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Yet it is better to drop thy friends, O my daughter, than to drop thy 'H.s'.
CS Calverley, *Of Friendship*, in *Complete Works* (1901)

GRIDATORIAL

The Club's website — www.crosswordclub.org — now attracts visitors from most parts of the globe. In the past month, we have had visitors from USA and Canada, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Korea, Malaysia, India, Hong Kong, China and South Africa. In the four weeks ending 20 July, the website has attracted more than 125,000 'hits' and downloads totalling 140Mb. One of the reasons for the popularity of the website is the large number of interesting crosswords of various types which are available for download. At the moment there are 25 Classic Oz puzzles, 25 Compendium puzzles, 10 Crosswords of the Month and 15 puzzles (e-CrOZwords) which you can solve online or print them out. Also, there is access to Anagrams, Chambers 21st Century Dictionary, Word Lists and many other features. Why not visit our website and join in the fun? If you do not have internet access at home, why not try the local library or a local internet café? Simply log on to our website and enjoy yourself!

Our sincere congratulations go to the following members who achieved a perfect score for the Cumulative Slot 6 puzzle January–June 2002: Bev Cockburn, Mal Cockburn, Daryl Ikin, David Procter, Audrey Ryan, Joan Smith, Bev Solomon, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Alan Walter, Roy Wilson and Steve Workman.

We have another great selection of puzzles for your pleasure and enjoyment this month. The Anagram Diamond by Virgo looks appealingly different and you will be pleased to see puzzles by the masters — *Southern Cross* and Noel Jessop. *Timid Terrier* and *Daintree Lady* have contributed challenging puzzles and we are delighted to welcome back *Double Crossers* with a fine puzzle which apparently has some connection with Parties. David Procter has compiled this month's Quiz and we express our sincere thanks to all the compilers for their continued assistance in bringing us the best puzzles in Australia.

Happy solving!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Thank you to all who sent newsy letters and greetings. It makes the task more enjoyable and puts personalities to names I have seen only on the list. That makes me even sadder when there's a blank or transcription error, especially if the member sent in only 1 or 2 puzzles.

Slot 1: 6 blanks; IDLE (“diamonds” = D in “Fr. Island” = ILE). Errors: ISLE x 6, ILLE x 2; AWNER x 2; HUFFING; TIEL; NAD; DISHADE, HAFTING, ICINI x 2, UNCAST.

Slot 2: 1 blank; errors with CARDEALER (CARSELLER x 6). SELL does not fit “share” in the clue; ASOPHOLES x 2; SKIFI, GETS A PRECEDENT (does not fit anagram).

Slot 3: BHAGEE is printed in *Chambers '98 edition @ p155 & Chambers 21st Century Dictionary* on the ACC's website. PHAGEE x 7, CHIGOE x 10, CHIGRE x 6, SHAGEE x 3, RHAGEE x 2, CHAGUE & THAGEE. EXARCH also caused doubt. EPARCH (x 6), although similar in meaning was not accepted as EP is not a “letter”. ENARCH x 9 has the wrong definition. Also CLAMP x 6, (no R for “river”), ARMY x 2, CLAYE, CRABS, CRAYE x 3, TIMETALKS, TELETALES, GRYPs, CATTAIL, HICKORIES, BOWSTRING OVERAGE; 4 blanks.

Slot 4: The best of the lot. Errors: WILDCAT, ZINNIAL, COALOIL, BULBILS, QUARREL, SEVENS, WINDMAN, XYLEIC.

Slot 5: TIGER, LIGER, NIGER were all accepted. SENIOR (I = “setter”). Errors: SENSOR x 8, CENSOR, SENHOR. Also GAZELLE x 4, NAZA x 3, NOZA, TRI, BRIT, ERIT x 2, SATEEN x 2, ONENDING, AMYEBAS, BILLIO, MINX & 4 blanks.

Good luck with this month's puzzles everyone!

—Audrey Ryan

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Theatrical Expression:
The Scottish Play

MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY 2002

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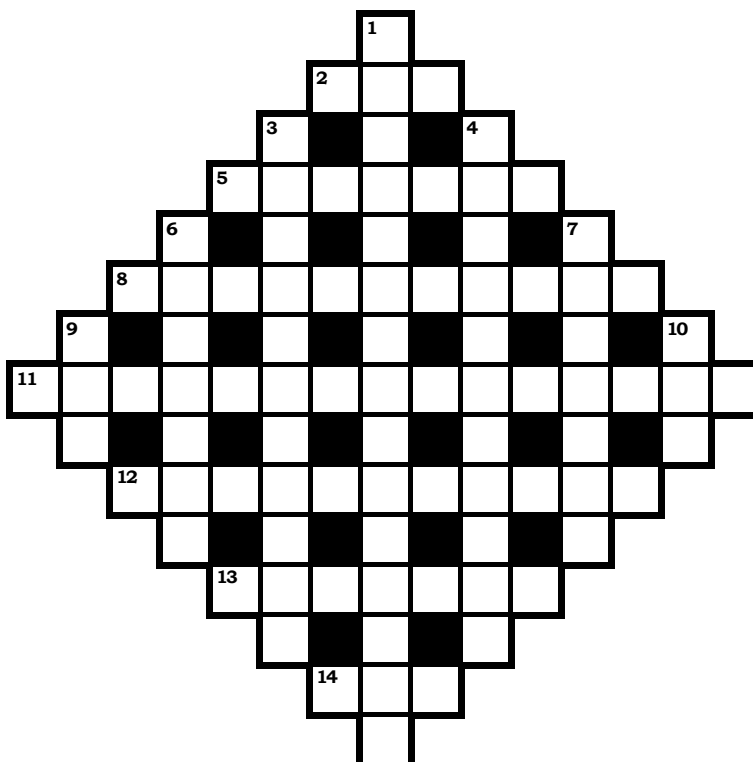
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**Anagram
Diamond
by
Virgo**

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All clues are anagrams.

The 28 letters around the perimeter can be rearranged to form the following:
TRY MAGIC MARKETS — EGGS, PASTA LAMB.

Across

- 2 Pea (3)
- 5 Tire cur (7)
- 8 Morse dining (11)
- 11 Poplar notoriety (15)
- 12 Gentle bliss (4-7)
- 13 Hem sign (7)
- 14 Asp (3)

Down

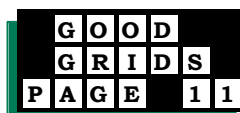
- 1 Pipes can't perish (15)
- 3 Elicits beer (11)
- 4 Signs in milk (7, 4)
- 6 Poor lie (7)
- 7 Tin ants (7)
- 9 Rat (3)
- 10 Lea (3)

CLUE-WRITING POINTERS by Radix

“What principles guide me, when I try to write a cryptic clue? First and foremost, a cryptic clue has three aspects: its surface, its definition, and its wordplay (to use the current Listener term). In the standard “& Lit” clue, the definition and wordplay coincide, whilst in many other good cryptic clues, most notably in The Times, the definition and wordplay merge into each other in an often blissfully witty manner. The surface reading should make sense, both syntactically and practically. There should be no elements in the clue, whether words or punctuation marks or whatever, that contribute neither to the definition aspect nor to the wordplay aspect nor to a proper linkage between the two aspects. Either every element in the clue does double duty (as in an “& Lit” or in those blissful Times clues) or no element does. Both the definition aspect and the wordplay aspect should be precisely expressed (cf Afrit’s oft-quoted maxim).”
—Radix (Roddy Forman)

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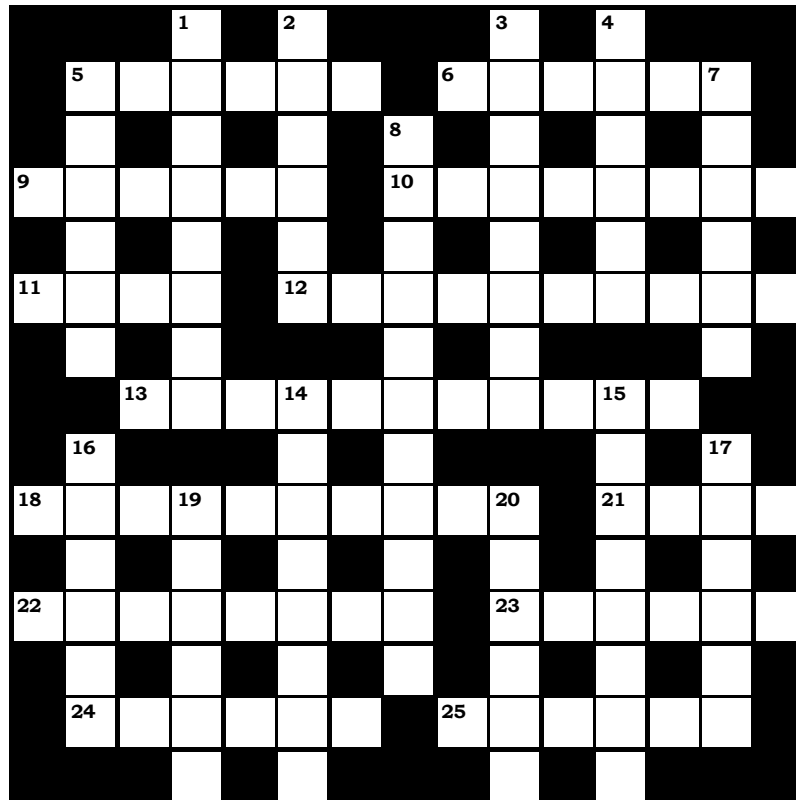


CRYPTIC
by
Southern
Cross

AUGUST 2 2002



Across answers are related and clues have no definition.
Down clues are normal.



Across

- 5 Saying something not to be sniffed at (6)
- 6 Hikers wandering aimlessly (6)
- 9 A Collingwood footballer (6)
- 10 Beryl backed one on the highway (8)
- 11 Some gear Bill lugs back (4)
- 12 The sovereign takes precedence over an early PM (10)
- 13 Confrontation with a foreign power (5, 6)
- 18 A nurse's car involved? (5, 5)
- 21 What lovingly accompanies Bill to the junction (4)
- 22 New role intruding into kite-flying? (8)
- 23 Sydney beach has half disappeared — we must go back (6)
- 24 Georgia names a movie (6)
- 25 Little brother takes on a mountain in The Red Centre (6)

Down

- 1 Dotty artist takes old Bob to the boozier (8)
- 2 Festoon resting place, and kiss and cuddle — topless (6)
- 3 Curt 4, say, in an abbreviated form (5, 3)
- 4 I'm stuck between two beautiful starters, large dumb blondes possibly (6)
- 5 This twit is a favourite around Canberra's university (6)
- 7 Eng. composer espoused by royalty — he deserves what he gets (6)
- 8 Aircraft threat unsettled our world (6, 5)
- 14 Classified uses (not American) for disguises (8)
- 15 Go around distributing clean rice (one-off) (8)
- 16 A queen lay about in a Malaysian robe (6)
- 17 Poem found inside tatty bag from wine-shop (6)
- 19 World body charges workers' associations (6)
- 20 Before Corporal enters, play it again, Sam (6)

CRYPTIC
by
Noel
Jessop

AUGUST 3 2002



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Across

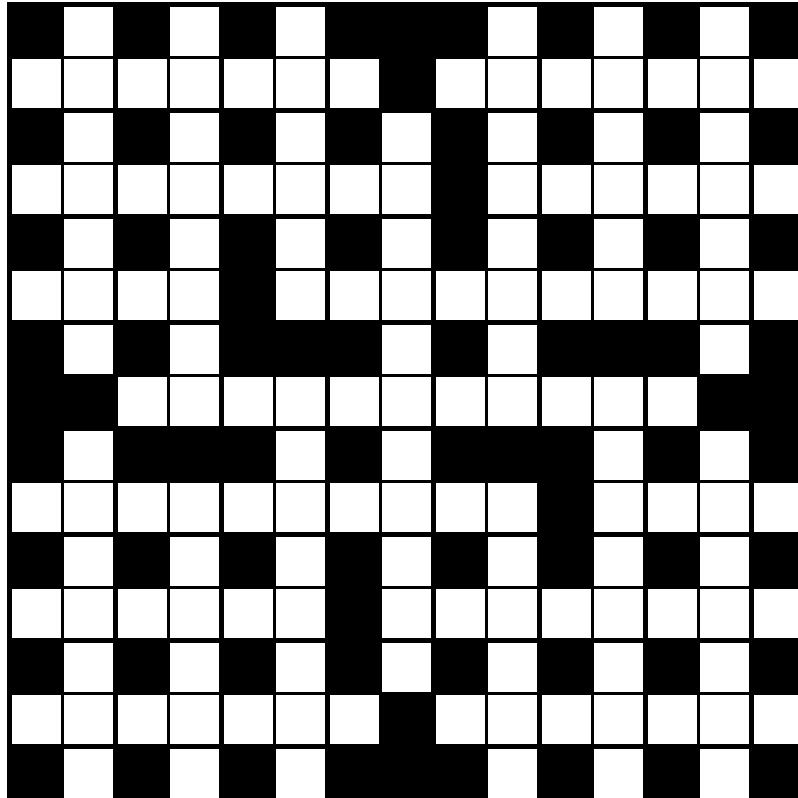
- 1 Blimey, colophony without oxygen causes rust (9)
- 6 Shot in the heart, conceited young fellow gets drug (3, 2)
- 9 Offer fleshy centre remains (5)
- 10 Actress laid off up in Ohio (3, 6)
- 11 Pull to ease sound and light in America (10)
- 12 Weary ill-natured woman (4)
- 14 Copper specially good with poison (6)
- 15 Equivocates about Sabbath psalm-books (8)
- 16 Georgia's empty talk (3)
- 17 Playing divine grace without time in port (8)
- 18 Held an indefinite number in long dungeon at first (6)
- 20 Response among the chosen (4)
- 21 A male around Sydney's outskirts confronted little Richard, unbalanced (10)
- 24 A mongoose — one much in distress (9)
- 25 Nears in new setting and not so nutty (5)
- 26 Books editor returned heavy-hearted (5)
- 27 Sporty car detailed, this time where ships may anchor (9)

Down

- 1 Driver takes books into island (5)
- 2 Trampling up hooligans on carrier (6, 9)
- 3 Branch of medicine costs tribe unconscionably (10)
- 4 It's downright frozen in charge with lice treatment (6)
- 5 New women dropped topless working gear in proximity (8)
- 6 Drag the loot (4)
- 7 Soldier to delight in restricted access (7, 8)
- 8 Prepared variety of seed crops (9)
- 13 Sect members applied each blessing (10)
- 14 Clubs allay passion in cessation of hostilities (5-4)
- 15 Part of company vessel (3)
- 16 Leave the heart of Russia with American film material (8)
- 19 A month with a girl (6)
- 22 Raced around and showed concern (5)
- 23 Objects to fly in spouts (4)

AJ
by
*Timid
Terrier*

AUGUST 4 2002



The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer

- A** Surprise Norse god at brownie hospital (8)
- B** Insect's short stiff hairline! (7-4)
- C** Clumsy captain's a blockhead (7-4)
- D** Tub has one large fish (6)
- E** Man in charge of Eliot's orders (6)
- F** Wild loud bird heard (4)
- G** Trap in tree of tropical genus of trees (6)
- H** Basket contains street rodent (8)
- I** Old aristocratic youth at railway with old children (8)
- J** Indian officer to quarrel about lady's return (7)
- K** Emperor to hunt Queen's bird (10)
- L** Skilful old Scot to teach boy (7)
- M** Odd return of a woman with food-fish (7)
- N** Frank said you are in South African province (7)
- O** Leave behind ungainly stout record (7)
- P** Container vessel has a large amount of money (6-4)
- Q** Question a crone about universal mollusc (7)
- R** Slightly damaged paper concerning timber (6)
- S** Sweetmeat to stuff chops (8)
- T** Canvas without Eastern workers for dwelling (8)
- U** Release Hun's mistreated snake (6)
- V** Condiment of French wine and English fish (7)
- W** Overcome stroke injury (8)
- X** Cross insect with this Latin acid (7)
- Y** Siberian tent trustee goes back after precious jade (4)
- Z** Ship caught in haze, beckons for help (6)

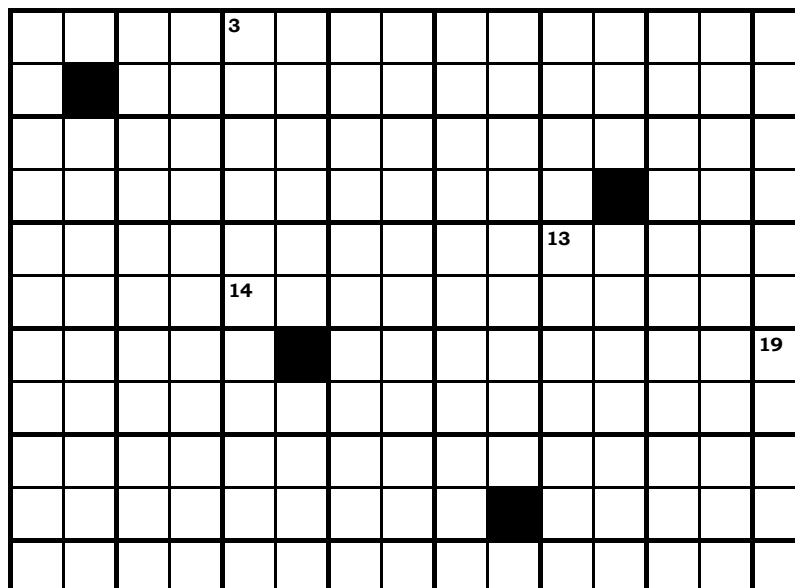
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**SKELETON
CROSSWORD**
by
*Daintree
Lady*

The puzzle is symmetrical — top mirrors bottom and left mirrors right and the two sides correspond. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been provided to give solvers a start. Solvers can fill in 12 more squares to correspond with those given in the puzzle. The remaining black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the answers.



Across

- 1 Barney's after box for bird (7)
- 5 Tom has nothing on in show (7)
- 9 Leila broke leg removing note under the counter (7)
- 10 One new record year for coinage (7)
- 11 Catches uncle intercepting money in Romania (3)
- 12 English place for racing leading eights (perhaps sculls) on Mersey (5)
- 13 Cut diamonds did not become craftsman! (5)
- 14 Shed exploded under vessel (7)
- 15 He pinches the first female after I come in (5)
- 17 Hatching out can leave a piece of chicken, perhaps! (5)
- 20 Heiress admits madness (3)
- 21 Wrongly punish Leading Seaman for discharges (7)
- 22 Wrench ain't inside hold (7)
- 23 Emergency service organised — drained out — saved! (7)
- 24 Account for yarn is under middle t-shirt (7)

Down

- 1 A drive by a wood could be a piece of cake! (5)
- 2 Violent assault — America abandoned neckbone (5)
- 3 Fans mug fair doctor, dirty little people! (11)
- 4 Cautioned after mine considered (4-7)
- 5 Free-range hen eaten by tick (back end abandoned) — using these, perhaps (6, 5)
- 6 Which is, we hear, their modes of transport (11)
- 7 Come back, sir, into rows (5)
- 8 Trial country dance after copper leaves (3, 2)
- 15 Hitch bustle between top of thigh and bottom rib (5)
- 16 Susie changed subject (5)
- 18 Forbid a hoodlum entering part of the US (5)
- 19 Point to yard, dear (5)

XIMENES on Punctuation in crossword clues:

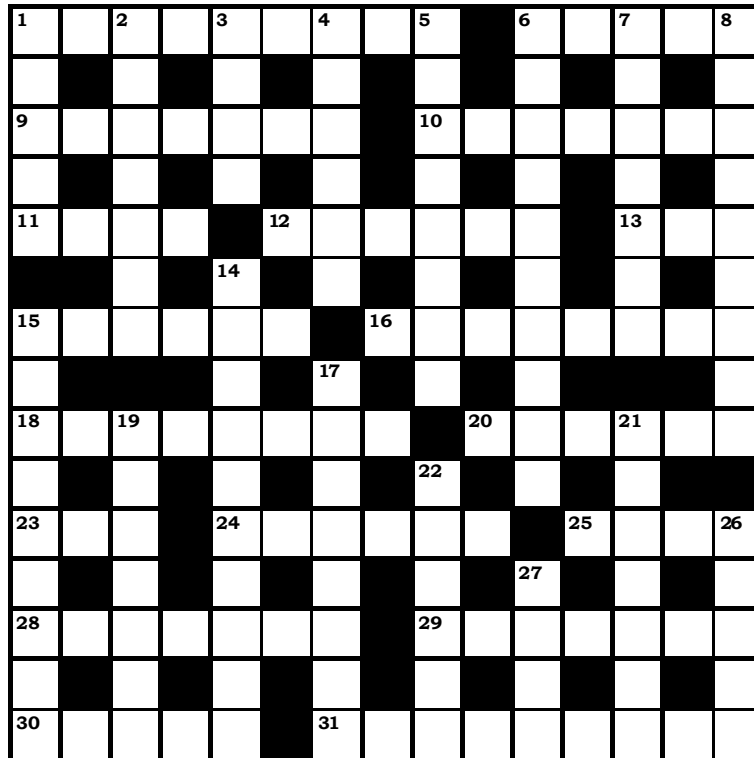
"While we are on the subject of punctuation, what should a query or an explanation mark mean at the end of a clue? Composers vary enormously about this. My own practice has varied too. I now think that a query, unless it occurs simply because the clue, or part of it, is in the form of a question, should usually mean one of two things: either that the idea is a fanciful one, referring to something which might be true, but probably, or certainly, isn't, or that a possible example is being referred to rather than an answer to a definition. Instances will make both possibilities clear. 1. "Extortionate gang — of tennis players?" — RACKETEERS. They aren't really tennis players — hence the query; but the suggestion of "racket" is a help to solution. Or: "Memorial to physician — something precious?" — TOMBSTONE. This time the statement might be true — a stone might be precious — but it needn't be. 2. "Insincere sympathy, swelling the Nile?" — CROCODILE TEARS. Without the query, this statement would imply that crocodiles are found nowhere but in the Nile and cry there. Or: "Sticking out for the potato insect?" — PROTUBERANT. Again, there are other tubers beside potatoes."

**You'll Always
Find Me ...
at Parties
by
Double
Crossers**

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Eighteen clues have no primary indicator, but if they did have, it would be the same for all.



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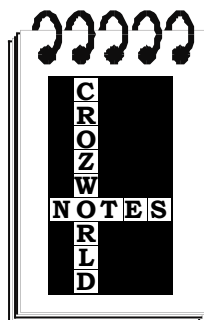
- 1 George as Captain and king (9)
- 6 Large turn over inverted fanatic (5)
- 9 A ridiculous ailment that nourishes (7)
- 10 Jolly good fellow, we hear? (7)
- 11 Always in kitchen closets (4)
- 12 Restricted near Diamond Head (6)
- 13 Briefly, it is contrary to pose (3)
- 15 Diamonds are said to be a second-rate love-kiss substitute (6)
- 16 Love-in millennium bash? Short time out (8)
- 18 Used to dry leaves, perhaps (3, 5)
- 20 Better said (6)
- 23 Fool seems gutless, but a leader (3)
- 24 Officer of the Day found acknowledging debts offensive (6)
- 25 Say Thank-you, as an afterthought (4)
- 28 Spring! Some tulips start to appear (7)
- 29 About a thousand, and one Latin number (4, 3)
- 30 100 grams (5)
- 31 Plugger's team-mates (9)

- 3 Love never hides (4)
- 4 The sound of NZ cows (6)
- 5 Dissident family comes back to American referee first (8)
- 6 Bred a hybrid snake with red sides, not belly (10)
- 7 Look at the race, egghead, it's in the newspaper (7)
- 8 Timorese clash with regional leader. Much more boring! (9)
- 14 Rita departed Outer Mongolia's confusion for lonely discourses (10)
- 15 The St Trinian fiasco is on the move (2, 7)
- 17 The fairy's bow has an outer chitinous layer (8)
- 19 Deny crabs tainted content (7)
- 21 Be upstanding and raise your glasses to — the Queen (7)
- 22 Is the first half of June colder? I forgot (6)
- 26 Physical strength is new order (5)
- 27 Seek out supplements (4)

Down

- 1 Good girl! (5)
- 2 One of the disciplines discovered in the amazing scenic Red Centre (7)

Post solution to:
Bev Cockburn,
12 Norman St, Merrylands West NSW 2160.
Closing mail date: Friday 6 September 2002.



RON O'ROURKE

MEMBER



PROFILE

Ron was born at Griffith, NSW in 1930 and as a youth lived at Thirroul and Parkes where he started work on the Railways as an apprentice Fitter and Machinist. He worked as a young tradesman at the Clyde Workshop Sydney and then as a production planner. After qualifying for his Engineering Certificate, Ron was posted to various private companies as a resident Inspection Engineer responsible for quality control and worked in this capacity in NSW, Victoria and Queensland until his retirement in 1988. Ron has been married to Joan for 49 years and they have two children and 4 grandchildren. One of Ron's children is a mechanical engineer currently working in Malaysia as a maintenance manager for Shell Refineries, South East Asia. Retired to Forster in 1988, Ron likes to walk on the beach of a morning and have a dip to start the day. He plays bowls and enjoys gardening, crosswords and a beer with the boys in the back bar. Ron has been a keen member of the ACC since April 1992 and has been a very successful solver since that time. It is no secret that Ron has had a love affair with a 30 year old — his old Valiant ute! This is his "pride and joy" and the envy of the Local Lads!

MEMBER NEWS

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to the following new members from Victoria: Lyn Heritage of Newtown, Geelong, Sue Joy Gay from Geelong and Cheryl Wilcox from Camberwell; Carolyn Watson from Mansfield, Qld. Happy Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: Last month the ticks given to "J Wenham" should have been given to "R Wenham". The ticks for "S Savannah" should have been given to "T Savannah" and the winner of the Slot 1 prize was "T Savannah" not "S Savannah". Audrey Ryan gained ticks for April 6-2002, May 6-2002 and June 2, 4 and 5. For Ross Bryant, delete ticks for Slots 2, 4 & 5.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (August 2-2002).



Oz Lit Quiz results



Winner: Bill Bennett — Congratulations!

20: B Bennett, B Cumming, D Procter, R O'Rourke and A Walter. 19: A Austin, M Cockburn, C Foster, C Hambling, C Noble, J Smith and S Workman. 18: B Cockburn, P Dearie, P Garner, V Howard, C McClelland, M Procter and B Solomon. 17: A Ryan.

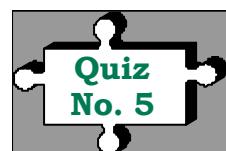
Answers:

- 1 George Johnston (*My Brother Jack*)
- 2 Christina Stead (*The Man Who Loved Children*)
- 3 Ruth Park (*The Harp in the South*)
- 4 Miles Franklin (*My Brilliant Career*)
- 5 Nene Gare (*The Fringe Dwellers*)
- 6 Peter Carey (*Bliss*)
- 7 Elizabeth O'Conner (*The Irishman*)
- 8 Patrick White (*The Tree of Man*)
- 9 Christopher Koch (*The Year of Living Dangerously*)
- 10 Arthur Upfield (*Man of Two Tribes* and many other *Bony* novels)
- 11 Louis Stone (*Jonah*)
- 12 Sumner Locke Elliott (*Careful He Might Hear You*)
- 13 Nevil Shute (*A Town Like Alice*)
- 14 Shirley Hazzard (*The Transit of Venus*)
- 15 Lennie Lower (*Here's Luck*)
- 16 Frank Hardy (*Power Without Glory*)
- 17 Kenneth Cook (*Wake in Fright*)
- 18 D'arcy Niland (*The Shiralee*)
- 19 Marcus Clarke (*For the Term of His Natural Life*)
- 20 David Malouf (*An Imaginary Life*)

Adjudicator's Comments:

Many thanks to all who entered the quiz and for the encouraging [mostly] comments. The quiz asked for MAJOR characters in FAMOUS novels. All novels are mentioned in Geoffrey Dutton's *Australia's Greatest Books* &/or received major prizes &/or were made into films or TV series. Apart from some misspellings [Maloof, Kosh, O'Connor] only two gave persistent trouble. John Grant is the schoolteacher in the nightmarish *Wake in Fright* and Joe Jones is Jonah in the novel of that name. The most common alternative was Ronny McKie. Able seaman Jones was one of the Heroes but his first name is not Joe and the too-many-lettered Ronald McKie may have been Ronny to his mum but not professionally. A few other alternatives could not be confirmed for major characters but anyone sending me book and page number etc might feasibly get an extra point for this common name. I noted that during the month the Miles Franklin book made headlines — even if sporting ones — and even if under the guise of *My Brilliant Kored*

—Brian Symons



TAKE UP THE COLLECTION

by David Procter

This quiz consists of 23 collective nouns each beginning with a different letter of the alphabet (I, J and X are excluded). To gain

the 24th mark please answer question No 24.

Send your entries on a separate sheet to: David Procter, 104 Esdale St, Nunawading Vic 3131 or by e-mail to: daviproc@hotmail.com Closing mail date: Friday 6 September 2002. Prize \$60.

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1 Buffalo (9) | 13 Oxen (4) |
| 2 Kittens (6) | 14 Wild Cats (4) |
| 3 Hares (4) | 15 Asses (4) |
| 4 Caterpillars (4) | 16 Jellyfish (7) |
| 5 Ravens (10) | 17 Trout (5) |
| 6 Zebras (4) | 18 Nightingales (5) |
| 7 Cobras (6) | 19 Turkeys (6) |
| 8 Badgers (4) | 20 Geese (6) |
| 9 Crocodiles (4) | 21 Leopards (4) |
| 10 Birds in an aviary (6) | 22 Pheasants (4) |
| 11 Kangaroos (5) | 23 Foxes (5) |
| 12 Larks (10) | 24 When does SINGULAR refer to more than one? |

July 1-2002 - Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- I love Noel's Half & Half — a mix of word power, general knowledge and intrigue.
- Some carefully crafted clues.
- Excellent cryptic clues for No. 1 slot. I would like to see more of them.
- I like these Half & Half. Excellent for No. 1. Thanks Noel.
- I was surprised to find 'BABBLING' and 'BABBLE' in the same puzzle.
- Liked 4dn, 19dn & 20dn.
- I enjoy the Half & Half but would not like No. 1 to become a cryptic.

Audrey Austin
Alan Walter
Roy Wilson
Betty Cumming
Margaret Davis, Irene Watts, Catherine Foster
Catherine Foster
Barb Ibbott

July 2-2002 - Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- I liked all the puns for the phrases esp. 1ac — spot on!
- I liked your Greek character ETA. Presumably 'Pussy' is referring to 'Pussy Galore' from *Goldfinger*. (No, Alan, try Ding dong bell, Pussy's in the well etc.)
- Wonderful, wonderful word play Shirl.
- I especially liked your edge phrases, Shirl.
- I don't understand 1dn. (The full phrase is "play ducks and drakes" & also the colloquialism for shakes.)
- A delight! I thought 27ac & 21dn great clues.
- Good on you for mentioning Isaac Asimov in a puzzle, Shirl. I started reading his stuff — fiction and non-fiction — when I was twelve.
- A very professional puzzle, full of clever clues as we expect from Shirl.
- I tune in well to *Southern Cross*.
- Loved the clue for 27ac — very clever — as were other long clues.

Audrey Austin
Alan Walter
Roy Wilson
Betty Cumming
Margaret Davis
Eunice Altman
Brian Tickle
Irene Watts
Catherine Foster
Barb Ibbott

July 3-2002 - Cryptic by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- The hardest puzzle — so many obscure words but with fair clues.
- Good tricky clueing. Perhaps the CRAMP clue could have been followed by 'au contraire' to indicate the river is in the party.
- No push-over with this clueing. One needs a slightly timid approach to *Timid Terrier*.
- Our favourite canine has a few curly ones here — e.g. the river is in the party is it not?
- I'd like to know the dictionary 12ac comes from. (See page 1 for the reference)
- I gave up trying to research 12ac. I exhausted all my references and the local library.
- Joan's BHAGEE took quite a lot to find.
- Found BHAJEE but that doesn't fit the clue. Joan comes up with some stinkers, doesn't she?
- *Timid Terrier* always gives our brains plenty of tweaks and teaches us some new words.
- Hopeless with *Timid Terrier* — it's got a nasty bite. I'm way out of my league with this one.
- I'm past caring but will be interested in comments on 12ac.
- I struggled with CRAMP & CLAME — a tricky puzzle to complete.
- Is BHAGEE right? I can't imagine spinach as an appetiser but it fits.
- Not absolutely sure about 12ac but what the heck!
- Cannot agree that 'prejudiced' & 'petty' are satisfactory defs. of 'interested' & 'insular'. BHAGEE would have caused many problems (sure did!). 'Drogue' or 'Brogue' could have been used instead. Alternative BEE could have been represented by 'worker'. A little thoughtful editing needed here.
- Having a devil of a job with #3.

Audrey Austin
Roy Wilson
Betty Cumming
Margaret Davis
Eunice Altman
Bob Hagan
Ted O'Brien
Marian Procter
Irene Watts
Catherine Foster
Maurice Cowan
Barb Ibbott
Doug Butler
Mike Potts
Noel Jessop
Veniece Lobsey

July 4-2002 - AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Liked 'Victor spinning' for Hugo Weaving.
- Should please the traditionalists who like their AJ's untampered with.
- Some very clever clues here; C took me ages.
- A good AJ from Audrey.
- I loved the S clue.
- Tricky, but fun.
- I feel that I solve (hopefully) the AJ more by intuition than by word skill.
- Who could beat that 'N' clue — NOBODY?
- Nice to be back to normal with AJ's. Loved the W clue.
- As a Disney fan, I must point out re the M clue that Mickey & Minnie Mouse never married.
- I really enjoyed the AJ.
- I enjoyed the clue for GEORGE ELIOT.

Alan Walter
Roy Wilson
Betty Cumming
Margaret Davis
Jenny Wenham
Eunice Altman
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Doug Butler
Irene Watts
Ken Davis
Ian Brown
Bobby Roberts

July 5-2002 - Out of Africa by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

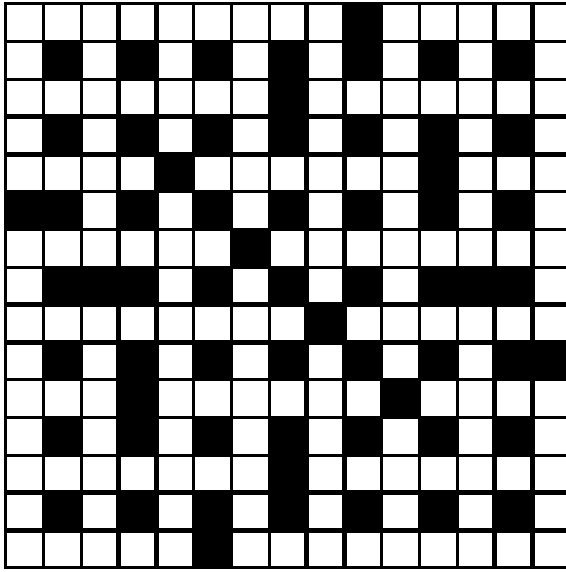
- A few obscure words as is unavoidable in a symmetrical Ximenes. But all in all, this was a kinder Col than in previous years — I wonder why he has been keeping such a low profile this year?
- Liked the humour of "Adam's first?" I was looking for Meryl Streep for *Out of Africa* but was delighted to discover your zoo.
- Do we put more store on the instruction (unclued answers have something in common) or on the title (Out of Africa)? There are no tigers in the wild in Africa. LIGER is better as at least its Dad (the lion) has come out of Africa!
- Col's playing "pick the one that doesn't belong". The tiger is out of Asia and conversely, sad to say, Asia is just about out of tigers!
- All those wild animals. Hope they're well penned up.
- I was going to point out there are no tigers in Africa until I read my *Chambers* definition.
- I settled for NIGER which seems much more appropriate for the title and theme.
- Col's safari was a most enjoyable trip — the closest I'll ever get to Africa.
- TIGER is not African but you might argue that he's from a place OUT of Africa.
- I thought of NIGER and LIGER but put TIGER altho' not found in Africa.
- I wonder if Col is trying for the record in members' comments by putting TIGER.
- The CHEETAH which was cheating me was captured eventually.
- Seemed too hard — what a victory when I filled in the spaces as it was a struggle.
- Please explain "Alpha 16". (PEE, a small relief, is also the 16th letter of the alphabet)
- 48ac: Surely 'A French ...' or am I missing something?
- The tiger is not African but is certainly OUT of Africa.

Audrey Austin
Alan Walter
Roy Wilson
Betty Cumming
Margaret Davis
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Max Roddick
Michael Veress
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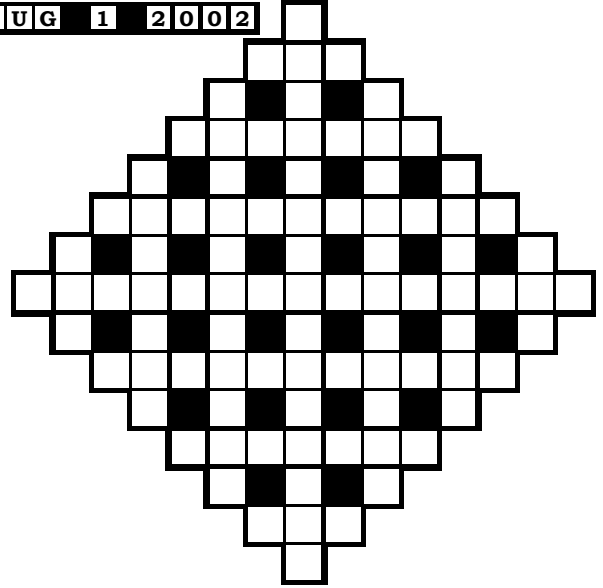
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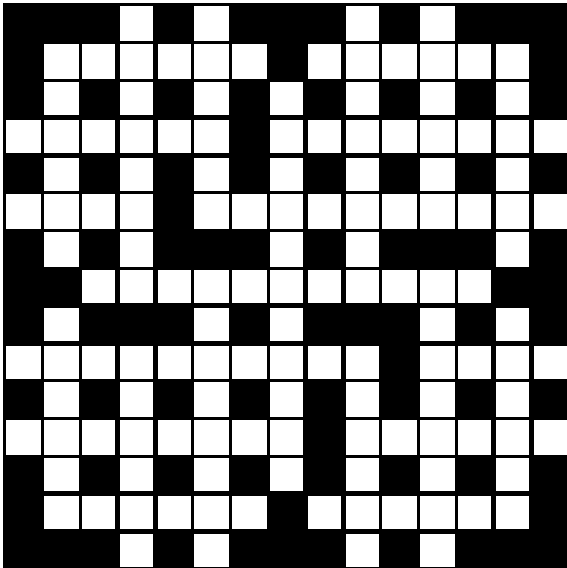


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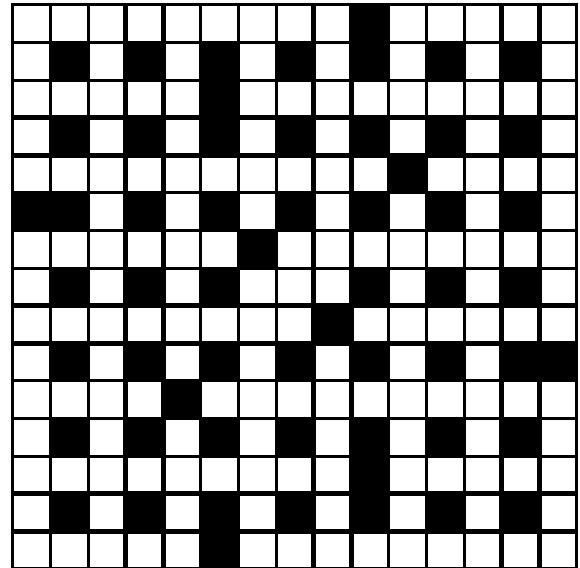
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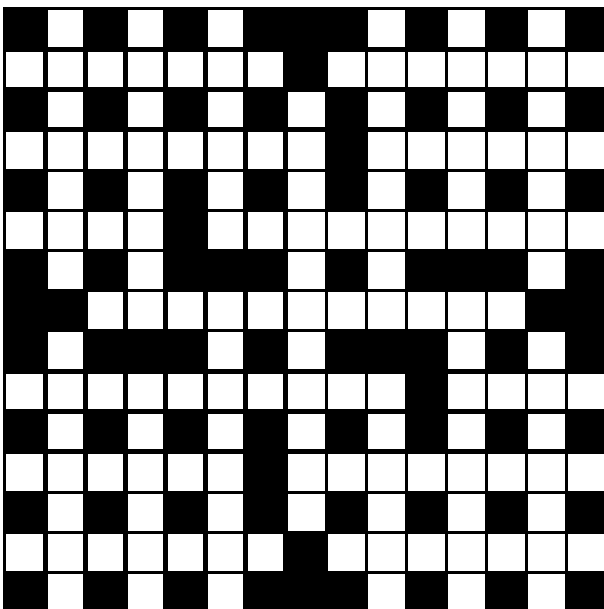
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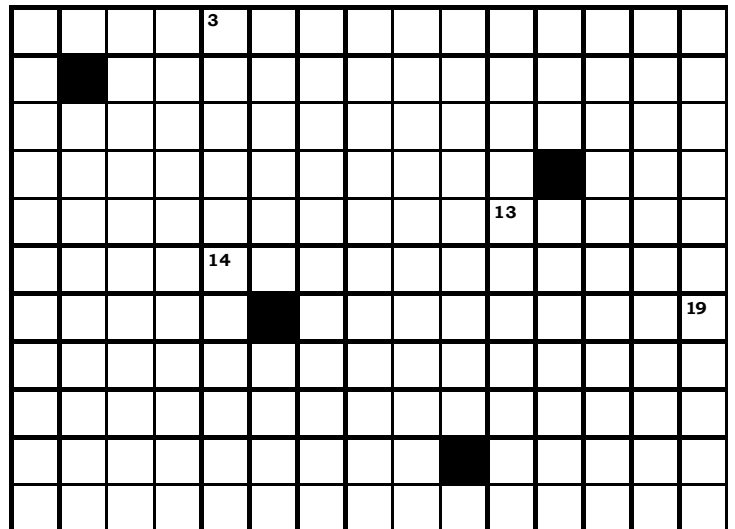
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June 6-2002 - As the Bishop said to the Actress ... by *Pundit (Stef Savanah)*

Entries: 73. Correct: 64. Success rate: 87.7%. Prize winner: *Del Kennedy*. Congratulations!

Members Comments:

- Thank you for a very interesting and entertaining puzzle. The clues were very good, but came up against a brick wall with the theatrical expression. Hope to see more of your puzzles in Crozworld. *David Procter*
 - An intriguing puzzle with many clever clues — thanks. *Brian Symons*
 - An absolute gem of a puzzle! Loved the way you handled the clues as well as the concept as a whole. *Roy Wilson*
 - I've not deduced how 6ac is another hint, unless WEIRD = WE+1+RD implies "we take 1 road" referring to the direction to take is that of the diagonal. It took quite a good deal of time to discover that Olden Indonesians were Macassarese. Reference The Macquarie Dictionary. *Alan Walter*
 - I found this difficult — took a while to get on your 'wavelength', but all the clues were fair and I liked the way you cleverly and cunningly incorporated 'The Scottish Play'. May we see more of your work in future? *Audrey Austin*
 - Great clues, especially liked 9ac, 6dn and 19dn. *Joan Smith*
 - Loved your puzzle; I thought it was very clever and some really good clueing. *Ron O'Rourke*
 - A nice enjoyable puzzle, not too demanding. The gimmick was a bit too obvious perhaps. I got "Weird Sisters" first and wrote in "The Scottish Play" second and I'm sure quite a few others did too. Or maybe my ancestry helped. *Iain MacDougall*
 - I love the weird diagonal spelling! *Max Roddick*
 - What do the Scottish play? Weird chess? *Sonia Atkinson*
 - Loved the puzzle — only hope I'm correct. *Del Kennedy*
 - Didn't know the well-known expression, Stef, but hope I've discovered it, thanks to your enjoyable puzzle. *Shirl O'Brien*
 - I enjoyed this — hope it's correct! *Margaret Davis*
 - Thank you for an entertaining and challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
 - A very clever combination of chess and the play without a name. 7dn had me puzzled until I realised that brimstone = sulphur = s. 1, 22 & 28ac; 6, 17 & 18dn also were pleasing to solve. *Ted O'Brien*
 - Such a clever puzzle. I have never played chess and wouldn't have worked out the theatrical expression if it wasn't for a friend. I know the tradition re Macbeth but I don't think I'd have guessed the answer. *Joan McGrath*
 - Thanks Stef — a most enjoyable & novel puzzle. *Pat Garner*
 - Good one Stef! *Valerie Howard*
 - It was a difficult xword but satisfying when I got it out. Took me ages to guess the expression. *Audrey Ryan*
 - A great puzzle — much more approachable than your last! 6 ac & 10ac might have given a better "hint". *Jill Freeland*
 - I really enjoyed this. *Brian Tickle*
 - This was different from anything I have tackled before. Quite a challenge! *Carole Noble*
 - As the bishop said to the actress "I didn't really think I'd be able to do this but I found it quite enjoyable." *Betty Siegman*
 - Good one, Stef! *A S*
 - Great puzzle. *Robina Otrupcek*
 - A good one, Stef! *Bill Bennett*
 - Thanks for the great No. 6 puzzle. *Barbara Ibbott*
 - What a stunning puzzle! I enjoyed it immensely, but I haven't 'plumbed all the depths'. I look forward to reading your comments and explanations. *Betty Cumming*
 - I had a thoroughly good time unravelling your puzzle. The clues were masterfully bamboozling. *Jim Colles*
 - What a gem! *Pundit* can be really tough with his puzzles — but brilliant! *Catherine Foster*
 - Excellent surfaces in 26/27, 3dn, the rather lengthy 7dn, 17dn, and 21dn. *Taro Ogawa*
 - This was a most entertaining but tricky puzzle. There was plenty of exercise for our brains and I found the clues at 25ac and 18dn particularly difficult. *Irene Watts*
 - A very clever concept with quite an unusual twist, plus some new words for me, e.g., mahonia, anapest, kasha, aisleway, pteropods to name but a few! *Bev Cockburn*
 - Thanks for a good puzzle. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Compiler's comments:** The *Weird Sisters* (6ac) are characters from *Macbeth*, which, according to theatrical superstition, may only be referred to as *The Scottish Play* lest bad luck befall your current production. In chess (28ac) the bishop (from the title) moves diagonally, hinting that the hidden expression runs along a grid diagonal. Some lost ticks due to transcription errors, especially when creating electronic versions of the grid. Someone forgot to write in his or her name! Some clues that gave trouble were...1ac: Troy (ounce) = T; 'acts like a slaver' = OWNS FOLK (well, what did you expect from a setter with a name like 'Punned it?')...15ac: referee (verb) = mediate; treat (verb) = medicate...25ac: 'commends performer' = NO HAM...6dn: refuse (noun) = waste...7dn: brimstone = sulfur = S; Satan almost = NIC (Old Nick)...18dn: 14 = 14dn = PETAL. Please refer to the ACC website for a full explanation of all clues. *—Pundit (Stef Savanah)*



From Poppy Collyer (UK):

In the UK we have many monthly puzzle magazines on sale, and with only one exception they are childishly **easy**. Puzzle Monthly does present a few challenges, and three of the regular puzzles take some thought. There are cash prizes. I'll be happy to send the current copy to the first Australian club member to email me at: pwcollyer@lineone.net

• I am at last able to solve some puzzles. Even if one makes minor errors there is satisfaction in completion.

- I don't think the club is formed for some setters to show off their expertise. It does take the fun out of being a member when contribution is usually impossible. Thank heaven for Noel Jessop! *Margaret Watzinger*
- Many thanks for the very welcome cheque — do so enjoy all the puzzles — such a challenge. *Lorna Waites*
- Many thanks for the support I received through the mail and telephone re my comment in June *Crozworld*. *Joan McGrath*
- Thanks for my runners-up cheque. I am going to choose books from Patrick's list. *Corryn Anderson*
- Thanks for my lovely cheque — most acceptable at this time of year when work is scarce. *Ann Jermy*
- After ten years it still surprises me how the compilers keep coming up with such diverse crosswords. *Marian Procter*
- Thanks to the ACC for my cheque. It's nice to be in the money again. Congrats to all the other winners. *Geoff Campbell*
- Many thanks for my prize of June 1-2002. I had a wonderful surprise and was so thrilled when I discovered the certificate inside; it's a marvellous encouragement. I realise I am a very lucky lady! *Thèrèse Savanah*
- Ross Bryant is on an extended holiday in Britain, Europe and America, returning to Perth in November.
- Two neat clues: 1. Ytpign (6, 6) = Typing Errors. 2. Hitch hikers! (6) = Shriek.
- There's a new dictionary for masochists. It has all the words but they're not in alphabetical order. *Frank Tyger*
- **CHAMBERS REFERENCE BOOKS:** There has been some delay in filling orders. Shipments are being received by the distributor at the moment and titles ordered should be sent out soon. If there are any further orders, kindly contact Patrick on: pstreet@bigpond.net.au.