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Our language, or any civilized language, is like the phoenix:
it springs anew from its own ashes.
TS Eliot, quoted in prefatory note to L Michaels and C Ricks (eds),
The State of the Language (1980)

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On 8 April 2011, the ACC celebrates its 21st Anniversary. It's been 21 years of brilliant and inspired crosswords, quizzes and puzzles of all sorts. And the ACC is thriving 21 years on! We wish to honour our founders: Carole Noble (Secretary), the late Noel Jessop (Puzzle set-up person) and Alan Walter (Treasurer and Publisher of *Crozworld* for ten years). They had the inspiration and foresight to establish our Club and it's been a true success story right from the start. We sincerely thank our Founders for their history-making contribution to the Cruciverbal Art in Australia and for their continuing support over the years. We also thank our other valued contributors such as David Stickley (Puzzle set-up person No 2), Bev Cockburn (Second Secretary), Ian Williams (our current Puzzle set-up person) and Patrick Street who has been our President since 1992 and has published our exciting monthly magazine *Crozworld* for almost eleven years. Well done to you all! Here's to another 21 years of success and puzzling perplexity! We have come of Age! Many Happy Returns!

Our dynamic Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month starting with a Half 'n Half by *Timid Terrier*. In Slot 2 we feature a new compiler *Grottesco* (Iain McCulloch) (see profile p4). Slots 3-4 have our legendary compilers – *Southern Cross* and *Manveru*. In Slot 5 we publish another fascinating puzzle titled *That's Entertainment* by *InGrid* and the skilful *Crowsman* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in the Slot 6 spot. To celebrate our 21st Anniversary we have excellent book prizes to give away for these puzzles. Plus Ted O'Brien has given us a 21st Anniversary Quiz which should delight all puzzlers: and a special treat on p14 thanks to David Stickley. We sincerely thank all of our Compilers, Adjudicators and Members for making the ACC such a Special Club over the past 21 years. Good Luck with your solving this month.
—Patrick

Hello from hot, dry but nevertheless beautiful Perth. Thank you to all for good wishes and thanks, and also to those who still remember *Red One*.

Slot 1: There were mistakes all over the place here. Four solvers put NABAB for NAWAB and fifteen put NABOB which also mucked up 5dn which left an ungainly answer of GAEO. MAWS at 30ac and TOLTEC at 40ac were each given other answers 3 times.

Slot 2: QUEENS at 10ac attracted various wrong answers 4 times. There were silly slips of the pen by two of the Club's better solvers who put VAUT for VAULT and EESTSIDE for EASTSIDE.

Slot 3: This slot tripped up lots of people with 25 solvers putting in AVER for ABET; INIT, KNOT, KNUT, SNOT and SNIT were entered for UNIT; SHOUT for SHOOT (3 times) and WARE (4 times), VALE (twice), CANE, WAVE, VALE and DARE for CAVE. There were 11 ADOPTees for ADOPTERS.

Slot 4: LAVAGES proved difficult – it was entered as LAVAGED 9 times and RAVAGES twice. There were 4 wrong entries for De Morales; AVOWAL twice for AMORAL and several blank squares.

Slot 5: Amongst numerous mistakes there were two GAY Gatsbys and one RAY for our old friend Jay. (I recently re-read this book and what a pleasure it was). SAFIC, BAFIC AND GAFIC popped up for MAFIC. For SFERICs there were 7 STERICs, a SCENICS and a STATICS. INTER was put for ENTER three times.

COTM: All slots received votes. Slot 3, 23ac TEARDROP was a clear winner with 21 votes leading Slot 4 "U" UNION JACK which got 9 votes. Slot 2 received many nominations spread over 9 clues. So the winner is *Pindar* (John Brotherton) – congratulations for concocting such an excellent clue.
—Doreen

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	120	114	114	107	104	559
Correct entries	89	101	66	90	78	424
Success rate (%)	74.2	88.6	57.9	84.1	75.0	75.8
Prizewinners	C Quinn H Zucal	D Butler V Knight	C Archibald N Lee	F Copland	B Solomon C Wilcox	from 120 members

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Prizewinner: March 2011 Slots 1-5: Gabrielle Leeds

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March 1-2011

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR FEB Slot 6 & MAR 2011 Slots 1-5

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ARCHIBALD C
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BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BATUM C
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BROTHERTON J
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G
CHAMPION G
CHANCE C
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DOBELE T
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DYER A
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EVANS Jean
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FREEMAN H
GARDINER R

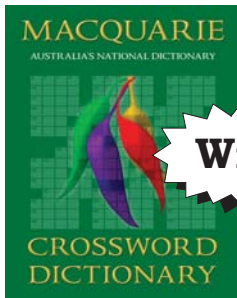
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GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
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HAGAN R
HAMLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEENAN C
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
KNIGHT V
LEE C
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LLOYD G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McADOO G
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McKINDLAY Y
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MARTIN A
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MARTIN John

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MILES A
MITCHELL J
MORRIS B
NOBLE C
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O'BRIEN S
O'BRIEN Ted
PARSONS D
PATTERSON A
PEARCE J
PERROW H
PINDER S
POTTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
QUINN C
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN A
RYAN W
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
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TOFONI B
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Half 'n Half
by
Timid Terrier

Prizes: \$50



Win!

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Across

- 1 Labels (4)
- 4 Clever, competent (4)
- 7 Continued pain (4)
- 10 Check, restrain (4)
- 11 A peninsula in south-western Asia (6)
- 13 Encounter (4)
- 14 Possesses (4)
- 15 Confess (5)
- 16 Volcano (4)
- 18 Measure, level (6)
- 19 Destiny (3)
- 21 A last offer or demand (9)
- 24 Follow (5)
- 25 Cups with wide mouths (7)
- 27 Twist to loosen (7)
- 30 Land measures (5)
- 32 Crisis (9)
- 34 TV Doctor (3)
- 35 Tormented (6)
- 38 Slim; slender (4)
- 40 A royal domain (5)
- 41 Core, essence (4)
- 42 French couturier (4)
- 43 Type of worm (6)
- 44 Capital of Yemen (4)
- 45 Noticed, observed (4)
- 46 Talon, pincer (4)
- 47 Seaweed extraction (4)

Down

- 1 Dwarf man to hitchhike (3,5)
- 2 Raw meal and drink (5,3)
- 3 To lay first of traps at badger's burrow (4)
- 4 One old adult wild ox (4)
- 5 A light gold carriage? (6)
- 6 Irish Gaelic language in verse (4)
- 7 Adviser to assist Earl (4)
- 8 Beasts arrived at legions confines (6)
- 9 Property established at Spain (6)
- 12 Confection barely brewed sweet substance (6,5)
- 17 Illegal form of American gambling characters play (7,4)
- 20 Oxford University South East of river (4)
- 22 State the Maori elegance (5)
- 23 Initially makes an ultra violet effective colour (5)
- 26 Carve alien child (4)
- 28 Grannie M falsified baptising again (8)
- 29 Traveller's journey a great distance to Queen (8)
- 30 Grants a guardianship to son (6)
- 31 Turn up hill for tea variety (6)
- 33 Average note to call (6)
- 36 Impetuosity in bike lane (4)
- 37 Record one college classic (4)
- 38 Soften Thailand fruit (4)
- 39 Perfect unfinished dream (4)

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Closing mail date: 13 May 2011.

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Cryptic by Grottesco



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Across

- 1 Particular solemnity and weightiness (8,7)
- 8 High priest hits back at the non-mobile? (7)
- 9 The old lead without hesitation or sound (5)
- 11 It's not leadership to be hackneyed, round-about and complicated (9)
- 12 Betting first, a street minstrel ... (4)
- 13 ... can back the fool (3)
- 16 Measure the instruments of isolated minorities (8)
- 19 The French dictum: first came, first served (6)
- 20 To live, rest and enchant (7)
- 22 Authorise the return of the Spanish killer! (6)
- 23 Approved as submitted to the letters page? (8)
- 25 Periods are back ... (3)
- 27 ... as kids call mother and father ages (4)
- 29 Block and cone parts – take note (9)
- 30 Bovine guide (5)
- 31 Moral and fattening? (7)
- 32 Celebrate incarnadine city (5,3,4,3)

- 2 Used to hold small objects in deformable groups (7,5)

- 3 The peerless can't be cloned (10)
- 4 Goes round and round I note. Right, a setback (8)
- 5 Info about an injured prisoner of war is hollow – and more than a handful (6)
- 6 With beer around, an unruly mob could be very explosive (1-4)
- 7 After you started, I led off and finished before dad gave up (7)
- 10 Artiste cantered off after the dance (6,6)
- 14 Diseases of the evil South (4)
- 15 Performance by an unprofessional cast who disbanded after a season in the Apple Isle (6,4)
- 17 Queen Victoria heard to sway? (4)
- 18 Refugees' ship a last resort (3)
- 21 Rescue centre gets fast food (8)
- 22 Ecstasy brought a tear to the I-journey (3,4)
- 24 Exactly fifty were at the front and fought (7)
- 26 After fully re-conditioning engine, service history starts anew (6)
- 28 The letters of Saint Mark (5)


COMPILER [PROFILE: Grottesco (Iain McCulloch)]

I was first introduced to the joys of cryptic crosswords in my early teens by my grandfather, Charles Smith, who would leave some blanks in the SMH cryptic for me when I came home from school. He "couldn't solve" those clues, but could somehow help me do so! Later I apparently introduced Drew Meek (*St Jude*) to cryptics, and many years on he introduced me to the ACC, bringing several club publications along on a caving trip to the Nullarbor – we did cryptics as we drove. Once a computer professional, then a passionate caver, now a karst geomorphologist (which is what you become if you want someone else to support your caving), I am currently completing a PhD at the ANU, during which I have developed an imaging system for luminescence analysis and geological dating, which I hope to apply to cave sites. I chose the cruciverbonym *Grottesco* because (a) there's *nothing* you can make with "Charles Smith", and (b) I liked it. Used in English mainly in the phrases *opera* or *pittura grottesca* and literally meaning 'grotesque', its roots in *grotto* + *esque* link it to both *grot* and *grotty*, and back via the Italian *grotta* and Latin *crypta* to the Greek *kruptē*, giving a meaning of *cave-like* (and I do like caves!) or *crypt-like* (cryptic?) – taken together, a set of associations I was just unable to resist.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I just want to say "Thank You" to the club for my beautiful trophy which now has pride of place on my sideboard. Also my thanks must go to Brian Symons for his constant watch over the dots and his time and effort in choosing and posting the several trophies awarded for 2010.

Bev Cockburn

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


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Across

- 9 Where the footballer might be flying (2,3,4)
- 10 Go back through French Street to find the villain (5)
- 11 Country from which one can get home in 24 hours (7)
- 12 Rebuke and indicate work checked (4,3)
- 13 Constantly detailed? (2,3)
- 14 Forms an impression there's something great about a movie team (4,5)
- 16 Where one could be enticed – running between beds ... (2,3,6,4)
- 19 ... especially where less Pyrex is distributed (9)
- 21 Where Caesar died for a backsliding Greek character (5)
- 22 Where turning over a new leaf could land one, from the very beginning (4,3)
- 23 Even number on apartment (7)
- 24 Baby carriers inside – put Erica in one (5)
- 25 Bird wants some of the cutlery account (9)

- reign (6,4)
- 2 It has one inside the box – most likely to be scratched (8)
- 3 Ray the newsman smiled broadly (6)
- 4 Mine has a touch of yellow – that's a shame (4)
- 5 Anxiously and excitedly tag it, without possible delay (10)
- 6 A part of French activity (8)
- 7 Sign or emend memorandum evidencing neglect (6)
- 8 Complain about loud buzzer? Just the opposite (4)
- 14 Cook's name for mountains where some tomatoes are grown (10)
- 15 Separately taking in one of the sciences with much calculation (10)
- 17 Little Richard chosen first, being dynamic ... (8)
- 18 ... broadcasts journey from where the planes take off (8)
- 20 Disease of cattle – could Jake be a carrier? (3,3)
- 21 Show off a foreign article in the unit (6)
- 22 Pull a face with Pakistan's opener dismissed (4)
- 23 Ornamental fastener for a jumper (4)

Down

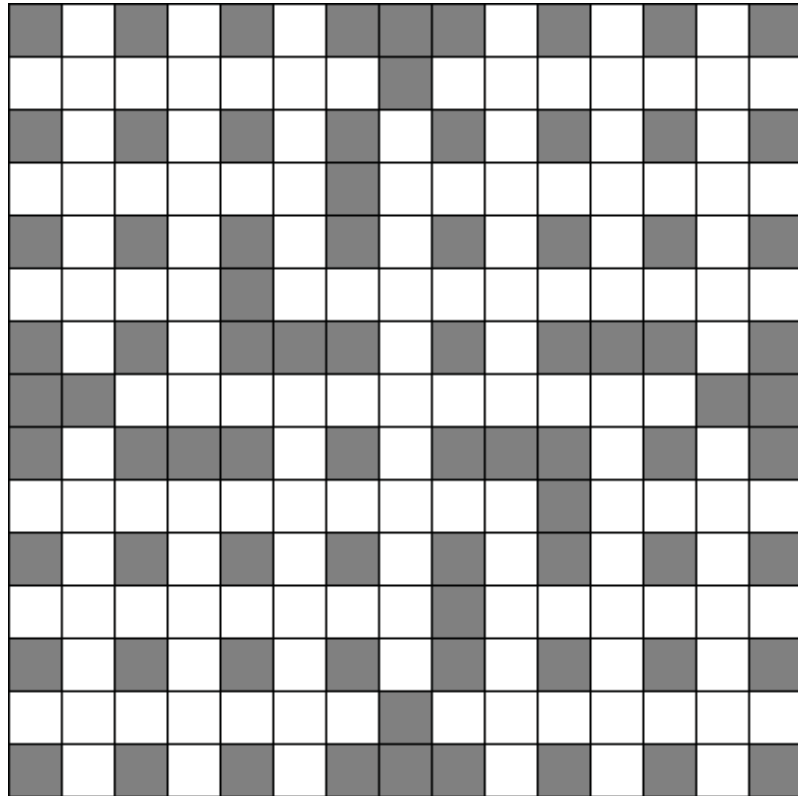
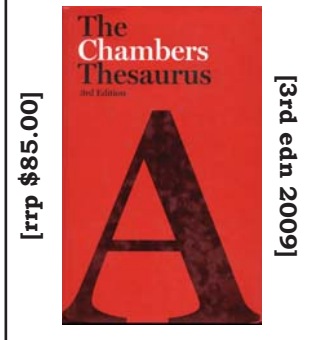
- 1 Guiding principle long applicable to the Queen's

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- I wish to thank the ACC most sincerely for the book received for the January Clue Writing Competition. It is truly a great addition to any crossword solver's library. *Len Colgan*
- I just wanted to say thank you Patrick for thinking of Christchurch on p9 of the March *Crozworld*. As someone who was there at the time it has particular significance for me. In fact, the results for MEDIOCRE in the Clue Writing Competition were e-mailed from the Grand Chancellor the night before the quake. *Michael Kennedy*
- Re *The Oxford Word of the Month* March 2011 "MUGWUMP" I always understood that it meant a person who sat "on the fence" with his **mug** on one side and his **wump** on the other. Where do these pearls of "wisdom" come from? *Phyl Heath*
- The *Chambers Dictionary* arrived safely in my letter box yesterday. So quick! I have already used it for solving slot 3 and am thrilled with it. Many thanks. *Rosemary Ducker*
- Thanks so much for my Book Prize for the Bonus Quiz, January 2011. It's given me quite a boost – every home should have David Astle's book *PUZZLED!* Please thank the Adjudicator, although it's not really the "winning" but the "thrill of the chase" that makes ACC's membership exhilarating! *Brian Eggleton*
- Thank you to all concerned for my great prize. What encouragement – only second entry after a wonderful Gift Subscription from Shirl O'Brien (no relation but dear friend). Sincerely, *Eileen O'Brien*
- Many thanks for my book prize for Quiz No. 1/2011. *The Chambers Book of Facts* will be most useful in both solving and compiling. *Audrey Austin*
- Many thanks to the ACC for my February prize – a wonderful thesaurus which has already been put to good use. *Alison Shield*

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AJ by Manveru




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

- A** Followers of CIA said no to change (11)
- B** Book Eleven, once decoded, reveals philanthropy (11)
- C** It's an easy task to cover trail (8)
- D** Liberate Communist, overcoming adversity and rejecting all (7)
- E** Look! Use horn Henry – it's a chopper! (3,5)
- F** 'Manic' – definer is cryptically rendered around the last letter (8)
- G** Book for geniuses? Perhaps, but it's not universal (7)
- H** People who dislike heat, lack energy and require bed-rest regularly (6)
- I** Mental division comes after one indefinite number (6)
- J** Blind and jealous – I go to pot (8)
- K** Maintain tower (4)
- L** Officer in the place of occupant (10)
- M** Merlin uses new spell and swallows a quartz, for one (7)
- N** Newton has no clue about this tiny particle (7)
- O** Bird in ladies' room? Strange – no dams allowed (6)
- P** Template is redrawn without a mark to produce a range of colours (7)
- Q** Question about rumours not starting with gatherings (7)
- R** Tarmac absorbs Aeroflot's first flight (7)
- S** Young animal is using a straw to guzzle (7,3)
- T** Journey in rocket? That could be a mistake! (4,2)
- U** It's more horrible to have a headless dog story right? (6)
- V** Velocity and energy, say, go backwards when time is warped and spread (8)
- W** Rich spring party plays host to the heads of Telstra and Optus (4-2-2)
- X** Uncle is rejected following kiss at festival time (4)
- Y** Still travelling around road drunk for as long ago as anyone can remember (4,3)
- Z** Zinzan gives up two names for two grand – crooked! (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- I apologise for the anagram in my February Slot 2 with one S too many. Two critics misinterpreted the clues they criticised. CULTIVATED was the anagind in 8dn, leading to the European "Polish". Although "surprising" as an anagind was mentioned disapprovingly, it is included in a list published in my 2006 edition of *Chambers Crossword Dictionary*. *Catherine Hambling*
- I'd like to thank the Club for my January 6 prize. It was a lovely surprise. *Claire Batum*
- Closing date for February puzzles Friday 25 February. March puzzles delivered electronically by 1.00 pm Saturday 26 February. You can't beat that for service. Congratulations to all concerned. *Margaret Davis*
- Many thanks for my prize for the February 1 – 5 slots. I was surprised and delighted. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for all involved with *Crozworld* for all your work. Thank you for my prize book for February and for the card which came with it – a joy to behold. *Rosemary Gardiner*
- Thank you for my slot 3 prize last month. It was such a lovely surprise and it is a welcome addition to my family fund as I am going to New Zealand on 28 March for 3 weeks. *Barb Ibbott*
- A very big thank you to the ACC for the *Brewers* I received last month for Slot 6. I can just open it at random to find all kinds of the most fascinating information. *Betty Siegman*
- There were 5 excellent puzzles this month. UNION JACK got my COTM but just ahead of *Jesso's* EFTS and *Praxis's* AIDS. *Brian Symons*

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Across clues are of a type and are not further defined.
One solution is not in the normal references.

Across

- 1 Single multiple (8)
- 5 Yield of evil reverses (6)
- 9 Rebellious hard case (8)
- 10 Ruffle has colour at the back (3-3)
- 12 Urchin missing in scramble between two points (6)
- 13 Mr Spooner's shoe step? (8)
- 15 Vegetable holds fate (6)
- 16 Trunks lose temperature (5)
- 19 Daughter shows skills (5)
- 21 Black brow (6)
- 25 Behold angry egghead! (8)
- 26 Circle 25 starters (6)
- 28 Retraces some way back (6)
- 29 Does over hemp raincoat (8)
- 30 Sounds like footwear for the queen (6)
- 31 State of lake (8)

Down

- 1 Bull mouse (6)
- 2 Hint that sister has a Church of England bias (6)
- 3 Pair have song that is plain (7)
- 4 People eking out a living might have this to eat (4)
- 6 Supple in the laciest slip (7)
- 7 Casual head covers found up a tree (8)
- 8 Sling his bad colloquial language (8)
- 11 Wandering on back when lunatic is in command (7)
- 14 Blast away with pompous language (7)
- 17 Estate holders lure lads strangely (8)
- 18 Time for bird to laugh at one cold and stressed verse (8)
- 20 Dog that might beam me up? (7)
- 22 Short and ugly hogs scattered for a confused half minute (7)
- 23 The old jumped at second attack from a fork (6)
- 24 Clergyman just an average boy (6)
- 27 Jump independent Indian (4)

Explanations for March solutions where provided by the compilers (Thank you, John and Roy)

Pindar Slot 3 ACROSS: 1. hw; 5. cro(w)s sing; 9. com(m)[pet]ence; 10. e[r]go; 11. anag.; 12. di+lute; 13. double meaning; 15. anag.; 18. c+ru+sad(d)er; 19. a+bet; 21. anag.; 23. t[ear dr]op; 25. homophone – “you nit”; 26. ill[us+t]rate; 27. double meaning; 28. side + on. **DOWN:** 2. sho[o]t; 3. empti + ness; 4. tat+too; 5. anag.; 6. over+done; 7. double meaning; 8. (k)night+mare; 14. a+r+homophone; 16. me+and+er+ed; 17. ideal+eyes; 20. m+asses; 22. tis reversed = sit up; 24. hw.

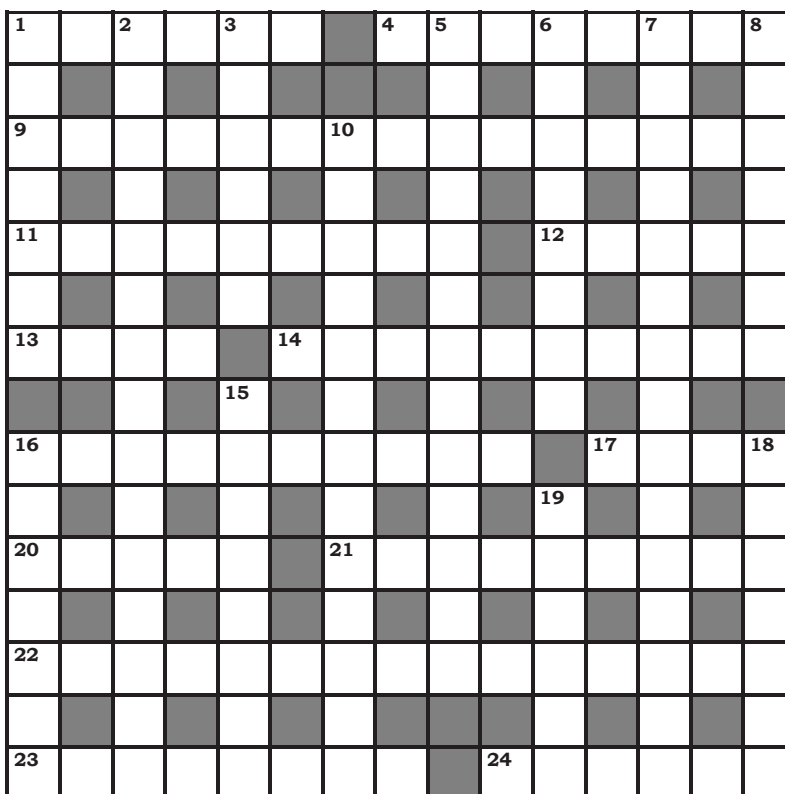
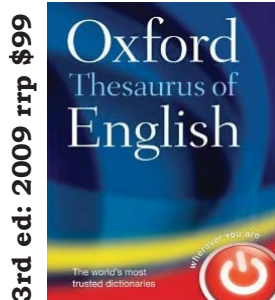
Praxis Slot 5 NAMESAKES: ACROSS 1, 20 (anag), 6 MA/if (rev)/C, 11 Hw, 2 anag, 13 E/RAN (rev)/Ms, 15 ER follows ENT, 16 E/s(cap)ee, 18 rue (rev) in anag, 23 ire (rev)/Ger/on, 20 (see 1ac), 24 ana after Emp./sad (rev), 27 tan (rev)/al(l)e, 29 to/I/Di (All rev), 30 a(side)s, 31 Co/ct/E(a)U, 32 d (penny)/ark, 33 keels (rev), 34 anag; **DOWN** 1 d def 2 ri(N)se, 3 No RA, 4 compete/NT, 5 anag, 7 pun, 8 Homonym/Ger/anag, 9 ire/in (rev/C, 10 r(T)ain after CE, 14 a/c-com/p(o)lice, 17 Jay/stag (rev)/by, 19 UK/ran/Ian, 20 anag around f, 21 Am/idol, 22 d def, 25 f(ie)ry, 26 ed (rev)/sk(i)s, 28 anag.

New Product: *The Compend Guide to Australian Localities:* This guide contains locality names (suburbs) categorised by the length of each word in the name, so “BENTLEY” appears under the “7” letter heading, and “ST MARYS” appears under the heading “2, 5” (which follows the 7 letter locations). Hyphens and apostrophes are also considered as word spaces, as per standard crossword practice. For example, “BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS” appears under the “8, 2, 5” heading. About 80 pages, the book is printed on A5 paper and is punched and bound with a card stock cover using IBIClick spines to make it easy to open flat. Copies are available at a special introductory price of \$12, plus \$5.50pph. Contact Chris Carolan at ccarolan@compend.com.au

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Cryptic by Crowsman

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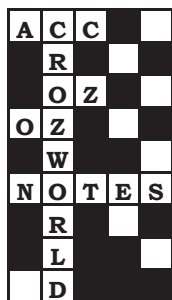
Across

- 1 It is found in seeds for birds (6)
- 4 Supporting tournament head overturned crazy convention (8)
- 9 Type of leg supports irritates without right clothes (5,10)
- 11 Worker, after performing well, becomes whistle-blower (9)
- 12 She's in Mediterranean resort, it is reported (5)
- 13 Wolf has seal retreating (4)
- 14 Birds swooped into provisions (5,5)
- 16 Mischief-makers scold nurse unceremoniously (10)
- 17 Shred half the letters (4)
- 20 Great leader, furious one, beset last of British (5)
- 21 Divisions about to back revolutions (9)
- 22 Theory surrounding Einstein's first studies produced value in physics (8,7)
- 23 Those with privileged information of how races concealed champion! (8)
- 24 Set out repeatedly to fly (6)

Down

- 1 Vegetable supremo getting highest result? (7)
- 2 Discredit, and hopeful folk lose out (4,4,2,5)
- 3 After short time, those next in line get what's coming to them (6)
- 5 Having formed a network around a religious leader, espoused clearly again (13)
- 6 European turns up – gets into mixed paté and hors d'oeuvre (8)
- 7 Speaker has two members switch positions for Brown, perhaps (15)
- 8 Without supporting note, they need letters (7)
- 10 Worker on land has area to introduce WA flower (7,6)
- 15 Spotless, but ace is rejected for lacking colour (8)
- 16 Warrior gives one a drink while returning (7)
- 18 Vague opening pair in performance hit the wrong key (7)
- 19 Exploits dwarfs (6)

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One Brilliant Clue: One of our favourite compilers *Pindar* (John Brotherton) won the *The Times* Clue Challenge again recently. The phrase to be clued was “RUBBER CHICKEN CIRCUIT” (a political or lecture tour, during which unappetizing cafeteria food is served!). Here is *Pindar*'s clue and the adjudicator's comment:

RUBBER CHICKEN CIRCUIT: 1st John Brotherton

Masseur with yellow cycle's uninspiring Tour (6,7,7)

Wordplay: RUBBER (masseur) with CHICKEN (yellow) CIRCUIT (cycle). A perfect *Times* Crossword-style way to clue a tricky long phrase. A clever, simple yet misleading series of alternative meanings of the constituent parts blending smoothly into an accurate, concise definition, the whole reading perfectly smoothly. Brilliant!

A Slice of History: David Stickley (*The Stickler of The Telegraph et al*) has been doing research on the history of the Australian crossword and has uncovered a most interesting aspect of one of the earliest examples of the genre. Thanks to David for sharing it with members via the bonus page 13/14 supplement to this month's edition and for preparing the grid for members to sample it. Send in your solution to Kay Williams before 13 May 2011. Good Luck!

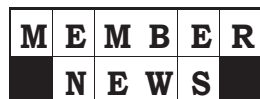
Can We Help? ABC-TV: Host Peter Rowsthorn investigated crosswords in a segment on *Can We Help?* which was shown on the ABC-TV on Saturday 26 March @ 6pm. David Astle took Pete into the fascinating world of crosswords. The ABC are running a little crossword comp attached to the segment; if you wish to take part in the competition, you will need to sign up to the newsletter in order to access the crossword puzzle that has been devised by David Astle. To sign up to the newsletter, (it is just one email a week with the newsletter in it) head to the website: www.abc.net.au/canwehelp After the competition is over you can stay subscribed or you can unsubscribe.

AxWord by Doug Butler

Many of us are familiar with and regularly use Doug Butler's brilliant (our word not Doug's) AxWord program. It is also used by many members to send in their entries to Ian Williams as part of the e-lodgment system. AxWord is a Windows® based program for people who love playing with words. There's not enough space on the page to do justice to the things you can do, the things you can 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 d.butler@internode.on.net.



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New Members: Alan Dyer from Bungendore, NSW, Cathy Brigden from Lane Cove, NSW (a Membership Gift from Brian Eggleton), Ann Sheather from Epping NSW and Margaret Barnard from Rhyll, Vic. Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Renewals of Membership: Des Booler and Grace Brice. Thank you.

A Matter to be Dealt With: One of the nice things about adjudication is all the nice cards and friendly comments from members. However, there is one minor gripe, and that is that some people send in their entries on very small pieces of paper (eg. playing-card size!). When one has a lot of entries to handle, it is quite difficult not to lose or overlook the little ones!

Puzzle adjustments for February 2011: A & D Callan: Dots for Slots 1-4; C Chance: Dots for Slots 1-3; P Derrington: Dots for Slots 1, 4 and 4; K Harper: Dots for Slot 1 and 3-5; G Lloyd: Dot for Slot 3; S Trollope: Dots for Slots 1-5.

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WORD OF THE MONTH

floccinaucinihilipilification *n.* the action or habit of estimating something as worthless. The word is used chiefly as a curiosity. [ORIGIN: from Latin *floci*, *nauci*, *nihili*, *pili*, words meaning 'at little value' + **-FICATION**.]

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Quiz 4/2011: Happy 21st by Neir Bodet.

As we have reached our majority there is no need for assistance by putting the solutions in alphabetical order! Send your entry to Kay Williams 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615: e-mail ianw@webone.com.au Closing date 13 May 2011 Book prize.

- 1 Who was the 21st President of the USA?
- 2 Who was British King in 1921?
- 3 What is the 21st letter of the modern Greek alphabet?
- 4 Who was the 21st Pope?
- 5 Who was Emperor of Rome in 21AD?
- 6 Who was the first Prime Minister of Great Britain? He took office in 1721.
- 7 Who was the 21st person to hold the office of Prime Minister of Australia?
- 8 Between what years did Pope John XXI hold office?
- 9 What is the 21st letter of the modern Arabian alphabet? (Western spelling is acceptable)
- 10 In what country do the parallels of 21 degrees E and 21 degrees N intersect?
- 11 What is the French name for the card game Pontoon?
- 12 Who became Pope in 1721?
- 13 In what year was the law passed enabling women in the UK over 21 to vote?
- 14 Warren Harding became President of the USA in 1921. To which party did he belong?
- 15 Who wrote "All very agreeable girls – and none/ Are over the age of 21"?
- 16 What are the first four words of Shakespeare's 21st Sonnet?
- 17 What is the NATO or phonetic alphabet code word for the 21st letter of the alphabet?
- 18 Which element has the atomic number 21?
- 19 Who was President of the USA in 1821?
- 20 Which city hosted the summer Olympic Games designated XXI?
- 21 Which poet wrote "When I was one-and-twenty / I heard a wise man say"?

March 1-2011: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jesso)

- Nice easy start to the March puzzles. *Joan Smith*
- Definitely not a gimme, but satisfying. *Nea Storey*
- Very much liked 3dn - 'left, left, left' = eft! *Tony Dobele*
- I enjoyed 3dn and give it my COTM. I laughed. Not sure it really works with the "starts to search" being "s" but nevertheminding. *Jim Fowler*
- NAIROBI was the last answer solved. If ARA is the answer to 10dn, I am at a loss to work out why. *Peter Dearie*
- No real problems with this classic Jesso. *Barb Ibbott*
- I'm not really happy with MAWS. *Veniece Lobsey*
- Another good start to the month. *Anne Simons*
- Thanks to Noel for his harder than usual Slot 1 to solve. In 10dn CHARACTER contains ARA, a constellation of stars. *Alan Walter*

March 2-2011: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- An enjoyable cryptic. Good clues; especially liked 13 and 28ac. *Joan Smith*
- This puzzle required quite a bit of thought! 14dn is clever. *Nea Storey*
- Interesting new (to me) word CLAQUE. *Tony Dobele*
- I detected a bit of a religious part-theme to this puzzle: Smites, Beatitudes, Surplice, Averse (from the bible?), Clappers (as in Happy!) *Jim Fowler*
- Who would have thought that there was a word meaning "source of dubious applause"? *Peter Dearie*
- 17dn: In the first half of the last century there was a Dutch coin worth 2½ cents called a four-duits piece, thus putting a value on the then obsolete "duit" of five-eighths of a cent (quarter of 2½ cents). How this ratio came into existence could perhaps be explained by a numismatist among our readers. *Tony de Gry*
- 1dn CLAQUE took me ages as it was a totally foreign word to me. *Barb Ibbott*
- Many excellent clues. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Some good clues – enjoyed 15dn and 1ac GO LIKE THE CLAPPERS, 9ac APOLLYON and 19ac UNLIMITED TIME. *Anne Simons*
- 15dn/1ac: TO GO LIKE THE CLAPPERS formed "kelp poacher's leg it" which was a 17-letter anagram to solve! The clappers were the tongues of bells being rung at a good pace. "The clappers" here are not a happy audience! 11dn STOA = STOAT -T (its tail). *Alan Walter*

March 3-2011: Cryptic by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- COTM is TEARDROP, although NIGHTMARE in the same puzzle gave me a chuckle moment and SIT UP an 'aha' moment. *Jean Barbour*
- An excellent puzzle, albeit a couple of queries and six(!) homophones. Masterly clue for TEARDROP must surely be COTM, followed by COMPETENCE. *Len Colgan*
- I found it hard to start with this puzzle but once I got going it was very enjoyable. Favourite clues were UNIT, SHOOT, EMPTINESS & OVERDONE. TEARDROP finally got my COTM. *Joan Smith*
- Favourite clues here 23ac and 5dn. *Nea Storey*
- Clever clue for 22dn SIT-UP. 17dn IDEALISE could be spelt with a Z also. *Tony Dobele*
- 23ac gets my COTM. I have put NEGOTIATE for 8dn, probably wrong, but I can't think of anything else that will fit. *Peter Dearie*
- I struggled with 18ac CRUSADER and 8dn NIGHTMARE. Love the *Canterbury Tales* inclusion! *Barb Ibbott*
- I found this one rather difficult – it was the last one finished! Fluked NIGHTMARE – hope it's correct. *Anne Simons*
- TEARDROP is a brilliant clue. *Roy Taylor*

- 15ac: The question format is unideal, with answer: Yes, No or Maybe! Preferable put a statement "This source of nutrition could be a lemon squash" (8) No "?" needed. 18ac about union less happy – d, c=about, union = rugby union = RU. SAD(D)ER gives C+RU+SADER. 27ac: similar comment applies as for 15ac above. Question format should be avoided. *Alan Walter*

March 4-2011: AJ by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- Liked the clues for the 'C' and 'M' words. A challenging AJ. *Joan Smith*
- Is there a typo in the H clue: it doesn't seem to be cryptic? I assume 'guy' in the W clue refers to the legendary Guy of Warwick. *Tony Dobele*
- I don't understand the J clue but hopefully the answer cannot be anything else than JAR OF HONEY. *Peter Dearie*
- H: "for example" seems superfluous. "U" is my favourite clue here. *Tony de Gry*
- I hope WARWICK is correct as I don't know anything about Struggle Town etc. Don't understand the connection between YVETTE and Maori girl. *Barb Ibbott*
- WARWICK is my Clue of the Month. Who is he? I thought Slot 2 had a number of excellent clues. *Catherine Jones*
- A fair AJ with some really good clues – W, Y, Z, C, N, S, O gave most trouble. Could not confirm ZULU but could not see any other solution. *Anne Simons*
- An entertaining AJ thanks *Fortuna 48*. Clue D, "De Morales" was difficult to confirm this Spanish composer, who lived 1500-1533 during the Renaissance. *Alan Walter*
- I found Slot 4 my favourite challenge this month. *Cheryl Wilcox*

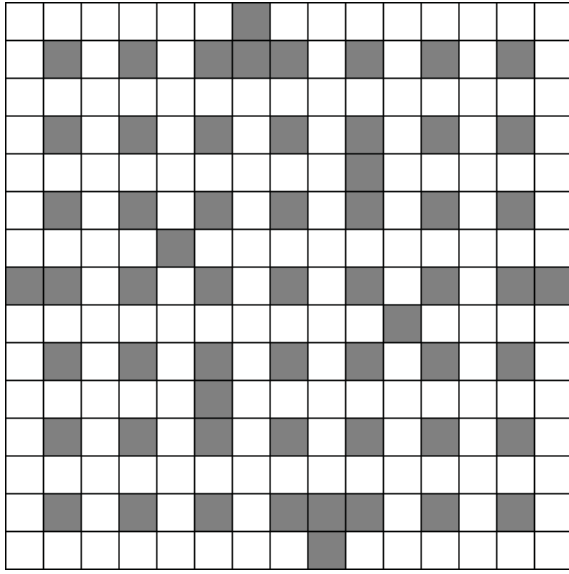
March 5-2011: Namesakes by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Always enjoy Roy's puzzles and this was no exception. Favourite clues were 27 & 32ac and 1 & 2dn. *Joan Smith*
- Tricky clueing incorporating writers and requiring general knowledge (or references) to confirm answers. I am giving 12ac my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Well-crafted puzzle with some nice clues. *Tony Dobele*
- I could not find Roy's spelling of UKRANIAN anywhere, it is always shown as UKRAINIAN. *Margaret Davis*
- It's the first time I have seen UKRANIAN spelt thus. MAFIC, AMIDOL and EMPANADA were new to me. The theme took a while to work out. *Peter Dearie*
- 6ac: MA with providing (if) returned and "c" added. Could the apostrophe after carbon be a printer's error? *Tony de Gry*
- UKRANIAN: I could only find UKRAINIAN with the extra I, but of course it did not fit. Another month of great puzzles and quizzes. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- My daughter's name NATALIE jumped out at me – how lovely. There were several new words to learn but the puzzle fell into place. *Barb Ibbott*
- I particularly enjoyed Roy's *Namesakes*. He is always spot on, if b.... difficult at times. *Ted O'Brien*
- I can't confirm AUNTLY 7dn. *Marian Procter*
- This was a tough one. MAFIC and SFERIC not in my references nor EMPANADAS so have my fingers crossed. *Anne Simons*
- 27ac NATALIE was a great clue. *Roy Taylor*
- Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald composed US anthem *The Star Spangled Banner* in 1914. In 19dn correct spelling should be UKRAINIAN (reference *Chambers*). An extra "I" is needed. *Alan Walter*

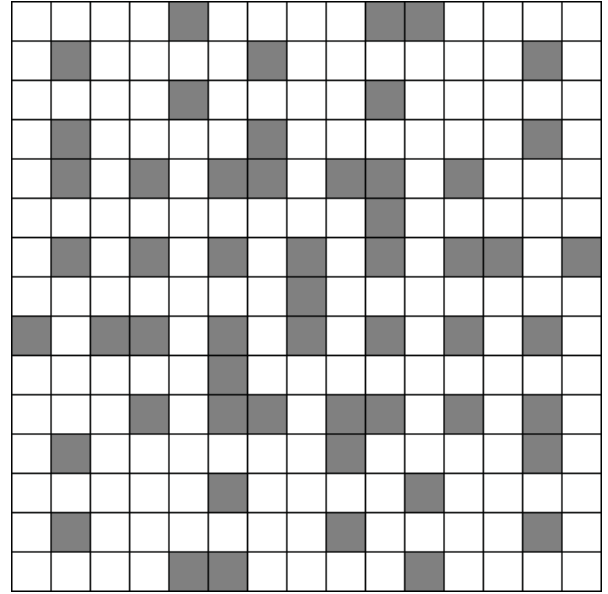
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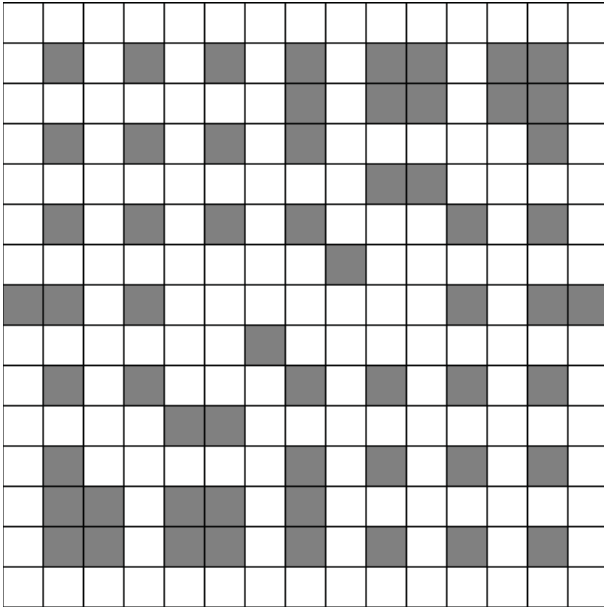
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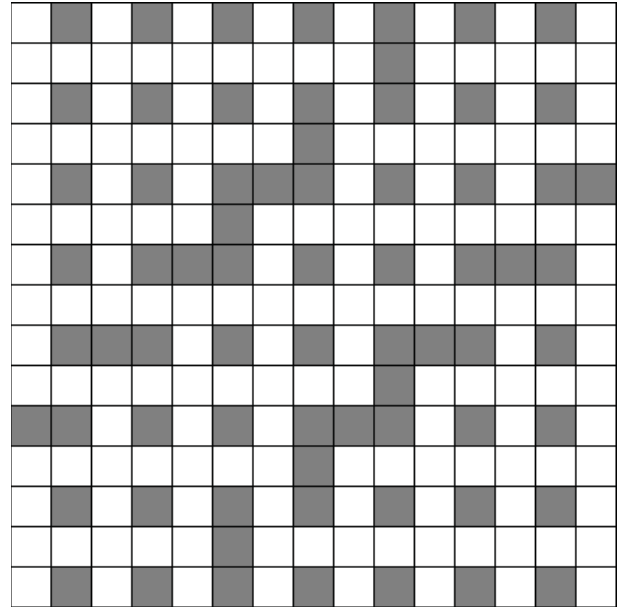
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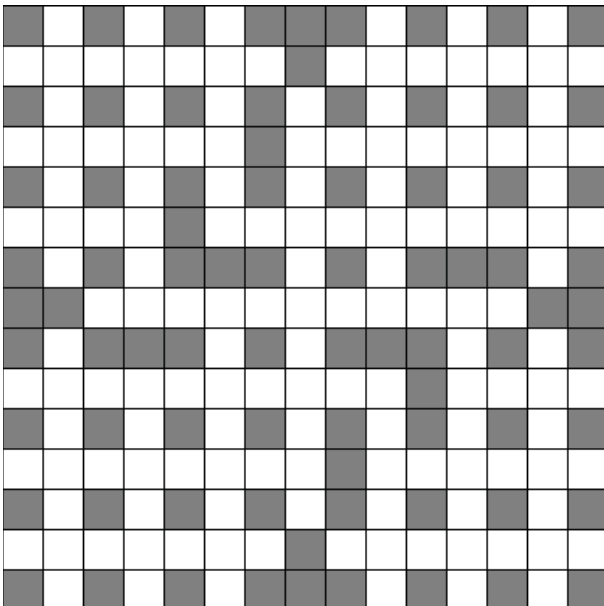
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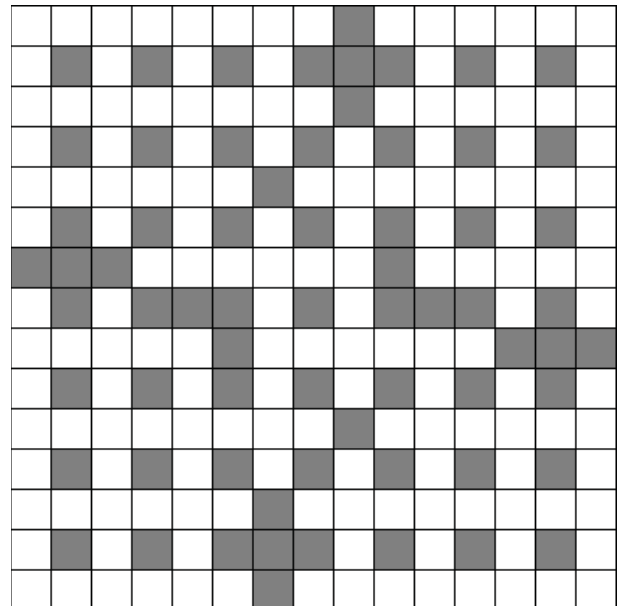
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Clue of the Month

Slot 6 February 2011: Barney Naga's Word Squares (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes)

**Entries: 87. Correct: 87. Success rate: 100%.
Prize-winner: Bev Cockburn. Congratulations!**

Adjudicator's comments: It was gratifying to have 87 entries with plenty of positive feedback. Our previous effort in June last year produced only 56 entries so our members are clearly getting smarter! At least I think they are now more confident with the format. Feedback is always interesting – it would be intriguing to hear from those who tried the puzzle but were unable to nut it out completely.

“Spoooner’s unusual dog” seemed to create the most controversy. If “unusual” is “rare” and “dog” is “cur” then Spooner’s reversal of the initial sounds produces CARER. For BRACE I had a couple of comments in relation to “opening bids” representing “b” instead of “opening of bids”. Personally, I find it difficult to find much of a distinction and certainly not enough to outweigh the positives of good surface reading.

Those who have moved on to more modern entertainment systems may have forgotten the pleasures of poring over the record album LINER notes. Comment was also made on the use of dots between clues. Although occasionally these indicate a link between clues most often they are used by the setter to start (or end) a clue without using superfluous words. In these situations the dots can be simply ignored by the solver. —*Jeremy Barnes*

Solvers' comments:

- This is such a clever puzzle – I hate to think how long it took you to create it. It was not as hard as I expected to work it out, as there were several quite straightforward clues to get me started. Many thanks. *Nea Storey*

- Thanks to you and Bob for your 4-word squares puzzle. The clue “He looks after Spooner’s unusual dog” gave the answer CARER. I was unaware that RACER can be referred to as a Spoonerism of CARER. Usually two separate words are needed. NELLY was a surprise petrel bird. T+R+EYS was rather tricky to solve. “Get high” would normally imply the verb ASCEND but here the noun UPPER was unexpectedly used. LINER was a new unexpected “place for notes”. Overall a 4-square neat blend puzzle. *Alan Walter*

- I really enjoyed your WORD SQUARES though different, of course, to a crossword. Some great clues particularly ALERT and ANGLE. I thought BRACE was a top clue. For QUOTE I guess you could have written anything in between the inverted commas. I can understand the connection of the dots between clues 8 and 9 but not between clues 5 and 6. Looking forward to more WORD SQUARES (WORD CUBES?) in the near future. (Apparently in the book *Anatomy of the Crossword* there is a 15x15x15 crossword made of 3375 squares containing hundreds of words clued across down and through! It took two years to compile!) *Graeme Cole*

- Found this one fairly difficult and almost gave up. It took a long time to twig to QUOTE. Did a lot of juggling to fit the words in – fingers crossed! *Anne Simons*

- I enjoyed QUOTE and CARER the most but many other good clues. Thanks for the entertainment. *Jack Stocks*

- I can't say I like these puzzles – but your clues were so honest that I found the puzzle “doable” and enjoyable. You should get a good response. *Bev Cockburn*

- Thanks for a very different and mind-teasing problem. I hope the answers justify the effort! *Frank Martin*

- “To help get you started” is an understatement but perhaps it is possible to solve the puzzle without the four corner letters once you had found NELLY and TREYS by putting one alongside the other as a possible start. *Tony de Gry*

- I enjoyed this! I'm glad you gave us some corner letters. *Jill Freeland*

- Thank you for an interesting word square. I like the idea of a “rare cur” becoming a CARER. *Robyn Caine*

- It was a fun slot to solve, and I've learned at least one new word. There was a fair amount of rubbing out, too, before it all came together! *Alison Martin*

Results of Quiz No 2/2011: Capital Scramble by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

Adjudicator's Comments: 66 entries were received. Success rate was 68%. Given that it was all anagrams of capital cities in alphabetical order (with a slight challenge built into the T and Z clues), I expected a higher success rate, and **stress the importance of carefully checking your entries before submission**. Apart from 3 entries, all points lost were due to spelling errors (eg. 4 cases of GuatAmala for GuatEmala). I deducted half a mark for omitting the hyphen in N'djamena. Members generally enjoyed this quiz, pronouncing it “educational”, “fun”, or “capital” and likening it to a trip around the world. Only two noted the use of my own name in the V clue!

Winner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Results: 25: W Allen, C Anderson, A Austin, B Bennett, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, P Dearie, T DeGrys, R Dorrell, J Fowler, B Glissan, K Harper, D Hemsley, L Howard, B Hull, A Jermy, D Jones, P Lord, G Lloyd, A Martin, F Martin, G McAdoe, T McPherson, A Miles, C Noble, Eileen O'Brien, Ted O'Brien, J Pearce, S Pinder, M Potts, D Procter, M Procter, S Roulston, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, M Steinberger, B Symons, R Taylor, A Walter, M Watzinger, C Wilcox, N Wilson and R Wimbush.

24.5: H Cromer, C Heenan, B Ibbott, V Lobsey and J Martin.

24: M Cowan, V Dinham, R Gardiner, P Garner, V Howard, C McClelland, J McGrath, D McManus, P Mercer, J Mitchell, H Perrow, T Savannah, B Tofoni and M Veress. **23.5:** H Freeman.

21.5: L Waites.

Solutions: Abidjan (Ivory Coast), Bucharest (Romania), Colombo (Sri Lanka), Damascus (Syria), Edinburgh (Scotland), Freetown (Sierra Leone), Guatemala City (Guatemala), Helsinki (Finland), Islamabad (Pakistan), Jerusalem (Israel), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Lima (Peru), Montevideo (Uruguay), N'djamena (Chad), Ottawa (Canada), Port Louis (Mauritius), Quito (Ecuador), Rangoon (Burma), Seoul (South Korea), Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Ulan Bator (Mongolia), Vientiane (Laos), Windhoek (Namibia), Yaounde (Cameroun), Zomba (Malawi)

Just a few Members' Comments:

- In the T clue “&” should be deleted and “University of Canberra” taken as UC (not ANU). In the Z clue “Arizona” is to be abbreviated to AZ. Would have liked an instruction that abbreviations in some clues are used. (In the context, that would make it too easy! – *Adj.*) *Alan Walter*

- The T and Z clues were the most difficult to fathom out (see above – *Adj.*) *Carole Noble*

- I had fun untangling the words. Some of the places sound so exotic & romantic. *Barbara Ibbott*

- Interesting to note that some countries have two capitals, one administrative, one legislative and some have been renamed. I liked the V clue! *Peter Dearie*

- Some easy, some completely unknown, some unbelievable! Good fun. *Robyn Wimbush*

- Finally twigged Z with help of a friend's old atlas! *Anne Simons*

- Can't find an answer to Z and wondered if the other answer prior to 1974 also started with Z (It does, and that was the answer I needed – *Adj.*) *Claire McClelland*

- I thoroughly enjoyed using knowledge that I thought was never going to be of use! *Judy Mitchell*

- Some I thought were no longer capitals but was proved wrong. A couple did not qualify as straight anagrams which confused for a moment or two. *Frank Martin*

- Reference books and alphabetical order helped – fortunately you got an invite, Nea. *Tony DeGrys*

- My knowledge of African countries & Central America is not as good as I thought. *Kath Harper*

- Pre 1974: although the answer was fairly obvious (?), finding confirmation was challenging! *Cheryl Wilcox*

A Fragment of Crossword History
by David Stickley (*The Stickler*)

I've been researching crossword history through the National Library of Australia website that now has digitised 1000s of old newspapers. Computer software has translated what text it can from the images, and this has been indexed, but many images are too difficult for software to "read". However, anyone can search the papers for crossword-related stuff, and it's fascinating!

The "Word Test" opposite (and reproduced overleaf for those who wish to submit an entry) was originally published in 1928, a number of years before regular crosswords appeared in Australian newspapers. In fact, this crossword was not for entertainment – it was used for entry to a competition, and could be found in the advertising section of the newspaper with the aim of "popularising" the magazine *Bright Bits*.

Solvers had to pay one shilling to enter: the *Saturday Argus* cost three ha'pence and *Bright Bits* 3d. The main prize was significant at £40 (enough to pay the single fare to London via the Cape) when the average weekly wage was about £9 6s. In present-day terms the entry fee was about \$3.50 and the main prize \$2,500!

Interestingly, anyone with a correct entry would share in the prize, so the crossword has a number of twists – there are multiple answers possible in all the corner areas. The answers I've put in, (in the solution to be published in *Crozworl* June 2011) are the most likely ones, but as solvers had to **buy** the solution, I don't really know what the true answers were.

This crossword (and many like it in the day) were designed such that the solver couldn't be sure that they had the right answers, so multiple entries (and multiple entry fees) had to be submitted to cover possible answers.

Eventually this type of crossword competition was banned because the courts ruled that it breached the *Lotteries Act*. Not that this went un-protested by the newspapers conducting the crosswords! Unfortunately we don't have space to reproduce the debate, but a fascinating glimpse is shown at <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/58676754?searchTerm=crosswords%20lottery&searchLimits=>

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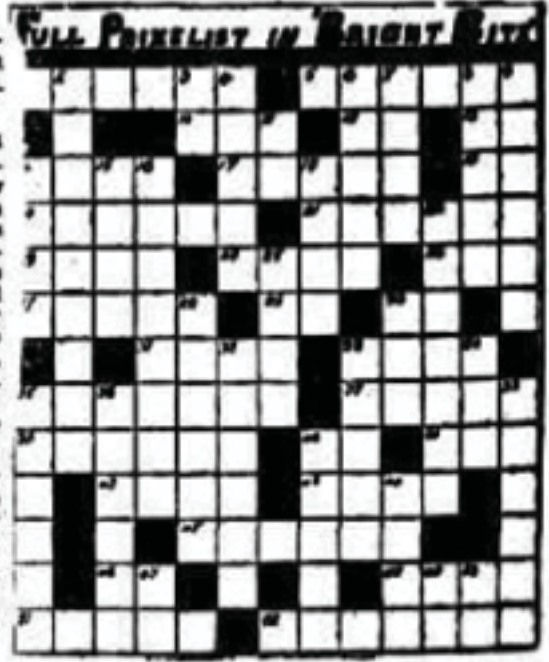
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CLUES DOWN—

- 1. A fall of snow or ice down a mountain side.
- 2. R.H.
- 3. The early part of life.
- 4. Bar used to exert a pressure.
- 5. Melody.
- 6. Consumed.
- 7. Not genuine.
- 8. Oos.
- 9. Fasten.
- 10. Inactive.
- 11. Transfer.
- 12. Tasteless.
- 13. Guards.
- 14. Organs found in all vertebrates.
- 15. Mournful.
- 16. Staid.
- 17. C.A.O.R.L.
- 18. Epoch.
- 19. Blender pieces of wood.
- 20. Property.
- 21. Enlarge.
- 22. The same.
- 23. Frosted.
- 24. An alternative.
- 25. A.L.
- 26. Prefix.

CLUES ACROSS—

- 1. Pith of a matter.
- 2. Anxiety.
- 3. Bundles of grain.
- 4. Worship.
- 5. Proved.
- 6. Act.
- 7. Black.
- 8. T.E.R.A.
- 9. A tower.
- 10. Nesting.
- 11. Same as 10 across.
- 12. Deserve.
- 13. Severe.
- 14. Treated with tenderness.
- 15. Worthless.
- 16. Emits light.
- 17. Large serpent.
- 18. Puff.
- 19. An exclamation.
- 20. Den.
- 21. U.N.F.V.I.
- 22. Towards.
- 23. Most antique.
- 24. Jumped.
- 25. Summon.
- 26. Listen.
- 27. Connecting.
- 28. Bend the knee.
- 29. Present.
- 30. Street (abbrev.)

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