 2dn OIL RIVERS had me flummoxed till I realised part of Nigeria was NIGER with an anagram on RIO'S SILVER. 23dn NANUSA had me looking at the Atlas for these almost microscopic Indonesian islands. After struggling to solve your puzzle to find the key clue's answer, it (David Lean) happened to be the last clue that I solved! What a relief. Well done Roy! Alan Walter
- I tried hard but this one is beyond me. Roy's challenges are so difficult. Irene Watts

## THE CROZWORD COMPENDIUM, Vol 4 results

No. 20: Pop Groove by *Virgo*  
Prizewinner: Joan Smith

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3. G-strings 4. Pop stars

No 21: Orthodox by *Stroz*  
Prizewinner: Heather Zucal

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No 22: Cryptic by *Cactus*  
Prizewinner: Claire McClelland

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1. Alan, Carole and Noel  
All played a pivotal role,  
In founding our club, With FUN as its hub,  
And it's this that has given it soul.
2. A crosswording jogger named Horrie  
Was run over while swotting Macquarie.  
As he lay on the road, Across hopped a toad,  
And they both croaked under the lorry.
3. Don Juan, a great lover it's said,  
Lured a lovely young maid to his bed.  
He said "Dear, let's make love" She said "Heavens above,  
I'd much rather do crosswords instead."
4. We've got a great member called Shirl.  
A very intelligent girl.  
Her cryptics are clever, They take you forever  
And leave your poor brain in a whirl.
5. In the wide, brown land of Oz  
There's a wonderful world of Croz.  
Its members keep striving And the club keeps on thriving  
Under the ministrations of Stroz.
6. An actor who starred in *The Matrix*  
Played cricket, but seldom got hat tricks.  
Yet, while filming in Oz world He came across Crozworld  
And solved the first three (even Patrick's).
7. I love to do crosswords alright,  
And always think better at night,  
But consider it said, They're not done in bed,  
Though my pillow does often bring insight.
8. I solve thirty crosswords each day.  
"You're joking" I hear someone say.  
I'm just kidding you, Of course it's not true.  
I solved forty-five yesterday.
9. Every name in the book I have called  
This crossword on which I am stalled.  
I can't solve a clue, But that's nothing new,  
It's composer is Col Archibald.
10. Dear Brian, In our Crozworld I've read  
That for Irish rhymes you have plead.  
I've composed a few, Which I'm sending to you,  
I remain, yours faithfully, Ted.
11. When asked what they love some will burble,  
"Oh, a good cup of tea, something herbal."  
While others will say They prefer the Earl Grey  
But I thirst for things cruciverbal.
12. There's a X-word club in our Oz  
Our Pres. is a gent known as Stroz  
Each Xmas he would Concoct us a pud  
A pleasure to solve, yes it woz.
13. A pretty compiler from Bermuda  
Made a clue for a Scot named McGruder  
She thought she was shrewd 'cos the clue was quite rude  
But McGruder was shrewder and sued her.
14. There was a young lass named Anna Gram  
Who thought she was a crossword fan  
But as a setter She thought she could do better  
By arranging the letters in the way only she can.
15. To keep all our brain cells involved,  
Word clues have forever evolved,  
But CROSSwords with tears Are the worst of my fears,  
For they're never quite fair till they're solved.
16. As a mistress of puzzles and quiz  
We all know who this compiler is.  
She's prolific, and ergo - (She's known as Virgo) -  
She's a demon in the crossword biz.
17. A complaint on the club's new logo  
It's caused this Canberra dweller to pogo  
I'll jump up and down And disclaim with a frown  
Leaving out ACT is a no go!
18. Please Setters when calling the shots  
And baffling us dim-witted clots  
Could you kindly refrain Desist and abstain  
From the Obs and the Spens and the Scots?
19. A keen crossword addict named Von  
Rose early to get the chores done  
Strive hard as she may The dust it still lay  
But she'd polished off clue number one.
20. If you wish to solve Crozworld clues,  
I bring very disturbing news.  
You must be well-read, Should go early to bed,  
And most certainly lay off the booze.
21. There once was a crossword fanatic  
Whose reactions were over-dramatic  
When told "You can't spell!" He said "Go to hell!"  
And shut himself up in his attic.
22. I know some crosswords are hard,  
Especially those grids that are 'barred'  
And certain 'wordsmithery' Can leave one in 'mithery'  
But don't be too quick to discard.
23. We have all heard of Virgo, for sure,  
With her crosswords and quizzes and more;  
Through the year till December, This talented member  
Compiles super puzzles galore.
24. Some people find crosswords a bore,  
And they call them a stupid old chore,  
They say it's a crime, To waste so much time,  
Then they lie on the couch and just snore.
25. If cinema trivia's your thing  
Then Virgo will make your heart sing,  
At puzzles and quizzes She's one of our whizzes  
When you solve them you feel like a king.
26. Addicts make such sorry sights.  
So rumped from long, sleepless nights.  
With grey, haunted looks, Craving more reference books,  
And spaced out from Crozworld's delights.
27. Concernin' that old Spenser dude  
I reckon 'is spellin's orl skew'd.  
And as fer them Scots, They ties Inglesh in knots.  
Such langwidge should never be clude.
28. If a clue reads 'caught a town drain',  
And it turns out to mean 'a down train',  
Or says 'fickle pork' When it means 'pickle fork',  
Reverend Spooner has surfaced again.
29. Each month with the Crozworld coming with a right  
competitor (ie arrival)  
Is another short month of backing us both ways in "long life"  
lasting. (ie survival)  
But without this word 'fix', (Not to mention the ticks),  
Is to suffer from cryptic prevention of a little 2ic competitor.  
(ie deprival)

30. Kev Layton has worked out the plan  
For making his limericks scan  
And as for acrostics He's one of the gnostics  
"The Beast" beats the best, he's the man!

31. There once was a fellow called 'Slick'  
Who always liked solving the 'Quick'  
He often did seek For the space of a week  
For all the answers to click!

32. Southern Cross is a regular setter,  
Her clues are correct, to the letter;  
And Red One, at six, Has some colourful tricks  
Our compilers get better and better.

33. The crosswords are artful and knotty,  
And sometimes they drive us quite potty,  
We're not bats, although results go to show  
That best in our Club means most dotty.

34. I say without any compunction  
We should follow the Afrit injunction.  
Not to mean what we say Is the very same way  
That all of our governments function.

35. The seasonal crossword by Stroz,  
Will long be remembered becoz,  
As the years go by, Crozworld members will cry,  
"That woz the puzzle, that woz!"

36. There really should be no excuse,  
For my indirect anagram use,  
I'm told that this clue, Is one members eschew,  
And is dire cruciverbal abuse.

37. A lady from Woolloomooloo  
Said "I love cryptic crosswords! I do!  
But try as I might, I can't get one right,  
I honestly haven't a clue."

38. A crossword smart alec named Sid  
Bragged he had no need for a grid.  
Every clue, so he said, He could solve in his head.  
(On which he'd been dropped as a kid.)

39. I'm settled in my comfy chair  
With my references spread everywhere,  
Hubby says with a frown, ('Cause it's getting him DOWN),  
"I guess it's A CROSS I must bear."

40. I've solved all the clues except one,  
I won't quit until it is done,  
My dictionary's worn out, My hair's all torn out,  
Someone please tell me I'm having fun!

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

42. To keep all our brain cells involved,  
Word clues have forever evolved,  
But CROSSwords with tears Are the worst of my fears,  
For they're never quite fair till they're solved.

43. Most cerebral functions have ceased,  
Is it time to call for a priest?  
My wires are crossed, I seem to have lost  
Connections. Undone by The Beast.

44. I'm sure I will get one across  
But with two down I'm quite at a loss  
I think that my brain Is under a strain  
And is really just malapropos.

45. So you think you are an expert ha! ha!  
At crosswords you say you're a star.  
Just you try some by Praxis, His Ximenean maxis,  
I don't think you'll get very far.

46. Our President, known as Stroz  
Does seasonal puzzles because  
He wants to bring cheer To all of us here,  
In the Crozworldian Club of old Oz.

47. Shirl raised up a storm with her EKKA!  
'Cause AJs are really her Mecca  
We all do the Hadj To the shrine in her charge  
Whilst seeking a dot from the checker.

48. A favourite pastime of mine  
Is to mix up crosswords and wine.  
The more that I drink The quicker I blink,  
So my slots are oft out of line!

49. What is it that could make Mirle sick,  
Or might be what strangely riles Mick.  
Or sours Eric's milk, Or wraps crime in silk.  
And even can make a rime slick.  
(and composer seem a clever Dick)

50. I find crosswords such a delight,  
And I puzzle away half the night.  
Now what's the right word, For a sleepy old bird?  
Ah, yes! It's a night owl, all right!

51. There once was a lady called June  
Who started her crosswords at noon  
But late in the day, She just had to say,  
I must stop or my poor brain I'll ruin.

52. A crossword compiler called Dracula,  
Set puzzles quite often spectacular,  
But his eyes went elliptic While compiling a cryptic,  
And his clues are now in vernacular.

53. Irene's a crosswording whizz  
Perhaps she should make it a biz  
But at 90 she feels Little time for such deals  
Being busy with six great-grand kids.

54. I'm anxiously waiting the post  
For the letter that I like the most  
Crosswords in a letter Will make me feel better  
When taken with tea and hot toast

55. The number Four Slot "Alphabetical"  
(AJ) it is called (parenthetical)  
O L, now I C Y U Z "It must be  
An impossible task - theoretical!"

56. That eleven letter word 'cruciverbal',  
Had our compiler waxing most lyrical,  
'Such a word', she enthused, 'Cries out to be used',  
But fitting it in took a miracle!

57. A fellow who calls himself *Cactus*  
Sets puzzles which often have whacked us.  
His devious ways Never cease to amaze  
Oh he really knows how to distract us!

58. There once was a Mother Superior  
Who thought Brother Naga inferior.  
Till a puzzle he made caused her brain to be frayed  
And made her bewildered and wearier.