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Language is the main instrument of man's refusal to accept the world as it is.  
George Steiner, 1975, *After Babel*, Ch.3.

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The Club congratulates the two winners of the inaugural ACC Trophy for the Cumulative Slots 1-5 Jan-Jun 2007. They are **Ron O'Rourke** and **David Procter**. This is a great achievement with a perfect correct score of 30 puzzles. Well done! That means we start a new competition for the ACC trophy for a perfect score for the Cumulative Slots 1-5 Jul-Dec 2007. Best of Luck with your solving. One of these trophies will look really special on anybody's mantelpiece.

We are always deeply grateful for the scintillating work done by our Adjudicators. It would be difficult to continue with the grid checking without their valuable assistance. Thank you to Jim Colles, Roy Wilson, Col Archibald, Veniece Lobsey, Doreen Jones, Betty Siegman, Jean Barbour, Doug Butler, Ian Williams and Stephen Clarke for taking on this pleasant task in the first six months of 2007. And a special thank you to our quizmasters Barbara Ibbott, Jean Barbour, Renée Bennett, Doug Butler, Jim Colles and Audrey Austin. And also our Clue Writing adjudicator Steve Trollope. And a special vote of thanks to Ian Williams for his sterling work not only as e-lodgment adjudicator but also puzzle set-up. Many thanks for your kindness to the ACC.

Another new compiler has joined our ranks! *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion from Metung, Vic) has given us a well-clued cryptic in Slot 3 this month. We hope you enjoy Gillian's carefully-crafted clues. In addition, our new ACC Puzzleman, Ian Williams has selected a marvellous range of compilers including *Virgo*, *zinzan*, *dB* and *Manveru*. In the Slot 6 position we feature another fascinating offering from *InGrid* and in the Slot 7 spot the dynamic *Red One* has crafted a fine cryptic titled *Not all Bad*. Plus two Quizzes, two chess problems and a Clue Writing Competition. There is plenty to keep you puzzled in the next month.  
Happy Crozworlding!  
— Patrick

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This month, the decider for the inaugural Trophy, was remarkable for its failure rate. A few unusual words (ADAMINE, GRUNTLES, LINSAY) but with clues of such quality that few missed a dot on their account; no, most errors sprang from lack of attention to the 'easy' ones or from transcription errors. We all enjoy the hour or three solving good puzzles, but begrudge the minute or so needed to check our 'good copies'. That's my only explanation for the rash of silly bludners:

**Slot 1:** REWRITE (17 hits), LODE (14), SECA, SPEEDIEST, SPEEDFAST, HECTORLY, ITETISE.

**Slot 2:** SPACETAB, RAINTREE, LACEUP (3), HANDSHAKER (2), RAGS (2), INGIGENE, COLARADO, COLORADA. (just musing ... do Spaniards think we call the US state *Colored*?)

**Slot 3:** BESOILED, BEFOWLED (2), QUAICE, ASEPTIS, FLORAE, TIERCE, FLARED, ADMIRER (2), ADMIRE, TRUNDLES, WRANGLES (2), DIEING (3), DESERT. See below for my decision on ASEPTIC/ASEPSIS.

**Slot 4:** Normally an amiable lass, last month *Virgo* unleashed an AJ to rival *Cactus* at his prickliest! Not the cryptic clues so much as their definitions: It's usually seen as a light = AUTOCUE; Rasps = GRUNTS; Given the position = HATTED. I dips mine to those who won through! Highlights were AUTOBUS (12), AUTOBOX, AUTOCOP, DYNE, GRINDS (10), HATHEA (15) – not bad for a word that occurs in no dictionary, the Web or, ahem, AxWord), HATLEY, HITTER, HITHER (7), IMPINGED, JILLEROO (6), OVERBUY, QUIETER (3), YODELS, ZEBIDAH.

**Slot 5:** KEEKS (3), KEIKS, STIMY, TABULAE, FLOAST, AMIR (3), ONEROAD (7), ECLEROBASE, ADAMANT, KNEECAP (2), ISNA (2), DRESS, DEBASE, EMENDS. BALAKIREF/KORSAKOF (which may have been OK for a straight puzzle but fails the cryptic) scored a double. BARBYARMY was my BOTM.

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| Puzzle No.          | 1                       | 2                     | 3                    | 4         | 5                        | Total               |
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| Entries received    | 114                     | 110                   | 100                  | 107       | 99                       | 530                 |
| Correct entries     | 70                      | 95                    | 73                   | 56        | 70                       | 364                 |
| Success rate (%)    | 61                      | 86                    | 73                   | 52        | 70                       | 69                  |
| <b>Prizewinners</b> | D Hemsley<br>C Anderson | D Bennett<br>R Taylor | B Tickle<br>A Walter | E O'Brien | J Balnaves<br>S Trollope | from 114<br>members |

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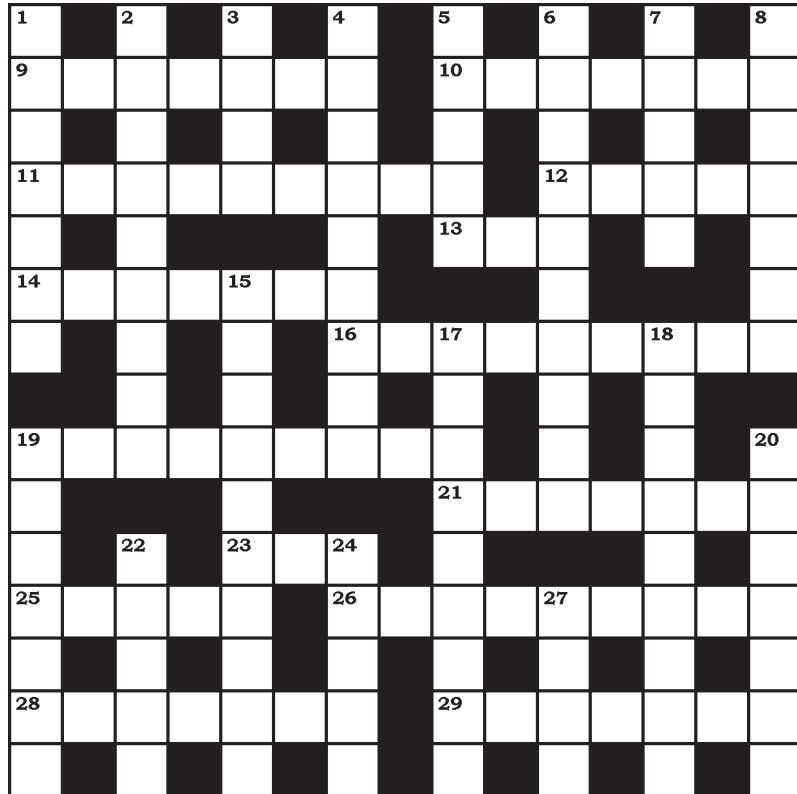
**Half & Half**  
by  
**Virgo**

Prizes: \$50



**Win!**

[rrp: \$49.95]



Across clues are clued differently and have two things in common.  
Down clues are cryptic.

**Across**

- 9 Fly (7)
- 10 Alongside (7)
- 11 Designer (9)
- 12 Possession (5)
- 13 Perform (3)
- 14 Draw (7)
- 16 Redress (9)
- 19 Spongy (9)
- 21 Attack (7)
- 23 Craft (3)
- 25 Distribute (5)
- 26 Defender (9)
- 28 Anti (7)
- 29 Henna (7)

**Down**

- 1 Crazy for these fruits? (7)
- 2 Free tips grace the labels (5,4)
- 3 A car in a storm in Iceland (4)
- 4 Platform surrounding a tree plays a part in the U.S.road toll (9)
- 5 A tense adult with a dish (5)
- 6 Use care with analysis (10)
- 7 An oversight in the passage of time (5)
- 8 Quickly move on to a tart recipe (2,1,4)
- 15 Diverging is great in bar code (10)
- 17 A logo can't change its shape (9)
- 18 Emanations of U.S. fines exploding (9)
- 19 Behind a Waterhouse is a spear (7)
- 20 A sculpture that holds a model decree (7)
- 22 Quietly go ahead and petition (5)
- 24 Try taking apple strudel to everyone for starters (5)
- 27 A race of sturdy trees (4)

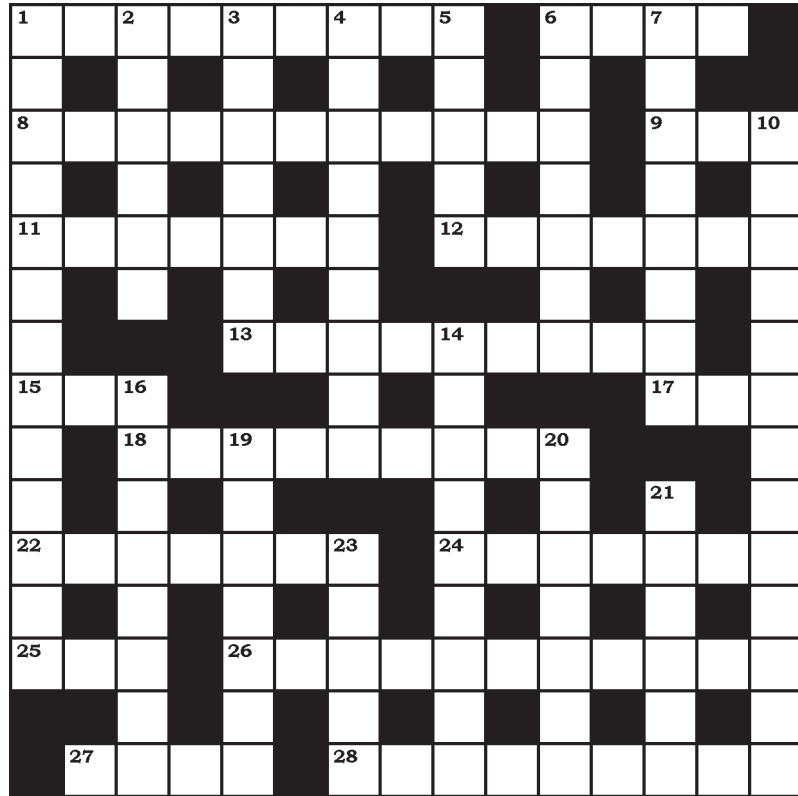
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**Cryptic**  
by  
*zinzan*



**Across**

- 1 Second letter from vet arrives after sick bald mice can be cured (9)
- 6 Valuable container made from South African iron (4)
- 8 Racing condition achieved by redesign of radical yacht – Lexcen's initially not involved (11)
- 9 Small sibling sees one in seconds (3)
- 11 Crowded House is right to restart work "In The Kitchen" (7)
- 12 Bloke, having lost a mate more obese, consumes contents of bowl (7)
- 13 See 27
- 15 Letter is bull by half! (3)
- 17 Turn black and be in decline (3)
- 18 Pulls a rat out of a marsh (9)
- 22 Piece of art that is without Classical framing (7)
- 24 Declined to show islands have been removed? (7)
- 25 A pair of diamonds trump low hearts (3)
- 26 Taking one's breath away? Not so! (11)
- 27 **and 13ac.** Abuse exposes rift up front (4,6,3)
- 28 Throws leg over the top horses (9)

**Down**


- 1 Birthplace of the mother of Bryan Brown's wife (9,4)
- 2 A dwarf runs about to cook (6)
- 3 Told fish head could be delicacy (7)
- 4 Today, bras can be repaired in craftwork sites? (9)
- 5 Downcast after end of peace accord? (5)
- 6 That person polishes nothing without oxygen (2-3-2)
- 7 Troll sits beside rib of coarse woman (8)
- 10 Quarter horses took off quickly before completing the course (9,4)
- 14 Even some poets are lampooners (9)
- 16 One flourish of the pen throws out perks (8)
- 19 Hear one without a coat (7)
- 20 More bold, less quiet, more successful (7)
- 21 Far from the cow's environment, got up to quite a lot (6)
- 23 Biblically, David's brother was bailed up with no end in sight (5)

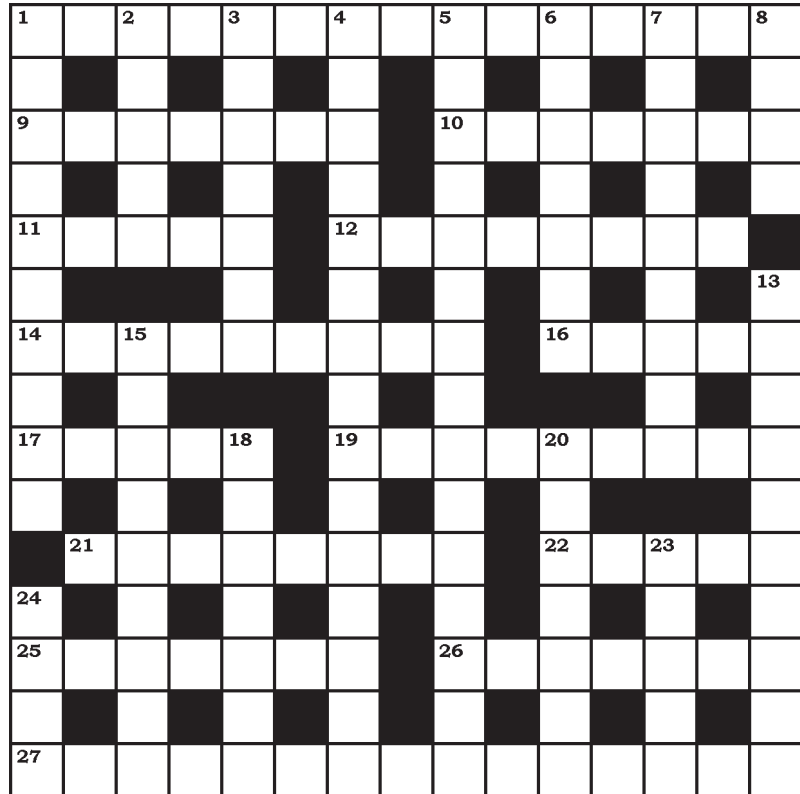
**Adjudicator's Comments (continued from p1):**

**General blathering:** Several members inveighed against ASEPTIC for 4dn in Slot 3, arguing that *condition* is a noun so the answer should be a noun (the Ximenes injunction). Though I've accepted ASEPSIS, reading the clue as a double definition, ASEPTIC doesn't offend me and I've tried to understand why: Literal clues could be seen, rather than definitions, as sets from which you, hopefully, choose the appropriate member. Most sets clued by nouns (vehicle, pathogen etc.) admit of only noun members (truck, virus). But some (complexion, temperature) seem also to invite adjectives (smooth, icy). I think we could be a little more sophisticated about this injunction, but can someone help me think this through more rigorously? As ever, quibbles are heartily welcomed. —*Doug Butler*

**COTM:** Once again, Shirl O'Brien (*Southern Cross*) was most cited, with 18 votes spread evenly across eight clues, with *St Jude* (Drew Meek) not far behind, but HATTED won for its author *Virgo* (Audrey Austin) the coveted mantle.

• A special tribute to Delores Kennedy who completed her puzzles during the recent floods along the North Coast of NSW. She reports that her home is OK, with only a little water damage, but alas the extensive blackout took its toll. Whether it was from working by torchlight, or caffeine deprivation, this usually successful solver scored zero dots.

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| <h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic<br/>by<br/>Betelgeuse</h2>                         |
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**Across**

- 1 How King's royal ID became confused, resulting in a situation of profits but not much fun (7,8)
- 9 Special event, made a hash of in the negative (4,3)
- 10 Substituted ram back in the act (7)
- 11 Look about, get confused, relax (3,2)
- 12 Head lights in the market square I've found to be optional (8)
- 14 Junk yard's shut at certain times (9)
- 16 Language hellish hot after overseas return (5)
- 17 Sailor with revolting fat behind (5)
- 19 Deal little in side territory (9)
- 21 Layabout is back, to show contempt about the separation (8)
- 22 Sail East – rough passage (5)
- 25 Play about, starting in on a small scene (7)
- 26 Working Governor General has a ring-in, and this will continue (7)
- 27 Disintegration of Mt St Helen's (i.e top) will diminish the pressure (6,3,6)

**Down**

- 1 With modified net, the French capture the snail (10)
- 2 Send me back in to score (5)
- 3 Measure up within fashionable society, but not outside (7)
- 4 A writer of short stories, Maud A. pens a gutsy confection (3,2,10)
- 5 Ancient Rock, aka Crazed Danse de Lord Snot (3,3,9)
- 6 As incentive, I'm soft on Suet Pudding (7)
- 7 A cold, old theatre gets a spread turned on (9)
- 8 Gloomy Eastern novelist (4)
- 13 So wee, laid out in the sun, they get smaller (4,6)
- 15 All agreed to bread trap first for a tailless rodent (9)
- 18 Toll taken at game point, including a rally ignoring the outer lines (7)
- 20 Morning's netting of seaweed – not a soft mixture (7)
- 23 Star bowler's action, with no Third Man, brings up a catch (5)
- 24 Figure words of acceptance on opening letter (4)

**COMPILER PROFILE: Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

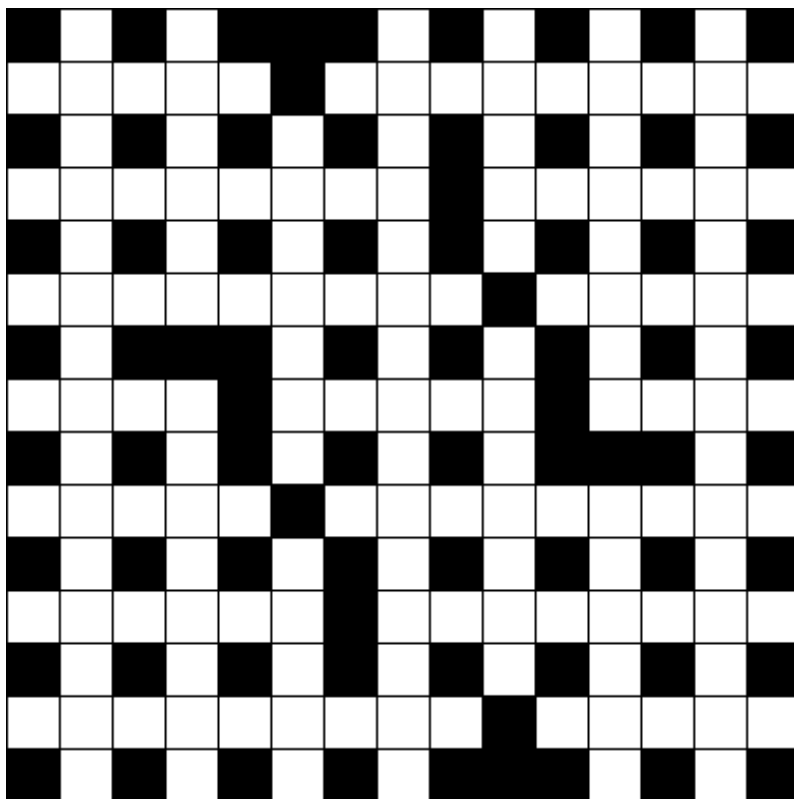
"Being brought up in a large house crammed with books, I had this strange compulsion to write. Everybody did it, including sisters, cousins and aunts, and when they weren't writing, they read, argued over words and played word games. My mother was the cryptic crossword enthusiast. We even got the *Listener* for years, purely for the crossword. It was a very wordy family. I started solving at about 16 years old – "helping" my mother and usually ending up with tables piled with books. About 10 years ago I discovered compiling and found it more fun than solving. It's great for train journeys – all you need are a few grids, sharpened pencils and your imagination. Why *Betelgeuse*? Can't think really, but I have always been fond of the faintly ridiculous ring to its name."

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**AJ for AL**  
by  
**dB**

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

Solutions start with the  
given letter:  
fit them where you can.



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| <p><b>A</b> A scrap rolled up - medium size maybe (4)<br/> <b>B</b> Introduce to the family (5)<br/> <b>C</b> Hear from charter colony about nuclear device (9)<br/> <b>D</b> Find half-share (4)<br/> <b>E</b> Endless outside - take ten (7)<br/> <b>F</b> Organs set adrift somehow, talking of Disney (8,7)<br/> <b>G</b> Party dress made from upbeat newspapers (8)<br/> <b>H</b> Hangers-on pass Milt Jackson (8)<br/> <b>I</b> She was right in the nation she led (6)<br/> <b>J</b> Brahms or Jensen eg. with food for South Africans (15)<br/> <b>K</b> Slink about chambers where firings happened (5)<br/> <b>L</b> Wild instrument in smaller quantity (7)<br/> <b>M</b> French Queen chose from remodelled courtyard homes (4,5)</p> | <p><b>N</b> A single strand to improvise aimlessly (6)<br/> <b>O</b> Clue: OP rum supplies cap for nut case (9)<br/> <b>P</b> Avian traveller, one easily duped (9,6)<br/> <b>Q</b> Dug - like the early Beatles? (8)<br/> <b>R</b> Further tests for box-trailers (8)<br/> <b>S</b> All but one points at - Labor? (5)<br/> <b>T</b> Drops rent by a shilling (5)<br/> <b>U</b> Fantastic! They say - let it all out (6)<br/> <b>V</b> Windows now look out to the horizon (5)<br/> <b>W</b> ... was it about Tom? (5)<br/> <b>X</b> Mark radio amateur's girlfriend, twice a radical! (5)<br/> <b>Y</b> River's nut cases (6)<br/> <b>Z</b> At last - I follow and she gets about in fur (9)</p> |
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## GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I agree with Rob Watson's comment on the fairness of grids. Not only do some puzzles have less than 50% of letters checked, but some are starting to look like AJs in the number of initial letters unchecked.

*Brian Tickle*

- What a great job Patrick has done. I was editor of the Wagga Teachers' College magazine 'Talkabout' back in the 'fifties - it's a big job and well done in *CroZworld*.

*Bill Bennett*

- I really couldn't find a COTM - there were so many good clues.

*Bev Cockburn*

- Both surprised and pleased to receive a cheque for May Slot 1. Thank You!

*Peter Dearie*

- I would like to thank Jim and the Club for my \$50 prize.

*Ron O'Rourke*

- Thanks for another crazy wonderful bag of tricks. Looking forward to the July issue; can't wait for the next lot!

*Catherine Foster*

- I'm always amazed when I see how many members get every puzzle correct.

*Yvonne McKindlay*

- Right or wrong, at least I've filled in all the blank squares this time around.

*Nea Storey*

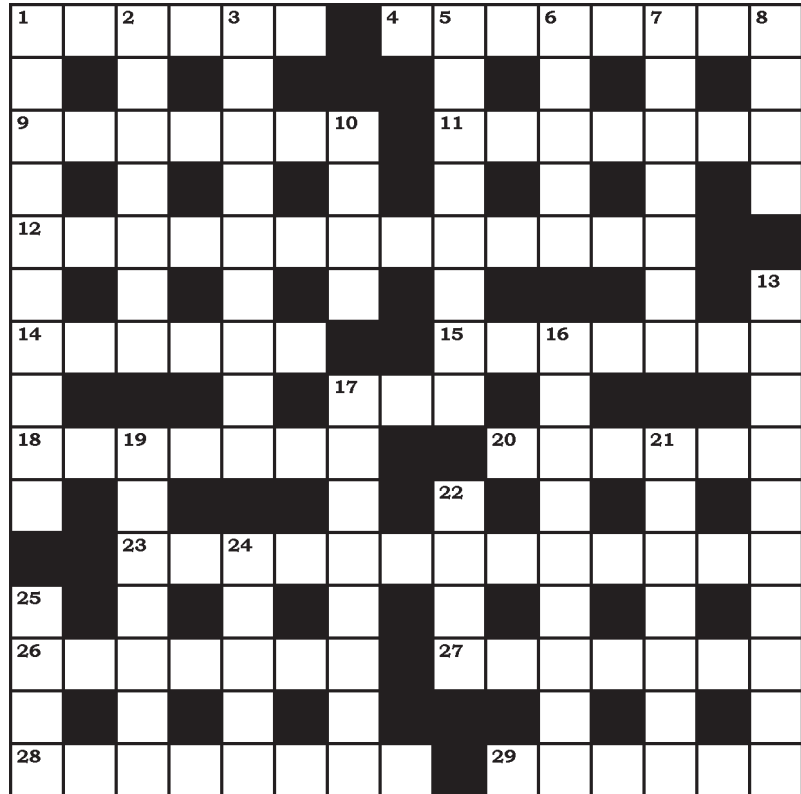
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**Cryptic**  
**by**  
**Manveru**

**Prizes: \$50**



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**Across**

- 1 Interrupt journalist's comeback at military headquarters (6)
- 4 To write on parchment (Shakespeare style) I need original draft letter (8)
- 9 Agrees to go after half a dozen 'love' flowers (7)
- 11 Card game swindle is able to take in officer at the start (7)
- 12 Joint gala takes on CD compilation (4,3,6)
- 14 and 8 An ideal location for a jogging trip? (6,4)
- 15 Republic's troops overwhelmed in a flooded valley (7)
- 17 French farm manages the front, middle and back zones (3)
- 18 Chaffeur, as I ate, traversed two continents (7)
- 20 Half-cousin Cal is cuckoo (6)
- 23 Eventually, rare solo tenor to perform new arrangement (6,2,5)
- 26 Careful driver turned around (7)
- 27 Crayfish Bay backpedals and removes ban from barbies (7)
- 28 This can be good if someone unwanted leaves? (8)
- 29 A new church or a means of impeding progress (6)

**Down**

- 1 Loon smuggles grenade, initially endangering plane (4-6)
- 2 Dance involves British and the French – this is a worry (7)
- 3 The State University joins Russia's treasury (9)
- 5 This Saint cultivated social change, ignoring age and the onset of communism (8)
- 6 See 22
- 7 Southern French language chapter about a time amidst love and a knight (7)
- 8 See 14ac
- 10 Drink up. Farewell! I'm leaving (4)
- 13 Primitive vertical pipe is a worm-catcher perhaps (5,5)
- 16 Chuck in an alcoholic spirit after my egg protein (9)
- 17 Monumental stuff-up set crook in charge (8)
- 19 Secured transplant! (7)
- 21 Whiskered creature from South Africa changed our Australian restrictions (7)
- 22 and 6 A timepiece for life? (4,5)
- 24 Home-game hosts the final of the series (5)
- 25 Propel jet with no tail (4)

**Some crossword terms by dB:**

**Checked:** Checked cells (or letters) are those which appear at the intersection of a DOWN and an ACROSS word. Crosswords in the US are usually 100% checked – get any letter wrong and you spoil two words. Such puzzles of necessity are composed mostly of words of 6 letters or less, consisting mostly of 'safe' letters. In the best British (and *CrOZworld*) grids, at least half the cells of any word are checked, though an occasional lapse is seldom criticised for really long words, or for specialised puzzles like AJ's. Moreover, the more better grids (like those of Noel Jessop or *Southern Cross*) don't have a lot of unchecked first letters, though again this is relaxed for AJ's.

**Amazing yet True! by dB**

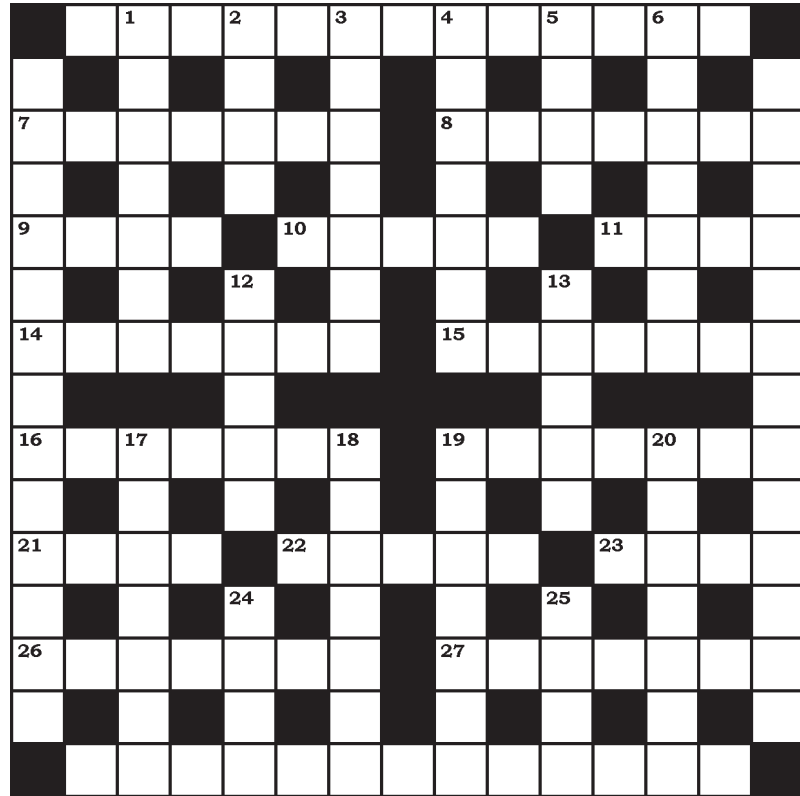
Of 530 grids submitted for adjudication this month, 165 (31.1%) failed to win a dot, possibly the highest in Club history. If we take only those completed by hand, it looks even worse (33.4%) while failure rate of those sent for e-judication was 21%. While there are no guarantees in this world, if you have e-mail facilities, it's worth looking into. Contact our gridmaster Ian Williams if you have any queries.

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## Peace Train by InGrid



Commencing at the top right-hand corner and proceeding clockwise, the perimeter spells out a quotation by an Anglo-Irish statesman and philosopher of the 18th Century. Not all answers are in *Chambers*.



### Across

- 7 Material edge of catalogue (7)
- 8 Intricate accompanist to the French kiss (7)
- 9 Primary island of North Atlantic (4)
- 10 Parts over the belt (5)
- 11 Egg speaks of hesitation (4)
- 14 Unknown lets confusion in for Boris (7)
- 15 Ring forms around vessel daily (7)
- 16 Home town loses fourth hat (7)
- 19 Low, but now Jack is top dog (7)
- 21 Drop like a lot of feathers (4)
- 22 Inhale when stiff bar becomes normal (5)
- 23 Break knockers (4)
- 26 Find parts of cabs in the drink (7)
- 27 Greed involved caviare (7)

### Down

- 1 Twisted lanes are not pointed at weapons store (7)
- 2 Collar pin (4)
- 3 Drunk half measure under contract (7)
- 4 River flows around cleaner trees (7)
- 5 Cat pill of some volume (4)
- 6 Revive experience in more than one direction (7)
- 12 Affair resulting in children (5)
- 13 Assorted super funds (5)
- 17 Have parent scrub one loincloth (7)
- 18 Stringing meat by cloth (7)
- 19 Perhaps grass might baffle common American (7)
- 20 Feed rations overwhelm Mr Geller (7)
- 24 Nameless, shortly (4)
- 25 Encephalogram shows corona (4)

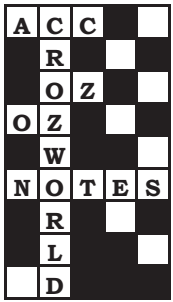
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Closing mail date: Friday 8 June 2007.**

### Chambers Book Prizes for 2007:

We have some excellent book prizes to give away in the next few months. The Slot 4 prize is the prestigious Chambers *Dictionary of World History* (rrp \$79.95), the Chambers *Crossword Dictionary* HC, (rrp \$69.95) for the Slot 7 prizes, the Chambers *Book of Facts: new expanded edition* (rrp \$44.95), Chambers *Book of Araucaria* Crossword Puzzles, vol 2, Chambers *Back-words* and Chambers *Words*. There will be many happy solvers coming up for the rest of 2007!





**A PERSONAL NOTE FROM AUDREY AUSTIN:**

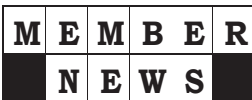
"Here are my memories of Roger Squires featured in last month's *Crozworld*: In the early 60's before I emigrated to Australia I was Membership Secretary for the West Midlands Mensa group which comprised three counties, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire. I organised monthly meetings at either a central venue or at a member's home in one of the counties. Roger Squires was a Staffordshire member; while I came from Shropshire. He compiled Cryptic Crosswords for the Wolverhampton Express & Star — interesting to me because I'd been solving cryptics since I was 11 and had frequently solved Roger's before I met him. When following his invitation I called at his home in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, he had cardboard cut-outs of letters and was grid-forming with them on the living room carpet. A bit different now, I'm sure! He was contemplating a clue for the word 'grey' — "Such a dull word," he said, "I'm having trouble finding an exciting clue." I suggested he make it a horse and he thought that a good idea. "A horse or a hound," he said. When I left and he said he'd try to come to the next Mensa meeting, which he did. According to the *Crozworld* article, he is now living in Ironbridge, Shropshire, and has greatly extended his newspaper and magazine clientele. He probably never thought of me after I emigrated, let alone considered that I may also be compiling crosswords and quizzes here in Australia."

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2007**

The Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be *Christmas in July* and will be held at 12:30pm on Sunday 22nd July at an exciting new venue *Il Carretto*, 479 Nicholson Street, North Carlton. This is an excellent Italian style ristorante with a huge variety of tasty food at very reasonable prices. The calamari is the best in town! And it's BYO too. Pay on the day. We would like to see you all attend. Kindly contact Patrick Street for bookings and enquiries: ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au by 20th July please. Come along and join in the merriment! We will have a fascinating Quiz with great book prizes! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

**THE CAULIFLOWER REIGNS SUPREME!**

William Ryan's famous establishment *The Cauliflower* will again be the venue for the Annual Get-Together on Sunday 18th November for this year's Annual Get-Together. Reverting to the 2005 format, we'll have it down stairs in the front section of the hotel with comfy chairs and plenty more room. Similar fare: Roasts, steaks, fish 'n' chips: \$12.00 per person. Buy your own drinks at Public Bar prices. Quiz and great prizes to be won! There will be a case of bonus prizes too! Make a note in your Diary now!



**New Members:** Steven Martin from Berwick, Vic. (a Gift Membership from Cally Martin), Patricia Randall from Bellevue Heights, SA and Lesley Carroll from Bathurst, NSW. Welcome to the

wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

**Puzzle Adjustments:**

*Solvers Quiz:* Having been quite properly shown that WATT was an optional answer for PREWETT, the following scores are amended: 35. Brian Symons, 31. Catherine Foster, 30. Joan Smith, 28. Betty Siegman. *Jim Colles*

The duplication of the word length indicator in the clue to 7dn of June's Slot 6 was a compiler's error. *midships*

**Not 100%:** We send our Best Wishes to Kev (*The Beast*) Layton. He says that he has had some health problems but hopes to be able to contribute a little more now that he is over them. And from our adorable Shirl O'Brien — she has also had health problems, including surgery, but says that she is much better now.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**meatspace** *n. colloq.* the physical world, as opposed to cyberspace or a virtual environment.

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

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**CAST A DRIFT by Margaret Steinberger**

Solve the anagrams to find names of ships wrecked in Australian waters — or in a few cases, while on voyages to or from Australia — up to 1975. Solutions are in alphabetical order, and are 1 word, except where indicated. Send solutions to Margaret Steinberger, [margste@telpacific.com.au](mailto:margste@telpacific.com.au) or post to 189 Kemp St, Hamilton NSW 2303.

Closing mail date: Friday 10 August 2007. Book prize.

- 1 Basalt ore
- 2 Via a bat
- 3 Shy battler (6, 4)
- 4 Loose sub
- 5 A tribal dish rim (7, 7)
- 6 The bossier virgin (7, 9)
- 7 Acquirable camp elm (8, 9)
- 8 Non-dramatic sea, eh? (9, 7)
- 9 Rarer fish antics (9, 6)
- 10 Corn met lifebuoy (4, 2, 9)
- 11 Bad run
- 12 Bladed mower (6, 5)
- 13 The scanners
- 14 Rain tames
- 15 Ref cried 'skiff right' (9, 9)
- 16 Rippling lover — oh! (8, 7)
- 17 A gnu raid
- 18 Real alkali war (4, 9)
- 19 Hogtie the flag (5, 2, 3, 3)
- 20 Flamingo whirls quoit (7, 2, 10)
- 21 Motel can mutiny (10, 4)
- 22 I propose
- 23 R.A.N. rehires dinghy (3, 5, 8)
- 24 Schooners rust (8, 5)
- 25 Heavens! Stooze fires (9, 2, 3, 4)
- 26 A-string cellist (8, 6)
- 27 Vary ego

## June 1-2007: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Your puzzle was more than half challenging, thanks Noel. *Alan Walter*
- A familiar puzzle from a new compiler Jesso? It seems the original one left quietly. *Jim Colles*
- Is Jesso a new, cool persona for Noel J? *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks Noel for your always-fair puzzles. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Faultless as always. *Max Roddick*
- I had to give Noel COTM for 19dn. A sow's ear sprang to mind immediately! *Margaret Davis*

## June 2-2007: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A sinister looking grid, this one. Some tricky stuff, with perfectly formed clues of course. Am bemused by the last part of 2dn. It looks tautological to a puzzled puzzler. *Jim Colles*
- I love doing Shirl's puzzles. She has a relaxed, witty cluing style that makes solving feel like a chat with an old friend. *Brian Tickle*
- Shirl's clues are always to the point. *Ted O'Brien*
- 15ac – what a graphic clue! *Max Roddick*
- Very enjoyable. HANDSHAKES was quite a humorous clue; clue 24ac could do with an exclamation mark to indicate chicanery. *Alan Walter*

## June 3-2007: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- ASEPSIS vs ASEPTIC? I feel both could be acceptable. Ximenes says nouns should replace nouns etc. I guess I'm splitting hairs but it's interesting. *Bill Bennett*
- Could **asepsis** be an alternative to **aseptic**? I opted for aseptic on the basis that germ-ridden suggests an adjective rather than the noun sepsis. *Jack Stocks*
- I cannot find GRUNTLES in my references. *Graeme Cole*
- Many clever clues, especially BEFOULED and GRUNTLES. *Max Roddick*
- Not at all sure about WRANGLES. (for good reason - dB) *Wendy Villiers*
- Some adventurous clue writing seen in this very interesting cryptic, e.g. 11ac, 23ac, 20dn. The first clue was the last to be filled in, and most grunted I was to do it. *Jim Colles*

## June 4-2007: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- AJs are still my favourites and Audrey is the master. *Brian Tickle*
- A H and O have got me completely stymied. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Interpreting the H clue as 'Given the position' being the definition part I can't equate it with my answer 'hatted'. Is there an explanation, and do I have to eat my word? *Jim Colles*
- Shouldn't N and O clues have homophone indicators for U, C and Y? *Shirl O'Brien*
- I had QUIETER at first, then realised it had to be – EN for our Dear Queen. *Barb Ibbott*
- The Z clue was a beauty. *Ted O'Brien*

## June 5-2007: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- This was a tricky group of names to fit into the grid and devise clues for, but – as usual – Roy has pulled it off with his special skill and style. *Brian Tickle*
- Both KEEKS and KECKS are North of England slang for 'trousers' but I could only find KECK had a definition of 'retch' or 'fetch up'. *David Procter*
- I'm not sure of LINSAY (a girl's name, not all that uncommon - dB) or ADAMINE (a mineral, aka adamite, zinc arsenate - dB). *Margaret Galbreath*
- One or two new words for the vocab. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks Roy, this was certainly challenging. It took quite a while to anagram COLES SABRE to SCLEROBASE which I couldn't find in *Chambers*. *Alan Walter*
- Borodin an old song to ask of 19dn – 'Who says Ada and who says Ida? Neither either could I find, so just called the whole thing off, and tossed a coin. A bit rimsky, ov korsa, but it had to be that or join the army. High five for another Praxis classic composition. *Jim Colles*
- I was helped by the TV show *Spicks and Specks*. According to them, 'The Five' were also known as 'The Russian Five', 'The Mighty Five' or 'New Composers on the Block'. *Peter Dearie*
- I need a holiday after completing this one. *Barb Ibbott*
- All of Roy's clues could make COTM. *Del Kennedy*
- *Prax* is a very naughty boy. *Raoul (William Ryan)*

## Some "A" daffynitions...

- Abundance: A baker's ball.
- Accelerator: One who criticises basements.
- Accord: A thick piece of string.
- Accrue: People who work on a ship.
- Acoustic: The thing one uses to hit the balls in snooker or pool.
- Address: Clothing worn by women.
- Adultery: A fully grown tree.
- Adventure: A brand new advertising campaign.
- Affair: The price one pays for entering.
- Affray: Occurs on the ends of a piece of string when not looked after properly.
- Again: An increase.
- Alibi: To purchase a back street.
- Alliteration: Limiting the number of kittens your cat can give birth to.
- Allowance: Permit mother's sisters.
- Amiss: An unmarried female.
- Annex: A former partner.
- Apartheid: A torn animal skin.
- Apostrophe: Award handed to the Best Postman of the Year.
- Armies: The things you have up your sleeves.
- Aroma: One who does a lot of touring.
- Arson: I'm his father, and my wife is his mother.
- Article: Paintings and sculptures that make one laugh physically.
- Artistry: Big plant with pretty pictures.
- Ascent: One-hundredth of a dollar.
- Assets: Build your own donkeys.
- Atrophy: Award for lack of exercise.
- Attendance: To turn up at the ballroom.

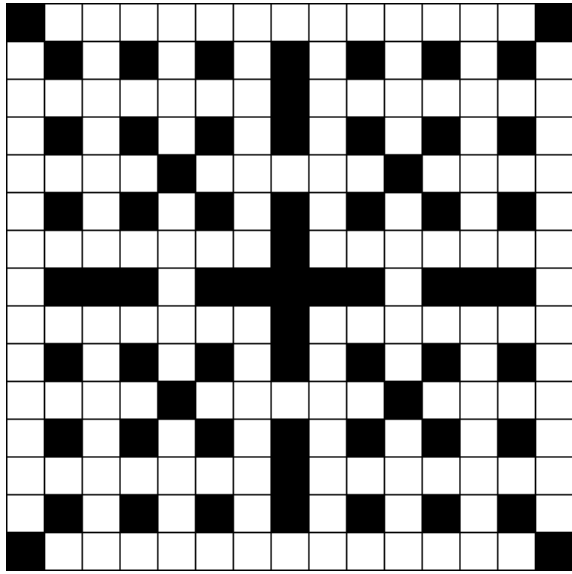
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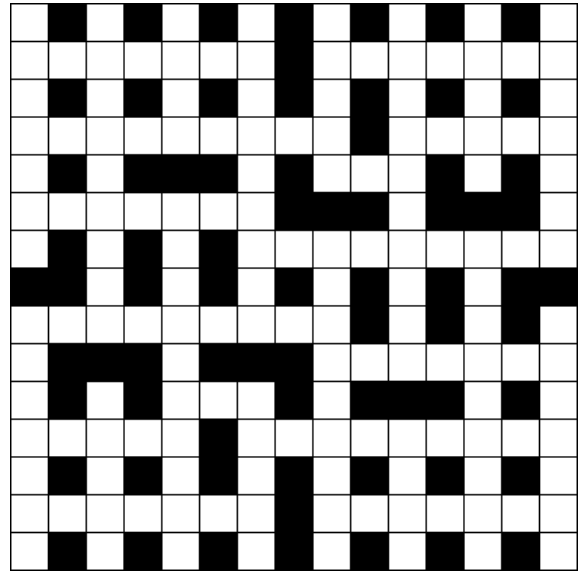
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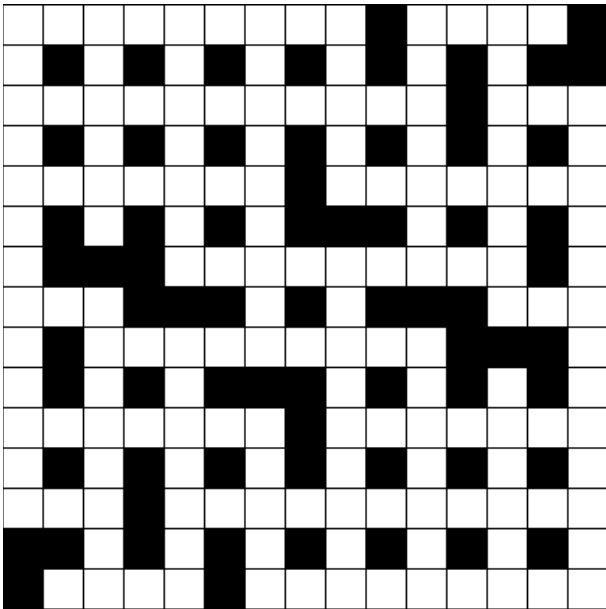
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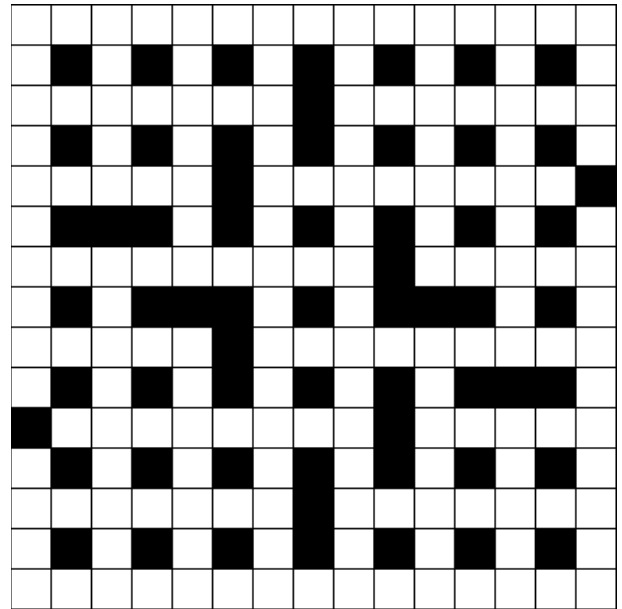
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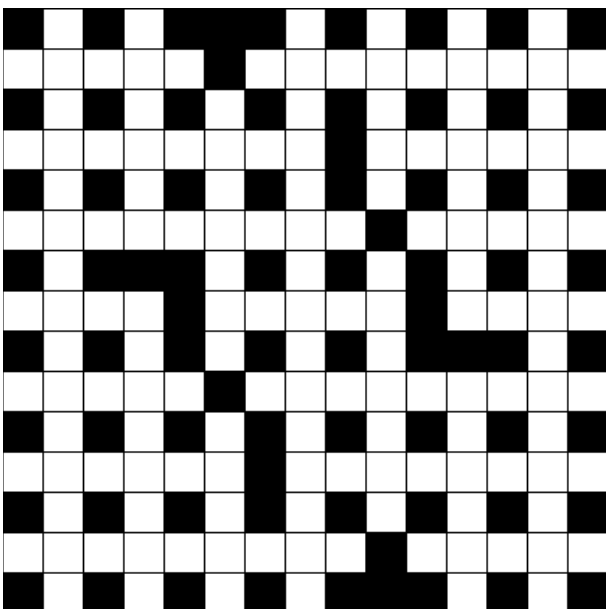
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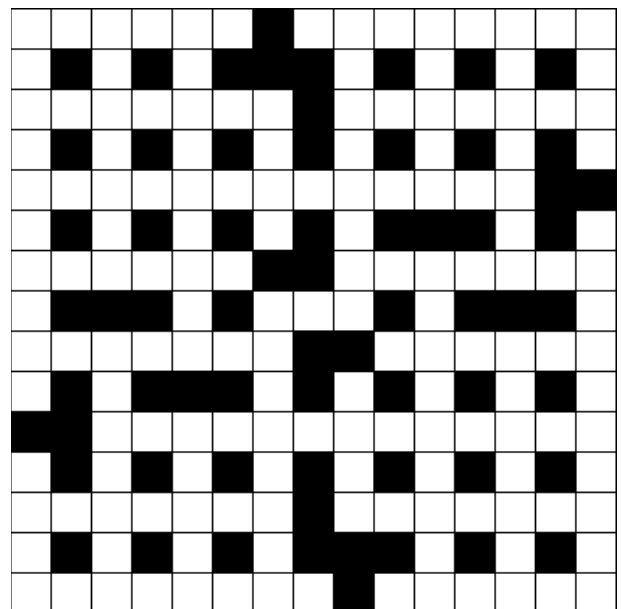
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Clue of the Month .....

**May 6–2007: Loving Couple by InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

**Entries: 86. Correct: 60. Success Rate: 70%.**

**Prizewinners: Iain MacDougall and Paula Mercer. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

This puzzle caused very few problems with the main error being 25dn COMA instead of the correct answer CODA. While COMA fits the clue it doesn't fit the definition of 'swan song'. I try to avoid clues that could go two ways but this one slipped under the radar.

There were a few problems with 13ac with some people putting in TINNY SALES or PIANO SALES instead of the correct PIANO SOLOS. Performances (def) of soft (piano) drinks (Brand name Solo(s)). There was one spelling mistake. The clue for 14ac could have been more correct as 'Decorates' (def) curtain(wall) with sheets(papers). Sorry about that.

In 5dn Jack (j) loved (o) ruler (king). In 8dn, Fantastic (def) country (nation) is last (s) in regional good fortune (se--al, a dialect term for good fortune).

Thank you to all those who sent such good wishes and kind thoughts and especially for the card from Joan McGrath which coincidentally arrived right on my birthday.

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Very much liked 27ac and 23ac, also Merchant of Venice in 17dn. *Alan Walter*

• Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. I think CODA fits swansong better than COMA. *Brian Symons*

• Liked 27ac and 3dn and OOPS, nearly put COMA for 25dn. *Betty Siegman*

• I really enjoyed this puzzle because of the theme. I've just done a Shakespeare appreciation course. *Yvonne McKindlay*

• It took me a while to catch on to the idea, followed by dusting off the Bard book. *Jim Colles*

• Attached hereto my effort, but a pleasure and more joy once completed. *Cate Foster*

• Montague without Capulet? Like fish without chips – good brain food! *Max Roddick*

• Once I twigged to 'Romeo and Juliet' the rest was just 'As you like it'. Nice work! Hopefully not a 'Comedy of Errors'. *Geoff Campbell*

• I enjoyed the trip back into Shakespeare for this one. *Sandra May*

• Thank you for compiling this challenging puzzle. All clues involved quite a deal of thought but I managed to solve it in the end. Particularly thought 8dn and 23ac were very clever. 3dn concerned me. *Graeme Cole*

(Thanks Graeme as always for your helpful and considered comments. Re Oops it is not a classical clue but I couldn't resist it. I must have said Oops-a-daisy to my son a million times when he fell over or dropped something so to me oops and oops-a-

daisy mean the same thing but it certainly doesn't fit normal clue structure and for that I apologise.)

• The Bard would be proud. I missed the Capulets, though I couldn't see how to fit them InGrid. *Carole Noble*

• I cannot quite understand 24ac realm (double meaning measure (area) realm (area) – a bit loose I guess). *Doreen Jones*

**ODE TO ...**

Dull day. Chores, chores. No-one phones.

Pretty miserable really.

Do the ironing. Washing up. Yuk!

One of those – you know – humdrum boring days.

It's not always like this of course.

But "roll on Christmas ..."

At least the postman's early today.

Bills, bills, circulars, charity appeals.

People always seem to want money.

Think it grows on trees.

Hullo! This envelope looks familiar

Ah! Crossword Club! End of the month.

Things look much brighter!

There *is* a friend out there after all.

Open the envelope

Pull out the Crossword Club *Crozworld*.

Hey what's this that's fallen out?

YE GODS it's a cheque!!!

Beautiful cheque!!!

Money, money, money.

The world is brighter!

The sun comes out!

The day is super!

All of a sudden the birds are singing, the world is smiling.

It's a wonderful place

What a difference a win makes!!

Thank you Patrick and all who work to keep us happy every month!

—*Brian Eggleton*

**Some Wit and Invective...**

**Books:**

• Funny little pieces of thought. *Susan Sontag*

• What they make films out of, for TV. *Robert Morley*

• Objects that are necessary to correct the vices of the polite. *Oliver Goldsmith*

**Middle Age:**

• The time of your life when, instead of combing your hair, you start 'arranging' it. *Herbert Kavet*

• When your weightlifting consists merely of standing up. *Bob Hope*

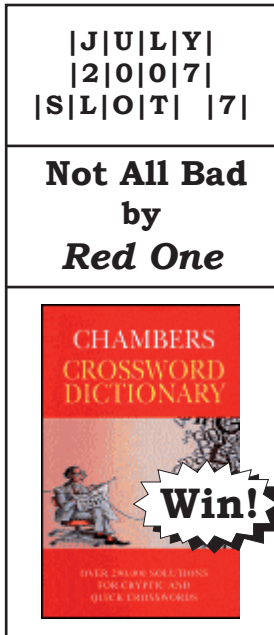
• When your medicine chest is better stocked than your drinks cabinet. *Pam Brown*

• When you're too young to take up golf, and too old to rush up to the net at tennis. *FP Adams*

**The World:**

• A nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there. *Arlo Guthrie*

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**Not All Bad  
by  
Red One**

In the grid is a character (5,4) and his occupation (6). These three words should be highlighted. An associated quotation runs clockwise around the perimeter, starting at the top left hand corner.

**Post solution to:**  
**Doreen Jones,**  
**89 Second Avenue,**  
**Rossmoyne WA 6148.**  
**email: dorjones@iinet.net.au**

**Closing mail date:**  
**10 August 2007.**

**Across**

- 11 Strut around with confident expectation (5)
- 12 Internal report reversed local linear measure, 20 feet (4)
- 14 Larval stage of crabs cross animal river (4)
- 15 Learned head is missing from back joints (4)
- 16 Ravage bishop in dried grass (5)
- 17 Bawl if American hostel changes sides like a bird (4)
- 18 Stupid person in America is featured in the paper (3)
- 19 Most tranquil siesta aroused in Spain (7)
- 20 Prepare skin for Buddhist monastery retreat (3)
- 21 Monitor linear measure and centre (5)
- 22 Self-origination ties back in a hairy end (6)
- 23 Instrument about inner sanctum disposition (8)
- 25 Obscene remark turns stomachs (4)
- 27 Press close to Steely Dan - he's confused and the day has gone (6)
- 30 Bomb Thames duck (6)
- 33 Curse an old hat if out of shape (4)
- 34 Creed reformation and new church table beside altar (8)
- 36 Hedonist is out flying around a great bat's popular name (3,3)
- 37 And shortly I'll hear you are a genus of toads (5)
- 39 Gorge in US - inside eating a pie (3)
- 41 Smashed aproned restaurant-owner (7)
- 44 No amateur in Hamlet to leave Shakespeare (3)
- 45 Sewer equipment for English start of tunnels underground infrastructure (4)
- 46 The French way to levy Spenser (5)
- 47 Milton's layer - that fowl what is lost should come back (4)
- 48 Cut the drowned valley by litres for a furrow on Mars (4)

- 49 The slave is old - he's never content (4)
- 50 Girl returns with one agave product (5)

**Down**

- 1 Reappear without a distorted fit out (7)
- 2 Short Anne perhaps remains most open to suspicion (8)
- 3 America, not old Australia, is a member of genus of tree moss (5)
- 4 Arrange the loan for ethyl alcohol (7)
- 5 Destroyer (European) beheads ex-Prime Minister (6)
- 6 Seaweed strength flows North (4)
- 7 Old monetary units change pounds, shillings and mostly yen (4)
- 8 From beginning to end oxygen is in element 52 to combine with nitrogen (7)
- 9 Scots cattle immediately bunt away rabbit (4)
- 10 Hinder door opener when lock turns (5)
- 13 Piano rule sees about musical symbols (6)
- 24 Find oestrogen inside female animal (3)
- 26 Spotted Scot you hear, look and almost see (8)
- 28 I'll follow the initial precautions for means to avoid motherhood (3,4)
- 29 Wears tie finally - it sounds like Cecil! (6)
- 31 Bad name set to be the lowest (7)
- 32 Cuckoo feather is forbidden as food (7)
- 35 Drummer on Edmund's fishing-boat, drifter (6)
- 36 Murphy put one into a tuft in Scotland (5)
- 38 Fruit found in the Channel Islands (5)
- 40 Low Latin comes after upturned transport by rowing (4)
- 42 Sail here even though not towards the weather side (4)
- 43 Imran always clothes a Rajput prince (4)

**ROUGH COPY**

**GOOD COPY - Name .....**

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## Quiz No 7/2007

## DOUBLETAKES by æolian



by æolian

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Rend (8)</li> <li>2 Heart's friend (9)</li> <li>3 Ovenproof dishes (8)</li> <li>4 Trade concessions between friends (5' 5)</li> <li>5 String together, like a chain (8)</li> <li>6 May your car never need him (11)</li> <li>7 Mine' s an American tennis player (8)</li> <li>8 1972 U.S. political scandal (9)</li> <li>9 Fortified chamber (8)</li> <li>10 Railway construction worker (10)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 Watch out! (4,4)</li> <li>12 The Bard (11)</li> <li>13 What the Indian called the cowboy (8)</li> <li>14 An enthusiastic fellow (inf.) (5,6)</li> <li>15 Capers mainly, a tasty paste (8)</li> <li>16 Make bad worse (10)</li> <li>17 Steep (8)</li> <li>18 Snitch (10)</li> <li>19 With this, no more lost dry-cleaning! (8)</li> <li>20 Upmarket burglar (4,7)</li> <li>21 By-product from oilseed crushing (4,4)</li> </ol> |
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". . . as a solver I feel hard done by if faced by \_A\_E . . ." *Jonathan Crowther (Azed)*  
I wonder how Mr Crowther would feel, faced by \_A\_E +\_A\_E? In this Quiz the odd-numbered answers take that form; the even numbers have their extra letter(s) before, between, and/or after the two \_A\_E groups. Wordlengths are given as a guide only: many word-pairs evolve through different forms, e.g. name plate (4,5) name-plate (4-5) nameplate (9). Use your own preferred form, but the overall length must agree with the maximum (in this example, 9). Send your answers to Max Roddick, 5/36 The Avenue, Malvern East, Vic 3145 or by email to: maxrod@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 10 August 2007. Book prize.

### Results of Quiz No 5/2007. Something's in the Air by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

**Solutions:** (1) As the crow flies (2) Blackbird (3) Butterflies, (4) Duck Soup, (5) Flamingo Road (6) Flight of the Bumblebee (7) Hark, Hark, the Lark (8) Jonathan Livingston Seagull (9) Kingfisher Bay (10) Ladybird, Ladybird (11) Little Red Rooster (12) Lonesome Dove (13) Martin Chuzzlewit (14) Ode to a Nightingale (15) Old Man Emu (16) Rhea Perlman (17) Robin and Marian (18) Stool Pigeon (19) Swallows and Amazons (20) Swan of Avon (21) The Mosquito Coast (22) The Owl and the Pussycat (23) The Pheasant Plucking (or Plucker's) Song (24) The Raven (25) The Sea Eagles (26) The Wasps (27) To a Skylark (28) To Kill a Mockingbird (29) Turkey Trot (30) Where Eagles Dare.

**Scores: 30:** Sonia Atkinson, Jean Barbour, Robyn Caine, Jim Colles, Barbara Ibbott, Doreen Jones, Michael Kennedy, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks, Alan Walter, Irene Watts and Norman Wilson. **29:** Thora Abraham, Renée Bennett, Bev Cockburn, Graeme Cole, Verna Dinham, Catherine Foster, Daphne Greening, Catherine Hambling, Valerie Howard, Ann Jermy, Jan Martin, Claire McClelland, Joan McGrath, Marian Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith, Brian Symons and Steve Trollope. **28:** Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Susan Howells, Gabrielle Leeds, Alison Martin, Drew Meek, Roy Taylor and Barbara Tofoni. **27:** Peter Dearie, Bev Solomon and Lorna Waites.

**Prizewinner: Alan Walter. Congratulations!**

#### Adjudicator's comments:

Most errors were for misspellings, Marion for Marian; Jonathon or Jonothan for Jonathan; Livingstone for Livingston; Crow of Avon; Bard of Avon (correct but out of alphabetical order – and where's the bird?) for Swan of Avon; The Swift, or Wasp singular for the Wasps. A few blank spaces. Some members had problems with No. 15. Thanks to those who pointed out that Old Man Emu was written by John Williamson, not Rolf Harris. John wrote it as an answer to *Tie me Kangaroo down, Sport*. He went on to publish *Old Man Emu* in book form – which was illustrated by Rolf Harris! Both have sung it on TV, either as a duet or a solo. Rolf's performance with his wobble board

was the one I saw on the *Tonight Show* many years ago. Nobody was penalized for getting a wrong answer here, as it was the question that was wrong. Some answers were amusing: Sam, Sam, Sam, (out of alphabetical order) Ram Sam Sam (in order) Other ingenious answers included, One Two Bee, Old Man Roo, Old Man Owl, Pen and Ink & Out Bad Bat.

Thanks to Joan McGrath and Pat Garner for their nice cards and to all for your kind comments saying how much you enjoyed the quiz. With 30 questions the scores were remarkably high.  
—Virgo (Audrey Austin)

### Results of Russian Literature Quiz by Renée Bennett

**Answers:** Chekhov: 1. The Three Sisters, 2. Uncle Vanya, 3. The Cherry Orchard 4. The Seagull. Dostoyevsky: 5. Notes from the Underground 6. Crime and Punishment 7. The House of the Dead. Gogol: 8. The Inspector General. Pushkin: 9. The Bronze Horseman 10. The Queen of Spades. Solzhenitsyn: 11. Cancer Ward. Tolstoy: 12. Anna Karenina 13. War and Peace 14. Master and Man 15. The Power of Darkness 16. Resurrection. 17. The Cossacks. Turgenev: 18. A Month in the Country 19. Torrents of Spring. 20. First Love.

**Results: 20:** Yvonne Ainsworth, Audrey Austin, Sonia Atkinson, John Balnaves, Jean Barbour, Graeme Cole, Peter Dearie, Catherine Foster, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Catherine Hambling, Susan Howells, Lesly Howard, Valerie Howard, Ann Jermy, Gabrielle Leeds, Iain MacDougall, Trish McPherson, Cally Martin, Carole Noble, Ted O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, David Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith, Jill Stocks, Brian Symons, Barbara Tofoni, Steve Trollope, Alan Walter, Rob Watson and Margaret Watzinger. **19:** Bill Bennett, Robyn Caine, Bev Cockburn, Jim Colles, Catherine Jones, Michael Kennedy, Marian Procter, William Ryan, Margaret Steinberger and Lorna Waites. **17:** Hazel Freeman. **16:** Claire McClelland.

**Prizewinner: Cally Martin. Congratulations!**

**Setter's Comments:** Thank you all for your entries (43 in all) and your kind comments. Most encouraging – as a result of which I have a third quiz simmering on the back burner!

—Renée Bennett

**May 7 – 2007: Cryptic by gizmojones (Stephen Clarke)**  
**Entries: 48. Correct 35. Success rate 73%.**  
**Prizewinner: Ian McKenzie. Congratulations!**  
**Setter's comments:**

May Slot 7 was by and large well-received. A common theme of solvers' comments was the devious character of the compiler. I suppose *gizmo* could be considered devious; he certainly knows a lot of ways of distracting the cat's attention from his dinner bowl, often with a curly cryptic definition, and, yes, he tosses in the occasional indirect anagram. I've yet to meet the cat who can concentrate on one of those and guard his dinner at the same time.

One favourable comment of note was Audrey Austin's, that the puzzle was "much better", without specifying what exactly had been surpassed, so *gizmo's* none the wiser there.

By far most dots were squandered at 5ac. The wordplay here was an anagram of **has clever** after subtracting **e**, indicated by **earl's banished**. Many solvers also banished **v** and instated **i** or **x**, leaving themselves with another monarch altogether. After that came 22ac, where **noisy miner** became either **noisy piper** or **noisy minah**. The homophone indicator for **miner** was **sound of small**, which rules out **piper**, and **minah** is a mis-spelling of a different bird. **Noisy minah** also brought about **aerie** for 24dn. This beautiful word is indeed an alternative spelling of the correct entry, but apart from depending on the error at 22ac doesn't satisfy the wordplay, with its mysterious allusion to Yugoslavia and its requirement for Lake Erie to be *outside* that former country.

26ac elicited one **armigens**, a word I haven't encountered myself. **Armigers**, the solution, was derived by the same process as **Charles V**, which shows either just what a boring compiler *gizmo* can be, or that this club has a distinct collective Achilles' heel: an anagram of **marriages** minus **a**, the **middle class**. **Armigers** required the same solver to put **ernie** in at 24dn – not a nest as far as I know.

Explanations were requested for 1ac **divers**, 12ac **elks**, 16ac **lummoX**, 28ac **lieder**, 3dn **equip**, 8dn

**cadenza**, and 20dn **abysmal**. **Divers** is Drivers – (golf) clubs – minus (**blackballed**) **r**.

**Elks** is an anagram of **tackles**, indicated by **crash**, minus **cat (gets knocked out)**. Oh dear – another anagram plus subtraction. What a yawn. (Can you say "plus subtraction"?)

**LummoX** is FlummoX (to perplex, baffle, so to fox) minus **f (gets tip off**; punctuation may be misleading. To me, that's a given in cryptics – perhaps I should have specified it. Every solver made the correct entry here anyway, so no harm done.)

**Lieder** is a homophone of Leda, the mother of Helen of Troy – or of Sparta, depending on whether you take the side of the rake or the cuckold.

In **equip**, solvers wanted explanations of both **e** and **quip**. **E** is got by subtracting **Re (about)** from **Ere (before)**, i.e., **about to leave before**. **Quip** is **crack** in their shared sense of a joke.

In **cadenza** there were queries about **za**, which are the middle letters of **Czar**, the emperor of all the Russias.

**Abysmal** is **Baby (child) Small (mean)** minus the first and last letters (**not extremely**.)

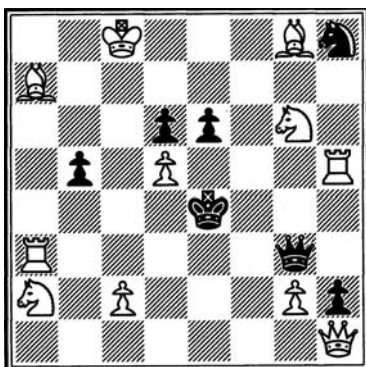
Many thanks to the solvers who appended nice comments about this puzzle, and to those who refrained from the horrid ones they may have been thinking of.

[For full results see column 7 in the Table on p2.]

**Solution to May Slot 7 – Cryptic by gizmojones**

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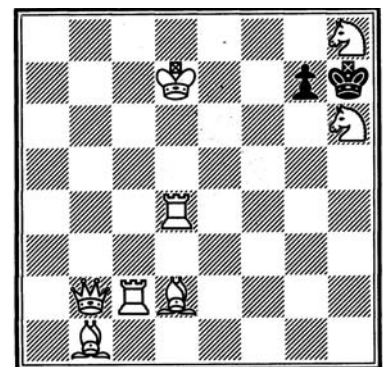
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**Chess Game Problems  
Nos 7 and 8/2007**

White to play  
and mate in two moves.  
Name White's first move  
in each problem.

Send solution(s) to:  
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**No. 8**



## Results of the Clue Writing Competition:

May No 3/2007.

Write a clue for TAROT (5)

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

**Tarot** is most commonly known in English speaking countries as a form of fortune-telling using a deck of cards including elements relating to money, travel, death and the Fool. The cards are shuffled or cut by the client, laid out in a variety of patterns, then turned over and interpreted by the fortune-teller. The result is a description of the client's future, past and/or present. In continental Europe, **Tarot** more commonly refers to a group of card games using a similar deck of cards. For those of you with internet access, use this link to find out lots of interesting facts about **Tarot** - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarot>

The clues this month are a truly wonderful collection of fascinating indications and an unexpected range of definitions. I received an interesting comment from Bob Hagan, stating that "the concept of clue construction is a great outlet for members without the need to construct a full puzzle". I like to think that this competition has three results:

1. Solvers learn how to break down clues to identify definition and indication
2. Compilers appreciate the skill of fair clueing
3. More members are tempted to develop an ability to compile crosswords.

This month's winning clue is **Judgement might be overturned by second court in bitter case**, composed by **Jim Colles**. This is an excellent clue which has a good definition of the subject and a relatively simple indication, but because the clue at first inspection refers to a court case, it misleads the solver, with no sign of the answer being to do with fortune telling. The clue provides a definition and indication with no superfluous words, it tells a story and it misleads the solver – a perfect example of the clue composer's art.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and underneath I have added some comments.

### Fortune Teller's game to play the fool

A double definition clue, with "fortune teller" defining a Tarot card and "game to play the fool" defining the card game in which the main card is the Fool, similar to the Joker. An interesting sentence, subtly different to the clue's interpretation.

### Refuse to turn in right keycard

R (right) plus A (musical key) turned and inserted in TOT (as in rubbish – cf TOTTER – a rag and bone man). The definition is "card" and the whole makes a meaningful sentence.

### Cards believed to predict deserter to return

The definition is fine but the indication leads to RAT + TO return which should be OTTAR. To be truly Ximenean, the clue should suggest that the two words are to be reversed separately.

### Judgement might be overturned by second court in bitter case

This one I like! The definition refers to the judgment made based on turning over the Tarot cards and the indication is made from the second letter of cOurT placed inside TART. The overall sentence suggests an appeal in a court case, thereby misleading the solver, exactly what a good clue should achieve.

### Art work, 'Back to the Future', depicted on cards

Artwork is an excellent indication of an anagram for TAR with "work" being the anagind, then OT (back to) is added. The definition refers to the fortune telling aspects of Tarot. Overall

a very good clue suggesting that scenes from the sci-fi film *Back to the Future* have been printed on a series of cards. The older ones among us will remember the collector card sets of the fifties and earlier.

### Some seers use this pack midday in Turkey connection

The definition is straightforward – the indication is dAy (middle of day) in TROT with a reference to the Turkey Trot, a dance from the early 1900's.

### Trot around the deck

TROT plus A (anagram) with "round" as the anagind and a reference to the Tarot deck of cards.

### Jog around a pack of 78

TROT (jog) around A giving TAROT with a definition referring to the 78 card Tarot pack.

### The traditional set of 78 that predicts a dismissal in the island race

The definition describes the Tarot pack which has 78 cards – the indication refers to A RO (Run Out, a method of dismissal in cricket) in TT (the Tourist Trophy race run annually on the Isle of Man).

### Sailor with holy books on deck

TAR plus OT (the old testament) and again a reference to the Tarot deck of cards.

### To desert and come back is a game

TO + RAT coming back. This time the words are in reverse order so "coming back" achieves the desired end – see clue 3, above.

### Death on deck? No matter, men go anyway

The definition refers to one of the Tarot cards, DEATH. The indication is an anagram of "nO mATTEr" minus MEN (men go) with the anagind being "anyway". Another very good clue.

### Fortune teller predicts old sailor will take book

"Fortune teller" is the definition with TAR plus OT for old testament. In this clue "predicts" is a joining word which fits in well with the context. Again a meaningful sentence.

### A fortune teller's device involved a trot or a tort

This clue gives us a choice of two anagrams A TROT and A TORT with the anagind being "involved".

### Recovered at last for return to the game

Here "recovered" indicates a reversal (as in bring back) of AT plus R (last of foR) plus return of TO, all giving TAROT – a very ingenious indication.

### It's an art to shuffle cards

An excellent clue consisting of an anagram of ART TO (shuffle is the anagind) with a reference to Tarot cards. It also creates a meaningful sentence. I learnt the art of shuffling cards whilst playing bridge at college in the 60's, until my landlady took me to a whist drive one evening and I did a riffle shuffle much to the consternation of my 3 elderly female opponents.

## Clue Writing Competition No. 4/2007.

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Write a clue for the word **UNIVERSE (8)**

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator

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