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A dictionary without quotations is like a table of contents without a book.  
Eric Partridge, 1963, *The Gentle Art of Lexicography*, Ch 4.

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**RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016!**

The Annual Membership subscription for 2016 has remained at \$45 for the paper copy but the *e-Crozworld* only costs \$35. There have been increased costs associated with printing and sending *Crozworld* and book prizes via Australia Post. We hope that the present delivery times will not be changed in 2016, but it's quite possible that they will be reduced to three times a week. This makes the receipt of *e-Crozworld* a better alternative and much quicker not to mention the environmental issue of less paper usage. Why not opt for the email version in 2016?

The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive *e-Crozworld*, p13 of this issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2016. We have a special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2016 for only \$35. Just a reminder that we distribute more than \$6500 in cash prizes per year plus book prizes. In order to maintain that plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2016.

We have been saddened to hear of the passing of our Founding Secretary **Carole Noble** on 20 September. Carole was an amazing person who contributed so much to the ACC over many years. Her puzzles were outstanding and her Quizzes were something special. She will be sadly missed. We send our condolences to her loving Family. See p14 for the obituary.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are your favourites *St Jude*, *Barney Naga* and *KA*. The skilful *Ann Ass* has contributed another fine Cryptic in Slot 5. We are delighted to welcome *Pentangle* with a challenging cryptic in Slot 3 and *Valkyrie* has devised an excellent puzzle in Slot 6 and has contributed another one of her outstanding Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding.  
—Patrick

I thought that you were improving, but I found **far** too many blank squares. They do distress your adjudicators because they have to be marked as incorrect, whatever your intentions. Do, do please put the completed Good Grids aside and check them **before** you seal the envelope. Or use ACCOLADE which doesn't allow you to submit a puzzle with blanks.

**Slot 1:** General praise for *Virgo's* ingenious and different slot 1 puzzle. No particular errors, but identifying the theme of every across clue would have saved missed dots for several members.

**Slot 2:** A good reception for *Elsie's* first puzzle, which was enjoyed by most members for the accuracy of the clues and the neatness of the surface readings. SLEEZEBAG was the only systematic error, which would have been deemed to have fitted the definition but not the anagram.

**Slot 3:** A very neat dog-themed puzzle from *Manveru*, which was generally adjudged to be at the more difficult end of the spectrum. Nevertheless, apart from a few incorrect shots at COSMOLOGY, this puzzle gave problems to just a few solvers, including those who clearly committed typos.

**Slot 4:** Typos marred solutions of the AJ also, which gave no other problems to solvers.

**Slot 5:** Two "killer clues" in this fairly straightforward Ximenean. Unfortunately in 5dn the Scots GANG did not fit the tense of the definition "gone" nor the construction where the heading NE followed GA (Georgia) and perplexed some 20 solvers. EERI in 33ac appears to be a simple hidden word but does not appear in any dictionary. The centre of **Lake Erie** provides the EE and "tracks" the required RY for the intended EERY. Another 20 members fell to this one and typos accounted for some other failures, giving a rather disappointing overall success rate.

**COTM:** All slots received nominations, noteworthy amongst which were 9 different clues in Slot 3 including 4 for HOUND. The neat QUARTERDECK in slot 4 received 6 votes, but the runaway winner was *Elsie* in her debut puzzle for STIFLING, which received 12 of the total of 55 votes cast. Congratulations, *Elsie*. Keep it up!  
—Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	102	106	88	104	97	497
Correct entries	88	87	67	91	54	387
Success rate (%)	86.3	82.1	76.1	87.5	33	77.9
Prizewinners	Gabriel Fuller	Jill Freeland	Denis Coates	Yvonne McKindlay	Bev Cockburn	from 108 members

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**Prizewinner: September 2015 Slots 1-5: Col Archibald. Congrats!**

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## September 1-2015

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 & SEPT 2015 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ABBOTT P		.				
ALLEN W		.		.	.	
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	
AUDRINS K	.	.	.	.	.	.
AXELSEN U		.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	
BARNES J	.	.		.	.	.
BENNETT D	.	.	.			
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
BRYANT R	.			.	.	
CALLAN D	.	.	.	.	.	
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	
CHAMPION G						.
CLARK C		.				
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COCKBURN B	.		.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	
CROWE J		.	.	.	.	
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	
DE GRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.		.	.	
DOBELE T	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.			.	.	.
DUGGAN N	.	.	.	.	.	
DYER A	.	.	.			
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	
FULLER G	.	.		.		
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	
GOODERICK R		.	.			

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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HAGAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
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HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	
HEMSLEY D		.		.		
HEYES N	.	.	.	.	.	
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	
HOWARD V	.			.		
HOWAT S	.	.	.	.	.	
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IBBOTT B	.	.				
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JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	
KENNEDY L				.		
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KNIGHT S				.		
LANKSHEAR J		.	.	.	.	
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH J	.	.	.	.	.	
LEMON G	.	.		.		
LOBSEY V	.	.				
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McADOO G	.	.				
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.			
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE R&P	.	.	.	.	.	
McKINDLAY Y		.	.	.		
McMANUS D	.	.				
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	
MACKAY-SIM C	.	.				
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	
MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	

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MILLARD A	.	.	.	.	.	
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NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN E	.	.	.	.	.	
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	
PATTERSON A	.	.		.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	
PERROW H	.	.				
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	
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PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	
RENDELL A		.	.	.	.	
ROLFE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKINNER R	.	.	.	.	.	
STEINBERGER M				.	.	
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SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
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TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	
THOMPSON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half  
by  
St Jude**

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Across clues are normal "Quick" crossword style. Down clues are cryptic.

**Across**

- 1 Society (7)
- 5 Obey (7)
- 9 Dramatised true story as entertainment (9)
- 10 Besmirch (5)
- 11 Straight (4)
- 12 Eager (5)
- 13 Uncomplicated (4)
- 16 Dance (7)
- 18 Usual (6)
- 19 Seed (3)
- 21 Support (6)
- 23 Tetanus (7)
- 26 And (4)
- 27 Fool (5)
- 29 LSD (4)
- 32 Kipling's Leader of the pack (5)
- 33 Cutlet (9)
- 34 Promised (7)
- 35 Trifled (7)

**Down**

- 1 Zealously exploit rent lady (8)
- 2 "Hail our Club" mail distributed (7)
- 3 Topless teddy is current (4)
- 4 Long for some steady earnings (5)
- 5 Disturbed social class not so traditional (9)
- 6 Partially diagnosed an organ (4)
- 7 Orange ring mixed with herb (7)
- 8 Market year torment (6)
- 14 Initially likeable American, top to bottom, is tall, thin and ungainly (5)
- 15 Heroin hit (5)
- 17 Evaluated disappear upset (9)
- 20 Walked like a duck after shin opening is bandaged (8)
- 22 inflamed swelling of deformed scab has messy insides (7)
- 24 Jazz music manuscript missing: destroyed in hot tub (7)
- 25 Fruit Bar anecdotes (6)
- 28 Pest concealed after dad rolled over (5)
- 30 Just a bazaar (4)
- 31 Purple alien left instrument (4)

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Closing mail date: 13 November 2015.

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Barney Naga**



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**Across**


- 1 Spymaster is leading creator of one who is somewhat of a pest (8,5)
- 9 Back in force, Her Majesty has 1st class return to African destination (7)
- 10 In the middle of surgery your heart pain is medium (7)
- 11 One with joint pain and tum ache I take right to doctor (9)
- 12 Release children (5)
- 13 A funny fellow after being quite sensible is a bit of a pest (9,5)
- 17 Open to all since a UN order about a general pest (6,8)
- 21 Stand to win some gear, perhaps (3,2)
- 23 Periodically, Ian's turning out easy puzzles (9)
- 25 Direction computer initially he left on at a command level (7)
- 26 Unyielding stupid ingrate (7)
- 27 Suffering within embrace of a serial pest (4,2,3,4)

**Down**

- 1 Sirens may be sources of danger (8)
- 2 Some use guesswork to find a musical direction (5)
- 3 Wolfram may be a complex mineral (4,5)
- 4 Yielding the return of some explicit sale material (7)
- 5 Silver claim was developed – marvellous! (7)
- 6 A spirit, you are told, inhabits the top of a NZ tree (5)
- 7 Celebrity chef to stack a beer mug (4,5)
- 8 Demolish balanced plane (5)
- 14 Outlet for the mature grown-ups to dance (5,4)
- 15 Pigheaded old bugger shows typical Irish negative attitude towards English leaders (9)
- 16 Novel, say, written in 1984 (8)
- 18 Gypsy woman is against strong drink (7)
- 19 Out of bed, drunk and irritable (7)
- 20 Settle back in part of the beer garden (5)
- 22 Feelers fold back and split evenly (5)
- 24 It's profitable but I leased 50% out (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Lovely CrOZ...Big big BIG thankyou for big BIG BIG prize. I know it will be invaluable when I can use it. I am taking supplements immediately so I will be able to in time for October!! If I double dose, I may be able to search for the missing spaces in Slot 3. But thank you so so much. Dale McManus
- Many thanks for the cheque that was waiting for me on my return from "The Tip". What a lovely surprise. Julie Leigh
- Thank you very much for the cheque for the August Slot 3. So much nicer than the gas bill which was delivered at the same time. Alison Shield
- Many thanks for my slot 1 prize. Especially a thrill as it coincided with my birthday mail. Alison Hocking
- Isn't it amazing how sometimes the answers to different puzzles overlap? This month we had AIRY, AIRILY and FAIRYLAND. [We also had MIAMI in Slots 5 and 6 and SPRINGER and SPANIEL in slots 5 and 3 - Adj]. Eileen O'Brien
- A great bunch of puzzles, all requiring concentration and/or lateral thinking. Bev Cockburn
- What a thrill to see my name as the slots 1-5 winner! Brightened a rather sad August. Ulla Axelsen
- It would be great if you could include the URL for Accolade in each month's CrOZworld (as you provide postal and email addresses). It is very hard to track down if you haven't kept a record. Thank you. [Will do. See p3. Ed.] Christina Lee
- Does anyone else have the problem that upon completion of the puzzle I put it away for a few days before submission and upon returning to it I cannot for the life of me determine how I found some answers! I just submit then and hope for the best! Maureen Blake

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Pentangle</h2>


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**Across**

- 1 Politician's contracts (8)
- 5 Dedicated to former student who has died? (6)
- 9 Consoles retiring forecaster about rewind film (8)
- 10 Devices not starting to make spheres (6)
- 12 Guide one into bed (5)
- 13 Two signs overlap where books are stored (9)
- 14 Use Axword to solve a clue like this? (6)
- 16 Presented outstanding result first (7)
- 19 Service falling short sure spoilt rubber (7)
- 21 Second grade fruit produces another fruit (6)
- 23 Permission note written by topless woman to US statesman (9)
- 25 Holy leader 1-across country's recently deposed leader (5)
- 26 Dressed and ready to go (2,4)
- 27 Fancy in which 25dn may be fancy (8)
- 28 Pressure created when sewer bypasses connection (6)
- 29 Hide family behind stands (8)

**Down**

- 1 Climbing games with ropes (6)
- 2 Lubricates and overcomes symptoms of pollution (9)
- 3 Posting is affected by time (5)
- 4 Spurs without a point, without a point (7)
- 6 Instrument to pound on (9)
- 7 Defence of boxer with no preference for partners (5)
- 8 Eats out and dies horribly somewhere in New York (4,4)
- 11 Endless wires having the power (4)
- 15 Operating costs of the trajectory of esoteric jokes? (9)
- 17 Show signs of flatulence – components are switched for protection (9)
- 18 Stands for space people (8)
- 20 Pruned borders are still borders (4)
- 21 Cover up the sound of forbidden period of history (7)
- 22 Lay out time and money for the origin of a word (6)
- 24 Large mixed drink (5)
- 25 Ran – led out the viper (5)

**Pentangle (Brian Tickle)**


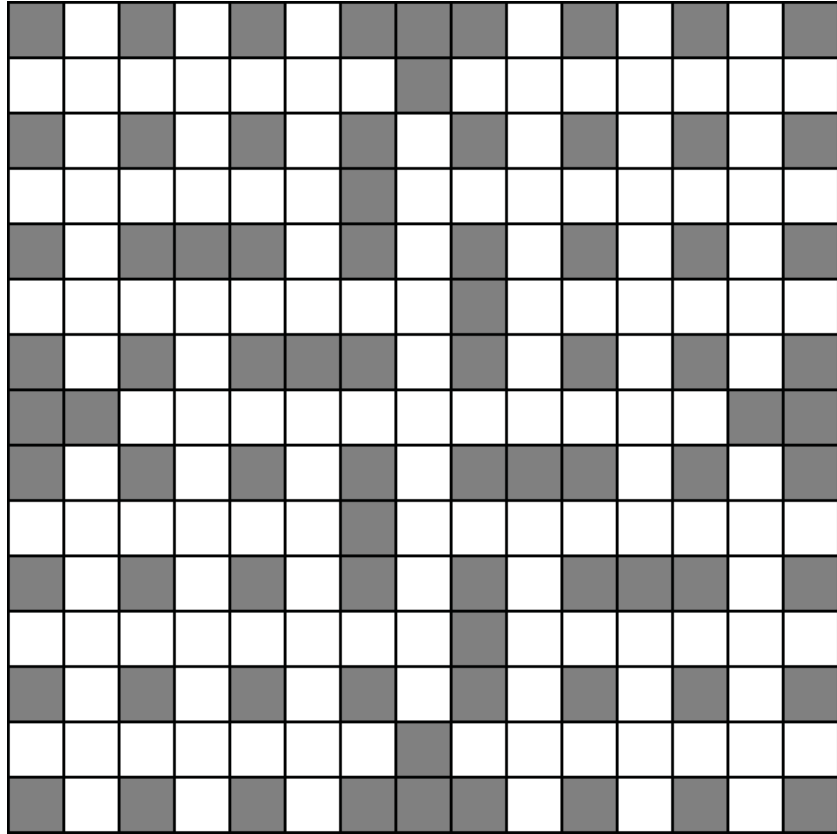
Joy and I have been married for 45 years. We have two children and two grandchildren and we live on the mid-north coast of NSW. I joined the ACC in 1991 and received very welcome friendly advice on solving and setting puzzles initially from Carole Noble and Noel Jessop and later from David Stickley and Jim Colles. I worked in the field of education for 52 years – initially in NSW and later in every state of Australia and six other countries. I also co-authored several books – some for teachers and some for students. I loved the work but it left no time for setting puzzles. Now that I have retired I thought I would try my hand at setting again as I did in the early days of the club. I certainly enjoyed the process. I hope you enjoy the product.

**2015 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!**

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 29 November 2015 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 our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

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**AJ**  
by  
**KA**

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

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| <p><b>A</b> Reveal camouflage of war-time protection (3,5)<br/> <b>B</b> Publican has no cessation of trade (6)<br/> <b>C</b> Cleaner lives with graduate having personal magnetism (8)<br/> <b>D</b> This German is a food faddist (6)<br/> <b>E</b> A mixture of 2/3 rum, gin, and rye, will grow this plant (8)<br/> <b>F</b> Military display at overpass (7)<br/> <b>G</b> Proceed to turn longing into an art work (7)<br/> <b>H</b> Warms up with run in suit (6)<br/> <b>I</b> There is a slight suggestion that cephalopod discharge is clinging to fish (7)<br/> <b>J</b> Lift up containers to find prizes (8)<br/> <b>K</b> Part of personality is taken by shattering abduction (10)<br/> <b>L</b> Steal and return implement (4)</p> | <p><b>M</b> Complicated ménages suit the beginning of change (11)<br/> <b>N</b> Party not involved in gifts to countries (7)<br/> <b>O</b> Men long for rock plant (6)<br/> <b>P</b> Cry over unknowns in what you're doing? (6)<br/> <b>Q</b> Machine makes bed-cover for Queen (7)<br/> <b>R</b> Notoriety for Putin tangling with Erato (10)<br/> <b>S</b> Lecturer on vessel has Parliamentary appointment (11)<br/> <b>T</b> Repacked money tidily, cautiously (7)<br/> <b>U</b> Unlike a monarch; sleeping, losing head to a lady without advantage (8)<br/> <b>V</b> Disrupted tours held by seven experts (8)<br/> <b>W</b> Convinced money has come to an end (3,4)<br/> <b>X</b> Runs off Persian King admitting nothing? (7)<br/> <b>Y</b> Golfer may be one unknown, confused, piper (6)<br/> <b>Z</b> Move quickly to change focus (4)</p> |
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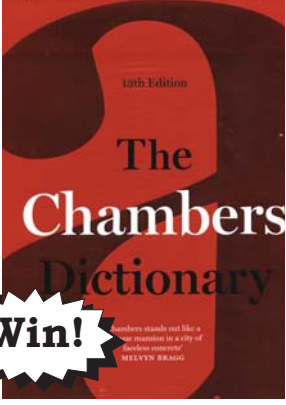
**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p4)**

- Thank you for the prize cheque. Helped pay for my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party.
- Thanks for another great month of puzzles.
- Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who keep the club going.
- It is always great to win a prize; so thanks a lot for mine last month.
- Accolade is still a joy, Roy.
- There were many challenging clues, as usual, but a very enjoyable exercise.
- An excellent set of puzzles this month so selection of COTM was very difficult with so many to choose from.
- Good to have the challenge of the themes.

*Don Hemsley  
Barbara Ibbott  
James Groves  
Catherine Hambling  
Robyn Wimbush  
Bob Hagan  
Brian Symons  
R&P McKenzie*

**Explanations to August 2015 [continued from p9]**

**Slot 5: Bogyeman: Across:** 1 SPRING + ER, 7 GR + IT, 11 O (LEN) T, 12 AM + OR + O + SO, 13 PUFFIN + G (B) ILLY, 16 I'D + LES, 17 anag, 19 W (R) AT + H, 20 UN + DO, 22 hw, 23 IN + COG colloquial (SOED and Big Mac), 25 ICE (H + OUSE) S, 27 MI + AMI, 30 A + TT + E + STATION + S, 31 dd, 32 G (ON) GS, 33 EE + RY, 34 SERE + NEST.  
**Down:** 1 SO + PS, 2 PLU (LAR<) S, 3 REF + RIG + ERA + TOR, 4 IN + FE + R, 5 GA + NE, 6 "robbin' " + HOOD, 8 dd, 9 (VERSAILLES - ravel)\*, 10 TOYS + HOPS, 14 anag, 15 dd, 17 FLAT + MATE, 18 rev hw, 21 D (YE) INGS, 24 LIT + RE, 26 UNctION, 28 PAR + R, 29 P + SST.

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<b>Cryptic</b> <i>by</i> <b>Ann Ass</b>
<b>Prize:</b>  <b>Win!</b> 13th edn September 2014

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Eight clues are consistent with a theme and are not otherwise defined.

**Across**

- 1 By entering a course, it's hard to leave (6)
- 3 A sticky end for insects? (8)
- 8 Vein trouble I hear (4)
- 9 The smallest part of the oleaster (5)
- 10 One Gentile returns (4)
- 13 A question of rules editor of porn perverted (5,2,5)
- 15 Stuffed gap in object (8)
- 16 Superfluous toe, so I stumble (6)
- 18 Mistake (3-3)
- 19 Grandma maybe speaking in favour of nude (8)
- 22 Ancient orcas move from one side of the Pacific, perhaps, to the other (12)
- 24 Sinister return of Cambodia radical (4)
- 25 G. Rush playing jerk (5)
- 26 Remove the cape from charming wise men (4)
- 27 Split trousers are triggers for safety devices (8)
- 28 Loud Australian (6)

**Down**

- 1 Run and pass, then fall back (7)
- 2 Walking to Norway (10)
- 4 Some people have all the luck! But not these! (6)
- 5 Ring up (4)
- 6 Spring again! Where is Sue mostly? (7)
- 7 Circular motion of flea allowed (7)
- 11 On the right side of celebrity directors (9)
- 12 Serene Scottish mountain (6,3)
- 14 Fashionable nonsense, all that music (6,4)
- 17 Emil, Trev or Nat, perhaps, blush in America (5,2)
- 18 Rock City (7)
- 20 About 150 in Spain adopt a recumbent position (7)
- 21 Rock Hudson barefooted (6)
- 23 Leading dignitaries resigning over photos (4)

**COMMENTS Slots 1-5 continued from p10:**

**Slot 1:**

- I enjoy these theme puzzles!

Caroline Mackay-Sim

**Slot 2:**

- Not too difficult; but enjoyable.
- Excellent puzzle.

Caroline Mackay-Sim  
Laurence Kennedy

**Slot 3:**

- Imaginative word play. GREAT DANE, DEVIL and BEARDS are my favourites here.
- Not easy but the canine theme helped. Several of the clues could have been my COTM.
- I've spent considerably more time on 15ac than the rest of the puzzle. BEARDS doesn't match the tense of "mug" but otherwise has a common meaning of "attack". It fits the wordplay as an anagram of "bishop" = B, and "catholic" = C deleted from SACRED. It's the best I can come up with. [A rather extreme form of cryptic definition from *Manveru* requiring "mug shocks" to be read as a mass of thick shaggy hair on the face - Adj]
- Lovely theme of dogs, which I didn't identify until I had finished.

Alan Dyer  
Cheryl Wilcox  
Ian McKenzie  
R & P McKenzie

**Slot 4:**

- Always my favourite the AJ. It expands my vocabulary every month.

Cheryl Wilcox

**Slot 5**

- Is ASEA a word? If it is does it mean "at sea" or simply on the ocean? [I took the SOED entry as being capable of interpretation as the "confused" meaning, but even if I'm wrong no one made a mistake on this solution - B]
- This was by far the easiest Slot 5 ever! Good fun though.

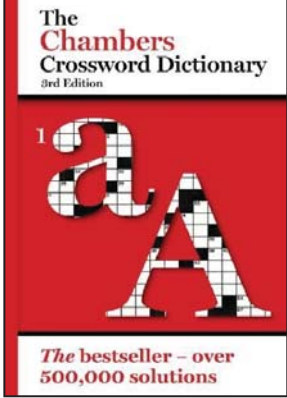
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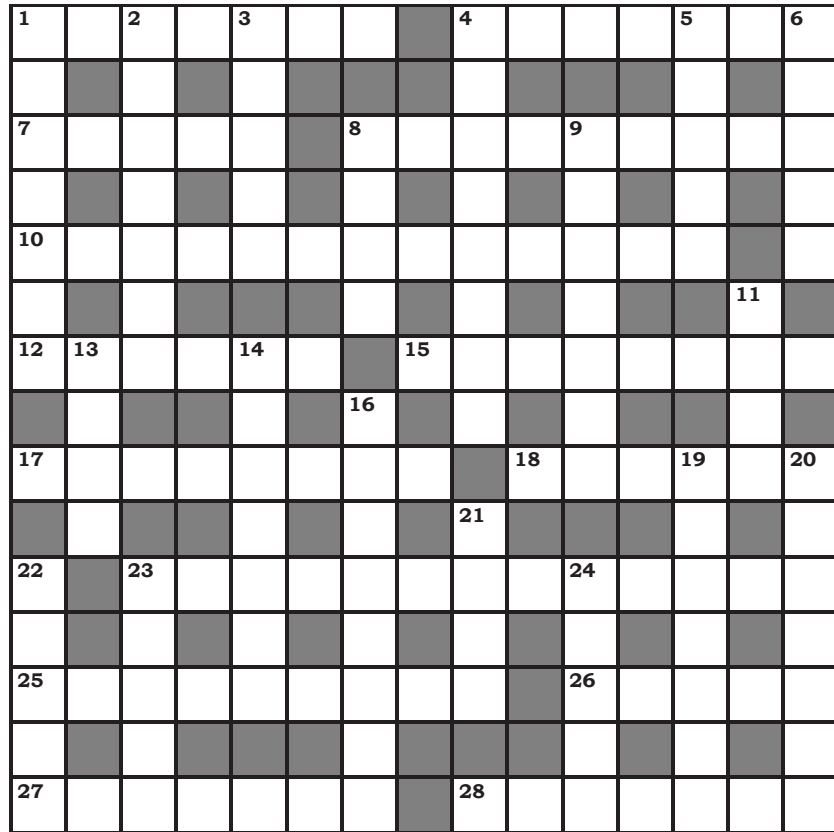
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**Prize:**



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### Across

- 1 Witch and daughter captivated *paperback writer* (7)
- 4 Confused *blackbird* starts to sing eerie descants (7)
- 7 The Beatles, in the music world, dig coolness now and then (5)
- 8 Gestures are very English in some instances (9)
- 10 Completely broken down, Hell's men finally *get back* surrounded by angry dead (13)
- 12 Elegant *Norwegian wood* (6)
- 15 Time restraint over long distance breaks awkward gait (3,5)
- 17 *I me mine* for number ones in France (8)
- 18 Girl *help* is squeezed by many blokes (6)
- 23 Beatle's hit stands without revision (5,3,5)
- 25 Short *girl* loaned ornate candle holder (9)
- 26 The beginning of Beatlemania by larrikin prime minister (5)
- 27 Negative votes boxed brief tick marks (7)
- 28 The *two of us* start liquid diet for health and prosperity (7)

### Down

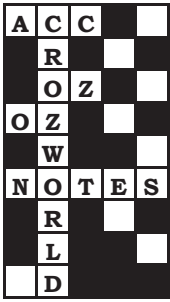
- 1 Moptops start with harmonising song and then do solos at the end (7)
- 2 More enormous is the total wage brought in by *Her Majesty* (7)

- 3 Result of planned use of *matchbox*? (5)
- 4 Drink *the night before* filled show off with initial elation (8)
- 5 Disheartened 'yes' reflected silent agreement for advisory council (5)
- 6 Record nothing: not Beatles type of music! (5)
- 8 Sounds like *a taste of honey* is a fitting reward (4)
- 9 Swag rug laid out of place (7)
- 11 See 13
- 13 **and 11** Periods involving *the end* of government upset the Left (4,4)
- 14 Membrane is from cold, hard onion, not new but beginning to ripen (7)
- 16 Oily subcutaneous base is removed *helter skelter* (8)
- 19 Beheaded monk supports fashion guru on *Sgt Pepper's* album cover? (7)
- 20 Inexact fake (3,4)
- 21 *Not a second time* (4)
- 22 *There's a place* in Australia, first place bearing silver (5)
- 23 Pronounced peek at overturned card (5)
- 24 Girl reviews *let it be* and *yellow submarine* for starters (5)

**Post  
Solution  
to:**

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**Closing mail date: Fri 13 November 2015.**





**Quiz 9/2015: Sheer Stupidity**  
by **Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)**

**Entries: 40. Success Rate: 55%.**

**Prizewinner: David Grainger, Congrats.**

**Results: 35:** W Allen, U Axelsen, B Cockburn, H Cromer, D Grainger, B Hagan, B Ibbott, G Leeds, J Leigh, A Martin, F Martin, C McClelland, A Miles, C Noble, E O'Brien, S Pinder, A Shield, A Simons, P Smith, B Symons, J Wenham, R Wimbush. **34:** K Audrins, G Cole, M Collins, P

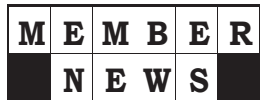
Dearie, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, P Heath, S Howell, D Jones, A Millard, M Procter, B Siegman, A Walter. **33:** C Jones, C Wilcox. **32:** J Crowe **31:** R Gooderick.

**Answers:** 1. Ass 2. Boofhead 3. Cretin 4. Dill 5. Drongo 6. Eejit 7. Fool 8. Galah 9. Goof 10. Halfwit 11. Hoodwink 12. Idiot 13. Jackass 14. Kook 15. Lemming 16. Loon 17. Mental 18. Moron 19. Nincompoop 20. Nitwit 21. Nut 22. Oaf 23. Oik 24. Patsy 25. Poisson d'Avril 26. Queer 27. Ratty 28. Silly 29. Simpleton 30. Tomfool 31. Twerp 32. Twit 33. Wally 34. Widgeon 35. Yo-yo.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Members enjoyed this quiz and several expressed surprise at the number of synonyms for stupid. Mistakes were from a variety of causes, including a spelling error. Despite the clear instructions, some answers were out of alphabetical order, possibly proving that the quiz was well named! According to *Chambers*, NIT is "a unit of information equal to 1.44 bits". Hoodwink was the most popular clue, while some members questioned the inclusion of "ratty".

**Solvers' Comments: [continued on p12]**

- A wonderful collection of foolish people. No.20 slowed me down till I found that 1.44 bits equated to Nit. Thumb7 related nicely to Tom+fool. No. 7 Return sponge without interjection cleverly was Loof+ah removing ah and returning Loof to give Fool. Robin Nic Tate threw me until I elided the latter to Nictate=Wink giving Hood+Wink. Entertaining to solve. *Alan Walter*
- This was a challenge! *Ann Millard*
- A great quiz. What a massive repertoire of insulting words I now possess. *Betty Siegman*
- I never cease to be amazed at the variety of themes our quiz persons unearth. *Ray Gooderick*
- So many, but I can think of so many more. Sad, isn't it? *Carole Noble*
- This was a real brain teaser .... No.34 is a real puzzle. *Julie Leigh*
- I enjoyed doing this quiz. *Claire McClelland*
- An excellent quiz! Especially liked the clue for hoodwink. *Brian Symons*
- A quite hard puzzle especially Nos. 11 and 25 which I thought was inspired. *Robyn Wimbush*
- It was a very enjoyable exercise, as I like the thinking with "Google". *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for your entertaining quiz. I enjoyed it. Not sure about #20. *David Grainger*
- What fun to write "rude" words about people. How politically incorrect! *Barbara Ibbott*
- So many words for fool. I'm sure as time goes on the list will grow. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I am hoping not to join their company! *Andrew Miles*
- By the time I got to the last few, I felt you had me in mind for the theme! *Catherine Jones*
- Enjoyable quiz! *Bev Cockburn*



**Errata and Corrigenda:** Quiz 9/2015

Adjustment: The answer to No 5 is six letters not five. Susan Howells and Richard Skinner gained dots for August puzzles slots 1-5 inc. Maureen Blake gained dots for slots 2 and

5. Sam Howat gained dots for slots 1,2,3 and 5.

**Explanations to September Grids**

Note: cd = cryptic def., dd = double def., rev or < = reversal, homophones are written in quotes, anagrams as anag or (--)\*, and removals as lower case, hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

**Slot 1 Virgo: Down:** 1 CU + SEC, 2 dd, 3 dd, 4 heads <, 6 jOUST, 7 (M + POET)\*, 8 R + (IN CENTRE)\*, 9 anag, 15 S (CA) M, 16 dd, 17 (OH + SO) <, 19 MAIN + (SAINT)\*, 20 UNS + CREW, 23 hw, 25 OT + HER, 28 R (TOO)\* R ref to 3Rs, 29 HE + RE, 30 palindrome.

**Slot 2 Elsie: Across:** 1 BARAC[k]S<, 5 UP<- +PP+ET, 9 (AN InCoReCT)\*, 11 "BEE RATE", 12 hw, 13 N + IN + JeAnS, 14 offErEd, 15 sWEDe, 17 KnowN + EE, 18 dd, 20 ST + YE, 22 anag, 24 hw, 26 DO(blue)\*T, 28 AD(AG+I)O, 29 CH + [m]UMMY, 30 FI(DD)LE, 31 (ITS)\* + FLING, 32 Y+ONe+DER, 33 END + EAR. **Down:** 2 CHAR+ c A n D l E s, 3 anag, 4 BIT + U + MEN, 6 "PA" + SNIP, 7 \*(RANT) + S + FE + R + S, 8 \*(GALE[ZEB[r]A]S), 10 (NOT NICE TO US)\*, 15 (FLOWER + N + D + U)\*, 16 (LAD DARTS)\*+Y, 17 K (E) Y, 19 homoph "in", 21 EG + G + HEAD, 23 INCome + LINE, 25 (IM A(O)MAN)\*, 27 dd.

**Slot 3 Manveru: Across:** 7 D+EVIL, 8 (EACH + PLAYER + S), 10 A(R)MOUR, 11 Cryptic definition, 12 SE(PAR(A))TE, 13 F(AIRY), 15 B+anag SACRED minus C, 17 "CENSOR" homoph, 22 P(A+NO+OR)AM+A, 25 (COALITION - I)\*, 26 BE+A+(LEG)\*, 27 Anag DINE around (HER+IT), 28 CO+R+GI. **Down:** 1 R+anagram of TIRE+EVER, 2 (AROUND+S+I)\* - &lit, 3 T(ERR)IER, 4 E(PIG+RAM)S, 5 (STREET)\* + cd, 6/20 cd re King of Denmark, 9 motORCAde, 14 COS+(MYLOGO)\*, 16 Anag (F+EPICS) around CI, 18 A+R+RAT+O (after N) +R, 19 (NAPLES+I)\*, 21 A+MAZE+D, 23 S(B)IN - [held] up, 24 (HOUDINI - II)\*.

**Slot 4 Both Sides:** A AUCTION + b EER, B rev hidden, C C + (SECRET + ON)\*, D DER + RING (D) O, E EPIC + ENTRIeS, F anag, G GEN + O + ESE, H HER + A, I IS + (TO SEE)\*, J JE (ST) ERS, K KINE + homoph "tick", L dd, M (MayhEmmaTE)\*, N rev hidden, O dd, P POMP\* + US + IC, Q cryptic def, R anag + EM, S anag, T T (REEF) ERNS, U UN + CHA + SET\*, V VR + O+O + M, W WEN + HC\*, X OXEN\* + GENE + SIS, Y anag, Z hidden. [Continued on p6]

**Quiz 10/2015: Measure for Measure by Valkyrie**

All answers contain something in common and are in alphabetical order of the complete solution that contains the common element. The contained word is not at the beginning nor at the end. Word length indicators relate to the complete solution, followed by that of the common element. The common element must be highlighted or underlined. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, Qld 4510: e-mail [ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com](mailto:ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com) Closing date 13 November 2015. \$75 Prize.

- 1 Alternative medical procedure (11) [3]
- 2 A piece of paper money (8) [4]
- 3 Harass (9) [6]
- 4 A person's clever idea (10) [4]
- 5 Ornamental lighting (10) [4]
- 6 Stony residue from burnt coal (7) [4]
- 7 Someone wonderful and desirable (9) [4]
- 8 Profit arising from employment (9) [5]
- 9 Good-bye (8) [3]
- 10 Administrative centre (12) [5]
- 11 A person of Latin American descent (8) [4]
- 12 Relating to sermons (9) [4]
- 13 Confiscation (11) [5]
- 14 Fruit plant (4,4) [5]
- 15 Wrongly said (13) [5]
- 16 Mother-of-pearl appearance (8) [4]
- 17 Radioactive metallic element (9) [3]
- 18 Horrible (9) [4]
- 19 A Russian city (8) [4]
- 20 To increase an engine's efficiency (11) [5]
- 21 Nimble (10) [4]
- 22 Insect destroyer (7) [4]
- 23 Meddlesome people (9) [6]
- 24 Made free (9) [5]
- 25 Not able to be understood (12) [6]
- 26 Dry skin (9) [3]

## September 1-2015: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- A good warm-up. Lovely crossword set to suit everyone. *Carole Noble*
- Slot 1 was rather more difficult than usual, but cleverly designed and a real pleasure to work on. *John Baylis*
- Slot 1 was interesting, once the theme was figured out. *Betty Siegman*
- Across clues neatly associated with the solutions rather than being synonyms. Like the Tenterfield SADDLER and Postman Pat. Thanks to Accolade; able to do this puzzle sitting in my Paris apartment before heading out for a day's sightseeing! Took a while to get the theme though. *Julie Crowe*
- Great effort fitting in all of those professions as well as their indicators. Congratulations! *Len Colgan*
- A good slot one puzzle. *Ross Bryant*
- The rubric added a degree (or two) of difficulty to a Slot 1 puzzle; and I ended up making a couple of guesses. *Nea Storey*
- An interesting version of Half'n'Half and great fun to do. *Maureen Blake*
- A great way to start the month. *Ann Millard*
- Found this hard for Slot 1. Took a while to "twig" to the theme. *Pat Lord*
- 25 OT = books not book. There is no reason why the clue number for the answer not in *Chambers*, etc cannot be given. *George Rolfe*
- What a clever usage of occupations. Good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Good-oh as always. *Dale McManus*
- Took a few to work out what was going on. Preferred the "cryptic" acrosses: cardinal sin; postman pat; etc. rather than the actual job titles: dispensing chemist; town clerk etc. *Rob Moline*
- Very clever. *Margaret Davis*
- I loved this puzzle. What a clever idea! fascinated to learn a new word 'renitence'. *Barbara Ibbott*
- An entertaining variation on the usual Half'n'Half. *Kath Harper*
- This was easier to solve once I'd worked out professions. *Anne Simons*
- An interesting spin on Slot 1. Most enjoyable. Lakeland took ages. *Robyn Wimbush*

## September 2-2015: Slot 2 by Elsie (Claire Louise Clark)

- Welcome to *Elsie* – I think she's going to fit in well and have chosen her STIFLING as COTM. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Welcome *Elsie*. You've set a puzzle to be proud of. I've given PUPPET COTM, although I liked many of your other clues. *Carole Noble*
- Slot 2 was enjoyable with some ingenious clues. I particularly liked SLEAZEBAG. *John Baylis*
- Enjoyable. A warm welcome to *Elsie*. I gave STIFLING my COTM. Very clever. *Betty Siegman*
- I was very impressed with our new setter, *Elsie's* cluing of KNEE, INN and my COTM STIFLING. *Bev Cockburn*
- Much liked the Pinocchio clue giving PUPPET. An enjoyable slot 2 puzzle, thanks *Elsie*. *Alan Walter*
- Elegant clues. *Roy Taylor*
- A nice variety of clue types in this. My favourite clues were the last two in: STIFLING and REBATE. *Ian Thompson*
- Never easy to get the "feel" of a new compiler. Sleazebag had me puzzled for a long time. *Nea Storey*
- Where do you start when you set crosswords? I wouldn't have a clue! *Julie Leigh*
- 31: Dodgy clue as no indication is given that "overcast" has to be divided into its constituent parts for the clue to work. 8: Poor surface: "degenerate zebra"? Unfair grid as four answers have a unchecked/checked ratio of 2:1. *George Rolfe*
- Welcome to the club. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Congratulations on a very enjoyable first puzzle *Elsie!* Looking forward to more. *Sonia Roulston*
- Well done to the new setter. *Hilary Cromer*
- No problems with this one; keep up the good work. *Col Archibald*
- Some great clues! Personally I hate clues requiring you to lift-and-separate a complete word; but "It's overcast and humid" is brilliant. Not so keen on 19dn; guessed from motel. And didn't like the grid shape; the 2 nine-letter words with 3 pairs of unchecked letters. *Rob Moline*
- Not the easiest of puzzles. I really struggled with the south east corner. Nearly picked CONTENTIOUS for COTM. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Welcome *Elsie*. It is always good to have someone new join our talented band of setters. *Susan Howells*
- 8dn: couldn't find the literal clue for this one so just hoping that my answer is correct. *Lynn Jarman*
- Good clues. 8dn took ages. *Anne Simons*
- Welcome to our new solver. Generally liked your clues. 11ac however, is missing a homophone indicator Bee>Be + rate >Rebate [It's a normal convention that homophone indicators are assumed in Spoonerism clues – Adj] *Drew Meek*
- I'm mulling over SLEAZEBAG and another in Slot 4 for COTM. Both very clever. Thank you *Elsie*. *Robyn Wimbush*

## September 3-2015: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Who let the dogs out? I found 8 doggy clues but there was no mention of a theme. Have I missed something [Perhaps the compiler was aiming at the "aaah" moment as the penny/ies dropped – Adj]. I did learn that BEAGLE can also be a shark. *Carole Noble*
- This took me a long time – I liked INHERITED. *John Baylis*
- I was undecided on 5dn but having found all the other dogs I went with the flow and decided on SETTER. *Betty Siegman*
- Took ages to realise the dog theme. Beards was difficult to solve. In 3dn

- "this person" was far too vague for the definition. *Alan Walter*
- Some clever misleads and eight dogs... but no Nina? I did like the &lit clue for 2dn. *Len Colgan*
- Some tricky clues here. Gave COTM to Great Dane for its stunning obscurity. *Roy Taylor*
- Definitely an animal theme going on here. A visit to the kennels located a number of dogs whilst a pig, a ram, a Tasmanian Devil and an orca were lurking around. I loved the clues for 1ac and 10ac. *Nea Storey*
- Loved all the dog references! *Maureen Blake*
- Enjoyable puzzle. *George Rolfe*
- Nice theme and some clever cryptic definitions. *Brian Tickle*
- Some very clever definitions to lead us up the garden path with the dogs. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Excellent. Took me quite a while to finish off: always a good indicator. *Julie Crowe*
- D'oh. Didn't see the theme until filling out Accolade. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thought we'd gone to the dogs! *Hilary Cromer*
- Quite a number of our canine friends here. *Margaret Davis*
- Woof! Some nice cryptic definitions. Never knew Bluetooth was a person; let alone one from Denmark. *Rob Moline*
- Eight dogs must be more than a coincidence – it's a pack; of the Hairy Mclary mixed allsorts. *Kath Harper*
- If SENSOR (17ac) is correct it gets my COTM; otherwise I've got my wires crossed! *Corryn Anderson*
- An interesting and diverse pack of hounds you have there! I had never come across "location" as an Australian synonym for "farm" but there it is; in my *Chambers Crossword Dictionary*. *Susan Howells*
- I think the setter's theme was amniotes – there was a dinosaur, an orca, and quite a few canines. *Ian Thompson*
- And the dogs kept coming! I found this puzzle quite hard. I often struggle with Slots 3. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A dog of a puzzle! *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I found it very difficult to find the literal clue for many in Puzzle 3. *Lynn Jarman*

## September 4-2015: AJ by Both Sides (Nea Storey and Anne Simons)

- QUARTERDECK almost got my COTM. Such a good clue. AJs are my favourite. *Carole Noble*
- A great challenge. VROOM received my COTM. The Z clue obviously requires ZEBEC but over 80 years ago in my *Child's Book of the Alphabet* it was always "X is for Xebec that sails to and fro". *John Baylis*
- My favourite AJ. I normally aim for the cross in the centre but the x word wasn't easy to find. *Betty Siegman*
- Clever clue for QUARTERDECK. Thanks, *Both Sides* for an enjoyable AJ. *Alan Walter*
- My favourite alphabetic puzzle didn't disappoint this month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Don't think "ornate" is an apt anagind. *Drew Meek*
- Quite a tricky AJ due to a number of 7-letter words with letters in the same place. *Ian Thompson*
- A good AJ which stirred my brain cells. I liked quarterdeck. *Barb Ibbott*
- Clue C isn't worth the messy construction. Clue L: the coin is named for those Louis, so it's more a quiz question. Clue O: a double definition should at least be different senses. Clue Q: rather vague definition. Clue X: the definition does not match the answer. *Andrew Patterson*
- A good puzzle! Genoese & isoetes gave me some confusion. *Ross Bryant*

## September 5-2015: Cryptic by Bogeyman (Ian Williams)

- Fingers crossed with every square filled [Correctly! Adj]. *Carole Noble*
- Another great puzzle. *John Baylis*
- *Bogeyman* very cleverly fitted in four 12-letter words: a commendable effort. *Betty Siegman*
- ASEA is not listed in our 4 standard dictionaries. Only located in *Webster's 3rd New International Dictionary* as A-SEA so should have been (1,3) [But in *SOED* (acceptable in a slot 5?) as one word – Adj]. 1 litre is 1.76 pints, not 1.6 pints [A bit of proof-reading would not have come amiss here – but perhaps very approximately 1.6? – Adj] *Alan Walter*
- ASEA a fair of a dubious word. *Roy Taylor*
- A very fair crossword. Main headache was deciding between "gang" and "gane" for 5dn – hope I made the right decision! ["gang" is certainly Scots but "ganged" would have been required to correspond to the wordplay – Adj] *Nea Storey*
- 11: (Biblical) OT and NT are usually defined as 'books'. [Chambers defines "book" as a division of a volume or composition – this seems to square with considering the OT or the NT as a collective "book" as well as each containing individual books – see also comment at Slot 1 – B] *George Rolfe*
- Four 12-letter solutions as well as several eights and nines is very nice going for a Ximenean grid. Well done. *Brian Tickle*
- Tricky puzzle; very British. Liked SPRINGER; not so keen on ASEA which I think means "at sea;" not "all over the place." Unsure about PARR; seems to be too many Rs. *Rob Moline*
- PSST must be one of the most onomatopoeic words in the English language. *Susan Howells*
- Enjoyed the puzzle immensely. Thanks *Bogeyman*. *Robyn Wimbush*



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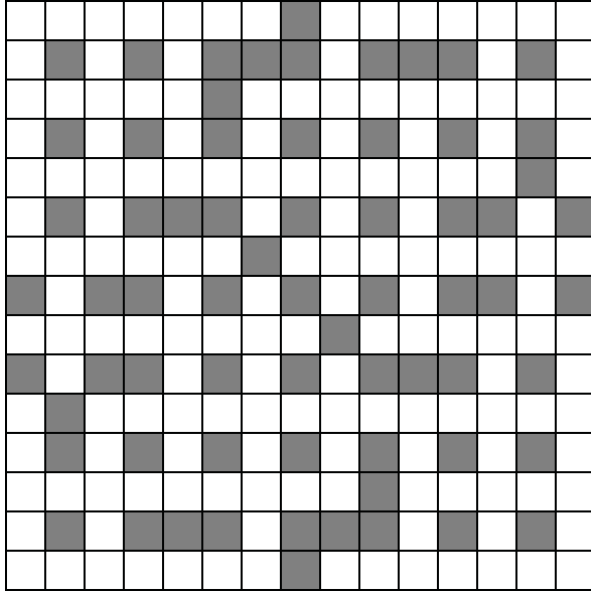
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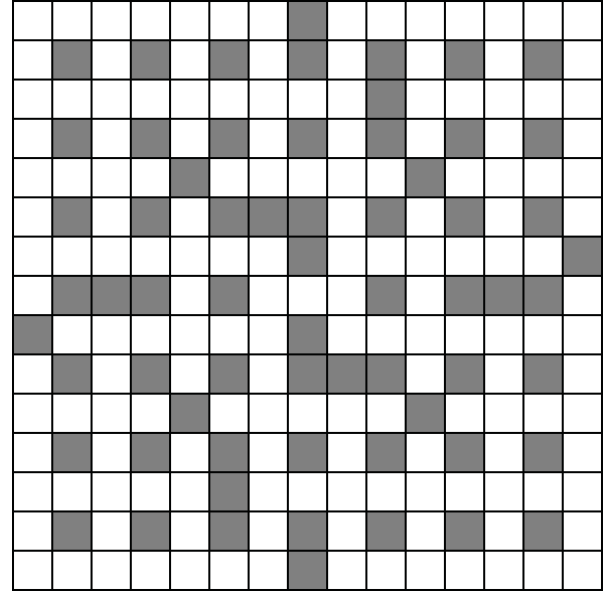
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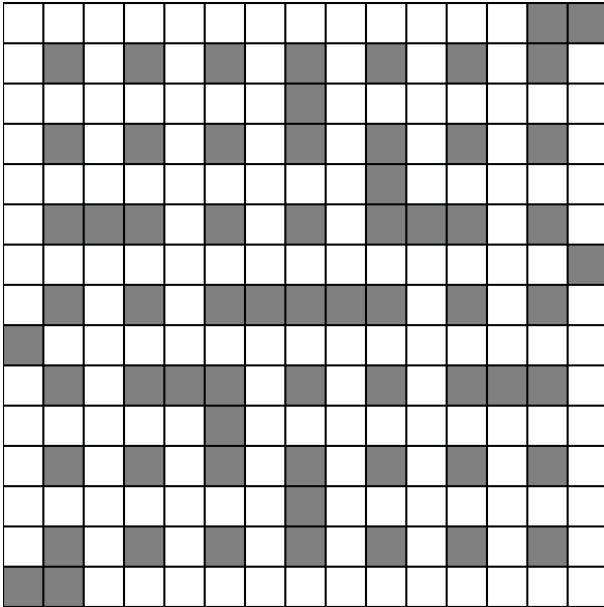


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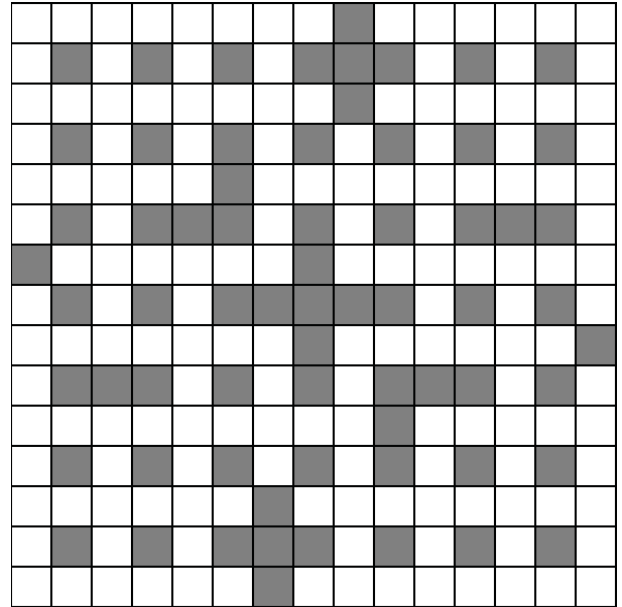


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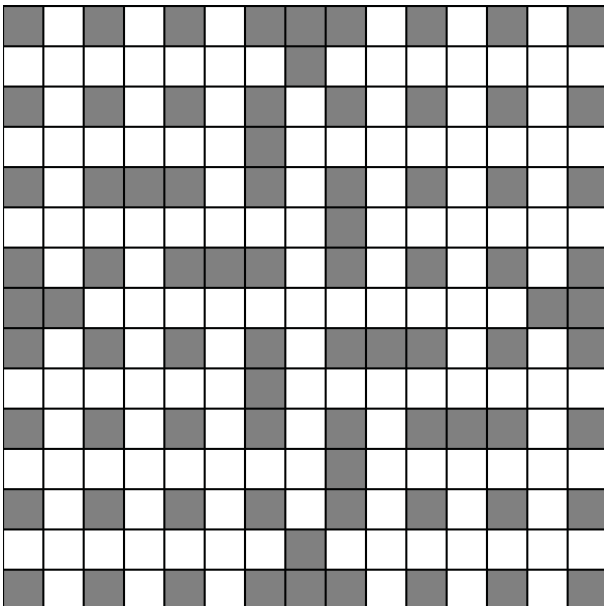
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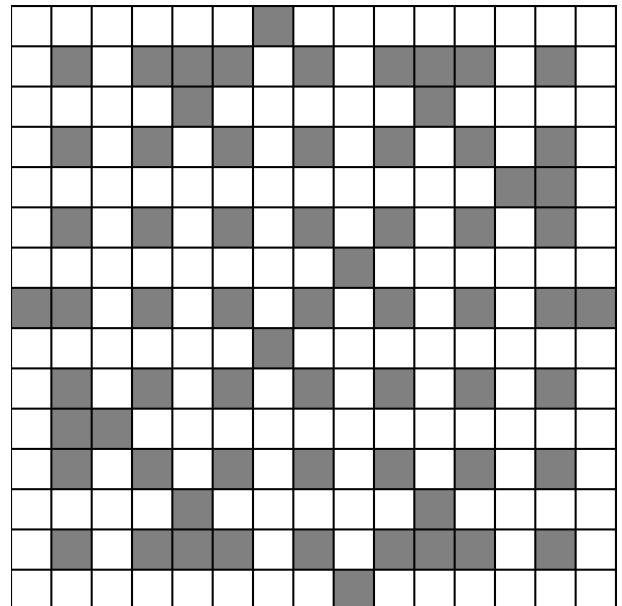
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**August 6-2015: Animal, Vegetable or Mineral by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)**

**Entries 46. Correct 18. Success rate 39.1%.**

**Prizewinner: Jim Fowler. Congratulations!**

**Un-dotted members who found the Nina:** Alan Walter, Caroline Mackay-Sim, Christina Lee, Julie Crowe, Peter Dearie and Sam Howat.

**Adjudicator's comments**

Thanks members for your entries and comments. I was pleased that eighteen members located the hidden term HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. The advice was produced by the first letters of the clues placed in order: boustrophedon odd letters se start. I encountered boustrophedon in a crossword puzzle a few years ago, and thought it could come in handy at some stage. The clue that gave the most trouble was HOYA (wax plant). Rosa was the most common alternative given; it fits the definition, but not the wordplay. A few offered KOLA (not strictly the genus which is *Cola*) and provided explanations; however, I could not accept these. In retrospect, I should have made the wordplay and/or the definition a little less difficult, as suggested by a few members. The next most frequent error was carcass. The wordplay does not generate an E. Regarding IM ALRIGHT, the rule in the ACC ever since I have been a member, has been to treat abbreviated phrases such as I'm and that's as a single word. This makes it harder for the solver, but showing the apostrophe often makes the clue too easy.

—Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

**Explanations: Across:** 1 I in (GASTRO)\*, 5 C(A RC)A + S'S, 10 (ENTry)\* + A, 11 RE(CO)VERIES, 12 J + OUR (YEN<) MEN, 13 A (R) GO, 14 (NEEdING)\*, 15 SE(RV)AL, 17 Hidden in middle, 19 Expert + REBUS, 22 HOMeLY + A, 24 Claimant in (TRIBUNAL)\* + S, 26 (PET CREAM IS)\*, 27 I + Needs Guards + O, 28 C + RINGED, 29 GRAN(Income)TEe. **Down:** 2 pORTER<, 3 cd, 4 telcoS + URGE ON, 6 dd, 7 CI(R)C + A, 8 NG in (SLAVE IS)\*, 9 SCAMPi, 14 "eye" + POP + PER, 16 aVoId + Breathing + RATION, 18 Rev hidden, 20 tRAIN + tIER, 21 hOBOES, 23 A + R(RA)N, 25 dd.

**Errors:** JOURNEYMAN, CORIA, REIFIER, CARCASE, CORKA, CERVIL, INGA, ISALRIGHT, ITALRIGHT ROSA, DOMA, SOYA, KOLA, LOCA, BOLA, TOBA, SOYA, COLA, SOFA, SOLA.

**Solvers' Comments**

- Thanks for a fantastic brain workout, and congratulations on the achievement! *Len Colgan*
- What a magnificent puzzle. It was fun to solve the clues and then work out the secondary aspects. Not sure at all about RAINIER – the parsing escapes me. HOYA was tricky – first thoughts being Rosa, but homely thoughts prevailed. I tips me lid to you for a truly brilliant puzzle. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Jim Fowler*
- HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM is the description hidden in the even-numbered rows. Very clever! *Christina Lee*
- Organic potato. *Ray Gooderick*
- HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. Amazing to even contemplate incorporating such an outrageous Nina. Well done Flowerman! *Michael Kennedy*
- Great puzzle. Very clever clues with great surfaces; plus the themes and hidden term as a bonus. Hidden phrase is HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. Well done and thanks Flowerman. *Tony Dobebe*
- It was only after looking up BOUSTROPHEDON (no; it's not a dinosaur!) in a state of desperation that I finally found HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM as the hidden answer. Thanks for a great mental workout! *Jeremy Barnes*
- Boustrophedon odd letters SE start: Heterotrophic Organism? *Gillian Champion*
- I located GRANITE; SERVAL; ROSA; ETNA; EREBUS and RAINIER – but could not find the two-word term. *Nea Storey*
- Hidden term, HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Karl Audrins*
- In a word 'convoluted' but no less enjoyable for that. *Doreen Jones*

- Heterotrophic organism. *Pat Lord*
- I had never heard of a "boustrophedon". But, sure enough, on the odd letters starting in the south-east corner ploughing upwards was "HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM" describing the animal element of the title. HOYA = HO(MEL)Y + A and RAINIER = (T)RAIN / (T)IER were both very tough to solve. A really challenging puzzle overall – thanks Ian. *Andrew Miles*
- A real challenge! Nearly gave up many times. Hats off to compiler for such an amazing puzzle. Not 100% sure of my answers. Hidden term is HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. I'd never heard the word boustrophedon – great word! *Julie Crowe*
- HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM is the hidden term. What fun this has been! I was thrown for quite a while by 3dn being described as having (2;7) letters rather than the (1;1;7) I would have expected. You live and learn! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Tough; really tough. I think the two word term is "A Mineral". *Richard Skinner*
- Great fun but couldn't get the term. Odd letters going around in my brain! *Roy Taylor*
- Living Organism. *Julie Leigh*
- Flowerman and plants... 11 match \_O\_A; none match the cryptic. I lost the will to live. *Rob Moline*
- 22ac is a complete guess. I could not crack the hidden term despite finding "odd letters" in the clues. *Warren Allen*
- 22ac was unusually difficult; probably could've clued it more sympathetically. *Andrew Patterson*
- A challenging puzzle – I loved the clue for ENTICE! Sadly I can't find the two word term. *Michael Potts*
- I reluctantly gave up trying to find the hidden term at 11.22pm on Thursday! *Susan Howells*
- Thanks Ian for a very difficult puzzle. 22ac was the hardest to find. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *David Procter*
- Thanks for a really hard cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- Congratulations on your tremendous crossword construction. A time-consuming task. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Alan Walter*
- This was the hardest puzzle I have ever completed – far harder than it needed to be! I liked your RECOVERIES. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Bev Cockburn*
- What a great compiling feat and such wonderful words. Thanks for a masterly challenge. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Extremely challenging slot 6. How you were able to complete such a puzzle is beyond my comprehension. HETEROTROPHIC ORGANISM. *Bob Hagan*

**Comments re Quiz No 9/2015 continued from p9:**

- Feeble-mindedness .... Certainly applies to No.34 in my case! No idea. *Karl Audrins*
- A most excellently good and enjoyable quiz for which I thank thee. Couldn't see the reference to 1.44 bits. Not convinced that Queer and Ratty are correct. Enjoyed Hoodwink. *Jim Fowler*
- I enjoyed your quiz and hope that I haven't been stupid with my answers. *Hilary Cromer*
- A really enjoyable quiz – had me scrambling for all my crossword dictionaries. *Alison Shield*
- This was lots of fun. I certainly learned some new words! *Alison Martin*
- What a teaser! *Frank Martin*
- I feel great affinity with your quiz: my birthday falls on April 1st. Does that make me a *poisson d'Avril*? *Merv Collins*
- Who would have thought so many synonyms for fool? *Marian Procter*
- Thanks for an enjoyable quiz. *Barbara Glissan*
- An excellent quiz! *Pat Garner*
- What a delightful set of words! English is such a wonderful language for cruciverbalists. *Susan Howells*
- I did enjoy testing myself ... so many words to cover sheer stupidity. *Cheryl Wilcox*



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## Vale CAROLE NOBLE (1940-2015)

Carole sadly passed away on 20 September 2015 aged 75. She was one of the founders of the ACC in May 1990 and was the ACC's very successful first Secretary until January 1998 when our present Secretary Bev Cockburn took on that important position. Carole was an adjudicator of the Slots 1-5 puzzles from June 1990-October 1992. (Right) photo of Carole and Len taken in October 1991.



Carole started tackling crosswords in 1988. She started on "quick/cryptic" crosswords then got hooked on cryptic crosswords and achieved outstanding results in a very short time. She teamed up with Edna McGloin (as *Ecoleandra*) to produce Alphabetical Jigsaws which were much appreciated by the solvers. When she compiled on her own, her cruciverbonym was *Waratah*. In 1995, it was said that she was "a self-confessed couch potato and loved reading and watching TV, videos and talking on the telephone". Her husband Len said that "her only exercise was jumping to conclusions and beating around the bush!"

In January 2008, Carole and Joan Smith as *Difficult Women* won the COTM with this clue: Weakened bureaucracy, no just the reverse (7) TAPERED. And in July 2008, Carole won the COTM with: "Watch type, do you understand, Mr Capone?" (7) DIGITAL. In October 2008 Carole and Bev Cockburn (*The Busybodies*) won with: Split dividends after match! (7) ALIMONY. In May 2011 with Joan Smith: Source reported boat over (7) KETCHUP. In July 2011: Sturdy plant grown from a corn seed? (3,4) OAK TREE.

In 2008 and 2011 Carole was the Annual winner of the Clue of the Month and won prizes on 41 occasions. Also, she was a Cumulative prizewinner on 32 occasions. She contributed 11 Quizzes with Bev Cockburn (*The Busybodies*) plus another 4 quizzes as *Waratah*.

Here is a photo of Carole when she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in October 1992 for her valued contributions to the ACC.



In relation to puzzles, Carole contributed an amazing 70 puzzles, 26 as *Waratah*, 1 with Ann Jermy (*Carann*), 16 with Joan Smith (*Difficult Women*), 24 with Edna McGloin (*Ecoleandra*) and 3 with Bev Cockburn (*The Busybodies*).

In May 2010 Carole and her husband Len celebrated their Golden Wedding. Carole responded: "Many thanks for the cards and phone calls. Some of us go back a long way, and what a journey we've had. I love this Club; it's so friendly."

Carole was made a Life Member of the Club in February 2005 and it was said that "she did so much to guide the Club along its successful path." Carole responded: "Thank you so much for the beautiful certificate to tell me that I am now a Life Member of the club. What a wonderful surprise and an honour. I'm really thrilled, I love it."

Len sadly passed away in March 2012. Carole said: "We are glad he's no longer in such dreadful pain. We miss him though. We were married for almost 52 years. I'm blessed with a loving and supportive family."

In March 2015, Carole moved into an Aged Care unit in Erina NSW and ran a weekly event called *Carole's Crossword Club*. She started off with four people but then had to find another table to accommodate a ninth person! Carole said that she was "trying to get their minds working by compiling easy crosswords." And Carole kept successfully solving the ACC puzzles and making relevant comments. It is touching to read what she said in relation to the Slots 1-5 puzzles for September 2015 (see p10) especially this one: "AJs are my favourite."

Carole was a keen and much-loved letter writer; always chatty, friendly, accessible and encouraging. Much of the success of the Club was due to her hard work and her inspiration. She will be sadly missed.

We send our sincere condolences to Carole's Loving Family.

### Here is a tribute from our Secretary **Bev Cockburn**:

"The Australian Crossword Club and I will sadly miss our friend, Carole. She treated the club as family and loved to write to and speak to so many of us over the years. She was witty and clever and her puzzles and quizzes were always fun to solve. We often collaborated as *The Busybodies* and she was constantly thinking of new ideas for quizzes. My heart goes out to her sons and their families who have lost their wonderful mother."

### And Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**:

"Carole was an accomplished compiler from the earliest days of the Club under the name of *Waratah*. She specialised in the more straightforward puzzles and her work often appeared in slots 1 and 2 with the occasional foray into the AJ genre. Her clues were appreciated by expert and beginner solvers alike and were always accurately constructed: their surface readings were witty and to the point."

### ACC Members' Tributes:

- It was sad to learn of Carole's departure on Sun 20/9/2015. As the first secretary of the ACC she was always friendly & excellent with all her communications. She loved solving puzzles & even started up an interest in them with the patients at her hospital. Recently she said that she was not feeling well & that she could no longer stand or walk. She actively participated in our monthly puzzles for over the last 25 years. She will be much missed. May she rest peacefully.

Alan Walter

- A suitable epitaph for Carole could be along these lines. Maybe a hymn for a grand lady (6,5). R.I.P Carole.

Col Archibald

- I have just heard that Carole has passed away. It is a shame that such a remarkable person is no longer with us. I know she was a friend of Bev Cockburn and I offer her my commiserations: it is so sad. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

Ann Jermy