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In Letter to the Editor on p9, Jill Freeland has drawn attention to the obscurity of some recent solutions and their relationship to the intellectual challenge of the crossword, suggesting that puzzles be edited to make them acceptable to members and seeking improvement to the standard. We receive plenty of comment on individual clues but few on the overall standard. While we try to produce a magazine with puzzles requiring a varied level of expertise, we are sometimes surprised by reaction to puzzles that we had considered either reasonably solvable or good fun anyway. We'd like to think that the "views" of the silent majority would suggest that we have things about right most of the time: but what do our members think? There will be room in next month's *Crozworld* to have your say. Kindly send your comments to Ian Williams: [ianw@webone.com.au](mailto:ianw@webone.com.au) [Ian's computer problems are not yet solved, but e-mail and e-lodgements are now working as usual. However, distribution lists may not be totally up to scratch, so if you expect, but don't receive blank grids or reminders please let Ian know.]

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month starting with the famous *jesso* featuring another of his Half 'n Half puzzles. In Slots 2-5 we feature our legendary lady compilers - *Virgo*, *Southern Cross*, *InGrid* and *Difficult Women*. In Slot 6 this time it's a male compiler namely, *Manveru* with another of his finely-crafted cryptic puzzles. Our Quizmaster is the happily retired Doug Butler with another of his excellent puzzles. See p9 for a brief and glowing history of this well-known ACC identity. We wish Doug a long and happy retirement.

Just a quick note to thank our tireless Secretary Bev Cockburn, our skilful Puzzleman Ian Williams, our brilliant compilers and hard-working adjudicators for their enduring work in maintaining our successful and thriving Club. Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Greetings from the West. Eastern Stater Joan Smith from Sydney, Yvonne Ainsworth and I had a lovely mini Crossword Club get-together last Sunday in glorious autumn weather at King's Park. The huge boab trees which had to be relocated because of bridge building, and which were transported from the top of the continent, were thriving and spectacular. Down to work.

**Slot 1:** This puzzle was generally well received with not too many problems. I am sure that those who leave blanks must wonder where they went wrong never realising that they have been so careless.

**Slot 2:** Solvers enjoyed the theme of this puzzle. 5dn was not a popular clue and ten members made a mistake when they put SISS for SIST. Five had MISSING instead of GINSENG for 11ac.

**Slot 3:** 1dn caused some grief - several members had SKY RIDERS instead of SKY DIVERS. I could not find SKY RIDERS anywhere in the usual reference books and it does not fit the clue anyway, ie various = divers.

**Slot 4:** SOCIALIZE or SOCIALISE? Answers are split about fifty/fifty and I have accepted both as correct. One had QUAHOUG for QUAHAUG and two had ZYMADES for ZYMASES.

**Slot 5:** Everyone loves *Praxis* and I am no exception so all is forgiven for the little error with the anagram at 16ac. There were several incorrect entries for VIVDA at 14ac, an ENTASIS for ECTASIS, INCI for INTI, various spellings for SALVOR and other one-off mistakes for other words.

**COTM:** All Slots received COTM nominations and members submitted 35 votes in all. Slot 4 received the most votes and the 'B' clue BROLGAS got the blue ribbon closely followed by the second place-getter DISCO in Slot 3, 23dn. Congratulations, Doug, for winning the Clue of the Month.

Thank you to everyone who sent greetings, cards and good wishes. It was a pleasure to do the adjudication. —Doreen

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	100	93	84	90	89	456
Correct entries	95	71	73	76	74	389
Success rate (%)	95	76.3	86.9	84.4	83.1	85.3
Prizewinners	A DeGrys D Parsons	B Cockburn F Copland	P Dearie S O'Brien	M Kennedy	M Pyc C Noble	from 100 members

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Prizewinner: March 2009 Slots 1-5: Brian Symons

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### March 1-2009

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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
AINSWORTH Y	.	.				
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.		
ALSTON B	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALNAVES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A & D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAMPBELL G	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
COOKE L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
DeGRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FRELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	.
GALBREATH M	.	.	.	.	.	.
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAZELL N	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MAY S	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MORRIS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN E	.	.	.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
O'BRIEN S	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'ROURKE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.
RAW M	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAVANAH T	.	.	.	.	.	.
SEALE E	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
SOLOMON B	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOCKS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TROLLOPE S	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON N	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON R	.	.	.	.	.	.
WIMBUSH R	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOOD J	.	.	.	.	.	.

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**Half and Half**  
by  
**jesso**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

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**Across**

- 1 Accords divinity (7)
- 5 Penalising (6)
- 9 Plant louse (5)
- 11 Port in England (8)
- 13 Thin overlay (6)
- 14 Waterfall (3)
- 15 Roof overhang (5)
- 16 Fish (4)
- 17 Narrow channel (6)
- 18 Most stupid (sl.) (7)
- 22 Assembled sheaves (5)
- 24 Made watertight (7)
- 27 Weather-map lines (7)
- 29 Intermediate to (7)
- 31 Relieves (5)
- 34 Climbs (7)
- 36 Meanest (6)
- 38 Sound reproduction (2-2)
- 40 Monastery (5)
- 42 Information (sl.) (3)
- 43 Quit (6)
- 44 Melancholy (8)
- 45 Lane (5)
- 46 Acquiesce (6)
- 47 Directed (7)

**Down**

- 1 Arrange about record push (7)
- 2 Love-story idly rewritten by learner (5)
- 3 Press on after one right (4)
- 4 Fill up! Tea's off! (4)
- 5 Top-class game by sailor (4-4)
- 6 Side in disarray - before time, that is (2,3)
- 7 Independent church forwards a swell application? (7)
- 8 Turned terrible tragedy (7)
- 10 Aspect out of shape, out of shape (5)
- 12 Bungle is beginning to develop in a little while (5)
- 19 All right, that's a poor farmer (4)
- 20 One to study point figures (5)
- 21 Start automobile in one direction (5)
- 23 Driver's extremity is a legend? (3)
- 25 Was accustomed to function back of beyond (4)
- 26 Animal in sewer (3)
- 28 Taking time between drinks shows restraint (4,4)
- 29 Black woman's country (7)
- 30 What's wrong about conservative king? Strikes! (7)
- 32 Grey as lady-bird? (5)
- 33 Saint determined to be washed (7)
- 35 Indian goes around Malta for fancy cream (5)
- 37 Lucifer posed article (5)
- 39 Imply finer sort (5)
- 41 Toy is not enough for the two of you (2-2)
- 42 One passed to wander around, reading (4)

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## Cryptic by Virgo



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### Across


- 1 Electronic market roughly ten to one. I'm enthused (9)
- 6 Of a shape to bear letters I see (5)
- 9 And New York rice I cooked was a bomb (10)
- 10 Over a company left ticketless! (4)
- 12 Capital units trip (5)
- 13 A fighter heard to go ape (9)
- 14 I must get used to stick insects (8)
- 15 Makes noises in fits — no rest! (6)
- 17 The spirit of a nonentity (6)
- 19 As if such variety were flowers! (8)
- 22 Atlas amongst the Royal Navy starts riot (9)
- 23 Freshwater creature is not so cold with head dropped (5)
- 25 A blackbird piece (4)
- 26 The Maori jeans particle box (10)
- 27 Healthy student at University has a pen (5)
- 28 G'day! Chips in the soup? That's hard to swallow (9)

### Down

- 1 A hundred taken in by newfangled diet? Bull! (5)
- 2 Open a tin — big apple — odd! (7)
- 3 Traditionally it can make for tired legs! (12)
- 4 Irish lass leaves underwater holly roots (8)
- 5 A dyslectic machinist's return (6)
- 7 News centre leaving is from two states (7)
- 8 Solicits votes on paintings (9)
- 11 A bilingual finish? (6,6)
- 14 Wild about aery — it's like a window (9)
- 16 A stout actor? (8)
- 18 Donkeys heard in tunnels (7)
- 20 Hinting about the current craze (2,5)
- 21 Threaten to overhang (6)
- 24 A hundred ruin mobile inscribed with mystic symbols (5)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- With my pathetic two dots, I could not believe my eyes when the postie arrived with my prize for Slot 5! (I wasn't aware prize winners were printed on page 1. In Crozspeak, I amwhelmed. Thank you again. PS: Already my dictionary has helped me immensely with February. I'm hoping for at least another dot. *Dale McManus*
- Many thanks for my prize last month. I had a wonderful time adding to my gardening book collection. *Alison Shield*
- I was most surprised and excited to receive the prize for February slot 3! I really didn't expect anything as I had struggled somewhat with the puzzles. Thank you very much as although doing the puzzles is reward in itself, a prize is the icing on the cake. Cheers! *Barb Ibbott*
- I wish to thank the club for my \$50 prize for slot 3 last month. It came in very handy at a difficult time, and I was somewhat cheered when I saw in the magazine that my name had been drawn from the entries to receive it. *Audrey Austin*
- There do seem to be a number of errors in the magazine these days. For example, in Slot 6 this month several of the word lengths were incorrect and in Slot 7 there was an error in the initial letters of the answers. I have been told the Slot 6 errors were corrected on the Club web site but that is no help to those of us who do not visit it regularly. *Margaret Davis*
- Last month was a great thrill when I found I'd won a prize for Slot 3. *Barb Ibbott*
- Many thanks to the Club and Patrick for the book prize and certificate received last month. *Doreen Jones*
- I would like to thank the Club and Patrick for my cheque last month, it was a most pleasant surprise. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Thanks to Doug and Margaret for the *Book of Quotations* prize for Quiz No 1. *David Procter*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Southern Cross</h2>


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**Across**

- 9 Small chopper due to be replaced in about six years (4,5)
- 10 What the young French poodle will do with milk? (3,2)
- 11 "General", you say, "pick up this capel!" (7)
- 12 Alien stones surround missiles (7)
- 13 Declined use of ideal arrangement (5)
- 14 Looked furtively with Bo and Ed no longer batting (6,3)
- 16 What hero just missed out on being – moderate (6-2-3-4)
- 19 Dilapidated barn near E or N Sydney lagoon (9)
- 21 Old pal coming back still in the morning? (5)
- 22 Having second thoughts about sailors before church dances (7)
- 23 Booze left off luggage carrier? (7)
- 24 Brand "M" in defamation revelation (5)
- 25 He arranges the instrument on a sort of rise (9)

**Down**

- 1 Explorer able to travel, thanks to man's replacement (4,6)
- 2 Sailor said what sailors did, and went down rock face with ropes (8)
- 3 Vehicles finally dragged away and stored (6)
- 4 Kill old workhorse heartlessly (2,2)
- 5 The heir-apparent not up to side-kicking dance? (10)
- 6 Facial bruising associated with Susan? (5,3)
- 7 Coming up, two deep-sea divers have a measuring device (6)
- 8 Parrots having split peas! (4)
- 14 In favour of abandoning the parade (10)
- 15 The first "Whirlpool" holds stuffed toys (5,5)
- 17 Learner careful about evidence left by miner in the orchard (4,4)
- 18 Angry reaction from cast about Burstall's exclusion (8)
- 20 A sometime grim character about to get copy-right? (6)
- 21 Remain upset – it could be produced in the sea (6)
- 22 Position at stake? (4)
- 23 Go up inside, Lewis, for something to keep the wheels turning (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

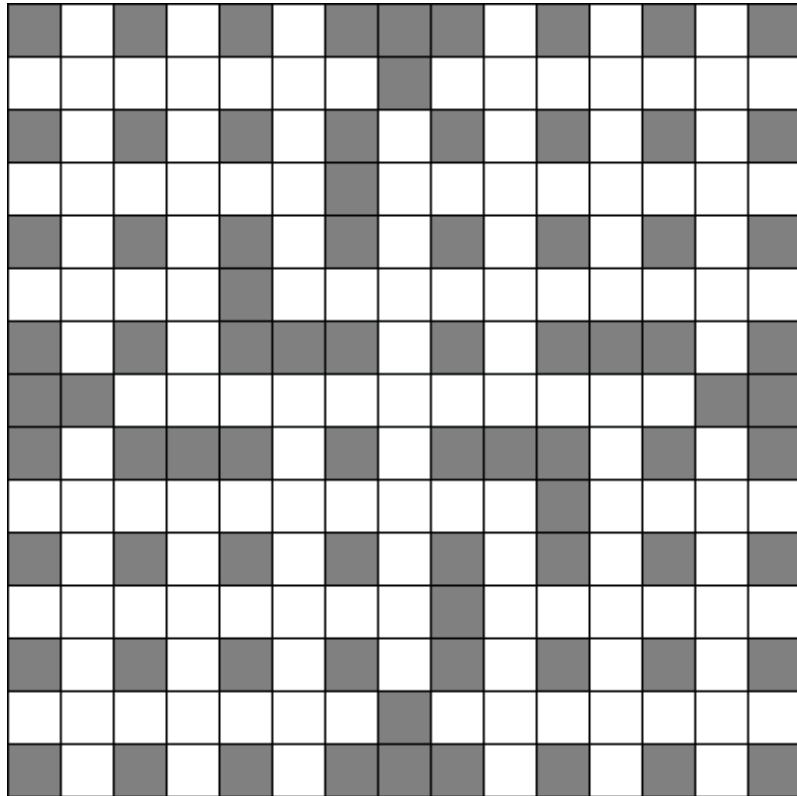
- I don't see Michael Kennedy's problem with 'knucklehead' as a cryptic synonym for K. Noel Jessop (who can hardly be called lax in such matters) has many similar suggestions in his 'Crossword Puzzles Without Tears'. Girlfriends for GI is one that comes to mind. I hope I'm not mis-representing you Noel. *Doug Butler*
- Thank you, Doreen, to you and all the other members of the Club who work on the magazine which gives me so much pleasure, although some very uncommon words have to be guessed! I'll be 86 next month, these Slots keep the old brain working. *Eva Seale*
- Thank you for my certificate for the January COTM and prize and certificate for January Slot 6. We're not the only ones who admire Patrick's beautiful script. The teller at the credit union commented on the writing on the cheque as well. Regarding the cumulative prizes, if I was ever lucky enough to win one I'd be more than happy with a small trophy. Actually, I'd be happy with the glory, but I'll take the trophy. I always wanted one as a kid. I feel the prizes should be spread amongst as many members as possible throughout the year. I do fairly well and perhaps win more than my fair share. Most years I at least get the price of my membership back, but that's not why I'm in it. I'd like to encourage others by rewarding them for their efforts. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you for the \$50 cheque for Slot 2 last month. It is very agreeable to receive a prize for something I enjoy doing and will be useful when I next go to a bookshop. *Barbara Tofoni*



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## AJ by InGrid

**Prize:**  
**Tornado**  
**Crossword**  
**Pencil**  
[rrp \$77.00]



Solve the clues and place the solutions jigsaw-wise within the grid, where they fit

- A** A s-secure state (6)
- B** Makers mark unknown for this drink (6)
- C** Material has odd correction points (8)
- D** In confusion, manured heartwood (7)
- E** Hesitate to declaim anything quixotic (6)
- F** In the old story, a quiet beast lost his head (11)
- G** Unite old, confused soldier with learner and turn up decapitated (11)
- H** Prefix indicates source of record (8)
- I** Purpose of going camping it seems (6)
- J** Bout in jail brings on excitement (10)
- K** Carry off without first idiot deigning to knock (4)
- L** Similar can be nice (8)
- M** Hari to talk to turtle (8)
- N** Sir Franklin went back for the fawn skin (6)
- O** Obscure auction of open university band (7)
- P** Stun ape over such a paltry sum (7)
- Q** Have pity for such an area (7)
- R** Tip plant is more offensive to Mr Jolson (7)
- S** The body some of my ancestors first had (4)
- T** Bird, bird, bird (7)
- U** Wind tune out to become straightened out (8)
- V** Highest point from over Texas way (6)
- W** Creeper game not hard to write a song on (8)
- X** Instruments indicating wooden edge on business activity statement (10)
- Y** Time for a drink when the sun is over this space weapon (7)
- Z** Unknown if and only if one country has sea monster (7)

### Explanations to March puzzles where provided by compilers (Thank you Jean and Roy)

**Slot 3 Ac:** 1 salvation (jane) aka Paterson's curse, 6 no+i+sy, 9 you(not me)+n+ger, 10 heaR A VIOLIn, 11 dm, 12 a girl the(anag), 14 Early My Youngster Saved, 15 anag, 18 antics(anag)+tu+(showe)d (tru)e, 20 anag, 23 D (R) UPE + LET, 24 the+sis, 26 Double definition, 27 anag, 28 proCESS+AN, 29 nest+ling+s. **Dn:** 1 sky+divers, 2 sounds like lawn+ dry, 3 an+gi+na, 4 mouLIN ROuge, 5 north+wards, 6 van backwards+rains(anag), 7 i+so+late, 8 anag kylie, 13 scat+anag urgent, 17 a+then+ian, 19 sounds like new roan, 21 ab+stain, 22 cold chisel?, 23 disc+o, 25 false GAins backwards.


**Slot 5** 1 MISSISSIPPI - missis<sup>1</sup>/sip/ pi<sup>2</sup> 11 SNAP - pans (rev) 12 RIATA - Ri(a)ta 13 REPROGRAM - RE/pro/gram 14 VIVDA - v in anag 15 EMBALM - MB in anag AGOUTIES - anagram 17 GERM - double def 19 CANDOUR - can/dour 21 ECTASIS - CE (rev)/Tas/is 24 SPAS - spas(m) 27 SHOWBOAT -anag/boat 29 INISLE - in(I)s/le 30 HALSE - Hal/S & E 32 VICTORIES - Vic/Tories 33 EMERY - Ye returns over mer 34 KERN - double def 35 ORIENTEERED- Orient/E/anag DOWN 2 INTI - in/It (rev) 3 SALVOR - sal/v/or 4 IDEATES - eat in anag 5 SEPTIC - anag/ic(e) 6 SPREE - SP/re/E7 PIG-BEDS - pig (Napoleon - Animal Farm)/beds 8 PARAMO - paramo(Ur) 9 ITALY - ly after ita 10 HAMMERSTEIN - hammers/TE/in 11 SAVAGE RIVER - savage/river 18 MAESTRI - anag 20 NOWHERE - No (Fleming's novel Dr No)/W(her) E 22 TWICER - ret (rev) over w/i/c 23 SOVIET - so/V/anag 25 POLLER - poll/ER 26 ANIMO - anag 28 HERON - her/on 31 SURE - homonym

<sup>1</sup>accepted spelling; <sup>2</sup> pi - obtrusively religious (holyp?)

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**Cryptic  
by  
Difficult Women**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

**2006 edn**

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**Across**

- 1 Nervous anxiety of female in the centre of Hull (7)
- 5 Lacerated scar on editor (7)
- 9 Show up and hinder old prince on Sunday (9)
- 10 Army bathed in river (5)
- 11 Arrive on time at the river (5)
- 12 Stumbled recklessly at the side (9)
- 14 Umbels in Florida with perfumes I heard (14)
- 17 Conversion change at Italy working (14)
- 21 Eponyms for brand on Japanese drinks (9)
- 23 Some are tempting the rocky edge on the mountain (5)
- 24 Images supermarket returns about the 1st of October (5)
- 25 Vigorous soldier after ditch (9)
- 26 More impressive, dignified queen (7)
- 27 Calmed serious Democrat (7)

**Down**

- 1 Rob and escape to church (6)
- 2 Book bent in the middle with egg-white (7)
- 3 Predicts golf warning for William on Sunday (9)
- 4 Tanned craft of hand-made goods (11)
- 5 Existed in muddy swamp without politician (3)
- 6 Out of bed to locate disturbance (5)
- 7 Extreme CID star murdered (7)
- 8 Tends mad construction to do one's very best? (8)
- 13 Plant grains to put on bread rolls (6,5)
- 15 Charmed debut of daughter (9)
- 16 Impressive con without disguised nun (8)
- 18 Reinforce opening to put your arm through (7)
- 19 Exaggerate unwanted performance (7)
- 20 Bombarded and hit in the heart of Sweden (6)
- 22 Rod: "Be quiet at the rear" (5)
- 25 Raise animal for sailor (3)

Slot	1	2	3	4	5
Alston Bill	x	OK	OK	OK	x
Barbour Jean	OK	OK	n	x	n
Brotherton John	x	OK	x	n	x
Callan A&D	x	OK	OK	OK	x
Chance Chester	OK	OK	OK	n	n
Davis Ken	OK	OK	x	OK	OK
Ducker Ro	x	OK	OK	x	n
Fowler Jim	OK	OK	OK	OK	x
Grainger David	OK	OK	x	OK	OK
Harper Kath	OK	OK	OK	OK	x
Martin Alison	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Morris Barbara	OK	OK	x	n	n
Stocks Jack	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Window Dallas	OK	OK	x	n	n

x means incorrect  
n means not submitted

**The updated statistics are:**

Puzzle No	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	77	92	93	71	54	387
Correct entries	51	80	51	36	26	244
Success rate (%)	66	87	55	51	48	63

**Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.**

*Saying [1953], often attributed to Vanderbilt University coach Red Sanders.*

Compare:

**Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is.**

*Vince [Vincent Thomas] Lombardi [1913-1970], interview [1962].*

**If I am not worth the wooing, I surely am not worth the winning.**

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow [1807-1882]*

*The Courtship of Miles Standish [1858], pt III.*

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## Cryptic by Manveru

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### Across

- 1 Approach country house whilst talking (6)
- 4 Burns bum badly – covered by damages (8)
- 10 Intelligent, with sex appeal and full of kindness? Not right! (9)
- 11 Take clothes off 'international' body with doctor (5)
- 12 British males – somehow they just mosey along (7)
- 14 Going round a motorway – curved to get around island (7)
- 15 Local fund with chance to sit on Property Board? (9,5)
- 18 Recover all of UFO (minus the right wing) – awfully lucky to find one (4-4,6)
- 22 Take away diner unwisely takes on selling primarily canine (7)
- 24 Minstrels, after time starting to accept medieval overcoats (7)
- 25 Evidence for love beginning to falter (5)
- 26 Showing power, Gulf Stream somehow ignores gravity (9)
- 28 Peanuts are mine! Don't start attitude! (8)
- 29 Ragman, perhaps, rode it out (6)
- 5 Burial chamber, say, is demolished with our son inside (7)
- 6 Publisher's brief is a confused impression on book (5)
- 7 Can Electronic servers somehow protect computer monitors? They do (6,5)
- 8 Expresses yearning to travel around Egypt, ultimately for the views (6)
- 9 This dwarf uses pot to stunt growth (6)
- 13 Maths boo-boo! Strangely, the answer's a vegetable (6,5)
- 16 Animal of mixed parentage fed herbal concoction (4-5)
- 17 One who struggles with sleep initially lies about getting up (8)
- 19 Conclusion: Plague mice confined to a particular area (7)
- 20 Bass, for example, holds note up – this can be a means of enchantment (6)
- 21 Balloon holiday, perhaps that's a mistake! (4,2)
- 23 Mainframes covered later on in the book (5)
- 27 Spell 'APPROPRIATE' (3)

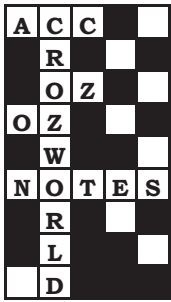
### Down

- 1 An incompatible coupling with young girl almost married at church (8)
- 2 Horse & Hound (3)
- 3 Former examiner speaks with treasury (9)

Post  
Solution  
to:

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Closing mail date: 8 May 2009.





**DOUG BUTLER RETIRES:**

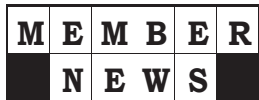
Doug has retired from Flinders University after 50 years behind the soldering iron and screwdriver. He was born and grew up in Adelaide, starting work with the PMG dept in 1960, back when it was considered OK for Government to own essential businesses and train boys into useful occupations. Eventually he was sent to Darwin to work on the high power transmitters of Radio Australia. He and his wife Paulina were happily bringing up their two boys when Cyclone Tracy struck, leaving them intact but their house gone. They spent the next seven years living in a double-decker bus rebuilding in their spare time as finances permitted. Then came the opportunity to work at Jabiru with the distinguished researchers at the Office of the Supervising Scientist. The work was great and the surroundings sensational, but the boys fell badly behind in their schooling and all attempts to improve the situation failed dismally. They moved back to Adelaide and after a few false starts Doug was employed in 1988 by Flinders University. He's managed to make contributions in various twigs of science including AA spectroscopy, thermoluminescence, cosmic ray astronomy, DNA amplification and GFP visualization. During this time, his twin interests of word puzzles and BASIC programming have (with many thousands of hours of harmless drudgery) produced *AxWord*, a program of considerable interest to word lovers of all shades, but particularly crossworders. Members who have already have a copy, and those who might be interested, should note his new email address: [d.butler@internode.on.net](mailto:d.butler@internode.on.net) or at PO Box 303 Oaklands Park 5046. We wish Doug and Paulina a Happy and Healthy Retirement.

**Results of the Bonus Quiz January 2009 by Calathumpian (Cally Martin)**

Everyone seemed to enjoy the quiz and the trip down movie and musical memory lane. Thank you very much for your comments. It's lovely, as a quiz setter, to get so much positive feedback and I wish I could have you all as winners! **The answers:** 1. 8 Mile, 2. A Star is Born, 3. Aladdin, 4. An Officer and a Gentleman, 5. Breakfast at Tiffany's, 6. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, 7. Calamity Jane, 8. Captain Carey, 9. Dirty Dancing, 10. Here Comes the Groom, 11. Holiday Inn, 12. Mary Poppins, 13. Neptune's Daughter, 14. Pinocchio, 15. Song of the South, 16. The Lion King, 17. The Little Mermaid, 18. The Man who knew too much, 19. The Poseidon Adventure, 20. The Towering Inferno, 21. The Woman in Red. **Results: 21:** Doreen Jones, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith, Beverley Cockburn, Jenny Wenham, Margaret Steinberger, Trish McPherson, Carole Noble, Barbara Glissan, Merv Collins, Sonia Atkinson, Susan Howells, Jean Barbour, Gabrielle Leeds, Pat Garner, Ann Jermy, Drew Meek, Robyn Wimbush, Jack Stocks and Valerie Howard. **20:** Audrey Austin.

**Prizewinner: Merv Collins**, for his very creative response which gave me a big smile.

— Cally Martin



**New Members:** Sonia Roulston from Cessnock, NSW (a Gift Membership from Bronwyn Hull) and Anne Simons from Koondrook, Vic (a Gift Membership from

Nea Storey). Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*  
**Membership Renewals for 2009:** Bryant R, Crossman Dr Bob, King N, Lee C, Potts M, Stickley D and West W. Many thanks to Will West for his generous donation to the 2009 Prize Fund.

**Puzzle Adjustments:** Some of the answers to slot 6 March consist of two words and this was not indicated. The word lengths should be 10ac (5,5); 22ac (3,3); 24ac (5,5); and 3dn (3-4). In March slot 7, in the list of the first letters of each answer there should be 2 Cs and 3 Ts.

**A Note from Adjudicator Veniece Lobsey:** Entries from Merv Collins, Max Roddick, Tony Degrys and Heather O'Hara arrived too late for inclusion in the February competition.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**cryptozoology** *n.* the search for and study of animals whose existence or survival is disputed or unsubstantiated, such as the Loch Ness monster and the yeti.

*The Australian Oxford Dictionary*, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 9780195517965

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

I think I have been a member for about twenty years and derive much enjoyment from the crosswords. However I am concerned about recent trends and particularly February's offerings. The low participation rate is definitely a worry and a problem which should be addressed. I consider the crosswords as an intellectual exercise and was considerably miffed that February Slots 4 & 5 depended upon obscure Australian slang which neither I, nor as it turns out any of my friends, had heard. Yes, I now know that they are in *Macquarie*. Slots 4 & 5 were fine crosswords which could easily have been edited to make them more acceptable to the majority of members. I hope things will improve. *Jill Freeland*

**Quiz 4/09 Letter Opener by dB**

Place a different single letter in front of each of the following words. Send your entry to Doug Butler, PO Box 303 Oaklands Park SA 5046 or by e-mail to [d.butler@internode.on.net](mailto:d.butler@internode.on.net) Closing mail date: Friday 8 May 2009. Book prize.

1	Ball
2	Bend
3	Bomb
4	Channel
5	Chromosome
6	Clamp
7	Double
8	Fever
9	Formation
10	Frame
11	Girder
12	Lamination
13	Particle

14	Plates
15	Purlin
16	Rating
17	Rations
18	Rays
19	Ring
20	Roof
21	Shackle
22	Tariff
23	Trap
24	Troop
25	Turn
26	Wing



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find out using *AxWord*, so we won't try, but many word nuts say it's an essential. Price to ACC members is \$50.00 fully refunded if not delighted. Complimentary upgrades anytime. For more information, contact its 'onlie begetter' Doug Butler at either of the above addresses.

## March 1-2009: Cryptic by jesso (Noel Jessop)

- A most enjoyable contribution from Noel. Some truly great clues. *Doug Butler*
- A nice cryptic from Noel. I liked his swearing Flying Officer. *Margaret Davis*

• Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" came to mind almost together with the phrase 'blithering idiot' which turned out to be the solution. *Tony DeGry*

- 1ac: The clue has no indication of using the first letter of representation and R is not listed as an abbreviation for representation in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* (Gr is the representation of 'gross'. *DJ*).
- This was a bit tough for a No. 1 Slot. *Drew Meek*
- Jesso has made us work a little harder this time. 16ac was a tricky one. *Ted O'Brien*

• A very enjoyable Slot 1. Especially liked ANTIOCHUS. *Max Roddick*

- Sorry not to see another straightforward Half and Half puzzle for a warm-up. Too challenging for Slot 1. 1ac: T+RUE+GR+IT. 16ac: ROS+TRA+L. 18ac: T(S)AR+DOM. 27ac: A+MORE+T+TO. 1dn: TUMULT delete L. 3dn: G+U+ILD. 7dn: BLITHE+RING+I+DI+OT. *Alan Walter*

• Typically Jesso – good fun and fair. Enough of a challenge to whet the appetite without too much frustration. *Jenny Wenham*

## March 2-2009: Herbert's Remedies by The Posers (Joan Smith and Bev Cockburn)

- Pure delight. *Doug Butler*
- 10ac: "old writer's" instead of Spenser's might have made the solution bit harder. *Scrabble®* dictionaries are full of Spenser's words for some strange reason. *Tony DeGry*

• I'm not sure about 5dn, as the clue seems jumbled. 'sist' is to stop in Scottish law and is 'some' of sister, but the clue's structure is confusing. The alternative answer is 'siss' but I couldn't find the Scottish connection and is no better, so I'll stick with 'sist'. Otherwise a fun crossword to solve. *Mal Cockburn*

• Not too hard to get on to the herbal remedies. SIST was new to me in spite of my Scottish upbringing – never had a run in with the law! *Margaret Davis*

• I cannot decide whether SISS or SIST is the answer for 5dn (or maybe something else entirely). I cannot make sense of the clue at all. *Peter Dearie*

• A fairly testing lot as usual. Some interesting words to add to the vocab. I needed a few of *The Posers* remedies to recover from the brain fag. *Bob Hagan*

• 5dn: if some...sister is meant to indicate SIST = Scot's stop, I don't think the structure of the clue is correct and the definition shouldn't separate the indicator and the word to be modified. *Drew Meek*

• It was a change to see other than rosemary and thyme accompanying sage. *Ted O'Brien*

• A good gettable theme. Learned some new words without the heartache of extensive searching. *Andrew Patterson*

• VIGIL needed some thought. *Max Roddick*

• Clever theme with clever clues. *Brian Symons*

• Tricky not letting us know which clues were undefined. But the trickier they are, the more the satisfaction in solving. *Roy Taylor*

• Thanks for your aromatic collection of herbs: GINSENG, BETONY, SAGE, VALERIAN, LEMON-GRASS, CHIVES, EYEBRIGHT, PENNYROYAL and ALOE. A very pleasant thematic puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• I liked 1ac and 29ac. Shouldn't 5dn have been worded differently? The definition in the middle of the clue and the 'some' is nowhere near the 'sister'. Maybe 'some sister stops Scot'? *Jenny Wenham*

## March 3-2009: Chain Letters by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

• Lots of new words and some old ones! Thanks for the challenge, *InGrid*. *Mal Cockburn*

• *InGrid* always makes us work. I don't understand 28ac (assuming I am correct). *Margaret Davis*

• 1ac: born and bred Aussies have the advantage here. *Tony DeGry*

• Some new words for me – thirlage, sclaunders, navarins. *Ted O'Brien*

• 9ac: I cannot properly resolve this. 24ac: 'relatively short.' does not equal 'sis' (short relative SIS/TER? *DJ*). 29ac: what does 'for' do? 7dn: what does 'very' do? The title eventually did help with some answers once I realised what was going on. A neat idea. *Andrew Patterson*

• 26ac: SNOWING was a beauty! And 28ac: OCEAN a bit of the teaser. *Max Roddick*

• The whole lower left hand corner was pretty tough – but satisfying. *Brian Symons*

• Some very challenging clues. 1ac: SALVATION (Jane) – Paterson's Curse. 15ac: Anagram of 'dance slurs' = SCLAUNDERS. 28ac: OCE+AN. 8dn: 'Spencer' should be spelt 'Spenser'. 13dn. Word length needs changing to (7-3) not (10) for SCATTER–GUN. 23ac: DIS+C+O), C=round=O. *Alan Walter*

• A good puzzle overall but I struggled mightily with 2 words. I was convinced that 23ac should be DEW EYED but naturally couldn't reconcile this with the clue or with NEURONE. I think I have it now. *Jenny Wenham*

## March 4-2009: AJ by dB (Doug Butler)

• The L clue had me at a loss. I eagerly await the explanation from Doug. (Joe Loss was an English musician who died in 1990 – therefore a dead loss. *DJ*) *Mal Cockburn*

• I always enjoy the AJ and this was no exception. I've given it my COTM. *Margaret Davis*

• I Clue: While the answer is clear, does the clue structure meet normal conventions since the definition is also part of the words to be anagrammatised? *Drew Meek*

• Rather straightforward. *Ted O'Brien*

• Clues C & D: surface reading? Clue I: no anagram indicator. Clues V, Z: not sure how these work. Please explain! *Andrew Patterson*

• BROLGAS for COTM! *Max Roddick*

• I don't understand the connection between 'Joe' and what I hope is 'loss'. *Roy Taylor*

• Excellent AJ. 'socialise' gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*

• K Clue: Is 'young Sam' indicating 'cheongsam'? How does it imply KIM from KIM+ONO? C Clue: Anagram of HOLI+CAMP=OMPHALIC=BOSSY=like a boss or Delphic stone marking world's centre. S clue: *Collins Australian Dictionary* gives SOCIALIZE or SOCIALISE, 3<sup>rd</sup> meaning to nationalize, ie to 'spread the cost' to 'get out' also means to SOCIALIZE. Clue appears to use the double definition. Prefer –IZE to 'spread the SIZE'. V clue: Would prefer 'common' to replace 'popular'. Does VULGAR really sound like VOLGA river? X clue: Does ARCH in XER+ARCH properly equate to 'fornication'? *Alan Walter*

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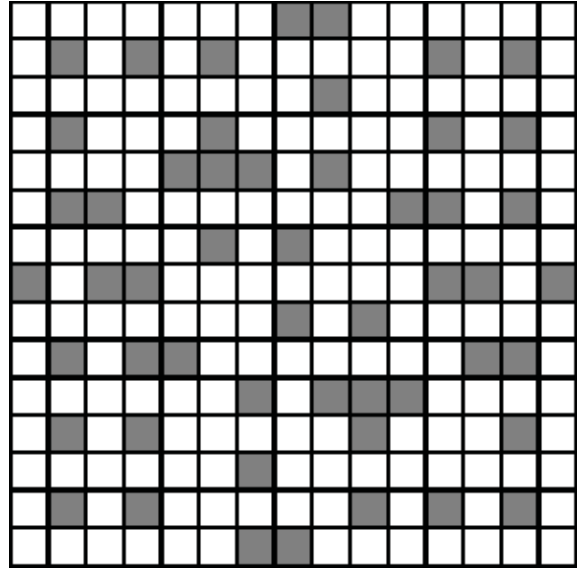
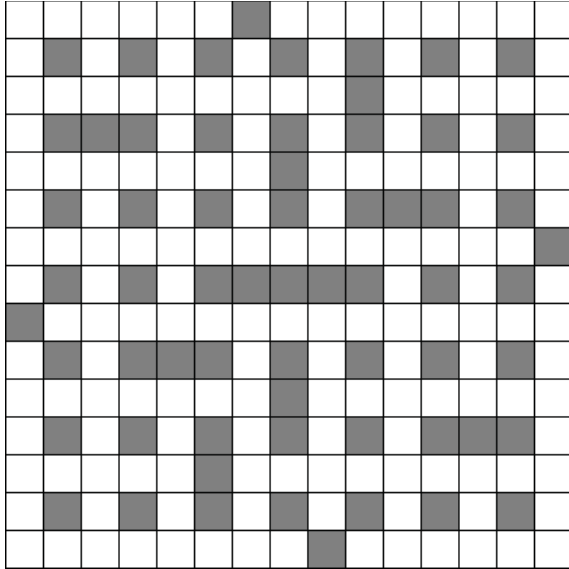
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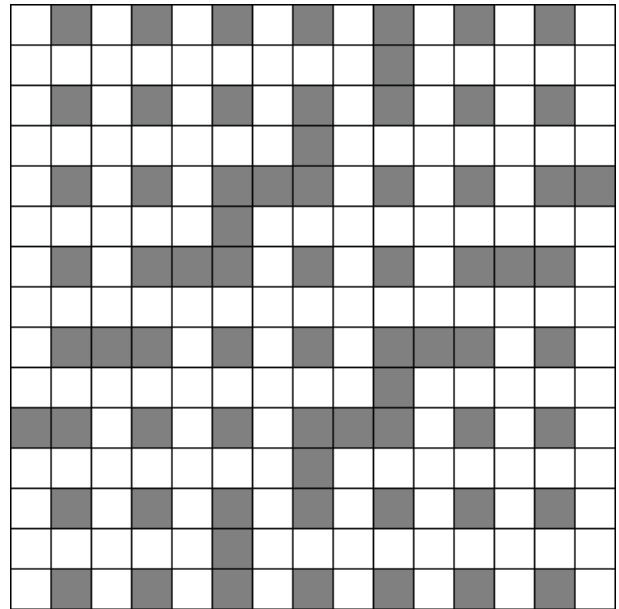
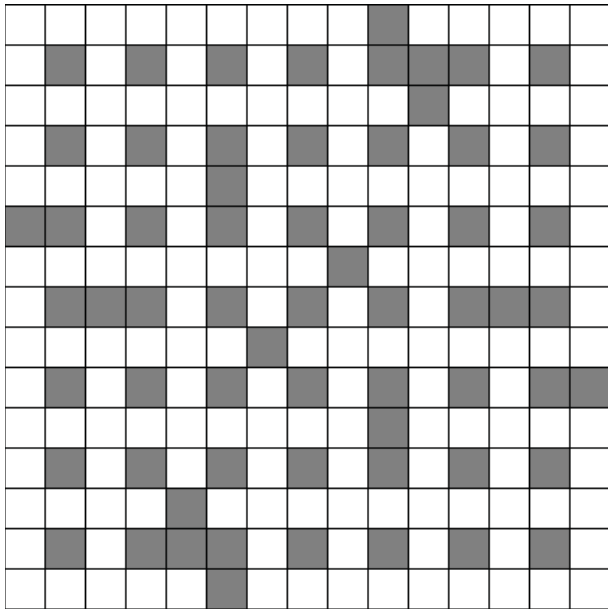
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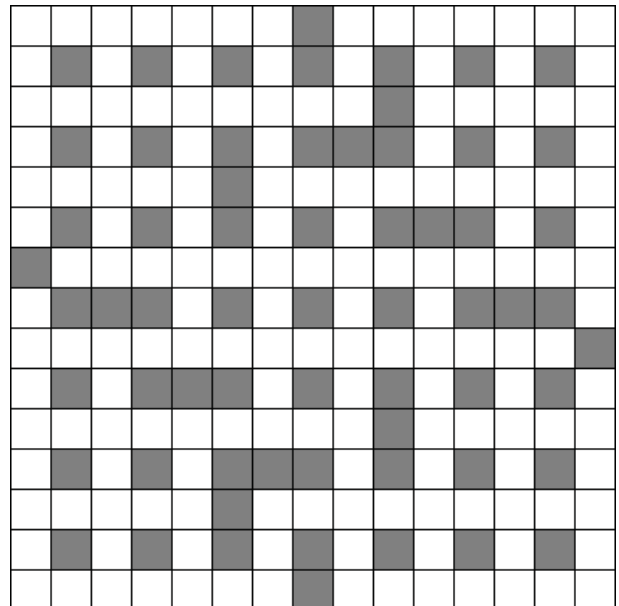
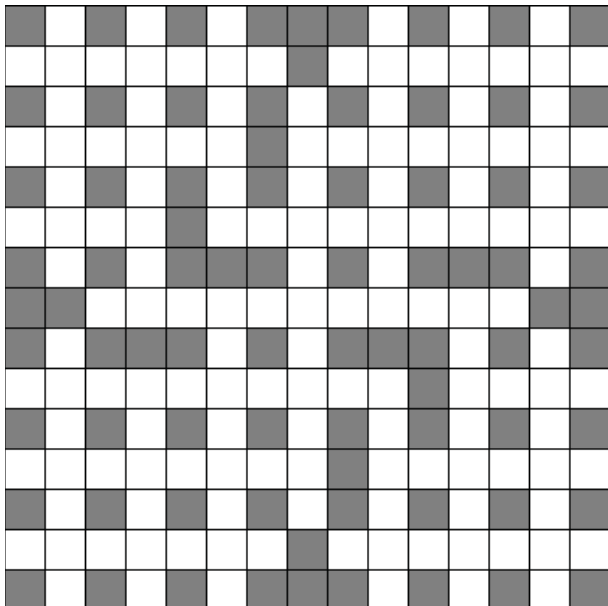
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Clue of the Month .....

**February 6-2009: Beyond Belief by *The Co-op* (Bev and Mal Cockburn)**

**Entries: 63. Correct: 58. Success rate: 92%.**

**Prizewinners: Ian McKenzie and Alan Walter. Congratulations! Solvers' Comments:**

• Thank you for this puzzle. I hadn't thought about just how many religions there are. "BONBON and BRIGHTEN are my favourite clues. *Carole Noble*

• Loved your puzzle. Just hope I'm correct. *Del Kennedy*

• I enjoyed this No 6 – filled in the gap at the end of the month. Some clues were great – eg OPSONISE. SHAKER threw me for a while. I assumed it was QUAKER. Fancy an ex-schoolie making that mistake! UNTHRONE if correct seems a bit dicey. *Eva Seale*

• Good one, Bev. Are you going to tell us which of those is the right one? *Roy Taylor*

• This was lots of fun. *Pat Garner*

• Fun to do. Chuckled over the boot = UNTHRONE & learned 3 new words. *Max Roddick*

• Thank you both for a challenging puzzle. Some good clues but perhaps too many hidden words. *Margaret Steinberger*

• Thanks for a do-able puzzle. I'm beginning to feel I'm losing the plot lately – even with a Slot 1! *Shirl O'Brien*

• Thank you for your ecumenical puzzle. All these beliefs sit so amicably in the grid. What a pity they can't in the real world! *Ted O'Brien*

• Thanks for an interesting X-W. You've managed to fit in quite a range of beliefs. *Betty Siegman*

• Thanks for your challenging & enjoyable puzzle. In 24ac Spenser's EM-PEACHES was certainly one of the challenges & I loved your BOBBON clue. For 8dn I first tried PENN-ANTS but as this did not fit the definition of 'blows' I researched further to find that MONT+ANTS was 'blows' in fencing, a new word for my vocabulary. *Alan Walter*

• The theme was attainable and helpful that all occurrences were adjectival but in 3dn what does "Races" do and in 7dn not very dissimilar double definition? *Andrew Patterson*

• An enjoyable Slot 6. I was copying out UNTHRONE and couldn't see how I got it. A very clever one. *Bob Hagan*

• It took me a while to identify the theme and even then I struggled to solve some clues. Well done. *Steve Trollope*

• I enjoyed this puzzle and learnt quite a few new words. *Jan Wood*

• 5ac had me deeply puzzled for a while as I had guessed that the theme was Christian sects – but no. Was amused by 20dn – KAFFIR – anagram of 27ac + F with upsets as the indicator = African. But to an African esp Southern African, the term is derogatory and not used in 'polite' discourse and would, thus, truly upset an African. *Jim Fowler*

• Thanks for the challenge. Took a while to put SHAKER instead of QUAKER. Particularly liked OPS ON ISE. *Jack Stocks*

I thought BONBON & UNTHRONE were particularly good. *Brian Symons*

• I liked 3dn about the Bong Bong races. I went to High School in Bowral, so knew of the races but, as I boarded at a church hostel, I certainly didn't get to attend them! *Nea Storey*

• An enjoyable puzzle. 18dn: I have often seen organisation = UN but it seems an unfair clue to me as there are literally thousands of letter combinations that could be an organisation. 9dn: to make or grow brighter (*Chambers*); so I don't think 'glow' is an accurate definition as it doesn't involve a change of state. *Drew Meek*

• Thanks for another challenging puzzle – assorted religions AND one of the major players! (And a few new words to store in my memory.) *Kath Harper*

• 18dn is a very clever clue...UN/TH(RO)N)E –Bootiful! Also 3dn – BONBON – what imagination! *Graeme Cole*

**Adjudicators' Comments**

Thanks to all who sent messages with their entries. Feedback is very important. Setters can't improve if they have no guidance from their peers. Apologies for the missing 'a' in 22dn though it was corrected in the last magazine. All but two were correct anyway and we could not justify ESTRUM. Other errors included two with BRIGHTON, one with INTHRONE and one with OCEAN SOUND. Please excuse any errors in our adjudication. I (Bev) broke my arm two weeks ago and life has become a trifle difficult! If you have any queries, please contact us either by phone or email.

—Bev and Mal Cockburn

**Results of the Financial Institutions Quiz No 2/09 by *Fortuna 48* (Nea Storey)**

- 1 ANZ
- 2 ASX
- 3 Bail out
- 4 CITIGROUP
- 5 CBA
- 6 Currency
- 7 Depression
- 8 Dow Jones
- 9 Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac
- 10 Interest
- 11 Lehman Brothers
- 12 Merrill Lynch
- 13 Morgan Stanley
- 14 NAB
- 15 RBA
- 16 St George
- 17 Stock Exchange
- 18 Subprime Mortgage
- 19 UBS
- 20 Westpac

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

My apologies for getting CBA and Citigroup out of order, particularly to anyone who lost a point because of it. I think I got confused with the acronyms when I read the proofs, and kept reading CBA as Commonwealth etc. Fortunately, most of our members picked up on my error, and drew it to my attention in one way or another. (So as not to take up too much space, I won't quote all these). Also, several members pointed out that Fanny should be spelt Fannie. As this was my error, I did not deduct for the one entry which supplied the correct spelling. However, I have deducted half a point for not being chivalrous and listing Freddie first! Bill Bennett suggested deflated as another solution for Money Now. Alas, all too true, but currency was required by now in the clue. This was intended as a light-hearted quiz and the number of correct/near correct entries would seem to support this. "Lehman Brothers" was preferred to "Lehman Bros" and this cost half a point. (Only two entrants missed out on this one.) From 20 entries received, the results are:

**20:** B Cockburn, J Fowler, S Howells, V Howard, A Jermy, G Leeds, A Miles, C Noble, M Steinberger, J Stocks and A Walter. **19.5:** B Bennett and P Garner. **19:** D Butler, D Procter and R Wimbush. **18.5:** N Wilson. **18:** J Wenham. **17:** T McPherson. **16:** G Lloyd.

**Prizewinner: Valerie Howard. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Very topical! I enjoyed this quiz because it didn't require a computer. *Bill Bennett*

• Thanks for another mind-stretching quiz, several questions causing many days of exploration into the minefield of financial jargon and current critical name-dropping! *Bev Cockburn*

• This was a lot of fun – even if the subject is serious. My only reservation is that I'm out of alphabetical order in the "Cs" but I'm hoping that's your error not mine! *Pat Garner*

• Thanks for your very current Financial Crisis Quiz, which I am submitting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, one month earlier than the closing date .... Hope these Fri 13<sup>th</sup> dates don't have any unlucky effect! (*They didn't – Adj.*) *Alan Walter*

• This was an unusual subject .... I had to pay more attention to the financial reports on the news .... *Carole Noble*

• Good fun! *Ann Jermy*

• Thank you for an interesting and topical quiz .... Not really terribly hard if you know a bit about financial stuff. *Jim Fowler*

• Thanks for the topical quiz. *Valerie Howard*

• Here are my answers to your spiffy quiz – it's good to get some fun out of the events! *Margaret Steinberger*

• Enjoyed and fascinated by the quiz, but certainly not confident. *Glenda Lloyd*

• Thanks for an interesting, topical quiz. *Susan Howells*

• Really enjoyed it, but Q7 has me flummoxed. I want it to be DOWN ... (Down in the dumps, maybe? – Adj.) *Trish McPherson*

• A very challenging (taxing?) quiz. *Gabrielle Leeds*