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Our language, is like the phoenix: it springs anew from its own ashes.
TS Eliot, from Michaels and Ricks' *The State of the Language*, 1980.

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This month we welcome a new adjudicator – Joan Smith. As the formidable compiler *Timid Terrier*, Joan is well-known to all solvers especially with her frequent challenging AJs. Thank you for taking on the pleasant task of adjudication, Joan. We hope you will enjoy it immensely and not be inundated with last-minute entries.

Would you like to try your hand at adjudicating? It's a great way to spend a few weeks not to mention all the charming cards and letters you receive from the appreciative members. Particularly we would like someone to take over the Dec-Jan period which was done so well for so many years by Jim Colles. Contact Patrick if you would like to have your name added to the prestigious list of adjudicators.

Tributes have continued to flow in for the late lamented Jim Colles (see p9). On p14 we publish one of Jim's last Quizzes called *Fabrag*. And Ian Williams has collected the results of Jim's Rotorwords puzzle which can be found on p9.

Our brilliant Puzzleman, Ian Williams has selected a wonderful range of compilers this month including *Virgo*, *The Two Bears* and *Dazy May*. For the AJ we have a new dynamic duo, *Carann* (Carole Noble and Ann Jermy). Both are expert and successful compilers in their own right and as a double, they make an impressive pair. We welcome back *The Beast* (who is now enjoying good health) with an innovative puzzle called *Two-Up* and in the Slot 6 spot we publish *Jack* (Jack Stocks) with his *Fair Game* puzzle. In the Slot 7 slot the indefatigable *midships* has laid down some laws and we have two Quizzes for your delectation. Incidentally, Ian Williams would like members to send him more quizzes for publication please. The stocks of quizzes are low at the moment. Also, we have a Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by Steve Trollope and two chess problems. There is plenty to keep you puzzled in the next month.
Happy Crozworlding!

— Patrick

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The consensus of opinion was that this month's puzzles were easier than last month's for which several members expressed their relief. Welcome back to those members who have submitted their puzzles for the first time in a while. Many thanks for all your good wishes and cards, they are much appreciated. I hope that those of you who said you were suffering from flu are now recovered. Sadly the usual selection of blank squares in otherwise correct entries. Many of the errors were spelling rather than solution issues. I would also like to thank John Gillis for checking all the Axword entries for me.

Slot 1: SHONKIEST and EDITION were the most common errors here. There were several interesting variations on the spelling of HYADES and LIARD. The balance of errors was caused by incorrect spelling. Three members opted for RAINMAKER too.

Slot 2: Many members greeted the return of *Waratah* with enthusiasm. This popularity was reflected in 6 nominations for COTM. There were however many errors which cost members their coveted dots: many of them appeared to be careless spelling. TALLY KNIFE, OUTRES, ASIGNEE, WEIRDS, ALIENCE, BUCKANEER, BUCHANEER, QUARKS, AMORUTAS, SKEA, TRINITROTULUENE, HUBRIS, EMIRITUS, QUERYS, ENDORSED, ALINUDE, PAPER KNIFE and DROVER were the culprits.

Slot 3: By far the best received puzzle with only three wrong words. BEHOLD, CONDOLE and RUN THE SHOP. This one also received 6 nominations for COTM, two of which were 1st and runner up.

Slot 4: *St Jude's* AJ was the cause of a lot of comment as well as lost dots. There were several incorrect variations on KIDDY CAR, YOOF, CONVEYOR (yet all three were nominated as COTM) and XUAN LOC. The balance of errors was once again caused by incorrect spelling.

Slot 5: Members either loved this or hated it. Surprisingly several remarked they didn't 'get it' – obviously had never heard of Annie Laurie. Sadly one blank in an otherwise correct answer – where an error had obviously been whited out, but the correct letter never inserted, also BRAES, MONKEY, GEORDEE and GEORGIE.

COTM: 49 nominations received for 21 different clues. A couple of members made 'informal' votes, in that the clue given didn't exist in the Slot nominated. It is also quite time consuming for the adjudicator looking up the actual word: perhaps it would be better to nominate the Slot number and the actual answer. One amusing nomination was for a clue where the member had actually got the answer wrong. The runaway winner this month by a massive margin with 17 votes was in Slot 3 – BRACKETED. Interestingly the runner up with 5 votes was in the same slot – HIRES OUT. Well done Shirli.

—Pat Garner

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	107	107	108	110	95	527
Correct entries	95	92	102	81	90	460
Success rate (%)	88.7	85.9	94.4	73.6	94.7	87.2
Prizewinners	A Jermy M Pyc	B Solomon K Harper	A Rendell G Lloyd	D Grainger	I MacDougall J Balnaves	from 115 members

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Aug 1-2007

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY & AUG 2007 & JULY Slot 7

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AINSWORTH Y	GLISSAN B	PARSONS D
ANDERSON C	GRAINGER D	PATTERSON A
ATKINSON S	GREENING D	PROCTER D
AUSTIN A	HAGAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	PROCTER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALNAVES J	HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RANDALL J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	HAZELL N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RAW M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT B	HEENAN C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RENDELL Dr A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D	HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	HOWARD LJ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RYAN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	*	.	SAVANAH T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAMPBELL G	IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SEALE E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHANCE C	JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	KENNEDY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SOLOMON B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN M	KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STANDARD J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	LEE K E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STOCKS J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COOKE L	LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.	*	TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIDSON D	MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TROLLOPE S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	VILLIERS W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WATSON R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EGGLETON B	MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WATT K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EISENTRAGER D	MAY S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WATTS I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOOT B	MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOSTER C	MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WILSON N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	O'BRIEN E	WILSON R
FULLER D	O'BRIEN S	WOOD J
GALBREATH M	O'HARA H	ZUCAL H

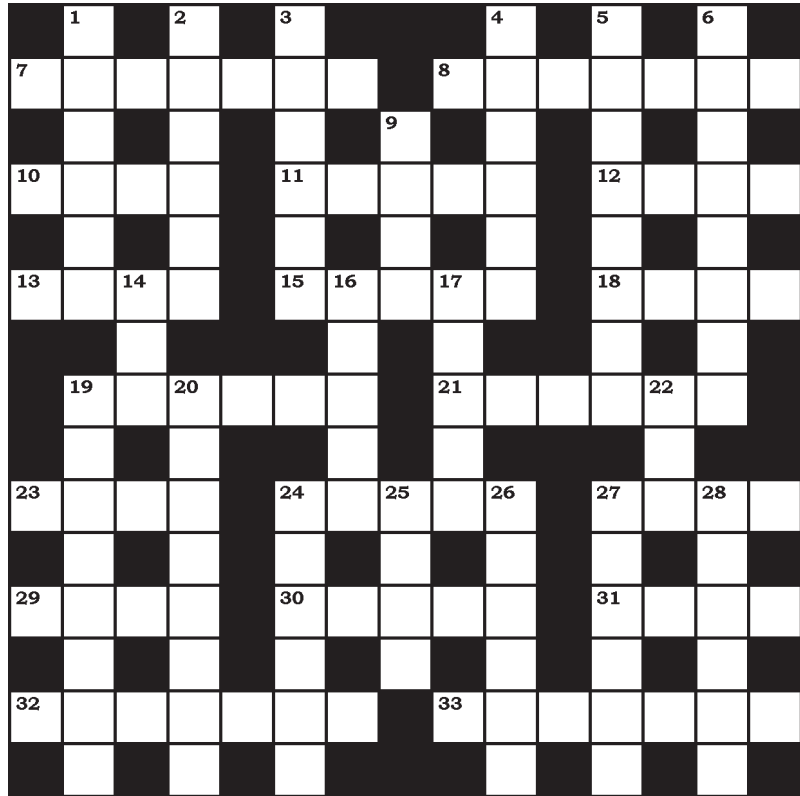
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**Semi-
thematic
by
Virgo**

Prizes: \$50



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Across words are clued differently and belong to a common theme.

Across

- 7 Prime (7)
- 8 Arnold (7)
- 10 Law (4)
- 11 Last (5)
- 12 Play (4)
- 13 Grey (4)
- 15 Andronicus (5)
- 18 Pound (4)
- 19 High court (6)
- 21 Williams (6)
- 23 Roberts (4)
- 24 Blue (5)
- 27 Trade (4)
- 29 Wood (4)
- 30 Ransom (5)
- 31 Babe (4)
- 32 Rock Group (7)
- 33 West (7)

Down

- 1 Columbus, no Bachelor of Science, re-explored for an Etruscan Prince (6)
- 2 The first eleven bails out in climb down (6)
- 3 A vehicle or three – black! (6)
- 4 The French pass off senior moments (6)
- 5 Robs once in the theme (8)
- 6 Reader waving ruler etc. (8)
- 9 Hesitate to go back into the street dirt (4)
- 14 Two letters for a bird (3)
- 16 Offspring is a girl (5)
- 17 Invitation to employ yours truly? Eastern muse would be better (3,2)
- 19 Gathering to preserve robe crafted with ecstasy (8)
- 20 Dig up – Hell is in between (8)
- 22 A letter in the Tarot pack (3)
- 24 P.C. Nick's diddly squat (6)
- 25 Award for excellence in City to City (4)
- 26 Sir Duff gets Aussie half drunk in the Northern Bear! (6)
- 27 Isolate red and blue (6)
- 28 Aussie tennis great has time for a little auk (6)

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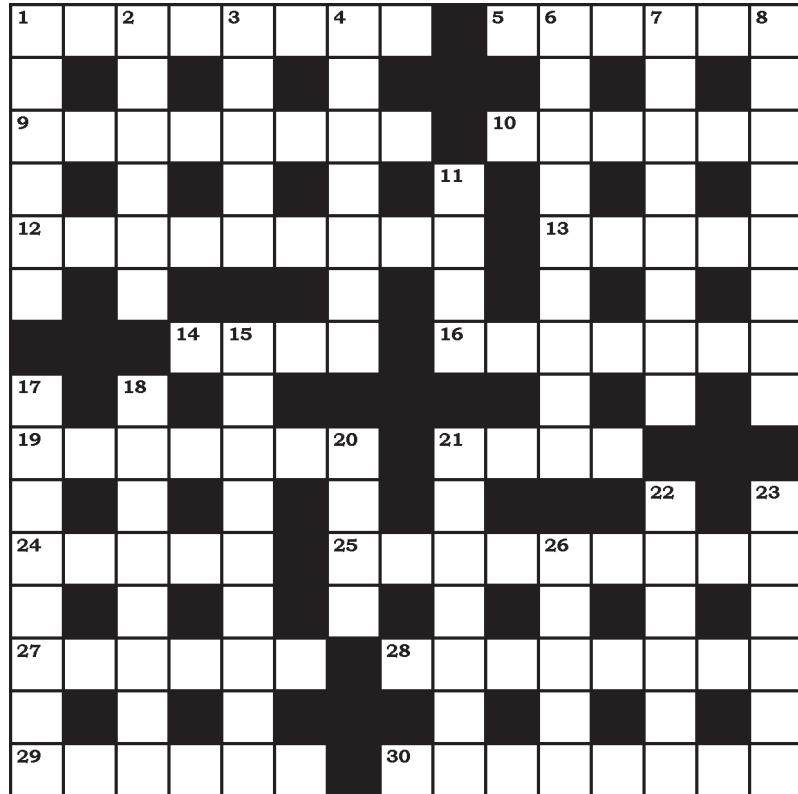
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Cryptic by The Two Bears



Across

- 1 Where to eat your dinner? Sounds like the fish won't shine (8)
- 5 Surplus to requirements, five hundred shown mercy (6)
- 9 Gina Grange, with radium deficiency, is strangely charming (8)
- 10 Not to heartless Mike, but perhaps to you? (4,2)
- 12 Spanish cry interrupts dream, leading to permissiveness (9)
- 13 A little thank you to knight and kings for weapons of war? (5)
- 14 Cat starts purring under suburban sofa (4)
- 16 Much loved river? (7)
- 19 Cheer up, happy Leo's home (7)
- 21 Cardiac location, or so it's said (4)
- 24 Topless wrongdoer is inside (5)
- 25 Why affectionate people might need mittens (4,5)
- 27 Cloth wrapped around right gardening tool (6)
- 28 Unsuccessful evening, lose ring in tangles of thin fog (3,5)
- 29 Rearrange holiday venue (6)
- 30 Frolic with partner, a companion in games (8)

Down

- 1 Lovely Bruce, the cartoonist, runs inside (6)
- 2 Messengers who lack confidence in their footwork (6)
- 3 Rather like Beaver, an English beer without head (5)
- 4 Miss the earliest of sunrises with window shades (7)
- 6 Flaming bonfire! Just half of this sailor's drink would repel insects (9)
- 7 Centurion's twitch? It's all about love (8)
- 8 The gasser didn't conceal his skill at riding backwards (8)
- 11 Dame gets drunk on it? (4)
- 15 What you might find in a French drawer mixed up? (9)
- 17 Sparkling silver kittens, perhaps? (8)
- 18 Egyptian god, in decorative ribbons, making pretty colours in the sky (8)
- 20 Sounds cold in the North East, but it's pleasant (4)
- 21 Assistance, endlessly topped up, is handy (7)
- 22 Mystery code-breaker (6)
- 23 Mixed double, set to fly (6)
- 26 It flows mellifluously (5)

Thoughts of a Champion solver...

"I want to thank the Club for my most handsome Trophy; I am very proud of it. It arrived on the Monday morning after the Victorian Luncheon. David Procter sent me an e-mail on Monday 23rd congratulating me and saying how thrilled he was to receive his Trophy at the Luncheon. I thought this was a very nice gesture on his part as I am not sure if we have ever met. I felt most indebted to Patrick and the Club for the pleasure *CroZworld* has given me over the years, and I am truly grateful." Ron O'Rourke


A Note from the July 2007 Adjudicator Brian Symons:

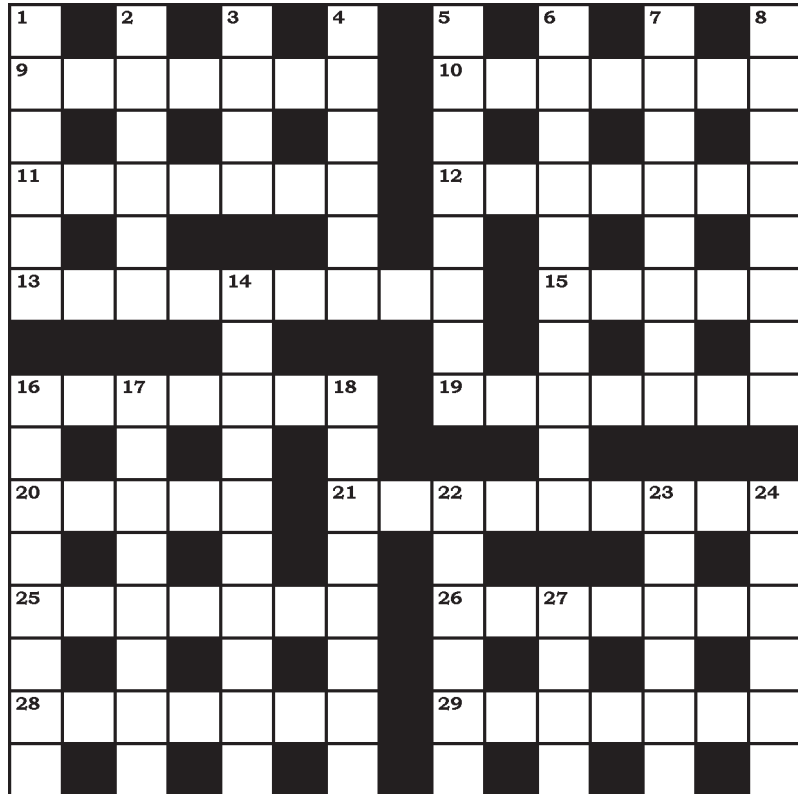
Adjudication sometimes causes some angst and it sure did regarding two answers in Doug's puzzle last month when considering members' comments and queries.

(a) DISC/DOSE: The logic of dose has been drawn to my attention but I still feel it is an inferior answer and it would be unfair to those who put disc to also give a dot to dose.

(b) SPICA/SPINA: The logic for spina draws somewhat of a long bow. However spica seems a little faulty as C stands for caught not catch. Nevertheless I still feel spica is the least unsatisfactory answer. Perhaps the best response would have been to leave the P and C blank and boldly assert there is no correct solution. This may have put the cat amongst the pigeons by gaining a dot and depriving everyone else of one, determining the trophy in one fell swoop!

Brian Symons

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Cryptic by <i>Dazy May</i>




Across

- 9 Mum has devious ploy to maintain energy: "Stand in the midst of the dancers" (7)
- 10 Flower soon takes me back to the end (7)
- 11 Carrier went back for early start, causing redraw (7)
- 12 Noisy Bill – noisy and obscure (7)
- 13 Shepherd ingests drug (foreign one) after this ... (9)
- 15 ... at an age to muse on love? (5)
- 16 Settles rough shooters, right? Gone! (7)
- 19 Sounds you'll record in the chimney at Christmas (4,3)
- 20 Man flips over; initial injury involved bed rest (3-2)
- 21 Hidden at home, in plain sight (9)
- 25 He's not much of a man – exploits work (7)
- 26 Lots to say, but cuts volume and turns blue (7)
- 28 Turned over room – and hotel attendant (7)
- 29 Burn the pork pie, laddie? (7)

Down

- 1 Magistrate getting unusually rich causes damage to reputation (6)
- 2 Mix soy, soak, turn, and voilà – seafood! (6)
- 3 Superstar just got bigger (4)
- 4 Top live act, in top spot (6)
- 5 The bark and the fruit, Laurel – the fruit! (8)
- 6 Say "shells", say "islands", say "tropical resort"... (10)
- 7 One-liner about the bird with kissing disease? (8)
- 8 Principal desire? To have the top down (8)
- 14 Let go part of the inconvenient old style (10)
- 16 Cruel type trapped female in tree, unaided (4-4)
- 17 Take no notice – it's finished, see? (8)
- 18 Quick trip around the joint – good transport! (8)
- 22 Lively Richards hits a winner (6)
- 23 Chatter on about the gun hidden in the pack of goods (6)
- 24 A number of old fairy folk store energy (6)
- 27 Heartless! Alamo is destroyed – now it's just dirt (4)

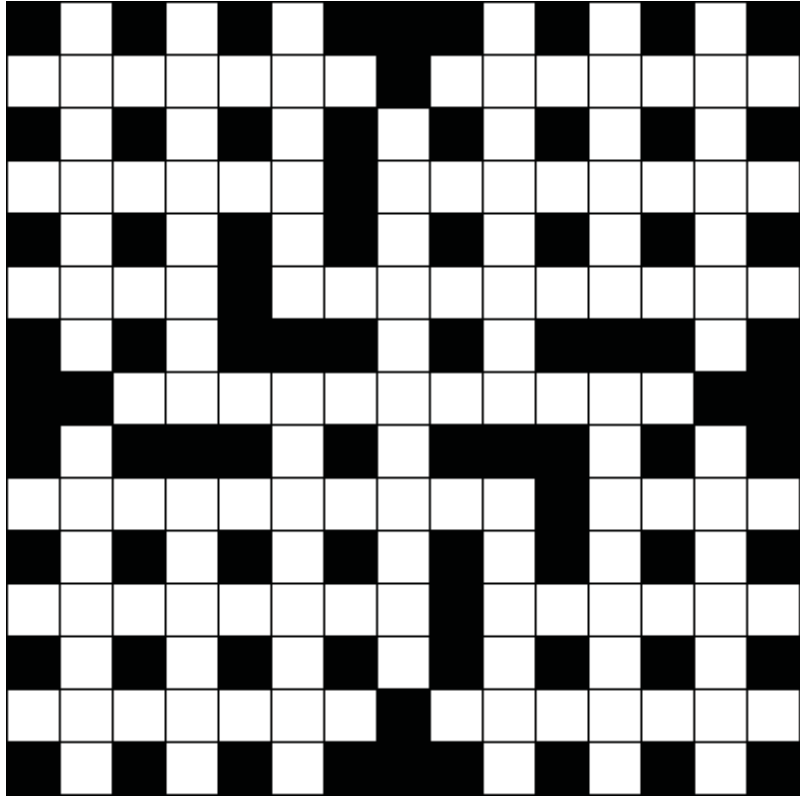
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I believe we should revert to our past requirement that all Slot 1 – 5 answers should be dictionary compliant. Irene's not the only one not happy, Jan. Save the others for Slots 6 – 7. *Shirl O'Brien*
- It was good to see two puzzles (Slots 2 and 3) used "normal" words and did not need a dictionary or the internet. This unfortunately is becoming rarer. *Ro Ducker*
- A wonderful assortment – thanks to all of the great compilers and other workers at ACC. *Catherine Foster*
- I'd like to thank the Club for my prize of the *Chambers Dictionary of World History* last month. It's terrific. *Mal Cockburn*
- Good crosswords, thoroughly enjoyable as always. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks to the club for my great prize for Slot 1 last month. *Thora Abraham*
- I would like to thank all the compilers of this month's slots for their fair clues and enjoyable puzzles. For many months past I have not had the time or inclination to try to complete many of the slots which seem to demand research ability rather than mind power. Not being computer-literate (at age 84) I find this very frustrating and annoying. Consequently I have not bothered to send in those slots I have completed and was indeed considering seriously whether to renew my membership or not. I know of three other members who share my opinion. However, thanks to the August compilers, my faith is restored! Special mention of *Waratah*, copying out my answers to Slot 2, I found I was constantly smiling in admiration. So thanks to yourself and other adjudicators – not a thankless task, as you are all truly appreciated. *Eva Seale*
- Not too easy and not too hard – Slot 5 took the longest, an amusing slot. I must admit that I have never heard of the Bonnie braes of Maxwelton. *Peter Dearie*

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AJ
by
Carann

Prize:
Chambers
Dictionary of
World History
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]



Solutions start with the given letter:
fit them where you can.

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| <p>A Southern man native to this country (10)
 B Black Prince is much wiser (8)
 C Find the middle bit for the table ornament (11)
 D Twin screw to define the essence of life (6,5)
 E Qualified specialist with sex appeal went first (8)
 F Flying Officer Rule is overseas (7)
 G Coming on roughly about the sundial pin (8)
 H Emperor had right to John of Scotland (7)
 I I am a short professional person with no child – that's shocking (8)
 J Lance of the Athletic club put in after Judge Street (7)
 K Principal Kitty earned plenty though is it saved? (4)
 L Britt and Leo worked on the words (8)
 M Tom called because I was in debt (6)</p> | <p>N Wearing denim Roderick was a mighty hunter (6)
 O Band charges for talks (6)
 P Wood god at the beginning of time and long after (4)
 Q Twice in what is French for medicine (7)
 R Business performed without action in send and send again (10)
 S Dropped off tin duck's last letter (7)
 T Piper's son beat his drum (3-3)
 U Experience less progress (7)
 V With no aspiration Elvis has misplaced his cases (7)
 W The German is back after payment risked (7)
 X Ester Cross, social worker, laughed at Lawrence (8)
 Y Affirmation entitled man to agree with him (6)
 Z Brazes wild horses in pyjamas? (6)</p> |
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GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for organizing the lunch on the 22nd. Richard and I both enjoyed the time and from the comments in the *Crozworld* so did many others. Thanks for organizing the day. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thanks for the cheque for winning slot 2 in the July edition. It's appreciated and a small consolation after getting no ticks at all the previous month! *Merv Collins*
- Many thanks for the book prize for July's Slot 5. What a pleasant Club – it gives you prizes for enjoying yourself! *Denis Coates*
- I was thrilled and sur'prized' this week to receive a cheque for the July Slot 3. Thank you so much to whoever pulled my name out of the hat! As one who only ever gets some of the puzzles correct, it was very pleasing to get the prize for one I managed to do. I get lots of pleasure – not to mention 'brain food' – each month from ACC, and it is icing on the cake to win. Thanks to all at ACC who make this such a wonderful club. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Thank you for my prize (Slot 1, July 07). As a new member – who feels very much out of his depth – I was surprised and encouraged when the Certificate and cheque arrived. *Arthur Barrett*
- I am writing to thank you for my prize cheque for June slot 6 – even the bank teller remarked it was a shame to bank such a beautifully written cheque! So thanks to you for sending it and to Ian for pulling it out of his hat. *Pat Garner*
- Thanks for the great prize for June Slot 4. *Ted O'Brien*
- Thank you for drawing my name from the hat in May 6 puzzle. *Paula Mercer*
- I enjoyed *Crozworld* this month. Full of tricks as always. Even Slot 1 is getting harder. *Sandra May*
- I enjoyed this month's puzzles a lot more than the last issue, but the club must cater for all levels of solvers. I am looking forward to more contributions from *Penobscot*, even though No 5 has given me a few more wrinkles. *Joan McGrath*
- I don't think I thanked you for my May 6 prize. Most remiss of me. But better late than never – it was most appreciated. *Iain MacDougall*

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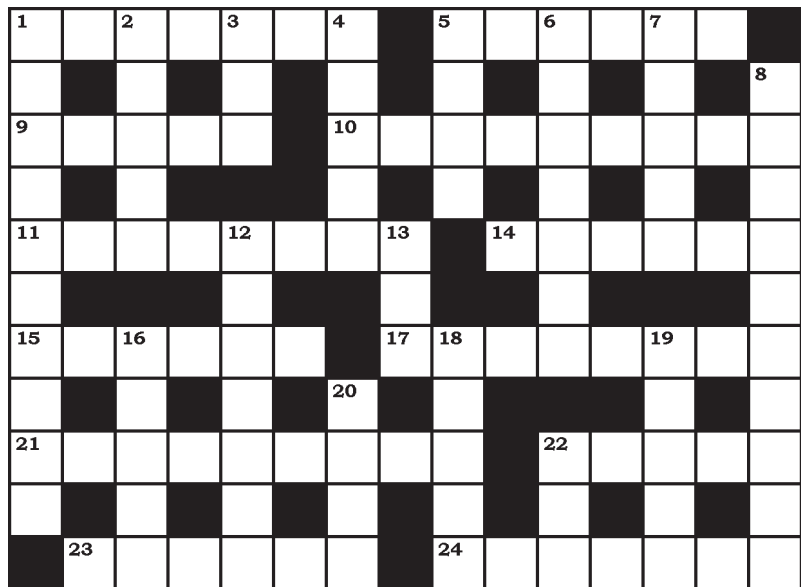
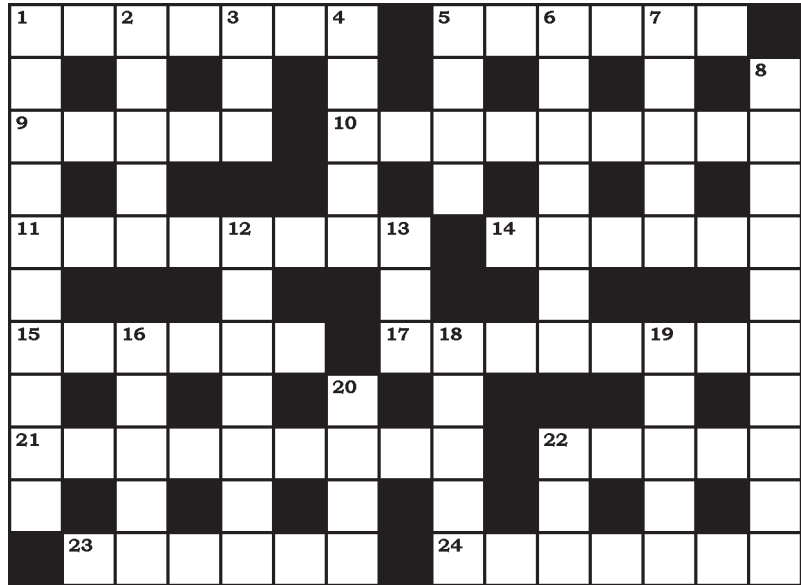
Two-Up
by
The Beast

Prizes: \$50



[2006 edn]

There are two clues for each line number. The second, preceded by an asterisk, is a "Connections for Example" clue i.e. find a word that goes before both, after both, or between the two clue words that will give you two different words, names or phrases. The answer may go into either grid. The first clue is a standard cryptic clue and must thus fit into the other grid.



Across

- 1 A wee drink for a wee bairn (4,3) *Smile heat (7)
- 5 Really good little flyer (6) *Secret dog (6)
- 9 Chamber with nothing but an instrument (5)
*Heavens board (5)
- 10 Intimidator has a whinge about the food (5,4)
*Home centre (9)
- 11 Have a gander at dances with two of these (8)
*School street (8)
- 14 Switches on a tape that has some music composition (6) *Bath diver (6)
- 15 Cattle crossing? No, a seat of learning (6) *Hard day (6)
- 17 Old Bob changed this much dough (3,5) *Whistle score (4-4)
- 21 Breed dog? You can bet on it. (4,5) *Noise silence (9)
- 22 It's a belief to follow my mum (5) *Pipe maker (5)
- 23 Opening of the small door found on some English roofs (6) *Hard opportunity (6)
- 24 In Mecca's centre at sundown to pray (7)
*Picture weapons (7)

Down

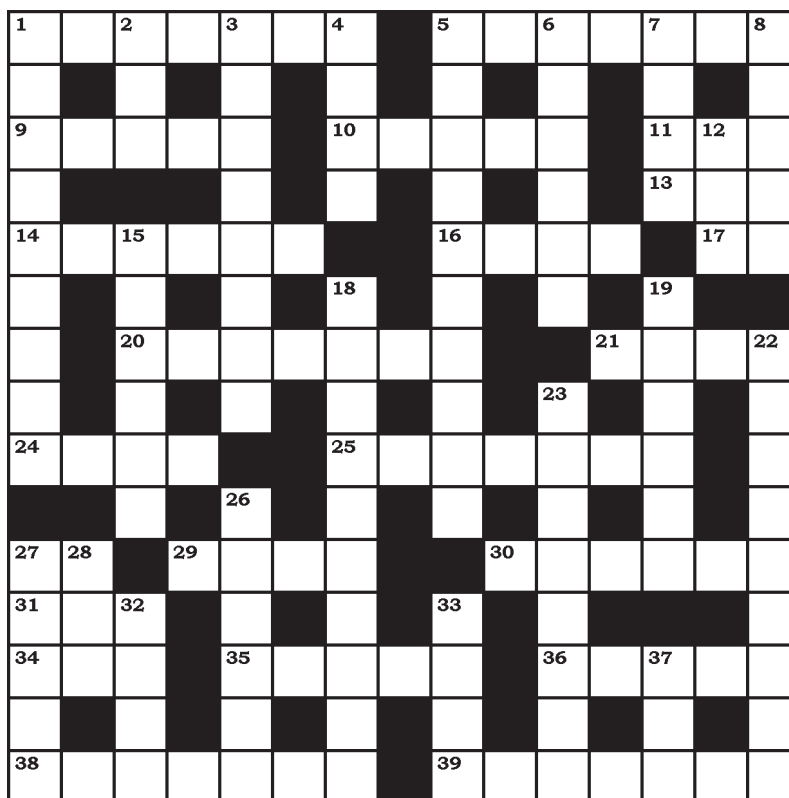
- 1 Soccer draw confounded patrons of 21 (4,5) *Joy tales (9)
- 2 Mythical Greek turned in Queens award (5) *New belly (5)
- 3 A chance of the past (3) *String clip (3)
- 4 Girl in extremes of turmoil being affected by the moon (5) *Coffee water (5)
- 5 Beat up a VW (4) *Sand snake (4)
- 6 Wish for bad spot on the playing field (4,3) *Dam rings (7)
- 7 She enjoys having such brilliance (5) *Clay plate (5)
- 8 Sweets have something of astringency (10) *Military party (10)
- 12 Redback left for the river (7) *Sports weeds (7)
- 13 Caruso had trouble holding this note (3) *Wheel house (3)
- 16 Gordon is a bit lairy! (5) *Roger Francis (5)
- 18 Returned U.S. soldier in the number (5) *Sock strap (5)
- 19 I reckon it's mad (5) *School shirt (5)
- 20 Belt up for your mates (4) *Death bone (4)
- 22 The sort of luck needed to get the kitty (3) *Over time (3)

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Fair Game by Jack



All asterisked clues are associated.



Across

- 1 and 5** *(5,2,3,4)
- 9** An extra horseman (5)
- 10** Small role came to nothing (5)
- 11** Age an aspect of come-ons (3)
- 13** Becoming outstanding (3)
- 14** Finally you said nothing about correct speed indicators (6)
- 16** Aussie funny guys wander restlessly back to bend (4)
- 17** See 27ac
- 20** Can't be without desire to be drunk endlessly (7)
- 21** Watercolour? (4)
- 24** The good oil container (4)
- 25** Ms Turner has a worker inside a bush (7)
- 27 and 17** Intelligence organisation left unchanged (2,2)
- 29** Manipulate a short cable (4)
- 30** Confused true north with south in turbulence (6)
- 31** Private money for disease of the flock (3)
- 34** Take a thousand to turn a lot into whatever (3)
- 35** See 2
- 36** See 2
- 38** Fanatics get more nervous tics (7)
- 39** What one does to damaged tent stays? (7)

Down

- 1** Was concerned about setter's misappropriated vehicle! (9)
- 2 and 19** *(3,6)
- 2 and 35 and 36** *(3,5,5)
- 3** Crowd songs heard to lift o-openers (8)
- 4** It's true, it's a loud part of the play (4)
- 5** *(2,8)
- 6** *(6)
- 7** Take notice of he-man (4)
- 8** Conifers have heartwood top to bottom (5)
- 12** Speak scanty French? Yes (3)
- 15** *(6)
- 18** Last time strong current particles generate discharges (10)
- 19** *See 2
- 22** More than one matter of opinion stated. You heard it clearly (9)
- 23** Arrange brain scan without first rate drug (8)
- 26** Small company aims to produce hybrid (6)
- 27** First mum follows silver lizard (5)
- 28** Wrong trigonometrical function (3)
- 32** Coloured fabric ceased running we hear (4)
- 33** Rage about garb (4)
- 37** Increase in bad days (3)

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TRIBUTES TO JIM COLLES:

• I would very much like to add my voice to the expressions of grief for the passing of Jim Colles. Like many others, I never had the opportunity to meet him in person, but his ingenious puzzles and quizzes were among my absolute favourites. I was also the happy recipient of many letters and e-mails – I will miss him greatly.

Catherine Hambling

• I am just so sad about our losing Jim – he feels like part of my Family, which I guess is the way a great number of our Members feel. I treasure all the little witty notes he took the time to send

after I had battled through his wonderful puzzles and quizzes, and then abused him unmercifully. One of these notes from him reads, "That's the trouble with you Irish, Del – no humour, just a great thirst." My last note came when I sent him my *Rotor Words* entry, in which he assured me that I was "showing no signs of a lobotomy." I just so hope my last effort with him was correct. Have just been to Mass which I offered up for him. My Johnny is lucky—he gets to meet Jim before me. I shall have a quiet Bailey's® for him later.

Del Kennedy

• It was a blow to learn of Jim's passing. While I'd not personally met him, I'd received many letters over the years, spoken on the phone and prior to being connected to the internet, he would send puzzles from the net he thought would challenge me! I always loved his work and in particular his wonderful wit. No doubt, we will all miss him.

Roy Wilson

• Very sad to hear about the passing of Jim Colles. I'm sure we'll all miss him.

Jenny Wenham

• I should like to add my tribute to those already acknowledged concerning Jim Colles. Although I never met Jim and his puzzle

contributions were always beyond my capabilities, I felt that I did know him and I looked on him as a good, kind friend. Perhaps that was because of his frequent witty comments in *Crozworld*. Those comments were always enjoyable, clever and amusing, but never crude or hurtful. Thank you Jim, we shall miss you greatly.

Irene Watts

• I was sorry to hear that Jim Colles had died. I remember my feeling of absolute triumph when I first solved one of his puzzles. On the few occasions we corresponded I found him courteous and witty. His passing is a sad loss for the club.

Margaret Davis

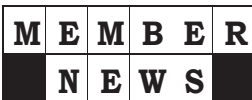
Results June 2007 Rotorwords Quiz by Jim Colles.

Prizewinner Nancy Hazell – Congratulations.

25 pts: Atkinson S, Austin A, Bennett B, Caine R, Cockburn B, Cooke L, Dearie P, Dinham V, Foster C, Garner P, Glissan B, Hambling C, Hazell N, Howard L, Howard V, Ibbott B, Jones D, Kennedy M, Leeds G, McGrath J, Noble C, O'Brien S, O'Rourke R, Procter D, Procter M, Roddick M, Ryan W G, Siegman B, Smith J, Steinberger M, Stocks J, Symons B, Taylor R, Walter A, Watts I. **24 pts:** Anderson C, Balnaves J, Kennedy D J, McClelland C, McPherson T, O'Brien E, Waites L, Wilson N. **23 pts:** Abraham T, Foott B. **21 pts:** Barbour J.

Comments:

A quiz enjoyed by all who participated. It was sad, reading the comments and requests for more of these interesting, ingenious and Internet-not-required quizzes, to realise that Jim is no longer with us. Most frequent errors were PINS/SPIN and POTS/STOP for the POOL/LOOP combination required in No 10. Two entries suggested EVENS/SNEVE for the required DRAWS/SWARD in No 4, but even the Internet was not able to verify SNEVE as any form of turf. Sincere thanks are due to Jim's brother Brian, who was kind enough to forward the entries to the Club and help our show to go on. *Ian Williams*



New Members: Helga Geinitz from Springvale South, Vic. and Dr Crisetta MacLeod from Ashfield, NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments:

Andrew Patterson gained dots for July Slots 1, 4 and 5.

In Appreciation...

- A Special Thank you to **Maurice Cowan** for his generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund.
- Many thanks to **John Gillis** for his excellent work in handling the e-lodgments during Ian Williams' absence on holidays.

Please have a go at composing a clue for the word CHARADE (7) in the Clue Writing Competition, (see p16). Our adjudicator Steve Trollope would like to see more members trying their hand at compiling a clue in this fascinating competition.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

contumacious *adj.* insubordinate; stubbornly or wilfully disobedient, especially to a court order. [ORIGIN: Latin *contumax*, perhaps related to *tumēre* 'swell'.]

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BONUS QUIZ

Letter Enclosed Quiz No 5 by Virgo

Solve the clues to find the names of famous people that all start and end with the same letter (e.g. Bobby Limb). Clues are in alphabetical order.

Send entries to Audrey Austin, 24, Hempstalk Crescent, Kariong, NSW 2250. Closing mail date: 12 October 2007. Book prize.

- A** Aboriginal Painter (6,9)
- A** Actor – *The Godfather Part III* (4,6)
- D** U.K. former cricketer and Test umpire (5,8)
- D** Former Marathon Swimming Champion (3,7)
- E** Charles Dickens character (8,7)
- E** One of the Monty Python gang (4,4)
- I** Actress – *Tea with Mussolini* (8,10)
- K** U.S. actress – TV's *The Closer* (4,8)
- L** Charles Dodgson's pen name (5,7)
- M** Sporty Spice (7,8)
- N** Movie Director – *The Crying Game* (4,6)
- R** N.Z. Fashion model (6,6)
- R** Aussie Playwright – *Summer of the 17th Doll* (3,6)
- R** English Composer – *The Children's Overture* (5,7)
- S** U.S. author – *Elmer Gantry* (8,5)
- S** Former U.K. snooker champion (5,5)
- S** Singer with Fleetwood Mac (6,5)
- T** U.S. actor – TV's *Picket Fences* (3,8)
- T** Former Aussie Rules champion (4,7)
- Y** Aussie Operatic soprano (6,5)

August 1-2007: Half 'n Half by Jesso

- A really good ½ and ½. FROLIC, RAPINE and ELEMI are cleverly clued. *Brian Symons*
- Liked your clue 27dn: Expression of relief in the hot seat? To the contrary! (P+H+EW) *Alan Walter*
- I enjoyed the challenge of the down clues. *Ted O'Brien*
- Loved 34dn ALEGAR. *Michael Kennedy*
- One of Noel's puzzles is always a great start to the month. Favourite clue was 27dn and I liked the anagram in 34dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- The clue for 2dn has no definition, just two cryptic halves. This should not have been allowed. It was easy enough to work out but clues must conform to convention. *Mal Cockburn*
- The difficulty level of Noel's half and half puzzles seems to be increasing. This one had some very tricky clues. *Irene Watts*
- Jesso does keep them coming – thank you Noel. *Margaret Davis*

August 2-2007: Cryptic by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- Nice one. STEPLADDER got my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks Waratah for an enjoyable cryptic puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Wonderful to have a Waratah puzzle again. Thank you Carole for your always-fair clues. Loved STEPLADDER! *Shirl O'Brien*
- 14ac went close for my COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- 24ac – ALIENEE? (I liked 21ac – STEPLADDER). 23dn I thought was VERY clever. *Graeme Cole*
- Loved the SKUA clue! *Michael Kennedy*
- ALIENEE was a new word for me. Favourite clue was 21ac. *Jenny Wenham*
- Great to see Waratah back in circulation. Hope it's the first of many. Made good use of the homonym throughout the puzzle, Carole; particularly liked 21ac. *Roy Wilson*
- Some very good clues, especially ENDORSES and ALIENEE. *Max Roddick*
- How delightful! A Waratah puzzle. Quite like old times. Thank you Carole. Clue 23dn was brilliant. *Irene Watts*
- A nice cryptic. I've given 18ac my COTM. *Margaret Davis*

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

- Another beauty. Thanks Shirl. *Brian Symons*
- Much liked clue 17ac (Making a commotion in bed) = B+RACKET+ED. Another enjoyable cryptic, thanks Shirl. *Alan Walter*
- It took a while to catch on to 15ac until I realised the answer was in the clue. 17ac gained my COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- 4ac: UNSUNG? (Google Sir Walter Scott's poem – *Breathes There the Man*, and all will be revealed – PG) And 23dn RADII? (I thought 12ac was a bit strange!) I liked 17ac – BRACKETED. *Graeme Cole*
- Clever clues with great surface – more please! *Michael Kennedy*
- I particularly liked 21ac and 2dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Another excellent puzzle from Shirl. So many good clues – loved 17ac; 21ac; and especially 2dn. *Roy Wilson*
- HIRES OUT: Cleverest clue of a clever lot! *Max Roddick*
- Many clever clues to keep brains working hard. Shirl's puzzles are always well constructed. *Irene Watts*
- A good one as always from Shirl. I liked 10ac. *Margaret Davis*

August 4-2007: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- YOOF is a nice clue, among many. NONAGE I thought was to do with nineties – good to be corrected. *Brian Symons*
- This was quite a challenging AJ to solve with 3 answers not listed in our standard dictionaries – 'ZEBRA DANIO', 'DOOR VENT' and 'KIDDY CAR'. Had to search the atlas for XUAN LOC in Vietnam. *Alan Walter*
- When I appealed to Google, KIDDY CAR was confirmed, but it was not in any of the recommended dictionaries. *Ted O'Brien*
- I – INTROS. Is the definition for this clue missing, or is it to be understood? ('Beginnings' serves a double purpose here – PG) T – TODDLE? (The Tolpuddle Martyrs are the reference here – less some of the letters inside +- hence gutless – PG) *Graeme Cole*
- Possibly the first time that the Tolpuddle Martyrs have been used in a cryptic clue! *Michael Kennedy*
- A tough grid for an AJ. Hopefully the excellent cluing has led me to all the right answers. *Jenny Wenham*
- Interesting AJ from Drew. The out-of-the-ordinary grid added to the challenge. You had us looking into the centre of a few words! Not quite sure of the definition for the 'Y' clue. Yoof is youth said slovenly in London. (Think Cockney pronunciation – PG) I've just not come to terms with the 'N'? *Roy Wilson*

- "A lushness of drunks" – what a collectable collective! *Max Roddick*
- A mixed bag of easy and difficult clues. The unusual grid made the filling in more difficult than usual. The 'Y' clue is rather unfair and 'iffy'. *Irene Watts*
- This grid looked like it might be a challenge but the two 15 letter clues were nice and straightforward which was a good start. I hope 'DOOR VENT' is correct – couldn't find it anywhere but it fits and seems to suit the clue. *Margaret Davis*
- I am puzzled by the K clue. The cryptic part seems to lead to 'kaddy car', but the definition seems to be 'kiddy car'. *Iain MacDougall*

August 5-2007: Double Acrostic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- Very clever and enjoyable. 4 clue should have 'quiets' not 'quietens' (I think). *Brian Symons*
- With 9 Indian Tribal names and 3 other associated words, the TORMENT and MYSTIQUE gradually raised the EYEBROWS to inform us that 'PENOBSCOT IS TO BLAME' for the poser about the donkey. I am still unaware why its brays 'BONNIE BOOM BOOM' would lead to the name MAXWELTON! (Google the lyrics for ANNIE LAURIE Alan, and all will be revealed! PG) *Alan Walter*
- How I love a puzzle that makes me really laugh! Welcome to our new setter. Some good clues, but a couple could have been improved (EDDIED (tense) and MYSTIQUE (en missing)). Look forward to more Penobscot! *Shirl O'Brien*
- Penobscot may be to blame, but has this puzzle been tarred with Basil's brush? Boom boom!! *Ted O'Brien*
- Penobscot has certainly added a new dimension to an acrostic. Usually, once a key word is found, and the verse or quotation located on the Internet, the puzzle can be completed without solving all the clues! By compiling your own message implies you basically have to solve all the clues. B – EDDIED? By putting a question mark at the end of the clue, does this justify it is a fair clue? O – LEDGE – I didn't fully understand this clue. (John Howard refused to live at *The Lodge* in Canberra – PG) I don't understand the joke at all (See my remark to Alan Walter above – PG) *Graeme Cole*
- Excellent debut! *Michael Kennedy*
- Welcome, Penobscot. This whole puzzle was an education. Until now, the only Penobscot I knew was Donald from M*A*S*H. And even when I had the answer, I had to Google MAXWELTON to make sense of it. Did you know that ABENAKI is an anagram of IKEBANA? I liked the "O" clue. I wonder if your Freudian slip was showing when you composed it. Well done. I look forward to blaming Penobscot for many more puzzles. *Jenny Wenham*
- BOOM, BOOM, indeed!! You sure suckered me in with all the references to the Indian tribes. I was somewhat taken aback to be introduced to 'Geordie MacTavish'!!! It was great fun, Maurice. I thoroughly enjoyed it and had a good laugh to boot. Look forward to more, now that you've broken the ice. *Roy Wilson*
- An absorbing and entertaining puzzle. Welcome Penobscot to the Cruciverb people. *Max Roddick*
- I thoroughly enjoyed Penobscot's debut puzzle – double acrostics are my favourite. Was there a typo in the Q clue? *Jan Wood*
- The Indians had me surrounded – I had to surrender. *Thora Abraham*

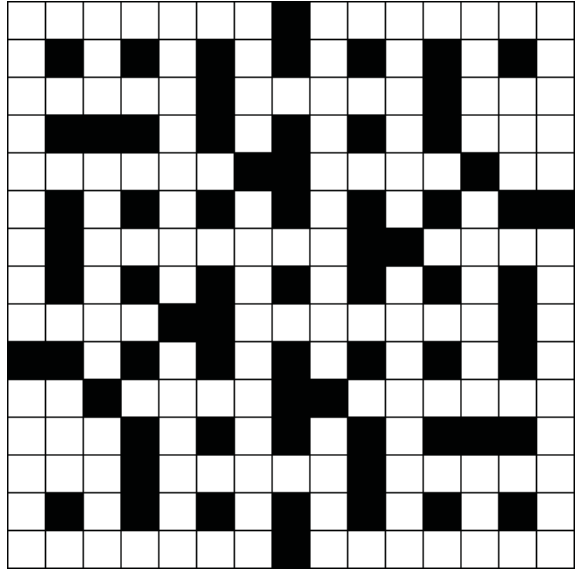
- I am sure many will have problems solving the extremely vague clues, which is a pity because the solution reveals quite a good joke. I found the first clue 'Uncle' the most difficult. An uncel is a (money) lender, but only one letter was right 'E', so I set about listing uncles – Sam, Tom, Buck, Fester (about a dozen altogether) and it wasn't until I had thoroughly ruined the grid with Tippex ... The 'O' clue was also vague. Do you know there are about 20 Howards – Ron, John (2), Keel, Hughes, Hawks, Goodall, Leslie, Trevor etc. And once I got the 'L' there were 3 alternatives with 5 letters: Lodge, Labor and Limbo! Then, not all the Amerind tribes were in my A-Z. All in all, I think this should have been a Slot 6 or 7, else the compiler should have made the clues far more solver-friendly by making the clues cryptic with indicators.

- A tasty helping of sweet corn! *Audrey Austin*
- Welcome to Penobscot which I thought was a spoof of a name until I looked it up on the net. Does this new compiler remind anyone else of Kev Layton and his looney limericks? (Or whatever they were). Good fun. *Irene Watts*
- Brilliant debut. I can't recall ever seeing a thematic acrostic before – or one with such an awful pun. More please. *Margaret Davis*
- Iain MacDougall

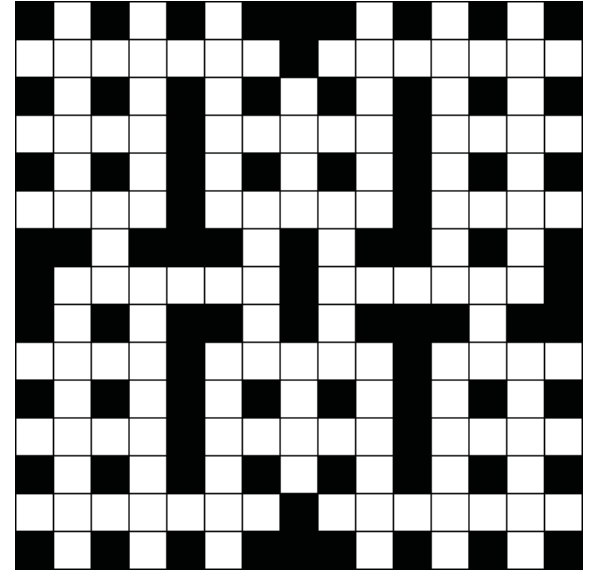


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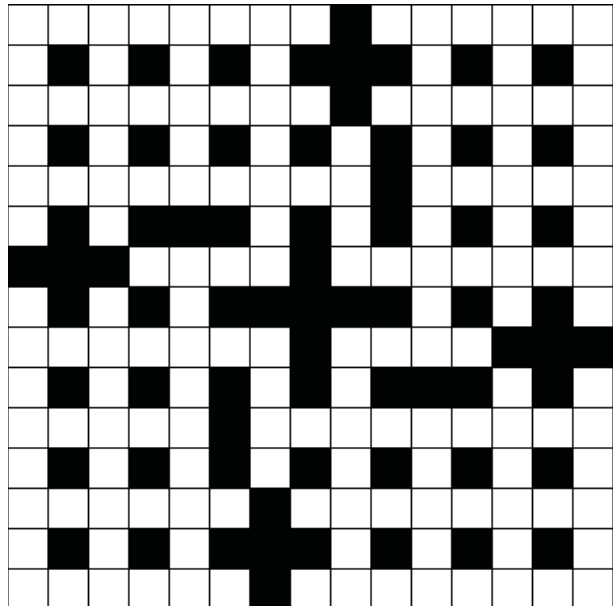
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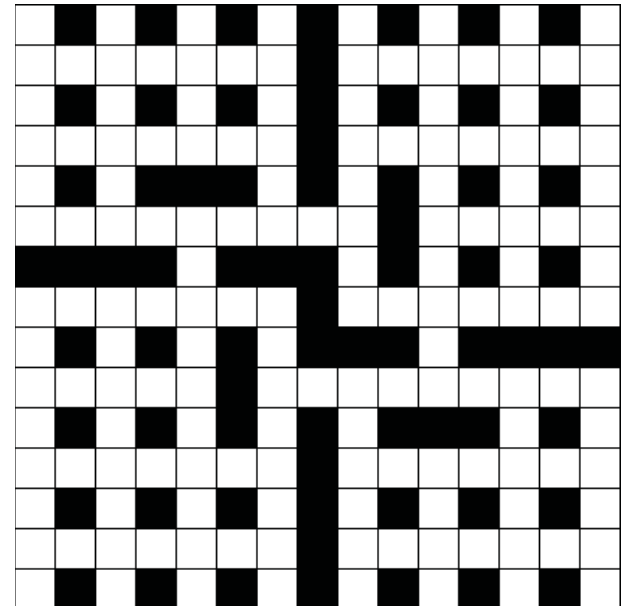
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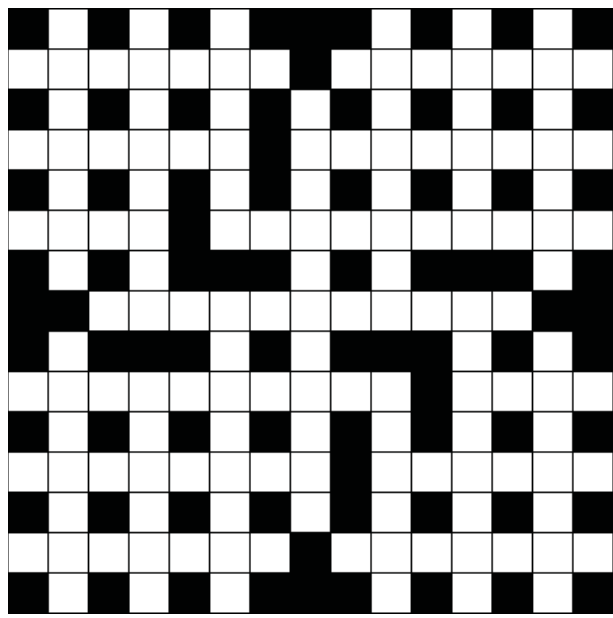
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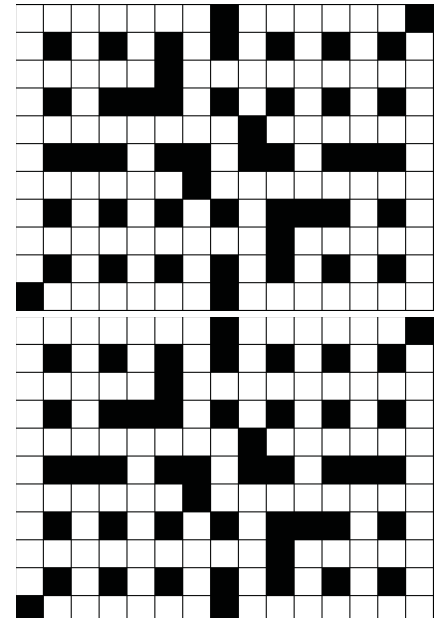
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July 6 - 2007: Peace Train by InGrid (Jean Barbour)
81 entries received, 75 correct, 6 incorrect. 92.6% success rate.
Prizewinners: David Grainger and Margaret Pyc. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all the members who sent their entries along with lovely and supportive comments. It does make the task of adjudicating a very pleasant one. I have included those comments pertinent to the puzzle and apologise if my paraphrasing is inadequate. As can be seen from the results, there were very few problems and the 6 wrong entries were all for different reasons: one with empty squares, one transcription error, one macushi for 32dn, one tomb for 5dn, one hamberg for 16ac and one basengi for 19ac. There were a few general queries including why it was called *Peace Train* but the quote is from *Notes on a Regicide Peace* by Edmund Burke, and I had just been listening to Cat Stevens, and the words seemed to travel like a train around the outside ... Perhaps it's just my mind heading off on a tangent. After setting this puzzle, I found another quote by Mr Burke that was also pointed out by Trish McPherson:

"On this scheme of things, a king is but a man; a queen is but a woman; a woman is but an animal; and an animal not of the highest order".

Nearly made me want to throw the whole thing in the rubbish! There were some problems with mawashi: my source is the *Collins* electronic dictionary. For 18dn Gingham = String (g) + ing (ing) + meat (ham). I did love the way people guessed from my description that I was talking about Edmund Burke as I had never heard of him before I found this quote. I do love the knowledge base in our club.
 —InGrid (Jean Barbour)

Members' Comments

- What a snappy workout. If it wasn't a Slot 6, 'bust' would be my COTM. *William Ryan*
- It took ages to locate masashi as a Japanese woman's sumo wrestling belt around waist with loincloth attached. (I did wonder where you were looking Alan!) *Alan Walter*
- I guessed Edmund Burke but this quote is not in *Oxford Dictionary of Thematic Quotations*. It is in the bigger *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* though (my source is the *Penguin Book of Quotations*). *Roy Taylor*
- I always thought a collar pin was a stud, and I didn't know that meaning for LISTING. Mawashi was a guess as I couldn't find it in any of my dictionaries. We learn something new every month in this club. *Carole Noble*
- It soon became clear that EXAMPLE would fit as the first word in the quotation. *David Procter*
- A few quibbles: the o in ovum is a long sound and so doesn't 'speak of', now Jack is top is imprecise for NJI. I assume stringing = g+ing - maybe a ? to alert us to something weird. *Andrew Patterson*
- Edmund Burke was the only person I could think of who fitted your description but I could not find the quotation in my books. (Nearly all my reference books come from the Op Shop I volunteer at so some of them are not quite standard texts. *InGrid*) *Daphne Greening*
- I thought the way you compiled this puzzle was brilliant. I have 3 books of quotations and this wasn't in any. *Joan McGrath*
- I thought there might have been a connection (between this puzzle and Doreen's Slot 7) as the philosopher in your

puzzle was Edmund Burke and Edmund was mentioned in Doreen's puzzle. I assume that Masashi was the answer not in *Chambers*? (Yes Graeme) Is LISTING from double definition type clue? (yes again) In 9ac, what is the definition? (I was a bit naughty here and used the first letters of words that make up the definition) 18dn: GINGHAM appears to be correct but I am not entirely convinced as to why. (see above) *Graeme Cole*

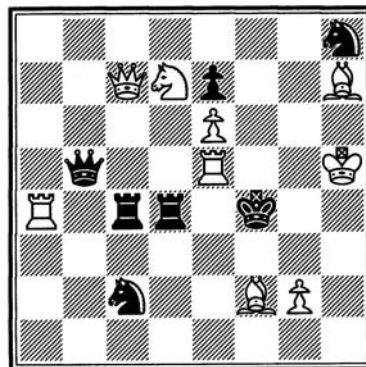
- I thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle but I'm not too sure about 17dn. MAWASHI. I can't find it in any of my references. Perhaps I've invented a new word. *Geoff Campbell*
- The gentleman in question and his quote took quite a lot of effort to find. I thoroughly enjoyed it – thank you. *Pat Garner*
- Much was revealed when I guessed the word EXAMPLE which took me to Burke via the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*. *Denis Coates*
- I couldn't think where I was going to start because I could not for the life of me remember an Angli-Irish statesman and philosopher! Then you were very kind and made some of the clues not too hard so that I could get some of the letters down the RHS. Enough, in fact, to lead to EXAMPLE. *Margaret Davis*
- I'm glad that the quotation was in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, otherwise I would have had problems! I am not sure about MAWASHI as I can't find it in any of my dictionaries, but it seems to fit the clue. *Peter Dearie*
- 2dn and 23ac – fun with 4-letter words! *Max Roddick*

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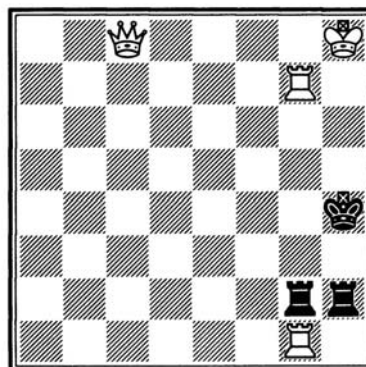
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 Nos 9 and 10/2007**

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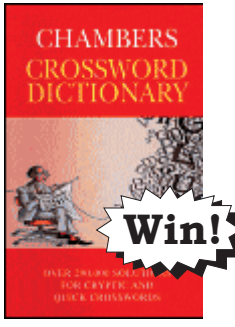


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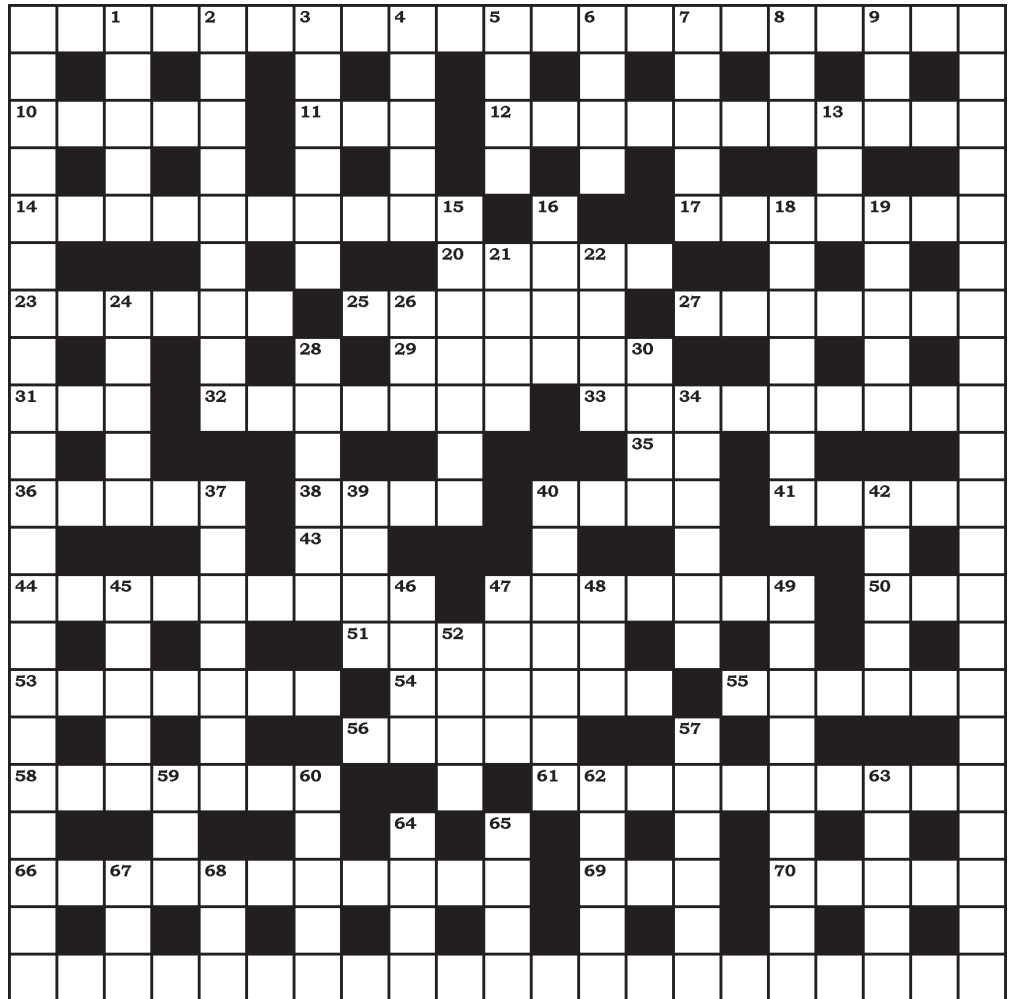


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The perimeter of the grid, reading clockwise from the top left hand corner spells out seven creators of the same persuasion. Word length indicators, in order, are as follows: 12 (two words); 12 (two words); 13 (two words); 13 (two words); 1,1,4; 11 (two words) and 13 (two words). Their creations form certain of the solutions in the grid which have cryptic indicators only and are not otherwise defined. Other clues are normal.



Across

- 10 Society girl, live, taken aback, declined (5)
- 11 See 47
- 12 Safe action with Colombia and Spain (5,6)
- 14 Note oil manoeuvre, led by gold philosophy (7,3)
- 17 Brute that is sleekit in verse (7)
- 20 European flower is eaten away (5)
- 23 Obsess about difficulty with Goddess (6)
- 25 Ruined and upset, having nothing (6)
- 27 Form tar composition in medium of expression (3,4)
- 29 Prison camp makes man into animal (6)
- 31 I shall shortly be evil (3)
- 32 See 38
- 33 See 40
- 35 Gold found in carport (2)
- 36 Irishman's girlfriend's cry – of resistance? (5)
- 38 and 32 Useful for Eastender, say, on the fourth and the twelfth (4,7)
- 40 and 33 Termagant in "barn nag" play (4,9)
- 41 Harmonious character of American fun (5)
- 43 Sound of horse being born (2)
- 44 Spray device for wavy blue rinse (9)
- 47 and 11 Information about fluid vessel in Judge English (7,3)
- 50 Charm of short death announcement (3)
- 51 Victory paeon dance? Dance! (6)
- 53 11, part one did moan grievously inside (7)
- 54 and 42 Roughly ream Jim's hoe (6,5)

Down

- 1 Injured Burgher, lacking right hand, is a tenant farmer (5)
- 2 Motion in support of German woman and Englishman being knotted (9)
- 3 Recklessly fly o'er Island town (6)
- 4 Turn in whinger! (5)
- 5 Cut dope and run (4)
- 6 Gutless old English prime ministers are the worst (4)
- 7 Pulse, three short, died (5)
- 8 Fresh air for Royal Irish Academy (3)
- 9 Monster in middle of divorcing (3)
- 13 Dissertation missing the relationship (3)
- 15 Prolonged retention of immature features on teeny hybrid (7)
- 16 Tax ring (4)
- 18 Man and maiden meeting description of opposites (7)
- 19 Synonym for flighty woman in minimal garb (5)
- 21 Flashy dresser came back for Arab money (4)
- 22 Wound inverted mammals (4)
- 24 Poxy lemur has woody tissue (5)
- 26 Letter from abroad concerning paranormal phenomena (3)
- 28 Gathers acorns containing primary endosperm (6)
- 30 Rubbish in poetic cave (4)
- 34 Spheres of action of insane rajas from the East (6)
- 37 Folded pizza said to be man's possession (7)
- 39 Hammer back turnip (4)
- 40 Wailing king, commonly just inside (7)
- 42 See 54ac
- 45 Lovers, in area of Cockney bells' sound (5)
- 46 Just open up, Prince! (4)
- 47 Sport for the plucky (4)
- 48 Amount of radiation governs condition of sleep (3)
- 49 Semi-expert improved and sent forth (9)
- 52 Holy book confused Dave (4)
- 57 Baseball competition without nightbird is excellent (6)
- 59 Climb naked, causing conflict (3)
- 60 God! Leave with slow movement (5)
- 62 Priest is a short insignificant person (5)
- 63 Joint of gasteropod shell (5)
- 64 Real state of fat with carbon content (4)
- 65 Appear as sound weld (4)
- 67 Lap up, friend (3)
- 68 Pharaoh Volvo has this engine component (3)

Good grid on p16
Post solution to:
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Quiz No 9/2007



by *cactus*

Quiz: Fabrag – or Cactus's Last Stand

Clues and answers are connected in various ways, but not by meaning. Many take the form of a one-word cryptic clue to the given word Examples: 1 Gets (6) = Tinges; 2 Ring (6) = Rating; 3 Café (4-3) = Face-off; 4. Od (7) = Overact; 5 Fimsy (4,3)= Left out 6 Kind (5) = Sired 7 M.a.n (8) = Spaceman. Answers are alphabetical and some first letters have been given to make it even easier. Send your answers (which should include explanations where they have been obtained by the abstruse reasoning for which Club members are famous) to: Ian Williams, 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615, or email: ianw@webone.com.au An additional point will be awarded to each convincing explanation for "Fabrag". Closing mail date: 12 October 2007. Book prize.

- 1 Asses (7) -----
- 2 Swap (9) -----
- 3 Buses (7) -----
- 4 100
time (8) -----
- 5 Nerds (7) -----
- 6 Remey? (10) -----
- 7 At dome (8) -----
- 8 At dance (9) F -----
- 9 That (4,2) -----
- 10 5 minus 4 = (4) -----
- 11 Sunder (7) L -----

- 12 Rose
____M (13) -----
- 13 Site (9) N -----
- 14 Orion (7) -----
- 15 Is--an (8) P -----
- 16 SR (7) -----
- 17 Reissue (6) -----
- 18 Bears (5-8) S -----
- 19 L y (10) S -----
- 20 Skins (8) -----
- 21 Rets (8) -----
- 22 Singur (11) -----
- 23 541550Y (7) -----
- 24 L .e. or Comm (8) W -----

Results of Quiz No 7/2007.

Doubletakes by *æolian* (Max Roddick)

Of 26 entries, 15 achieved the full score of 21 correct. The winner is **Cally Martin. Congratulations!**

Scores: 21: C Anderson, R Caine, R Ducker, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, V Howard, S Howells, C Martin, C Noble, D Procter, W Ryan, J Smith, B Symons and A Walter. **20:** A Austin, J Barbour, M Kennedy, G Leeds, T O'Brien and N Wilson. **19:** G Champion, B Cockburn, C McClelland, T McPherson and M Procter.

The Answers: 1. Lacerate 2. Pacemaker 3. Bakeware 4. Mates' Rates 5. Catenate 6. Panelbeater 7. Namesake 8. Watergate 9. Casemate 10. Platelayer 11. Take Care 12. Shakespeare 13. Paleface 14. Eager Beaver 15. Tapenade 16. Exacerbate 17. Macerate 18. Talebearer 19. Nametape 20. Safe Breaker 21. Rape Cake.

The variations: for PACEMAKER — STALEMATE. For PANELBEATER — *GATECRASHER. For NAMESAKE I was reminded that identity of the surname only isn't properly a namesake. True, but most people got the answer right. One entrant thought 'mine' meant 'a mine' and submitted *ABERDARE (a mine) and Lord Aberdare, tennis player – but is he American? And another, *ALEXANDER. Two good tries, but both of them lack a letter ahead of the first 'A' to meet the A_E formula. For PLATELAYER — FRAME MAKER and BASEPLATER: Both of these people may well work on railway construction, but not on the track itself. The second is a very near miss. Nowadays there is a plate between rail and sleeper, but it's called a soleplate, not baseplate, and is put there by a Platelayer, a term the railways borrowed from the coal mines nearly 200 years ago. For TAPENADE — GAME PATE: Depends on how many capers in the mix! For EXACERBATE — *EXAGGERATE (twice). For TALEBEARER — *TATTLETALE and SCAPEGRACE. For SAFEBREAKER — *SAFECRACKER (Five times!) Looking back over the above, apart from anything else, all those with an asterisk fail the A_E + A_E formula in one way or another – mostly with extra letters in the wrong place.

Corryn Anderson sums it up with a limerick:

I decided to put pen to paper
In the hope that sooner or later
Putting 'A' something 'E'
(Then repeat 'A' dash 'E')
I would end up completing this caper.

Lots of fun! Yes Corryn, it was fun! Thanks to you all for your witty comments, for sharing your misgivings about one answer (mostly unfounded) and your general bonhomie. See you next time!
—Max Roddick

Results of Bonus Quiz *Cast a Drift* by Margaret Steinberger. Prizewinner: Joan Smith. Congratulations!

Solutions: 1. Astrolabe 2. Batavia 3. Blythe Star 4. Boussole 5. British Admiral 6. British Sovereign 7. Campbell Macquarie 8. Catherine Adamson 9. Christina Fraser 10. City Of Melbourne 11. Dunbar 12. Edward Lombe 13. Enchantress 14. Estramaria 15. Frederick Griffiths 16. Governor Phillip 17. Guardian 18. Lake Illawarra 19. Light Of The Age 20. Marquis Of Linlithgow 21. Monumental City 22. Porpoise 23. Sir Henry Hardinge 24. Southern Cross 25. Sovereign Of The Seas 26. Stirling Castle 27. Voyager.

Scores: 27: R Caine, P Dearie, B Glissan, C Foster, S Howells, M Kennedy, C Noble, D Procter, J Smith and A Walter. **26:** P Garner, V Howard, A Jermy, C McClelland and T McPherson. **25:** M Procter. **24:** G Cole. **23:** H Freeman.

Setter's Comments: Thank you to all who entered and to those who took the trouble to comment on the puzzle, including several people who didn't complete and submit it but indicated they had enjoyed the journey. I'm glad many of you shared the fun I had in putting it together. The most common mistake was 'Sterling Castle'.
—Margaret Steinberger

Solvers' comments:

- A challenging and informative quiz. *Carole Noble*
- Thank you for this searching puzzle. *Graeme Cole*
- A delightful puzzle. *Pat Garner*
- What an interesting puzzle, thank you. *Valerie Howard*
- Clever anagrams, which were mostly nautical. *Michael Kennedy*
- Thank you for such an engrossing quiz. *Jean Barbour*
- An enjoyable quiz. *Barbara Glissan*
- I look forward to seeing more of your puzzles. *David Procter*

July 7 – 2007: Not All Bad by Red One (Doreen Jones)

Entries: 63. Correct: 60. Success Rate: 95.2%.

Prizewinner: Wendy Villiers. Congratulations!

[For full results see column 7 in the Table on p2]

Solvers' Comments:

- You are SO SNEAKY! But what a sense of satisfaction when the grid is complete. Your puzzles are always mind stretching and always fair. As for MONITOR it slithered out of my grasp for a long time before I finally caught it by the tail! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- I found this difficult because of the unusual words – also I didn't have a Henry Lawson book of poems to trawl through. Entering 'UP QUEENSLAND' on my computer search engine elicited the poem and the quotation. It was cleverly constructed – must have taken ages! *Audrey Austin*
- Thanks for an amusing and entertaining puzzle – it took me ages to find the quote until I worked out Queensland and then I twigged (with some help from Google). *Jean Barbour*
- Really enjoyed this one. Poor old Harry and his dog. *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for reminding me of the great Henry Lawson (thanks for the photo). *Doug Butler*
- I thoroughly enjoyed solving this one. Great clues. I like your style. *Geoff Campbell*
- Thanks for an absorbing puzzle. *Gillian Champion*
- Your puzzle was certainly NOT ALL BAD, in fact, no part of it would I consider BAD!! Really good and clever to boot. I do find it amazing when you can fit words into the grid to work in with the quotation and to also include "Harry Dale (the) Drover". Still, I would have found the puzzle nigh on impossible if I did not have a copy of *Chambers Dictionary*. Re 17ac (*American hostel = Y, which changes sides from YOWL to give OWLY.*) 23ac (*About = RE + inner sanctum = C + disposition = ORDER*). *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks, Doreen. Good one! *Merv Collins*
- Alas, poor Harry! *Fay Copland*
- A puzzle such as this is quite a challenge to one not brought up in Australia. It is all the more gratifying to be able to finish it, so I hope I have it all correct. (*Yep!*) *Margaret Davis*
- I found your puzzle most enjoyable, but not being familiar with *The Ballad of the Drover* I had to enlist my wife to look up the character on the Net. *Peter Dearie*
- Thanks for a great brain-bender – ACC puzzles are never boring – some are a bit difficult at times, but most of the lady compilers come up with great new concepts and although tricky at times are fun and do-able. This one is a beauty!. *Catherine Foster*.
- A very good puzzle and thank you for the somewhat large amount of my very valuable time that it wasted – um I think I mean spent in honest endeavour. *Jim Fowler*
- A very clever puzzle. I really enjoyed solving it – that's assuming I've got it all right, fingers crossed! My main difficulties were AZOTISE and TEREFAH. *Margaret Galbreath*
- It was really enjoyable – thank you very much. Keep up the good work! *Pat Garner*
- You set a challenge here. Great relief when I finished it. *Barbara Glissan*
- Thanks for yet another of your innovative puzzles. Although I felt certain the quote was Henry Lawson I had to resort to the Internet to find which poem it was. *Catherine Hambling*
- Loved your puzzle, just hope I'm correct. (*Just one little mistake, Del, you put 'typify' for 'aseity' at 22ac*). *Del Kennedy*
- Thank you for this most challenging puzzle! *Michael Kennedy*
- Thanks for this one – I really enjoyed it! I can now go back to the earlier slots with renewed confidence. *Alison Martin*
- You don't ever disappoint. This was a pleasure to solve! I love the fact you always have Aussie themes (with colouring in). Keep 'em coming. *Carole Noble*
- This was hard!!! I know the grid makes unusual (generally unknown) words necessary – but oh! the joy of finishing the thing (fingers crossed). Of the common words, I had most trouble with RECORDER (mucking around too long with re(cor)der, but when I finally twigged thought it was the best clue. Vaguely remember the poem, but what was the significance of "NOT ALL BAD". *Shirl O'Brien*
- This was a most enjoyable puzzle. The Harry Dale theme brought back many childhood and teaching days memories. Thank you. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another one of your Australian masterpieces. I looked for your hidden signature and it was not until I finished it that I noticed

the title and the hidden 'ballad' in the title. Great work, Doreen, there's more to you than meets the eye (*and here was I thinking that I was a 'what you see is what you get type of person'*).

Ron O'Rourke

- Well done on a compact grid which I noticed had very few unchecked letters. I haven't tried any such puzzles myself – I reckon I'd go nuts. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thank you for another great crossword. I hadn't read the *Ballad of the Drover* so it was nice to be introduced to it. With the current weather in Australia and overseas it was quite relevant to today's floods. I hope we don't hear of any drovers being foolhardy and trying to cross swollen creeks and rivers. *David Procter*
- Lots of clever clues – especially 36ac, 45ac, 49ac & 29dn. I always enjoy your crosswords. *Marian Procter*
- Back to schooldays! Thanks for the nostalgia trip! *Max Roddick*
- Great workout. Hadn't come across Harry Dale before. Gotta love this country. *William Ryan*
- Not All Bad but not terribly good for poor Harry. A great puzzle tho'. Thanks. *Betty Siegman*
- Many thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks you for your puzzle. It's a beauty. I wonder if 51 clues is a record. *Bev Solomon*
- Thanks for a really excellent puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for this entertaining puzzle. I picked out Harry and Dale as a likely name, Googled it and came up with Henry Lawson's *Ballad of the Drover* – well worth the trip. *Roy Taylor*
- Another very enjoyable Aussie theme puzzle. Liked your 'ballad' anagram in the title. Many thanks. 13dn is an incorrect plural. PRESE = plural of PRESA. (This deliberate error was also commented upon by Rob Watson, Graeme Cole and Brian Symons). *See comments below. *Alan Walter*
- You've really packed a lot of words onto this one – not many bars! And so many of the words are new and interesting. *Rob Watson*
- Once again, a very enjoyable puzzle; took me back to the old days in primary school. Loved it! *Roy Wilson*

Setter's Comments:

Thank you to solvers for your extreme kind words and compliments for NOT ALL BAD. All very much appreciated. It seems a lot of us of a certain vintage learned this poem in primary school. Two entrants, who were otherwise correct and with the quotation correct, put HARRY HILL for the character. So close and yet so far!
 *See above. Just joking, it was not deliberate at all but fairly careless on my part. I completed the puzzle some time before doing the clues and as *Chambers* lists both 'presa' and 'preses' (a president or chairman) I inadvertently clued the first word. There's many a slip... Hopefully, it did not prevent anyone from completing the puzzle.
 Finally, just a little beef. I am perturbed by the current trend of some male members of the Club to place reliance on the Internet and to consider it to be the final arbiter of what is correct. To my knowledge, **anyone** can post anything on the Internet and even use the spell check with its American spellings.
 How I wish that *Chambers* and *Macquarie Dictionaries* were the bibles for *Crozworld* with any deviation from these sources being disclosed by the setters. This would also be very much fairer to members who do not have a computer. —Doreen Jones

Solution to July Slot 7 – Not All Bad by Red One

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition:

July No 4/2007.

Write a clue for UNIVERSE (8)

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Jim Colles. He was a regular contestant to this competition and was the winner of the May 2007 clue for TAROT. Thanks for many positive comments – Vale, Jim.

For this month's competition UNIVERSE is defined in *Chambers* as "All that is – the whole system of things.....", but that definition is being regularly challenged these days by cosmologists who are considering "parallel universes" and "multiple universes", as well as by science fiction writers – who challenge everything.

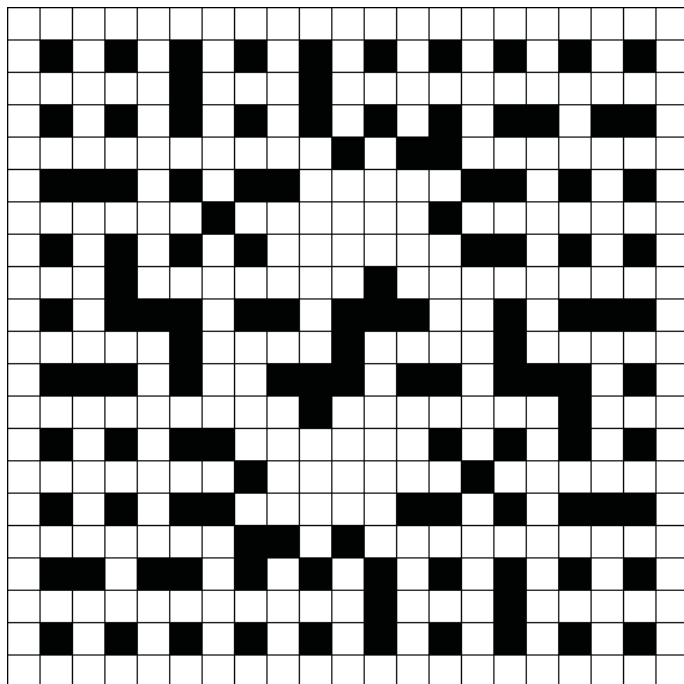
This month's clues are of a very high quality, but presumably you found the word difficult to compose a clue for with only 8 entries. The winning clue is **Everything about us in ever changing form**, composed by Bob Hagan. This is an excellent '& lit' type of clue which provides an worthy definition of the subject and includes a good anagram of the answer. The clue does not mislead the solver but this is extremely difficult to achieve in this type of clue. The '& lit' clue style is in a class of its own and this example is a worthy winner of this month's prize. Well done, Bob.

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

Junk user with bad vein – heavens!

Anagram (junk is the anagind) of USER plus anagram (bad is the anagind) of VEIN gives UNIVERSE, with a definition of HEAVENS. A very clever clue with the connotation of drug use (junk is a narcotic, as well as an acceptable anagind).

SLOT 7 GOOD COPY
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What's the matter? Everything!

A double definition clue, but intended to be read as part of a conversation between a parent and child. The parent asks the question and the child whines the response. I guess we've all heard similar!

This existing matter is all-inclusive

Another double definition with the intention of misleading the solver into reading 'matter' as meaning 'subject' or 'issue' rather than the whole content of the universe.

Hear that you never have sun energy for everything

This clue uses the word 'hear' to suggest 'sounds like'. The parts are 'you never' suggesting UNIVER (maybe a bit New Zealandish?) plus S (for sun) and E (for energy), with the definition again being everything.

Turn this way to revise turbulent cosmos

This clue uses an anagram of REVISE (turbulent is the anagind) with U (turn) and N (this way) prefixing it to make the answer.

After leaving the outskirts of Saturn, Islamic poetry can describe the whole cosmos!

Islamic poetry is a clue for SUNNI VERSE. Subtracting (leaving) SN (the outskirts of Saturn) leaves UNIVERSE.

Everything about us in ever changing form

This is an '& lit' clue, indicating that the whole clue is the definition and part of the clue is the indication. As the indication is an anagram, the clue is an 'anagram & lit' clue. The definition proposes that the universe is 'everything about us' and that it is constantly changing – scientifically, very accurate. The indication is an anagram of US IN EVER with 'changing form' being the anagind. This is an excellent clue, as good '& lits' usually are, defining the subject perfectly whilst including an indication.

Short world body, Roman four and Irish tongue make everything

This is a good example of a charade type of clue, breaking UNIVERSE into parts and providing a definition of each part before suggesting that the parts should be put together to make the answer, defined by EVERYTHING. Short world body = UN, Roman four = IV and Irish tongue = ERSE, the total making UNIVERSE. The difficulty with charade type clues is that they are often obvious to the solver, but they can provide a good start to solving a crossword – and we all need to start somewhere.

Clue Writing Competition No. 5/2007.

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Write a clue for the word **CHARADE (7)**

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Court, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au

Closing mail date: Friday 12 October 2007. Book prize.

For the Vocab...

Calamistrate: a rare verb meaning 'to curl the hair'. This word comes from the Latin word for 'curling iron'.

Kurdaitcha: an Australian word for a malignant supernatural being, taken from the word for the shoes worn to ward off such a creature. The shoes were made of the feathers of an emu stuck together with human blood.

Nexility: speed or pithiness of speech. (This entry deliberately left short as an example.)

— from *Weird and Wonderful Words*