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A definition is the enclosing a wilderness of idea within a wall of words.
Samuel Butler (1835-1902), *The Note-Books of Samuel Butler* (1912).

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The year 2015 has been another impressive one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have continued to host and manage our website and Forum and furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles and quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subscriptions and the generosity of member donations we will ensure

that the ACC is the best place for challenging crosswords & quizzes in 2016.

In this edition of *Crozworld* you will find a number of prize and bonus puzzles compiled by the "Australian Crossword Club family": those people who work at the coalface and also in the backroom. The former include our President, Secretary/Treasurer, Puzzle editor and the organiser of the Clue of the Month competition, while the latter include workers on ACCOLADE, quizzes (setting, adjudicating and testing), and our serial Compiler of the Year, as well as some of our other, more experienced compilers. We have combined (loosely) to bring you a feast of puzzles for the new year, in some of which you may find familiar styles, elements and personalities. We hope that you enjoy our humble attempts to entertain you. We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all the puzzles and quizzes during 2015. The Club could not function without their valued assistance. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club. We are confident that 2016 will again bring out the best in our compilers and will provide an unending source of delight and challenge for all ACC members. Thank you compilers for a job well done!

A special thank you to our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Club. And our sincere thanks to **Ian Williams** for his sterling work as the Club's masterly Puzzle Editor and to **Patrick Street** for his valued assistance in formatting and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

Finally, the Executive Committee of the ACC extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New Year. Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

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GENERAL: There were no big dramas with submitted errors. Slot 5, like any *Betelgeuse* puzzle, must have been the most troublesome with only about 50% including an attempted solution. It was a shame that some typos cost a dot. Let's see what happened with each Slot . . .

Slot 1: Lots of scattered errors in this one. HOISTS made a couple of appearances. I'd say that VANES was probably last answer in for a few people as there were a few guesses rather than typos.

Slot 2: All errors were one-offs. This may be because the clues were straightforward with no hidden traps.

Slot 3: I would've expected at least 99% in this one as the theme was all too familiar and numerous. We got 92%, oddly due to misspellings of the signs.

Slot 4: This one contained our biggest problem. 15 responses of ZONES were incorrect. The definition is 'divided into regions', not just 'regions'. Also, 'Retrospectively study' clues 'NED'. ABOUNDS popped up three times, then other rubbish.

Slot 5: This was certainly a challenge, especially on a short month. I did it before the answers arrived and realised it would be the sticking point. A couple sent obviously incomplete grids and a couple had minor errors. Many sent blank grids (but probably worked hard regardless). Some COLLASERS arrived but we needed COLLAR to contain APS(e).

COTM: We had a tie last month, now a tie this month. *The Lady & the Scamp* with SPRINGSTEEN and *Crowsman* with BOWLING ALLEYS, both had 7 votes. HANGOUTS was next best. Well done all.

—Andrew Patterson

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	101	104	89	101	58	453
Correct entries	87	97	82	78	48	392
Success rate (%)	86.1	93.3	92.1	77.2	82.8	86.5
Prizewinners	Judith Woodford	Ken Davis	Valerie Howard	Ray Gooderick	Hilary Cromer	from 101 members

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Dec 1-2015

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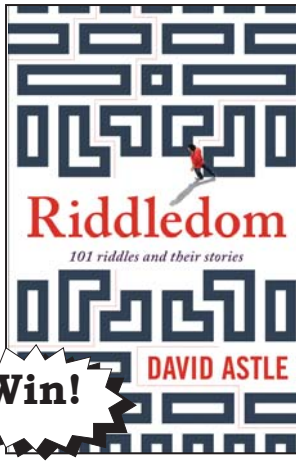
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**Cunningly
Cryptic
by
Stroz**

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Across

- 1 Crack (8)
- 5 Fishy group! (6)
- 10 Brush up (7)
- 11 One-way-streets! (7)
- 12 Depict (4)
- 13 Light piece (5)
- 14 Pupil! (4)
- 16 A Parliamentary panel (6,9)
- 19 Shocking weather! (10,5)
- 20 Current trend! (4)
- 22 Own (5)
- 23 Party animal! (4)
- 27 Sewer cover! (7)
- 28 Mouth (7)
- 29 Hands (6)
- 30 Shoplifting! (4,4)

Down

- 1 Christmas girl! (5)
- 2 Elfin male dancing at home (2,7)
- 3 Support a wager (4)
- 4 Hold chronicles ordered for pupils (14)
- 6 Funny charade had no worry (4)
- 7 Talk about zero tax! (5)
- 8 Ray can be measurable; turn away (5,4)
- 9 Master in conversation with canal worker by entrance, heard to go round (14)
- 15 Cross fan (4)
- 16 Court in seaport corrupted watchman (9)
- 17 Guys from pet show (4)
- 18 Engine for bipet? (3-6)
- 21 Staining they tell us in passing (5)
- 24 Lift standing order (3,2)
- 25 Late news from outside broadcast thing (4)
- 26 Short chair for fellow (4)

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Closing mail date: 12 February 2016.

For Online entry, submission and adjudication of all puzzles via ACCOLADE click on www.low.net.au/accolade/

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Cryptic
by
The Eager Beaver



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Across

- 7 Knives etc engrave and rely upon switching sides (7)
- 8 Air enters through storeroom (7)
- 10 Bob understood puzzle (6)
- 11 Call about Australian from China (8)
- 12 Young animal, but it's over a foot (4)
- 13 Friend in the Eternal City embraced god finally – deified, perhaps (10)
- 14 Brand new metal rod damaged in vessel (5-6)
- 19 No rent arrangement accommodates celebrity, for scratching (3-7)
- 22 Heads around point (4)
- 23 12 rose unexpectedly outside (8)
- 24 Disheartening trash from lock-up (6)
- 25 By bagging Redsox's first pitcher, its end result is bitter, perhaps (7)
- 26 Drunk pockets copper element (7)

Down

- 1 Moralistic wisecrack about Englishwoman being educated (7)
- 2 Volume of water for good girl with terrible flu? (8)
- 3 Mature women within organisation (4,2)
- 4 Bribed to commit crime! Taken to court, delivered inside (8)
- 5 Pat, right to the end, is one fuelling fire (6)
- 6 Galley employees initially earn about right, but going up (7)
- 9 Plaudits for Catholic priest in engagement (11)
- 15 In distress, aeroplane ascended to maintain position again (8)
- 16 Handicap with reference to 1 (8)
- 17 Sportsmen's old sun protectors (7)
- 18 Phony ID for fellow leaving Germany (7)
- 20 Left buckles around lounge (6)
- 21 Wearing threadbare clothes is ridiculed (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thanks so much for my November Slots 1-5 prize and many thanks for another great year of wonderful puzzles and quizzes.
- Where would we be without Len? In an easier place?
- Thank you for the cheque for slot 3: a very nice surprise. Merry Christmas to all!
- Best wishes of the season to all ACC members. Once again, thanks for a stellar year of puzzles. A number of strong puzzles and great clues to finish the year – ELLINGTON, DETOUR, FEASTED, PINNACLES among others. May it long continue.
- Thanks for the \$75 prize last month. A really nice surprise.
- Quite a tough bunch of puzzles this month, but most enjoyable.
- A challenge!
- First time I have used ACCOLADE: I'm impressed.
- Thank you for my prize for October Slot 5.
- Thank you to Patrick, Bev, Ian and all concerned for another year of great crosswords. Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year 2016.
- What a wonderful set of puzzles this month. Enjoyed every one but especially slots 5 and 6. Clever, clever! Pat Lord
- Slots 3 and 5 were not for the faint-hearted. I particularly liked many of Audrey's slot 1 clues. As always the AJ was an enjoyable exercise.

Brian Tickle
Richard Skinner
Tony Dobeles
Andrew Miles
Stephen Matthews
Trish McPherson
Ann Millard
Margaret Dennis
Claire Batum
Laurence Kennedy
Pat Lord
Bob Hagan



J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 6 S L O T 3
<h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="color: green; margin: 0;">Blue King</h2>

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Across

- 1 Dense copper deposits from the East (6)
- 5 Speed needed on search for success (8)
- 9 Regular home, for bottle holders perhaps? (8)
- 10 Opera star comes back to her king with child (6)
- 11 Unimportant American fish returns after workout (6)
- 12 Terminal has dump opposite (8)
- 14 Wild punch overcoming foul smelling tripper (12)
- 17 Horsies and taxi returns in time for breakfast (4,3,5)
- 20 Lift music to a sound for some classic Hellenic repast (8)
- 22 Divine return after small beer, back to front, man! (3,3)
- 23 Go out back after adventure leader in junior ramble (6)
- 25 I amaze most of the Ku Klux Klan, mad suicide bombers (8)
- 26 Calm down and place over there (6,2)
- 27 Roman Cardinal in excelsis (6)

Down

- 2 Risqué performer may pose tricky question (6)
- 3 Bring up short with premises (illustrated) (11)
- 4 Surprisingly, no Celt had an Olympic trial (9)
- 5 Shuffle cards to find fruit variety (7)
- 6 Almost time for bed-time (5)
- 7 A Spanish girl (3)
- 8 Epidermal variety in Spring (4-4)
- 13 Regular's partners punch straight from the shoulder (11)
- 15 Unusually Cathy's name, short for skipper perhaps (9)
- 16 Unenlightened, in the case of Monsignor Antonio (8)
- 18 Dirty Everton wingers go after Bayern leader's shortcoming (7)
- 19 Indian greeting unknown at Lord's appeal? (6)
- 21 Erect flower table (5)
- 24 Feathered reptile? (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- This month's puzzles were the usual combination of difficult and fair. My COTM goes to Slot 5 for 'Harry'. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thank you everyone for a challenging set of puzzles. Oddly enough I have had the greatest trouble with Slot 1. However Slot 5 was most challenging but great fun. *Jean Evans*

News from puzzle expert Derek Harrison in England:

• News from Eric Westbrook that the BBC CiNA 3D Crosswords series will continue in 2016 from their website: Calendar Puzzles – 3D Crossword Puzzles <http://www.calendarpuzzles.co.uk/> Solvers bonkers enough to try and crack the 12 puzzle series and win the title of BBC Children in Need Appeal 3D Crosswords World Champion can do so at the secure PayPal sales point which will appear on the website in December. The entry fee is £12 which will be split between BBC CiNA and RNIB Pears Centre for Specialist Learning.


• *The Guardian* had an interesting article about a "self-referential" crossword. You may be interested to read about it at the link below. I was fascinated by the pangram devised by Lee Sallows. This pangram contains four As, one B, two Cs, one D, thirty Es, six Fs, five Gs, seven Hs, eleven Is, one J, one K, two Ls, two Ms, eighteen Ns, fifteen Os, two Ps, one Q, five Rs, twenty-seven Ss, eighteen Ts, two Us, seven Vs, eight Ws, two Xs, three Ys, & one Z.

Visit: <http://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/nov/23/can-you-solve-it-the-crossword-that-counts-itself?>

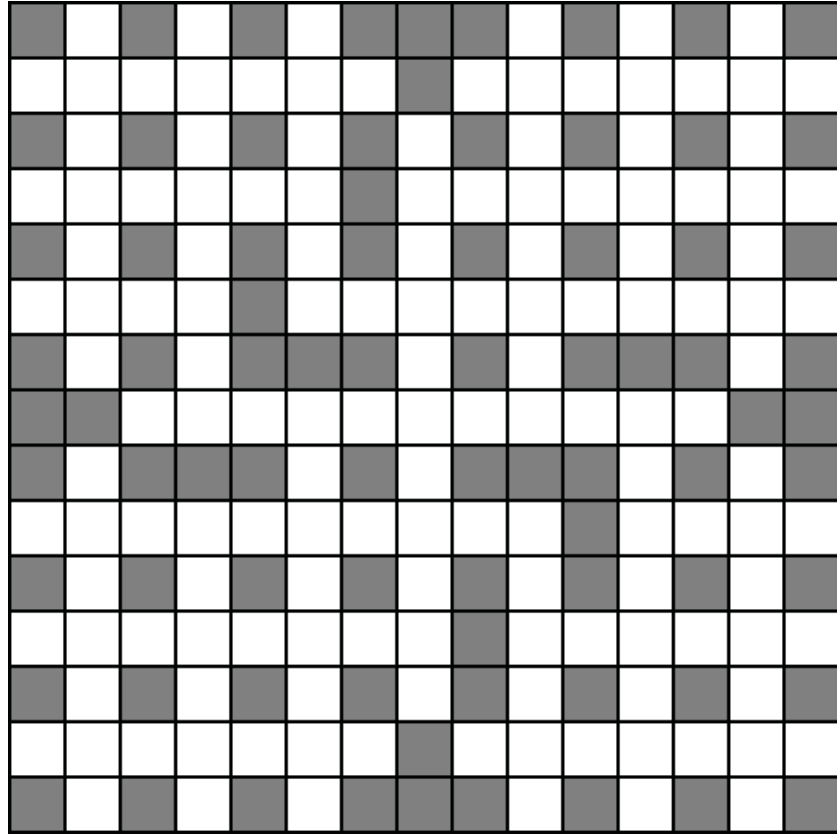


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AJ
by
Manveru



Prize
\$75



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

- A** Discriminate badly with not one Conservative to oversee (10)
- B** A bent finger? (6)
- C** Dodgy cult, peace corps and church coming together to make sandwiches (3,5)
- D** Tests – boring series (3,4)
- E** Former partner caught swinging and swapping (10)
- F** One expressing amour? (11)
- G** Seething over NRA stifling control (6)
- H** Flagged down after storm breaks on Eastern Distributor (6)
- I** Crook (eg. Capone) is unlawful (7)
- J** Loved one left, taking vase and a diary (7)
- K** A pilot on a deadline? (8)
- L** Benedictine and Chartreuse, for instance, question rules revised around the introduction of iconoclasm (8)
- M** Universal method deciphered, it's said (7)
- N** Skim with added aluminium – it's not lethal (3-5)
- O** Remove lid from container and add stalks as soup ingredient (7)
- P** One asking for a hand is right to accept love with society (8)
- Q** Platoon's leader ejected from off-road vehicle (4)
- R** Depended upon saving Earth – very thankful (8)
- S** More restrained with special beer brewed and bottled in gold (7)
- T** Canvassed frameworks showing poor relations with MP (11)
- U** Book the perfect place? (6)
- V** City on the Danube via enclosed directions (6)
- W** Player ran out on the inside from tip-off (7)
- X** Sea-going vessels cross with instruments that fail to hold heading (6)
- Y** Festive cake or Christmas tree (4,3)
- Z** Mountain-dweller who was partial to a breeze, usually (4)

Explanations for December Grids

Slot 1 Virgo: Across: 1 RE APP LY, 5 MO + (CHINA)*, 9 (I BE LAD GOT)*, 10 (OuTINGS)*, 11 TEN + DON, 12 (HI + RECTOR)*, 14 (PIPS PARCEL)*, 16 cd, 18 N (AR) Y, 19 dd, 22 d/cd, 23 d/cd, 26 hidden, 27 (DONE + HULKS)*, 28 STREAMS*, 29 (A NAME IS)*.

Slot 2 Lexi Connor. Across: 1 SE [CUD]< ED, 5 anag. 'ESQUIRE', 9 M [AL] ARIA, 10 OILS(') KIN, 11 IN + FLUE + aNZAc, 12 NO(-) ON + slEep, 13 anag 'LOVES', 15 SHORT + TERM, 17 KNOW + L + EDGE, 19 NaughtY + MPH, 22 amUSING, 23 MASS + MEDIA, 25 K [N] ITTED, 26 Two meanings, 27 E [x] TERNAL, 28 SH + RILL + Y. Down: 1 SUM + anag. of 'MITS', 2 DOLE + FUL, 3 'realistiC OR FUnctional', 4 Anag. 'easing odd', 5 Questioning Users Of Temporary Allowances, 6 wELLINGTON, 7 'smIRK SOMEhow', 8 SUN + BEAM, 14 mEN + LIGHTEN, 16 OVERS + HOES, 17 KNUCKLE

[down], 18 OX + I + SIDE*, 20 anag. 'claimed', 21 HyEnAs RiSk AnY, 23 MED[ic]AL, 24 MAJORity.

Slot 3 The Lady and the Scamp: The twelve unclued answers are the signs of the zodiac, collectively defined by 6Dn SIGNS Across: 1 theme, 7 SKIp, 9 theme, 10 UNITED, but "SIGH" for "I", 11 SEE(THE)R, 12 ENSU(R)ES, 13 theme, 14 theme, 18 theme, 20 theme, 23 FOOT + AGE, 25 LO(SIN)GS, 27 theme, 28 theme, 29 theme, 30 SPRINGS TEEN. Down: 1 S + AVES, 2 G(ARM)ENT, 3 LOOT< + HOUSE, 4 theme, 5 IS SUED, 6 dd, 7 I inside (RACIST)*, 8 INDUS + TRY, 15 AC (DIALS)* TS, 16 (A + POLICE + F)*, 17 LINE inside (BEND)*, 19 theme, 21 B inside (LEGION)*, 22 anag. 24 theme, 26 S + PAWN.

Slot 4 Crowsman: A A + MOUNT, B BOWL + IN + GALLEYS, C VALE inside CONSCi(j)ENCE, D DISC + LOSE, E SILENT*, F F(EAST)ED, G GUN

+ G(H)O, H HAN + GOUTS, I I + DEAL, J JOIN + THEIR, K homoph, L (SUOMI)< in LINE, M MO (I) STLY, N NE(WE)ST, O O+DOUR, P PIN(NACL) ES, Q dd, R R(AID)ING, S S + HOOTERS, T STALK with S moved to end + HOW, U (p) USHER, V VENT + UREa, W WAR + SAW, X XEN(OMANI)A, Y YELL "OW", Z (DEN + OZ)<.

Slot 5 Betelgeuse: Across: 7 RE (HOMEr) D, 8 H+ORAT(OR)IO - Forester, 9 homoph "minks", 10 STANDS + FAST, 12 COLL (APSe) AR, 14 DEMURe, 16 L (cORN) A - Blackmore, 17 HANDS + CREW, 18 RACE (homoph "hoarse") S, 22 ILIAD<, 24 T + (C(e)RTAIN)*, 25 A (BA) TING. Down: 1 S (CHIN (LED)*) R, 2 Ref to pm - "pip emma" - Austen, 3 BI (DE) T, 4 LO+HEN+GRIN, 5 ARRAn + S, 6 heads, 11 ANANAS less As - Zola, 13 (HER + C + LIPS)*, 14 D + ASH, 15 GRAM< + A RITA Bulgakov, 19 CANTOn, 20 (Cgoes to H) ARRY - Rowling, 21 hidden, 23 JAN + E - Bronte.



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Cryptic
by
The Myhttics

Prize:

Win!

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Across

- 1 To influence attitudes, Fortuna 48 cheerfully teaches beginners (6)
- 4 Mother is on edge and Brother Naga is totally disheartened by introduction of Stroz's 6s (8)
- 10 Due to Buzzer, California (America) is included (7)
- 11 A timid terrier type, perhaps, Banjo lost love to sei at sea (7)
- 12 To check Robespierre, InGrid took part (4)
- 13 Massachusetts too, protects rank South American state (4,6)
- 15 An instrumental composition piece – Praxis on a tambourine (6)
- 16 Birds note trademark on diamonds (7)
- 20 Sweet talk Barney Naga, forename must include Lambert (7)
- 21 Nor with incurious Whynot? (3,3)
- 24 See 25
- 26 The Co-Op ignoring love for male school type (4)
- 28 Exotic Isla losing head with 3 turns north, is reformed (7)
- 29 Agriculturist comprehended by Raoul and Manveru (7)
- 30 Once more talked over Both Sides of refugee bungle with editor (8)
- 31 Formality had Betelgeuse for example, turning Hot and Cold (6)

Down

- 1 Waratah expert, perhaps, with special skill conceals unorthodox special brio (8)
- 2 and 8 Perhaps Sinbad was invented by Jack (9,6)
- 3 Our ACC, eg, is a hit (4)
- 5 A master monk possibly goes to South Iowa for delicious food (8)
- 6 Aeolian harp, say, gets ten excited after cool sweep of strings (10)
- 7 Relies on old Flowerman (5)
- 8 See 2
- 9 Crafty Bogeyman sacked boy for girl (5)
- 14 Southern Cross and Virgo begin without finishing; adults lose heart (4,6)
- 17 Traditionalist Lexi's second loses name but gains form (9)
- 18 Fib to inform about Elsie missing first two directions (4,1,3)
- 19 In a case of emergency, Pindar curiously eliminated Doctor Church at first! (2,1,5)
- 22 Cat contracted fever, kept in container (6)
- 23 KA abandons badly defended panel (5)
- 25 and 24 Crowsman, is he a statesman? (5,10)
- 27 Mend Blue King after G&T trade (4)

The Myhttics

"The Myhttics" is a new pairing featuring two familiar compilers in the shape of *Valkyrie*¹ and *Bogeyman*²; two myths from different folklores but with one aim. They have combined to bring you a puzzle that features as many of the pseudonyms of our compilers as they could reasonably manage to include in a 15x15 grid.

¹ Bio at CrOZworld December 2014, p6.

² Bio at CrOZworld July 2012, p6.

Cockburn writes:

"Once again our annual Sydney get-together took place at William Ryan's wonderful Harold Park Hotel in beautiful air-conditioned comfort. Twenty-nine members and their partners enjoyed great food and beverages, quizzes, crosswords and brain-teasers with major prizes going to Margaret Davis, Brian Symons and Roger Douglas whilst many others hid their light under a bushel – you know who you are! Congratulations all round and thank you to all those who travelled great distances to be there. As I said last year, we're going to do it all again next year!"

Another Memorable Sydney Get-Together! Our Secretary Bev



J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 6 S L O T 6
Cryptic by Crowsman

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Identification of the full Nina will enhance your chances of winning the prize. Highlight it, or indicate it separately if submitting hard copy or use the comment facility in ACCOLADE.

Across

- 8 Stuffed with one type of butter, bananas suit this dessert (8)
- 9 African capital has hot air initially, thin on the ground (6)
- 10 Swanks step back, holding pose to the left (8)
- 11 An alcoholic drink preceded a heart problem (6)
- 12 Gets rid of cold in county for part of Italy (6)
- 14 I am a dog! (6)
- 16 Making boatmen reverse direction, keeping south, is increasing pressure (7,3,5)
- 18 Rex, cattle dog, scratched hot folk dancer (6)
- 20 Attraction is totally genuine without pressure being applied (6)
- 22 Creating a tie, without losing king (6)
- 23 Boundless wood lice troubled fool (8)
- 25 Condemn to misery, neglecting right blame (6)
- 26 Having less room, headed back with boatman (8)

Down

- 1 Black, perhaps, has lilac blended (5)
- 2 6 forsook cold Heyerdahl (8)
- 3 Can these contaminate soil? (4)
- 4 Pieces of proof against cutting branches where electricity is transformed (15)
- 5 SLA Patty split small fish with blade metal (5-5)
- 6 Carpenter possibly was foremost of watercolour conservatives (6)
- 7 Irish Protestants' warning restricts row (9)
- 13 Exhausts urns, maybe? (4,6)
- 15 Crude hand worked in agritourism resort (4,5)
- 17 Chocolate producers include centres of pure liqueurs (8)
- 19 Face being bedridden (4,2)
- 21 Sore from cruel accident (5)
- 24 Bay for ship (4)

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ACC COMPILER OF 2015: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *CroZworld* during 2015. No doubt you have your favourite ACC compiler. If so, then we would like you to vote for him/her as the ACC Compiler of 2015. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2015 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2016. During 2015, the results were as follows: *Crowsman* (Len Colgan) 4 COTMs (Congratulations Len) and those with two COTMs each were: *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan) and *Zinzan* (Andrew Patterson). With one COTM were: *Zythum* (Roger Douglas), *Lady & the Scamp* (Bev Cockburn), *Elsie* (Claire Clark), *Barney Naga* (Bob Hagan & Jeremy Barnes), *Pentangle* (Brian Tickle), *Valkyrie* (Ulla Axelsen) and *Blue King* (Roy Low). Well done!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2016, the cost is only \$35. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2016! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$35 for the whole year. Great value!

Subscription renewals/new members for 2016 kindly received from: Alexander J, Allen W, Anderson C, Axelsen U, Clayton J, Copland F, Coulton L, Crowe, J, Davis K, Dearie P, DeGrys T, Dobele T, Dodd M, Ducker R, Fabian V, Fauser, G, Freeman H, Greenberger O, Hamilton M, Heath P, Hocking A, Howat S, Howells S, Hull B, Jarman L, Jermy A, Lobsey V, McGrath J, McKenzie R&P, McPherson T, Milton R, Mitchell J, O'Hara H, Pearce J, Perrow H, Procter D, Pyc M, Rolfe G, Roulston S, Shipway S, Smith J, Strover L, Taylor R, Thompson I, Wilson R and Wood J.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2016 are gratefully received from: Warren Allen, Corryn Anderson, Ulla Axelsen, Fay Copland, Lynne Coulton, Julie Crowe, Ken Davis, Tony DeGrys, Tony Dobele, Mary Dodd, Rosemary Ducker, Odette Greenberger, Alison Hocking, Samuel Howat, Susan Howells, Bronwyn Hull, Lynn Jarman, Veniece Lobsey, Joan McGrath, Robyn & Peter McKenzie, Trish McPherson, Judith Mitchell, Heather O'Hara, David Procter, Margaret Pyc, George Rolfe, Sally Shipway, Joan Smith, Lisa Strover, Roy Taylor, Ian Thompson and Jan Wood. Sincere thanks to you all for your kindness and generosity.

Appeals: If you feel aggrieved about any decision made by an Adjudicator, then contact the Adjudicator and put your case. If your appeal to the Adjudicator is unsuccessful, you may contact the Executive Committee who will then finally determine the appeal.

Renewals of Subscriptions: We have been delighted not only with the large number of renewals for 2016 but also the generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2016. Accordingly, we have decided to reward the 2016 subscribers with a very useful tool which will help complete the written solutions. We hope you enjoy this Gift and will get plenty of successful use from it. If you would like to order some of these wonderful objects to give to your cruciverbal friends, kindly contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn. A red spot (right) will indicate that according to our records you have not yet renewed for 2016. We would value your renewal soon.

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New Member: Mike Hamilton, Donvale, Vic (A Gift Membership from Roy Low). Welcome to the Wonderful World of *CroZworlding!*

Corrigenda and errata for January 2016

edition: Please note that while the address given for e-mailed entries for December Slot 6 will probably work, your vital messages will be more certain of delivery if you use *jenny@wenham.net.au*. Thank you.

E-LODGMET: We have been very pleased that the ACCOLADE system for submitting prize entries has become popular with our members, to the extent that something like 70 per cent of entries are now able to be assessed automatically. However, the remaining 30 per cent still need to be assessed manually. If you don't already do so we encourage you to use ACCOLADE to reduce the work that our loyal and hard-working adjudicators have to do on your behalf. Submission via ACCOLADE prevents those inadvertent blank spaces and a simple process allows you to spell-check your answers before submission. Do use ACCOLADE to help us and help yourselves.

Bonus Grids in this CroZworld

We have arranged for the completed Bonus grids 1, 2 and 3 to be available via ACCOLADE on 1 January 2016. The answers to 4 and 5 will not be available until the February issue.

Comment from Don Manley, compiler and author extraordinaire, in relation to our mention in the December CroZworld p12 of the Oxford Dictionary's Word of the Year 2015 of emoji:

"The OED critics are missing the point, by the way. OED is there to reflect usage, being descriptive rather than prescriptive – and there are rules about a word establishing a certain amount of consistent use in print before it is considered for entry. If folk don't like the word, they should blame the popular culture, not my dear old ex-colleagues."

And **Ian Williams** writes:

"I thought it was a bit strange that the complaints seemed to be that the OD was reflecting usage, albeit one in popular culture – Surely that's what dictionaries are designed to do?"

Updating of ACC website

Ken Davis has helpfully updated our ACC website <http://www.crosswordclub.org/> and is preparing to introduce the excellent ACCOLADE development in 2016. Ken has been a distinguished member of the ACC since 1993 and has been a successful puzzle solver for many years. We are sincerely grateful to Ken for the very capable work he has done to fix up the website problems and make it accessible and available to our members.

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2016

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 2 to 7 and the Quizzes will be: \$75 each. Puzzle No 1: *Riddledom* by Davis Astle or other book as selected. Other books of a relevant nature will be awarded where appropriate. The prize for submitting correctly slots 1-5 inclusive each month will be a handsome prize of \$100.

NOTES: (1) "Closing mail date" means that entries eligible for a prize must be received by the Adjudicator at or before the time of the postal mail delivery on the date specified each month in *CroZworld*. This includes any entries sent to the Adjudicator by e-mail. The closure of any other form of e-lodgement, including ACCOLADE, is 00.01 hours on the closing mail date. Any entries received after that time and date will not be eligible to gain a 'dot' or to qualify for a prize."

(2) Only current financial members of the Australian Crossword Club are eligible to win prizes in 2016.

A Note about the Prizes for 2016

Thanks to the generosity of members, we have been able to establish an excellent prize schedule for 2016 and will continue with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2016. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement.

As in 2015, we will honour the ACC's champion solvers with premium prizes. Generous financial payments will be made for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2016 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2016. Thanks to the generous donations made by the members, we are able to give these special rewards. Commencing from this edition of *CroZworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2016!

Note: In 2016, the acceptability of repeat entries for a particular puzzle or Quiz by an individual is a matter for the discretion of the Adjudicator.

December 1-2015: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• Straightforward, but I didn't know heist could refer to the person. The things you learn doing crosswords. *Richard Skinner*
 • I have no idea if I've guessed correctly for 28ac. An explanation would be welcome so I can have a kickself moment. *Jenny Wenham*
 • Heist in on-line *Chambers, Collins & Oxford* is robbery. *Chambers'* editors; in a bout of whimsy have defined heist as robber in some of their published dictionaries as a joke to annoy crossword solvers. It worked. *Rob Moline*
 • Nearly put wrong things for ELEVEN and VANES. *Roy Taylor*
 • I always think the Half 'n Half puzzles are going to be easier but in fact they rarely are! *Julie Crowe*
 • ELEVEN nearly got the best of me till I was reminded of bingo. 28ac was clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
 • ELEVEN and VANES had me stumped for days. NARY was another clever clue. I don't know about MIDSHIPMAN being a former officer – I heard them mentioned in a TV report on HMAS Adelaide just recently. *Nea Storey*
 • Some good cryptic clues and 23 across (eleven) was tricky. *Hilary Cromer*

• 6dn: HEISTS = Robberies not robbers? [See above - Adj] 26ac: Receiver is the criminal, RESET is the crime? *Michael Potts*
 • Thanks for a nice straightforward slot one. *Barbara Ibbott*
 • Thanks for a fairly straightforward Slot 1 *Virgo*. I always find the conventional clues trickier than the cryptic. Must use a different part of the brain? *Gabriel Fuller*
 • Thanks for your 2 halves *Virgo*. In 5ac, presume MO=modus operandi=way. In 6dn, Robbers are Heisters, Robberies are Heists. *Alan Walter*

• Not the easiest Slot 1 I have ever solved. It took me ages to realise that 23ac referred to bingo. A great *Virgo* puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
 • Nice change, 50/50 with across clues being cryptic. *Betty Siegman*
 • 23ac had me stumped for a long time as I could not get 24dn either. *Anne Simons*
 • This was an engrossing puzzle as the cryptic clues were not always the more difficult half. *John Baylis*

December 2-2015: Cryptic by Lexi Connor (Ron Shapiro)

• A pangram! I suspect this was deliberate but I am unsure. My favourite clues were 13ac and 19ac. However, I do not agree that "middle name = am". Grammatically, it should be "middle of name" or similar. *Len Colgan*
 • Nice wordplay. *Richard Skinner*
 • I loved the two dukes in 6dn and the two singers in 9ac. It took me a long time to see that I needed to subtract AM from 'amusing' to solve 22ac. *Brian Tickle*
 • A very enjoyable puzzle to solve. Appropriately, I particularly enjoyed solving SOLVE. *Jenny Wenham*
 • Enjoyable puzzle with tricky clues. Liked MALARIA, KNITTED, OXIDISE and especially KNUCKLE when I finally put knee where it belonged. Thank You *Lexi Connor*. *Joan Smith*
 • I liked 13ac SOLVE. *Rob Moline*
 • Thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle with some great clues. *Glenda Lloyd*
 • A wonderful pangram. *Michael Kennedy*
 • An enjoyable crossword. *Nea Storey*
 • Just right for my skill level. Challenging enough but mostly solvable without too much "referencing". *Stephen Mattheus*
 • Enjoyed this puzzle especially OXIDISE. *Ann Millard*
 • Have not solved many this month but still enjoyed trying. Christmas greetings. *Norma Heyes*
 • Liked 13ac (SOLVE). *Hilary Cromer*
 • Thank you *Lexi*. Some nice clues. *Robyn Wimbush*
 • 13dn, 19dn, 28dn and 24ac are all very tidy clues. *Michael Potts*
 • A very appropriate standard of difficulty for Slot 2 and the spell-check had no problems with any of my answers. *Susan Howells*
 • Slot two was not a pushover and I liked 3 clues for COTM but couldn't decide which to choose. *Gabriel Fuller*
 • 24dn, key=major, ¼ of municipality=ity, delete this from major(ity). How does media=people communicating with the dead? *Alan Walter*
 • Lots of good clues. I particularly liked 'oilskin'. *Robyn Caine*
 • Many thanks *Lexi Connor*: hope to see more from you. *Betty Siegman*

• This was not too difficult, mainly I think, because the clues were so precise and accurate. *John Baylis*

December 3-2015: Cryptic by The Lady & the Scamp (Bev Cockburn & Len Colgan)

• Had trouble with this puzzle until the penny dropped with the rubrics. Great clues especially SAVES, BED LINEN and my favourite SPRINGSTEEN. Thank you *The Lady & the Scamp*. *Joan Smith*
 • I enjoyed the theme and the clues for 'saves', 'industry' and 'Springsteen'. *Brian Tickle*
 • Struggled to start but guessed ACID SALT; got BED LINEN and IGNOBLE which suggested GEMINI. Then 2 minutes to fill in the rest. Surprised I knew the 12 star signs. Liked DETOUR; love a good &lit. Enjoyable grid and clues. *Rob Moline*
 • 12 theme answers! I thought I'd never get them, but once I had the first one I was away. Well done getting them all in one grid. *Jenny Wenham*
 • Very clever! *Julie Crowe*
 • I enjoyed this clever crossword – the 12 signs of the zodiac as defined

by SIGNS in 6dn. *Nea Storey*
 • Struggling until the penny dropped as to the theme. *Trish McPherson*

• I must confess I followed the signs down a few dead ends before I found the right houses. Well done! *Kath Harper*
 • Difficult until the rubric was worked out. *Hilary Cromer*
 • So good to find LIBRA! The rest is history. *Robyn Wimbush*
 • Once I realised what the rubric was I enjoyed the puzzle; the "see rubric" in twelve slots initially being daunting. *Cheryl Wilcox*
 • Not too hard once the rubric clicked. *Michael Potts*
 • A very clever concept: thank you. *Barbara Ibbott*
 • Not too difficult once the deSIGNated rubric was discovered. 10ac UNSIGHTED was my COTM – lovely surface. *Susan Howells*
 • What a puzzle to solve if you didn't deduce the Signs of the Zodiac! Much liked the clue for 'bed linen' and 'Springsteen'. *Alan Walter*
 • Once the code was cracked, the puzzle was reasonably easy. Loved 'Springsteen'. *Robyn Caine*
 • I'm amazed that you have managed to fit all 12 signs of the zodiac. The penny finally dropped when I found 'signs'. *Betty Siegman*
 • Even solving 'signs' didn't help much! Finally got it all out. 'Springsteen' is a great clue. *Anne Simons*
 • The incorporation of all 12 Zodiac signs into a single puzzle, impressive as it was, made it so much easier. Mind you, having pencilled in 'cobra', I had reptiles in mind for quite a time. *John Baylis*

December 4-2015: AJ by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• I think we'll have to give you the nickname 'Hawkeye', Len. It's clever enough to spot salt (NaCl) in 'pinnacles' but how did you ever see IMOUS (the reverse spelling of SUOMI – the Finnish word for Finland) in limousine? Nevertheless I gave my COTM to 'hangouts' for its cleverness and smooth surface reading. *Brian Tickle*
 • I almost made a couple of errors – initially I had TALK SHOP and I was trying to fit in DISCOVER – but the correct answers were DISCLOSED. Some clever clues. My favourites were P and H. *Jenny Wenham*
 • Particularly liked the C clue. *Richard Skinner*
 • Well crafted as usual: highly enjoyable. V second last in: quite tricky. (F last due to typos – idiot!) Liked B & F & T. *Rob Moline*
 • Another enjoyable AJ with great clues: favourites were HANGOUTS, FEASTED, JOINT HEIR and BOWLING ALLEYS which nearly got my COTM. Thank you *Crowsman*. *Joan Smith*
 • Clever clues and a more difficult than usual answer placement. *Roy Taylor*

• The clue for H is very clever. *Nea Storey*
 • Always an enjoyable puzzle and "B" was an excellent clue. *Ann Millard*

• Always like the alphabetical. *Hilary Cromer*
 • Thank you Len. Loved bowling alleys. *Robyn Wimbush*
 • Another enjoyable AJ. Took me some time to complete but as always *Crowsman's* clues are very fair. *Cheryl Wilcox*
 • I struggled to find the long words; but otherwise ok. *Barbara Ibbott*
 • Didn't think I would ever solve this one. Anxious to see how I went. *Norma Heyes*
 • I am not confident about my answer to the T clue as I can't work out the word play. *Susan Howells*
 • Thank you *Crowsman*. I particularly liked BOWLING ALLEYS. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

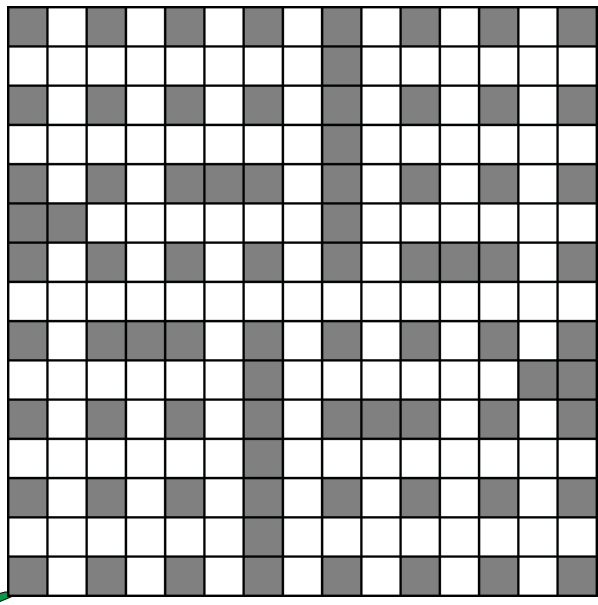
• Thanks Len for your enjoyable AJ. Much liked 'bowling alleys' and 'venture'. Also liked 'limousine', (Finland=Suomi). *Alan Walter*
 • The usual great clues from Len. *Robyn Caine*
 • I love the AJ but it's more difficult without the centre 11x11. Trust *Crowsman* to make us work for it. *Betty Siegman*
 • This was another excellent AJ with no obvious starting point. One had to rely on the four 5-letter words. I have 'hangouts' my COTM. *John Baylis*

December 5-2015: Authors' Darlings by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

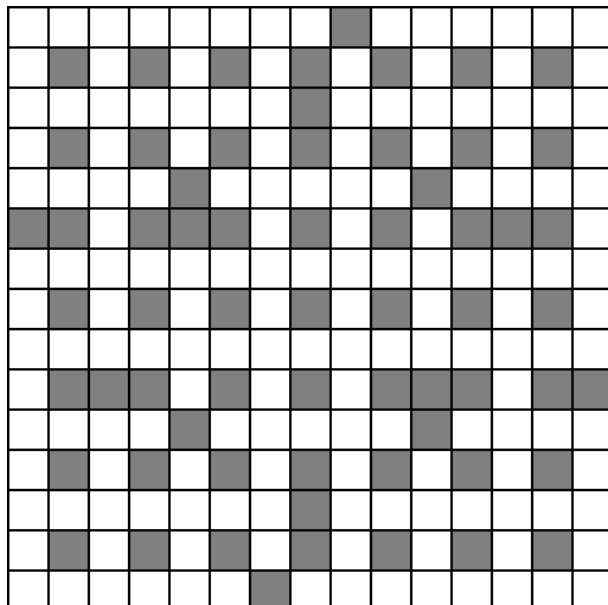
• ACCOLADE is difficult to use for this style of puzzle; the cursor doesn't go round the perimeter and often jumps inside overwriting correct answers with wrong letters. You're going to get a lot of typos in the submissions. [Pleasingly few typos, given the potential for error. The choice of solution numbering and hence the navigation mode in ACCOLADE was a toss-up between technology and style, with the aim of avoiding the meaningless backward bottom and left-hand perimeter "solutions". While I plumped for style this time perhaps for ease of use I should bow to the technology and number all "solutions" when we next feature a perimeter puzzle – IW] *Rob Moline*
 • This was a tough slot 5, taking me three times as long as usual: but all completed in one sitting. My literary knowledge is a bit limited but I managed to get through to the end aided by internet searches and recollections of author's names. *Ian Thompson*
 • Took me a while to justify why 20dn yields HARRY. Finally I realised "bear = carry", and "rise in temperature" implies changing C (cold) to H (hot). Phew! But a great challenge! *Len Colgan*
 • Tough as always Gillian. Some wonderful clues and great surface readings as well – apart from the concept itself. You're a star! *Richard Skinner*
 • Great puzzle. Tricky clue: HARRY with cold to hot. I had to give that COTM. *Roy Taylor*

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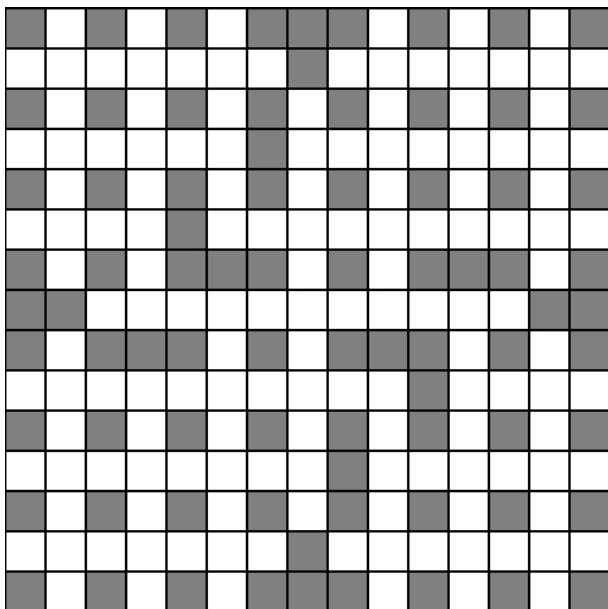
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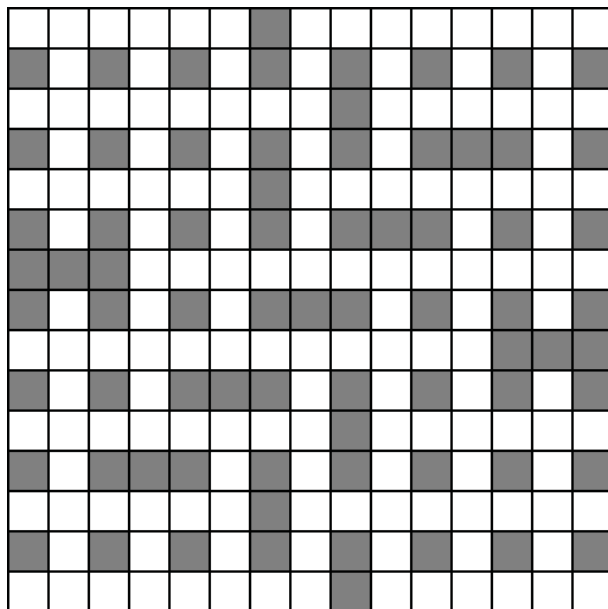
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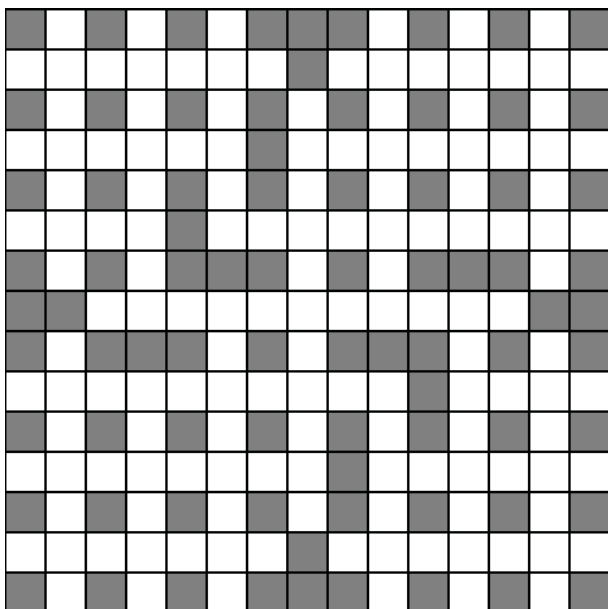
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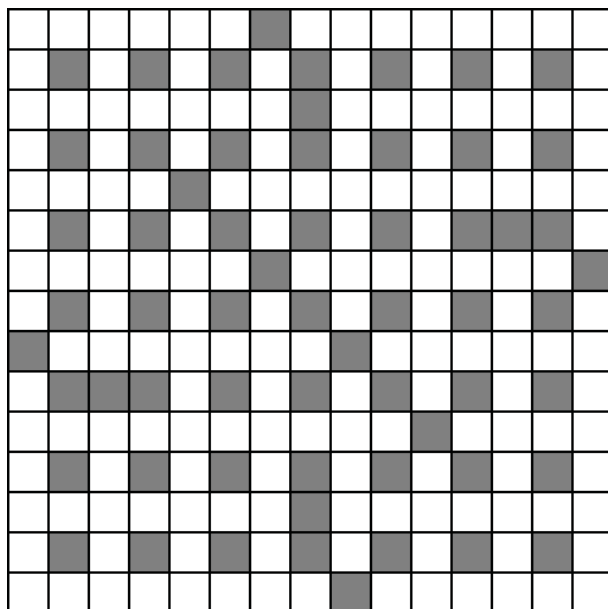
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 6-2015: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)
Entries 82. Correct 76. Success rate 93%.
Prizewinner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Correct: P Abbott, W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, J Barnes, J Baylis, M Blake, R Caine, G Champion, D Coates, B Cockburn, G Cole, M Cowan, J Crowe, M Davis, P Dearie, T Dobebe, R Ducker, J Evans, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, O Greenberger, B Hagan, C Hambling, K Harper, S Howat, S Howells, C Jones, D Jones, M Kennedy, J Lankshear, C Lee, N Lee, G Leeds, J Leigh, P Lord, I MacDougall, C McClelland, I McKenzie, R and P McKenzie, D McManus, I Mason, S Matthews, D Meek, P Mercer, A Miles, A Millard, R Moline, E O'Brien, D Parsons, A Patterson, S Pinder, M Potts, D Procter, M Procter, M Pyc, S Roulston, W Ryan, B Siegman, A Simons, R Skinner, J Smith, M Steinberger, N Storey, B Symons, R Taylor, S Taylor, I Thompson, B Tickle, B Tofoni, A Walter, J Wenham, C Wilcox, R Wimbush and J Wood.

Adjudicator's Comments:

A smaller number than expected of entries mentioned seeking the reason for the pair of puzzles in Slots 6 and 7, referred to by Patrick as "two special puzzles". What made the two compilations so time-consuming was that the only vowel anywhere in the Slot 6 grid was E, whereas the vowel E did not appear at all in Slot 7. Several members identified the "E only" Slot 6, but the "no E" Slot 7 was much less spotted. —Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Explanations:

Across: 6 (d)ES(k) + TEEMS; 9 (PRES<)ENT; 10 F + RE(E)VERSE; 11 hidden reverse; 12 WETHER* + HEELERS; 13 JEEP(ER)S + CREEPERS; 16 WELL(PRESENT)ED; 20 L + EDGE; 21 PE(REST*)ERS; 22 (th)E + VENTER; 23 S + SERPEN(t)*; **Down:** 1 BEE + FED; 2 PER + VERSE; 3 TRE(m)BLE; 4 SEVER + (to)E; 5 S + TRESSES; 7 anag; 8 STREETS + WEEPER; 9 anag; 13 JE(WELL)ER; 14 EX + METRES*; 15 END + LESS; 17 LEDGE + R; 18 P(R)ETTY; 19 dd.

Comments on all-E, no-E in the pair of puzzles:

- Thank you for two first-rate puzzles. You certainly don't believe in making things easy for yourself, do you? Lipogrammatic cruciverbals – whatever next? *Iain MacDougall*
- I twigged early that the only vowel was E which made solving a bit easier. *Marian Procter*
- No doubt you'll get plenty of *eesy* comments on Slot 6 & not so *eesy* comments on Slot 7. They were a very enjoyable challenge. *Bob Hagan*
- Fantastic! "E" exceeds excellently! *Catherine Jones*
- I tried to say something clever about "with what ease" – but decided just to salute your dexterity. *Dale McManus*
- All those Es!! Loved JEEPERS CREEPERS and SHEPHERDESSES. *Ann Millard*
- Eek! Nothing but EEs as far as the eye sees. What a clever puzzle. *Kath Harper*
- Who needs any other vowel but E? Not the Crowsman! *Michael Kennedy*
- Eee! An ee-zy puzzle. *Rob Moline*
- There had to be SOME reason to have two Crowsman puzzles. Always thinking. *Andrew Patterson*
- I finished this puzzle with "EEs". Actually, I did not notice that this was the only vowel used until I had finished the puzzle! *Peter Dearie*

Some of the other comments on the Slot 6 puzzle:

- Can't go past Slot 6 for brilliance. 9dn SHEPHERDESSES was so clever, and I have not heard "JEEPERS CREEPERS" for ages. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Thank you for your puzzle. Once again solving it was more like being in a witty conversation than in an arduous battle. My favourite clue is 11ac. *Denis Coates*
- My favourite clue was PRETTY – the last possible meaning of it, with PETTY for "minor". Great! *Bev Cockburn*
- What a bonus! Two of your crosswords in the one issue. Great clues as usual and some new words for me, but such preciseness in the clueing that I could work them out. *Robyn Caine*
- A nice puzzle. My favourite clue was JEEPERS CREEPERS. Last one in was ESTEEM. *Ian Thompson*
- A great puzzle. I really liked 9ac, 11ac, 3dn, and the great cryptic definition in 9dn ('crooked females' = SHEPHERDESSES). *Brian Tickle*
- I loved the clues for WELL PRESENTED, SHEPHERDESSES, and JEWELLER. One of the times when I regret that Slot 6 is

- not eligible for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- One of the easier Crowsman puzzles. I suppose I'll pay in Slot 7. *Roy Taylor*
- Great definitions for 9dn and 13dn. Did not get clue for 9ac until I was typing the word into ACCOLADE. Very clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I found it very challenging ... needed all my online and book helpers. *Stephen Matthews*
- I always enjoy Crowsman's puzzles, even when I am unable to complete them. Happily not the case this time. *Margaret Davis*
- Found this puzzle quite quirky. Thoroughly enjoyed it. *Julie Crowe*
- Classic Crowsman. Tough but fair and a pleasure to solve. *Jenny Wenham*
- As expected, a delightful puzzle. I liked the product placement in 8dn – ice cream maker (STREETS) and suggest this could be developed into a great source of extra income for the club. *Jim Fowler*
- Much liked your THREE-WHEELERS and STREET SWEEPER. 18dn giving "PRETTY = somewhat" was a very clever clue, as also was 22ac EVENTER. 7ac tricked me for quite a while as I initially took the "odd letters" from "frame construction", till I realised "odd" as an anagind operating on "letters" to give TRESTLE. *Alan Walter*
- I have finally given up trying to find a justification for my answer SERPENT for 9ac (first four from here=PRESENT turned back. LC). *Susan Howells*

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- Amazing puzzle! I'm still surprised I finished it. Well done! *Julie Crowe*
- I find it difficult to solve clues with no definitions: my mind is wired differently. Still got 7 of the characters before resorting to aids – beaten by Nana: as ananas - As = anan not nana; for me. Guessed Zola from ???A; but had to look up some authors – never heard of Forester, Blackmore, Bulgakov (I have the book!) or Nana; didn't know who wrote Lorna Doone, Horatio Hornblower, The Master... Emma (one of the Brontes: my guess) or Jane Eyre. Can't figure the parsing of Harry yet. *Rob Moline*
- 1dn SR = senior not older. *George Rolfe*
- Another mind-bender from *Betelgeuse*. Very challenging but great fun. COTM to 'Harry': that 'rise in temperature' had me thinking for a while. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Another fiendishly difficult crossword from *Betelgeuse!* The authors and their characters: BLACKMORE/LORNA, KENEALLY/SCHINDLER, BULGAKOV/MARGARITA, FORESTER/HORATIO, ROWLING/HARRY, AUSTEN/EMMA, BRONTE/JANE, ZOLA/NANA. I have given DALI my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Too difficult for a number 5. *Marian Procter*
- Oof! That was a lesson in finding the gaps in my literary knowledge; and a major challenge of the sort to be expected from *Betelgeuse*. *Kath Harper*
- This is one of the hardest crosswords I have ever attempted and I have surprised myself with reaching a solution... whether or not it is correct! Fingers crossed! *Maureen Blake*
- I find it hard to justify 'Harry' and 'Emma' with the clues but they fit with the authors. *Hilary Cromer*
- Very clever construction. It took me a while to realise that the names of the characters were in the titles of the authors' books. *Susan Howells*
- I had to resort to the internet to find Bulgakov and find he had written one of the most important books of the 20th C; and who would have thought there was such a thing as a collapsar. *Warren Allen*
- Another nice one, Gillian! I needed references to find BULGAKOV; and spent some time trying to fit SHAKESPEARE in to go with HORATIO; until I passed a Subaru when walking the dog yesterday. Love MINX! *Michael Potts*
- What a stunning puzzle! Took ages to complete the outside edges and connect the authors to their name characters in the grid. *Alan Walter*
- Another Gillian masterpiece. What more can I say? *Robyn Caine*
- Not easy but what a great concept. 23dn, 'Jane' got me started then a couple of wild guesses that seemed to fit. All in all, a good workout in the brain gym. *Betty Siegman*
- This was a beast! Too many unclued and undefined answers. 'Collapsar' caused a lot of grief. *Anne Simons*
- This was for me a corker and rather than miss the post, I am sending it unfinished. *John Baylis*



J A N 2 0 1 6 S L O T 7
Cryptic by Zinzan
Prize \$75

Post solution to:

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email:
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Closing mail date:
 12 February 2016.

Across

- 6 I storm out after a lover is found! (7)
- 7 Panel goes over separate articles some time in the New Year (7)
- 9 After Romeo's death, start to shed tears (5)
- 10 'Loose lips' refer to people who snitch (9)
- 11 Learned one thing, evident after fight, boxing initially had odd laws (7)
- 13 Zinzan's name not beginning to inspire great fortitude (6)
- 15 Agreeing where 7-across, 20, 24, 1, 6-down and 22 are? (2,3,4,4)
- 19 Uncontrolled tirade subsequent to some hesitation (6)
- 20 Hard to fathom Rev William's downfall then rebound (7)
- 23 Spotted disease variant enveloping small part of one's body - no time to lose! (9)
- 24 Auditor takes a deep interest in lottery winnings (5)
- 26 Tragically, sufficient ice taken to shuffle off this mortal coil (5,2)
- 27 A man who composes words' meaning after the final repose . . . finally (7)

Down

- 1 College professor pinches wife's behind (4)
- 2 Informational book in church explains how altar may turn into tar? (6)
- 3 Leading articles in *Sunday Telegraph* give no latitude to news of an important nature (4,5)
- 4 Quite committed to look back over requirement (4-4)
- 5 Indisputable Twitter hashtag #DancingWithoutHats (10)
- 6 Understanding a basic part of Christianity (6)
- 7 A small amount left in jar (4)
- 8 Oily types succeeded in Middle-East country (3,3)
- 12 Nominal fee for one man hour wasted about operational research (10)
- 14 Cockney bloke could observe rowing crews caught in drains (9)
- 16 One way to restrain this may be dealt a blow (8)
- 17 Packs one's bags while a vessel shelters (6)
- 18 Highlight another element 15 to begin with, every now and then (6)
- 21 Barnaby's closing Australia before Depp's flippin' dogs did this! (6)
- 22 Primarily, scheduled length of time! (4)
- 25 Regularly excised fibroids from a part of the eye (4)

ROUGH COPY

GOOD COPY: Name

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Quiz No 1/2016



by **Crowsman**

Quiz No 1/2016. No Repeats by **Crowsman**.

Each answer comprises totally different (non-repeated) letters including all five vowels, such as AUCTIONED, DISCOUNTABLE, TOURMALINE, MUSTACHIOED, WALTZING MOUSE.

Send your solutions to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to len.colgan@unisa.edu.au

Closing mail date: 12 February 2016. \$75 prize.

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| 1 With equal use of both hands (14) | 12 Party to celebrate new home (12) | 22 Gershwin composition (8,2,4) |
| 2 Conduct (9) | 13 Utilizing water and air together (14) | 23 Californian conifer (7) |
| 3 Outer limits (10) | 14 Vaccinated (10) | 24 Silhouette (6,6) |
| 4 Warned (9) | 15 US prison (9) | 25 Lower in rank (11) |
| 5 Put a damper on (10) | 16 Omitting (7,3) | 26 Shallow single-headed drum (10) |
| 6 Alternate blank lines when typing (6,7) | 17 Underfed (12) | 27 Dogged (9) |
| 7 Mathematical expression (8) | 18 Extremely wicked (9) | 28 Beyond pardon or excuse (12) |
| 8 Seventh heaven (8) | 19 Examining thoroughly, gaining upon (11) | 29 Gymnastic apparatus (8-5) |
| 9 Disinterment (10) | 20 Safeguards (11) | 30 Depositing goods in storage (11) |
| 10 In a tongue-in-cheek way (11) | 21 Keyboard symbol (8,4) | |
| 11 Jelly-like (10) | | |

Results of Quiz No 11/2015: "Opposites" by KA (Karl Audrins)

No of entries: 40. Winner: **Cheryl Wilcox**. Congrats!

Results: 30: Abbott P, Allen W, Axelsen U, Caine R, Cockburn B, Crowe J, Garner P, Glissan B, Gooderick R, Grainger D, Hagan B, Harper K, Leigh J, Lord P, Martin F, Miles A, O'Brien E, Pinder S, Potts M, Shield A, Skinner R, Symons B, Thompson J, Wenham J and Wilcox C. **29:** Cole G, Evans J, Fowler J, Heath P, McClelland C, McKenzie R, McPherson T, Meek A, Siegman B and Wimbush R. **28:** Millard A and Walter A. **27:** Jones C, Lee N and Steinberger M.

Answers:

1 All or nothing **2** Big or small **3** Boys and girls **4** Black and white **5** Buy and sell **6** Day or night **7** Ebb and flow **8** Fight or flight **9** Fore and aft **10** Give and take **11** Heads or tails **12** Hide and seek **13** Hit or miss **14** Hot and cold **15** Husband and wife **16** In and out **17** Land and sea **18** More or less **19** Near and far **20** Now and then **21** Open and shut **22** Port and starboard **23** Rain or shine **24** Sooner or later **25** Start to finish **26** Stop and go **27** Top to bottom **28** Ups and downs **29** War and peace **30** Yes and no.

Adjudicator's Comments: Thank you to all those who entered, and for your kind comments. Apart from the alphabetical gremlin of 3 & 4, which most took in their stride, there was no real problem with most of the others. Wishing you all a safe and happy Yuletide —*Karl Audrins*

Solvers' Comments:

- The quiz was fun and a good idea, as it was about thinking rather than research. *Robyn and Peter McKenzie*
- This was a fun project – just the right degree of difficulty. *Mike Potts*
- An enjoyable quiz. What a strange language we have that provides us with such a list of opposites. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks for a jolly good puzzle. *Phyl Heath*
- Thank you Karl. I found many answers took a long time,

but I struggled on and enjoyed it all. *Robyn Wimbush*

- Quite a challenging quiz. Don't know if they are all right, but here's hoping. *Claire McClelland*

- This was a fun quiz and thank goodness it required no Googling. A great concept with the "opposites" sayings – I hadn't realised there were so many. Thank you. *Robyn Caine*

- Some of these took a bit of thinking about. Thank you for the challenge. *Trish McPherson*

- I got stuck on 8. It hit me as I awoke today. Adrenaline flowing, I ran to my PC! *Ray Gooderick*

- A challenging quiz. Thank you. *Alan Walter*

- I really enjoyed it: didn't realise there were so many expressions containing opposites – but then the English language is a delightful thing. *Betty Siegman*

- Is "fight or flight" a conditioned or automatic reflex? (One for the pedants. Adj.) *Andrew Miles*

- Many thanks for the quiz this month. I always prefer them when you cannot just look up the answers on the internet.....one has to drag them from the depths of one's brain instead. *Julie Leigh*

- Thanks for your entertaining quiz – it was just perfect for an "ifs and buts and maybes" person like me. *Kath Harper*

- Great puzzle. Thank you. *Sue Pinder*

- An interesting quiz. Thank you. *Pat Lord*

- I did enjoy your quiz – amazing to realise so many phrases are formed using opposites. *Bev Cockburn*

- Some of these sayings are so much part of our vernacular that when they are given a conventional meaning they become hard to think of. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*

- I found it quite challenging and most importantly, it made me think, and not rely on going to Google. Excellent. *Graeme Cole*

- Thoroughly enjoyed working out this quiz – the brain exercise was most welcome. *Pat Garner*

- Thanks for a challenging, enjoyable quiz. *Brian Symons*

- When I received the December *Crozworld* I first turned to the Member News hoping for the amendment that I found there. Wonderful. I was going nuts trying to find answers to 3 & 4 that were in alphabetical order. Really enjoyed

- doing this quiz. *Cheryl Wilcox*



November 7-2015: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries 64. Correct 57. Success rate 89%.

Prizewinner: Ann Millard. Congratulations!

Correct: W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, J Barnes, J Baylis, R Caine, G Champion, D Coates, B Cockburn, G Cole, M Cowan, J Crowe, T Dobele, J Evans, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, O Greenberger, B Hagan, C Hambling, K Harper, D Jones, M Kennedy, C Lee, J Leigh, P Lord, I MacDougall, C McClelland, I McKenzie, R & P McKenzie, T McPherson, F Martin, D Meek, A Miles, A Millard, R Moline, E O'Brien, D Parsons, A Patterson, S Pinder, M Potts, D Procter, S Roulston, W Ryan, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, N Storey, R Taylor, S Taylor, I Thompson, B Tickle, B Tofoni, A Walter, J Wenham and J Wood.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Few members seem to have realised that, in direct opposition to Slot 6, this answer grid did not contain a single E vowel. I hope in some small way that justifies the need to include a word such as ISOTRIA. The only repeated error was CYANON instead of CYANIN.
—Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Explanations:

Across: 1 COCO + AS; 4 P + (c)OCKPIT; 9 (IS + O)< inside CONTRACTIONS; 10 DA(TIN)GS; 11 IS + (AIR + TO)<; 12 SUBA(C)RID; 14 AT< + STY; 15 (delinquen)T inside MOOR; 16 anag; 18 hidden reverse; 19 AID< inside RANT; 21 MAIN + T(ackled) + A + INABILITY; 22 CAT + A + LOG; 23 C(hemistr)Y + NINA<; **Down:** 1 CI(CAD)A; 2 ((cour)T + RUCTION) inside CONSIST; 3 A(PRO)N; 4 POST + INDUS + TRIAL; 5 ((racis)T + TONTO) inside COP; 6 PRO + RACIST* + NATION; 7 CUTS* + ANY; 8 TROPHI(e)S inside (A + POSING); 13 PAIR* + IS + LOT<; 15 MI(AS)MIC; 17 STAIN around Y(ear); 20 DA(IS)Y.

Solution to Slot 7 Cryptic by Crowsman

C	O	C	O	A	S			P	O	C	K	P	I	T
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Some of the other comments on the Slot 7 puzzle:

- An extraordinary superabundance of long words! Very enjoyable. *Betty Siegman*
- Slot 7 took me ages though I got the long words by stealth starting with PROCRASTINATION. My favourite clue was 3dn APRON – great surface & using “wearing” as a container was masterful. *Bev Cockburn*
- I had a lot of trouble with your orchid ISOTRIA, but I loved POCKPIT. *Jean Evans*
- Slot 7 required quite a bit of research before I could find confirmation of POCKPIT, SUBACRID and, last of all, ISOTRIA. *John Baylis*
- Perhaps too many “boring” words in this puzzle (CONSTRUCTIONIST, POST PAID, SUBACRID, etc.), but as ever, fairly clued. *Ian Thompson*
- Another great puzzle. I like the way you used NINA in 23ac and

the smooth surface readings of 3dn and 7dn. I also admire the way you clue the 14- and 15- letter answers. *Brian Tickle*

- A good workout here with some tricky and obscure words. *Roy Taylor*
- Fairly straight forward despite the many long words. I so wanted to put ‘dogalog’ in 22ac. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Tough! Thank goodness for the “get-ability” of most of the words. *Jenny Wenham*
- APOSTROPHISING was a very clever answer – trophi(e)s contained by a posing! One of the hardest to solve was CONSTRUCTIONIST. Much liked your CONTRAPOSITIONS, PROCRASTINATION & MAINTAINABILITY. *Alan Walter*
- Some tricky words. SUBACRID had me puzzling for days. *R & P McKenzie*
- A very challenging puzzle for this old brain; not sure of a couple of answers. Great clues as usual from *Crowsman*. Favourite clue was DATINGS which was the last clue to get and liked AIR PISTOL. *Joan Smith*
- I sometimes think that the compilers have very twisted minds to come up with the clues. Then I realise I must be just as twisted if I manage to solve the puzzle. This grid was definitely one of those. *Frank Martin*

Some Christmas Cracker Jokes

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow.

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What did Santa say to the smoker? Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas? One that's deep pan, crisp and even!

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy!

What do you call a cat in the desert? Sandy Claws!

What does Santa do with fat elves? He sends them to an Elf Farm!

What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

How many letters are in the Christmas alphabet? 25. There's "no EL"!

What carol is heard in the desert? O camel ye faithful!

Which famous playwright was terrified of Christmas? Noël Coward!

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum – you just can't beat it!

How do you know if Santa is really a werewolf? He has Santa claws!

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!

Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital? Because he has private elf care!

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born? They had a weigh in a manger!

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars? Because their days are numbered!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Arthur
Arthur who?
Arthur any mince pies left?



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2015

Write a clue for CRATER (6)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n the bowl-like mouth of a volcano; a hole in the ground where a meteorite has fallen, or a shell, mine or bomb exploded; a circular rimmed depression in the surface of the moon; a cavity formed in the carbon of an electric arc; (*usu* **krat'er**) a large two-handed bowl for mixing wine in (*archaeol*); (with *cap*) a small faint constellation in the southern hemisphere. **vt** to form craters in. [L, from Gr *krater* a mixing bowl]

Thank you for all the contributions and supportive comments you have sent throughout the year. As the adjudicator I have learnt a lot and I look forward to putting this to use during 2016. For *crater*, there were enough bombs and explosions in these entries to alert the authorities I'm sure. After defusing them one by one, the surviving clue comes from the thoughtful pen of **Ray Gooderick**.

Erratic, confused; I leave a deep impression (6)

The entries are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

A hole in the moon. Copernicus, perhaps, the creator? Oh, no! **½

This astronomical clue has a lot going on. It contains not one, but two definitions, as well as an anagram. While the first definition is obvious, the second *Copernicus, perhaps*, is a reference to the name of an actual lunar crater. The anagram of *creator*, which doesn't appear to have an indicator, is then treated to a subtraction with *oh no* (no O!). While the subtraction has some potential (i.e. OH sounding like O), but there's no homophonic indicator. In any case this would make the clue too unwieldy. For most cryptic clues, less is invariably more.

A large hole made by old bomb perhaps – right! ***½

This is a simple charade clue that joins *crate* (a reference to a decrepit car – old bomb) to R *right*. I love the way *old bomb* has been disguised, as the clue obviously suggests an explosive device. The adding on of *right* is slightly jarring but otherwise this is a fine clue.

Bomb maker finally creates hole in the ground ****

This uses the same elements (*crate* and R) as the above clue. In this one the definition swings to the back and the final letter R is incorporated smoothly into the wording. Another fine clue!

Boxer makes an impression? ****

A witty little cryptic clue, that plays on two definitions of *crater*. One is not your typical idea of a boxer (i.e. someone who makes or packs a box), and the other is a reference to an indentation. Altogether it makes for a clever clue, albeit a violent one – if you're imagining a broken cheekbone as I am. I guess it could also be a dog performing well at Crufts.

Budget (approved by President Carter) creates a big black hole **

The surface sense of the clue is quite exceptional, but unfortunately it's at the expense of using superfluous words (*budget, approved, by, president, and black*). The clue is a straightforward anagram of *carter* as indicated by *creates*. While *creating* would be a preferable indicator, the main problem lies with the padding.

Canine finding rat on Queen Elizabeth in cavity ****

I don't think I've come across C for **canine** before, but it's a perfectly valid abbreviation. Here it's used skillfully with *rat* and ER. Compilers are often looking for a novel way of parsing ER, and while Queen Elizabeth is one of the most common, I do like the allusion to the ship rather than the person.

Caught judge with queen in a pit ***

A fair clue that links C with RATE and R (Queen). I'm not sure what a judge would be doing with a queen in a pit, but it has the makings of a terrific story.

Contents of secret archives revealed Westerly constellation ***½

This is a hidden clue where the answer is found literally hiding

within *secret archives*. It's neatly parsed and one of only two clues that used the constellation definition of *crater*. If only *Crater* wasn't a Southern hemisphere constellation!

ER following car crash next to intersection – is seeing stars ***

This clue had so much potential with its clever parsing elements. It places ER after an anagram of CAR next to **t** (intersection). The parsing is also accurate, but just needs some tweaking to make the clue flow.

Erratic, confused; I leave a deep impression ****

This is a subtraction (the letter I) after an anagram of *erratic* as indicated by *confused*. This is perfectly parsed and every element serves a purpose. I also like how the definition is disguised, as well as the overall surface reading. It could very well be a line taken straight out of a novel.

Judge in Costa Rica is making an impression ***½

The trick here is knowing that Costa Rica is represented by CR. Insert RATE *judge* in between and there's your crater. It's simply parsed and also portrays a credible image.

Manx sure to win, throwing rat in a hole ***

Have you worked this one out? It's great imagery – a cat chasing a rat down a hole, but the chase is a challenging one. *Sure to win* is CERT, and the word *Manx* is a direction to remove the tail (the letter T), as in the Manx cat. Then it's just a matter of throwing *rat* into it. The Manx cat is a cute idea but not entirely accurate. Even if one accepts that Manx, by itself, refers to the cat, it is serving purely as a noun and doesn't strictly indicate a tail removal.

Nothing left from reactor explosion but huge hole ***½

This is a simple subtraction (remove O) after an anagram (REACTOR) that has been almost seamlessly parsed. The linking word *but* is slightly grating. The surface sense is top notch.

Pit bull contracted short term ***

This clue undoubtedly contains the best-disguised definition. The secondary indicators involve two shortened words CRA(p) and TER(m), with their own respective indicators. It works, but the use of a vulgar slang word is contentious, and would likely be unacceptable in a standard publication.

Some concern surrounds sailor fallen into depression ***

This clue cleverly disguises the definition. CER is derived from conCERN, which then surrounds RAT *fallen sailor* (TAR). *Some concern* is a little non-specific and could equally refer to several letter runs, particularly if you hadn't determined the three-lettered sailor. Excellent surface sense.

Tricky creator can dispel a small hole to make a big one ***

This final clue also used the most popular method this month – subtracting a letter following an anagram. In this case it's taking an O from *creator*. The word *can* is superfluous and could be replaced by using *dispelling*. I like the way in which the compiler has arrived at the definition, although I can't help but think there is a more tantalising anagram indicator out there.

Scoring System

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Total score: Star Rating: 0 0; 1-2*; 3-4**; 5-7***; 8-9****; 10*****

Clue Writing Competition No 1/2016

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **PLETHORA (8)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 12 February 2016. Book prize.



Bonus Puzzle 1: Add and Stir by Kaeila

[Grid below left]

10 clues rely on another clue for their solution, and should be solved using an unclued operator in a manner indicated by the title. All of these clues are defined. This puzzle may be solved using ACCOLADE {www.low.net.au/accolade} – solutions and explanations will be available via the normal ACCOLADE system on 1 January 2016.

Across

- 1 Raw protest about aquatic activity (10)
- 8 Academic benefactor died with 13 (6)
- 9 Second postscript by 13 to buyers (8)
- 10 One hundred and thirteen jobs (6)
- 11 Poetically intertwine lining of simple achkans (8)
- 12 Antony Ambrose's implicit retrograde refusal (3,3)
- 13 Animal Egyptian god not acceptable to Spain (5)
- 16 First young in a long time for South American wildcat (4)
- 19 Mostly saturates trees (4)
- 21 A new tax causes anxiety (5)
- 24 Red-back swallows beer trader (6)
- 25 Woman takes 13 to hospital department (8)
- 27 Stoker suffering seizure (6)
- 28 Tender, loving care, with 13, brings chuckles (8)
- 29 13 with a little husky (6)
- 30 Tony, Ted are excited, describing unopened book (3,4,3)

Down

- 1 Striped insect is initially horrific and virulent (7)
- 2 Mounted soldier (drunk), carrying a sawn-off rod! (7)
- 3 A broad connecting ridge located in Qatar – a phenomenon! (5)
- 4 13 has empty cop car (7)
- 5 U.S. transport driver the first specialist AFL footballer (8)
- 6 Japanese family crest (ox) carved only on canoe (9)
- 7 Fred has 13 beef cattle (9)
- 14 Article on particle generates disapproval (9)
- 15 Cruise directors' basic water craft (9)
- 17 Chat idly as Yarrowonga's annual knitting starts (3)
- 18 Land crabs have 13 pieces (8)
- 20 13 taking Old Testament as a pacifier (7)
- 22 Expert shearer to perform use of firearms (7)
- 23 Woody plant model for forest protest (4-3)
- 26 Land dread audition (5)

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Bonus Puzzle 2 — Cryptic by Flowerman

Six clues lack a definition. Their solutions have something in common. This puzzle may be solved using ACCOLADE {www.low.net.au/accolade} – solutions and explanations will be available via the normal ACCOLADE system on 1 January 2016

Across

- 1 and 5 Wrongly took bully's clothing, and not rebuked! (8,6)
- 5 See 1-across
- 10 In these, aim to enter direct answer? (9)
- 11 Ribbed when not keeping company, say (5)
- 12 Each one ordered to return ribbons (7)
- 13 Settles difficulties with new leader (7)
- 14 See 30
- 15 See 31
- 16 American kills sour son (4)
- 19 and 7 He got behind popular king in a way (4,5)
- 20 See 30
- 21 Crowbar inverted to secure a part of doorway (6)
- 25 After work, butler's nicer (7)
- 27 Face being sent back after mistake (4,3)
- 28 Native American informally presented first half of order (5)
- 29 Girl takes off in theatre (9)
- 30, 14, 20 Members of royal house heartless and desperate, sadly (6,6,3)

- 31, 15 King of Aragon's shaken fellow's left hand (8,3)

Down

- 1 Orca confused by current after docking of a vessel (7)
- 2 Bad temper shows when custom declines (3-6)
- 3 Row over stray dog (7)
- 4 Cold drink's consumed at start (5)
- 6 Act hastily staged to accommodate his cast (4,2)
- 7 See 19-across
- 8 Shifts ornaments (7)
- 9 What an odd way to secure drug-free zone (7)
- 17 About to receive crew in French ship (9)
- 18 Wants building set up to house paintings (7)
- 19 Investigator briefly cuts up flower parts (7)
- 22 Baffling noise in ear after end of dance (7)
- 23 Muscular pain after pruning garden plant (7)
- 24 Exercise – accepted way to get a great body? (6)
- 26 University supporting refusal to send up old trinket (5)
- 27 Purchase area to protect northern conifer (5)



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Half 'n Half with a mystery letter

by
Crowsman

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All of the Across answers contain the mystery letter at least once, and are not defined. Each Across clue defines another word which, when the mystery letter is added, provides the answer. For example, suppose the mystery letter is M (which it is not!). Then 'Fishing (7+1)' would give MANGLING, which would be entered into the grid. Similarly, 'Frolics (6+1)' would be CAMPERS and 'Disgraced (6+1)' would be SHAMMED. Down clues are normal cryptic clues. This puzzle may be solved using ACCOLADE (www.low.net.au/accolade); - solutions and explanations will be available via the normal ACCOLADE system on 1 January 2016.

Across

- 1 Entertaining (7+1)
- 6 Ship (5+1)
- 9 Practical person (7+1)
- 10 Remains (5+1)
- 11 French master artist (5+1)
- 12 Arab state (7+1)
- 13 Having first start (7+1)
- 15 Scope (5+1)
- 16 Tender (5+1)
- 19 Long-necked chemical flask (7+1)
- 22 Illicit drug (7+1)
- 23 Bird (5+1)
- 25 Ached (5+1)
- 26 Perform inadequately (7+1)
- 27 Admission (5+1)
- 28 Lands (7+1)

Down

- 2 Animal almost had consuming hunger (5)
- 3 Bridge tool? (7)
- 4 Senseless vernacular abandoned by mother (7)
- 5 Ultimate catastrophe has good animal, beaver perhaps, raising a beast (15)
- 6 Registering a timber industry (7)
- 7 Remedy lack of sound from a guitar (7)
- 8 Prefer twists out of speaker wiring (9)
- 14 Introduce new words? I see no novelty keeping a record! (9)
- 17 Tense female has beer, but not initially (7)
- 18 Hard for doctor without doing something (7)
- 20 Abuses commercial supported by taxes (7)
- 21 Flack possibly makes mug rate badly (7)
- 24 Trap turned up ecstasy in no time (5)

January 2016 Bonus Quiz 1 by Brian Symons

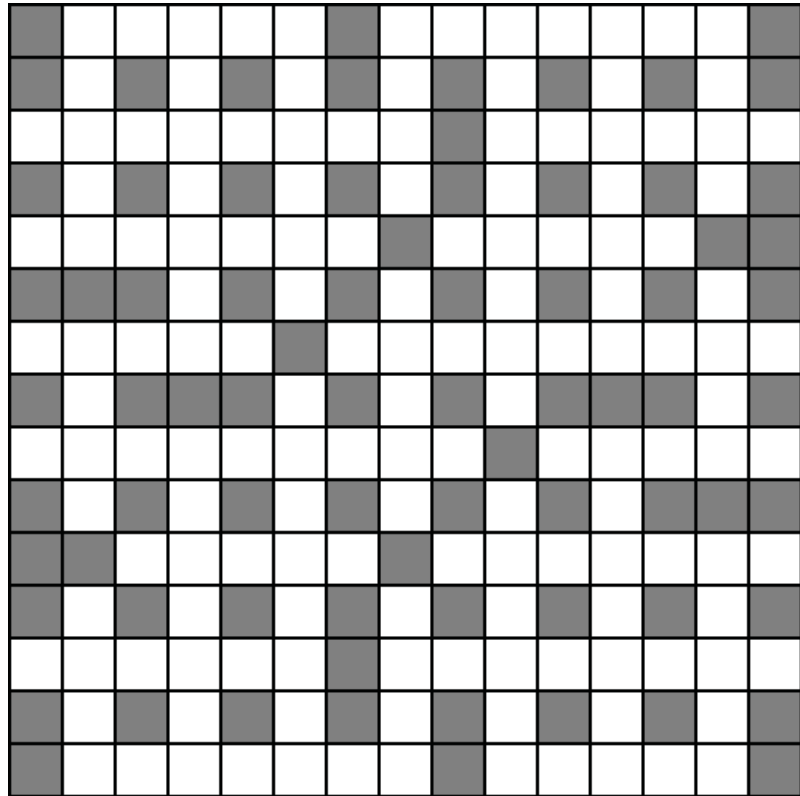
Word lengths are given for the 12 answers which have a commonality and are in a specific order which is not alphabetical.

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| 1 | An Australian novel and film (6,4) | 6 | Armpit (5) |
| 2 | Spray of water behind a speedboat (7, 4) | 7 | Fierce-tempered (8) |
| 3 | Belief code (5) | 8 | Poor batsmen (7) |
| 4 | Ruby (7-5) | 9 | Persecution by military means (10) |
| 5 | Somewhat (6) | 10 | A throw of two ones (5,4) |
| | | 11 | A condiment (11) |
| | | 12 | A type of knot (10) |



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Subtractive
AJ
by
Betelgeuse



The given letter indicates the letter to be removed from one solution to the clue to provide the solution to be entered in the grid. Clues marked "*" have the given letter removed twice. Having removed the letters, fit the solutions into the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit. Unfortunately the state of the technology of the program used to assemble the grids will not allow online solution of this puzzle.

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| <p>A A woman in a red hat, perhaps, who can send off a rocket (7)</p> <p>B* Victorian coastal town showing some signs of neglect (5)</p> <p>C Abounding in fascination but it won't do any good (7)</p> <p>C Staunch supporter - supporter of the trophy (8)</p> <p>D* Burdens with transactions (5)</p> <p>E* One warned about debt gets decoration (7)</p> <p>F Course taken by aircraft shows the way the sun moves (5,4)</p> <p>G In this way, get ruffians.... (4)</p> <p>H ...happy on being arrested (6)</p> <p>I Oust the beggar! (8)</p> <p>J* Religious leaders with the DTs? (5)</p> <p>K Colder and more disgusting (5)</p> <p>K Casually kill off the habitual drug addict? (6)</p> <p>L Chose to be drunk (6)</p> <p>L* The whore with the band (5)</p> <p>M Steep like a needle (7)</p> | <p>M Designed to be burnt (7)</p> <p>M Thinking things over can bring disaster (9)</p> <p>N Big areas of shellfish (5)</p> <p>N Give an opinion of a contemporary English artist (4)</p> <p>O They cook and sample (7)</p> <p>P Disapproves of woman' name (7)</p> <p>P Liking to spell (7)</p> <p>Q Clothes for contemptible little people (5)</p> <p>R* Extreme ends of the strait (4)</p> <p>S Evidence of bombardment found in a war zone, for example, or some other frightening place (8)</p> <p>T Spanish dish made with part of the leg (6)</p> <p>U Quencher and where it may be stored in the US (8)</p> <p>V Geographical feature of marble (5)</p> <p>W Someone in an eminent position in India could be God? (5)</p> <p>X Wise person useful in the chicken house? (4)</p> <p>Y Canadian bay with large resources (4)</p> <p>Z* Make drunk with fish (4)</p> |
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January 2016 Bonus Quiz 2: Movie Magic by Virgo

Part 1: 9 Actors.

Solve the anagrams below to find the names of 8 well-known actors. Their initials when combined will form an anagram of a well-known actress.

- 1 Drains on chair (3,10)
- 2 Movie size tele (6,7)
- 3 From a green man (6,7)
- 4 Every spell is (5,7)
- 5 Every lunar ache (8,6)
- 6 Claim chin area (3,10)
- 7 Dear salmon fan (8,5)
- 8 Fired, he dies (5,6)
- 9 (8,8)

Part 2: 9 Movies.

Solve the anagrams below to obtain 8 movies. Their initials when combined will form the title of a 9th.

- 10 One cane elves (6,6)
- 11 Wino drawer (4,6)
- 12 A valley clout (4,8)
- 13 Roar name (5,3)
- 14 Buy tea in camera (8,6)
- 15 Cite scales (3,7)
- 16 Former beaver (7,5)
- 17 Gains level (4,6)
- 18 (8,2,6)



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**Double
Acrostic
by
Penobscot**

The text is in limerick form. The lines end at 28, 56, 77, 97 and 121. Reading downwards the first letters of the solutions will reveal an associated phrase. We regret that, given the present state of technology, this puzzle is not available for online solution.

- A** Old campaigners seen after demonstrators lose their head (7)
- B** Adam's boy takes in confused Ernst - wins easily (7,2)
- C** Turn up lame and get a "shot" from this (6)
- D** Oops! Lines have been misplaced. Crazy quality, eh? (9)
- E** The plane could be a Jumbo? (8)
- F** Rig and posh rig furnished boutique (5,4)
- G** Old student not early but dedicated (6)
- H** Nothing from conservationists about centre of thoroughfare (6)
- J** Prisoners replant nine trees (9)
- K** Person's name missing from *Danny Boy* variations (7)
- L** Almost new, starts before time (6)
- M** Short aquatic types. Short work back in ship possibly (6)
- N** Outgoing shall we say? Fun with fleet arrangement (8)
- O** Risings heard to involve peasants (5)
- P** Military parade command. Cold, correct delivery! (4,5)
- Q** Evasive move unknown (6)
- R** "Life is mostly froth and bubble" from A.L. Gordon. Also from Yeats? (5)

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M	70	40	75	106	19	81				
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