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[Pip] I struggled through the alphabet as if it had been a bramble-bush; getting considerably worried and scratched by every letter.
Charles Dickens, 1861, *Great Expectations*, Ch 7.

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While ACCOLADE can accomplish much, it still needs attention to detail on your part when completing and submitting puzzles for adjudication. The system will apparently fail if you input a “bad” e-mail address, so please ensure that the address that you enter contains only letters, numbers and periods – a valid address does not contain spaces or other punctuation marks. If you are having problems in saving completed or partially completed puzzles, please read the information on cookies relating to various browsers that is provided on the website. Last but not least, successive adjudicators have bemoaned members’ propensity for making spelling mistakes. While ACCOLADE will not let you submit a puzzle containing the dreaded blank space, it **will** allow you to make spelling mistakes. However, ACCOLADE has a facility that before submitting your puzzle will allow you to spell-check your entries. If used, it would save a lot of angst and many missed dots. Reference to pp6 and 7 of the April issue points up a surprising number of typographical errors that would have been apparent from a spell check. So, while the brave new world of ACCOLADE can do much to ease the task of submitting puzzles, correct submission will always depend on you!

This month we have another testing set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our skilful Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**. Favourites include *KA*, *Whynot?* and *Manveru*. We welcome the respected compilers *St Jude* and *Buzzer* in the Slots 5 and 6 and we are pleased to feature a new compiler (*Nigrum Cattus*) in the Slot 2 titled *She’s Apples* with an outstanding puzzle. *The Eager Beaver* has compiled another challenging Quiz called *Shady Characters* which will stimulate all solvers.

Best of Luck with your solving this month! *Patrick*

Thanks to all of you who sent good wishes with your solutions, and particular thanks to Ian and Patrick for shepherding me through the process of being a first-time adjudicator.

Sadly, there were a few blanks this month, and a range of inadvertent misspellings in all puzzles – as well as some valiant efforts to create a new word to fit the clue.

Slot 1: Both EMIR and AMIR were accepted. SOPRANO and REMOVALIST drew some creative variations: POURING, DOYENNE, HOSTING; and DETONATION, SECULARIST, SEPARATIST.

Slot 2: VOCATIVE caused most problems here, with several variants of DONATIVE offered. EXEUNT also nobbled some solvers, as did the combo of DOER/GOER.

Slot 3: CENSOR trapped a few people, and a couple opted for CRUSADE instead of COURAGE.

Slot 4: Several members went for BIPOLAR over BIFOCAL, and some argued for SPUNKINESS as a viable alternative to SPONGINESS, but neither fitted the clueing.

Slot 5: A couple of solvers seem to have lost concentration here, entering ESURNAME and EPYNOM. Others changed the ending of PRERAPHAELITISM to -IST, coming within a hairsbreadth of being right.

COTM: The clear winner for this month was SEESAW with 8 votes. Once again congratulations to *Crowsman* (Len Colgan). Another 32 clues gained votes across all slots.

Good health and happy crosswording through the winter and the rest of the year. *—Kath Harper*

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	97	94	94	98	84	467
Correct entries	75	53	69	69	74	340
Success rate (%)	77.3	56.4	73.4	70.4	88.1	72.8
Prizewinners	Merv Collins	Jean Barbour	Lynne Coulton	Joan Smith	David Procter	from 110 members

Prizewinner: May 2016 Slots 1-5: Margaret Davis. Congrats!

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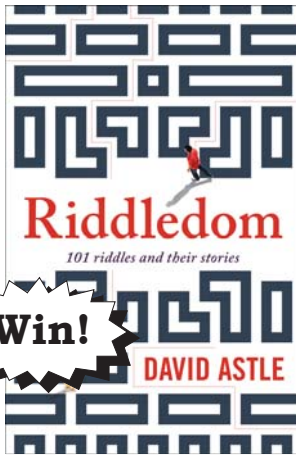
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Half 'n Half
by
KA

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Across

- 1 Old distilling apparatus (7)
- 5 Police station (7)
- 9 A subject (5)
- 10 Cause of chemical change (9)
- 11 Descriptive of diseased horse (9)
- 12 Irritate (5)
- 13 Source of oil (5)
- 15 Nodding (9)
- 18 Underwear (4,5)
- 19 Supernatural beings (5)
- 21 Cheeky (5)
- 23 Exhibition (9)
- 25 Type of sausage (9)
- 26 Cockney mate (5)
- 27 Type of computer (7)
- 28 Remould (7)

Down

- 1 Everyone with equivalent grade has men retreating rather fast (7)
- 2 Promotion of joy encompasses retrospective continental victory (9)
- 3 Money for food (5)
- 4 Wagon contains recycled cork for N.S.W. resident (9)
- 5 Called for police to hold returning alien (5)
- 6 College has call for musical instrument (9)
- 7 Reorganising heats is an urgency (5)
- 8 Hog, woman, and duck are involved in Celtic sorcery (7)
- 14 Forbidden joy men tasted included pleasure (9)
- 16 The rear advertisement is about port (9)
- 17 Imaginative change of central character leads to abuse (9)
- 18 Idly, pal broke up leaf (4,3)
- 20 Attendant makes dish with half a lizard (7)
- 22 Two detectives have direction to find shellfish (5)
- 23 Bend down to porch (5)
- 24 Silent, when diplomacy involves Independent (5)

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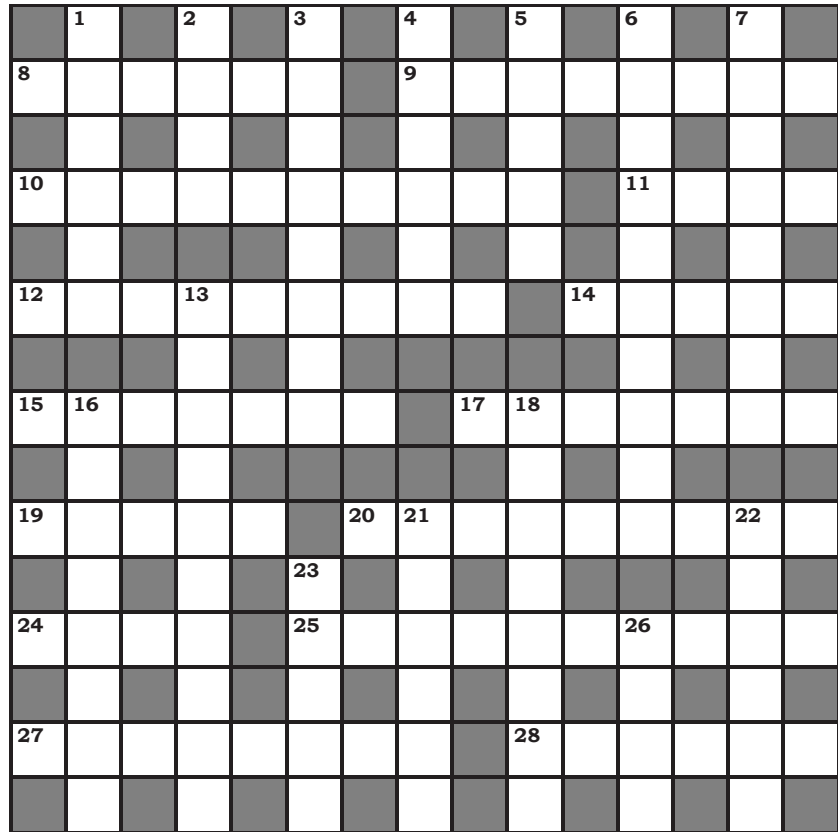
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She's Apples by *Nigrum Cattus*



11 solutions are of a kind and are not otherwise defined. Two other clues make reference to the theme.



Across

- 8 Cob not yet matured (6)
- 9 Vocal council keeps citizens of the NW informed (8)
- 10 Encircle a mother kangaroo! (10)
- 11 The European for you, once (4)
- 12 Angel's eating place – a short distance to Germany (9)
- 14 Salix, cockney dealer in knitted goods (5)
- 15 To scrimp is to no avail (7)
- 17 Islamic elements go to Honshu town for health promoting therapy (7)
- 19 Speech in local dialect at Amin award (5)
- 20 Behold Latin carrying folded memo, 'First of rulings on Net Trafficking' (1-8)
- 24 State's cultural centre evokes disgruntled moan (4)
- 25 Hints alter amendment (10)
- 27 Pinot gives pedigree documentation! (8)
- 28 Model system alternative on track (6)

Down


- 1 Literarily speaking, the starting line could be the end line in some ball games (6)
- 2 Raising arms (4)
- 3 Way unknown. Frenchman's made thermoplastics (8)
- 4 In unison – at one (6)
- 5 A vain reclassification of birds (5)
- 6 Sir Walter's glen in Yorkshire, perhaps (10)
- 7 Criminal ruthlessness, not involving USSR (2,6)
- 13 Alone, confused in more ways than one (2,8)
- 16 Woman's upset by spokesman (8)
- 18 Ham with Stilton? No way! (8)
- 21 Sun blinds young girls (6)
- 22 A Royal Artillery NCO on the rampage (6)
- 23 The convoluted old style moral significance (5)
- 26 Began taking a ramble near a mountain lake (4)

***Nigrum Cattus* (Ray Gooderick)**

I grew up in a large industrial town in NE England. I emigrated to Tasmania in 1960 where I met my wife. Barb & I have four children & seven adorable grandchildren. On retirement I returned to school and did matric Indonesian & Japanese. I also did voluntary work as a book narrator for a recording company for a few years. I have been a lifelong sport tragic. My most notable achievement, playing goalkeeper for the Ulverstone Ladies' Soccer team & keeping a clean sheet (if not a clean suit), when the regular 'keeper failed to turn up!

As a 12 year old I started doing the crosswords in grimy, tattered *Daily Mails* retrieved from Dad's overall pocket. My interest was rekindled on retirement when I began solving *SMH* cryptics & later downloading puzzles from *The Guardian*. *Rufus* is my favourite compiler. My final ambition was to compile a cryptic crossword. Thanks to the patience & guidance of Ian & Gillian I have achieved my goal. I'll die a happy man, entered at 6' down & 6' across!

Why *Nigrum Cattus*? I am still an avid supporter of Sunderland AFC, an English Premier League soccer club known as The Black Cats. I chose the Latin translation in deference to my school Latin master. He was an excellent teacher & mentor who I greatly admired. During WW2 despite suffering deprivation, he daily taught the Classics to his fellow prisoners-of-war.

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Across

- 7 60's alternative child? (5)
- 8 Carry weight below, in preparation for departure (9)
- 10 Touchy bride clutches cross (6)
- 11 Revolutionary crew hijack vessel for one on board (8)
- 12 Cored apple stewed with salt in small old pans (8)
- 13 Self-managed Mideast fuel producer (4)
- 15 Daring undertaking for South Australia in oil (7)
- 17 Strong drink knocked back that's on the house (7)
- 20 Pummel extra padding out of defence (4)
- 22 Takes watch (8)
- 25 Recall old uncle, replaced by union for artist's colouring (3,5)
- 26 Make fun of son's bottom in the air (4,2)
- 27 Way Coke bemused youngster, consumed as tasty ingredient (5,4)
- 28 Songbook's first in hand for prayer (5)

Down

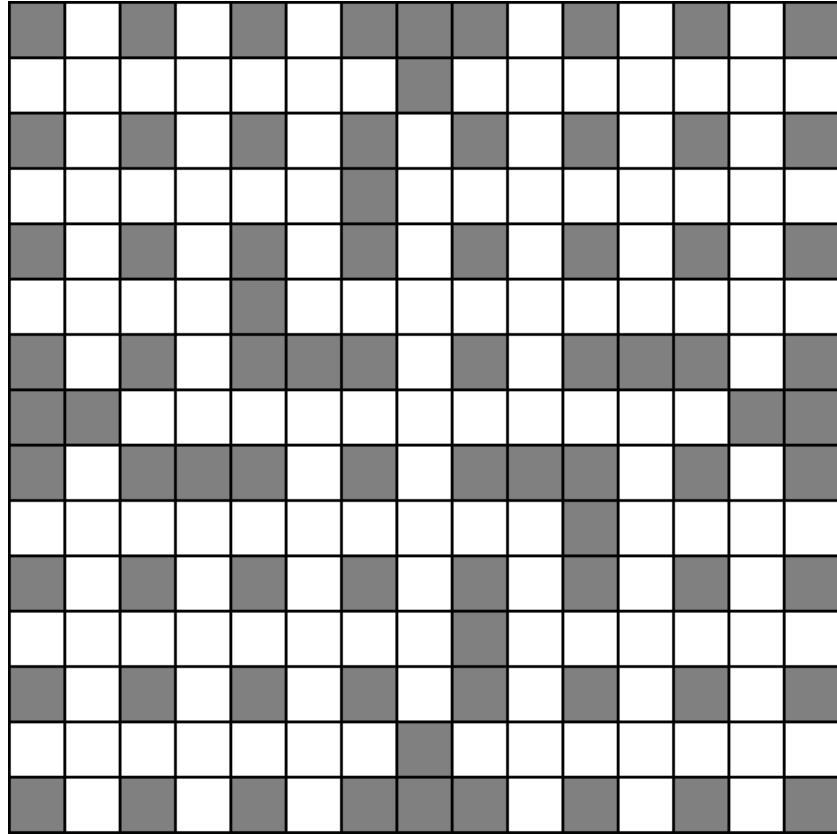
- 1 Tennyson's Lilian – female happy before and after (4-5)
- 2 Spooner's queer state of need (8)
- 3 Small bed cover for one under the weather (3,4)
- 4 Figure out designer leaving off top is second-rate (8)
- 5 Trouble's up with eastern ship in northern port (6)
- 6 Touch-up worn-out shirt on top (5)
- 9 Star I'd look up to (4)
- 14 Slinkily misbehave you say? Lousy! Lousy! (9)
- 16 Stumbling block in ward (8)
- 18 Calm witness without humour to provide balance (8)
- 19 Give credit to a reporter (7)
- 21 Start off without a meal (6)
- 23 Too slow without a shakeup? (4)
- 24 Stick close to home after what's happened (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you Patrick for my cheque for winning March Slot 6 puzzle. It was a lovely surprise, especially winning on such a challenging puzzle. Thanks again for all the good work you and the team put in to our amazing Club. Claire McClelland
- I guess it's OK to resubmit. Hopefully correcting mistake. [Fine, Alison, ACCOLADE is designed to allow resubmissions - Adj] Alison Hocking
- I found this a testing and enjoyable month of "slots". Could have chosen many COTMs. Cheryl Wilcox
- Thank you for my prize of \$75 for April Slot 2. This was a very welcome surprise for my birthday! Laurence Kennedy
- Very pleased to receive a prize last month. Thank-you. Ian Thompson
- How exciting to be the prize-winner for Slots 1-5. Thank you!! Ann Millard
- Thanks to all. Anne Simons
- A lovely month. Thank you to all compilers and adjudicators. Robyn Wimbush
- Thanks to the crossword club for my prize of \$75 for April No 5. It was a welcome surprise after returning from a cruise. Marian Procter
- Found this month's puzzles really challenging. Alison Hocking
- Thank you for my copy of David Astle's *Riddledom* – I'll use it to advantage in discussions with my grandson. Jeremy Barnes
- Won a prize last month. Very excited. Most appreciated. Richard Skinner
- All in all, a very good month. John Baylis
- Enjoyable as always, even though a bit doubtful about a couple. I sometimes think some of my solutions give as much laughter as the quiz gives me. A big thank you to all the compilers and 'behind the sceners' – they bring so much pleasure. Eileen O'Brien
- Once again I bleat 'What would I do without Croz?' As an 81 year old it suits so many of my needs – learning new words, filling hours of potential boredom, and ... and ... and ... Thank you all so much. Dale McManus
- I enjoyed all 5 puzzles. It was very difficult to nominate a COTM. Robyn Caine

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AJ
by
Manveru

Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them jigsaw-wise in the grid, where they fit. One solution is not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.

- A** Entertained by frontrunners in American electoral debate covering up problem (6)
- B** Language coming from aliens decoded into British English (8)
- C** Body of water with Asian capes perhaps? (7,3)
- D** Serving up an earthy mixture with vodka, ultimately it's the Russian diet (4)
- E** Disables the roundabout to get fixed (11)
- F** Scandinavian herring for one served outside hotel (7)
- G** Like J and O – usages that are changing (7)
- H** Film director is framing tree between Henry and Queen (6)
- I** I'm from Apple Island – home (4)
- J** Judge to reconsider picture without cocaine or revolver (7)
- K** Get saucy about beached boat? (7)
- L** Legally dispute retaliating at sea to exonerate RAN (8)
- M** They'll bring good luck (millions?) at racecourse on first of September (7)
- N** Bushbaby, badger and a bird (7)
- O** Minister a girl confused between love and church (8)
- P** Scheme to capture head of ISIS needs time to be manageable (6)
- Q** Leave us to orbit Earth following extinction (7)
- R** Property, money and car (4,6)
- S** Solar screen scheme, initially free (8)
- T** Cross after unsettled rest with wild party inside (8)
- U** Not phased with uranium – sodium blend (6)
- V** Cooling temperature in a violent blast (11)
- W** Lawns are mowed, reversing over sticks (7)
- X** Present old boomerangs to Northern Ireland with some hesitation (6)
- Y** You no good topless pest! That's most immature (8)
- Z** Jewish rebel to return after suspicious blaze does away with bishop (6)

WHY:

1. WHY do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help? BECAUSE this comes from the French word *m'aidez* meaning 'help me' and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday'.

2. WHY are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? BECAUSE in France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called *l'oeuf*, which is French for 'the egg'. When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans mispronounced it 'love'.

3. WHY do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? BECAUSE in the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

4. WHY is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'? BECAUSE in card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck (a Buck knife) from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

5. WHY do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? BECAUSE in earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

6. WHY are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'? BECAUSE invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

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11 solutions are of a kind and are not defined. Two words are not in standard references but are well-checked. Unscramble the circled letters and, if entering via ACCOLADE, insert the solution in "Comments on this puzzle" to secure your dot. Other comments on the puzzle itself may be added. Those entering by mail should write the solution beside the completed grid in the space provided.

Across

- 1 Finally ask why a dog is brought to a kind of sleepover (7)
- 7 Vivid evening starts, with the sun setting to the west (5)
- 10 Kiwi's perverted topless sex party (7)
- 12 Ulna or talus marrow related to the main line of circulation (6)
- 15 Measure support for sign (5)
- 16 Say yes to a bisected lemuroid (3)
- 17 Disgusting, discriminating priest banished (4)
- 18 A right to hold a foreigner (5)
- 20 Duck bondage, perhaps it's initially extremely exciting (4)
- 21 Without note, in haste, possesses (3)
- 22 Notices before the day starts slowly (3)
- 23 In prison on the way to Iran (4)
- 26 Tear out weed (4)
- 27 Times' strains (6)
- 29 To expose setter's embrace by Doctor of Divinity exceeded expectations (6)
- 31 McGrandchildren's misery when decapitated (3)
- 32 Expected to hear loaded answer first (7)
- 34 Equal amounts of anecdotes (3)
- 36 The racehorse I enter is faster (6)
- 39 Bargain with crone over good pound note (6)
- 41 Hard wood replaced bone (4)
- 42 Rule of the rich: discard credit account with hostel (5)
- 44 Top contraceptive (3)
- 45 Breakthrough over shortened 47 (3)
- 46 Complacent seals return (4)
- 49 Ground dirt (5)
- 50 King of Mercia found at International Commission on English in the Liturgy in old Turkish region (4)
- 51 Moisturise but retain little! (3)
- 52 Spy recruiter (5)
- 53 Posed on one of 48 (6)
- 54 Rut abnormally: in-outer (7)

- 55 Shorten passages to the Hebrides, say (5)
- 56 Religious wear sackcloth to meet the king (7)

Down

- 1 She said, for example, "He is the very pine-apple of politeness!" (8)
- 2 Pluck hair of Eastern Roman prefect (7)
- 3 Some sorceress! (5)
- 4 48 keep gold pieces (6)
- 5 To get money back, kill the king (5)
- 6 'Cause of the colour of the contents of chamber 12, it is withheld by Noumea Hotel (4)
- 7 Collective opinion overturned veto (4)
- 8 Minister withdraws from meditation at lake (4)
- 9 Every second Pusan khan raid gathered Saki kin (6)
- 11 Tree lined walks at two unknown thoroughfares (5)
- 13 Francophone African republic: a little Suisse enclave (5)
- 14 Breakdown tales told (4)
- 19 Side lost in the middle of the month (4)
- 24 Jot a letter (4)
- 25 Regret being oddly roused (3)
- 28 Each or both hands are noble (4)
- 30 Guard the crazy scion (8)
- 33 Australian artist on overturned bench (3)
- 34 Relating to a wing in the residential area (4)
- 35 Writer transposed a melody... (7)
- 37 ...while following sailor's account of rope fibre plants (6)
- 38 Commander 18 foretells the death of princes? (5)
- 39 Embrace with hesitation the comparison of 56 to 42! (5)
- 40 What, does this comes down? Definitely! (4,2)
- 41 Overthrown king addressed (4)
- 43 Armadillo is an ingredient of French stew (5)
- 44 Thorny Bushes perform in the Channel Islands (5)
- 46 Lecturer captivated by appeal to swing round (4)
- 47 Embarrass regularly (4)
- 48 Stated merits of vases (4)

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Cryptic by Buzzer


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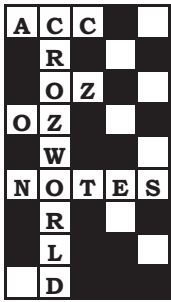
- 1 Melancholic air, often engrossing (5)
- 4 Schubert composition captivating Austria (9)
- 9 New coin beginning to take off in continent (7)
- 10 Automobile club shop around for a wagon (7)
- 11 Family tax at present front to back (9)
- 12 Positive assertion from a male? (5)
- 13 Surely an easy thing being a city careerist (6)
- 15 Crashed, avoiding the bus shelters (8)
- 18 Fish in stream cut down (8)
- 19 One's wife, American beauty pageant winner (6)
- 22 Like a young lass from the east (5)
- 24 Banal tour all over the place (4-5)
- 26 Chemical substance split over time (7)
- 27 Hear witness so nauseous (7)
- 28 Kneading dough is a mess at first (9)
- 29 Driver taking assumed name (5)
- 6 Article after article covering rising trouble (5)
- 7 Limits of earth calculated primarily through data (9)
- 8 Seats in House of Representatives held by distinct characters (7)
- 14 Heartless python gradually swallowed inside thrashing nag (9)
- 16 Surfing apparatus said to include large black paddle (9)
- 17 To a degree breaking resolution pays off (8)
- 18 It helps turn out delightful crumb cakes (7)
- 20 Small toy for a child, head of rugby football player (7)
- 21 More than half of Nauru welcomed association (6)
- 23 Expenditure while away (5)
- 25 Imagine stupid conservative replaced by leader of Nationals (5)

DOWN

- 1 Argument against railway carrying a thousand (7)
- 2 About to enter pub of Peruvian origin (5)
- 3 Uncontrollable sobs is one persistent complex (9)
- 4 A light pulse holding firm (6)
- 5 Crudely trace any curved shape (8)

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Results of Quiz No 4/2016:

"Double Trouble" by KA (Karl Audrins)

No of entries: 19. Winner: Roy Taylor. Congrats!

Results: 26: Axelsen U, Leigh J, Miles A, Taylor R. **25:** Hagan B, Caine R, Garner P, Glissan B, Lemon G, McKenzie R. **24:** Crowe J, Jones D, Millard A, Symons B, Wimbush R. **23:** Cole G, Siegman B. **22:** Jones C. **21:** Mason I.

Answers: 1 Powwow 2 Scrubber 3 Chaparral 4 Desiccates 5 Cannabis 6 Saqqez 7 Doggerel 8 Washhouse 9 Attorney 10 Balmacaan 11 Quokka 12 Exxon 13 Sayyid 14 Shiitake 15 Calliope 16 Paddlers 17 Flivver 18 Opposite 19 Hajji 20 Fisticuffs 21 Mezzanine 22 Residuum 23 Address 24 Caren 25 Commerce 26 Boondoggle.

Adjudicator's Comments: Many thanks to all of the

intrepid participants for their entries and comments. Well, what a (small) can of worms that turned out to be! There were numerous unforeseen variations and combinations, some of which were quite correct, but others, in all fairness, stretched the friendship. In fact, there was not one entry which corresponded to the "official" answers! However, I now have, *inter alia*, a new orchestra, menagerie, boat crew, and police force. Quite a few had "warrigal" for 2. Sorry, but a wild animal is not necessarily an "animal gone wild". Anyhow, I had fun compiling it, and I hope you had fun solving (?) it.

Solvers' Comments:

- Here is my much worked on quiz. All went swimmingly until the last 4 words. It's strange how in *Chambers* "boondoggle" means "unimportant task", but in every online dictionary it has connotations of an impractical activity involving graft. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Many thanks for your quiz. Three days later and we finally reach our offering. Only recently arriving on these shores, it was 2 and 26 that caused us the headache. Many thanks for the entertainment. *Julie Leigh*
- Thank you for this quiz, which I found very challenging indeed. There seemed to be manifold combinations for a number of the letter doubles. I particularly struggled with the "LSD" combination. The Iranian town was something of a nightmare, with quite a few choices. Apart from these, "scrubber" and "boondoggle" took quite some time to find. I have never

heard "scrubber" used in this sense, or that "flivver" is an old, cheap, car. I think the quiz would have remained amply challenging had the clues been listed in alphabetical order while at the same time giving the solver greater assurance they were on the right track. *Andrew Miles*

• Thanks for a very challenging quiz. I found "scrubber" the hardest. *Roy Taylor*

• Herewith my offering for your very challenging quiz. I suspect more than one collection may be possible. (And how! *Adj.*) *Bob Hagan*

• What a mind-boggling quiz you gave us, making it all the harder by not having the answers in alphabetical order. I don't think I have them all correct, but I enjoyed trying! Interesting to note that spellcheck rejects a few of these words. (Spellcheck also rejects "colour": *Adj.*) *Robyn Caine*

• Wow, what a lot of changes to my answers I had to make as I kept needing other options. Still not sure they are correct, but they do use all the letters doubled between them. *Robyn McKenzie*

• I found this one very tricky, and still couldn't find an answer for 26, so maybe I have something else wrong. *Julie Crowe*

• Herewith my answers to your challenging quiz. Alphabetical answers would have made life easier. *Doreen Jones*

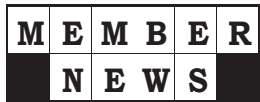
• Still not confident about some of the answers. "Unimportant task" caused the most trouble. Thank you. *Ann Millard*

• Thanks for a very difficult quiz. This is the best I can do. I suspect adjudicating will also be hard. (You bet, Brian: *Adj.*) *Brian Symons*

• Thank you KA for an interesting and quite hard quiz. No 26 took ages. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Many thanks for the quiz. Had me searching for a few of the answers – hope they are correct. *Betty Siegman*

• To paraphrase the immortal words of Rumsfeld, there are some things I know I know, and there are some things I know I do not know. To these words of wisdom, add the gambler's dictum, "You've got to know when to hold; know when to walk away; know when to run"! Picture then me in full flight – not a pretty sight. I enjoyed the challenge, taking several wrong paths e.g. 12: SHELL was the obvious answer and took some discarding. I have put in other 'answers' only to make the page look more impressive. However, I have surrendered, given in, succumbed to your mastery of double lettery. Thank you for the entertainment, frustrating though it may have been. *Ian Mason*



ADJUSTMENTS:

- Ian MacKenzie had all entries correct in April and received five dots.
- The dots on p2 of *Crozworld* which

were awarded for the March Slot 7 puzzle were incorrect. The correct names were mentioned on p15 of the May *Crozworld* and the correct dots have now been applied in an amended version of *Crozworld* which can be accessed on our website at: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/ACCsite%20Site/Crozworlds/crozworlds.html>

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2016:

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 31 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy between 12 noon and 3pm. The Dining Room does not usually open on Sundays, but we persuaded them to open specially for us if we can guarantee at least 30 persons. So we need your support for this function. We already have a few attending: we need many more. Help! Please.

We have organised an excellent lunch: a tasty first course, a choice of two delectable main courses and a selection of two desserts followed by coffee/tea. Some wine – Red and White – will be provided by the ACC. And you can purchase all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices. If any members prefer a vegetarian meal kindly let Patrick know in advance. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au by 20 July please. Our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn and Mr ACCOLADE Roy Low will be in attendance also brilliant crossworder Len Colgan (*Crowsman*) who has compiled a Reverse Interior Quiz for us which will be fascinating plus Len has donated a special prize which we really appreciate. There will be a crossword to solve and plenty of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming atmosphere. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

Quiz No 6/2016: Shady Characters by The Eager Beaver.

Solutions are not in alphabetical order. Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com. Closing date: 8 July 2016. \$75 prize.

- 1 Incline (4)
- 2 Boost onion (11)
- 3 Marine deserter (3)
- 4 Horse has no time (6)
- 5 This month (3)
- 6 Bower (5)
- 7 William's vassal (6)
- 8 Treated cold nurse (9)
- 9 Within chalet first (7)
- 10 Tax on Mrs Windsor (8)
- 11 Cold animation (5)
- 12 Draughtsman's technique (3) - (1,1,1)?
- 13 Welfare for naught (4-3-7)
- 14 Diverging from type (5)
- 15 Pitchy picket (10)
- 16 Sentence (7)
- 17 Unwell! (5)
- 18 About a debtor (10)
- 19 Dead-ropes knotted (9)
- 20 Statute by Morant (10)
- 21 Sex element (10)
- 22 About and for Spenser's contention (9)
- 23 Inaccurate man of action (9)
- 24 Select one concerning ... (7)
- 25 ... hair dresser (4)

May 1-2016: Half and Half by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- Totally bamboozled; I just can't think the *Stroz* way – needed aids to finish. Liked SIREN and ROWER and EARLOBE because it took me so long to unravel the anagram. *Rob Moline*
- The clue for SIREN is great! *Len Colgan*
- Half 'n half alright – half the straight clues are cryptic! Good fun. *Tony Dobebe*
- Some very clever clues here Patrick! Barmaid and Scorer: they really had me thinking. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A good start to the month with half cryptic and half quirky! *Roy Taylor*

• That was a workout and a half. Some amazing clues. *Trish McPherson*

• 1dn: As there is scoreboard at 21ac surely stone, store or scone would have been better? 15: Where is the anagrind? 18: Robots unlikely to be made of iron these days. *George Rolfe*

• I loved the new take on a rock singer. My COTM. *Betty Siegman*

• Some of the across clues (9, 11, 16, 18 and 21) were cryptic too; so not quite 'half'n half! Loved 21dn. *Bev Cockburn*

• As always with *Stroz* the straight clues are almost more cryptic than the cryptic ones. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Unusually for a slot 1 I am unsure of a couple of the Across answers. Made it interesting though. I should say that for 20ac either EMIR or AMIR would work. I went with EMIR as it is the more popular. *Richard Skinner*

• 8ac: SOPRANO is a guess. Given that it has a ! perhaps it's as tortured an orthodox clue as 21ac. Soprano is a woman (maid) singing bars of music. *Drew Meek*

• I thought this one was a little tricky for Slot 1 – we should encourage new solvers by making this one relatively straight forward. *Christina Lee*

• Slot 1 was actually the last of the five to be completed, mainly because I failed to realise the cryptic significance of the punctuation marks after the across clues 8, 11 and 16. *John Baylis*

• Not at all sure about SOPRANO. *Margaret Davis*

• A hard *Stroz*. But then again not unusual. *Alison Hocking*

• Patrick's usual quirky clues made this slot 1 a delight. *Robyn Caine*

• 8ac is a complete guess! *Don Hemsley*

May 2-2016: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

• I enjoyed the clever links between 15ac and 20ac and 12; 11 and 3; 28. *Brian Tickle*

• Very tricky in places but it all went in. Liked 15 and 20ac, but a bit nonplussed by 3/28 and 11/12; never having heard or seen either hard doer or easy goer. *Rob Moline*

• A couple of tough ones here. VOCATIVE was my last in. I hope I have it right. *Jenny Wenham*

• Too many praiseworthy aspects to list them all. But 7dn is unwieldy in comparison; and personally I would not use URGE + S to clue URGES. *Len Colgan*

• Lot of tricky ones, especially kidney. *Roy Taylor*

• I found this really challenging and am still not confident that my solution is correct. *Ann Millard*

10: Where is the definition? Is it an attempt at an &lit? [Both *Chambers and Macquarie define KIDNEY as meaning "sort" - Adj*] 4: 'for' rather than 'of'. 7: What is the authority for c = canine? [*Chambers - Adj*] *George Rolfe*

• There were some good clues, but others remained mysterious to me. Shouldn't 10ac (KIDNEY) have a definition? [See above - Adj] *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• I didn't think I would complete this slot; 9 and 31ac and 19dn gave me much grief!! I will be very interested to see the solution. *Cheryl Wilcox*

• MOUTHFUL was good for a grin! *Max Roddick*

• Loved electric blue and shocking pink; also sugarbag. *Nea Storey*

• As always, excellent clues. Loved 19dn VOCATIVE. *Bev Cockburn*

• Always learn something new about everyday words: kidney can mean sort. Liked 1ac. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Hm. A bit tougher than the normal slot 2. Follows on from slot 1 nicely. Nice twist on the "opposite" clues. *Richard Skinner*

• 10ac is missing the definition; 21dn if ONE delivered by Tenor is meant to indicate an anagram I don't think it is well structured. *Drew Meek*

• I chose kidney for my COTM; also liked electric blue and shocking pink! *Corryn Anderson*

• Slot 2 held me up for quite a while in the top L/H corner until I got 1dn, and I have given MUSTER my COTM. *John Baylis*

• I liked 1ac. *Robyn Caine*

May 3-2016: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)

• 23dn was my favourite clue. *Brian Tickle*

• UNORTHODOX and a bit loose but enjoyable. Loved "belonging to US" but totally flummoxed by Jonas. *Rob Moline*

• I much liked 16dn & 23dn. However, grammatically, "the first two devils" does not yield DE. It needs to be "the first pair of devils" or similar with a preposition before "devils". *Len Colgan*

• Phew! Some hard ones here. *Roy Taylor*

• Reasonably tricky slot 3 with some crafty definitions. I liked FUJI and CASINO best. *Ian Thompson*

• 1ac: Too wordy. Try "Joint compère has army follow corrupt official leads." 6: Query 'defibrillated' as an angrind. 8: Poor surface. *George Rolfe*

• Liked UNORTHODOX, ARMS and CENSOR. *Max Roddick*

• Very challenging – especially 1dn and 1ac! *Nea Storey*

• Very clever clueing. Clue for 20dn CENSOR was intriguing! *Bev Cockburn*

• Liked definitions in 9ac and 11ac. *Ulla Axelsen*

• I like Spoonerisms. My COTM. Thank you *Zplig*. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Two Spoonerisms and some interesting definitions as well! Ah; the English language & its multitude of interpretations. *Richard Skinner*

• Some very tricky clues but also very funny. *R & P McKenzie*

• Slot 3 was full of teasing clues. *John Baylis*

• Some very good clues. I found it a well-crafted puzzle. *Robyn Caine*

May 4-2016: Jigsaw by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

• Liked B; C – knew the word but not its meaning; Q, T and Z – guessed it then looked it up to confirm. *Rob Moline*

• After the first three toughies I found this a fun challenge. *Roy Taylor*

• My favourite puzzle of the month. Thank you *Pentangle*. *Ann Millard*

• An enjoyable AJ. *George Rolfe*

• Liked COXCOMB and TIME SLOT. *Max Roddick*

• I think the S answer could also be SPUNKINESS! ZOOTER was a new word for me. Loved LAUNDRESSES! *Bev Cockburn*

• This was tricky – seems I am never too old to learn new words. *Norma Heyes*

• A worthy Slot 4. Learned a few new words – not hard. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Challenging puzzle with great clues. Favourites were Exonerating, *Joan Smith*

Laundresses, Road agents and Viruses. *Joan Smith*

• Several unknown words in this enjoyable puzzle. ZOOTER would have been tough to solve if cricket wasn't your thing. *Ian Thompson*

• 'Z' had me worried for quite a while until I discovered a zooter was a Shane Warne term! *Julie Crowe*

• Another excellent AJ with all the V, W, X, Y, Z answers right at the top. *John Baylis*

• Had to look up ZOOTER on Google to confirm; I hadn't realised Warne's 'slider' was once his 'zooter'. *Robyn Caine*

May 5-2016: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• I really enjoyed the clues for ARRANGE, ROMANIA, EPONYM and USERNAME. *Brian Tickle*

• Easiest *Crowsman* ever? Top half straight in on first read; the bottom only slightly trickier; ending with EXPOSAL and TRAPEZIA – 4 years of maths at uni and I couldn't remember the word! *Rob Moline*

• Several excellent clues. 2dn outstanding. *Roy Gooderick*

• Liked WINDSOR and others. Gave SEESAW cotm. *Roy Taylor*

• 15 Meaningless surface. *George Rolfe*

• 3dn: STANDOFF came very close to securing my vote for COTM. *Susan Howells*

• One of my favourite compilers; I love the challenge of the 15 letter words! Thanks again Len. *Cheryl Wilcox*

• Ah. COURANT! Took some time to see beyond its heraldic meaning! Liked ARRANGE and WINDSOR. *Max Roddick*

• Challenging 15-letter words! I liked TOPSOIL, ROMANIA and CLOSING DOWN SALE. *Nea Storey*

• So many great clues; so many 15 letter answers. But the cleverest of all is 10ac ARRANGE!! *Bev Cockburn*

• 8dn is a well disguised anagram. COTM for SEESAW. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Such a lot of clever clues. Thank you Len. *Robyn Wimbush*

• A fine puzzle as usual from *Crowsman*. *Ian Thompson*

• We're always a little apprehensive tackling a Len puzzle. However, what we do know is that the answer will be unambiguously clear once the clue is worked out. Slot 5 is no exception. *Richard Skinner*

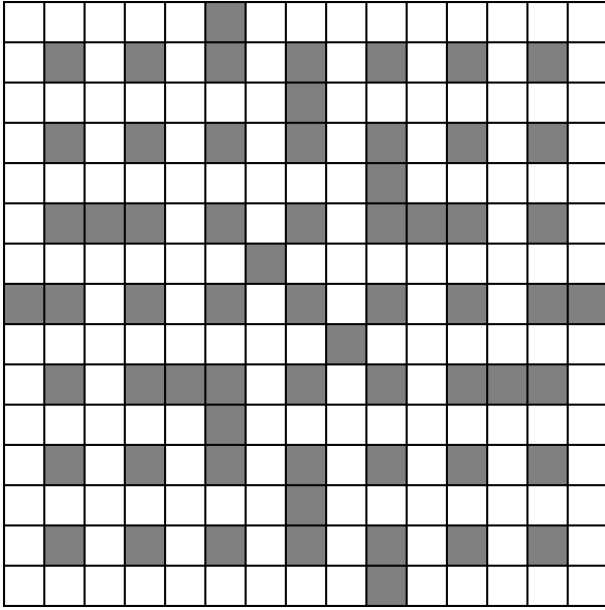
• A terrific puzzle with three imaginative 15 letter answers to find. *John Baylis*

• Len's usual mastery of clueing 15-letter solutions is once again evident. *Robyn Caine*

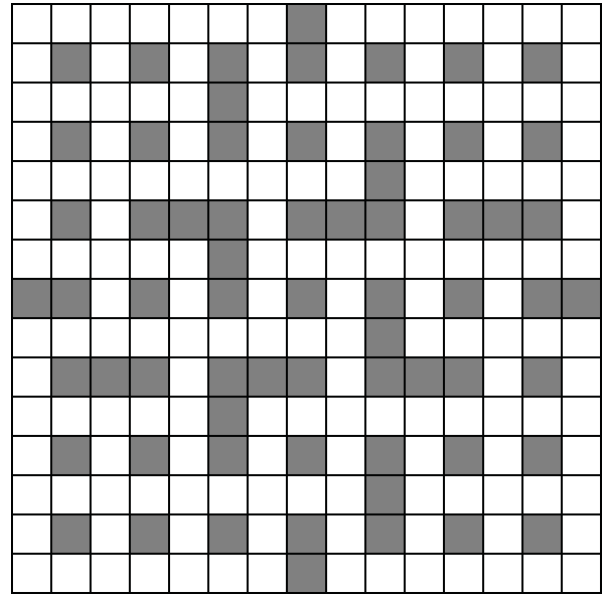
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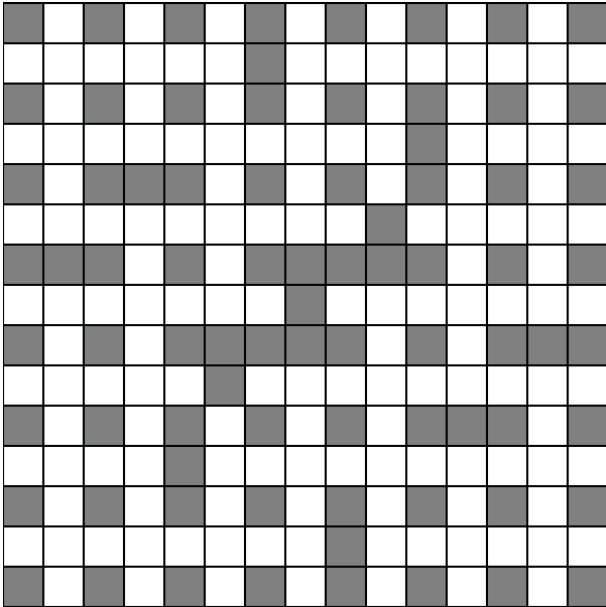
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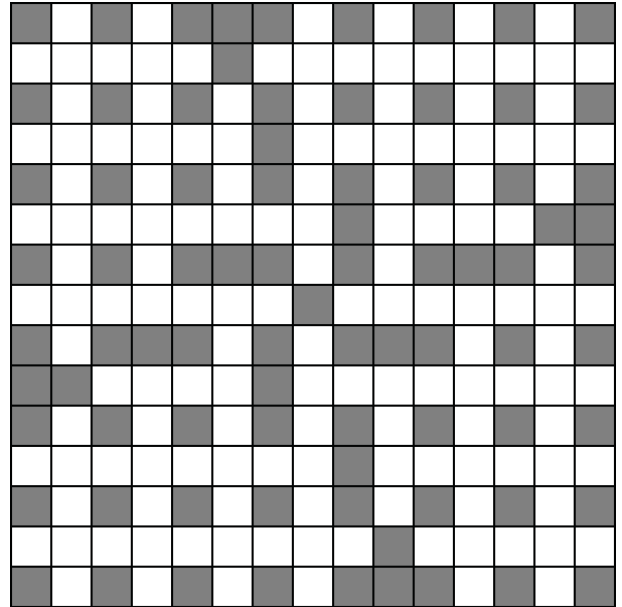
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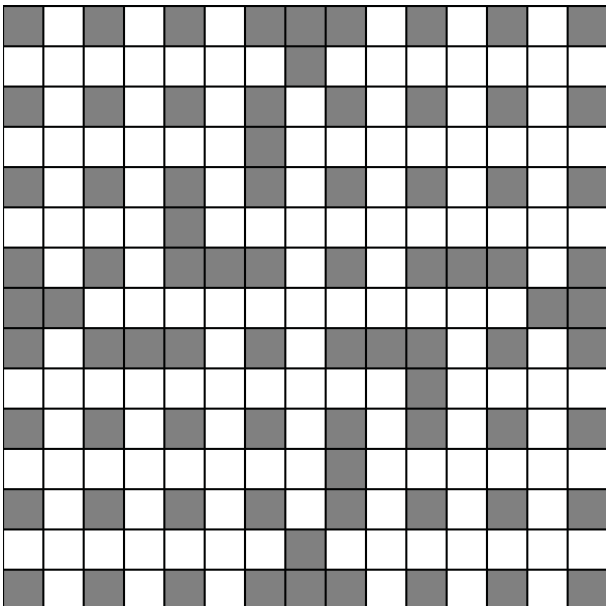
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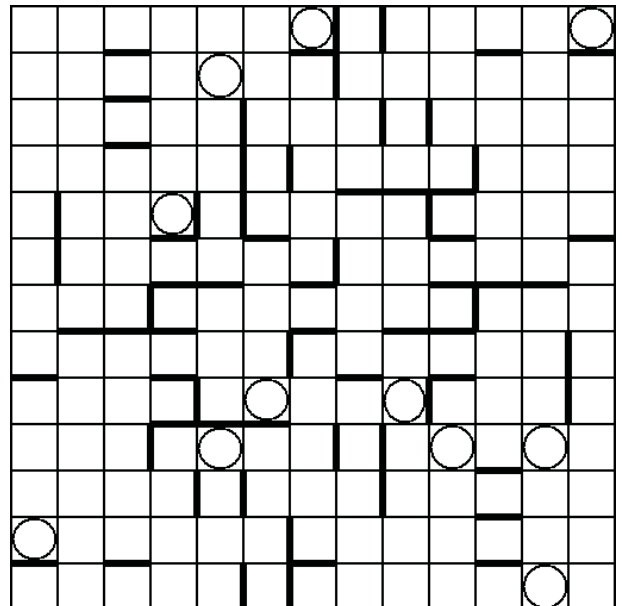
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Unscrambled solution

April 6-2016: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low).

**Entries 58: Correct 45: Success Rate 78%.
48 by Accolade, 10 by mail/email.**

Prize-winner: Brian Tickle. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Generally received as "pretty tough" but fair – entirely as intended. Errors were dominated by 26ac with 12 occurrences of REALITY instead of READILY. Perhaps too much use of Word-finders. The definition is "no problem"! Only three other errors. Accolades went to WINTRY, ENTENTE and STEEPLECHASER when the pennies dropped. Others needing attention were HACKNEYED ('N is informally "AND" as in rock 'n roll), NEPTUNIUM (Non-Person or the element) and the (deliberately?) misleading COP OUT.) Overall a very high success rate for a tough puzzle. For the full clue explanations, re-submit your solution via ACCOLADE now the puzzle has expired. —Roy Low

Solvers' Comments

- I liked 1ac. Don't understand the wordplay for 13ac. *Ian McKenzie*
- Had a battle with this one – especially in the SE quadrant but really enjoyed many of the clues; particularly 1ac, 11ac and 8dn. *Brian Tickle*
- So many great clues. Thank you *Blue King*. *Ann Millard*
- A difficult puzzle for me. Several very good clues, but in too many cases I thought the wordplay of clues was unfair. *Ian Thompson*
- Great fun Roy. Thank you yet again. *Dale McManus*
- Failed in the SW – unconvinced READILY fits the definition NO PROBLEM. Guessed HACKNEYED but can't make head nor tail of the NEYED part. SH for me means quiet or be quiet! not quietly. *Rob Moline*
- I made a lot of trouble for myself by having COP OUT for 6 dn. 4ac then would be PSYCH. Finally saw OPT OUT. Lot of good difficult clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Great puzzle thanks Roy. 1dn took ages as I haven't watched "Jam and Jerusalem" and didn't know its significance. Unsure of why 'grenadier' is 'messy drinker' [*soldiers often drink in a mess – BK*]. *Bev Cockburn*
- 13ac caused one of those duh moments when I finally got the clue. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Some very clever clues here Roy. I particularly like READILY, ENTENTE and NEPTUNIUM. The latter, although I had the answer, took a while to work out 'Why?'. Such a clever brain. *Maureen Blake*
- Quite a few of these clever clues had me stymied until I managed to decode them; but 13ac still has me puzzling. *Kath Harper*
- The last word in READILY took a little extra thought. Great puzzle! *Max Roddick*
- Well, we thought that slot 6 was a challenge! We simply don't see how many clues work (in full that is) so if we get this right we might open a bottle! *Richard Skinner*
- A wonderful puzzle. 1ac, 1, 5 & 10dn were best. *Anne Simons*
- A very enjoyable puzzle. And nice to meet you Roy last Sunday at the Bridge Congress! Well done on your results. *Sonia Roulston*
- Thanks Roy and for the adjudicating too. So many elements. *Robyn Wimbush*
- ENTENTE had me stumped right up to the last – very clever. I was stuck on several words in that top right corner, but they fell out over the last hour! *Michael Potts*
- The north eastern area gave the most trouble. Things improved when I eventually rejected COP OUT for OPT OUT at 6dn. Favourite clues were 2dn, 5 dn & 1ac. *Denis Coates*

- Very challenging. I didn't come to terms with NEPTUNIUM. Tempted with REALITY but stuck with READILY for 26ac. 1ac is very clever. *Bob Hagan (Snr.)*
- I liked the clue for ENTENTE: v. good. Some other great clues too. *Graeme Cole*
- I loved the clue for ENTENTE. Enjoyable puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- Most enjoyable with some head-scratching required. STEEPLECHASER such a clever clue. *Odette Greenberger*

Explanations of clues in May 2016 grids

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN). "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.*

Slot 1 Strozz. Down: 1 dd, 2 (inOpERABLE)*, 3 LACE < in TENTS, 5 dd, 6 I + N + ROADS, 7 S (UN + B) ONNET, 10 FIRE + PROOF, 13 (MAKE HORSE)*, 15 (REPREsEntative)*, 17 P (WIRE <) IG, 19 B (L) OATER, 21 (REStrAIN)*, 22 dd.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 1 cd, 5 OOM + PAH, 9 S + U + GARBAGE, 10 homoph "kid knee", 12 (AGREES YO)*, 13 I + M + MODERATE, 15 cd, 20 cd, 24 anag, 26 EVE + R, 29 hOSIERY, 30 anag, 31 cd/dd, 32 cd. **Down:** 1 (STRUM + E)*, 2 URGE + S, 3 anag, 4 anag, 6 dd, 7 INN inside PALE outside C, 8 anag, 14 hidden, 16 GOT<, 17 homoph "sin - eh", 18 anag, 19 VO (CA) TIVE, 21 homoph "tenner", 22 homoph "penned" + ANT, 23 dd, 25 dd, 27 (ILL + IV) <.

Slot 3 Zplig. Across: 1 HOST after Corrupted Official, 4 RAN(d) + SOM(e), 9 (JUSTIFIED)* minus edits, 10 U (NORTH) O + homoph "docks", 11 C (A SIN) O, 12 LO +CH (N) ESS, 13 CEA(homoph "see" = date) + jona(S) + IRE around E + F, 15 cd re "call to ARMS", 16 rev hidden, 17 (TOO GENIAL)*, 21 M (fIsh + TaRt) ESS, 22 SC + RA + W(arho)L, 24 Spooner: shack bleep, 25 UP + ON, 26 DE(vils) + SIRE, 27 ST + homoph "wreak". **Down:** 1 C (OUR) AGE, 2 HE + ID + (p)I(g), 3 (SHOUT)* + FF, 5 AT + (A CIT)<, 6 (COLD NURSE)*, 7 M (A) OIST + S, 8 ROLes + (CORRELATES)*, 14 SPAR + TAC(K-->) US, 16 FITS< + LED, 18 Spooner: poss. tot, 19 N(ovic)E + W (Y) ORK, 20 CENS(homoph "Seine's") + O(range) R(ed), 23 ROGUE, G dropping one place.

Slot 4 Pentangle. A AWE + SOME, **B** BIF(f) (l)OCAL, **C** COX + COMB, **D** Hidden (ru)DEBRIS(k), **E** E + X(ONE)RATING, **F** F(AC)ADE, **G** (h)(G)ARRISON, **H** HI(m) + JACK, **I** I + (SHIN(b) ONE)*, **J** DD, **K** LIKENED*, **L** homoph "LAWN" + DRESSES, **M** MO + HAWK, **N** (TEEN DIES)*, **O** O + LIVES, **P** P + AWNING, **Q** QUIT(e), **R** (b)ROAD + A + GENTS, **S** S + (SIGN OPENS)*, **T** TIMES + LOT, **U** (USE IT IN)*, **V** VIR + USES, **W** WA(RR) IO(R)S, **X** (a)XE(RAINS)*S, **Y** <(PAY) + PING, **Z** ZOO(m)TER(m).

Slot 5 Crowsman. Across: 9 Spooner "patching scrolls", 10 AR (RANG) E, 11 WINDS + OuR, 12 SPOT< + OIL, 13 AIR< round OMAN, 14 P (LAY + FIRS) T + FIDDLE, 17 AL (LEG) ES, 20 ALL + OWED, 22 TIT + RATE, 23 EXPOS + ALI, 24 I + N (RIPS)< ATIONALLY. **Down:** 1 ASK + ANT, 2 PR (IHATEPALER)* ISM, 3 kazakhSTAN + DOFF, 4 WHEE (D) LER, 5 A + NSW E + R, 6 E + PONY + M, 7 C + LOSING + DOWNS ALE, 8 anag, 14 PL (ANT) AIN, 15 (mAIZE + PART)<, 16 ILLS + PENT, 18 GRA (T) IN, 19 SEE + SAW, 21 feDERers + LAYS.