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English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgement, and education
 – sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across a street.
 EB White, 1954, *Shop Talk*, in *The Second Tree from the Corner*.

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Trophies, trophies, trophies galore!
 The Jul-Dec 2007 trophy winners of the cumulative Slots 1-5 puzzles are: Bill Bennett, Kath Harper, Carole Noble, Dave Parsons, Ron O'Rourke, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Rob Watson and Alan Walter. Congratulations to all! Well done!

The slot 6 Jan-Dec 2007 trophy winners are: Margaret Davis, Michael Kennedy, Gabrielle Leeds and Brian Symons. Congratulations! A great achievement. The official results of the quiz trophy for Jan-Dec 2007 are: 1st: David Procter. 2nd: Carole Noble, Alan Walter and Brian Symons. 5th: Bev Cockburn. Also, *Praxis* (Roy Wilson) is the ACC Compiler of the Year 2007; runner-up *Virgo* (Audrey Austin). Congratulations!

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2008. It looks like Year 2008 will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2008 Prize Fund can be found on p9. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a renewal slip. Sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld* 2008 for those who do not renew.

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *gizmojones* has contributed his first Half & Half in slot 1, *Child's Play* and *Southern Cross* are featured with quality cryptics and *St Jude* has devised an interesting and original AJ. Delighted to see the legendary *Praxis* in Slot 5 and we also welcome back *Wag* (Taro Ogawa) who has devised a truly challenging puzzle. Members will remember some of Taro's devilishly difficult puzzles some years ago: it's good news to have him back in the "side" for 2008. The clever *Virgo* has presented us with a Quiz with a St Valentine's theme which we are sure you will enjoy immensely.
 Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who sent their good wishes and support. It was an "interesting" month, in much the same way as the Chinese curse says "May you live in interesting times". The main problem was Slot 3, with some suggestions it should have been a Slot 6, 7 and even 8! The members obviously appreciated the extra solving time and entries have been steady throughout the month.

Slot 1: A few people cruelly suggested that *Stroz* might have been having a seniors moment by including two TEAs in the puzzle. We accepted this answer but the first was CHA. We also accepted COKE or COLA for 2dn and BASS or BEST for 14ac. Some of the errors included SOMA, SECO and SECA for 19dn, NUGAT (NEGUS), and quite a few KAVA (CAVA).

Slot 2: Only a couple of problems here, apart from typos and letters left out. The main culprit was 10ac. Quite a few people put IRANI (IRAQI). I did look at quite a few references and could not find Irani as a Middle East national – they are Iranian. The other problems were STRIP for STRIA, YOGAN for YOGIN and EXPOSED for ELAPSED.

Slot 3: Oh dear! This one really set the cat among the pigeons (or is that poultry?). Plenty of problems and I will list a few of them. Perhaps the main offender was SOPE, SAKE, SIKK(SAKI). Other problems included REDEARS(REDCAPS), MERVES(HERVES), FRIZZIE(FRIZZLE) and ENTWINES(ESTAIRES). There were others and a good many people submitted incomplete puzzles. 7dn Silk (ALAMODE) – de (Fr of) gives ALAMO (siege) and 2dn RE (LETT)+IN+G.

Slot 4: Not too many problems with this and it attracted the most votes for COTM spread over a range of clues with T taking that award. There were a couple of problems – QUOTES(QUOTAS) and COSIGNATURE(COSIGNATOR Y). Some variations on KEBBOCK that didn't fit the whole clue and a typo.

Slot 5: Generally, this was well received by the members. It is quite a challenge to adjudicate this type of puzzle without getting dizzy. A few problems with EXCEL/EXERT (EXACT), EGO (ECO), UNBALL/UNREAL/UNROLL (UNREEL), LIBERATOR (LIFESAVER) and ACHE (AGUE).

COTM: Slot 4 Clue T with votes across all four cryptics and Slot 5 Clue 22 coming in second. Congratulations to *Difficult Women* (Carole Noble and Joan Smith). —Jean Barbour

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Entries received	77	98	54	80	83	392
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Prizewinner: January 2008 Slots 1-5: Andrew Miles

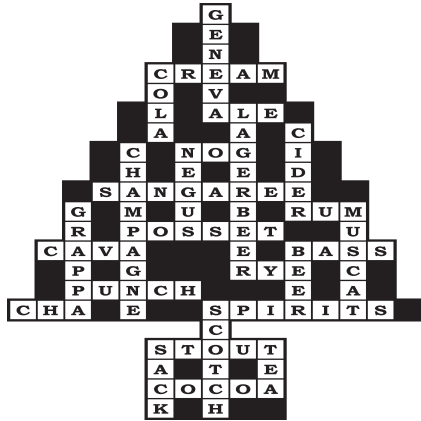
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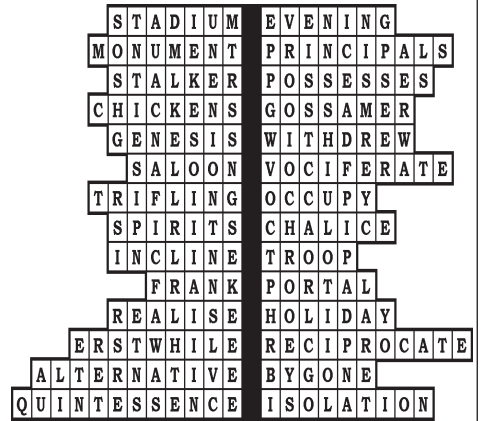
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Dec 6-2007



MEMBERS RESULTS FOR DEC Slot 6 & JAN 2008 Slots 1-5

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CAINE R	
CALLAN A & D		
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COPLAND F				.	.	
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CROMER H		.		.		
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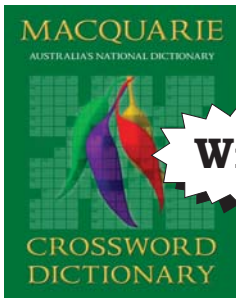
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HEENAN C	.	.		.		
HEMSLEY D				.		
HOCKING A		.			.	
HOWARD L		.		.		
HOWARD V	.	.		.		
HOWELLS S	
IBBOTT B	
JERMY A	
JESSOP N		.				
JONES D	
KENNEDY D				.		
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KNIGHT S				.		
KNIGHT V		.				
LEE C		.				
LEEDS G
LLOYD G		.		.		
LOBSEY V	.	.		.		
McCLELLAND C		.		.		
McGRATH J		
McKENZIE I	
MARTIN A		.		.		
MAY S	.	.		.		
MEEK D	
MERCER P	

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PRICE D				.		
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SEALE E		.				
SHIELD A		.				
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SMITH J	
SOLOMON B	
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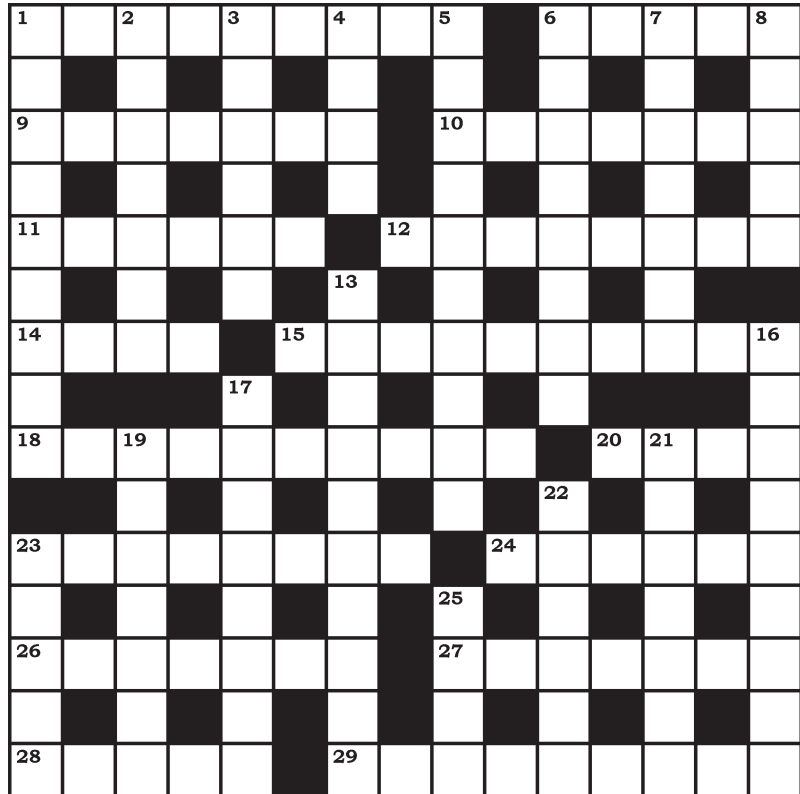
Half and Half
by
gizmojones

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[2007 edn]



Cryptic clues are shown in italics

Across

- 1 *English PM's son not sent back into space* (9)
- 6 Precious stone (5)
- 9 *Conrad hero talked to member, according to Spooner* (4,3)
- 10 Poem on a rustic theme - Virgil wrote some (7)
- 11 *Parts of temporary dwellings inhabited by husband* (6)
- 12 Flood (8)
- 14 *Shells etc, returned when Charlie left* (4)
- 15 *He knew how to finish a movie!* (10)
- 18 *Word-processing program's a bit of magic, old European said* (10)
- 20 *Limitlessly bad recipe, also very long* (4)
- 23 Trojan princess of medieval legend - Shakespeare wrote of her (8)
- 24 *Legend in which almost obese sumo undergoes metamorphosis* (6)
- 26 *Novelist of the British Raj uses rulers* (7)
- 27 *Name taken by Dickens sounded OK to biographer* (7)
- 28 *Irish playwright smothered in Naprosyn gel* (5)
- 29 Teach by easy stages (5-4)

Down

- 1 They got letters from Paul (9)
- 2 *A made-up word for "mate in the morning"* (7)
- 3 He baptised Christ (2,4)
- 4 Units of resistance (4)
- 5 Adaptation of conditions to promote optimal efficiency (10)
- 6 *Poet leaves in Autumn?* (8)
- 7 *In the club, president isn't permitted to be dominating* (7)
- 8 *Cruel tricks making money?* (5)
- 13 They religiously follow Wesley (10)
- 16 Very reliable (4,5)
- 17 *Artificial component found in blind?* (5,3)
- 19 American essayist (7)
- 21 Smallest significant unit of sound in a language (7)
- 22 He went eyeless in Gaza (6)
- 23 *Existentialist's accountant gets full amount returned* (5)
- 25 Spanish river (4)

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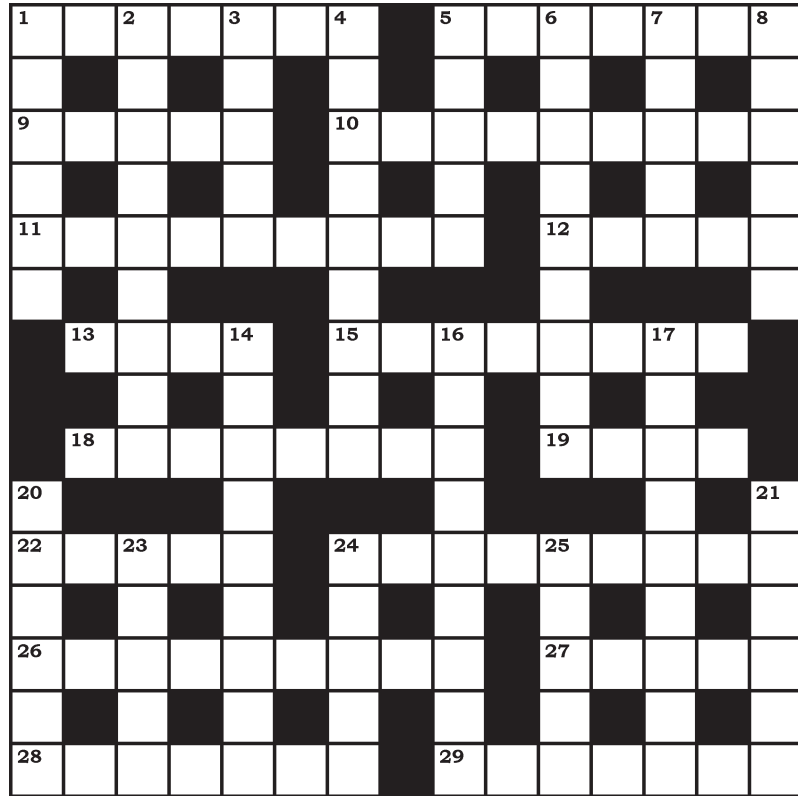
Slots 1-5: Col Archibald, 29 Gympie St, Northgate Qld 4013.
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Closing mail date: Friday 29 February 2008.
e-lodgment: ianw@webone.com.au

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Slot 6: Taro Ogawa, 3 Colton Place, Downer ACT 2612
e-mail: taroso@gmail.com Closing mail date: 14 March 2008.

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Cryptic
by
Child's
Play

Across

- 1 Nice of winner to create artist (7)
- 5 To live with the county outfit (7)
- 9 The energy of Verdi's composition (5)
- 10 He causes astonishment over ability to draw information out of the king (9)
- 11 A quick way to become an addict? (4,1,4)
- 12 The coffee finally arrived. Fine basic aroma and prime flavour (5)
- 13 Overlapping letters are a cause of complaint (4)
- 15 A drunk eats cheese. Why I ask does this lead to a cure? (8)
- 18 The sexual practice, it's loosely rumoured, of a boring politician (8)
- 19 Boss of one of the thousand wealthy people (4)
- 22 Quietly put garment on shoulder (5)
- 24 Graphic editor snaps dance (9)
- 26 Naked doctor sued nerds (9)
- 27 A remarkable time bearing mark of communication (5)
- 28 CXLIVLY flagrantly (7)
- 29 Sounds as if blind Charles intended to make this archaic clothing (7)

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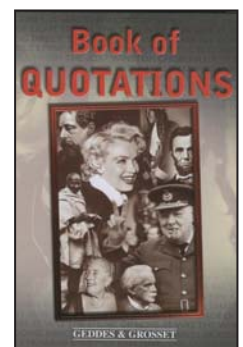
- 1 The kind of puzzle you might expect from this composer (6)
- 2 With it 1024 bits of small dates only amounts to chickenfeed (9)
- 3 Beware! Nature lovers have surrounded the field (5)
- 4 Pervert heats pots speedily (9)
- 5 Weight about a mammal (5)
- 6 Difficult-t surface to curl on. Alcohol is the solution (4,5)
- 7 Essential degree thus (even if incorrect) (5)
- 8 Principal actor loses direction when on a very loud charge (6)
- 14 The whole shebang for a formal night out (4,5)
- 16 The lout rose up and prevailed upon the German — like Mozart (3,6)
- 17 Attractive book about love shot to pieces (9)
- 20 Level of betting uncovered (6)
- 21 The conclusion is good times are very close (6)
- 23 Hear indication that an underrated drama starts at ten (5)
- 24 Looks unhealthy to be last (5)
- 25 Dagger signs honour Chinese dimension (5)

BOOK PRIZES FOR 2008

We have some excellent book prizes to be won in 2008:

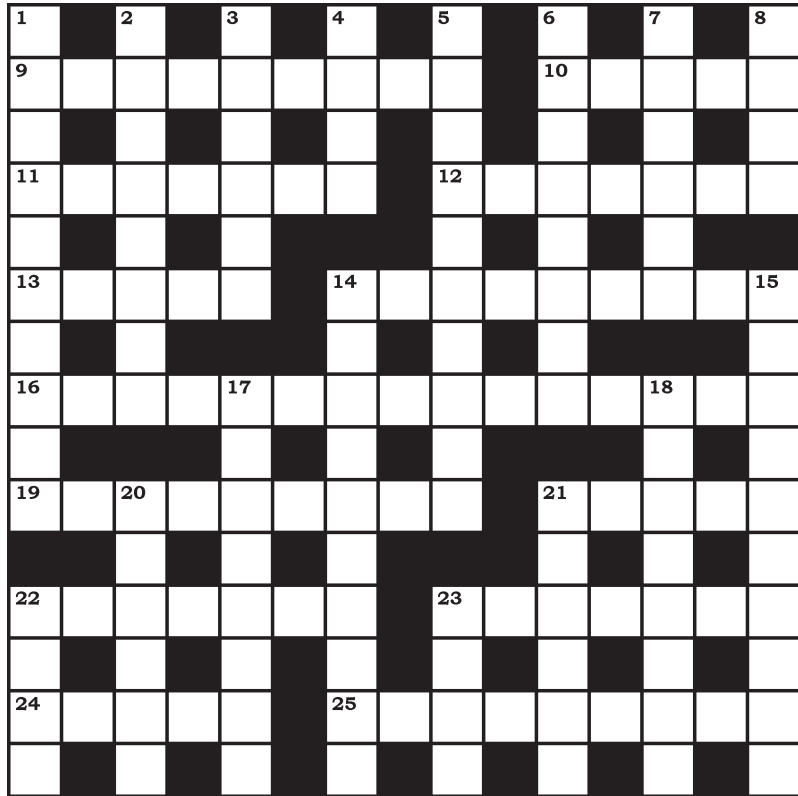
- The new *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*, 2007 edn, Slot 1 prize kindly sponsored by the *Macquarie Dictionary*;
- The *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*, 2006 edn, Slot 5 prize kindly sponsored by Oxford University Press;
- Chambers *Dictionary of World History*, 3rd edn (Slot 4 prize);
- Chambers *Dictionary of Eponyms*, 2004 edn (Quiz prizes);
- Chambers *Back-words for Crosswords*, 2002 edn (Quiz prizes); and
- Geddes & Grosset's *Book of Quotations*, 2004 edn, HB, 480pp, (Quiz prizes).

Best of Luck with your solving in 2008!



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Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross



Across

- 9 The consequences of following an American subject (9)
- 10 Plant secures gold covering for the perfect tower (5)
- 11 President wants Eric possibly for the flower arranging (7)
- 12 Having choice, nibbled a cheesy snack (7)
- 13 Have a crack at this assignment (5)
- 14 Phillip's ships swapped over, dumping apprentice impetuously (4,5)
- 16 What hero just misses out on being – moderate (6-2-3-4)
- 19 From this point, "Go west, young man" is the only advice possible (4,5)
- 21 Old pal coming back still in the morning? (5)
- 22 File out, taking Jeffery quietly for a drink (3-4)
- 23 Booze left off luggage carrier? (7)
- 24 Inclined to be lying (5)
- 25 Settler for part of intestine is taken with some hesitation (9)

Down

- 1 Cab driver's first crime about to be stuffed up? (10)
- 2 Sweets must be sent up – that's made very clear (8)
- 3 Bond makes an attempt to grasp swallow (6)
- 4 "Which bank" holds available information? (4)
- 5 The heir-apparent not up to side-kicking dance? (10)
- 6 Expose, then sack the shooter (3-5)
- 7 Before the last part of December male swan finds mate (6)
- 8 Indian farmer's affray reported (4)
- 14 Alf Cooper's arrangement by which offices are often leased (5,5)
- 15 The first "Whirlpool" holds stuffed toys (5,5)
- 17 Research centre model cloned finally and tagged (8)
- 18 Angry reaction from cast about Burstall's exclusion (8)
- 20 Greek character has gone out with this bird (6)
- 21 Remain confused by naval affairs (6)
- 22 Former mail service put on a show of national pride (4)
- 23 Stop by to phone up (4)

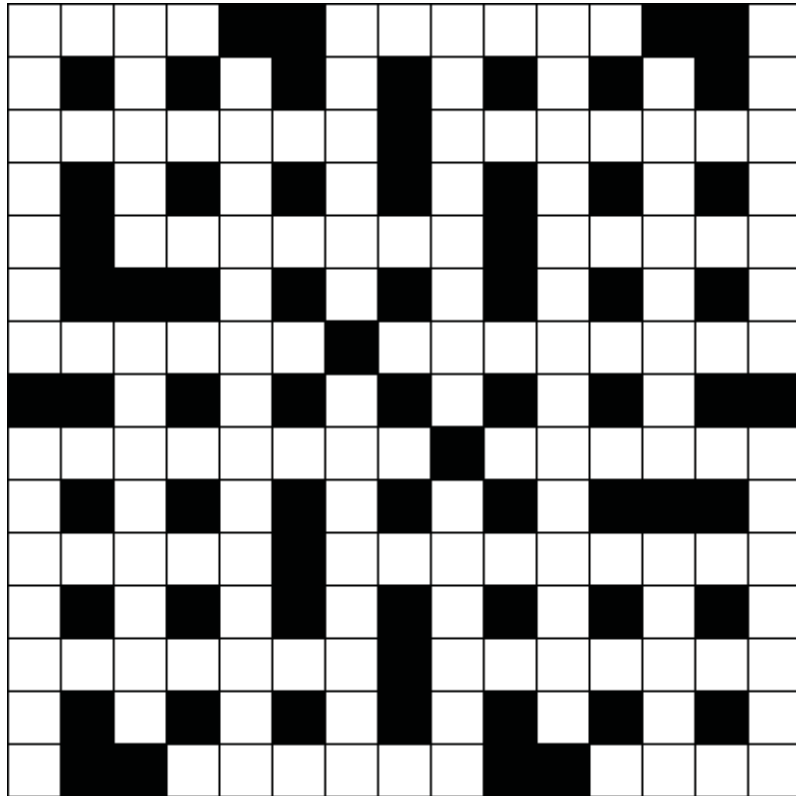
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my Quiz No 10/2007 prize. I have never seen Chambers' *Back-words for Crosswords* but I am already finding it helpful. What a great year the ACC team has given us. *Crozworld* gives me hours of interest and pleasure, and the bonus of an occasional prize. Gabrielle Leeds
- Thank you and the club so much for my November Slot 1 prize which arrived very promptly (the *Macquarie Dictionary*) and which I love. It's a great dictionary; one that I have thought about purchasing previously, so I'm rapt to receive it. And now I definitely need a new bookcase to house my expanding reference library. Perhaps Santa will be good to me this year and bring me one. Cally Martin
- Many thanks for my prizes – great reading Chambers *History of the World* and the cash is always welcome at Christmas. Bill Bennett
- Many thanks for my December prize. I bought a new 'Dustbuster' with it – wish I could dust off my brain these days. Shirl 'Brien
- Thanks to the Editor for including names and *noms de plume* of compilers. I will put it in the back of my *Chambers*. Ted O'Brien
- A special thank you to ACC for my prize for Slot 1 last month. It's the first time I've won a book, and I'm absolutely delighted. What a great Christmas gift. Betty Siegman
- Thanks for my book prize for the *Busybodies'* Alphabet Quiz. I hope some of our other members can be as lucky as I was in 2007. Jenny Wenham
- Many thanks for the welcome cheque and beautiful Certificate — Slot 2, December 07 — I am very encouraged! Arthur Barrett

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A beginner puzzle
by
St Jude

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



The clues are ordered only by word lengths.
Solve and enter them jigsaw-wise where they fit.

- Treacherous deeds result from a beastly factor (4,2,8)
- Noel's empty cravat and tie set contribute to desirability (14)
- A banal sin carried out by Italian neighbours (9)
- See a bend is repaired, if required (2,4,2)
- Roused seaman looted (8)
- Benefiting is common but not before a promotion to the top (8)
- Halve what remains at the end of play (2,6)
- Cloth inspectors found tatty clean rags without cotton hem (8)
- One begins appreciating textbook of macabre illustrations concerned about study of dissection (8)
- Fruit crop a short Italian collected (7)
- Old-fashioned cunning of American industrial company's introductions (7)
- A barricade worker determined (7)
- Ordered a ruddy shaft included ... (7)
- ... and navy became unimportant (4-3)
- Sailor smells, so told rudely to leave (7)
- A man and a woman meet a fun guy talking of poison source (7)
- Magazine storehouse (7)
- Wavering like a little pony starting into canter (7)
- Hail holy man with a holy book (6)
- Italian town's interior ceramal fixtures (6)
- Use narcotic plant before returning rat god manifestation (6)
- Survey tool has metal identity plug (6)
- A committee ready to depart (6)
- Feigning temporary responsibility (6)
- Trouble when leader steps down and resentment remains (5)
- Beauty trick centres on bright and dazzling results (5)
- Vessel fragment held by former drinkers (5)
- Chant by one thousand leaving cave (5)
- Pinnacle is current objective of mine (4)
- Not close to tuna farm cages (4)

A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE:


- To **Jean Barbour** for her marvellous feat of Adjudication this month. Not only did Jean manage to adjudicate her own brilliant puzzle Rubaiyat by *InGrid* (December 2007 Slot 6), but also the Slots 1-5 puzzles for January 2008. This is a massive task and Jean has carried it off in fine style. Thank you Jean for being such a wonderful contributor to the ACC.
- To **Bev Cockburn** our tireless Secretary who has handled all of the subscription renewals for 2008. This is a complicated and time-consuming task requiring special skills and Bev has carried it out in an efficient and most capable manner. Thank you Bev for your enduring contribution to the ACC.
- To **Ian Williams** who not only sets-up and selects all of our puzzles and quizzes every month but quietly and skilfully manages the e-lodgment scheme. Thank you Ian for taking on these multiple tasks on our behalf.
- To **Brian Symons** who has organised all of the trophies for the Jul-Dec 2007 Slots, the Jan-Dec 2007 Slot 6 prizes and the Quiz Jan-Dec 2007. Brian has also suggested that we award a trophy to the ACC Compiler of the Year 2007 won by Roy Wilson. This takes a lot of skilful organisation and Brian has done it in a masterly manner. The trophies will be distributed to the lucky prizewinners soon.
- To **all of our compilers**. We could not function without your challenging puzzles. They are always keenly assessed by the solvers and scrutinised in detail. We are indebted that we have such a dedicated band of compilers who so freely donate their skills for the enjoyment of the solvers.
- To **all of our adjudicators** we appreciate all of their work done each month in assessing the hundreds of solutions. It's a task which requires patience and application and we thank you for your invaluable assistance in making the ACC the best crossword club in the world.
- To **all of our members** for making the ACC a thriving, friendly club. Here's to another Great Year!

—Patrick

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**Cryptic
by
Praxis**

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Roosevelt had no time for spin (4)
- 4 Top cake; top sweet (8; 2 words)
- 10 Woman has hot temper (5)
- 12 See 26
- 13 This spicy concoction suits scientist (9)
- 14 Henry left wine; crowd around (5)
- 15 Brave scout returned with award around the end of March (6)
- 17 Step around the Maori being cared for (7)
- 20 Latin always has provost interrupting prophet (6)
- 22 One games played with pictures (6)
- 26 & 12 60's fashionista worked out rhyme for 30's work (13; 2 words)
- 28 A brief storm over the old kingdom (6)
- 29 Good; top idea curtailed conduct (5)
- 30 13 made graduate spot marker beam, I hear (9; 2 words)
- 31 Waders from the same place live around the South-East (6)
- 32 Hawaiian Islands surround island republic (5)
- 33 Videos trial and hanging (8)
- 34 Love pulls fool back to the mountain (4)

Down

- 1 A German set off home with 13 (8)
- 2 White goods department rearranged 14 (6)
- 3 Underworld agent to expose ramshackle state (9)
- 5 Company head's seen in reserve (7)
- 6 Gypsy fought when harassed? (7)
- 7 Go over; secure about a hundred (5)
- 8 Rector quietly left to solve this crime (5)
- 9 Enemy thought contents to be fiction (4)
- 11 Rider turns and runs, ornery nag leapt (6)
- 16 Patrick, not Patricia, it is with liver trouble (9)
- 18 Belgium has a city upset over pineapple plants (8)
- 19 Harriers: British raptors (7)
- 20 Tears rising overwhelm one French beauty (7)
- 21 Fellow at university; genius with NZ tea-trees (6)
- 23 Examines car on back street (6)
- 24 Contents of hooka abandoned in Muslim shrine (5)
- 25 Winds heard to decline (5)
- 27 Release over a period (4)

Favourite Words of Famous People — from *The Logophile's Orgy* by Lewis Burke Frumkes

- "Obfuscate". A useful word to use when politeness is required and when someone is clearly and deliberately obscuring information or holding back for his/her own agenda. *Carole Brown*, President and publisher, Dell Publishing
- "Melancholy" is one of my favourite words, but no word satisfies me more utterly than "Pushtunistan". Can you bear a "fardel"? The funniest word in English is "fardel", the most pompous is "obloquy". The most unnecessary is "congeries", and the hardest to pronounce without sounding like a twit is "prescient". *Russell Baker*, Columnist, *The New York Times*
- "Dissembler: — Such a soft-sounding word that connotes such evil — which, I suspect, was why it was one of Shakespeare's favourites in the area of villainy. *Robert Ludlum*, Author
- "Fabulous". How I feel when I'm with good friends. When asked about my golf game. *Jack Hausman*, past-chairman, Belding-Hemingway Corporation
- My favourite word, for obvious reasons is: "Love". Phonetically I like "consuetudinary". Descriptively I like: "adumbrate". *Ricardo Montalban*, Actor

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Long Distance Relationships by Wag

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Solutions will be assessed and prizes awarded on the basis of the completed grid. To obtain an honourable mention and the admiration of all, complete the following optional challenge using an additional blank square (cut or drawn) the size of the completed grid as an overlay, so that it can be verified by shining a light through. No artistic ability is required (but feel free to use some). Five words, represented (with lengths) by #A (5), #B (5), #C (7), #D (7), and #E (4), must be deduced to comprehend this challenge. Locate four hidden words, which name two forcibly-separated partners and two partners that will be out of contact for a very long time according to 42. Starting over the lowest cell of the lowest hidden word and interpreting its contents as "#As", draw the image of a #A on the overlay which passes over the three cells with identical content [Any recognisable #A is acceptable]. Then over each hidden word draw an appropriate #B to symbolise it. Align the overlay so it provides conventional representation of the hidden words and their corresponding #Bs, noting that this makes it a #C, then align the grid similarly. Draw a #D 20 in the centre by locating the eight cells which together contain the letters of "A #D" and drawing a #E over them [a #D would assist both tasks], and within draw the #D 20 as a #E of eight #Bs representing the partners and their intermediaries. On the obverse of your overlay draw a #E matching the one on front, and within draw a smaller symmetrical #E of eight #As so that the overlay is a stylised representation of a #As and #Bs #C as might be set in a #C #E to be presented on Valentine's Day.

Across

- 3 Touch on second marriage (6)
- 8 In addition, one left Staff Officer (4)
- 12 Peasant to marry first of loves (5)
- 13 Place where God joins two adults (4)
- 15 To the French, small flower has a subtle emanation (4)
- 16 Couple drunk on Sunday swallowed a drop of port (7)
- 17 Befitting a special occasion, Fiona's given Valentine – perhaps by Alfred (6)
- 18 An East African married a South African on island (5)
- 19 When aboard, secure female 14, apparently (4)
- 21 Polish stripper, one close against Neville's exterior (7)
- 22 "I Do" right before Saint's Day?? (5)
- 24 One woos totally lovelessly, which is unheard of before now (4)
- 27 Half of Dimity's back getting pressureless spa massage by man with the magic touch (5)
- 29 Captain's heart broken after cad gives lift (7)
- 32 Take out a girl (4)
- 33 Ladies inside departing after boor almost moves ingratiatingly (4)
- 35 Gain the favour of old drunk (4)
- 37 O, romantic retreat could produce attraction with this quantity of alcohol (6)
- 38 Seduce lecturer out in the gallery (5)
- 39 One despicable person embraces another – it's the whiskey (6)
- 40 He left symbols of love in drawing, painting, etc (4)

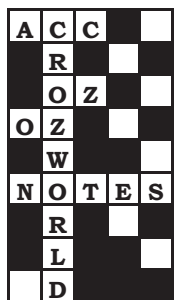
- 41 Be enough for Lisa (temptation's expressed) (4)
- 42 Author to sleep with Heather (7)

Down

- 1 A worthless Scot involved in many affairs (5)
- 2 A libertine, Wag, takes girl out initially (4)
- 4 Saucy Australian dish reported to have an encounter with Collingwood player (7, two words)
- 5 Loving woman's a constant to Egyptian dancer (5)
- 6 See 24
- 7 A BIT OF CHOCOLATE'S AN AFTERTHOUGHT?? (4)
- 9 Girl gets ring; Edward gets hitched (7)
- 10 Two-handed jar couples finally drink on the 14th (5)
- 11 We must be topless bathers (6)
- 14 Who would be more distressed when losing a love?! (5)
- 20 What should be given on Valentine's day? Types of caviar, it's said (4)
- 22 Heartless dame cuckolds prune (7)
- 23 Dance with energy - firstly choose tango then choose again (7)
- 24 and 6 All in love, 32's made up with renowned engineer (6,5)
- 25 Whoever said 'renowned engineer'? (4)
- 26 For instance, Valentine's desire to run nude (6)
- 28 I want to split with Secretary; she's mad (6)
- 30 Young fellow holding fashionable pretty girl's photo (5)
- 31 Knot that knits even Andre and Sal together (5)
- 34 A state... a state... a statement of joy given above (4)
- 36 Bachelor at university and nurse are inflamed with desire (4)

Post
Solution
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2008:

Barnes J, Butler D, Carroll L, Champion G, Eisentrager D, Galbreath M, Glissan B, King N, Leeds G, Martin A, Mitchell J, Potts M, Redwin B, Veress M, Watzinger M and Window D.

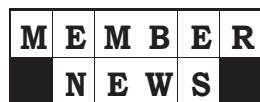
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Jeremy Barnes, Doug Butler, Gillian Champion, Barbara Glissan, Gabrielle Leeds, Alison Martin and Beverley Redwin.

The Australian Chess Championship was held from 2nd to 11th January 2008 at the Parramatta RSL Chess Club located in Parramatta, NSW. Grand Master Ian Rogers, the best Australian player, who retired from competitive chess a few months ago, was missing from the competition. However, the line-up was reinforced with Dejan Antic, Grandmaster from Serbia who is hoping to become a permanent resident, and Herman Van Riemsdijk, experienced International Master from Brazil. After the tense race, and thanks to the win with black pieces in the last round, Grand Master Dejan Antic gained first place with 8.5 points from 11 rounds and the \$1,500 AUS prize. He was ineligible for the title of Australian Champion, so the honors went to International Master **Stephen Solomon**, who finally earned the trophy on the 14th attempt. Stephen is the brilliant son of ACC members **Bev and Frank Solomon**. Bev is a regular winner of the ACC Chess problems. We send them our sincere congratulations on Stephen's triumph.

Photos of November's Get-Together at William Ryan's Cauliflower gastro-pub are available to all, free of charge, through Picasa and can be accessed by inserting the following in the address area in your web browser: <http://picasaweb.google.com/ianwact/ACCCauliNov2007> and pressing Enter. When it has loaded, click on Slideshow at the top left hand corner of the photo display to be entertained.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2008. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! For those who have not yet renewed, we invite you to renew without delay. For those who do not renew, this will be their last *Crozworld* for 2008.



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Bronwyn Hull** from Goulburn NSW (a Gift Membership from Bob Hagan), **Carl Rumble** from Sydney, NSW (a Gift Membership from Warren Allen) and

Judith Laird from Anglesea, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: The following gained dots for the December 2007 Slots: Margaret Banks Slot 2, Michael Veress Slots 1-3, Jan Wood Slots 1 and 4. Gillian Champion, Rosemary Ducker, Kath Harper and Dave Parsons Slots 1-5, Catherine Foster Slots 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Compendium Alphabet Soup Quiz No 35: The instructions should say 7 letters are unused (not 5).

Results of Chess Game Problems: No 1/2008: 1. Ba8 threat 2 Qb7. Winner: Catherine Hambling. No 2/2008: 1. Kd2 threat 2 Bg4 ck. Winner: Bev Solomon. Congratulations!

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

opsimath *n. literary* a person who learns only late in life.
opsimathy *n.* [ORIGIN: Greek *opsimathēs*, from *opse* 'late' + *math-* 'learn'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004.
 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110. ISBN 9780195517965

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Quiz No 2/2008

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY QUIZ by Virgo

On St. Valentine's Day twenty six students in a class, 13 boys and 13 girls, each sent a letter to another class member. No one received a letter from the person to whom they had sent one. Example: If Audrey has become Taudey it was because she sent an R to one student and received a T from another. Given the way the students' names finished up, can you deduce what each were named before the letters were sent? Send your answers to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Crescent Kariong NSW 2250: Fax 02 43402823; e-mail: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 14 March 2008. Book prize.

- 1 Elfia
- 2 Estaceb
- 3 Uenotin
- 4 Galeis
- 5 Pherert
- 6 Uroer
- 7 Ceita
- 8 Hemila
- 9 Bryry
- 10 Crisk
- 11 Tahoas
- 12 Ernonc
- 13 Sonar
- 14 Sajmul
- 15 Andal
- 16 Czidy
- 17 Twon
- 18 Athyn
- 19 Ederic
- 20 Idona
- 21 Laxua
- 22 Maque
- 23 Phelisa
- 24 Sepihen
- 25 Smonev
- 26 Ether

January 1-2008: Christmas Cheer by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- A jolly Christmas drink with Patrick but is it fair to have two cups of tea?
- Had me reaching for a cold drink (ginger beer of course).
- Patrick, as usual, makes sure we get our booze intake for Christmas.
- 17ac/20dn could both be tea presumably. All other answers seemed pretty clear.
- Not easy. It was a toss-up between cola and Coke. Hope I guessed right.
- Drove me to drink! The Spanish wines took a while.
- 26 hearty cheers for our Christmas drinks, thanks *Stroz*.
- I rarely drink alcohol but I managed to find and enjoy Patrick's selection.
- Hic! I wash shloshed by the (hic!) time I finished thish one. Should have (hic!) left it till lasht.
- *Stroz's* Xmas tree, as always, full of goodies!

Margaret Davis
Barb Ibbott
Ted O'Brien
Andrew Patterson
Brian Symons
Roy Taylor
Alan Walter
Irene Watts
Jenny Wenham
Max Roddick

January 2-2008: Half & Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- A nice ½ and ½ from Noel – nothing too difficult here.
- A good ½ and ½ but not as easy as anticipated with a few unusual words.
- I enjoy Noel's ½ and ½ (there goes the grog again!). He has some very clever clues e.g. 6dn and 27dn.
- Thanks *Jesso* for your two halves.
- A good general puzzle opener – thanks, *Jesso*!

Margaret Davis
Barb Ibbott
Ted O'Brien
Alan Walter
Irene Watts

January 3-2008: Chookword by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

- Chooks I've never heard of and I keep chooks!
- Enough to keep me out of McDonalds for life! More suitable as Slot 8 or quiz and a big handicap for illiterate computer users like me. What about the dictionary rule?
- This should have been a Slot 5. Impossible without the internet. I knew three breeds of fowl before I started and only one was any help! I can't believe how many silly names exist for chooks. Was ALAMO a siege?
- I enjoyed *Betelgeuse's* Chookword (once I finished wrestling with it), particularly 12 and 13ac.
- How did this puzzle end up at No. 3 Slot? It was extraordinarily difficult and I couldn't finish it. What are chook words? I couldn't work out the linking feature of the across clues – was it slang words? Was it the use of double letters? I haven't a clue and ended up just feeling irritable – puzzles should be enjoyable, not a chore.
- I consider any puzzle requiring specialized knowledge not obtainable from our main dictionaries most unfair to be included in the 1-5 competition. Having said that, I must say I've sure learned much about poultry from this informative puzzle. Thanks to the internet, I couldn't have done it without it.
- I had a grandfather and two uncles who were RNA judges and breeders of show poultry, but I had to resort to the Internet here – even then it was difficult and hardly fair for a Slot 3.
- Gillian's hen house had me running round like a headless chook! With a lot of help I hope I made bantamweight?
- Difficult clues for obscure answers made for not much fun. I've guessed many and 2dn/12ac are simply beyond me. I'll be pleased to see as many explanations as possible.
- I would like to compliment Gillian for setting us such a fine puzzle.
- I did not enjoy this puzzle at all. Instead of being challenging it was very frustrating. I spent a lot of time on the internet and only finished it with the help of a friend.
- I had to take a guess in this puzzle.
- Very difficult but lots of good clues like ALAMO, AISLE and ALOOF. Unsure about 23ac. Does HEES mean laughs?
- I had to give up on this 'fowl' crossword.
- Too hard for this slot. Several hit and miss clues. Too frustrating.
- This one had me running round like a headless chook. Even when I had guessed a few of the across answers, I couldn't see any connection for quite a while. Could you please explain 2dn and 7dn. I liked the clues for LAMER and ZOOMED IN.

Warren Allen
Bill Bennett
Margaret Davis
Kath Harper
Barb Ibbott
Carole Noble
Shirley O'Brien
Ted O'Brien
Andrew Patterson
David Procter
Joan Smith
Bev Solomon
Brian Symons
Roy Taylor
Irene Watts
Jenny Wenham
Maurice Cowan

- Words fail/failed me.

January 4-2008: AJ – X factor by Difficult Women (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)

- Boy oh boy! Did I waste a lot of time over the AJ! Just because the F clue started with a lover and ended with 'O' I confidently put in FLAMENCO. Put me right off that corner.
- A nice AJ and the missing X was no loss.
- My nomination for COTM this month goes to the T clue. I particularly like Slot 4 this time because it was possible to solve it without having to make up words to fit the clue and then search through umpteen dictionaries to make sure my creations actually existed.
- A good AJ and enjoyable to complete.
- Carole and Joan certainly are well named – their clues are a real challenge.
- A neat twist for an AJ. There was a nice spread of clue types.
- I chose TAPERED as my COTM.
- At first I thought there were two clues missing! Belatedly I noticed the title "AJ – X factor" and finally deduced that there had to be two words starting with L – then it all fell into place. Perhaps it should have been called "AJ – XL factor"!
- The X factor is the thankx factor for an engrossing AJ.
- Not easy but those difficult women did give us some jocular clues. Enjoyable and thankfully, a normal alphabetical.
- The *Difficult Women* didn't prove to be as difficult as they can be: A pleasure to solve. Loved TAPERED.
- Thank you ladies! You've solved a problem. Who needs an X-clue anyway?

Sonia Atkinson
Margaret Davis
Kath Harper
Barb Ibbott
Ted O'Brien
Andrew Patterson
Bev Solomon
Nea Storey
Alan Walter
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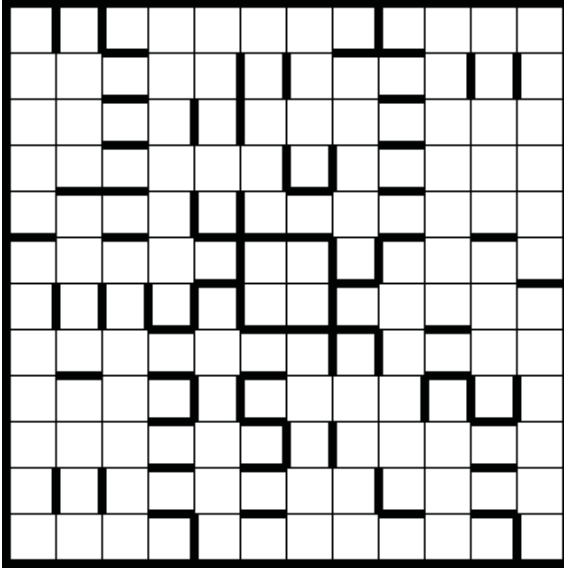
January 5-2008: Snail by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- A snail is not really a crossword but it's quite good fun.
- Novel and lots of fun. I'm not sure of one or two of my answers.
- I'm not really a fan of this type of puzzle – I usually have a mistake in about the second half.
- I like 'Snails' – lots of simple clues but I don't understand AGUE – it seems 'straight'.
- I like these 'Snails' and this is a good one. NEURAL took ages to understand.
- Beautifully constructed. Clever clues.
- Thanks *Virgo* for your cryptic Snail. It would have been nice to have the four cryptic diagonals marked in the grid.
- A brilliant 'tour de force' from Audrey. I am always amazed by the variety and skill of her many puzzles. Most enjoyable.
- Thank goodness for the CRYPTIC diagonals!
- CONSTABLE for COTM and ECO for inspiration.

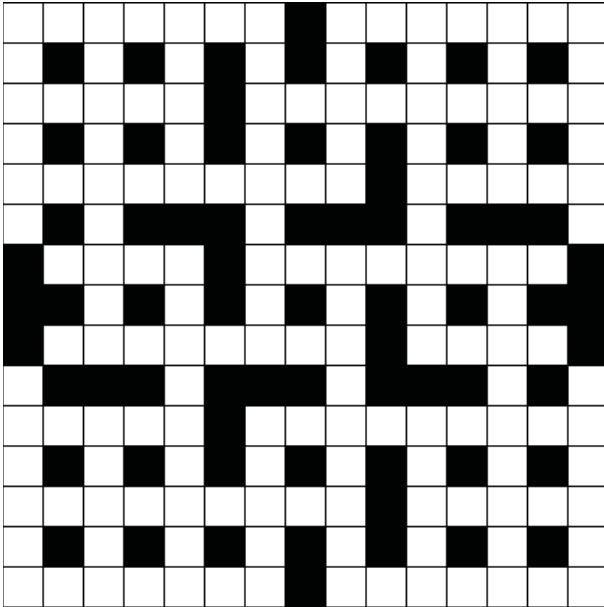
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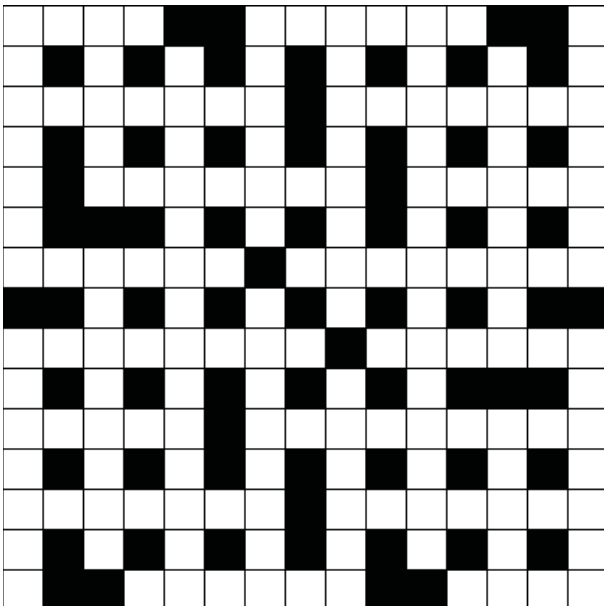
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NAME:



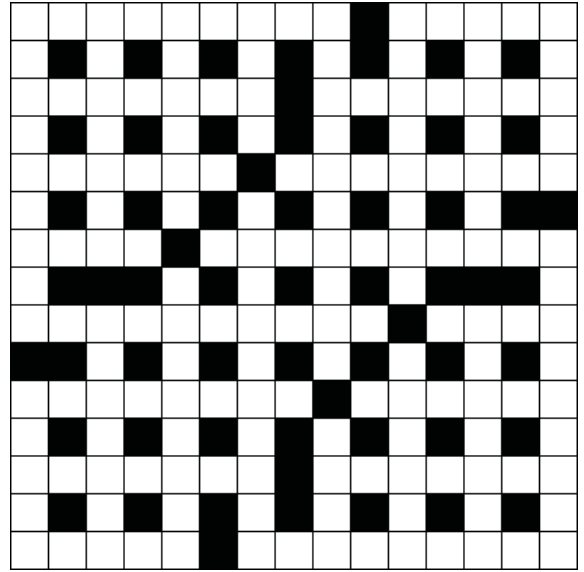
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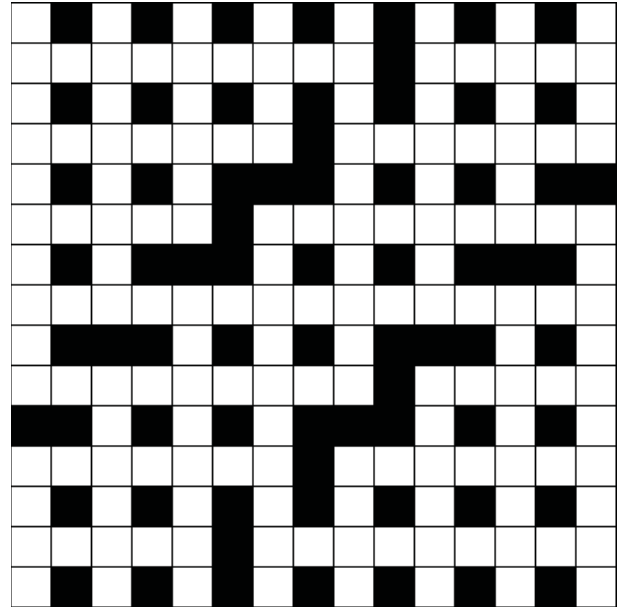
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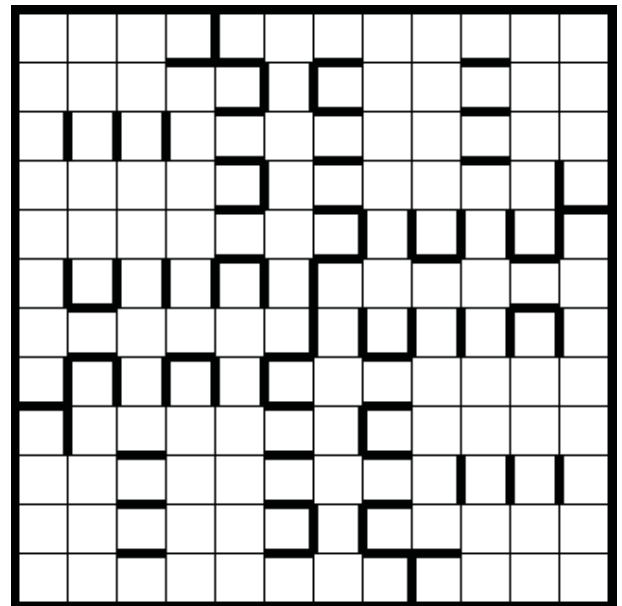
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2007: Rubaiyat by InGrid (Jean Barbour).
Entries: 25. Correct: 7 Success Rate: 28%.
Prizewinners: Gabrielle Leeds and Roy Taylor.
Congratulations!

Results: Margaret Davis, Bob Hagan, Michael Kennedy, Gabrielle Leeds, David Procter, Brian Symons and Roy Taylor.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all those who sent in solutions to this very tricky puzzle. It is nice even to receive the incomplete ones. In retrospect, this one was a little too obscure in places, as one of our members said. The main culprit was Line 2 Clue 2. The correct answer was **principals** but I received pronounces, hypnotises, gainsaying, stonemason and identifies. There were also a few problems with Line 9 Clue 1. I will give below a few explanations of clues and hope this clarifies things.

- Line 2, Clue 1 jiffy (moment) + letter (nu) Def stone
- Line 2, Clue 2 states (principalities) – that is and it (i.e. and it) Def stars
- Line 4, Clue 1 checks in (anag.) Def Sultans
- Line 6, Clue 2 uses loud (f) voice (anag.) + price (rate) Def cry
- Line 7, Clue 1 rift (anag.) + fish (ling) Def little
- Line 9, Clue 1 surrounded by (in) cold (c) + band (line) Def cock
- Line 9, Clue 2 backing poor (roop) + tenor (t) Def crew
- Line 10, Clue 1 double meaning German (frank) stamp
- Line 13, Clue 1 change (alter) local (native) Def new

Solvers' comments:

- It was a good thing Puzzles 1-5 needed to be in early as I definitely appreciated the extra time to work on this one.
Corryn Anderson
- I thought the double clues were very good – I can't quite come to grips with evening (regular (even) bank (ING) def night).
Bob Hagan
- I find it really difficult to remember the steps I need to take to solve these, but I'm sure it is good exercise for my brain.
Gabrielle Leeds
- What a wonderfully devious mind is at work here!
Ted O'Brien
- The hardest was line 2 ... there were many other devious ones too. Omar thought life should be easy, but thanks for all the hard work!
Roy Taylor
- Your Rubaiyat puzzle proved to be difficult to complete. The clue that was quite a conundrum was Line 2. In Line 11, the solution could be re + Alise or re + a + lise.
Alan Walter

Results of Quiz No 12/2007

A Rose by Any Other Name by Brian Symons

Answers:

- 1 Benny Goodman
- 2 Clara Bow
- 3 Edinburgh
- 4 Esther Williams
- 5 Florence Nightingale
- 6 Frank Tyson
- 7 George Patton
- 8 Gypsy Rose Lee
- 9 Home of David and Victoria Beckham
- 10 Jackson Pollock
- 11 Jane Fonda
- 12 John Barrymore

- 13 John McEnroe
- 14 Johnnie Ray
- 15 John Wayne
- 16 Josef Mengele
- 17 Leslie Hornby or Leslie Lawson
- 18 Lhasa
- 19 Lon Chaney
- 20 Margaret Thatcher
- 21 Mark Waugh
- 22 Michael Holding
- 23 Mississippi river
- 24 Richard Nixon
- 25 Robert or Robbie Burns
- 26 Robert Menzies
- 27 Ronald Reagan
- 28 Tennessee
- 29 Thomas Edison
- 30 Vera Lynn

Adjudicator's comments:

Thanks for all entries, comments, cards and New Year wishes. Unfortunately most mistakes were spelling mistakes/typos although some were due to disregarding word length indicators or alphabetical listing (necessary as a few nicknames could apply to other people/places). The derivations gave little problem except for Jane Fonda. Her anti-war activities in Hanoi had to be coupled with allusion to Tokyo Rose on whom the nickname was purposefully modelled.

Results:

Entries: 33. Winner: Trish McPherson – Congrats!

- 35:** Kath Harper, Trish McPherson and Jenny Wenham.
- 34:** Yvonne Ainsworth, Peter Dearie, Catherine Foster, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Susan Howells, Doreen Jones, Michael Kennedy, Gabrielle Leeds, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, David Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Alan Walter, Ken Watt and Norm Wilson.
- 33:** Audrey Austin, Bev Cockburn, Catherine Hambling, Catherine Jones, Del Kennedy, Cally Martin, Ted O'Brien, Betty Siegman and Jack Stocks.
- 32:** Marian Procter.
- 31:** Nea Storey.
- 30:** Valerie Howard
- 26:** Lorna Waites.

The official results of the quiz trophy for Jan-Dec 2007 are:

1st: David Procter. **2nd:** Carole Noble, Alan Walter and Brian Symons. **5th:** Bev Cockburn. Congratulations!

Mini quiz 1 by Brian Symons

Personal pronouns are beloved by compilers, who use them in various ways. For example the word SETTER could imply me or I. Personal pronouns are of course personal. So what 5 letter occupation is so personal that it is made up of 4 different, overlapping personal pronouns? Answer next month.

I could scarcely believe my old eyes
 When I found I had won the Nov. prize
 For Slots one to five.
 Am I really alive?
 Is this heaven on earth, or the skies?
 With its beautiful scrip signed by Patrick,
 I feel I have just scored a hat-trick.
 So thank you a million,
 A billion, a trillion.
 Best wishes to all. It's fantastic!

Irene Watts