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No one means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean,
for words are slippery and thought is viscous.
Henry Adams, 1907, *The Grammar of Science*, in *The Education of Henry Adams*, Ch 31.

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After seven years as the formatting editor of the *Crozworld* crosswords and quizzes, Patrick Street has handed the puzzle set-up baton to popular member Ian Williams (better known as the skilful compiler *midships*). Patrick estimates that during his time as editor he has set-up approximately 1000 crosswords, quizzes and puzzles. So it's time to hand over the reins to "a younger and more dynamic person". We thank Patrick for his sterling contribution over the past 7 years. We are sure that Ian will do a marvellous job and carry it out with a great deal of flair and efficiency. Ian will also take on the responsibility of the selection of puzzles and quizzes for each edition of *Crozworld*. Accordingly, if you would like to have any of your cruciverbal inspirations published, kindly send them to Ian whose address can be found at the foot of this page. Kindly note that we could do with more AJs and Quizzes. Also, see p9 for details about the compositions. Thank you, Ian for taking on this most important function. Best of Luck!

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles for your delectation with another popular *Half & Half* by *Jesso* and puzzles by our popular regulars *Southern Cross*, *St Jude*, *Virgo* and *Praxis*. Slot 6 is again occupied by our regular favourites *Hot and Cold* who have devised an excellent puzzle titled *Writer's Block*. And our Quizmaster is the ever-challenging *Cactus* with a Quiz which could have you going round in circles! Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

Thank you for all the cards and warm wishes, and for your (mostly) very neat entries. The selection this month seems to have been well received by members, not too many grouches.

Slot 1: I don't seem to be the only one who has never heard of Freddie FRINTON. Variations on his name and also RUDNER spelt disaster for 19. Other errors were WREAK (6), NAH (3), CORBERT (2), PLEASE (2), TOO (2).

Slot 2: Very favourable comments on *Dazy May's* first effort. Well done. Main problems were DUTIOUS (6), BREED/BLEND (8), some transcription errors.

Slot 3: Not too many problems here, though some members decided to give this one a miss. Main errors were TERRORISE (3), SEALING (2) and STUNGBY (2). (18dn made sense when famous Oxford reverend was found to be Rev Spooner!).

Slot 4: KNEAD was the main worry here, with KNEED submitted 9 times. Others INAMINATE (6), OUTGREW (2), a few transcription errors.

Slot 5: ARATTA/ARETTA/ARETTE accounted for 8 errors, EPHIUM or variations for 7. (See comment on this from Audrey Austin). Quite a few blank squares: this type of puzzle needs to be checked very carefully, I find.

Clue of the Month: Of the 36 clues nominated, 20 were for Slot 2, with 26dn, BLEED the outright winner with 6 votes. Equal second place was shared by Slot 2, 29ac, ELEVEN, and Slot 3, 7dn, TWINS, with 4 votes each. Congratulations to *Dazy May* (Kath Harper) for winning this award with her first published puzzle. A fine achievement.

It is such a shame to see an otherwise careful entry missing a dot because of a mini-second's inattention, resulting in a blank square or transcription error. Quite enough to send your adjudicator into a decline for several days. Nevertheless, it is very rewarding to be in touch with you all.

—Betty Siegman

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| Entries received | 98 | 93 | 93 | 103 | 89 | 476 |
| Correct entries | 67 | 71 | 79 | 77 | 68 | 362 |
| Success rate (%) | 68.4 | 76.3 | 84.9 | 74.8 | 76.4 | 76.1 |
| Prizewinners | P Dearie A Shield | A Martin B Bennett | C Chance B Eggleton | B Solomon | M Watzinger M Raw | from 104 members |

Prizewinner: May 2007 Slots 1-5: David Fuller

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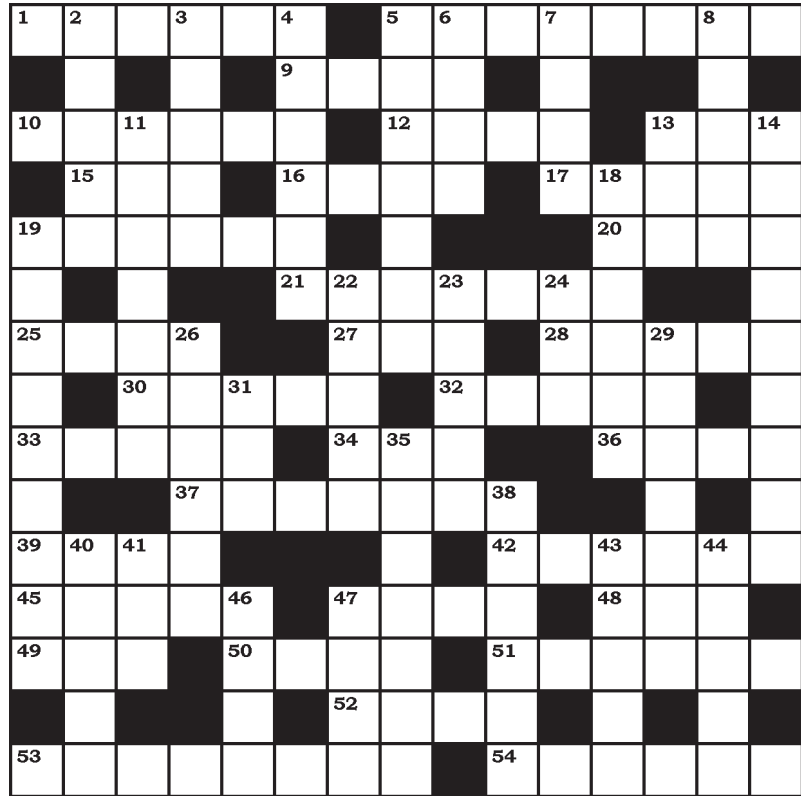
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Half 'n Half
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Across

- 1 Region of Germany (6)
- 5 Passionately (8)
- 9 Stratford's river (4)
- 10 Language (6)
- 12 Ireland (4)
- 13 Printer's measures (3)
- 15 Japanese sash (3)
- 16 Famous pirate (4)
- 17 Squashy sound (5)
- 19 Bandage (6)
- 20 Uncommon (4)
- 21 Revised (7)
- 25 Put on cargo (4)
- 27 Undivided (3)
- 28 Eerie (5)
- 30 Vows (5)
- 32 Vanguard (5)
- 33 Entertainment (coll.) (5)
- 34 Wrath (3)
- 36 Bristle (4)
- 37 Mineral (4,3)
- 39 Horse colour (4)
- 42 Ill-starred lover (6)
- 45 Bullets (5)
- 47 Bolt (4)
- 48 Doctrine (3)
- 49 Wapiti (3)
- 50 Entreaty (4)
- 51 Belief systems (6)

52 Revise (4)

53 Countermand (8)

54 Growing old (6)

Down

- 2 No non-starter in narrow shaft (5)
- 3 Regular beat or portion (5)
- 4 It's hard work to talk incessantly with hesitation (6)
- 5 Implement blue dance (7)
- 6 Woman to take food up (4)
- 7 Mounts letters (4)
- 8 The French run out of the moon (5)
- 11 Give up a band on joining up (7)
- 13 Highest note left in each (1-2)
- 14 Service quick firm (9)
- 18 Expression of contempt raised after prince smartens up (6)
- 19 Barrister on contract for a money repository (4,5)
- 22 The stain in culture is rising in a long time (5)
- 23 Prefers internal attribute (5)
- 24 Couple's time at War Office (3)
- 26 Awful ingrate has no right consuming (6)
- 29 Book entry that's about a shilling detail (7)
- 31 German Red climbing a rocky height (3)
- 35 Run profligate young man in (7)
- 38 Caught in English aircraft. A matter discharged (6)
- 40 Look up Latin by mean old Irish doctor (5)
- 41 A United Kingdom flier (3)
- 43 Subject, for example, caught in untruth (5)
- 44 Measure study of German port (5)
- 46 Knocks up a boom (4)
- 47 Eat fairy before dinner starts (4)

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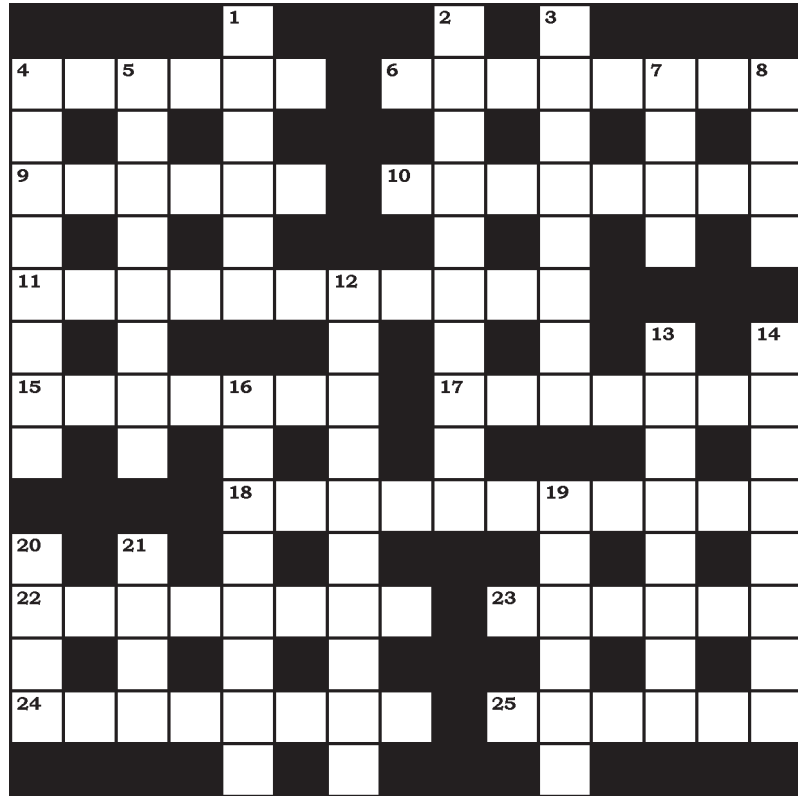
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Cryptic by Southern Cross



Across


- 4 Make secure, with lake reportedly having risen (4,2)
- 6 Northern river drained at first beside racecourse in England (8)
- 9 Allen finally to lose out to North's leader – a one-eyed fellow (6)
- 10 Shortened contract signed at last (8)
- 11 Hal possibly getting home for a steak (11)
- 15 Pulled from the barrel again with the skin removed and finally eaten (7)
- 17 At best, I trade only half (7)
- 18 A state to reopen muddle about hospital's message recorder (11)
- 22 Spell-check shown in part of keyboard? (5-3)
- 23 Times leader is to prosecute network (6)
- 24 Fortified wine is indeed sent away from the country (8)
- 25 What an MP does before he sits? (6)

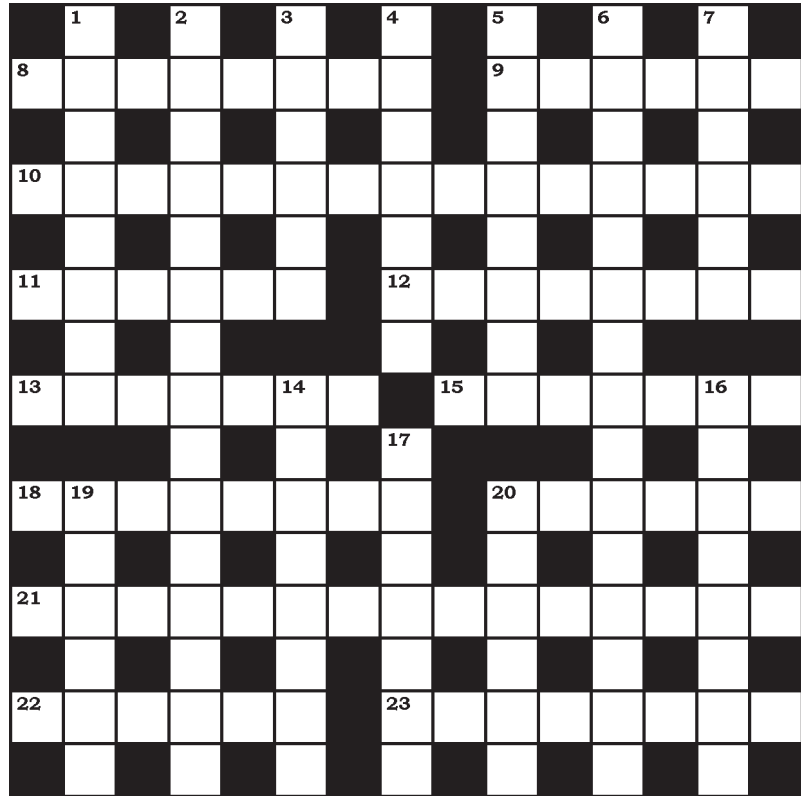
Down

- 1 Outcry concerning origins of mink coats and precious metals (6)
- 2 Dylan's man located in a village behind the Gold Coast, so they say reportedly (10)
- 3 Native race with something of an inheritance (8)
- 4 A French father's returning, taking a bird out to amusement centre (4,4)
- 5 Fuss follows what's trooped in the US state (8)
- 7 Paddy's in a late-night TV program (4)
- 8 Old singer making an appearance after 9 (4)
- 12 A sign of nervousness in salutations? (10)
- 13 For this Jazz Singer, everything's working around unfinished job (2,6)
- 14 Fire seen up in the mountains (8)
- 16 Doctors accept terms initially, sure to change non-professionals (8)
- 19 Indicates what some ballet dancers might be on (6)
- 20 Some dole-cheats abused when employed? (4)
- 21 Conservative insurer is gay (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- A belated thank you for my prize for Slot 3 in April. It was totally unexpected but very welcome. I had a great time using it in my local bookshop. *Alison Shield*
- On several occasions I have sent in a puzzle without fully understanding some of the answers, even though they may be correct. I feel as though I have not *solved* the puzzle as I cannot justify *all* the solutions. This occurred again in March's Slot 7 puzzle, with the Australian artists and their respective paintings. I was unable to find the theme, but I did manage to receive a dot, as my answers were correct. To me a dot awarded under false pretences. However, I did receive a dot and a prize (\$50) for April's Slot 2 puzzle, which I can appreciate with no guilt feelings. Thank you. *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks to Jean Barbour for drawing my name out of the hat for her quiz. The calligraphy of Patrick's on the cheque was admired by the tellers. *Audrey Austin*
- Many thanks for the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* prize for Slot 5 April, I put it to immediate good use especially in Slot 4 this month. *Roy Taylor*
- Grid quality seems to be deteriorating. Whatever happened to the 'standard of fairness' that each answer had to have 50% or more checked letters? I can remember when *CroZworld* followed that standard. *Rob Watson*

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Across

- 8** Pacifies the French infantryman first (8)
- 9** In the capacity of one church cup (6)
- 10** Unduly, Lyn and I get mad about a grab (15)
- 11** Knot, 3 layered (6)
- 12** A politician is one with no fear of reprisals (8)
- 13** Inflammation is a bit reduced (7)
- 15** Promote vehicle in modern day church (7)
- 18** Dirty insect and bird call to Ted (8)
- 20** Expiring audition needs added colouring (6)
- 21** In consequence, Cain is upset by refusal to accept (3-12)
- 22** Gamekeeper that's after a measure of liquid (6)
- 23** Most noble are soonest? (8)

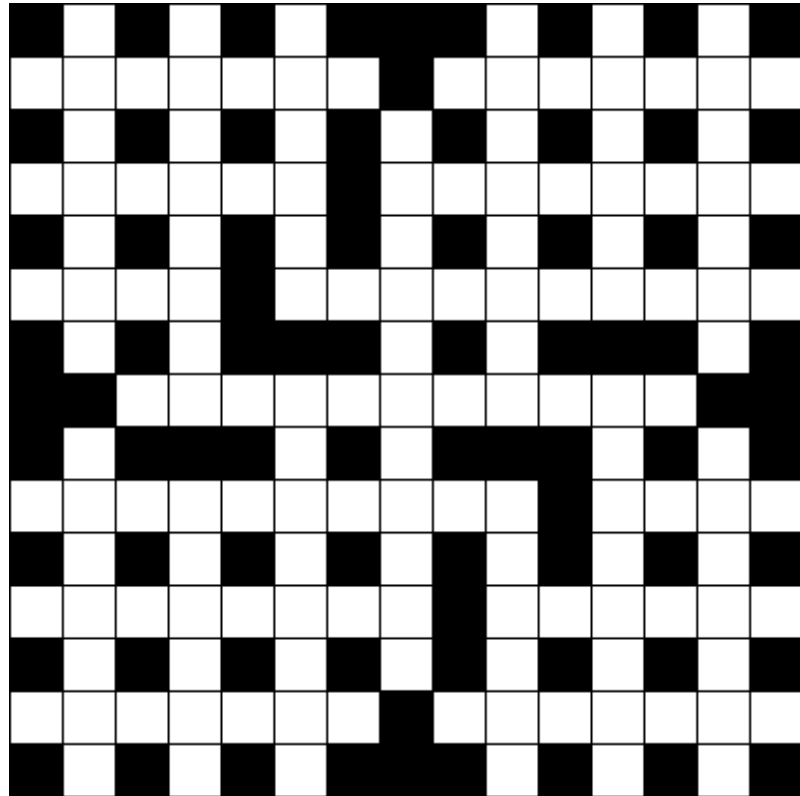
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- 1** Flaunt husk bowl (8)
- 2** I spin about sanely yet encouragingly (15)
- 3** Ruddy bravura once adorned with flowers (6)
- 4** A germ-ridden, yet clean condition (7)
- 5** Somewhat equitable and quiet deputy returns geared up (8)
- 6** Without using the solution, unaffectedly do it with partner to seduce? (7,2,6)
- 7** Form shortened oar on boat (6)
- 14** In parts, obliging question slants answer (8)
- 16** Knocking philosophy is two little men's belief (8)
- 17** Notice monsieur's anger after initial rustling of a fan (7)
- 19** Foreign drug is disturbingly toxic (6)
- 20** Want to make fatherless? (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you very much for my unexpected, but very welcome prize for the "Dogs" Quiz. I really appreciate the lovely certificate and also thanks to Doug Butler for pulling my name out of the hat. The Chambers *Words for Crosswords and Word Games* is just what the doctor ordered. Now I can find some of those (to me) obscure words. *Robyn Caine*
- Many thanks for the most welcome prize for March 2007 Slot 6, which was a great surprise, considering my recent poor record at entering solutions. *Dell Eisentrager*
- I was thrilled to receive the prize for the 1-5 April slots. Thankyou very much. When my husband saw the cheque he announced I could take him out to dinner! Cheers! *Barb Ibbott*
- Many thanks for my beautifully written cheque for \$50 for slot 5. I think I will put this towards another dictionary to add to my growing collection. Some of the puzzles get my brains in knots, but I usually manage to finish them. *Shelia Taylor*
- The Chambers *Dictionary of Quotations*: what a terrific prize! A great addition to my library! Thank you ACC, and all of you wonderful people who keep it alive and well. *Catherine Foster*
- What a lovely surprise when my \$50 prize arrived for my *Crozworld* entry. Many thanks. *Brenda Webber*
- Thank you so much for my \$50 prize. What a bonus for doing something that brings so much pleasure. Thank you to *Crozworld* and its generous members. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- This is just to say "thank you" for my *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*. I was particularly pleased to receive it as a prize for March Slot 7, the "naughty" themed puzzle by *midships*, as I had really enjoyed what was a challenging but entirely fair example of a cryptic crossword. *Susan Howells*

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| <p> J U N E 2 0 0 7 S L O T 4 </p> |
| <p>AJ by Virgo</p> |
| <p>Prize: Chambers Dictionary of World History 3rd edn. [rrp \$79.95]</p> |



Answers start with the given letter. Fit the answers where you can.

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| A It's usually seen as a light car down on the said line (7) | N The crooked line you see in bases (6) |
| B A highwayman's guide to the head of the U.S. administration (10) | O A maiden sometimes gets a sweetheart. Why? To please a lot! (7) |
| C An agreement to shrink (8) | P This pill got thrown into gas fixtures (5,6) |
| D Herbert's novel changed the result of a strip (4) | Q Make less row of it in the palace resident (7) |
| E Acclaimed Madonna role prone to be changed from way back (3,5) | R Show some respect for Paul! (6) |
| F Swung and prospered for his duel was shot (10) | S A diversion is a depth manoeuvre (8) |
| G Rasps start going with small offspring (6) | T Charge from one very loud pitch at first (6) |
| H Given the position of the eighth at Heath (6) | U United Nations man had a turn with the pomade (7) |
| I Trespasses in shrimping estates (8) | V Miss Gabor loses her head for French steam (6) |
| J One who rounds up a girl with a marsupial (8) | W Life begins in the midst of verbiage and materialism (11) |
| K Downhill racer beheaded by a vat (4) | X Busy taxing "R"? (It's "R" now, anyway) (1-6) |
| L Drops spill taking a long time (8) | Y How the cross-eyed old Aussie Frank sang (7) |
| M Hum about nine medleys with the fiddler (7) | Z Dreadful bias from the last monarch in the stockades (7) |

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2007

The Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be "Xmas 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 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. Prizes to be won! Make a note in your Diary now!

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a delight to receive the Chambers *Words for Crosswords and Word Games* as my prize for creating just one clue. Didn't measure up, however, to the thrill of having my first crossword published in *CrOZworld*. Many thanks to Patrick for his patient guidance.... *Kath Harper*
- There appears to be an increasing need to consult the Internet and I wonder how our members fare who are not connected?
Margaret Davis
Fay Copland
- Many thanks for my \$50 prize last month.
- Good to see sanity return to the puzzles this edition, although I have not been able to justify a couple of my answers with the clues. *midships*
- 'N' amongst them. Cross my toes and hope for the best. *Jack Stocks*
- Not a bad lot of puzzles - *gizmo* was a bit too devious for mine, and *Dazy May* says too much I feel. *Bill Bennett*

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| J U N E 2 0 0 7 S L O T 5 |
| Cryptic by Praxis |
| Prizes: \$50  Win! 2006 edn |

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Across

- 1 Thief upset Eve starting off group of Russian composers (7; two words)
- 6 Vandyke the painter's back in the sack? (5)
- 10 One included female pilot ... (6)
- 13 ... poor Lou McEwen's not invited (9)
- 14 American restrained Territorial Army for eight days after festival (4)
- 15 Make dull actor fib about show's opening (8)
- 16 Type of snail; unknown name (6)
- 17 Fetches up a pair of trousers ... (5)
- 18 ... presents bill with the trousers (7)
- 22 Born out of love, girl's one of 1ac (7)
- 23 Love book on unknown science (5)
- 24 Discount network includes graduate (6)
- 25 See 8dn
- 26 I am irritated by oriental mistress (4)
- 28 Overcharges when stretcher splits (9, hyphenated)
- 31 City girl retired after six (6)
- 32 Find oneself in East Indies sitting in a filthy hovel (5)
- 33 Phase out promotion with the clown (7)

Down

- 1 Forbidden household god seen in flat (7)

- 2 A stitch in time holds the clue (4)
- 3 Rare mistake by coloured in city shows tendency to sin (7)
- 4 God-forsaken Asian identified Scot (3)
- 5 Stops press release leaving games (6)
- 6 1ac's leader set up a lab right in the centre of Ukrainian capital (9)
- 7 Promotion's nothing but trouble (3)
- 8 **25ac** OK! OK! Smirks vary wickedly for member of 1ac (14; two words)
- 9 4's bears tangle reeds (5)
- 11 Obscene setup having a beastly odour about it for member of 1 ac (10)
- 12 Cole's sabre cut the calcareous axis of a coral (10)
- 15 Host's after crackers for team's supporters (9; two words)
- 19 Girl sending 30 up for mineral (7)
- 20 Castle installed new circular protection (7; hyphenated)
- 21 Ranger perhaps, finds a way to accept advance? (6)
- 22 Graduate grabs new rake in loafers? (6)
- 23 Gumbos? Fine with prince (5)
- 27 Satellite not available from island (4)
- 29 Member of 1ac removed broken bits from biscuit (3)
- 30 Quarry turned up in the dump (3)

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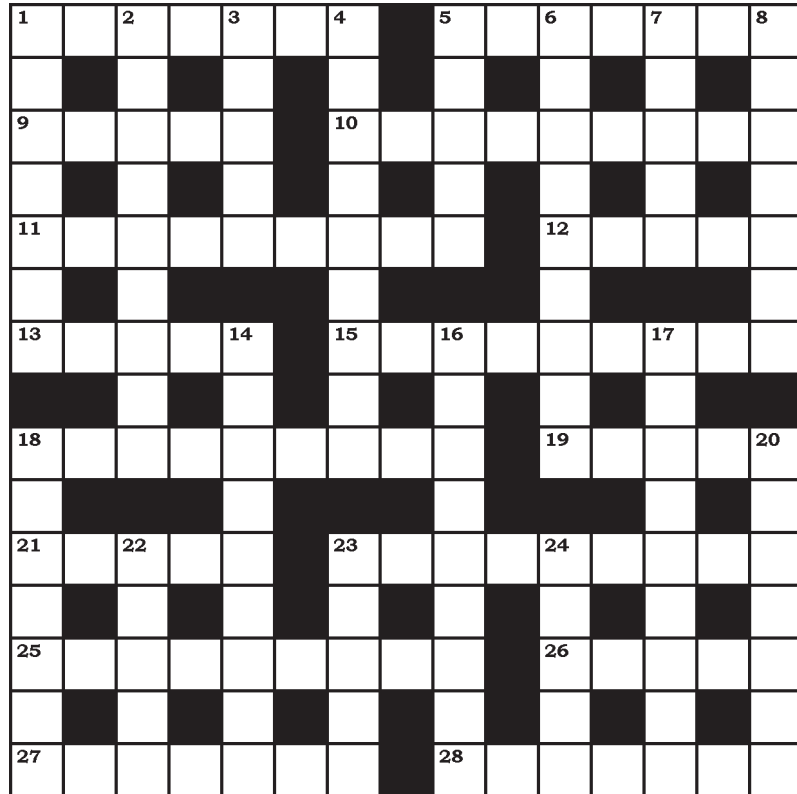
- Many thanks to the club for the magnificent Chambers *Quotations* book as a Compendium prize. Actually solving one of Jim Colles' puzzles is a reward in itself. The book prizes the club now offers are really worth winning. *Brian Symons*
- I haven't even said thanks for the prize I won at the end of last year in the Christmas Carol quiz. Now I've won slot 3 for April, my birthday month. Many thanks. What a great club this is; every year since I joined, I've won enough to pay my subs for the next year. Who said there's no such thing as a free crossword club? Keep up the good work especially in regard to drawing my name out of the hat. *Merv Collins*
- What a surprise! Thank you very much indeed for pulling my name out of the hat for the *Native Aussies* puzzle. And what a splendid prize it is, too. A truly magnificent addition to my reference library. *Crozworld* continues to give enormous pleasure, along with the occasional frustration! Thank you again. *Margaret Davis*
- Thank you for the prize to April Slot 3. It was a complete surprise and very welcome. The script is so beautiful that it seems a shame to bank it. *Gillian Champion*

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Writer's Block by Hot and Cold



Solutions to across clues are associated in a consistent way with the answer to be entered into the grid. Some of the answers take a short form which, however, will be totally recognisable.



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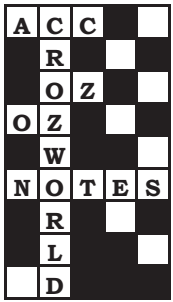
- 1 The bloodstained flat land confounds uphill Peter Pan (3,6,5) (1,1,5)
- 5 Poles show Londoner where he may find Hampstead Heath (5,3,5) (7)
- 9 One blithesome lad gyrates for the women under the bar (3,5,6) (5)
- 10 Yell direct warning of impending storm (11) (4,1'4)
- 11 Take wife to hear heavy metal bloomer (8) (5,4)
- 12 Conclude short number in horror location (7) (5)
- 13 Writes for entertainer in the Gilbert and Sullivan premieres (6) (5)
- 15 Resolutely opposed females' historic sideshow roles (7,6) (9)
- 18 Second burglar may demonstrate procrastination (5,2,4) (9)
- 19 Royal sea scuppers Capri pinnacles (6,7) (5)
- 21 Delightful composition – if you can get it, Mr. Gershwin (4,4) (5)
- 23 Academic junior has a lover (3,4) (4,5)
- 25 Free lunch by rink excited Mississippi adventurer (11,4) (4,5)
- 26 Westward hop in reckless rabbits' adventure (9,4) (5)
- 27 Initiate rope strain (9) (7)
- 28 Hx (4,5) (7)

Down

- 1 "Hiya, Man" novel, set near Wedderburn (7)
- 2 Bargees in trouble between Siberia and Alaska (6,3)
- 3 Very small mound at top of city (5)
- 4 Fish under house to find half frame (4-5)
- 5 Dress short on star of "Grand Hotel" (5)
- 6 Cocaine lived up to arctic whirlwind experience... (4,5)
- 7 ...but a girl short of ecstasy may end up with aged glyceryl trioleate... (5) (5)
- 8 ...let alone a cocktail of bee veal (5,2)
- 14 Provided a centre for growth where Canute led revolution (9)
- 16 Measure the short boys on the loo? (9)
- 17 Cow State has no capital (5,4)
- 18 Sad, limp "Ohs" at woolly-leaved plants (7)
- 20 Inverted whales take sun in astronomical bays (7)
- 22 Transpose English grating, mournful hymn (5)
- 23 Pick up red head in bank (5)
- 24 Bugs Mel White in France (5)

**Post
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Closing mail date: Friday 13 July 2007.**



A Message from the President, Patrick Street:

My workload as your President and as Editor of *Crozworld* (and other non-crossword publications) has grown to such an extent that it is necessary to divide the load. From this month, puzzles and quizzes should be sent to Ian Williams, who will act as editor of the puzzle and quiz component of the monthly magazine and prepare the grids and clues for publication. Contact details are given under "Puzzles and Quizzes" on page 1.

I shall still be responsible for all other aspects of the organisation, editorial content and publication of *Crozworld* including, where necessary, resolution of any issues relating to adjudication of particular puzzles and the award of "dots" and prizes. Ian will continue to run e-lodgements.

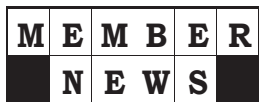
The ACC could not operate without the generosity of its members in compiling puzzles and quizzes and making them available to the Club for publication in our magazine. We appreciate those efforts most warmly and, to ensure that the new arrangements work smoothly, it is worth taking this opportunity to restate the basis for the submission of material for publication in *Crozworld*.

1. The puzzle or quiz must be the original work of the compiler. We will not publish any composition which may be in breach of the provisions of the *Copyright Act*;
2. If a puzzle or quiz has been published in any form before, details should be provided, including information on any copyright that may exist on the material;
3. Crossword puzzles, acrostics, etc should be accompanied by a solved "grid" and quizzes by the solutions; it also helps if a brief explanation of any cryptic component of each clue or question can be provided (most people already do this, and an example is available on request to Ian);
4. The preferred format for submission is a file generated by the computer program *Crossword Compiler*, but any other format, whether text, hard copy or electronic copy is acceptable; after re-formatting it for publication Ian will provide a copy to the author for proof-reading and checking;
5. If you need any further information concerning Puzzle/Quiz submissions contact Ian Williams at ianw@webone.com.au

A Message from Joan Smith (Timid Terrier):

A comment about my April puzzle was the query of 'Unsuccessful' as an anagram indicator. In the early nineties *Crozworld* published a list of anagram indicators in one of the monthly magazines. I only use indicators from this source and 'Unsuccessful' is one in this list. Apologies for the incorrect spelling of Xiphiidae. A query on the V clue corruptly = venally, short man Nev.

Chess solutions: No 5/2007. 1. Pe8(Bishop). Winner: Bev Solomon. No 6/2007. Ng4chk. Winner: Catherine Hambling. Congratulations!



New Members: A warm welcome to **Caroline Mackay-Sim** from Griffith, ACT and **Arthur Barrett** from Shelly Beach, NSW (a Gift Subscription from Betty Siegman). A warm welcome back to **Beverley Redwin** and

many thanks for her kind donation to the ACC Prize Fund.

Puzzle Adjustments: In the *Russian Literature Quiz* by Renée Bennett in the May *Crozworld*, the word lengths for Q5 are (5,4,3,11) and Q17 should be (3,8).

Puzzle deleted: The puzzle printed on page 16 of the May 2007 *Crozworld* has been cancelled and no prize will be awarded. We have been advised by the adjudicator of the puzzle, Karl Audrins, that he has resigned from the Australian Crossword Club, such resignation effective on and from 2 May 2007.

• **Prolific:** Two girls, one on each knee (7) - was the two millionth clue published on 14 May 2007 by *The Daily Telegraph's* Monday compiler, Roger Squires. The 75-year-old ex-Royal Navy lieutenant. Mr Squires still works six hours a day and has published 66,666 crosswords since the 1960s. No other setter is near to publishing their millionth clue. Working from his home at Ironbridge, on the banks of the Severn in Shropshire, he sets 23 crosswords a week for publications including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times*, the *Telford Journal*, *Church Times* and *The Globe and Mail* in Toronto. His first puzzle was published in the *Radio Times* in 1963, and his millionth clue appeared in this paper in 1989. In the late 1970s he set 40 puzzles a week, earning him a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's most prolific compiler. Asked how long he would continue, he said: "I think I will probably die in harness, I hope. But I certainly shall not make the three millionth clue."

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

exigency *n.* (also **exigence**) **1** an urgent need or demand. **2** an emergency. [ORIGIN: French *exigence* & Late Latin *exigentia* (as **EXIGENT**).]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 9780195517965

QUIZ No 6/2007

ROTORWORDS by Cactus (Jim Colles)

Clues combine meanings for each of the two answers required, with the second answers being the reverse spelling of the first, which are in alphabetical order. *Example: Clue - Sucker growths (5) Answers - Straw/Warts.* Send your answers to: Jim Colles, PO Box 600, Rye, Vic 3941. or by email: jimcol@pac.com.au Closing mail date: Friday 13 July 2007. Book prize.

- 1 Place to walk animal (1,4 & 5) _ _ _ _ _
- 2 Supported coke reduction (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 3 Course has locks (7) _ _ _ _ _
- 4 Levels turf (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 5 Layer bird ? (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 6 Bar play (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 7 Was a difficulty (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 8 Steals seat (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 9 Unearthed material (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 10 Stakes circuit (4) _ _ _ _ _
- 11 Deny source of food (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 12 Again go over horse (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 13 Princely drink (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 14 Checked objector (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 15 Despised address (7) _ _ _ _ _
- 16 Present artist (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 17 Ice blocks alarms (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 18 Looks after porcelain (6) _ _ _ _ _
- 19 Attack music (3,2 & 5) _ _ _ _ _
- 20 Line-backer strips again (7) _ _ _ _ _
- 21 Blue form (4,2 & 6) _ _ _ _ _
- 22 Quick transport (5) _ _ _ _ _
- 23 Rotter rejoins (7) _ _ _ _ _
- 24 Made much of trifles (8) _ _ _ _ _
- 25 River display (5) _ _ _ _ _

May 1-2007: Thematic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Thanks for your celebrity theme puzzle Audrey. In 7dn, NO does not equate to 0 which is NOTHING or LOVE, unless you take NO. (full stop) meaning number. *Alan Walter*
- I've never heard of Freddie Frinton, but all the others have made me laugh. *Carole Noble*
- Got through without looking in *Halliwel* – but FRINTON was nearly a dot-loser. *Max Roddick*
- 6dn: Argh! One of those awful first name things AND an indirect anagram. Run away! *Rob Watson*
- Audrey continues to come up with new themes – how does she do it? *Margaret Davis*
- I gave 36ac as my COTM, as he was the only comedian I hadn't heard of, but when I looked him up I learnt something new about the world. *Andrew Patterson*
- No problems with this one, but I had to rack my brains (and the Internet) for the names of the stars. *Catherine Hambling*
- The answer FRINTON had me stumped for ages, and I had to search the Internet. *Barb Ibbott*
- Another very bright and breezy Thematic start to the puzzling. So who the heck is Freddie (36ac)? Couldn't Google his identity, so, with the intersecting letters fitting most of Freddie Flintoff I crossed to the other side of the ground and dubbed him Freddie Flinton. Stumped, I am. *Jim Colles*
- 38ac: Rita who?? Spare a thought for those of us without Google, Internet and such modern gadgetry. *Maurice Cowan*

May 2-2007: Cryptic by Dazy May (Kath Harper)

- A real delight. As a friend I was well aware of *Dazy May's* (Kath Harper) abilities as a solver but had no idea of her talent as a compiler. More please. *Alison Shield*
- Welcome and congratulations to *Dazy May*. It's always good to see a new setter. Not quite sure of CRESCENDO and SIZABLE – and is 'the Frog' a bit naughty? ELEVEN gets my COTM – it's brilliant. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Good one *Dazy May*. 11dn got my COTM. Liked 3dn too. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Thanks for your first cryptic puzzle *Dazy*. 28ac: Not present = ABSENT. What you should put is person not present = ABSENTEE, the answer you intended. Much liked your 'naysayer ... so the yarn goes' = DENIER, a clever clue. 8dn: the two words 'next door' are unnecessary and could well be deleted. 18dn: for SHIPMATE could you please explain 'not just on the Red Sea'? 26dn: 'Frog' derogatively = French person; I think you are trying to imply that Frog = French which is incorrect. The 'French = LE, 'The' Frog doesn't! *Alan Walter*
- Wonderful first cryptic. Loved POND and DENIER amongst others. Uncertain re 26dn. Clever clueing, but has being sanguine anything to do with bleeding? *Brian Symons*
- Not bad for a first attempt. I liked 2dn and 11dn, and 13ac & 14ac. Some clues had superfluous words. *Carole Noble*
- 1dn caused me trouble for a while, until I realised that it was HIJACK, not HESTIA! (anagram of A HEIST, and also an uplift). *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Welcome, *Dazy May*, you've made a great start. More please! 1dn – how many of us thought 'Anagram!' and tried that old trade name, then found that, unlike its acronym, it wouldn't fit? *Max Roddick*
- I had 1dn as HOLDUP which held me up. I did not follow 17dn or 18dn. *Roy Taylor*
- Welcome to another new compiler. A good first effort, *Dazy May*, keep it up. Some neat clues; I liked 23dn particularly. *Margaret Davis*
- I don't understand the Red Sea reference in 18dn. *Andrew Patterson*
- Some excellent clues – my favourite 8dn. I hope 21dn is right as I can't quite figure it out. *Catherine Hambling*
- Congratulations Kath on a good start. I've given 11dn my COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- 12ac baffled me – CRESCENDO? The definition is OK, but the cryptic clue escapes me. I loved 2dn, DENIER, my COTM, and 19ac, ECHOING. *Catherine Foster*
- An enjoyable cryptic, although the top left corner eluded me for a while. *Barb Ibbott*
- I'll bet you've graduated to a dishwasher, Kath, because these clues are too well thought out to come from washing-up games. I'm bamboozled, though, by the Red Sea connection to 18dn? Great effort, hope there are more *Dazy May's* to come. *Jim Colles*

- Welcome, *Dazy May*. A Really enjoyable puzzle. I particularly liked 26dn. More please. *Jean Barbour*

May 3-2007: Cryptic by Childs Play (Brian Symons)

- 13dn: SNACK BARS = Mars (bars) quite a clever clue *Alan Walter*
- Not child's play by any means. Loved 13dn, I gave it my COTM. *Carole Noble*
- Loved 7dn – TWINS. My choice for COTM. *Max Roddick*
- I was a bit stuck at 16ac for a while as I don't think of insects as animals, but I suppose they are, strictly speaking. Otherwise a nice cryptic with several good clues. *Margaret Davis*
- Again some great clueing but I'm not sure of 18dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- A straightforward, honest puzzle. Thank you. *Ted O'Brien*
- Enjoyable stuff, with really well worded clues all the way, and plenty of clever misleading. Specials I thought were 19ac, 3dn, 4dn, 13dn, and the implied Spoonerism (18dn) was a canny bit of work. *Jim Colles*

May 4-2007: AJ+ by midships (Ian Williams)

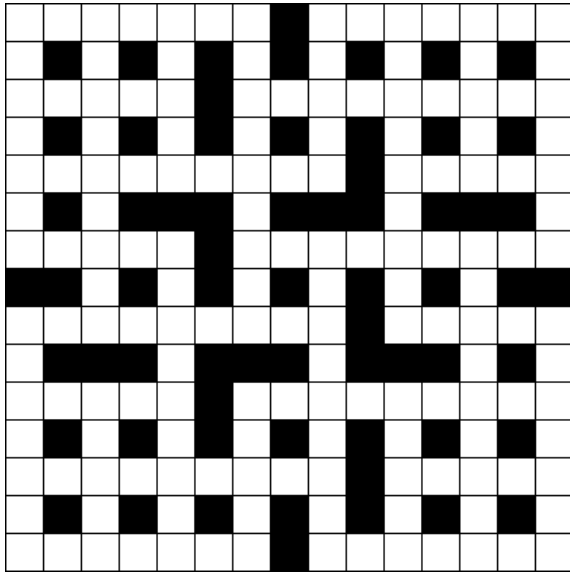
- A good AJ workout – thanks *midships*. N: Kay's refers to 'K' clue. W: pedestrian reported = WALKA, to fight = BOUT. Z: Kostya = ZEU (TZU) to G(RAND)MA. F: Rush = FRAIL. *Alan Walter*
- Lovely variation on AJ. Julie took a while to register. *Brian Symons*
- An interesting take on the AJ. I think the W clue was my favourite. *Carole Noble*
- A challenge from A to Z, and well beyond Jupiter's orbit. *Max Roddick*
- Great combination of trickiness and solvability without too much anguish. *Roy Taylor*
- 'L' 'Sooth', forsooth? 'Soothe' soothes. *Rob Watson*
- The different grid made this an interesting, and slightly more challenging, AJ. *Margaret Davis*
- Very tricky format, but once I got my head round it I really enjoyed it. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank God I'd finished this before the dreaded lurgi hit me! *Ted O'Brien*
- Solving the clues was only part of this jigsaw. The real detective work was finding out how they fitted together, and Holmesian thinking was required. Having a Watsonian mind meant slow progress, and it was pleasing to finally see the pieces falling into place. A very satisfying AJ+ indeed. *Jim Colles*
- Nice to have a slightly different AJ. Liked A and PROXY. *Jean Barbour*
- I found the grid difficult to fill in due to the absence of the usual two lead words. *Barb Ibbott*

May 5-2007: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

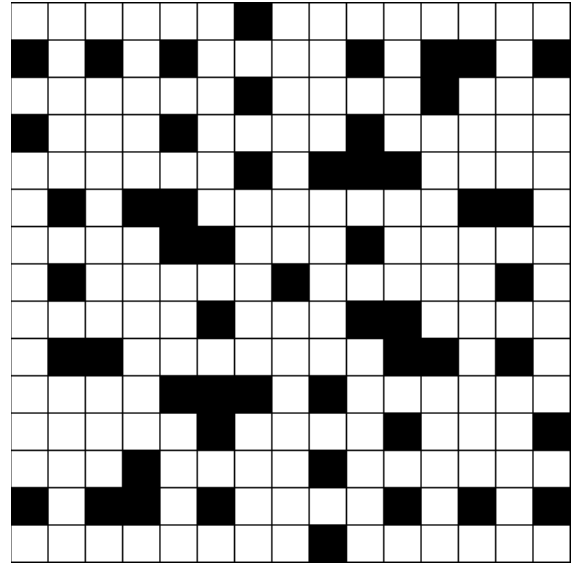
- Some tricky clues. 19ac, IN NEED, please explain how 'maid retired' = EED. (*DEE is listed as a girl's name*). 12ac: OK back = TEL; OK = 'let it be', not just 'let'. 3dn: ST = stone, OAT = pipe (a musical pipe of oat-straw). Nice tour of NY, thanks Roy. *Alan Walter*
- Not quite up to Roy's usual (incredible) standard. Nevertheless BASS gets my COTM. Please explain 19ac. I can find DEY for maid, but not DEE. *Brian Symons*
- Ah Roy! Excellent one month, perfect the next. *Carole Noble*
- I assume the answer is RICHMOND, even though it was renamed Staten Island in 1975. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- 6dn – I didn't know ECHIUM, but a friend had a plant of this name, otherwise the middle three letters could have been PHI or RHO, both Greek characters with the middle letter of H. The other two were unchecked, and neither ECHIUM, EPHIUM or ERHOUM were in *Chambers, Macquarie or Oxford*. *Audrey Austin*
- A good old *Praxis* puzzle again. *Roy Taylor*
- 17dn: Breaking news (in 1975, that is) - Richmond has changed its name to Staten Island. D'oh! Otherwise, sterling stuff. *Rob Watson*
- *Praxis* can be relied upon to stimulate our thought processes and introduce us to a few new words at the same time. Thanks, Roy. *Margaret Davis*
- What a relief to work out 13ac – certainly made things easier. I would like an explanation of 11ac. *Catherine Hambling*
- No 'BRIDGE TOO FAR' for Roy! *Ted O'Brien*
- I don't think I knew that Gotham meant New York until *Praxis* said so. I suspect that I now know everything. Such a great way to acquire information, doing crosswords as satisfying as this. Thanks, Roy. *Jim Colles*
- Challenging with some great words; 6dn: ECHIUM. *Jean Barbour*



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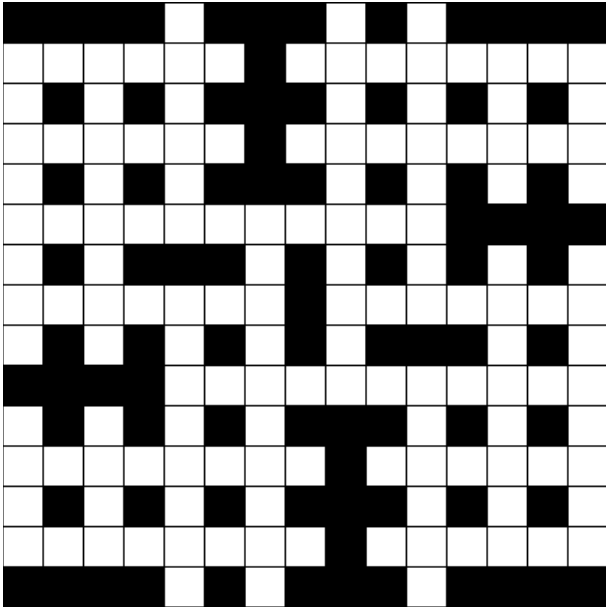


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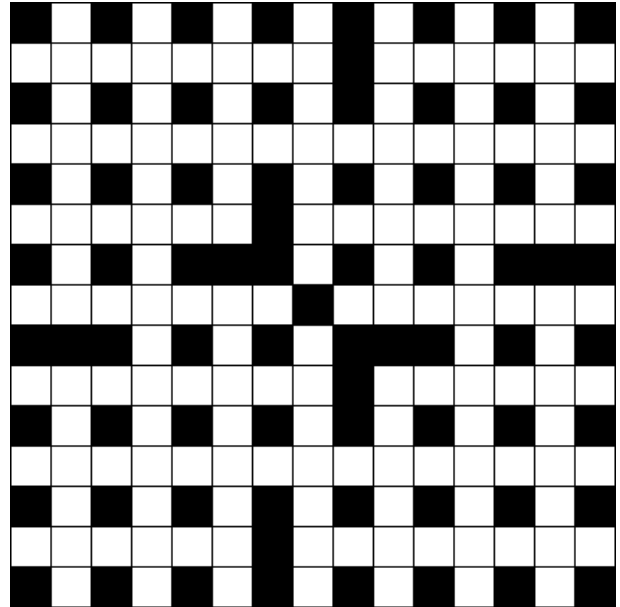


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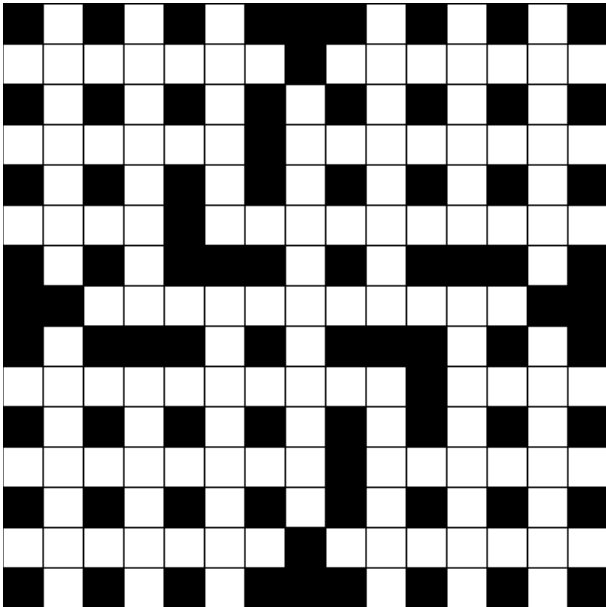
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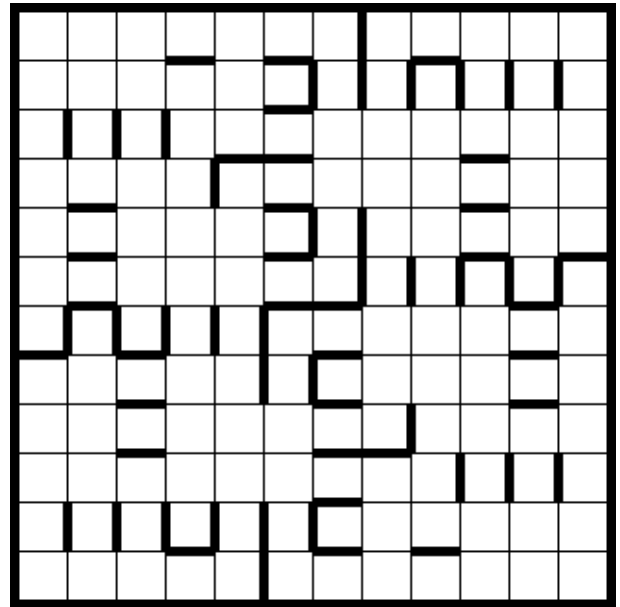
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April 6-2007 – A Cook's Tour by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 59. Correct: 52. Success Rate: 88.1%. Prizewinners: Jean Barbour and Bob Hagan.

Solvers' Comments:

- As one who enjoys her food, and always willing to try new things, I really enjoyed this puzzle, although I had to Google a couple of things. *Margaret Davis*
- At first sight I thought – oh! this is a horror, I know nothing about foreign cuisine! But as I went along solving your pretty tough, but fair dinkum clues, I was on my way: the food just fell into place. *Catherine Foster*
- I enjoyed doing this puzzle, difficult enough to be a challenge, but not too difficult. One finished with a sense of achievement and several new words in one's vocab. *Margaret Galbreath*
- This is my second attempt – the cat threw up on the first one! (I suspect some of the members may have done so, as well, Kath) Maybe he just doesn't like foreign food, but I enjoyed it. *Kath Harper*
- I'll stick to my Aussie pie and sauce, but thanks for the Cook's Tour. *Carole Noble*
- How do you keep thinking of these different themes – it was great! *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for another excellent puzzle. I licked my lips when I saw what you had served up. Somehow the italics were missing from the puzzle but I assumed the countries named should have been in italics. (That's true, David.) *David Procter*
- 32ac: A fun clue! VL for 45 raises the question: why didn't we call the year MCMXCV just MVM? (Yes, that was a bit naughty, wasn't it Max) *Max Roddick*
- Hard and fun – thanks. Loved clueing for OXHORN. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks for your Cook's Tour of exotic menus. Guzzling GOULASH, & suffering SUCCOTASH. Sad dogs being (blue) HEELERS, quite a humorous clue! In 23dn: OR+ G + eat. How does 'before' equate with OR? (See explanatory Notes below, Alan). *Alan Walter*
- Lovely stuff as always. Thanks for the challenge. *Rob Watson*
- Thanks for this challenging puzzle. What a delicious treat. I found OXHORN the hardest to verify, but CREW was my favourite new word – I've never heard that used as the past tense of crow. *Jenny Wenham*

Explanatory Notes: 33ac: ox (an animal that lows)/horn (once used, among other things, as a drinking vessel); 1dn: It appears BALTI is a type of Indian cooking originating in Britain; 2dn: UR (Homonym)/ae. (aged)/aim (rev); 6dn: BOD: Military slang for a person, usually referring to fellow SOLDIERS/ICE – a dangerous drug; 8dn: SARCOsOMA/20dn: BUGSEED; caused little angst. Despite not being in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* dictionaries, both words were verified by sources other than Axword and clued for minimal difficulty. 10dn: Pun on (BLUE) HEELERS: type of Australian cattle-dog; 23dn: See *Chambers* or³ ... before (in time). **—Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

Results of Quiz No. 4/2007: Solve The Solvers (a fruity melodrama) by Cactus (Jim Colles)

The Cast: (in order of appearance) **Scene 1:** (Banqueting) – Hambling, Edward, Waites, Roddick, Howard, Freeland, Dearie, Hocking, Wallace, Heath, Butler, O'Brien. **Scene 2:** (Roistering) – Fuller, Wood, Standard, Patterson, Wilson, Jermy, Window, Eisentrager, Trollope, Prewett, Ainsworth. **Scene 3:** (Arresting) – Holford, May, Shield, Bryant, Copland, Callan, Pyc, Foster, Anderson, Smith, Storey, Dennis.

Curtain/Boos and hisses

Box Office figures: 35: Bill Bennett, Bev Cockburn, Catherine Hambling, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Gabrielle Leeds, Ron O'Rourke, David Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Alan Walter and Jenny Wenham. **34:** Carole Noble and Brian Symons. **33:** Marian Procter. **32:** Ian Williams. **31:** Bob Hagan. **30:** Audrey Austin, Catherine Foster and Roy Taylor. **29:** Corryn Anderson, Claire McClelland and Joan Smith. **28:** Graeme Cole. **27:** Betty Siegman and Bev Solomon.

Prizewinning Ticket: Ron O'Rourke. Congratulations!

Reviews:

- If this was an accurate account of the last Melbourne get-together, can I please come to the next one? Pretty please? (Don't miss it Carole. Anything goes. Casual attire, T-shirts welcome) *Carole Noble*
- I must admit this has been a real challenge to me. I suspect you compiled it some time back, as I could not find some of the names in recent issues. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I think we have invented a new kind of puzzle: 'The Cryptic Quiz'. (patent pending) *Audrey Austin*
- Grr! *Joan Smith*
- It truly was a GOOD FRIDAY to complete this devastating puzzle! At first I thought there were 3 rather long clues with letter lengths of 12, 11 & 12. Quite a surprise to find that these turned into 35 cryptic clues. The only gimme I thought I'd found was STREET, which didn't prove to be a gimme at all, not even an answer! Believe you me there were quite a few hidden traps in solving this wicked story. *Alan Walter*
- Well, a great quiz. You certainly seem to have a boisterous lot of friends. Hope they all survived their taste of porridge. (I do too, Betty) *Betty Siegman*
- It took me a while to get started but once I was into it, it was great fun. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- It was most enjoyable and I was so absurdly chuffed to find my own name in the top position that I was determined to finish it and send it in. *Catherine Hambling*
- A most enjoyable exercise. It must have taken some composing. *Ann Jermy*
- Most enjoyable and sent me fossicking through back copies of *Crozworld*. *Susan Howells*
- Wow! What a marathon! I think I have an unfair advantage, as I have a list of all members from the year dot. However, I still had trouble with many of the clues. Thanks for a clever and an original quiz but wait a while before the next one. I need to recover! (Done!) *Bev Cockburn*

Cactus chatter:

Because this nonsense was concocted about a year ago, there have been some changes in solver personnel. However, of the 35 names used, 28 appeared in the April issue, and all but one have appeared since December renewals (two, sadly, for the wrong reason). The name missing was PREWETT, and the clue (second last in scene 2) was a soda. Various different names were proposed by a number of entries, but I couldn't make any of them fit the context of the clues, though your fighting words in support will be welcome. Compiling something like this isn't as hard as it may seem because, when no definitions are required, cryptic clues can be made up to say just about anything, particularly with the overuse of anagrams and anaginds. Thanks to all who came to the performance, and I'm glad that some of the cast took a bow. **—(Cactus) Jim Colles**