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Good words cool more than cold water.  
Proverbial (Spanish)

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**O**n 8 April 2019, the ACC celebrates its 29th Anniversary. It's been 29 years of brilliant and inspired crosswords, quizzes and puzzles of all sorts. And the ACC is thriving 29 years on! We are sincerely grateful to our Founders for their history-making contributions to the Cruciverbal Art in Australia. We also thank our valued contributors: David Stickley (Puzzle set-up person No 2), Bev Cockburn (Second Secretary), Ian Williams (our current Puzzle Editor) and Patrick Street who has been our President since 1992 and has published our exciting monthly magazine *Crozworld* for almost 19 years. Well done to you all! Here's to another 29 years of success and puzzling perplexity! Many Happy Returns!

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has selected a Special set of puzzles for this Anniversary month starting with a Half 'n Half by *Virgo*. In Slots 2 & 3 we feature puzzles by our famed compilers *Zythum* and *Crowsman*. *Manveru* has contributed another challenging cryptic AJ in Slot 4. Our brilliant *Robespierre* has given us another perfect Cryptic puzzle and *Valkyrie* has furnished us with an excellent Slot 6 puzzle titled *What's it all about?*. *Valkyrie* has provided another wonderful Quiz called *A Quiz for you?*

We sincerely thank all of our Compilers, Adjudicators and Members for making the ACC such a Special Club over the past 29 years. The skill and achievements in presenting our puzzles make our Club very distinguished. Happy Anniversary and our Best Easter wishes to you all!  
—Patrick

**H**ello again to my *Crozworld* 'family'. It doesn't seem that long since I last adjudicated. This job gets easier and easier with only 12 manual entries.

**Slot 1:** There were four major errors for this puzzle. CABONOSI (x3), CABANOSKI (x2) and CABINOSI (x1) for CABANOSI. CABERET (x2) for CABARET, CAROUSAL (x3) and a CAROSSEL. Just 2 variations for GARIBALDI – GARABALDI and GARIBOLDI.

**Slot 2:** Here there was a variety of individual errors except for DRAW OUT (for DRAG OUT) which stumped 4 solvers.

**Slot 3:** GRAND TETON stumped 3 solvers – GRAND TOTEN (x2) and GRAND TATON (x1). I was surprised to see a MSCHETE which looks like a transcription error. I thought they were a thing of the past with the introduction of ACCOLADE.

**Slot 4:** DEBASED (x4) was offered for DECAYED. ZIZELS was a stumbling block for 4 solvers – ZIBETS (x3) and ZISELS (x1). Members also submitted XIMENEZ (x2) and MEEKIST (x2).

**Slot 5:** MAIAN had the most variations in this month's puzzles – XAIAN, NAIAD, GAIAN and JAPAN. For BRIAN there was IRIAN and a GRIAN. The only other clue that stumped more than one solver was CIANTLY (x1) and GIANTIC (x2) for GIANTLY.

**COTM:** 14 different words were nominated for COTM by 38 members. Slot 2 was the runaway winner with 8 of the 14. 6 nominated HANDY and 13 nominated PADDED BRAS. Well done *Pentangle*.

Wishing everyone the best for the remainder of 2019.  
—Veniece Lobsey

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	104	101	99	96	91	491
Correct entries	86	93	90	82	80	431
Success rate (%)	82.7	92.1	90.9	85.4	87.9	87.8
Prizewinners	Cheryl Wilcox	Robyn Caine	Warren Allen	Richard Williams	Merv Collins	from 107 members

**Prizewinner: March 2019 Slots 1-5: Greg McAdoo. Congratulations!**

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### March 1-2019

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### March 2-2019

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### March 3-2019

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### March 4-2019

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### March 5-2019

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### Feb 6-2019

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### ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR Mar 2019 Slots 1-5 & Feb Slot 6

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Abbott P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hambling C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Allen W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Harper K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Parsons D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anderson C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hearn R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Perrow H.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hocking A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Pinder S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Horadam K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Potts M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barnes J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Howard V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Procter D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Blake M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Jarman L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Randall J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Roddick M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Rolfe G.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Ryan W.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coote P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lloyd G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shipway S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lobsey V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Siegman B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dearie P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Madden J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Fowler J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McDonald P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Veress M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gambin M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wilcox C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Williams Kate	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McPherson T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Williams Keith	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gooderick R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Williams R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wimbush R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wood J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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<b>Half 'n Half</b> by <b>Virgo</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Unit of work measurement (3-4)
- 5 Burn (7)
- 9 Stars (5)
- 10 Is self-defeating (9)
- 11 Aircraft component (7)
- 12 An archangel (7)
- 13 Resounded (6)
- 15 Appoint again (8)
- 16 Conveyance (3)
- 17 Dingily (8)
- 19 Purifying apparatus (6)
- 23 Take out (7)
- 24 Best (7)
- 26 Memorable (9)
- 27 Russian city (5)
- 28 Queensland town (7)
- 29 Provide for (7)

**Down**

- 1 The go-ahead for an appointment with a gigolo? (7)
- 2 Book of a new kind (5)
- 3 Watch former pupil commence tennis set (7)
- 4 Artist has difficulty with spaces (6)
- 5 Caught copper coming up with shade for vegetable (8)
- 6 Obliterates aspects after the sixth (7)
- 7 Top performer – acrobatic first class A-lister (9)
- 8 Greek character piles on pounds (7)
- 14 Parasite destroying the marrow (9)
- 15 Beam reversed in steelyard (3)
- 16 Son leaving inter-school organisation may end up in the rag trade (8)
- 17 He's confused – been to an illicit Irish shop (7)
- 18 Boastfully threatening support against trouble (7)
- 20 Sum up after this twisted neck (7)
- 21 Dish made of cut nettle plant family (7)
- 22 Battlers' underwear (6)
- 25 Partly a State obsession? (5)

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 Closing mail date: Friday 10 May 2019.

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## Cryptic by Zythum



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**Across**

- 1 Bizarre misdemeanour as nude, omitted in personal record of events (6)
- 5 Creditor left out after rotten criminal (8)
- 9 Glue round internal combustion heater starts a jumble of elements (8)
- 10 Cast blocks popular attempt at theatre opening before start of Summer (6)
- 11 Peasant joining CIA shaping up as master of vessel (3,7)
- 12 Heavy work coming in my direction (4)
- 13 Stylish community, but hungry (5-3)
- 16 Detects traces of meaning in conversation (6)
- 17 A good man remaining unchanged in state of stagnation (6)
- 19 After reverse remainder gives support (8)
- 21 Crime boss concealed in escapology (4)
- 22 Father captured by sluggishness in violation (10)
- 25 Slightly wet about a fervent red (6)
- 26 Misshape erratic stress (8)
- 27 Tears about time testing substances (8)


28 Given a job to do, Trump at first sought answers (6)

**Down**

- 2 Obliterate contents of memories areography brought back (5)
- 3 Short measure – what a nerve (5)
- 4 Exceptionally precise instructions (7)
- 5 Perform in an exaggerated way concerning location of capital (7)
- 6 Demons capturing royal intimates (7)
- 7 Close fissure about centre of power in apparel of darkness? (9)
- 8 Assesses value of properties around one million (9)
- 14 Apartheid dismantled in popularity poll (3,6)
- 15 Bringing back Oscar embraced by support circle (9)
- 18 Cheese boy admitting inclination (7)
- 19 Dull fellows but they brighten things up (7)
- 20 Business computing around peak fuel source (7)
- 23 Transports assorted pastramis, but not including Pisa (5)
- 24 Inside a blog I verified a point (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Well that was a surprise. I opened up my *Crozworld* to find that I have been awarded the 2018 quiz prize. Thank you so much Bev. We really enjoy the quizzes. Whether we are on holiday, or at home, we battle on to get those final few clues! Thank you for all your efforts in setting these devilish brain teasers. The quizzes give us so much pleasure anyway, to win such a sizeable price is definitely icing on the cake. *Julie Leigh*
- Thank you so much to Patrick and the club for the lovely recognition of last year's solving efforts. After my sloppy transcription effort in April, I assumed my dash was done, but it seems I am not the only one who suffers from these glitches! Now I see I've done it again last month! How does it go? 'It's like déjà vu all over again!'. My sincere thanks to all our setters and office holders. It is a terrific club, full of intellectual stimulation and challenge. I've said it before and I'll say it again – what really resonates with me is how much being a member of the ACC has made me a better solver and, in doing so, increased my enjoyment of the puzzles. What a wonderful institution. May it long continue. *Andrew Miles*
- How delighted I was to receive the prize for Slot 6. Thank you to everyone who contributes to make this such a great club! *Maureen Blake*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">A Triple Pangram</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">by <b>Crowsman</b></p>


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**Across**

- 1 Cardinal held back transport for hypo, perhaps (8)
- 5 Jerk recognised puzzle (6)
- 10 Ingratiated himself, but with female leaving, bristled (5)
- 11 Wife of Indian leader is complaining (9)
- 12 Lively celebrations – English king supports mine! (9)
- 13 Thread a rope continually around, around middle of leg (5)
- 14 Carry endless times, getting round on the outside (6)
- 15 Support brings in second convert to poetry (7)
- 19 Escorts around towards light riverboats (7)
- 21 Team gets hold of right meal (6)
- 25 Record includes unknown composer (5)
- 27 Wild bull trapped Jack Wendt perhaps in European capital (9)
- 28 Perpetrator is recent arrival holding glove (9)
- 29 Favourite possesses right jab (5)
- 30 Platter contains an often-rich pastry (6)
- 31 Facial feature has English idol back in fashion (8)

**Down**

- 1 Fuss over kitty with a chewy biscuit (8)
- 2 Warrior princess harbours national obsession with foreign things (9)
- 3 Youngster bit European (7)
- 4 Gales severely held up ship (6)
- 6 Heading to the centre where patients reside (7)
- 7 Reportedly witnesses arrest (5)
- 8 Shaken egg turned up in roll (6)
- 9 Reversed 4WD over that girl! (7)
- 16 Imagine 375ml, for example! (9)
- 17 Character fired inside dock (7)
- 18 Derided chapter talked persistently (8)
- 20 Guards missing small items (7)
- 22 I escape from climbing latticework, but fall back (7)
- 23 Cool, but cold wearing tartan (6)
- 24 Book volume, old (6)
- 26 Simple person looking up from economising (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (contd from p4):**

- A belated thank you for my January slot 3 prize. It was a lovely surprise to receive it on returning from holiday. *Hilary Cromer*
- Interesting to see OATMEAL twice (Slots 1 & 2) each clued as an anagram minus one letter, but from quite different beginnings. *Max Roddick*
- Thank you all for another enlightening month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Many thanks to the club for my slot 4 prize and certificate, it was a pleasant surprise after it was only two months since I won before. *Marian Procter*
- Thank goodness for "Ian". You have no idea how long it took to prove up 24dn in March 5 puzzle. Lots of really good word plays. Well done subject. *Richard Skinner*
- Many thanks to Patrick and the Club for the most welcome cheque for \$75 last month. *Doreen Jones*

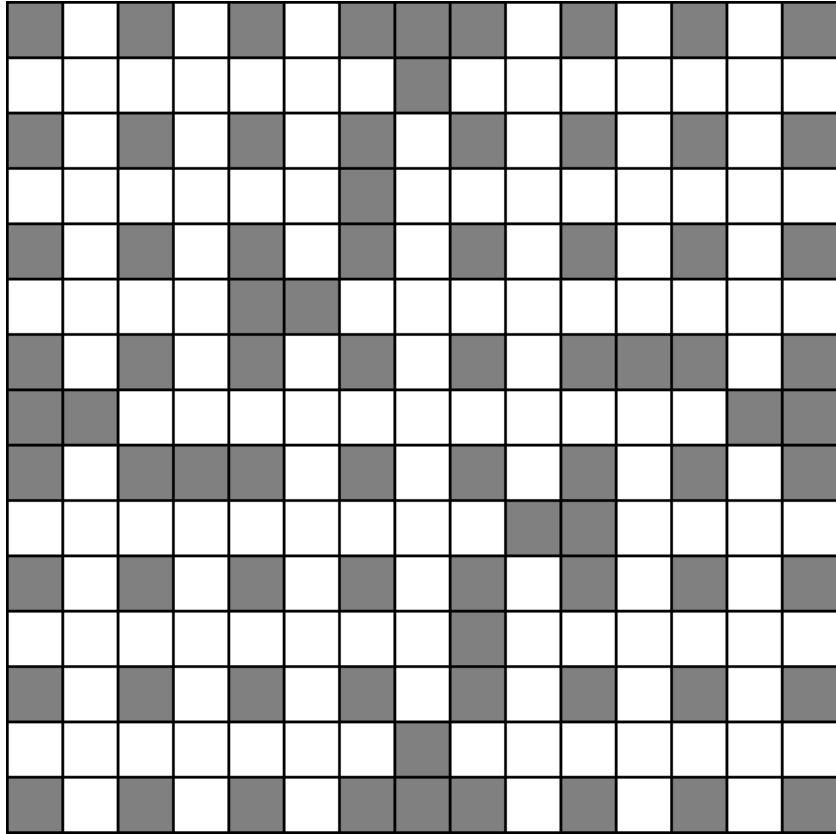


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**AJ**  
by  
**Manveru**



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



- A** Craftier one perhaps? (9)
- B** Wrist bands in competition allows Britain to take first place (9)
- C** Soldier on notice with UN getting involved (8)
- D** Corruption resulting from hardship after one is replaced by amateur (11)
- E** It's a key sign for getting fit? (5)
- F** Produce bacteria engineered to go after fibrosis initially (9)
- G** Look at short letter with no beginning or end in newspaper (7)
- H** Go back into well with new type of lamp (7)
- I** I'm British and I live to drink (6)
- J** Raise a litter – the first one becoming a wild animal (6)
- K** Disembarked in disguise, avoiding a deserted motorway on its border? (8)
- L** A bird or like ET flying? (8)
- M** Hitched a ride with Uber, ultimately breaking down after heading to Melbourne (7)
- N** Verbally understands profession with adjustment to bill (4,3)
- O** Oh dear! No parents from the start, sadly! (8)
- P** Plead with victim over the phone (4)
- Q** Charming queen joining 'holy man' after sun sets? (6)
- R** Money at your fingertips (5)
- S** Cicero perhaps, in case with Roman officer kidnapping leader of Illyricum (9)
- T** Mediterranean restaurant is very European situated in mountain lake area (7)
- U** Louvre that admits the light? (11)
- V** Vital fluid flows through this valve inwardly to some extent (4)
- W** Rugby representative has cap rejected after fighting with captain of Argentina (7)
- X** Film overexposed? (1-5)
- Y** Huge yard needing a shelter that protects from the sun (7)
- Z** *The Walking Dead's* ultimate character left out of special mobile broadcast (7)

**March 5-2019: Cryptic by Anon (Len Colgan & Ian Williams) continued from p11.**

- Amazing to have "Ian" in every answer.
- Thank goodness for "Ian". You have no idea how long it took to prove up 24dn. Lots of really good word plays. Well done subject.
- Good fun to solve after understanding who the subject was. It wasn't me.
- I'm presuming *Anon* is Ian. Very clever and I was stumped for a while until I twigged to the 'IAN' reference.
- This was fun. What a lot of words refer to Ian!
- A brillIANt puzzle with nice clues.
- That was tough but fun. Thank you Ian!
- But there is no 1A! Brilliant, just the same.
- There is no reason why the answer not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* should not be indicated. *Azed*, for example, makes a practice of this if a word is not in *Chambers* or is found in other sources only. An interesting theme whose limitation is shown by the number of answers involving 'piano'. 18 'Heartily' as a content indicator is suspect. The addition of a '?' would be helpful.
- What a celebration of Ian!
- Are you sure the compiler isn't Ianon?
- Got you, Ian!
- Glad he wasn't Jake!

Marian Procter  
Richard Skinner  
Ian Thompson  
Hilary Cromer  
Robyn McKenzie  
Michael Veress  
Sally Shipway  
Mike Potts  
George Rolfe  
Kath Harper  
Jenny Madden  
Caroline Mackay-Sim  
Robyn Wimbush

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<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>Robespierre</b>


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**Across**

- 1 The expectation is "quick, quick", says Spooner (8)
- 5 Timeless prohibitions hold back bean counter/bead counter (6)
- 9 A bundle of nerves – horrid man (not married) ogling (8)
- 10 Inept airman appears in dock (6)
- 12 Quisling? (6,3)
- 13 Power source 28-48? (5)
- 14 Woman, stripped bare, to arouse (4)
- 16 When this is under pressure, opening batsman takes run? (7)
- 19 Cut down politician (7)
- 21 Scandi scientist has backing of Greek character on Facebook (4)
- 24 Musical – also if add instruction to fetch firearm (5)
- 25 Harsh blow – skinhead cried (9)
- 27 and 8 Hypocrisy from Norm and Jack (6,8)
- 28 Entrance rating is an indicator of quality (8)
- 29 Spinning decay of cosmic ray (6)
- 30 Uphill toiler is awfully pushy after starting slowly! (8)

**Down**

- 1 Filter tip? Or 11 (3,3)
- 2 Redhead plus Randy disappeared (3, 3)
- 3 Lashes orally the more thick-headed (5)
- 4 Discipline wave includes cops without after-thought (7)
- 6 Pervert has intimate garment at laundry (9)
- 7 Agree to create beverage, without rum initially (8)
- 8 See 27
- 11 Receipt blew past, Uber driver caught (4)
- 15 Risqué ale trader is source of nudes? (3,6)
- 17 Man resident, for example, in Ireland meets inglorious end unfortunately (8)
- 18 Apollo's booty perhaps – a heavenly body powder (8)
- 20 Tennis great emits loud blast (4)
- 21 Asian island resort hosts noiseless finale (7)
- 22 Regarding mess – do again (6)
- 23 Bets sticks (6)
- 26 Dirty movie (5)

**Diamond Valley Library**

The Acting Reading Coordinator Kate Ferguson writes:

"I am trying to find somebody who would be interested in running a workshop on cryptic crosswords for beginners at Diamond Valley Library, in Melbourne's north-east. Do you know anybody who does this?"

If you would like to contact Kate here are her details:

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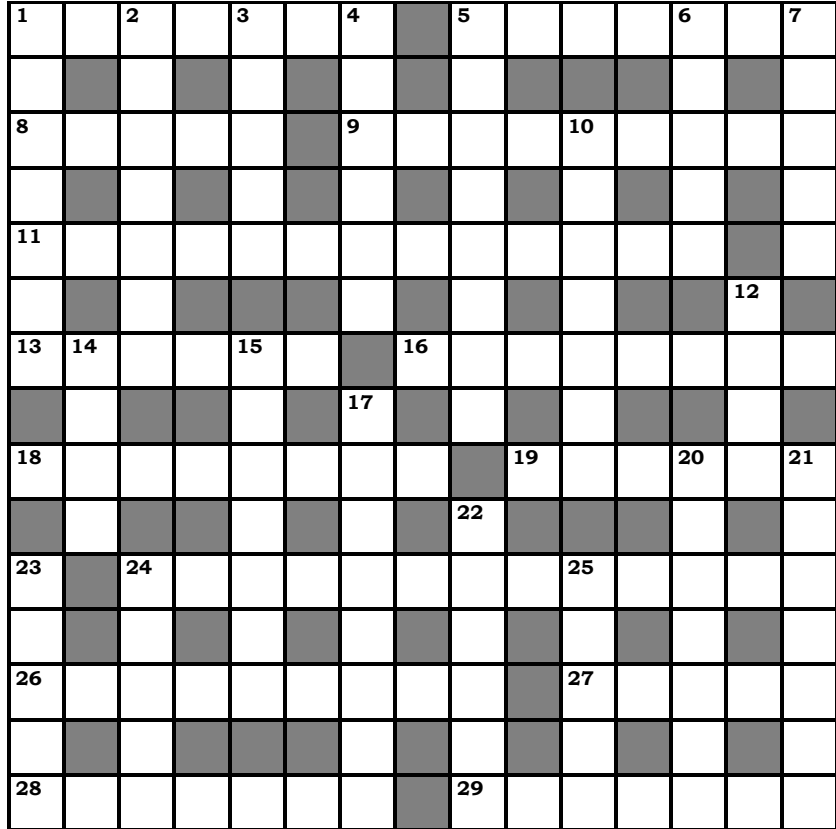
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**What's it all  
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**Across**

- 1 Pleasant sounding Greek letter as written about the French (7)
- 5 Looked about toilet in back of small private rooms (7)
- 8 At last, news about the French climb (5)
- 9 Horseplay moment follows hits about the face (9)
- 11 About to apply a remix mixture (13)
- 13 Small runabout is dirty around front of hull (6)
- 16 Dressed down Central Express editor after unfair clue about time (8)
- 18 Food starts to swirl about, nausea develops with intense crippling headache (8)
- 19 Mad employees all start to talk about leaving (6)
- 24 Information coming about faulty electronic timers (13)
- 26 Looking about.... (9)
- 27 ....for church strength (5)
- 28 Parts of the Gospel e.g. I esteem for the poems about the dead (7)
- 29 People said to be energetic about Mondays (7)

**Down**

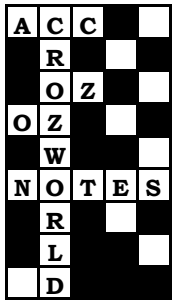
- 1 Spicy relish came from slander about leading man (7)

- 2 Cut about soft, new edge (7)
- 3 Cold about party principles (5)
- 4 Note, introduction to soapie is about English girl (6)
- 5 Captain Ahab for example, was distantly seduced by person talking about the future (8)
- 6 Vocal about folly over love year (5)
- 7 Shades protect a thousand walls about the sea (5)
- 10 Initially called during month about staff (7)
- 12 Massive cover up about vintage motorcar (4)
- 14 Leader starts to initiate misinformation about Frenchman (4)
- 15 But hang about! You and I are included! (7)
- 17 Runs about beginning to serve hot dishes (8)
- 20 Postulate about hard meteor (7)
- 21 Looks slyly about the last bits of hot, adult literature (7)
- 22 Damaged good name about to be included in exit date (6)
- 23 27 about to change to tenor speciality (5)
- 24 Cross words about a cure good for head-colds (5)
- 25 A German in possession of Liberal folio about the little people! (5)

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Closing mail date: Friday 10 May 2019.  
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**Results of Quiz No 2/2019**  
**An Ace Quiz by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)**  
**Entries: 28**  
**Winner: Matthew Gambin. Congratulations!**

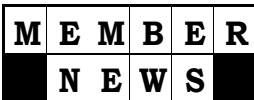
**Results: 21:** K. Aldrins, U Axelsen, M Blake, R Caine, J Fowler, L Colgan, J Crowe, M Gambin, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, B Hagan, D Jones, J Leigh, P Lord, C McClelland, I Mason, A Miles, M. Potts, D Procter, M Procter, N Storey, B Symons, R. Taylor & Keith Williams.  
**20.5:** A Millard. **20:** R McKenzie & J Randall.

**Solutions:** BEAU, CIAO, IDEA, OAF, OGEE, AHA or OHO, AJEE, OAK or KOA, LUAU, MOUE, AEON, EPEE, QUEUE, ROUE, EASE, IOTA, UVEA, AWE, IXIA, AYE or YEA, OUZO.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Apologies for the sneaky mislead in the rubric but it had to have some degree of difficulty to test your little grey cells! Well done to those who succeeded in getting the penny to drop! The single consonant in each answer was in alphabetical order! I couldn't find OJAI for #7, and OLIO for #9 didn't quite equate to FEAST. Half a mark was lost for EON instead of AEN for #11

- Solvers' Comments:**
- It was hard finding the way the alphabetical order worked until I realised there was only one consonant in each answer and they were in alphabetical order. *David Procter*
  - What a clever idea for a quiz and a new meaning for alphabetical order. *Brian Symons*
  - I had immediately entered other answers for some of them that I thought correct but had to change them once I realised that the consonants were not in the required order. *Len Colgan*
  - Cunning form of alphabetical order, we started by looking for another name for OUZO before we twigged. *Julie Leigh*
  - Perhaps the rubric could have been a little more cle. *Karl Audrins*
  - Thank you for this little gem! *Pat Garner.*
  - A most interesting quiz. After #1 began with 'b' and #11 began with 'l' I

- realized the alphabetical order was a bit different to normal Only tricky one was #7. *Ulla Axelsen*
- There was alarming little progress made on this until the penny dropped that the alphabetical reference was to the solo consonant in each word. In retrospect, the first answer Beau and 21 questions in total give it away. *Andrew Miles*
- Just when you think, "Surely there can't be any more original quiz themes" up pops Bev with yet another. Congrats. *Roy Gooderick*
- What a clever but misleading quiz. *Barbara Glissan*
- Now that was different and lots of fun. I am amazed at how compilers manage to create such different challenges for us. Thank you. *Maureen Blake.*
- An intriguing quiz; its most difficult part was trying to work out what the common factor was. Thank you. *Ian Mason*
- What a neat quiz. Short and sweet with a quirky alphabetical order! *Nea Storey*
- Much of this seemed unfathomable until the penny dropped. Thanks for a clever puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for the challenge. *Robyn Caine*
- Took a while to work out how they were in alphabetical order but the penny dropped eventually. *Marian Procter*
- So clever! I very nearly gave up on this. I couldn't see a connection. Then all of a sudden the x, y and z words jumped out at me. *Julie Crowe*
- I'm taking a punt on this. I'm not sure if I've worked it out correctly but I'm running with it anyway. Just hope I'm right. *Kath Harper*
- I tried vaguely to add some sort of witty comment but didn't get very far which goes to show how tricky it must have been to compile. Good fun. *Jim Fowler*
- Took me a while to work out the "something in common" and I thought it was a bit misleading stating that the answers were in alphabetical order, so I hope I have got it right. *Claire McClelland*
- It felt like an aeon before I cracked the theme, but whizzed through it after that (with a fair bit of help from the crossword dictionary). I was absolutely misled by the alphabetical order hint, which made the "Aha" moment even sweeter. *Matthew Gambin*
- Thank you so much for the brain workout. I'm not sure about #7 - came up with ojai but couldn't verify it. *Judy Randall*



**Membership Renewals for 2019:** A Dyer, H Freeman, Halkyard P, R Shapiro and Rosemary Wenham.

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**FROM:** Alan Dyer, Hazel Freeman, Peggy Halkyard and Ron Shapiro.  
 Sincere thanks to our generous members for their most big-hearted and magnanimous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2019.

**ACCOLADE email acknowledgements**

We are experiencing intermittent, but thankfully rare, instances where members do not receive the expected acknowledgement email for their submission. It arises from an unexpected interaction between ACCOLADE and the host server's email system. We are investigating and hope that we will soon be able to resolve the issue. In the meantime, if you are concerned that your submission has not been received please check with Ian ([puzzle.editor@crosswordclub.org](mailto:puzzle.editor@crosswordclub.org)).

**Closure of DEEF**

DEEF has not been used for some time by our members for its originally-intended purpose of discussing our published puzzles. Our members appear to be content to make comment using the convenient facilities that ACCOLADE now offers. At the same time, the administration of the bulletin board has involved a considerable amount of work in keeping it free from spurious registrations, which are largely aimed at publicising porn websites and related commercial activities having nothing to do with crosswords.

Accordingly, we regret to announce that DEEF will no longer be available on the ACC website from the end of March. Zinzan has arranged for alternative hosting of his puzzle blog. He'll be pleased to receive comments on the blog at <https://zinzan-xwd.livejournal.com/>.

**Quiz No 4/2019. Australia's Obsession by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen).**

All answers belong to the same category and are not defined. They are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510: e-mail [ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com](mailto:ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com)  
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- Jack doing his own thing by the sounds of it (9)
- Bend to left side (5)
- Stool chirper (7)
- Diamonds - top property (5)
- Rig time (8)
- Topless tops (6)
- Looking for information? (7)
- Recurrent beat (4)
- Off with old short coat (4,4)
- Drug for former treasurer (3-6)
- Informer lost a son to love (4)
- Free oneself from packing (4,6)
- New Guinea city acquires bridge (8)
- Damage a point ignoring resistance (8)
- Sad lack in wording (6,7)
- Force 8? (8)
- Sharp ringing smell (4-4)
- Pound and discard (9)
- Covering close (5)
- Vegetable jam (6)
- Excessive, lewd desire starts to activate sex endorphins (12)
- Scandinavian goblin is after boomerang bag (6)
- Mutilates beer if stirred (8,7)
- Outburst bowled everyone (10)
- Evaluate time stealing (13)
- Another thing - endless idle chatter takes precedence (8)

**March 1-2019: Half 'n Half by Leprechaun (Larry Kennedy)**

- A nicely balanced slot 1. *Ian Thompson*
- Great way to start another month. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- Welcome to our new setter. Many clues with great surface readings. 14dn. Fit=able. However, I think it is better to avoid having part of the answer in the clue (def=adaptable) as it leads the solver's attention to the answer. Eg, "versatile" could have been used as the definition to avoid this. *Drew Meek*
- Nice debut Dad! *Michael Kennedy*
- I did enjoy your first puzzle. Thank you. *Robyn McKenzie*
- A good start to this month's puzzles. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice starter. Liked 16dn Garibaldi. Doubts about aperture as a camera component. *Tony Dobe*
- Welcome *Leprechaun!* I liked PROFITEER and GARIBALDI. *Kathy Horadam*

- Always enjoy when answers match: 20dn Slot 1 = 25ac Slot 2. *Peter McDonald*
- Enjoyed this puzzle; favourite clue CAROUSEL. *Joan Smith*
- Welcome to *Leprechaun*. Enjoyed the puzzle and kept my hair! Just hope he is not flattering to deceive, is not as mischievous as his alter ego and will reveal his true colours as time goes by. *Eileen O'Brien*
- *Leprechaun*, I did enjoy your first puzzle and do hope it won't be your last! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Precise clues (though not too obvious) – very appropriate for slot 1. *Catherine Hambling*
- Love the clue for GARIBALDI. *Hilary Cromer*
- Welcome, *Leprechaun*. Great to see a new compiler, and with *Manveru* as a relative, what could be better? Loved the clue for "snowcap". *Robyn Caine*

**March 2-2019: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)**

- A fine puzzle, with 14ac and 17dn the best clues. *Len Colgan*
- Some great clues. I liked ILLOGIC and interesting that OATMEAL appears in the first 2 slots. Thank you, *Pentangle*. *Ann Millard*
- Most entertaining. *Ian Thompson*
- Many well crafted clues. Toss up for COTM. Padded bras and disembark both excellent. *Roy Taylor*
- I enjoyed the clue for OMENS. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Some great clues. Liked HANDY, PADDED BRAS and OMENS. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Enjoyable puzzle with good surfaces and clever clues. I put ticks against 6 clues here. *Tony Dobe*
- I loved numerous clues in this puzzle – 14ac, 4 and 7dn in particular, but finally settled on 4dn as my COTM. *Judy Randall*
- Some really nice clues here... HANDY, BROACHING and EXTRA were neat! *Kathy Horadam*
- Always enjoy when answers match: 20dn Slot 1 = 25ac Slot 2. *Peter McDonald*
- One of my favourite compilers, thank you Brian. Great clues my fave was OMENS. *Joan Smith*
- Couldn't decide between 9ac and 4dn for COTM. Finally plumped for 4dn. *Eileen O'Brien*
- I loved 14ac, H and Y, and gave it my COTM. *Betty Siegman*
- Some cleverly disguised clues made this a pleasure to solve. *Nea Storey*

- A beautifully worded puzzle. Many clever clues and lots of dry holes. *Richard Skinner*
- 'Padded bras' my COTM. Struggled for a while with 'blenching' as I had 'jackmelons' intersecting instead of 'jerkmelons' Hope I have finally got it all right. *Hilary Cromer*
- It's always a good cryptic when the clues point clearly to the answer as they do thanks *Pentangle*. *Lynn Jarman*
- 5 As this is a down clue, 'up' is a better fit than 'back'. *George Rolfe*
- Too many good ones to list. Thanks *Pentangle!* *Max Roddick*
- Clever clue for 4dn. I gave it my COTM vote. *Robyn Caine*

**March 3-2019: Cryptic by Katydid (Kathy Horadam)**

- Enjoyed the references to common sayings. *Judy Ferguson*
- As clever as a ....very clever crossword. *Roy Taylor*
- Enjoyable theme. Some quite tricky clues for a slot 3. *Ian Thompson*
- Liked the "as a" idea. *Eileen O'Brien*
- This was fun. *Maureen Blake*
- Fairly straight forward once the seven elements became clear. The Spoonerism was a little obscure as there is a great variation to the pronunciation of Tehran. *Ulla Axelsen*
- As a theme, nice one :). *Tony Dobe*
- Aleksandr Pushkin I found but could not find Alexandr, though it fits the clue. Loved the puzzle almost ended up as "nutty as a fruitcake" thank you *Katydid*. *Joan Smith*
- Great undefined clues, ? as a ?. Thanks *Katydid*. One of my favourite books growing up was *What Katy Did*. *Betty Siegman*
- At first I thought undefined answers were food, but realised – finally – they followed AS A. *Anne Simons*

- Good fun, thank you! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- The undefined entries were fun, thank you! *Robyn McKenzie*
- What a clever thread! Congratulations *Katydid*. *Lynn Jarman*
- RATION – a clever clue. *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for introducing me to funny as a barrel of monkeys! *Jill Lankshear*

- 13dn brought back fond memories (from 1994) of an overnight trek with our kids in the Grand Teton National Park with spectacular scenery and much wildlife. *Jeremy Barnes*
- 25: As there is no necessary connection between Hugh and Grant (there is Hugh Laurie for example) the addition of 'maybe' or 'perhaps' makes for a better clue. *George Rolfe*
- Clever as a fox. *Jenny Madden*
- Nice change and fun to do. *Robyn Wimbush*
- How lovely to see so many old sayings used here. I was thinking "as bright as a button" but of course that answer didn't fit in the grid. *Robyn Caine*

**March 4-2019: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)**

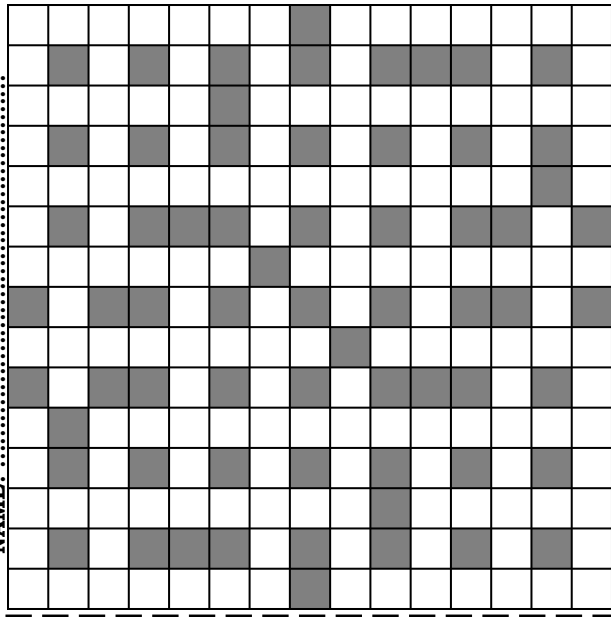
- Tricky grid. Nice clues – especially ONE-HORSE. Great puzzle. *Brian Tickle*
- Absolutely loved this AJ – thanks Karl. *Trish McPherson*
- Always a favourite. Especially like ONE HORSE! Thank you KA. *Ann Millard*
- Nice to meet a star-nosed mole in this month's crosswords! *Christina Lee*
- Who but a compiler from *CrOZworld* would have heard of a 'starnosed mole' (if that is right) let alone turn it into a clue!!! *Eileen O'Brien*
- A good tough challenge. *Ian Thompson*
- As always, an enjoyable AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This grid pattern needs you to solve almost all the clues before you can enter any answers. That's not a crossword, it's a quiz. Not a good AJ, IMHO. *Tony Dobe*
- Thanks KA for a really enjoyable AJ; so many good clues. I think XIMENEZ is also correct. *Kathy Horadam*
- Challenging AJ with good clues. *Joan Smith*
- Stumped by S. Created new mutant! *Raymond Gooderick*
- Few newbies here – imagine nonchalantly discussing seeing a Zizel on the way to the office! *Eileen O'Brien*
- A very worthy AJ. *Richard Skinner*
- Good clue for O, but gave COTM to another. *Anne Simons*
- I enjoyed the One horse clue. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I always enjoy the AJ but find this grid layout harder than the usual intersecting 11 letter version. *Hilary Cromer*
- A good assortment of clues. *Lynn Jarman*
- Liked ONE-HORSE, YOSEMITE. *Max Roddick*
- You always learn something. These are my favourites. *Jenny Madden*
- A very enjoyable AJ. I saw the star-nosed mole in a TV documentary once, and thought what a peculiar looking animal it was. *Robyn Caine*

**March 5-2019: Cryptic by Anon (Len Colgan & Ian Williams).**

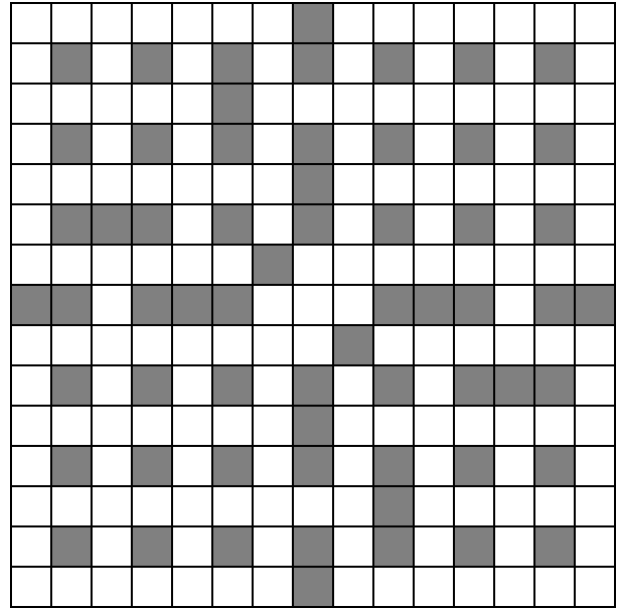
- I was delighted when Len demonstrated his talents by presenting us with a puzzle containing the IAN theme. We debated for some time how to approach cluing it and decided on a joint effort as *Anon*. We're pleased that members seem to have enjoyed it. *IW*
- A brilliant idea from a crossword magician. Thank you for including me (5dn). *Brian Tickle*
- Nup. Couldn't pick the theme. Who was the compiler anyway? *Andrew Patterson*
- The answer to 24dn completely defeated me! I have had to make a guess! *Judy Ferguson*
- Not too hard after IAN link was realised, but I thought DIANDRIA and MAIAN were a bit obscure. *Roy Taylor*
- A fitting tribute to our puzzle editor. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Ian, Ian everywhere! What a wonderful variety of puzzles we get each month. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks Ian :) *Tony Dobe*
- An interesting, enjoyable puzzle. *Judy Randall*
- Fun puzzle. *Jean Barbour*
- This was hard until I worked out the "particular subject" then it was still hard. You have very clever setters. *Norma Heyes*
- A fitting salute to Ian Williams. Or is he *Anon*? *Maureen Blake*
- It took a while before the penny dropped, thank you for a great puzzle. Especially liked the clue for BRIAN. *Joan Smith*
- Very clever concept. AS I have said before, these compilers! How can you look at some words and see "Ian" (or whatever) and I see some words? *Eileen O'Brien*
- Working so hard in the background, it's about time we saw your name in lights! *Raymond Gooderick*
- Always a challenge for a compiler to use a combination of letters in every clue – in this instance, it required a lot of PIANO. *Nea Storey*
- Very clever. Sure knew how to type IAN by completion! *Anne Simons*
- Amazing to have "Ian" in every answer. *Marian Procter*



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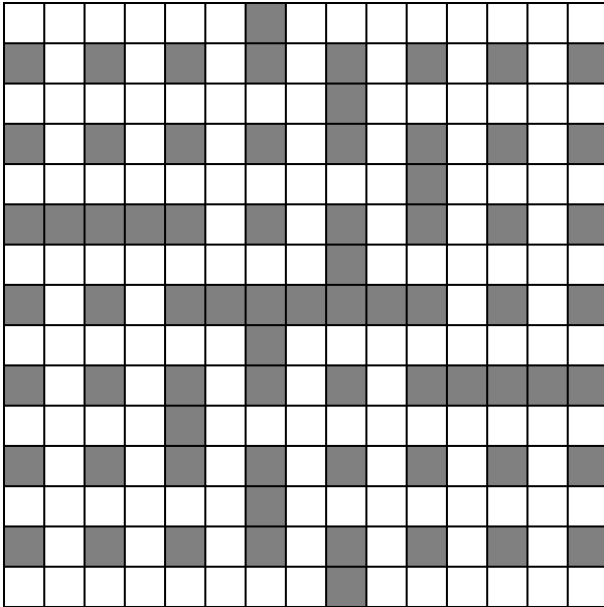


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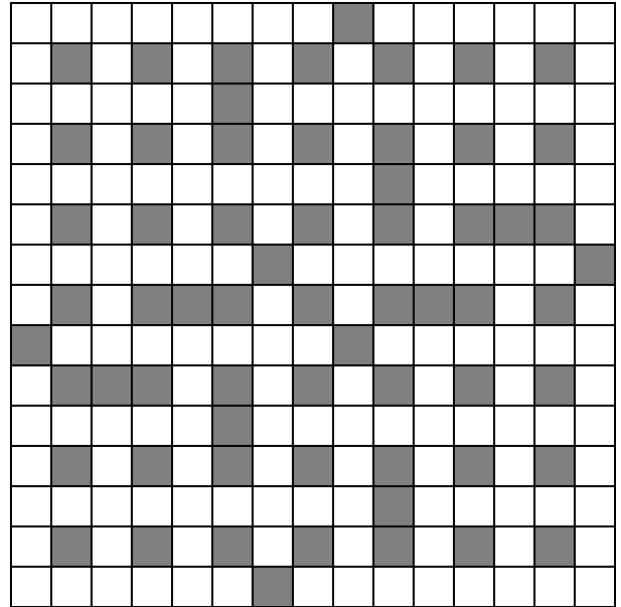


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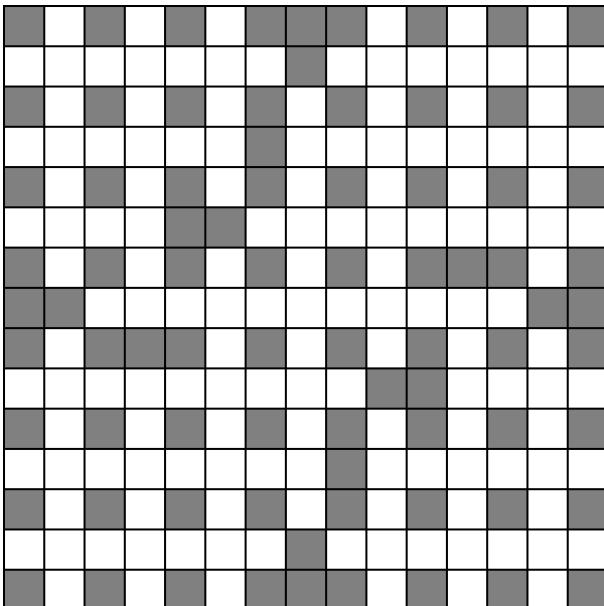
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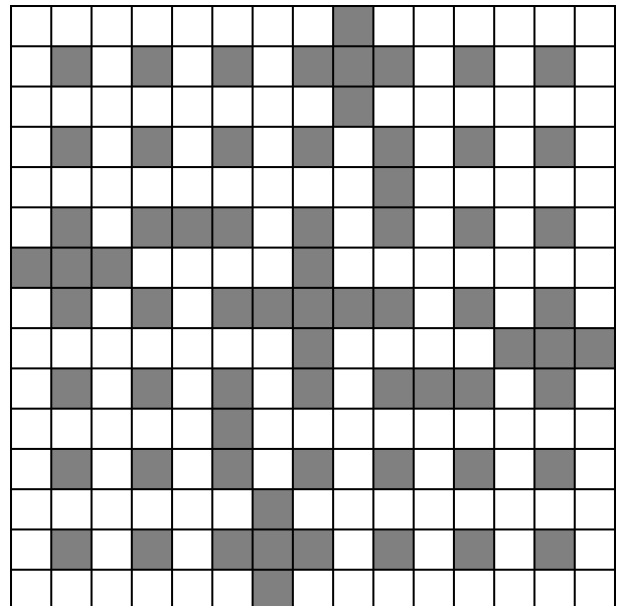
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**February 6-2019: Fauna by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)**

**Entries 41. Correct 35. Success rate 85.4%.**

**Prizewinner: Robyn Wimbush. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's Comments:**

Thank-you members for your comments; they are much appreciated. I am quite a fan of animal diversity as well as plant diversity so choosing this theme came naturally. It was pleasing to see a high success rate. There were no errors that occurred more than a few times. As was noted by one solver, a barred grid often improves the chances of opting for a correct answer when one is unable to figure out the wordplay. The final grid had N for north in the top corners and S for south in the bottom corners. I know one solver noticed this; I wonder if anyone else did.

**Solvers' comments:**

A number of members commented only that they had identified the theme of "placental mammals". These comments have had to be omitted due to lack of space.

- Brilliant. *Len Colgan*
- A challenging clever puzzle that must have taken great effort to achieve. *Ian McKenzie*
- A challenging and enjoyable solve. PLACENTAL MAMMALS were the theme, with the whale, anteater and seal three examples of same. I learnt that "addled" can mean rotten as well as confused. *Andrew Miles*
- The letters spell out PLACENTAL MAMMALS and the unclued lights are three of my favourites. *Christina Lee*
- Brilliant. *Andrew Patterson*
- Difficult clues did not make this any easier. A lot of guessing, a lot of dictionary trawling, but I got there in the end. Found two of the unclued entries before finding the theme words. A great challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Fascinating challenge of placental mammals. I was convinced that addled meant mad, producing a m. But no, means bad, so the next letter, a, came from sack after changing sick. Just reading what I said is bizarre. See what this sort of puzzle does to your mind! *Roy Taylor*
- Placental mammals – beluga whale, giant anteater, Weddell seal. A very clever, well-constructed puzzle. Many great clues such as those for CEDE, GIFTED and especially EARNED. *Brian Tickle*
- I am so chuffed to have actually completed this difficult puzzle ... now if only I can submit it without error I will be over the moon! *Maureen Blake*
- Wow! Just reading the rubric exhausted me! Have filled in all the squares but without much confidence. Really looking forward to the explanations for 3dn and 15ac. Brilliant. *Eileen O'Brien*
- I would hate to have to justify some of my answers. The format helps. Thank you Ian. *Robyn Wimbush*
- What a puzzle! Three PLACENTAL MAMMALS but lots of difficult clues. I am not confident. Thank you, *Flowerman*. *Ann Millard*
- What a workout that was. I found Placental Mammals – Beluga Whale, Giant Anteater, and Weddell Seal. I find these puzzles such a challenge, and am still not sure of an 'm' in the downs! Brilliant, many thanks. *Julie Crowe*
- Challenges galore – not least for the setter in getting all three placental mammals in relative geographical location. Well done, *Flowerman!* *Kath Harper*
- Tough. Bloody tough. I'll be gobsmacked if we get this right and I can't wait to see some explanations of the wordplay. *Richard Skinner*
- A lot of guesswork on my part, as I never did work out the instructions. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I needed many weeks to get through this one! Still not

confident I have it correct.

*Robyn McKenzie*

- Not until I checked my entry did I notice N in the top two corners and S in the bottom two. Nice touch. *Mike Potts*
- A very clever puzzle. *Laurence Kennedy*
- It took quite a while before all the pennies dropped. *Bob Hagan*
- Great fun. Thank-you. *William Ryan*

**Explanations for clues in March 2019 Grids.**

*Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)\*. "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.*

**Slot 1 Leprechaun. Down: 1** CO + (ALBUM)\*, **2** Heads, **3** PROFIT" + homoph " 'ere", **4** DEB + AT + E, **5** cd, **6** hidden<, **7** (BACILLI + N)\* round H, **8** (GLEN + ETC)\*, **14** ADAPT + ABLE, **16** (IGA)\* round RIBALD, **17** CAROUSE + L, **18** cd, **20** (MATELOT -T + A)\*, **21** Heads, **23** dd, **25** dd.

**Slot 2 Pentangle. Across: 1** B + OUGHT, **4** PAINT\* + HOSE, **9** ANGERED\*, **10** BE(LIe)EFS, **11** (DIES DOWN)\*, **12** A(GAS) SIan, **14** H + AND + Y, **15** appBROACHING, **17** (DIES)\* + MB + ARK, **19** < AN ERA, **21** Hidden, **23** MEN + TALLY, **25** (MEATLOAF)\*, **26** OP + POSES, **27** T(DARE)\*OFFS, **28** Hidden. **Down: 1** BREA(D)TH, **2** U(PRISING)S, **3** HIGH + WAY, **4** P + ADDED + BRASs, **5** (<BUN)S, **6** ILL + <GO + IC, **7** O + MENS, **8** mEN + (USING)\*, **13** ROCK(LEMON\*)S, **16** IDEA + LISTS, **17** D + RAGOUT, **18** MAC(THE)\*E, **19** AC + <NOPUT, **20** bABY + <LASS, **22** EX + <ART, **24** C + LEFT.

**Slot 3 Katydid. Across: 1** As a ..., **9** (CROCUS)\*, **10** As a ..., **11** anag, **12** Spooner "rare tan", **14** castrATION, **15** dd, **18** As a ..., **20** As a ..., **23** hidden, **25** RE + GRANT, **27** As a ..., **28** As a ..., **29** ALEXANDeR + PUSH + KIN. **Down: 1** I + (TOME)\* in BRICS, **2** tRaIn + CHEST, **3** anag, **4** OFF + END, **5** cd, **6** dd, **7** hidden, **8** heads, **13** anag, **16** anag, **17** C + EN(SORE)D, **19** CO + LOG+ NE, **21**As a ..., **22** DR + A + PUG<, **24** HEN + NA, **26** palindrome.

**Slot 4 KA. A** ali+bis, **B** homoph+laureate, **C** cre(osot)e, **D** de(cay)ed, **E** e(ri)c, **F** dd, **G** gr+rev, **H** anag+sis, **I** in + form + al, **J** anag, **K** hidden, **L** la(x)jity, **M** meek+est, **N** anag, **O** cd, **P** r for l in PROLOGUE, **Q** quest+or, **R** rib+bon, **S** st(anag)ole, **T** gi in cart<, **U** un(af)raid, **V** val(i)ses, **W** (t)waddle, **X** XI (cardinal no)+menes, **Y** yo+semit, **Z** ziz+els.

**Slot 5 Anon. Across: 7** hidden, **8** VA (bRIAN) TS, **10** E (NZ) IAN, **11** AN inside DID + AIR<, **12** ANGLICAN, **13** (AN + AID)<, **16** GENT + IAN, **18** PIANO + pLay, **20** P (IAN) O, **21** (T + LAYING)\*, **25** (SON IN SKA)\*, **26** RADIANT, **27** RHI (AN) NO + N, **28** (S (A) NAIL)<. **Down: 1** R (I) ANT, **2** IN (AID<) N, **3** LANCER\* + IAN, **4** mOVIe + DIANA, **5** BR (I) AN, **6** (HANDING + A)\*, **9** T (RI) ANGLE, **14** PER (IAN) TH, **15** PIANO + ROLL, **17** NUT< + IS + IAN, **19** PIAN (IN) O, **22** IDYL< + AN, **23** KI (A) NG, **24** MAI (A) N.