



# CroZworld

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Books do not exhaust words, nor words thoughts.  
Proverbial (Chinese).

## |G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

We were saddened to hear that one of our Founders and Life member **Noel Jessop** passed away on 22 October 2010 aged 82. Noel was a true Legend of the ACC in helping to establish the Club in 1990 and he was the founding Puzzle Set-up person for many years. Over many years he contributed numerous puzzles – cryptic, innovative and Half 'n Half. He authored books on the subject of crosswords and inspired many of the ACC members to take on the challenge of compiling cryptic crosswords. We send our sincere sympathy to Noel's family. (see p9 for further details)

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2010 Get-Together at William Ryan's exciting **Harold Park Hotel** which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. See further details on p6.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2011 and the generous donations made by our loyal members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2011 we need to take advantage of your generosity once again. Thank you for your kindness. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *CroZworld*.

The ACC's Puzzle set-up Person Ian Williams has furnished us with a challenging array of puzzles this month. We have gems from *The Eager Beaver*, *Jesso*, *Southern Cross*, *dB* and *Praxis* and *Hot and Cold* make a welcome return with a Slot 6 puzzle titled Mr Pug's Eviction. The perennial favourite *InGrid* has provided us with an excellent puzzle in Slot 7 and we have two Quizzes – one by the tireless *The Eager Beaver* and a bonus Quiz by *Kaiela*. Plus another Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by the skilful Michael Kennedy. This time Michael would like you to write a clue for MUSSEL (6). If you submit a clue, don't forget to include the explanation. See p16 for further details. Kindly note the early closing date of Friday 19 November 2010 so that we can publish our Christmas *CroZworld* in good time. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *CroZworlding!* —Patrick

## |F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

From your cards and comments it became obvious that many of you knew what this job entailed way before I did! But as Patrick said, it was a 'pleasant task'. Thanks for the kind words and all the 'thank you's and especially for noting Joan's comment last month and not leaving lodgement to the last minute – only 19 received in the final 3 days.

**Slot 1:** Very few problems; some blank spaces (4), perhaps because of so many checked letters. SANTAS was a good attempt – surely they rate as 'good fellows'! TITON (2) and NATON (3) for NITON. Few others.

**Slot 2:** Most common problems were MASH (4), MASK (2) and COMPO (4). Some creative entries with DODGER, MONGER (2) and LODGER for FORGER and two RAY RENES.

**Slot 3:** ACERS was accepted here since Ceres is a dwarf or minor planet and ACERS are a plant (or at least a plant life-form). Intriguing HEMPBUSH for HOMEBREW (Can you brew it? Is it legal?) A number of members commented on how challenging this slot was, reflected in the lower number of submissions, but those who did submit had a high success rate.

**Slot 4:** The AJ wreaked some havoc this month with XEROSIS (25) taking its toll and LIQUIFIED (47) causing the most carnage. It was felt XEROSIS would have needed 'amorous character' to point to EROS plus the definition 'abnormally dry' definitely leads to an adjective as the solution. LIQUEFIED was an 'initial letter' type clue so unfortunately no dot for the 'i'. PANTYHOSE (9) the only other real problem.

**Slot 5:** THEMES (9) was a good try but this was a hidden word clue. There were four ODOMETRE, HALFA and HALVE also showed up. A couple of others looked like typos.

**COTM:** No less than 56 votes this month. Top scorers were: 3 votes – Immature, Avens, Hand in glove. 4 votes – Blowie, Brides, Argy Bargy. 5 votes – Cabriolet. Winner with 6 votes was Slot 3 Zoic. Well done zinzan! —Tony Dobelev

### |L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |F|I|G|U|R|E|S|

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	120	118	86	118	98	540
Correct entries	103	97	75	52	78	405
Success rate (%)	85.8	82.2	87.2	44.1	79.6	75.0
Prizewinners	R Christiansen C Chance	J Fowler S Trollope	A Martin L Fry	P Derrington	J Freeland P Dearie	from 121 members

### |H|I|G|H|L|I|G|H|T|S|

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### |L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |L|I|G|H|T|S| Prizewinner: October 2010 Slots 1-5: William Ryan

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### Oct 1-2010

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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANNAND H	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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BALNAVES J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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BRYANT R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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DORRELL R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EGGLETON B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EVANS Jean	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FRY L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GALBREATH M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GILLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAZELL N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD LJ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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HULL B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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KENNEDY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McADOO G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MAUNDER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MAY S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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MORRIS B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RAW M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAVANAH T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOCKS J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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TICKLE B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TROLLOPE S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
VERESS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
VILLIERS W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WATZINGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half and Half**  
by  
*The Eager Beaver*

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

MACQUARIE  
AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL DICTIONARY  
CROSSWORD DICTIONARY  
[2007 edn]

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**Across**

- 1 Throws back (7)
- 5 Small hand guns (7)
- 9 Larceny (5)
- 10 Nourishing (9)
- 11 Endless (7)
- 12 Blazing (6)
- 15 Ploy (4)
- 16 Temperature steadying device (10)
- 19 Sterilise by heating (10)
- 20 Smooth (4)
- 22 Precious stones (6)
- 24 Adjuster (7)
- 27 Seclusion (9)
- 28 A valuable fibre (5)
- 29 Personal identification (4,3)
- 30 Food from fermented milk (7)

**Down**

- 1 Penned, I heard, by mechanical memory (4)

- 2 Written compositions about pleasures surrounding primarily important special experiences (9)
- 3 International club keeps revolving (6)
- 4 Tanners wash themselves in solar rays (10)
- 5 An incidental benefit from one's coffee pot! (4)
- 6 Sniff and biff for the container (8)
- 7 Affirmatives from two countries lead to an investigative board (5)
- 8 Proposing that Uruguay's governor-general's opponents intervene in police trap (10)
- 13 Ratio for part of a hole, we hear (10)
- 14 Start of proceedings with official abode for top man's office (10)
- 17 Persecutor targets individuals between two hills (9)
- 18 Television transmission from Arabic hill east of California Strait (8)
- 21 Choosing to be stupidly toping (6)
- 23 Flourish with British weaving machine (5)
- 25 Zest found in Hillary's companion! (4)
- 26 Inspector's focus looks back at mushrooms (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 10 December 2010.


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## Cryptic

by  
**Jesso**



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**Across**

- 1 Bring up corruption in raising the wind? (7)
- 5 Out with this Irish girl (7)
- 9 Ancient gets security backing the archaic court (3,6)
- 10 Fly-half turned from centre showing enthusiasm (5)
- 11 Retreat east in a small valley (4)
- 12 Gold quality left unrefined (2,7)
- 14 The lion's strange old artefact (7)
- 16 True air developed in ancient Italian state (7)
- 17 Bachelor with bad breath. Exile followed him in 1866 (3,4)
- 19 Conscript in pontoon in the river (7)
- 20 Paint nude actor amateurishly (9)
- 21 Knocks back a boom (4)
- 24 Exhaust Royal Academy in uproar (5)
- 25 Recurrent theme and some parable it motivated (9)
- 26 Run in a fellow for gaping (7)
- 27 Wetter island gorges destroyed (7)

**Down**

- 1 Sensational dandy with rail (5-3-7)
- 2 Colour article for fieldwork (5)
- 3 One is without male Muslim leader (4)
- 4 Barbarian about to attack over one slung out long ago (7)
- 5 Senior member performed without money (7)
- 6 A rotten sin, anyway, to be loud-voiced (10)
- 7 Put under Public Relations, yet head off – understand! (9)
- 8 Waterway where many fishes shelter by flower (10,5)
- 13 Scatter tapestry turned into shabby condition (10)
- 15 An account may be sketched exaggeratedly (9)
- 18 Engage in advance obstruction of a small publication (7)
- 19 Some bandit ties little songs (7)
- 22 Girl sanctimonious about a race (5)
- 23 Go up after Sergeant-Major with air pollution (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Many thanks to the ACC for the August Slot 5 prize. It is always a delight to receive a cheque that is so attractively written by Patrick. Of course it is nice to win a prize, but the real joy is the hours of pleasure that *Crozworld* gives each month. I really enjoyed this month's puzzles, even though I couldn't solve them all!  
*Michael Veress*
- What a magnificent dictionary is the *Chambers*. Many, many thanks to the kind person who picked out my name and to Patrick for the splendid certificate accompanying it.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- I was overwhelmed to receive a cheque for Sept. Slot 1...it blew away the gloom into which I'd sunk after losing my wallet that morning. What perfect timing. Thank you *Crozworld*.  
*Dale McManus*
- Thanks for my prize of the *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary* for slot 1 in September.  
*Audrey Ryan*
- I'm heading over to the US and Canada for work next week so I've been trying to get this month's Slots 1 – 5 completed before I go. *Zinzan* and *Pindar* almost ensured that that didn't happen.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Thanks for the September prize. I thought the October puzzles were tricky and enjoyable.  
*Roy Taylor*
- In his *Crosswords for the Discerning* Alec Robins says "G might be clued as the head of government (or even middle of night) and D as Land's End. Since these indicators are literally exact they are patently fair. What I don't regard as fair is, for example, 'great start' for G, because in English 'great start' does not mean the start of great, nor 'West End' for T, since West End is not the end of West." And I'd hope we are 'the discerning'!  
*Shirl O'Brien*
- I found the puzzles both enjoyable & challenging. There were many great clues and it was difficult to choose a COTM. *Robyn Caine*
- A very enjoyable collection. As always a few new words to add to the vocabulary.  
*Bob Hagan*
- As I have been a gym junkie for over 25 years I can tell you that I'm no good on figures, but I'm great on physiques! (Go Joan! – TD)  
*Joan McGrath*

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Cha-Cha**



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**Across**

- 1 Car's electrical failure may demand a gesture from a worker (4,6)
- 6 Notice a very small mark (4)
- 9 Baz hangs round university before having halfback initiation (3,7)
- 10 Remove fizzy centre from second rate soft drink (4)
- 12 Take ivories with a bony framework. They will open many doors (8,4)
- 15 Abandon scene in anger (7)
- 16 Skippy had a disturbed rest because of a chook (7)
- 17 European state sounds ragged and wet (4,3)
- 19 Swaddle in brief case for a letter (7)
- 20 A job of long duration. Press for a token of fees paid to carry on (7,5)
- 23 A nurse for mother in a hospital (4)
- 24 Not meeting mixed salad requirement ... (10)
- 25 ... in garden for Anthony? (4)
- 26 Discarded after join tested faulty (10)

- 2 This little man is typical (4)

- 3 Immaculate garden tool in the sands – also a kitchen utensil (5-3-4)
- 4 Look with no energy at the Spanish and French speedster (7)
- 5 Prone in love without ecstasy forming an attachment (7)
- 7 A missile was made using the unorthodox jolt recipe (10)
- 8 Teach (author absent) play lines to produce an exact copy (10)
- 11 Engage Eliot and include some fellows in relationships (12)
- 13 Small craft is insubstantial and sounds ordinary (5,5)
- 14 Goon soap or Fly Pie! (6,4)
- 18 Send in two directions to find the loner (7)
- 19 Former money scan is gone forever (7)
- 21 Knock up the almonds (4)
- 22 Change of direction when Ben Davis writes off hire car (4)

**Down**

- 1 Hospital instrument briefly used on vagrant (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p4):**

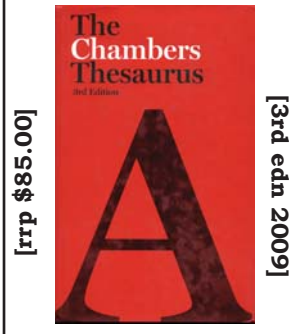
- Some hard ones this month. I actually got AJ out first! Anne Simons
- Last month I won a very surprising \$50. I want to convey my thanks to our wonderful ACC. Thank you! Margaret Watzinger
- Thank you for the Slots 1-5 prize in September and to the compilers involved in setting those puzzles. Len Colgan

**MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from p10)**

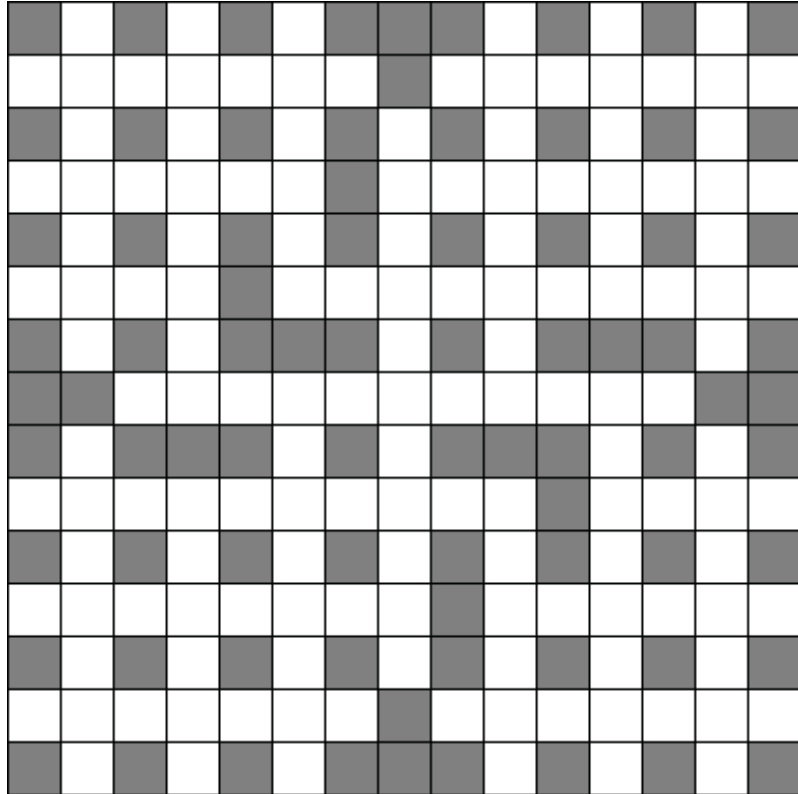
- Pindar certainly made us think. I liked his puzzle although I don't think I have ever heard a violinist described as a 'gut scraper' before. Apt, though. Margaret Davis
- Pindar's clues were great & several almost got my COTM. Loved GUTSCRAPER! Anne Simons
- 27ac - 'topless model', 6dn 'female union members' – two more contenders for COTM. Very enjoyable puzzle. Peter Dearie
- Particularly liked NEVER and FLORAL. Would "is" be better than "are" in 22dn? Len Colgan
- Another great puzzle from Pindar. Loved your clue for BRIDES though it took a while for the penny to drop. I didn't fully understand the ARGY-BARGY clue if that is right. Joan Smith
- 16ac was a mystery until a search in my ancient Chambers showed SKAT as a card game...aha...K(ing) is his majesty! Jan Wood
- I learnt a new word in Parenteral. I'm still not sure how 14ac BIPARTISAN works, but that must be the answer. Margaret Galbreath

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**AJ**  
by  
**dB**



Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit



- A** Studios are given earliest treatment (8)
- B** It's a crime to bar broadcast of air pressure (10)
- C** Java encompasses blacks and whites! (6)
- D** New Idea on track to disappear (3,4)
- E** Trap seen and ran about (7)
- F** Cadfael the detective went crazy talking about waste (6)
- G** Adults lose right to become graduates (7)
- H** Emerson had these apparitions in mind! (10)
- I** Inculcate contents of alembic so to speak (6)
- J** An Oriental, Ms. Compton-Burnett is a climber (8,3)
- K** Broken skier goes round the clubs (11)
- L** Lakes made the French comedy program (7)
- M** Rikki Tikki Tavi was one fool to follow a man of the North ... (8)
- N** ... Pole where black is white and white is black (8)
- O** He started OED in a greengrocer's shop! (6)
- P** Red lead concrete! (8)
- Q** Examine an oddball (4)
- R** I take no part in resuscitating and gunning engines (7)
- S** A commie's coming around? (8)
- T** Cat is around, close to turntable component (4,3)
- U** How ACT might be described in National Anthem? (6)
- V** So I lent out "A Lover's Question" – arranged for cowboys (8)
- W** A miserable person sounds sick (6)
- X** Eyes lost their shine from annual celebration about the return of rock (7)
- Y** Sigourney Weaver is out of "Always Greener" (7)
- Z** Coke variety has completely disappeared! (4)

## 2010 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's smart new pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 28 November 2010 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and there will be a 'daffy-nitonal' crossword and a fascinating Quiz to get your pencils into. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

**Explanations October Grids:** Thanks to Andrew and John.


**Slot 3 zinzan:** **Across:** 1 handing,love, 7 (s)hop, 9 mo,cha, 10 inef,fable, 11 b(owl)egged, 12 -r are r-, 13 (s,are)<,m,us, 15 d(e/u)s, 18 Cl,oz<, 20 j,as,m,i,n.e., 23 l(a,ep<|, 24 Sp(tick,nation), 26 w,(now,blind)anag, 27 a,ven(u)s, 28 -en d-, 29 North,(to,map)anag,N. **Down:** 1 h(o.m.)ebrew, 2 (knew,race)anag, 3 I'm,age, 4 g-ring(o)s, 5 o,verdi'd, 6 (four,secret,men)anag-mute, 7 ho(bar)t, 8 p(i.e.,rr)e, 14 (boomingly)anag, 16 vi,vi,s,ect, 17 (sonnet)anag+NY, 19 can,D,our, 20 jac-,in,th-, 21 (below)anag+i, 22 o(pen)ed, 25 a la,RM.

**Slot 5 Pindar:** **Across:** 1 anag TONGA(n) 4 ARGY (Argentinian) bargee!! 9APOL(L)O + GIST 10. DD 11. HW 12. anag OF N(I)CE + ACTED 14. anag OF P(ai)R + I ABSTAIN 16. S(K)AT 19. (C)ELLS 20. P[A RENTER]AL 22. anag OF A CUTE LAM(b) 23. anag OF THEIR + Z 25. NE + REV (rev) 27. anag OF LT + AEROBIC 28. anag OF LE + N + CITADEL 29. DD **Down:** 1 TRAC(k) + TABLE 2 literal 3 O + DOME + TRY 4 A + C(I)D 5 GUTS + C[R]APER 6 B + RIDES 7 anag OF SKATER + RI(N)K 8 DD 13. DID + ACT + I CAL(l) 15. Double 'interpretation' 17. anag 18. anag 21. anag OF FOR ALL: 22. MAN + IC 24. HALV(e) A 25. A + BUT

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Praxis**

**Prizes: \$50**



**[2006 edn]**

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One word is in neither of the club's recommended references. It's found in *OED* and *Collins* and clued so as to make the answer obvious.

**Across**

- 1 One's immersed in complex information to make corn product (8; hyphenated)
- 11 A track crew's on time with US siding (9)
- 12 In a way, Hawaii's right for this garment? (5)
- 13 Georgia consumed alcohol in part of the plant (5)
- 14 Diggers retreated, Scot detailed debacle (6)
- 15 Funny riddle thrilled Scots (6)
- 18 If possible, graduate's to return and break evil (6)
- 19 Evie came back about five being rather devious (7)
- 20 Victorian resort recalled recruit (5)
- 23 Charge Italian after plot's overturned (5)
- 24 Bitterly I reprove heartless lady (7)
- 26 It's seen in the rainbow against the moon OK (6)
- 28 Tech time's wasted over copier (6)
- 29 Consume time obtaining fodder (6)
- 31 Cure requires a break outside England (5)
- 32 Attachment to firearm overturned boats (5)
- 33 Brave leaders; they're bred to fight! (9; 2 words)
- 34 Told to leave source of misery; a strong smelling plant (8; hyphenated)

**Down**

- 1 Girl docked cost of damaged opening, put paper in printer wrongly? (7)
- 2 Realize pain overwhelmed one at time of victory (7)
- 3 Plant team's in first class going north (4)
- 4 Celt bent greeting the ambassador (6)
- 5 Turn to page 6: 'Musicians Left Acid!' (12; 3 words)
- 6 An error's found in blurb penned in Nicene revision (12)
- 7 A graduate managed most of the plant (8)
- 8 Cultivated in spring, bloom's opening with colour (8; hyphenated)
- 9 King, born sovereign; to show humility (5)
- 10 Dates been changed for the sports ground (5)
- 16 Party trimmed border bearing Puccini work (8; 2 words)
- 17 Greek character fails, resulting in hair loss (8)
- 21 Complain loudly without reason, nothing's caught in rough lagoon (7)
- 22 Gently netted a piece within to show girl (7)
- 25 State to express grief before god (6)
- 26 Church official detailed the boundary (5)
- 27 Diamonds cut American climber's implement (5, 2 words)
- 30 Father's garment? (4)

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up both parts of the word i.e. over + ambitious. These blocklist words have now been added to the online dictionary as full entries. So if you look up words such as *non-sustainable*, *retabulate* and *unreachable*, you will find a complete entry including IPA and plain English pronunciations, part of speech and a full definition.

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## Mr Pug's Eviction by *Hot and Cold*

**Prize:**

**Brewer's  
Dictionary of  
Phrase & Fable  
18th edn [2009]  
[rrp: \$69.95]**

Twelve clues have a common theme and their construction is consistent, if not entirely conventional.

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### Across

- 1 and 15 Downing the white ... (4,4,3,4)
- 5 ... musing about commercial on Scottish cream (6)
- 10 Wear oriental gun, sweetheart! (5)
- 11 Woman on beam, always (4,5)
- 12 A carpometacarpus obliterated Rotarua! (5,4)
- 13 Dye red chicken. Naïf? Not half! (5)
- 14 Filings from the Italian returning to post (6)
- 15 See 1
- 18 Steam coal lacking sex appeal (7)
- 20 Grub up and eradicate the European (6)
- 22 New South Wales. It ... (5)
- 24 ... pained Mrs (6-3)
- 25 Insulated from dust found here? (2,1,6)
- 26 Inside, or within, Gerry's joint for a ... (5)
- 27 ... gig Ted! (6)
- 28 One who secretly entered Iran, embraced, turned revolutionary (8)

### Down

- 1 Teenagers without Net (6)
- 2 Modern National Socialism, when distorted, means Zion (9)
- 3 See galah 'ere, Drew (5,6,4)
- 4 Go all the way without using yoga (3,4)
- 6 She cheered a tomb (5,7,3)
- 7 Consumed in a tea tent (5)
- 8 Disarm me (8)
- 9 Tyrant will make the point about psychic ability (6)
- 16 Unlucky in love, educated males go after Milly's heart (3-6)
- 17 Stinging fish – fish without sin (8)
- 19 Film time, son (6)
- 20 Ma ran in (4,3)
- 21 Make beloved finish each recipe (6)
- 23 Chamois from South Africa, in a way (5)

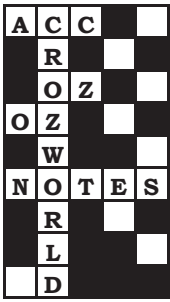
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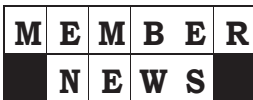
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**New Members:** Gary Armishaw from Glenfield NSW, Charlie Quinn from The Entrance NSW (a Membership Gift from Arthur Barrett) and Eileen O'Brien from Stafford Heights, Qld (a Membership

Gift from Shirl O'Brien). Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crosswording!

**Puzzle adjustments:** Apologies for the gremlin strike: In Quiz 10/2010, the missing word length indicators are #4 (3,7), #15 (6,6) and #19 (5, 7).

Lila Fry gained a dot for August slot 6. Kath Harper gained dots for September slots 1,2,4 and 5.

## The Australian Oxford Dictionary

### WORD OF THE MONTH

**sesquipedalian** *adj.* **1** (of a word etc.) polysyllabic, long. **2** characterised by long words; long-winded. [ORIGIN: Latin *sesquipedalis* = a foot and a half long, from **SESQUI-** + *pes pedis-* 'foot'.]

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## BONUS QUIZ

### Melbourne Cup Winners – nose to tail by Kaiela

Solve the clues and, following the title, place the solutions in the correct order to gain an extra mark. (eg. Toparoa, Archer, Rain Lover). To give a little assistance, number 13 in the **order** (not the clue number) has 8 letters. Solutions with more than one word show only the total length. Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: [neachy2@netspeed.com.au](mailto:neachy2@netspeed.com.au). Closing mail date: 10 December 2010. Book prize.

		Solution	Fin- ishing order
1	Name of magazine (7)		
2	"Israelite" has no pronoun! (4)		
3	Source of energy in food in Spain... (7)		
4	... about £50 (6)		
5	Terrible tiff with niece (9)		
6	Ring after sundown (11)		
7	Tug ma roughly. And again! (10)		
8	Bushranger's footprint (8)		
9	Been? I heard! (7)		
10	Ancient city of the monarch (10)		
11	In flick? I wish! (4)		
12	Majority of country bird (7)		
13	Land on extremities (12)		
14	Newspaper quiz? (11)		
15	Parade in the dark (10)		
16	Quick measurement (10)		
17	Pined so badly about love (8)		
18	Participating in Chorus Siam (6)		
19	Serenade about part of horse (8)		
20	Sounds almost great (9)		
21	Bar Beth anyhow (7)		
22	Article on shonky doc (8)		
23	Wee diva mostly composed (6)		
24	Conflict nearly earlier (7)		

## October 1-2010: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop).

- Your slot 1 puzzle was enjoyable, thanks Noel. *Alan Walter*
- 3dn was an intriguing clue. *Ted O'Brien*
- Jesso as usual gives us a pleasant start to the month. *Margaret Davis*

- The usual well-crafted slot from Jesso. *Peter Dearie*
- Always enjoy Jesso's puzzles and this was no exception. *Joan Smith*

- I was stuck at 40ac until a Google search showed NITON as the former name for radon. I had put SANTAS at 30dn. They're good fellows too, aren't they? *Jan Wood*
- 22dn: magnificent word-play. 26dn reminds me of the versatility of letter T in 3 descriptions: T-bar, T-model, T-junction. *Tony De Gry*

## October 2-2010: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- I'd hesitate to criticize one of our best and fairest compilers, but I need to point out that 10ac should be '... adding a top on willow'. *Audrey Austin*
- Liked your 12ac clue: Just a Mo! (3,4) for ROY RENE & your 19ac clue: Footloose entertainer needing sole support (3,6) = TAP DANCER was very clever. Thanks for a v. pleasant cryptic Shirl. *Alan Walter*
- I really enjoyed 12ac and almost gave it my COTM, but 21ac won that accolade. *Ted O'Brien*
- You sure dug into ancient history for 12ac Shirl. I'm 67 but only remember Roy Rene because he was a favourite of my dad's. *Brian Tickle*

- The usual wonderful clueing of Southern Cross. *Brian Symons*
- I always enjoy Shirl's puzzles. I particularly liked 14ac. A very neat clue. *Margaret Davis*
- As always from Southern Cross, a pleasure to solve. I would have avoided using "eye" in 15dn - 'Direct look at watch lens' is my proffered alternative. *Peter Dearie*

- As usual, Shirl, your puzzle displays that extra touch of elegance with no surplus words and no mysterious abbreviations that needed to be found. Favourite was UPRIGHT. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks Shirl for your cryptic puzzle. I really liked your clue for BODYSURF. *Joan Smith*

- Enjoyable puzzle, with clever clueing. I particularly liked TEAR-JERKER. *Nea Storey*
- Question marks at 4dn and 22dn. *Jan Wood*
- 16ac was a nice clue and reminded me of Bonnie Raitt's song of 1989 - Nick of Time. *Jim Fowler*
- 16ac 'penned' for 'in the nick': brilliant choice of synonyms. 8dn and 14dn: I can never understand why two clues are 'apparently' connected, unnecessarily. *Tony De Gry*

## October 3-2010: Cryptic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- Forget everything I said about *Betelgeuse*: zinzan is the new Liszt of the ACC (Liszt wrote such convoluted and difficult piano pieces that only he could play them correctly). I'll be surprised if anyone apart from the adjudicator gets a dot for this one. *Audrey Austin*
- 13ac: S + ARE rebuffered = ERA + S + M + US = theologian. 24ac: L + A + PE + L; A = Arms initially, PE = record (EP) back, in the 50's means insert between the two L's. 29ac: NORTHAMPTON is not a county: it is a township. The county should be NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. 5dn: presumably 'Without a score' = 0, composer = Verdi, does 'would' = D to give O + VERDI + D? (Alan, I'd say it would: TD) 25ac: A LA + RM, a la = in the way, British soldiers = RM presumably Royal Marines? A very tough & time-consuming puzzle to solve. 16ac: 6 + 66 + ECT = VIVISECT. Thanks for your ZINZANY cryptic! *Alan Walter*
- 22dn was a very clever clue. *Ted O'Brien*

- So many clever clues! I gave 27ac my COTM because it was cleverly worded like a devious riddle (which it was). *Brian Tickle*
- A masterpiece zinzan! Some great clues. AVENS was particularly clever - my COTM. *Roy Taylor*

- A terrific cryptic & novel clues, esp. liked LAPEL, AVENS & GRINGOS. *Brian Symons*
- I found slots 3 & 5 very hard but that made the solving of them more satisfying (if I'm right, that is!) *Bev Cockburn*
- So many good clues here I had difficulty deciding which to choose for COTM but finally settled on 6dn. *Margaret Davis*
- Slot 3 was particularly difficult & the last one completed. Hope it's right! *Anne Simons*
- I enjoyed doing all these puzzles but could only manage about

one-third of Slot 3. No doubt I will learn to fathom the working of zinzan's brain in time! Did solve 18ac - very clever!

*Rosemary Dorrell*

- For 11ac, I was trying to work out how "bowled" with "egg" in it had any relevance to the clue - then the penny dropped! Having lived in Northampton for a good few years (see p16), I have to comment that in 29ac "County town" would be more appropriate. 18ac had me baffled until I worked out that 101 (Cl) ounces (OZ) were reversed - very tricky! I think the puzzle will attract a good few submissions for COTM. *Peter Dearie*

- Devious wordplays abound, with subtleties that can easily be overlooked. Crafty clues include INEFFABLE, LAPEL, NICTATION and GRINGOS, while I also liked HAND IN GLOVE and BOW-LEGGED. Not sure about "w" for "whiskey". [Whiskey is the international communications phonetic for W - IMW] *Len Colgan*

- It took me some time to finish this puzzle (fingers crossed that it is right). Liked your clues for BOW-LEGGED and LAPEL, thanks zinzan. *Joan Smith*

- Toss up for COTM between 27ac and 21dn. *Jan Wood*
- Hard to get started with some brilliant clues but also some that seem a bit way out (man?) eg 16dn: 6=VI no problems but 666 = VIVIS is less clear - ie sixes or even 6 sixes. No doubt about the answer but I don't get the logic (but I do live in Queensland). 18ac was a great clue and gets my vote for COTM. *Jim Fowler*

- As often happens, I found zinzan the most difficult, in fact I'm not sure if I managed to work them all out correctly (You did! TD). In 1dn I've plumped for HOMEBREW because it is the only beverage that fits but I don't know why and what is the significance of Canaanite? (HEBREW around O M). *Margaret Galbreath*

- 10ac clever clue: inef and fable. 23ac: clever off-the-scent-throwing. 2dn: 'going to the dogs' anagind for 'knew race'. 7dn: HOT contains BAR (except). *Tony De Gry*

## October 4-2010: AJ by The Co-Op (Bev and Mal Cockburn)

- What a pleasure to go on to the Co-Op's AJ. The K clue amused me. *Audrey Austin*

- Thanks Co-Op for your challenging pleasant AJ. How many incorrectly spelt L answer as LIQUIFIED!?!? Y answer MOUTHFUL goes to YOUTHFUL where My opening M is replaced by My closure Y. *Alan Walter*

- I didn't know JALOPPY could have two p's. C, I, P and V were great, among many very good clues. *Ted O'Brien*

- Lots of good clues and a nice change from the usual grids allowing the use of 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11-letter words. *Brian Tickle*

- Very good AJ. Loved the simple but clever THEN. *Brian Symons*

- 'Y' clue: there is no definition (Doreen, I think it is 'Vigorous': TD) *Doreen Jones*

- I like to solve the 11-letter ones first and Q had me stuck for a wee while, though it should not have done! The clue was clear enough. After that it was plain sailing and very enjoyable. *Margaret Davis*

- An entertaining and challenging offering. *Peter Dearie*

- Favourite clue was YOUTHFUL. Personally, I would omit 10 of the 14 "the" clue words. *Len Colgan*

- The V clue worried me until I found 'Y' in Chambers.[y symbol: (as a medieval Roman numeral) 150;] Many clever clues especially C, I and Y. More please The Co-Op. *Joan Smith*

- Don't quite get the V clue. [VI + VI + D + L + Y - also a nice (unplanned) coincidence with Slot 3 16dn - see Explanations on p6 - IMW] *Jan Wood*

- Y clue: rather won my closure (y) as y was not there to be kept in the first place. *Tony De Gry*

## October 5-2010: Cryptic by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- 20ac: P + ARENTER + AL, 14ac: presumably the anagram is of PR + I + ABSTAIN = BIPARTISAN? 18ac: first thought the 'Girls sit' around were STRIPPERS (old exfoliators!) till I discovered STRIGILS! Thanks for your mind-bending cryptic Pindar. *Alan Walter*

- I nearly crashed on 20ac by putting in LETTER instead of RENTER. *Ted O'Brien*

- Challenging puzzles with several good clues. My favourites were 29ac and 2dn. *Brian Tickle*

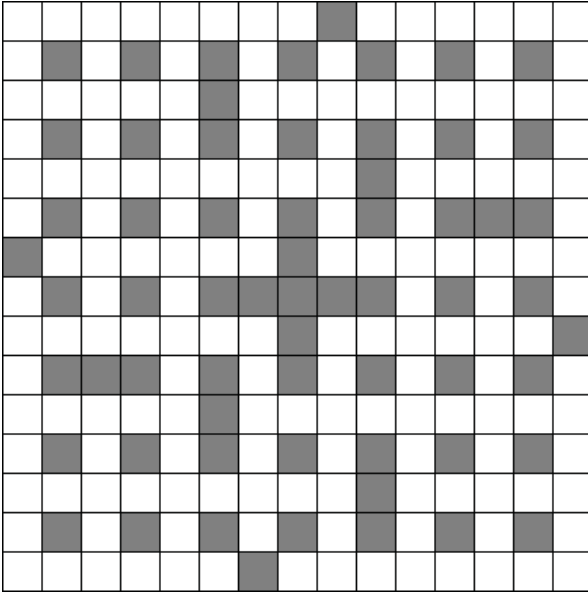
- Top class cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- My COTM is Pindar's 25dn 'ABUT' - I loved it! *Bev Cockburn*

- I'd like an explanation for 4ac please. *Joan McGrath*

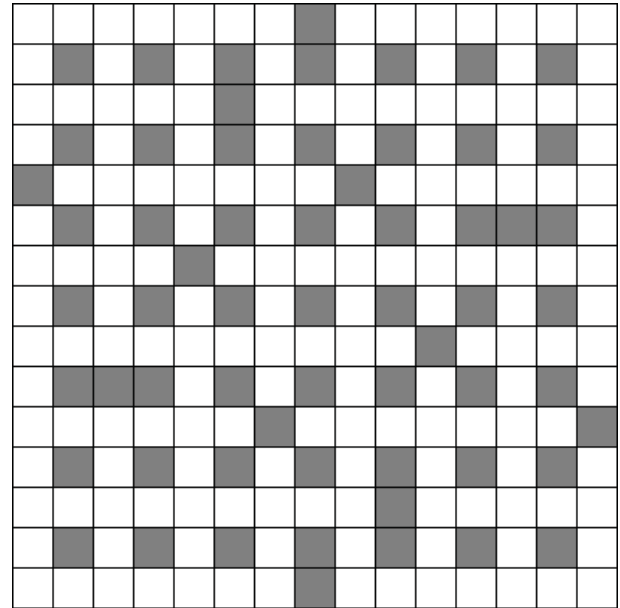
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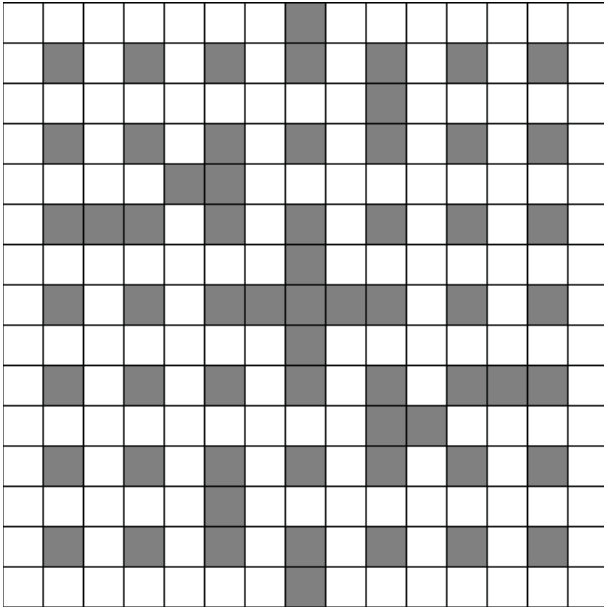
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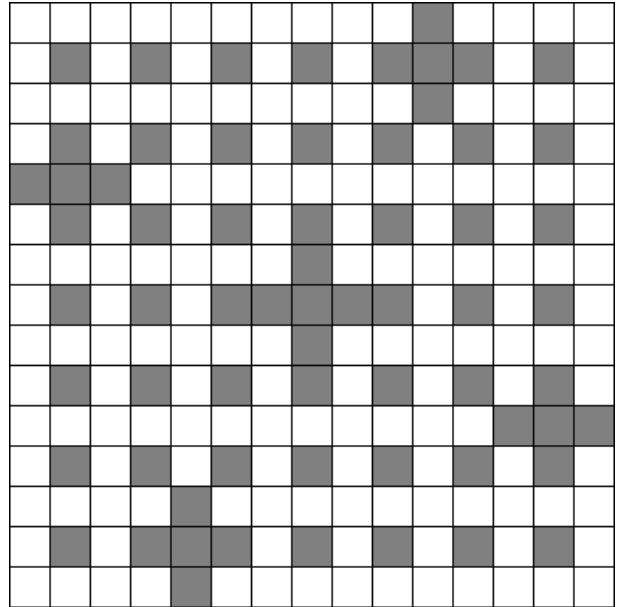
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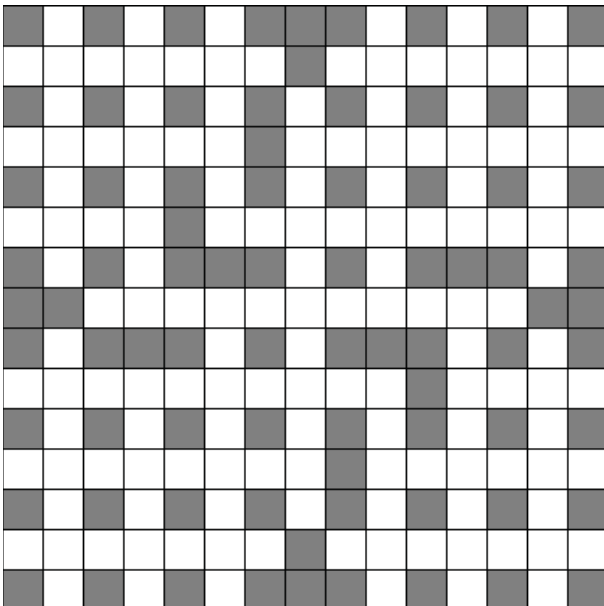
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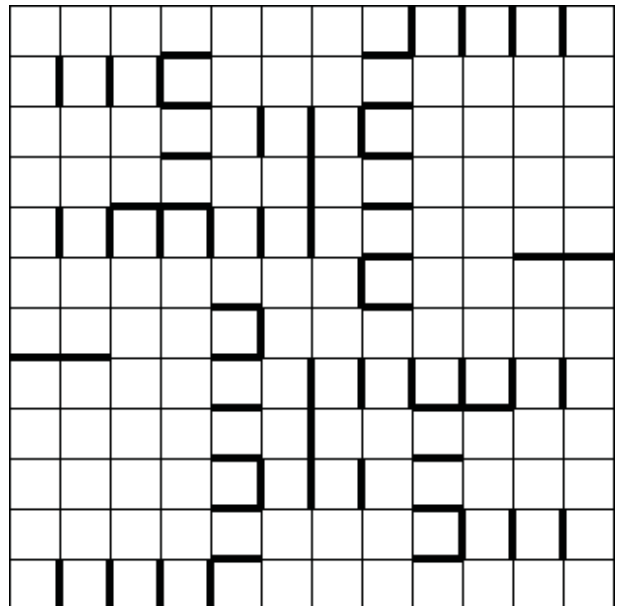
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Clue of the Month .....

**September 6-2010: Fiction Favourites by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)**

**Entries: 62. Correct: 38. Success rate: 61%.**

**Prize Winner: Catherine Jones. Congratulations to all those with correct entries.**

**Adjudicator's comments and explanations:**

The twelve fiction favourites were **Snowbell - cat** (*Stuart Little* by E.B. White) or **Snowball - pig** (*Animal Farm* by George Orwell), **Aslan - lion** (*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis), **Flicka - horse** (*My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara), **Bagheera - leopard** (*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling), **Nana - dog** (*Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie), **Flopsy - rabbit** (*Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter), **Asta - dog** (*The Thin Man* by Dashiell Hammett), **Napoleon - pig** (*Animal Farm* by George Orwell), **Figaro - cat** (*Pinocchio* by C. Collodi), **Toad - toad** (*Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame), **Basil - mouse** (*Basil of Baker Street* by Eve Titus) and **Toto - dog** (*The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum).

My intended answer for 1ac was **Snowbell** but **Snowball** was also acceptable and the more popular answer. ASLAN caused the most angst with 'aslain' (6), also 'again' (2) and 'arawn' (2). "He's athwart before tea, I hear" (athwart = aslant minus T = **Aslan**). The errors with ASLAN caused another error with 5dn. Many had 'aloneness' for LOOSENESS.

Another error was for NONUPLETS. Several (4) were not aware of the *Chambers*-found definition - 'non-u' meaning 'socially unacceptable' and put 'nonoplets'. FIGARO also caused some lost dots with 4 'gitano's and 1 'mikado' - "Spanish cutter's handle" - The Barber of Seville was a 'Spanish cutter' and Figaro was his '**handle**' (*Chambers*' - slang for one's name). Other errors included 'good' for TOAD, (Sycophant = toady loses unknown quantity - minus y) 'holo' and 'solo' for TOTO (3), entirely = in toto without indium (-in), 'Snowhole' for SNOWBELL and "Flicks" for FLICKA. So many of you were so close to being perfect: I was very sorry you had to miss a dot.

—*The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

**Members' Comments:**

- Most enjoyable, thanks Bev. *Andrew Miles*
- I haven't heard of ASLAN, NANA or TOTO but I guess they must be somebody's favourites. *Tony Dobebe*
- What a great mixture of clues! Loved it. *Catherine Jones*
- It took me a while to realise that Napoleon was one of the twelve, but when I did, it helped with Snowball. *Peter Dearie*
- Thoroughly enjoyed your puzzle on the animals of literature. *Roy Wilson*
- Nice puzzle thank you. I'm getting this in early as I'm off to the UK for 4 weeks to see some grandchildren. *David Grainger*
- Most entertaining puzzle, Bev. My own lack of knowledge caused problems finding the last few answers. I admire your ingenuity. *Len Colgan*
- I enjoyed the theme presented even though I only knew half of the twelve. I wasn't sure if FLOPSY was one as it had a definition of sorts in the clue. Nastase and minicab were barely cryptic. OCCULI seemed to have two anaginds. I liked SNOWBALL and APISHLY. *Andrew Patterson*
- I think 1ac could be either SNOWBALL (pig from *Animal Farm*) or SNOWBELL (cat from *Stuart Little*) - plumped for SNOWBALL - maybe better known. *Ann Jermy*
- Thank you for a fun and challenging puzzle with a couple of 'furry friends' I had to search for. *Kath Harper*
- This was fun. *Mike Potts*
- Many thanks for a most interesting and enjoyable puzzle. Took a while to cotton on to the theme and, even then, needed a bit of research for confirmation and/or refreshing

of the old memory stick. How did we ever manage before the advent of a "certain well known search engine" (as referred to on the *New Scientist*?) *Jim Fowler*

• Thank you for a lovely puzzle full of old friends. It was quite a nostalgic exercise. *Gillian Champion*

• Thanks for a great puzzle. I knew only about half of the 4 characters (probably because I don't have any grandkids to watch the movies with) so some internet searches were required to check some answers. *John Gillis*

• I'm not at all sure of some of these. Maybe I'm reading the wrong fiction! (Only missed *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Nea. Bev) *Nea Storey*

• I'm sending a large print version - unfortunately it will only make my blunders even bigger! (Only one tiny blunder, Denis. Bev) *Denis Coates*

• Enjoyed meeting up with some old friends. Thanks Bev. *Pat Garner*

• Thanks for another good crossword. I think 10ac could be HIPCAT or HEPCAT as both are in *Chambers* definitions. (I couldn't find HIPCAT in my *Chambers* but I accepted both anyway. Bev) Loved the Figaro clue. *Hilary Cromer*

• I am ashamed to say how long I took to finish this. The main reason was that for some obscure impulse I entered 'aloofness' instead of LOOSENESS. This threw our ASLAN and BAGHEERA of course. And it was ages before FIGARO suddenly jumped out at me as a Spanish cutter. And who is ASTA? *Margaret Galbreath*

• What a different and interesting puzzle. Even if I've made some mistakes I did enjoy it. *Joan McGrath*

• Thank you for the puzzle. FLICKA and FIGARO took me a while. *Barb Ibbott*

• Many thanks for your delightful Slot 6. At first I thought the answer to 1ac was 'snowfall' until I realized you were looking for SNOWBALL, the pig in George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. In 23ac NAPOLEON was also one of George Orwell's pigs. FLICKA was a nice wordplay on 'flicker'. FIGARO was the *Barber of Seville* (the Spanish town). Could you please explain the significance of 'handle' in 24ac? (See the explanation above. Bev). In TOTO a very enjoyable puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Many thanks for a clever, tricky and difficult cryptic - which was also fun. *Brian Symons*

• Loved the CLIP-JOINT clue. Fond memories of most of the characters - what a delightful crossword. *Carole Noble*

• Thank you for another great puzzle. 24ac had me stumped for some time until the penny dropped. *David Procter*

• Thank you for your puzzle. The title was a great help. ASTA was the only unfamiliar name although I must confess that *Animal Farm* is one of those books which I have managed to absorb a great deal of without ever having actually read it! *Margaret Davis*

• Thank you for a very entertaining and challenging puzzle. Your "Spanish cutter" for the Barber of Seville caused many chuckles. *Ted O'Brien*

• Obvious discrepancy between ridiculously easy (men, eye, toad, clip-joint, apishly and Figaro) and brain-breaking but computer-solvable other clues. (I hope your other queries are answered in the above explanations, Tony. Bev) *Tony de Gry*

• A challenging and enjoyable puzzle. Hope I got the literary characters right (You did. Bev) Thanks very much for the fun. *Robin Caine*

• Thank you for your excellent puzzle. 1ac SNOWBELL on the Internet or SNOWBALL in *Chambers* lists? *Doreen Jones*

• Loved your puzzle - just hope I'm correct. (Nearly Del, and happy New Home wishes. Bev) *Del Kennedy*

• Thank you all for your comments. *The Eager Beaver* - *Bev Cockburn*

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**Across**

- 1 Mares meet disguised as somites (9)
- 6 Points after nearly 2000 apes (5)
- 9 Disability resulting from slight stroke after last word (7)
- 10 Molly is a beat behind Mr Brooks (7)
- 11 Lady will obstruct drug (4)
- 12 Music causes men to follow ... (5)
- 13 ... the tree house of music (4)
- 16 Nominate as a celebrity (4)
- 17 I am to speak Scottish when she is around sinks (8)
- 20 Heads of department give staff to teddy? Mad!! (8)
- 22 Tree has no partner in chaos (4)
- 25 First to measure every last drop then combine (4)
- 26 Fight between State and the general (5)
- 27 Arrived in a predicament (4)
- 30 Support for territory following lost email (7)
- 31 Assemble back at the first emergency rendezvous supplied with pourers (7)
- 32 Measure in the thread (5)
- 33 Duke eccentrically clumsier with these instruments (9)

**Down**

- 1 Intend education over radical wound (9)
- 2 Greenies pine for workers! (7)
- 3 Dispense with express gathering (4)
- 4 Paper boss dug out (6)
- 5 Sooner or later take a partial stretch (8)
- 6 Maiden let out after the thaw (4)
- 7 Birds are such magicians (7)
- 8 Author with watch over heraldic scattering (5)
- 14 Finish the morning before the change (5)
- 15 Doctor looked over sheep and cried (5)
- 18 Buries under the continental sea at different points (9)
- 19 Bonded when 20 lost relative to cocaine (8)
- 21 Mr Torme flew the bird at Christian (7)
- 23 Note found by amateur gives directions to cat (7)
- 24 Drunken lament is certifiable (6)
- 25 Intended to be a nasty tenor (5)
- 28 A pool and nothing more (4)
- 29 Club on Rhode Island joined after half time (4)

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## Quiz No 11/2010



by *The Eager Beaver*

### Quiz 11/2010. Oh dear, oh dear by *The Eager Beaver*

All solutions follow the pattern described by the title.

The clues are cryptic with no definition.

Send your solutions to Bev Cockburn, 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com).

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| <b>A</b> An appendage (5)                           | compartment (8)   | <b>S</b> Demolish confirmation (12)                             |
| <b>B</b> Can you hear the bow-legged waterfowl? (9) | <b>K</b> Chess piece cowl (10)                                | <b>T</b> Articles of furniture in front of the Indian tree (10) |
| <b>C</b> Carry a Scottish oven (7)                  | <b>L</b> The French fowl (6)                                  | <b>U</b> Below 12 inches (9)                                    |
| <b>D</b> Draw 'o' on soldier (7)                    | <b>M</b> Pap area (8)   | <b>V</b> Speed capacity (5)                                     |
| <b>E</b> A chamber for body parts (5-4)             | <b>N</b> Nine compo operators collectively take Ecstasy (11)  | <b>W</b> Revolve the kitty (9)                                  |
| <b>F</b> A covering for a parent (10)               | <b>O</b> Beware reversal (7)                                  | <b>X</b> Unknown company to ordain (1-10)                       |
| <b>G</b> Good space (5)                             | <b>P</b> Feline base (9)                                      | <b>Y</b> Annual manual (8)                                      |
| <b>H</b> By fair means or 'crook'? (4)              | <b>Q</b> Sounds like a prison cell with a note for money! (8) | <b>Z</b> Foremost zone of output meter (4)                      |
| <b>I</b> Single? No? OK. Together (9)               | <b>R</b> Unkempt corona (6)                                   |   |
| <b>J</b> Jill's friend has luggage                  |   |   |

### Quiz No 9/2010: Speed Test by Brian Symons

**Answers:** 1. Dymphna 2. Emphatic 3. Lymphatic 4. Lymphad 5. Rhamphoid 6. Galumph 7. Humph 8. Nymph 9. Oomph 10. Amphibian 11. Camphor 12. Lampholder 13. Memphis 14. Omphalos 15. Pamphlet 16. Triumphant 17. Pompholyx 18. Amphigory 19. Humphrey 20. Symphony 21. Tumphy.

**Entries 26: Winner: Marian Procter. Congratulations!**

**Results: 21:** P Dearie, J Fowler, R Gardiner, B Hagan, A Jermy, G Lloyd, C McClelland, D Meek, A Miles, C Noble, D Procter, M Procter, J Stocks, R Taylor, A Walter, J Wenham and N Wilson. **20:** V Howard, B Siegman, J Smith, N Storey and R Wimbush. **19:** B Cockburn, P Garner and A Simons. **18:** A Austin.

#### Members' comments

- Great quiz. Good mix of easy and hard words.  
*Carole Noble*
- Mphew!  
*Ann Jermy*
- What a clever bit of clamjamphrie!  
*Nea Storey*
- The title had me reaching for the speed (metamphetamine).  
*Jack Stocks*
- I galumphed triumphantly when I finished this quiz.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you for endless hours of enjoyment.  
*Peter Dearie*

#### Adjudicator's comments

Because of some unfamiliar words some dictionary trawling was probably involved – but limited due to the alphabetical guidelines. The only ones causing difficulty were LAMPHOLDER, TUMPPHY and especially POMPHYLOX (PEMPHIGUS doesn't quite work). The surprising main cause of mistakes was misspelling the found words — OMPHALOS being the main culprit. Some of these were clearly typewriter errors. Extra care is needed with email entries.  
—**Brian Symons**

### Results of September 2010 Bonus Quiz "Rhyming Song Titles" by dB (Doug Butler)

**Winner: Jenny Wenham. Congratulations!**

#### Adjudicator's Comments:

As expected, not a huge but (knowing what was involved in compiling the list) a surprisingly high quality response. I accepted my "mis-spellings" *Enough* and *Woolly*. Alas, *Abracadabra* is one word. Mis-spellings of *Tutti Frutti* lost a half point. Anything more obscure than *Hocus Pocus* (by Focus!) was not accepted. —**dB (Doug Butler)**

**Solutions:** *Bony Moronie, Christine Sixteen, Double Trouble, Georgy Porgy, Green Tambourine, Hanky Panky, Hell's Bells, Helter Skelter, Hocus Pocus, Hokey Pokey, I Try, Master Blaster, Maybe Baby, Mellow Yellow, Money Honey, My Guy, Ooby Dooby, Plain Jane, Ready Teddy, Reet Petite, Skinny Minnie, Sky High, Stupid Cupid, Super Trouper, Tall Paul, True Blue, Tuff Enuff, Tutti Frutti, Wild Child, Woolly Bully.*

**Results: 30:** Jenny Wenham. **29½:** Jack Stocks. **29:** Marian Procter. **28½:** Pat Garner and Joan Smith. **27½:** Peter Dearie. **25:** Bev Cockburn. **20½:** Warren Allen. "Finds" were *This Kiss* from Marian Procter and *Razzle Dazzle* from Bev Cockburn.

#### Comments:

- Many rhyming words for Doug flashed through my mind as I chased the rhyming titles. So many were familiar but some answers I had didn't match the group's/artist's initials and then (after many wasted wet days in Queensland) along came the corrections. Much relief. ...  
*Jack Stocks*
- So many memories here – music was much simpler back then. I had hoped to complete your fun quiz, but just one answer has beaten me.  
*Pat Garner*
- I thought it was going to be a breeze – how wrong was I?  
*Marian Procter*
- I've spent a great deal of time on your unusual quiz. ... Thanks and kindest regards.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- At last a topic I know something of, but still could not get them all!  
*Warren Allen*

**September 7-2010: Perimetric Jigsaw by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

**Entries 63; Correct 46. Success rate 70%. Prizewinner: Valerie Howard. Congratulations!**

Thank you for all your cards, letters and comments which are always welcome. The message around the perimeter of the puzzle was by Cervantes: "All I can say IS PATIENCE AND SHUFFLE THE CARDS". Originally, the title of the puzzle was to have been "All I can say..." but it was decided not, as it may have provided people with too many extra clues. There was a fairly high success rate despite the accidental inclusion of a non-existent word INWREATH (sorry about that). The correct verb is INWREATHE (I/ENWREATHE as given in *Chambers*) and ENWREATH (as given in *Collins English Dictionary*) although *Wiktionary* states that the latter is a common misspelling. Some people quite rightly questioned the inclusion of this word in the puzzle, however everybody got it right. There were few errors, the main culprit being TRUSS instead of TRESS [See either Alan's or Bev's comment for an explanation]. Other errors included a couple of TEARS DOWN instead of WEARS DOWN. It was decided to allow a BEARS DOWN which is defined in *Chambers* as "overthrow", and although not correct, seems to answer the clue and definition. There was as well a KEPT OFF instead of LEFT OFF, otherwise there were no problems. There were a couple of queries about LEFT OFF. The clue was "Went right and stopped" = LEFT (went) + OFF (the off side is on the right on the cricket field, and also for horses and vehicles.) However, it has been pointed out this would only apply with a right-handed batsman, so this is not really a particularly good clue.

**—Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- A great puzzle, both testing and enlightening, with a few new words. Particularly liked PIGGYBACK and WEARS DOWN. Not sure about "describing" as a containment indicator. *Len Colgan*
- I nearly tossed this away after about 10 minutes. I didn't think I'd get much of a start. A few started to appear, then two days later it was done. I liked PIGGYBACK and AFLOAT but I don't quite get the LEFT OFF, if that's it. Is the advice meaningful somehow? *Andrew Patterson*
- Your Perimetric Jigsaw was a complete mind-bender. The last clue I solved was "Suffering woman's gone for past support." I felt sure the answer was TRUSS = support. However on careful analysis decided suffering = DISTRESS, woman's gone implies delete DI'S leaving TRESS which is an old or past usage of TRESTLE meaning 'support'. Phew! For INWREATH I could only find the spelling INWREATHE in *Chambers*, *The Macquarie* or *The Oxford Australian Dictionary*. *Collins Australian Dictionary* gave ENWREATH but no entry for INWREATH nor INWREATHE [See above]. Much liked your RESEMBLED clue with reference to the musical E(N)SEMBLE and your INSIDERS clue. Your PIGGYBACK clue was brilliant. Your OAHU clue inadvertently omitted the indicator (4). Your C+A+(V)+IL clue was v. clever. Thanks for a v. challenging puzzle with the cleverly woven perimeter: IS PATIENCE AND SHUFFLE THE CARDS. Amazing work! *Alan Walter*
- I found it as elusive as your namesake star, and made some guesses so it's probably incorrect. *Ro Ducker*
- Many thanks for a wonderfully challenging puzzle. You really are a 'champion' setter. So many great clues. I can find no evidence that INWREATH is a word – it seems to be INWREATHE – but perhaps it is in some references [See above]. *Brian Symons*
- Thank you for another brilliantly compiled puzzle. I loved the advice re playing cards. *Robyn Caine*
- I think this was the hardest puzzle I've done all year! Very satisfying to solve it! *Pat Lord*
- I did not find this easy, but loved my reward for persistence. (I hope all correct) Lot of clever tricky clues. I had trouble with spelling of INWREATH [See above]. *Roy Taylor*
- Almost gave up on this one! With lots of assistance had

enough words to fill in a corner and then the rest fell into place. *Anne Simons*

- Thank you for your great puzzle. I'm not too sure about LEFT OFF so am keeping my fingers crossed. *Doreen Jones*
- Very interesting and challenging exercise. I couldn't find INWREATH(E) without the E but no doubt it is an alternative [See above]. As always a word or two to add to the vocabulary. Patience is its own reward! *Bob Hagan*
- Oh boy, this was difficult!!! If the weather hadn't been so lousy and I couldn't get into the garden I don't think I would have persisted!! Glad I did as it was most satisfying to finally get it all filled in!!! Whether it is right or not is another matter!! *Ann Jermy*
- Thanks for your great puzzle. I found it to be excellently clued and I am glad that the answers were in alphabetic order!!! *John Gillis*
- I got really hooked on this and couldn't put it down! All very tight clues but then when I had solved most it was difficult to fit them in. Very good slot 7. *Jill Freeland*
- Enjoyed this – thanks, *Betelgeuse*. Hope I'm not tilting at windmills! *Andrew Miles*
- Thank you for another great puzzle. I found the perimeter quotation starting with the word 'patience' so are the 2 letters I and S superfluous or they part of a longer quotation? [See above] *David Procter*
- "Ee, that's champion!" as George Formby used to say. *Maurice Cowan*
- You do like to stretch one's brain, don't you? This was a particularly difficult puzzle thoroughly deserving its slot 7 spot! Where did INWREATH come from? [See above] I particularly liked TRESS which I hope I worked out correctly – "distress less 'di's' led to old word for support" – a great clue! *Bev Cockburn*
- Another stellar performance. It was as well that you had the answers in alphabetical order. I found it pretty hard anyway. Only criticism would have to be with "inwreath" – enwreath OK but the in version doesn't seem to exist [See above]. My thanks for the enjoyment found in solving your puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Thank you for such a good puzzle. It was hard work but most enjoyable. *Valerie Howard*
- A "jigsaw" puzzle where the initial letters are not known certainly adds a further degree of difficulty. When I started to try and solve it, I managed to get three or four answers, then I stalled. However, further study gave an answer here and an answer there until I had a sufficient number to hand it over to my wife, who enjoys assembling this type of puzzle. Then fresh efforts were made at the remaining unsolved clues. Shawl, Tress and Piggyback took a while to get, and Randan came last. All in all, a satisfying puzzle to complete. *Peter Dearie*

**Solution to Perimetric Jigsaw by Betelgeuse**

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**Results of the Clue Writing Competition:  
September No 5/2010. Write a clue for STALEMATE (9)  
Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Slightly down on the number of entries this month with ten submissions. I've added my own clue (I couldn't resist!) to give a total of eleven.

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions are *italicised*. In a close finish, the winner this month goes to **Bob Hagan** with **Astle confused China with Zugzwang!** (9) (See below for the explanation)

Definition of **STALEMATE** from *Chambers* (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)  
(*n* in chess, a situation where a player not actually in check has no possible legal move, resulting in a draw; an inglorious deadlock. *vt* to subject to a stalemate)

**Astle confused China with Zugzwang!** \*\*\*\*

This is a gem of a clue. The secondary indicators are simple – anagram of ASTLE plus MATE (china). This is important when the definition is relatively obscure, but what a delicious word. It does sound like an Asian place name, but it is a German word that is similar in meaning to a stalemate in chess. However, there is a subtle difference. A *stalemated* player only has moves available that expose him to immediate loss of his king. A player in *zugzwang*, however, has a tenable position, but has only moves that worsen it – leading perhaps to ultimate loss, but not necessarily to immediate capture of his king. The surface reading suggests a certain well known compiler may have made an unusual error.

**At last! Esme breaks pointless deadlock** \*\*\*

An anagram of AT LAST ESME minus S (Pointless). A solid clue with excellent surface reading. The only quibble is that 'Pointless' could also refer to the removal of the letter E.

**Chess result indicating grounds for divorce?** \*\*\*\*

This is a clever pun on the definition of stalemate and a possible cause of marital breakdown, when one spouse palls on the other, i.e. a stale mate.

**Corrupt Seattle Mayor initially secures a board position** \*\*\*\*

Anagram of SEATTLE + M around A. The definition is top class as it cleverly misleads. A similar definition recently appeared in *The Times*, but the definition was worded as 'position on board'.

**Least off! Team off! Stand off!** \*\*\*

Two anagrams that lead to *Stand off* as the definition. The use of 'off' three times is kind of catchy, although I can't quite think what 'Least off!' could actually mean.

**No one can go to Man Land, according to Spooner**

My contribution, playing on the spoonerism – *Male State*.

**Nowhere to go old friend?** \*\*\*\*

A succinct, conversational type clue with a simple but effective charade.

**Old couple in deadlock** \*\*\*

It doesn't get any more succinct than this with a simple charade and sound surface reading.

**Queensland, for example, drinks beer and rum, ultimately to go nowhere** \*\*\*

ST(ALE+M)ATE. The indicators are cleverly devised and had the potential to produce a brilliant clue. Unfortunately, the definition is a little on the vague side and doesn't do much for the overall surface reading. Otherwise, this is a fine attempt.

**The inside story of the "minced meats" stand-off**\*\*\*

The intention here is to have 'tale' (story) placed inside minced MEATS. It almost works but I think the indication is a little vague. The surface reading is excellent and could have come from an article in *Butchers Weekly*.

**Trusty ally's no ball: checked** \*

TRUSTY ALLY is 'stable mate' minus B (no ball) to give us STALEMATE. Unfortunately, B for BALL is not listed in *Chambers* and would not normally be accepted. 'Checked' in terms of chess, means that the king is under attack and a move is necessary to avoid defeat. 'Checked' can also mean 'brought to a stop', which is what a stalemate does, but it is not defined by this. The surface reading hints at a cricketing reference.

	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent
<b>Definition</b>	0	1	2
<b>Secondaries</b>	0	1	2
<b>Fairness</b>	0	1	2
<b>Surface Reading</b>	0	1	2
<b>x-factor</b>	0	1	2

<b>Star Rating</b>	No star
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1-7	***
1-9	****
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**Clue Writing Competition No. 6/2010.**

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Write a clue for the word **MUSSEL** (6)

Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: [mlk@activ8.net.au](mailto:mlk@activ8.net.au)

Closing mail date: Friday 10 December 2010. Book prize.

**A Northampton Memory by Peter Dearie**

In the 1960's when taking the bus to school, I used to idly wonder why the name "SPION KOP" appeared on the grandstand of the local soccer stadium, home of Northampton's team, "The Cobblers". Not being a soccer fan, I was unaware that this was the name given to the highest part of the stadium. As the school history syllabus back then ignored anything that happened less than a hundred years ago, I was also unaware of the famous Boer War battle.

It was years later when the existence of the famed "Liverpool Kop" penetrated even my soccer-free mind that I realised the name had presumably been adopted by a number of stadiums. One can only imagine that the Boer War veterans who no doubt popularised the term as a high viewing point had a black sense of humour, given that the battle itself was an exercise in futility, killing half of the 2000 British soldiers involved in it.

"The Cobblers" moved to a new sports complex years ago and I doubt that the "Spion Kop" name survived the transfer. Northampton played an away match against Liverpool earlier this year – my soccer-mad brother went up to see the match and was rewarded by seeing the "Cobblers" beat them on their home turf!