



CroZworld

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Pun, n. A form of wit, to which wise men stoop and fools aspire.
Ambrose Bierce, 1911, *The Devil's Dictionary* (entry added by EJ Hopkins for
The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary, 1967.

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We are introducing an online solving initiative from Roy Low. It's called **ACCOLADE** which stands for **Australian Crossword Club On-Line ADjudication and Evaluation**. The Slots 1 and 7 puzzles are being used with this *CroZworld* for you to sample this new method of solving and send the completed puzzle(s) to Roy. We sincerely thank Roy for his valued assistance in making this system available to us all. Kindly provide feedback to assist with the final system design. See further details about this exciting development on p9.

Our prominent Puzzle Editor — **Ian Williams** — has selected another variety of excellent and challenging puzzles and quiz for you this month. The slot 1 is a *Half and Half* compiled by the award winner *Flowerman*. Favourites like *Both Sides*, *Zinzan* and *Manveru* are there for your ongoing delight plus a skilful offering from *KA* in Slot 5. We extend a warm welcome back to *Hot and Cold* with an excellent Slot 6 cryptic and the inventive *Blue King* has contributed another challenging cryptic in the Slot 7 spot. *InGrid* has given us another one of her enjoyable Quizzes titled *Look Both Ways*.

Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2015 together with his expert Comments on the clues submitted. See p16. Sincere thanks to Michael for the outstanding quality of his comments.

We sincerely hope you can attend the **Christmas in June** celebration this year. It's a bit earlier than previously but we would like to welcome all crossworders especially those who might like to visit us from interstate. See p9 for further details.

We sincerely thank you for your kind comments in relation to our *CroZworld* No 300 celebrating the 25th Anniversary edition of the ACC. We trust that we can continue the success of the ACC for many years to come.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

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Hello to "My Crossword Family". Only 3 transcriptions this month! iImMtable, Ystus & stanNbys – all avoided if the down words had been written in the grid first.

Slot 1: Both CZARDAS & CSARDAS were accepted. The loss of dots was due to GASKETS (9) & SITU (7). For SPACEBARS there were SPAREPADS (2), SPARETAGS (2), SPAREPASS (3), SPACECAMS & SPACETABS. 7 other little errors crept in.

Slot 2: Apart from a couple IRENE (2) and IRENE (2) the undoing for 14 members was LASHING/LADDIES. While LADDIES would work BASHING was needed in 5ac – BANG = report. 8 other assorted errors occurred.

Slot 3: Nothing of any note here except for 2 x DECLARE for DICTATE.

Slot 4: All incorrect answers were stand alone errors.

Slot 5: ANTEDELUVIANS (7), ANTIDELUVIANS (2) and ANTIDILUVIANS (1) were the offerings for ANTEDILUVIONS. There were 4 x TRUMPS and CLOSED IN (9) for CLOSED ON (CLOSE+DON).

COTM: 32 words were nominated across the 5 puzzles. 'Split infinitive' with 8 nominations pipped 'Harp of Ireland' with 7. Well done *Crowsman*.

There seems to be a general consensus that the puzzles are getting harder. Thank you for all the greetings with your entries – they lighten the load. Happy Crosswording for the remainder of 2015. —Veniece Lobsey

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	111	108	110	100	85	514
Correct entries	76	78	102	83	55	394
Success rate (%)	68.0	72.0	92.0	83.0	64.0	76.0
Prizewinners	Paula Mercer	Catherine Jones	Glenda Lloyd	Ross Bryant	Robyn Caine	from 111 members

Prizewinner: April 2015 Slots 1-5: Sam Howat. Congratulations!

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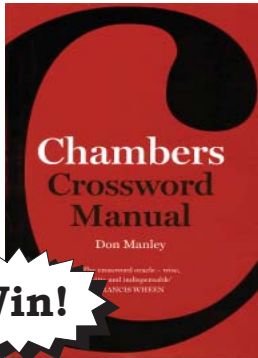
MEMBERS RESULTS for Slots 1-5 April 2015 & Slots 6 & 7 March 2015

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BARNES J	HEMSLEY D		PEARCE J	
BARRETT A	HEYES N		PINDER S						.	.	
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CALLAN A&D	JERMY CA	ROBERTSON S	
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COLLINS M	LEIGH J	SIMS J	
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COWAN M	LLOYD G	SMITH J	
CROMER H	LOBSEY V	STEINBERGER M	
CROWE J	LORD P	STOREY N	
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DE GRYS A	McKENZIE I	TAYLOR S	
DENNIS M	McKENZIE R&P	THOMPSON I	
DOBELE T	McMANUS D	TICKLE B	
DOUGLAS R	McPHERSON T	TOFONI B	
DUCKER R	MACKAY-SIM C	WALTER A	
DYER A	MARTIN A	WILCOX C	
EVANS Jean	MASON I	WIMBUSH R	
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Half 'n Half
by
Flowerman

Prize:



Win!

Prize kindly donated
by Ross Fraser of
Hodder & Stoughton

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Note: This puzzle is part of the trial of our online solving initiative ACCOLADE. Members are strongly encouraged to use the online method if possible and to provide feedback to assist with the final system design. If they wish they may also submit the puzzle as part of an e-lodgement or submit another form of electronic solution or mail their solution to the adjudicator.

Across

- 1 Clear off (7)
- 5 Reprimands (7)
- 9 Game of cricket (1,1,1)
- 10 Object (5)
- 11 Spreads (5)
- 12 Musical piece (5)
- 14 Explanation (9)
- 15 Declines (4)
- 17 Hunted down (10)
- 20 Mixture (10)
- 23 Nail (4)
- 26 Significant event (9)
- 27 Strips for plasterer (5)
- 30 Prevail (5)
- 31 Association (5)
- 32 Literary genre (short form) (3)
- 33 Caught in loop (7)
- 34 Remedy (7)

Down

- 1 I left wild Soviet to get smashed (5)
- 2 Valediction to offer up a bit of intrigue, I daresay (5)
- 3 Walked quietly by guard with dread at times (6)
- 4 Guilt about concealing capital raised by son (7)
- 5 Manages brief after taking a rest in the middle (7)
- 6 Criticise for breaking contact (8)
- 7 One takes out old essay on Russians at the front (9)
- 8 Put off by woman seizing pay out to daughter (9)
- 13 Bill's a little PC? Not half! (3)
- 15 In short, hard exercise to mount cut gem (9)
- 16 Curious ladies follow early development of shrubs (9)
- 18 Free network no good (3)
- 19 Working inside irritates contacts (4,2,2)
- 21 Pompous tenor interrupting love song (7)
- 22 European reacting badly after time's wasted (7)
- 24 Retreat after animal dropped out of tree (3)
- 25 Fails to get ace for university sides (6)
- 28 Black monarch follows another bird shortly to find flower (5)
- 29 Climbing mountains protecting soldiers from attack (5)

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Closing mail date: Friday 12 June 2015.

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Cryptic by Both Sides



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Across


- 1 Lead planet (6)
- 4 Board game: "Scratch" (8)
- 10 Senior pupil, perfect perhaps? (7)
- 11 NATO realigned with Fun City and Canadian Province (7)
- 12 Trio fiddled with bread (4)
- 13 Search for American outline of novel (10)
- 15 Mohammed's internal measurement of foreigners (6)
- 16 A name returns to Eastern flower (7)
- 20 Flower identification for starfish (7)
- 21 Drink reportedly dropped into Greek letter results in a spot (6)
- 24 What chance in Hell for vipers around irregular flow? (10)
- 26 Earring for he-man (4)
- 28 Socrates' last drink on edge of canal enclosure (7)
- 29 Large number for youth led by arbiter (7)
- 30 Thirty-one, wooed by US serviceman, might have become one (3,5)
- 31 Fly, young girl! (6)

Down

- 1 Extra male hero (8)
- 2 Girl cons by vocal histrionics (9)
- 3 Regretted rude slip-up (4)
- 5 Obstructing a religious observance (8)
- 6 Noctua – insect with Liberal mother running wild (6-4)
- 7 Hesitate in gamble on headwear (5)
- 8 Solipsist Cockney guy to lead (6)
- 9 Unadorned Sun King (5)
- 14 Stupid fool in shattered red urn where heating may be located (5-5)
- 17 Thirty-one reportedly lacking champion for eternal day (9)
- 18 Sailor hurried around and held up (8)
- 19 American bird at Vatican conclave (8)
- 22 Avoid witches chewing entrails (6)
- 23 Star of "de Milo Planet" (5)
- 25 Before this time female discarded shell (5)
- 27 A pious capital in the Pacific (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- A belated thank-you for the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* – a beautiful book and a lovely addition to my reference collection.
Christina Lee
- My prize for March Slot 4 (*Oxford Thesaurus*) arrived this morning. It will be a timely replacement for my battered *Penguin Roget*. Together with my trusty *Chambers Dictionary* I should not now be at a loss for the right word. Many thanks.
George Rolfe
- A special commendation to all of the compilers of the Bonus puzzles in the April jumbo edition. Specific mentions are warranted for the sayings cleverly woven into Bonus 4 and Bonus 8. Only *Betelgeuse* would have the savvy to place ROSOGLIO, URAO, MUNG, RAPIDO as the bottom left corner, while *Flowerman* exhausted so much of my time as I laboured over and tried to reconcile the devious wordplay in his LUMBER clue. Well done Patrick and Ian!
Len Colgan
- The postman has been twice this week. On the first occasion he delivered the bumper April magazine and what an amazing production it is. It will keep me occupied for weeks. My sincere thanks and congratulations to you Patrick and all those other stalwarts who, month after month, provide us with such wonderful mental stimulus. On the second call the postman brought Don Manley's *Crossword Manual* as the prize for last month's Slot 1. A great surprise, but nevertheless very welcome and, who knows, it might enable me to join the band of setters.
John Baylis
- Thanks Patrick for the April edition of *Crozworld* and all the news. Thank you, too, for your generous donation of the special prize for Slot 5. You are such a great President – no wonder we have such a great team of compilers, adjudicators etc. I reckon if we could get all our world leaders to join our club, we would soon have world peace!!! (Except sometimes I think dark thoughts about the compiler of a particularly vexing puzzle.)
Eileen O'Brien

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Zinzan</h2>


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Across

- 1 Farcical film audition surrounding *Cold Waters* (8,5)
- 10 Admit first part of elevator's directions is deleted (3,2)
- 11 A pony may be one thing that's not as big as comparable others (5,4)
- 12 It's used to distinguish creative works returned by northern country (not Norway) (9)
- 13 Spare tyre oddly kept in old Corolla's boot? (5)
- 14 Gathered a lot of leaders of European democracies (7)
- 16 State, "It's cold in US state but not Australian state" (7)
- 18 *Eroica* is a rueful retrospective piece that covers a lot of ground (7)
- 20 Battered pride upset Zinzan every day (3,4)
- 22 Herd of bolod donorr? (5)
- 24 Pet's noise disturbed her on hugging the next door neighbour maybe (9)
- 26 Time put in – sadly no other time without interruptions (2,3,4)
- 27 A restaurant's chairs, it's uncovered, enables meals so? (3,2)
- 28 Lobster net thrown into a sort of salty world (6,7)

Down

- 2 Helena's there! Not a man around ... (7)
- 3 ... greatly affects powerful women – I'll replace the leader (9)
- 4 Genius responsible for the origins of the electrical system launching alternation (5)
- 5 Given a seed into tournament, lifted one's game (7,2)
- 6 Famous Australian quick to dismiss English in French city (5)
- 7 Physical property of train that is moving? (7)
- 8 Labour movement embracing English party's leader's effort to avoid the issue of children (13)
- 9 Film maker bore out expression of outrage (7,6)
- 15 Be uncertain about a setter's incisive technique (9)
- 17 Bodily opening circled by a deep orange-pink colour (9)
- 19 Poor wet vagrant given a lift up the mountain (4,3)
- 21 One starts off avoiding forfeiting improperly (7)
- 23 'Front of ship' label mostly? No (5)
- 25 Underground passage formed by some trowels (5)

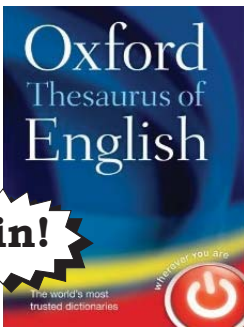
GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- Congratulations to the ACC on its Silver Anniversary. As a member of comparatively short standing, I feel very much a beginner, but I shall be forever grateful to my friend for introducing me to this wonderful adventure. I now look forward to the beginning of a new month and a new set of puzzles. Your compilers are amazing and I thank them and the kind people who adjudicate, as well as all members of the *CrOZworld* Team. Patrick, I read with interest your history of the Club, and was pleased to learn I am not cheating when I look up words. I am certainly learning many new ones! May the ACC continue to flourish. *Norma Heyes*
- What a boomer of a month of crosswords! The April edition has 17 crosswords, two quizzes and an interesting potted history of the club. Don't let anyone ever say we don't get our money's worth. Then, to cap it all off, I find I've won the slot 6 for February and the cheque arrived in the post. Many thanks and congratulations to those who founded this great club and to those who faithfully run it now. You're a bunch of champions! *Merv Collins*
- A belated thanks for the great April edition with its extra puzzles as well as the May 1990 edition. The latter brought me back to my early teaching days using spirit and roneo duplicating machines. They weren't kind to errors. What leaps and bounds have been made in publication since then! The current *CrOZworld* is a real credit to you, Patrick, Bev and Ian. *Ulla Axelsen*
- My best wishes on the ACC reaching its Silver Anniversary. I would just like take the occasion to confirm how proud I am to be one of its founding members. Congratulations. Roy Wilson (*Praxis*)
- Thank-you to the setters and the ACC for this month's fine selection of puzzles. *Ian Thompson*

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by
Manveru

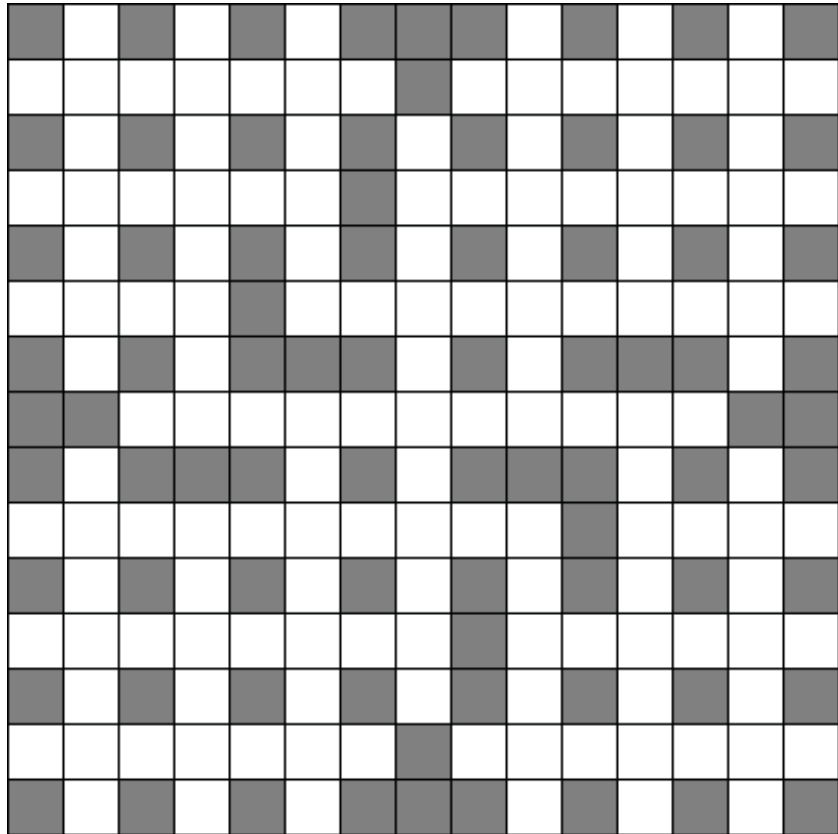
Book Prize:



Win!

Solutions begin with the given letter.

Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit.



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| <p>A A new celebration finally arrives, representing year! (11)</p> <p>B Throw into confusion with two bases? (7)</p> <p>C Singles out with church organisation's leader and unmarried prophet (7)</p> <p>D Commencement of day needs universal measure to produce time scale (8)</p> <p>E E-tag for flying novice? (6)</p> <p>F Seven doubled broadcast fortune with finale of Revenge (8)</p> <p>G Sparkle from gem's face more slender after initial cut (7)</p> <p>H Spells <i>shadily</i> incorrectly with an O (8)</p> <p>I Batting line-up? (8)</p> <p>J Possibly find it in jumper's pocket? (4)</p> <p>K French cover hiding in snake-pit (4)</p> <p>L The most unprofitable net sale out! (7)</p> <p>M Exhibited new impression of Monet around upper-class department (7)</p> | <p>N Bumpy Northern road needing repair around University Lane to start with (7)</p> <p>O Exotic albino bird release? (2,4)</p> <p>P Cure friend in a material way (10)</p> <p>Q Feuding with crossbows perhaps (11)</p> <p>R He denies clergyman is sheltering Jacobite extremists (8)</p> <p>S Quiet ritual's introduction in English temple (6)</p> <p>T Hung over after ten? Date with her went off! (10)</p> <p>U Habits taking shape in tertiary institutions (8)</p> <p>V Poisonous nightshades or ivy with inherent climbing parts (6)</p> <p>W Divine, yet ungodly? (6)</p> <p>X Kiss – steamy, yet excessively dry (7)</p> <p>Y Displayed weariness with backward-looking study method (6)</p> <p>Z Zaire's cardinal stripping primate's crown – he's a weasel! (7)</p> |
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GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- What a buzz to receive this bumper issue – especially our first edition! Amazingly, I remembered solving *The Sphynxx's* slot 4 message 25 years ago! However, I cannot remember the answers to the 2 clues on page 6, about the quart in the pint-pot and the toothless hawk – hope the solutions will be published [1. JACKSHEA 2. GUILLEMETS. Ed.]. Jan Wood
- CrOZworld was exceptionally good value this month. I am working my way through the fine collection of bonus puzzles. Roger Douglas
- Great to see a puzzle from Shirl O'Brien – brings back a lot of happy memories for me. Also a *Virgo* – in fact, my COTM goes to DERVISH. Catherine Hambling
- Thanks for an enjoyable – and definitely challenging! – set of crosswords this month. I am not at all sure of some of my answers, so will be keeping my fingers crossed as I hit the SEND button. A special thank-you for the bonus issue, with the club history, the bonus grids, and the re-print of Issue No. 1. It must have involved a lot of extra work. Nea Storey
- A comment on the whole of the April offerings. Sending a facsimile of the first edition was a wonderful idea. We found it most interesting (and entertaining) and a great benchmark for the way things are today. Likewise, the April slew of puzzles has kept us more than busy in what has been a busy month for us anyway. A worthy clutch of crosswords for the (magnificent) 25th celebration. Our thanks go out to all who gave their time and expertise. Well done to all involved. Richard Skinner
- What fun to have our three old friends return for Slots 1-3 – puzzles that can be solved with words that are in my vocabulary. A most enjoyable blast from the past. I did, however, slow down a bit on 4 and 5. Pat Garner

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Cryptic by KA


8 solutions are consistent with a theme and are not defined.

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Across

- 1 Truck on the move (5)
- 5 Walks along the river with Mr Darcy, perhaps (7)
- 10 Quiet roan is agitated (9)
- 11 Cosmetic used by a rake carrying a note (5)
- 12 Belches after damaging rectus (6)
- 14 Greasy feeling when polish is put on a head (8)
- 15 A frolic for the high flyer (4)
- 16 The weight of a city? (4)
- 17 Mixed up rubbish containers in asylums (5,4)
- 20 Figurine representing an alien constrained by law (9)
- 23 Look after the intellect (4)
- 24 Clear out a quantity of paper (4)
- 26 Giving support by settling a debt (8)
- 28 Advance, surrounding country (6)
- 29 Writer is concealed by a heliotrope (5)
- 30 Arthropod, worn out, is concealing a burst boil (9)
- 31 Notoriously deny lot was broken (7)
- 32 At no stage was seen in the southern Everglades (5)

Down

- 1 Horse has a look (7)
- 2 A gypsy with a smell (5)
- 3 Choke on drug (4)
- 4 A street of no return? (3-3)
- 5 Italian BDS breaks down in the dock (5,5)
- 6 Half of band has one (6)
- 7 Shredded delicate material before it was classified (9)
- 8 Dines in restaurant when spoilt tea's discarded (4,3)
- 9 Sibling with money is a cry-baby (5)
- 12 In Ely, ten were calling in an agitated manner (10)
- 13 Punish ardent follower (9)
- 18 Rio coon is confused by this river (7)
- 19 Academe terpsichoreans include the Earth mother (7)
- 21 In the direction of conflict between leaders of Tunisia, Oman and Djibouti (6)
- 22 Encourage the disturbed, rogue Cardinal (4,2)
- 23 Gibson is working (5)
- 25 A blend of Oz tea produces nitrogen (5)
- 27 River flowing in level bedrock (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd)

• So many crosswords, so little time – just as well Easter & Anzac Day were there – extra days free for solving. Thank-you, and congratulations on the fantastic issues! Interesting to see the old puzzles, with words no-longer seen, like Yugoslav; and people long-forgotten, like Tito.

Rob Moline

• The most amazing example of *tempus fugit*, however, is that it is 25 years since the Club started. I remember when my wife sent in to Alan Eason to register me with his *Crossworder* (No.1 in Sept 1988). I still have hard copies of all the *Crossworders* and all the *CrOZworld* issues. I was intending to comment that I am proud to have been an original member of this Club but I think that should be "privileged". How many hours of enjoyment, bafflement – not to mention research in dictionaries and later Google, Wiki etc – have come my way as the result of this superb association. My sincere thanks to all who have made and continue to make this Club what it is. As usual a delightful batch batch of puzzles. Is there a specific collective noun for crosswords? Batch seems reasonably appropriate given the *AxWord* batch function.

Jim Fowler

• Thank you all round this month. Firstly for my cheque for last month's Slot 2. A delightful surprise. Then to all the people who contributed to our bumper Silver Anniversary edition, especially the historians. Finally to Patrick for his generous gift of such a lovely silver collection. I am sure the lucky winner will treasure it.

Margaret Davis

• Thanks for the extra puzzles. They were fun to do. Pity it can't always be some special occasion.

Ulla Axelsen

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Cryptic by *Hot and Cold*



Three solutions may not be what they seem.

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Across

- 1 and 14-down** Declaration by companionable entomologist, blowing in the wind at 14-across (3,4,3,2,7)
- 5** Nuts about Pierce (4)
- 9** See 6-down
- 10** Arrived at the artist's chamber (6)
- 12** Seduced by menu item provided at the expense of our literary boss (11)
- 13** Consume meaty centre (3)
- 14** Grotesque demon genre creates misunderstanding (10)
- 16** Crazy Lady of Song (4)
- 17** In charge of backward regions of great activity (4)
- 19** See 6-down
- 23** One intends to be sick (3)
- 24 and 28** Girl's ophthalmic problem when Beatles tell of method of departure at 14-across (4,3,1,3,2,3,3)
- 27** Little boy may be found on a crab (6)
- 28** See 24
- 29** Small bed for Gael (4)
- 30** Anti-federalist lacking fire, confused and tormented (10)

Down

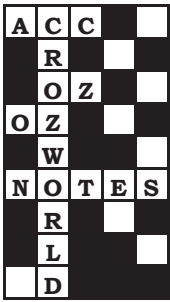
- 1** Carried a letter addressed thus for Mr Danson (5)
- 2** Reappearance:
After an eclipse,
One slips
Away.

a US transcendentalist poet (7)

- 3** Disgusting particle upset by an indeterminate amount (7)
- 4** Fool with plastic shamrock missing the ark (5)
- 6 and 19 and 9** Indication of location of facilities – warning of possible apocalypse from the 60s at 14-across (6,1,8,2,3,5)
- 7** Transport for snake (dry and wet) (4,5)
- 8** Irishman has address in Paraguay (5)
- 11** Timber surrounds river bottom (6)
- 14** See 1-across
- 15** Reader cultivated rose (6)
- 18** State spy returns love for nymph (7)
- 20** Porridge consumed by Hugo at mealtimes (7)
- 21** Mumbles, say, about manuscript? Quite the opposite! (7)
- 22** Short tool taken from Indiana native to get willow (5)
- 25** Embarrassment time for Jenny (5)
- 26** System of belief in shreds (5)

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ACCOLADE: On-line solving and assessment of puzzles – a new service to ACC members

It is most appropriate that, having just celebrated the 25th anniversary of our founding, this month we shall be running the first trial of a method of completing and submitting our crosswords via the internet. The trial will cover slots 1 and 7 for May as indicated on the instructions relating to those slots. The majority of the work for this initiative has been done by Roy Low (*Blue King*) who has had similar arrangements in place for the on-line solution of his own crosswords for some years. Roy's website will be the host for the trial. If successful, and supported by our members, on-line solving of our competition crosswords will be available on the Australian Crossword Club website as soon as possible after the completion of any development work that may result from the trial.

The evaluation system uses and builds on the ground-breaking work of Doug Butler in the development of *AxWord*. It is also based on his work on its associated adjudication functions that sprang from the initiative of our President, Patrick Street, who ran the system after its inception until I took over in mid-2005.

The system has been devised to enable crosswords to be solved on-line and submitted for adjudication. The submission of crosswords via mail and e-lodgement via *AxWord* will continue, for those who prefer it. Under the new system (**Australian Crossword Club On-Line ADjudication and Evaluation**), members will be able to solve and submit each of the month's crosswords individually. Shortly

before the official closure of the month's competition, I shall provide the results for each solver to the adjudicator of the month, for consolidation with mailed entries, in the same way as I do *AxWord* e-lodgements. As part of the new service, after the closure of the competition the evaluation will be available to solvers simply by re-submitting their saved on-line solution(s).

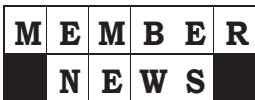
During the trial, members should visit the special area that Roy has kindly made available on his website:

<http://www.low.net.au/accolade/>

Click on the link to the required puzzle, solve it and submit it when completed. Full information on completion and submission is available on the website. The submission will be acknowledged by e-mail, with a representation of the submitted grid, and we shall do the rest. In the event that you detect errors you will be able to correct the saved grid and re-submit it. We shall, of course, be very interested in receiving your feedback on the operation of the new system and in any suggestions for its improvement. This may be done via the "Comments" panel accompanying the crossword on the web page. In order to ensure a degree of equity with mail submissions and provide for the necessary administrative work by the adjudicators, on-line submission will not be available after 00.01 AEST on the official closing mail date as advised in *CrOZworld*.

On behalf of our members, we thank Doug for his initial and on-going work to make submission of solutions via *AxWord* effective, despite many changes in computer operating systems, and for his generosity in making *AxWord* available for e-lodgement of members' solutions. We also thank Roy for the substantial effort that he has put into this latest development.

Ian Williams



New Member: Ron Shapiro from Rozelle NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *CrOZworlding!*

The winner of the UK Crossword Centre prize puzzle for March, *Voyage* by *eXternal*, was our brilliant setter Ian Thompson (*Flowerman*). Many congratulations Ian! A full solution with notes is available at:
<http://www.crossword.org.uk/VoyageSOLUTION.pdf>

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2015

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in June** and will be held earlier this year at noon on Sunday **28 June 2015** at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room has given us excellent food and service in the past few years and we are looking forward to renewing acquaintances again in July. So let's do it again. Make a note in your Cruciverbal Diary now!

Australia Post announcement on the postal service

By a total coincidence, in the month that we are announcing the trial of our new on-line solving system ACCOLADE, all members will have received a letter from Australia Post announcing their plans to introduce a new non-urgent letters service that will take two days longer to deliver than the-current delivery timetable. They state that you will still be able to send mail at the current speed if you pay a higher price than for the regular service. Australia Post will be seeking to increase the price of stamps. Stamps at a lower price than is currently charged will be available to a range of concession holders but will no doubt apply to the slower service. Make inquiries and/or register at your post office.

The slower service will no doubt impact on members who submit their solutions by post. For those who have no other option we would urge that you post early to ensure that your solutions are received by the adjudicator well before the closing mail date. However, if you have a computer and access to the internet we would urge you to trial the on-line solving of slots 1 and 7, as explained above, and send me an e-mail to let me know what you think of the scheme or make a comment in the appropriate place on the web page containing the relevant slot, which will find its way to me together with any comments on the crossword itself.

Ian Williams

Well done Michael

Michael Kennedy said that he discovered on his return to Australia after a pleasant holiday overseas that, to his surprise, he won last month's clue writing competition run by *The Times*. Another little ribbon for the ACC.

Tense times

It was recently pointed out that that it is i before e except when there is feisty heist on weird beige foreign neighbours reinventing protein at their leisure. *The Age*, 11 April 2015.

SOME FAVOURITE PUNS

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A water pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of maths disruption.
- A dog gave birth to puppies on the road and was charged with littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- I wondered why the cricket ball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal was to transcend dental medication.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

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

- No complications with the straight clues. This facilitates solving the down clues of course with more crossed letters. 17dn: *Macquarie* has 38 definitions for "key". Key to a room does not turn out to be the definition; room (space) is half the solution, security devices (bars) the other half. Keys (by itself) is the real definition, with some "poetic licence" for "keys" on typewriters. Without the "easy" across answers, this clue would have been more of a problem. 28dn: sneakily defined by "over", unobtrusively at the end of the clue with Dieudonne's alternate letters spelled backwards. *Tony de Gry*
- I liked EXIST – neat clue. *Mike Potts*
- Excellent Half and Half. Just a comment on 26ac: Could be BEAR or BOAR. We went with the former. *Richard Skinner*
- Surely Csardas is a dance – singular [*Although Chambers is silent on the matter, SOED gives the plural as the same – Adj*] *Jim Fowler*
- I enjoyed this. Audrey managed to sneak in some references to movies as she so often did. *Brian Tickle*
- 3dn: Saddle girth = CINCH-C=INCH. 30dn: Capt Hook's bos'un in "Peter Pan" is SMEE. Thanks *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*
- This was rather more difficult than usual and I have given SHOGUN my COTM. *John Baylis*
- Liked INCH and INKSTAND, unsure about 8dn, and I only knew POI in its inedible NZ meaning. *Max Roddick*

April 2-2015: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- "Runner" does not conjure up an athlete to me; a river (Iser) looked to be the answer. 25ac (card) a neat double definition. *Tony de Gry*
- I was stuck on 30ac for a while, as I initially had RAKE for 26dn. LAGNIAPPE was a new word to me. *Mike Potts*
- I found Slot 2 needed a few visits – and I have given my COTM to 15dn. I thought lagniappe was such a wonderful word, previously unknown to me. *Julie Crowe*
- A couple of sneaky definitions and a worthy slot 2. *Richard Skinner*
- I wonder how many puzzles Noel compiled in his amazing career. *Brian Tickle*
- 12ac: hopeful= OP+TIM+IS+TIC. 21ac: I+SE+RE = French runner or river. *Alan Walter*
- Both Slots 2 and 3 contained a number of very well constructed clues and were a delight to work on. *John Baylis*
- Pure *Jesso*, every word spot-on! Liked SALLY, TEABAGS & SYNONYMOUS. *Max Roddick*

April 3-2015: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- 16dn: Liked "cattle dog" let loose among domestic pets (cat and dog). 18dn: Very neat clue: give orders (dictate) to a court (1ct) in time (date). *Tony de Gry*
- I liked DREAM. *Mike Potts*
- I liked the way slot 3 adhered to the principles of setting a cryptic. *Richard Skinner*
- I particularly enjoyed this slot 3, which had a number of very clever clues. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- What a delight is *Southern Cross's* cluing – succinct and witty. *Doreen Jones*
- I wouldn't mind betting that the COTM come from this puzzle. But which clue? As usual Shirl has given us so many great clues to choose from. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked BACKWATER, LEEKS, DICTATE and EGG-BOX for COTM. *Max Roddick*
- 13ac: Peter's former partner =SAFE'S+EX= SAFE+SEX. 15ac: Army front =SE+CT+OR SE=Bearing+CT=caught (in the middle). How does OR refer to 'soldiers'??? OR=other ranks! A pleasant cryptic thanks to Shirl O'Brien. 19ac: Learnt Jean BATTEN was pioneer NZ pilot. *Alan Walter*

April 4-2015: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- This quality AJ included an innovative grid. My favourite clue was for HANDBELL. *Len Colgan*
- Is "kidult" a real word? [*In both Chambers and Macquarie – Adj*] "Motorail" and "potful" looked alright but somewhat doubtful until panful (painful lost an "l") and a Monorail (including an oral test) came to the rescue. Loadstar: "about" would signify "in reverse" (rats-star). (Xystus). Two: axes is the plural of axis as coordinates "x" and "y". Roentgen: Blue for "sorry state" (as anagram indicator) of "not green"? *Tony de Gry*
- I spent some time searching for a NINA but could ONELY find DODO HIRE at first, then spotted FOOL at top right, so went hunting for APRIL but without success. Call me paranoid, but was that the point? *Mike Potts*

- I always enjoy the AJ, and this month was no exception. *Julie Crowe*
- Innovative cluing I thought, and some worthy contenders for COTM. Especially liked ROENTGEN. *Richard Skinner*
- My COTM is GOAD, because it took me so long to work out something so easy. *Rob Moline*
- I spotted the Ninal! *Jim Fowler*
- Combination of tricky grid and tricky clues made this very entertaining. I like XYSTUS, AXES Plural of AXIS, misleading. *Roy Taylor*
- I enjoyed the use of the modern portmanteau word 'kidult' and 'blue not green' to indicate an anagram of Roentgen. *Brian Tickle*
- D: DECRE+PIT+UD+E=Ruin. H: 45inch=1 ¼ yards = ELL. M: MON+ORA+I+L, ORAL=test. P: PA(I)=PANFUL. U: U+TAH+AN. Y: YE+STER+DAY "gaol broadcast" = STER (stir). Thanks *Valkyrie* for a v. Challenging and mindbending AJ. R: Anagind blue=dismal not green = Roentgen. *Alan Walter*
- A good workout – more challenging than the typical AJ. *Ian McKenzie*
- I also greatly enjoyed this one. It was nice to have an AJ where the two 7-letter words were the starting points rather than the more usual crossed 11-letter words. *John Baylis*
- CHEVRONS was a goodie, and I learned you can spell lodestar LOADSTAR. *Max Roddick*

April 5-2015: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- 10dn: (standing still). I cannot work out "relative orders". *Tony de Gry*
- 17ac: DEVEINS was a close second for COTM. *Lesley Carroll*
- My COTM had to come from Slot 5; the difficulty was in deciding which of the many clever clues to choose. In the end, it was impossible to completely resist *Crowsman's* decision to blatantly and defiantly defy traditional grammatical conventions! *Susan Howells*
- My vote for COTM goes to SPLIT INFINITIVE. I could see the answer but I have to freely share that it took me some time to eventually understand, and it probably took him even longer to cleverly construct. *Ron Carpenter*
- *Crowsman's* puzzle was excellent, as always, and I picked his ANTEDILUVIANS as COTM. *Roger Douglas*
- My vote for COTM goes to ETCHER. (It was a toss-up between that and HARP OF IRELAND). *Nea Storey*
- Worthy of the proffered prize. Surface readings well thought through and tricky, as is usually the case with Len. This slot 5 takes the biscuit. SPLIT INFINITIVE could not have been easy to clue nor could working out the 5dn anagram (and clue). Thought that THALAMUS was very clever also and have decided to go with that as COTM. *Richard Skinner*
- Presumably Sterling Silver in Croz lingo would be Stag? 10dn: Standing Still reminded me of the 1959 film *The running, jumping and standing still film* by Peter Sellers, Spike *et al* – brilliant stuff. *Jim Fowler*
- My COTM vote has to unequivocally go to *Crowsman's* 15ac SPLIT INFINITIVE in his challenging puzzle. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Not the slightest bit easy, but clever and fair. I gave SPLIT INFINITIVE my COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- Full marks for spotting that tetragram is so close to being the reverse of Margaret. My other favourite clues were 13ac and 19ac. *Brian Tickle*
- 17dn: Generally I can understand the reasoning behind *Crowsman's* clues but DEBRIS has me perplexed. Debris is an anagram of BRIDES but... *Graeme Cole*
- 9dn: favourite clue answer HARPO+FIR+ELAND = HARP OF IRELAND. 7ac: ET+C+HER where C=100. In number=ET+HER. 15ac: Split IN+FI+NIT+I+VE, separate= SPLIT, each 20% +IN+FI+VE holding back one container (1+TIN) in reverse "To fairly share" is simply and example of a SPLIT INFINITIVE being equivalent to "To share fairly". Brilliant puzzle. Thanks *Crowsman*. *Alan Walter*
- Inventive puzzle. I particularly liked 2dn, 8dn, & 9dn (my COTM). *Ian McKenzie*
- Wow! Toughest Slot 5 in many a moon – dare I say 25 years! Great stuff *Crowsman*. *Raoul*
- This was a must with all that silver on offer, and worthwhile challenge it turned out to be, with no less than seven answers of 13 letters or more. *John Baylis*
- TETRAGRAM, BEDOUIN & DEVEINS are among many good clues, but SPLIT INFINITIVE stands out. Thank you *Crowsman!* *Max Roddick*

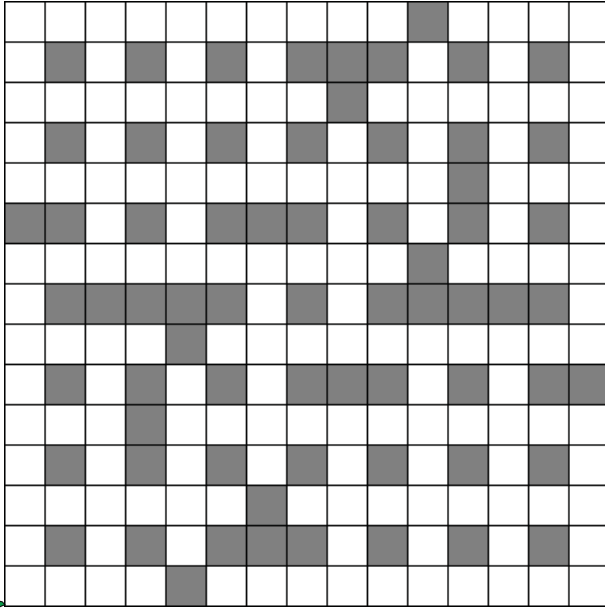
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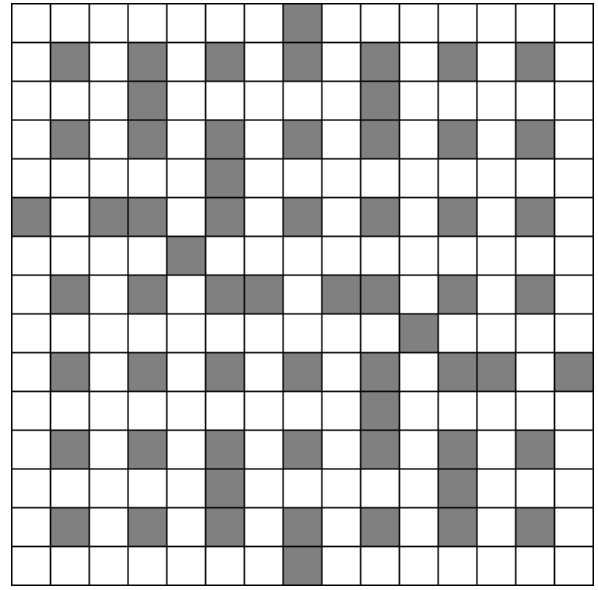
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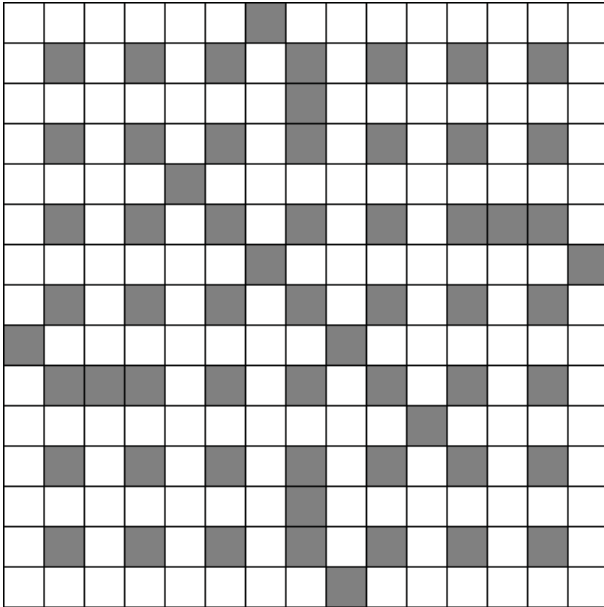


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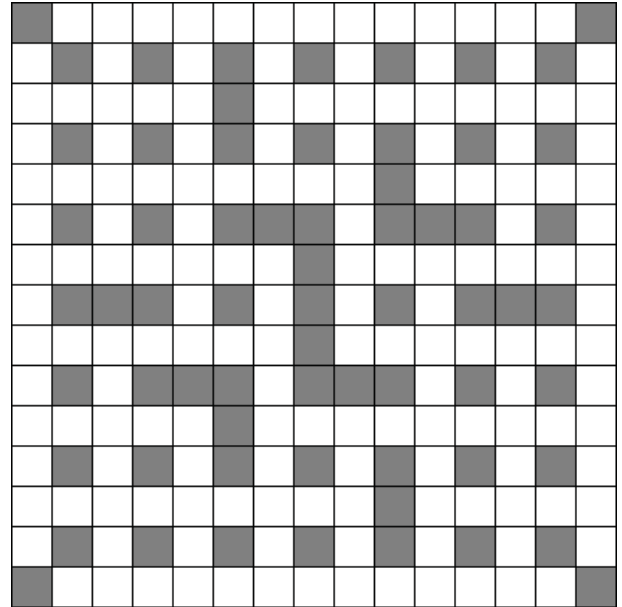


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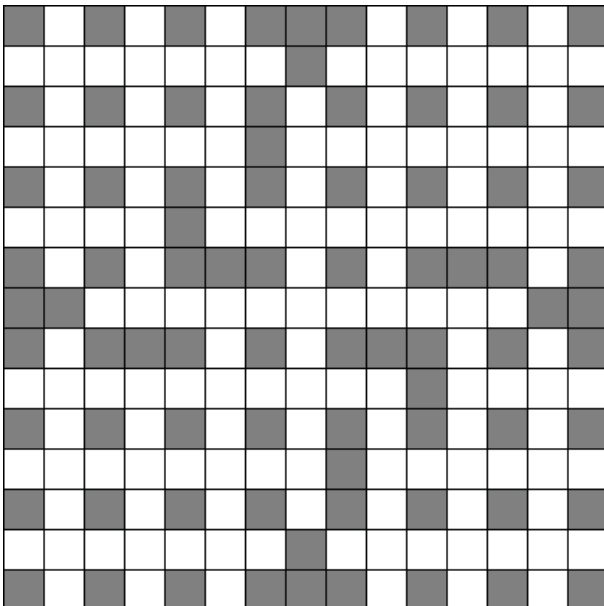
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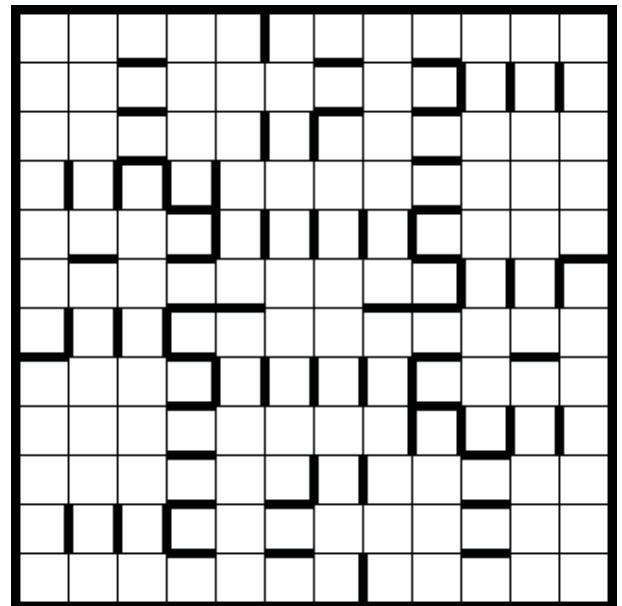
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March 6-2015: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)
Entries 79. Correct 70. Success Rate 88%.
Prize-winner: Andrew Patterson. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Out of 30 clues in the puzzle, as many as 18 received positive comments which might imply an even spread of appeal or difficulty. The overall favourite was "Have dessert before refreshing liquor" = AFTERSHAVE with 9 "likes". The most amusing definition was "of Jewish delivery man" for MESSIANIC. The unluckiest attempt was the French word GALERE to answer "Back space after people cluster" (= RACEME). I can find only two words that fit ?A?E?E and they both can mean "cluster". I apologise for the word "humbly" in 9ac which is an adverb. It should have been "humble", an adjective. For the full clue explanations, go to:
www.low.net.au/accolade/solutions/affected_solution.html

Explanations:

Across: 1 M[iserably] + RED around ANNE (ref. Q Anne is dead), 5 CAPT (skipper) + OR (holder), 8 SAG (drop) = SA [South Australia] + G[overnment], 9 IC surrounded by SUP + P[IC]LANT = SUPPLICANT, 10 INTEGRAL: Double def. whole number or result of integration (maths). Eg. 1 is integral., 11 PATOIS = (POT IS A)*, 12 NEE + D, 14 WATERTIGHT = (GET TAR WITH)*, 17 CROSSER around REF, 20 GALLOWS minus "ows" = GALL, 23 IMP + ACT, 24 ST + REAMER (a drill bit) = STREAMER, 25 AFTERS (dessert) + HAVE = AFTERSHAVE (a refreshing liquid), 26 NAN (bread) - Hidden, 27 RACE + EM (printer's space) rev., 28 INITIATE (kick off) I (one) + NIT(egg) + I + ATE (consumed).
Down: 1 MESS (rubbish) + IAN + IC, 2 NIGHTIE [bed cover] = NIGH [close to] + TIE [US railway sleeper], 3 ENSIGN (hidden word), 4 ESPLANADE = (PLEASE + AND)*, 5 CLIPPER (CD), 6 PLAY (dramatic experience) + THING (night)*, 7 OST (German for East) + RICH (loaded), 13 DISMANTLE = (TIN MEDALS)*, 15 EYES (looks) + TRAIN (school), 16 OLE (latin approval voiced) surrounded by TRANCE, 18 RUM BABA (dessert) = RUM (spirit) + BA + BA, 19 RETIREE (gold-watched old worker!) = RE (on) + TIRE (weary) + E, 21 AMMONIA (gas) = AMMO (war supplies) + COLONIAList, 22 DEFECT (=failing) = DEF (fed up) + (ETC)*.

Solvers' Comments

- Your adherence to surface sense is notable. I loved the simple, but sublime clue for NEED, and the skilfully parsed clue for DEFECT in particular. *Michael Kennedy*
- Liked NEED: very succinct and smooth surface; BANANA similar. INITIATE and TOLERANCE well-constructed, but my favourite was DEFECT. Didn't know advert; and RACEME's a bit obscure, redolent of *Flowerman* puzzles. *Rob Moline*
- Humbly is an adverb, while supplicant is a noun. Watertight is an adjective, while resistance to flood is a noun. They really should match. *Andrew Paterson*
- Favourite clue AFTERSHAVE.
Marian Procter, Max Roddick, Brian Symons and Jan Wood
- Never met a retiree with a gold watch! *Ulla Axelsen*
- Amazing we have so many fine compilers. *Robyn Caine*
- Another enjoyable brain workout. *Lesley Carroll*
- Nice surfaces. The clue for CROSS-REFER appealed especially. *Len Colgan*
- Raceme had me baffled. *Roger Douglas*
- Liked AFTERSHAVE and TOLERANCE.
Jean Evans and Tony Dobelev
- Guessed Ammonia. *David Grainger*
- LOI AFTERSHAVE A tricky clue. *Odetta Greenberger*
- ENSIGN - "Some characters in Dickens ignored a junior officer" - delightful container clue. *Susan Howells*
- Challenging. *Bob Hagan, Norma Heyes and Kathleen Harper*
- Enjoyable. *Drew Meek, Jim Fowler and Julie Crowe*
- Plenty of well-constructed clues. *Max Roddick*
- Clues very fair. Liked RETIREE. *Nea Storey*
- Entertaining. *Sam Howat*
- Interesting puzzle. Many happy hours. *John Baylis*

Explanations to April 2015 Grids

Slot 1: Virgo: Down: 1 SABOT + AGE, 2 B+ ASSET, 3 cINCH, 4 EX + IST, 5 anag, 6 REF to Marble Arch, 7 hidden, 8 S (HOG) UN, 14 W + EDGE, 15 DD, 17 SPACE + BARS, 20 anag, 22 TRA (N + S) IT, 24 K + NAV (ER) Y, 25 DD, 28 (DiEuDoNnE)>, 30 DD (Peter Pan), 31 SO (U) L.

Slot 2: Jesso: Across: 1 TEAR (GA) S, 5 BA (HIS)* NG, 9 ARCH + I + BALD, 10 RUM + BA, 11 A + WAY, 12 OP + TIM + IS + TIC, 14 S + ALLY, 18 SIGN + OR + I + AN>, 21 I (SE) RE, 23 NO (I) SY + MINER, 24 anag, 27 A + P + PRO, 28 MOB + HANDED, 29 STEPS + ON, 30 CADE + NZ + A. **Down:** 1 B + AGATES)*, 2 A + CC + RA, 3 G (L + I) B, 4 SH (A MP) OO, 5 BUD + DIES, 6 SA (DINER)* TIN, 7 I + M + M + U + TABLE, 8 G (LANCE) D, 13 (MS + YOU + SONNY)*, 15 LAG + PAIN> + PE, 17 DD, 18 SAN (LAD>) S, 19 MI in INDIA*, 20 ALE + MB + IC, 22 HID in CANE*, 25 EM + DEN, 26 DD.

Slot 3: Southern Cross: Across: 1 DD, 4 pun, 9 LIES + DOG + GO, 10 D + REAM, 11 hw, 12 BACK (W + AT) ER, 13 SAFES + EX, 15 SE (CT) OR, 17 anag, 19 DD (Jean Batten - 1909 1982)), 22 cryptic def, 24 LATE + R, 26 hw, 27 A + BAD + DONE*, 28 RE + A + WAKE, 29 I + G + LOOS. **Down:** 1 (IL + FLIES)*, 2 homonym "leaks", 3 IND (ONES) IA, 4 BR + ON + COS, 5 W (ID) OW, 6 HERO* + PORT> + E, 7 SO (MB) RE, 8 cryptic def, 14 cryptic def, 16 CAT (LET)* DOG, 18 D (I + CT) ATE, 19 B + IS + CAY, 20 DD, 21 SHINE + R, 23 hw, 25 TAN + GO.

Slot 4: Valkyrie: A. A(POST)LES **B.** BET(ROT)H **C.** CH+EnViRONS **D.** DECRE (PIT+UD) **E.** ETHnOLOGY **F.** DD **G.** GO+AD **H.** H+AND+B+ELL **I.** (TO A TIME IS IN)* **J.** JA(LOP)Y **K.** HIDDEN **L.** LO+AD+RATS< **M.** MON +ORA(I)L **N.** HIDDEN **O.** PUN **P.** PAiNFUL **Q.** (IRAQ DUG A)* **R.** (NOT GREEN)* **S.** (SET + PUP)* **T.** TRAMP+L+E **U.** U+HAT< +A+N **V.** V(EST)AL **W.** WORDS + homonym 'MYTH' **X.** XY+S+T+U+S **Y.** YE+ homonym 'STIR' +DAY **Z.** ZEST+ER.

Slot 5: Crowsman: Across: 4 TH (A + LAM) US; 7 ET(C)HER; 11 (SET ON)>; 12 (MARGAR(T)ET) >; 13 BED + OUI + N; 14 NOTAtIONS; 15 (SPLIT IN FIVE) with (I + TIN)> inside; 17 anag; 18 GA(THE)R + S; 19 B (RAIL) LIST; 20 anag; 21 hidden; 22 CLOSE + DON; **DOWN:** 1 STAND(BY)S; 2 BUT + TO (NONE) SLIP; 3 RAM inside SAD>; 5 anag; 6 AS SAUL TRIFLES; 8 TO A ST(MIST)RESS; 9 HARPO + FIR + ELAND; 10 STANDINGS + TILL; 16 EP + (SILO) + NS; 17 DE (BRI) twice-delayed S.

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p7)

- A very happy 25th Birthday to ACC. My thanks go to Patrick, Bev and Ian for their untiring efforts on our behalf. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks to all those folk responsible for the 25th Anniversary edition of *Crozworld*. You can see how far we've come since the first magazine due to modern technology. Congratulations on a sterling job. *Carole Noble*
- Congratulations on a wonderful 25th Anniversary issue of *Crozworld*. It was very fitting to start with puzzles from three of our late, great - and very much missed - setters. Thanks also for the many terrific bonus puzzles and the excellent history from Patrick and Alan. *Brian Tickle*
- Thank you for a very interesting set of puzzles and congratulations to the club for the 25th anniversary. I really appreciated the bonus issue. *Jean Evans*
- What a great way to start the 25th anniversary *Crozworld* magazine with Slots 1, 2 and 3 from Audrey, Noel and ShirL. They contributed so much to the Club over the years and are sorely missed. We are very lucky to have many current clever compilers, quiz setters, committee members and of course the adjudicators. Many thanks to all of you for the pleasure you continue to give us. *Robyn Caine*
- Happy 25th to all the original and current members. Cheers, *Marian Procter*

Quiz No 5/2015



by *InGrid*

Quiz 5/2015. Look Both Ways by *InGrid*.

The following verse contains 25 words of varying length. A loose clue or word association for each answer is listed below, in order of the appearance of the word in the quotation. Words can appear forward or backward in the text and may be constructed of adjoining letters from more than one word, ignoring punctuation if necessary. Although specific word lengths are not given, there are 8x3, 13x4, 3x5 and 1x7 letter words in the solution.

Send your solution to Jean Barbour, PO Box 290 Wonthaggi Vic 3995

e-mail: jeanb1405@gmail.com

Closing date: 12 June 2015. Prize \$75.

A flock of sheep that leisurely pass by
One after one; the sound of rain and bees
Murmuring, the fall of rivers, winds and seas
Smooth fields, white sheets of water, and pure sky

I have thought of all by turns and yet do lie
Sleepless! And soon the small birds melodies
Must hear, first uttered from my orchard trees
And the first cuckoo's melancholy cry.

Even thus last night and two nights more I lay
And could not win thee, Sleep! By any stealth
So do not let me wear to-night away:
Without thee what is all the morning's wealth?

Come blessed barrier between day and day
Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health.

Sonnet XIV 'To Sleep' by Wordsworth

Clues

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 And key | 13 Timid person |
| 2 Depend | 14 Air |
| 3 One of three? | 15 Nothing |
| 4 Alcohol | 16 Rock |
| 5 Of time | 17 Pair |
| 6 Currency | 18 Duck |
| 7 Groove | 19 Bradman? |
| 8 Skins | 20 More alcohol |
| 9 Pay out | 21 Method |
| 10 Add | 22 Edge |
| 11 F-f-falter | 23 Not more! |
| 12 Widespread | 24 A grown up grub |
| | 25 Cure |

Results of Quiz 3/2015: Triple extremes by *Crowsman* (Len Colgan)

Entries: 45.

Winner: **Robyn McKenzie. Congratulations!**

40: P Abbott, W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, R Dorrell, J Evans, J Fowler, R Gooderick, K Harper, S Howells, C Jones, D Jones, J Leigh, C McClelland, R McKenzie, F Martin, D Meek, A Miles, J Pearce, S Pinder, M Procter, A Shield, B Siegman, A Simons, R Skinner, N Storey, B Symons, R Taylor, I Thompson, A Walter, C Wilcox and R Wimbush. **39:** J Crowe, P Dearie, P Garner, D Grainger, G Leeds, G Lemon, T McPherson, E O'Brien and M Steinberger. **38:** P Lord.

Solutions: 1. anticoagulant 2. antidepressant 3. bedaubed 4. beglerbeg 5. berber 6. bonbon 7. bulbul 8. calligraphical 9. cancan 10. cuscus 11. derider 12. dumtum 13. Einstein 14. entertainment 15. enticement 16. entitlement 17. entombment 18. felafel 19. hotshot 20. ingesting 21. ingratiating 22. insulins 23. ionisation 24. mesdames 25. microseismic 26. murmur 27. overdrove 28. pawpaw 29. physiography 30. phytography 31. pompom 32. rediscovered 33. respire 34. restructures 35. sermoniser 36. tartar 37. tessellates 38. tormentor 39. tsaritsa 40. underground.

Setter's Comments: The unusually large number of items was chosen to reduce the search range between consecutive

answers. However, I will shorten future offerings. BOUBOU was allowed for #7, INGULFING was allowed for #20. —Len Colgan

Solvers' Comments:

- I am quite schwärmerisch about your Triple Extremes Quiz. Never imagined that there were so many words like this! Item 4 Beglerbeg was one of the hardest answers to find. *Alan Walter*
- Another creative and challenging quiz. I didn't realize how many everyday words followed this pattern. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A good concept for a quiz, but a trifle long. There are some repetitious clues (4 x ENT, 2 x ANTI, 2 x ING, 2 x RES, 2 x PHY) and, with the exception of the last-mentioned, these were fairly obvious. Some other answers were hard to find, and a couple – like MESDAMES and UNDERGROUND were AHA! moments. *Nea Storey*
- Quite a challenge! This was a quiz that really held my interest. *Catherine Jones*
- An enjoyable quiz! Not surprisingly, I had to scour word lists for some of them. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for a really fun puzzle. It was a great concept. Strangely enough #36 CALCULUS gave me the most trouble. *Jean Evans*
- A great quiz, not requiring Google! It's always a pleasure playing around with words and many thanks for the well-constructed challenge. *Robyn Caine*
- My schwärmerisch and ingulfing admiration must be redeclared following this, your latest entrancement. *Susan Howells*

March 7-2015: Misprints by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Total entries: 30. Correct: 20 (67%). Wrong: 10.

Winner: Andrew Miles. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Many thanks for all of your welcome cards, letters and general feed-back. Most of the lost dots for this puzzle were due to 5dn, where SPANS was entered instead of the correct SPANK (KNAPS rev, meaning snaps or breaks off). In answer to other queries, in 26ac the correct word was HIT, giving "TOUCHÉ!", a fencing term, and in 16dn the correct and original word was INJECTED, meaning 'inspired' according to *Chambers*. —*Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Explanations: Correct version of definition of misprinted letter is in capitals in across and down clues. **Across:** 8 homoph (Back + tearier)= Bugs, 9 LAPLAP>= Sense, 10 ST RAND =wiRe, 11 MANgoes + edible = jaW, 12 RE (PE + NT + A) NT= ruinG, 13 IS> + BY + L = Seer, 15 OSTrich + AIRY(anag) = Door keeper, 17 HARDNESS = tAckle, 20 FISH(anag) + T = moVe, 22 {CIT (PEP + S) Y + D}> = winD, 25 CRACK + POT =maD, 26 T (OUCH) E = hIt, 27 (ni)CE FEELanag = wooL, 28 RE + OPENER = clauSe. **Down:** 1 D + AFT + NESS = dEftness, 2 (E + FARTS)rev = strIfe, 3 P + RED + TORY = prEfactory, 4 CHARMING= harKing, 5 KNAPSrev = sWank, 6 ILLI + (ISrev) + ON = illUtion, 7 BAR + LEY = barNey, 14 oPAL + PATIO + N = palPation, 16 FIND(anag) around ECT + E) = inJected, 18 S + LIGHTER = Blighter, 19 anag - m = mAstery, 21 anag = huStle, 23 PA (U) PER = paMper, 24 (DEE + PS)rev = speNd.

Solvers' Comments:

- The puzzle of the decade! Brain-bending, but of immense satisfaction when finished. Incredibly, the clue for 16dn appears to have two solutions that match all of the criteria, namely INFESTED and INFECTED. Needless to say, I frustratingly inserted the wrong one for a long time, causing considerable scratching of the head. A masterpiece, Gillian! I hope I got it right. *Len Colgan*
- I've just come out of my therapy session after solving your Slot 7. Actually, I tend to finish these types of puzzles with mixed feelings. On the one hand I'm obviously pleased to have at least filled the grid, but on the other I'm actually disappointed that there are no more misprinted clues to solve. As you can see from the attachment, I've made sure I was able to justify all the answers. I filled it from the bottom up and the last one in was DAFTNESS, although I took a while before I could justify REPENTANT (ruing...clever). I reckon the biggest challenge was remembering the difference between the structure of the across and down clues. I remember trying to justify JOINT BREAKS with PTERIA – (skull joins). Silly! Well done on a great compilation. *Michael Kennedy*
- Congratulations on a very clever crossword and quite challenging, too. It took me longer than all the other 6 slots combined! *Roger Douglas*
- Well done for an excellent, convoluted puzzle. I had despaired of getting anywhere with it but after a slow start, the pennies started to drop. *Drew Meek*
- Thanks for an excellent puzzle which I found difficult to conquer. After getting 3 or 4 solutions fairly quickly, I proceeded rather slowly over about four sessions, then had a good burst to finish. In some clues I think I overlooked some straightforward wordplay for far too long, but the misprints tend to frazzle the brain. Lots of good clues, with the cleverest misprints I think being in RUINS and FEMALE DEER. PALPAL was tough even though I knew it would be sense organs. *Ian Thompson*
- Thanks for hours of fun. *Brian Symons*
- Boy, this was a tough one! Started off entering down clues wrongly which resulted in no end of trouble. Hopefully all is well. *Anne Simons*
- This crossword has been the most difficult we have encountered since joining the club. The format ensures that you work the clues. No easy guesses or utilisation of checked square entries. It was a joy to do and a testament to the setter. I dread to think what the next *Betelgeuse* challenge will demand. *Richard Skinner*
- A very challenging puzzle with lots of opportunity to be led astray, Top marks for creativity. *Ulla Axelson*
- Having a misprint in all clues raised the level of difficulty several times, but the hardest part was interpreting the instructions. Several hours were wasted at this end because we understood the instructions for the down clues to be the exact opposite of what was intended! An example would have been helpful. Loved the clue of TOUCHE. *Nea Storey*
- Exceptionally clever and well-crafted, but an extended trawl through the dictionary was needed: my vocab isn't up to solving it without a dictionary. *Rob Moline*
- Here's my solution to your cracking crossword. I think I've got

there with brain still intact, but how would I know? The clue that gave me the most trouble was 12ac – it took me ages to think of 'ruing'. But when everything falls into place, it's a beautiful thing. Thank you for the challenge. *Kath Harper*

- Customarily challenging. *Andrew Miles*
- A lot of Brain drain, but answers seemed easy when I finally worked them out. *Claire McClelland*
- It took some time before I started to get some answers. The hardest part seemed to be switching the train of thought from across format to the down clues. I imagine the construction of such a puzzle would be most difficult and time consuming. The best part about a really difficult slot like this is the great sense of achievement and enjoyment that success does bring. *Bob Hagan*
- It is one of the most interesting and challenging puzzles I have encountered in a long time. Further, it was, in my opinion, also one of the best syntactically constructed. *Karl Audrins*
- I hope you enjoy setting your puzzles as much as I enjoy doing them. I couldn't fault or criticise a single clue – all were eminently solvable even if the answers took a while to surface. A fart joke as well! *Jim Fowler*
- The two different requirements between across and down answers caused quite some confusion. Hope I got them all correct. 1dn: *Macquarie* (5th edition) has no "ness" for headland, only – ness as a suffix. 10ac: Hope "strand" is right. What is the connection between "stand and vet"? *Tony de Gry*
- This was hard work. SPANK/PALPAL took a week by themselves – glad we get six weeks for these puzzles. I'd have a Bex and a good lie down, if it was safe to do so. *Andrew Patterson*
- How I love your crosswords! They're never easy, always contain unusual meanings for common words and invariably have me tearing my hair out! What more challenge could one ask for? I have my fingers crossed about a couple of answers, but many thanks indeed for hours of entertainment. *Robyn Caine*
- What a hard little number it was! Thank you for your really excellent puzzles and particularly for your great clue-writing. *Doreen Jones*
- That puzzle was really, really difficult. My head was nearly bursting trying to remember what I was supposed to do! How on earth do you work them out? Where do you start? I found MANDIBLE first and went from there. Thanks for the puzzle – just as well I've got time to spend – of course, the housework has suffered! *Bev Cockburn*
- As I said to Ian Williams, you are a wicked woman! It is quite unfair to make my brain twist in so many directions as were needed to solve this crossword. I had to keep going back to read the instructions and it was made even worse by having different instructions for the across clues and the down clues. And I am still not sure that some of my solutions are correct. Seriously, I am amazed by the way in which your brain works and greatly enjoyed challenge of this crossword. Congratulations! *Susan Howells*
- This one really made me sweat right down to the wire. They don't call you Champion for nothing! TOUCHÉ, REPENTANT and especially STRAFE were my favourites. *Mike Potts*

Solution to March 2015 Slot 7

	D	S		P	H	S	I	B	
B	A	C	T	E	R	I	A	P	A
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N	F	A	I	K	S	E			
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C	R	A	C	K	P	O	T	T	O
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F	L	E	E	C	E	R	E	O	P
E	D	D	Y	N	R	R			

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2015.

Write a clue for RIPOSTE (7). Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy
n a quick return thrust after a parry (*fencing*); a repartee. **vt* and *vi* to answer with a riposte. [Fr, from Ital *risposta* reply]

I'm critiquing these clues some 38,000ft high above the earth, and I really can't be sure what effect this may have on my normally sound judgment. With such rich clueing choice, I expected plenty of high-calibre entries and I wasn't disappointed. I received 18 entries of which any one would have been worthy winners. In a close finish I've gone with **Bob Hagan's** compilation. Bob is no stranger to winning this comp, and I may need to start handicapping his entries.

A brief passing comment on something touchy easily leads to a sharp response (7)

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

A brief passing comment on something touchy easily leads to a sharp response ****

Perhaps fittingly, this clue holds poll position. It is a charade-type clue with RIP (a brief passing comment – very nice) and O,S,T and E. Beautifully constructed as the clue itself almost works as a type of &lit by defining how a *riposte* could come about.

Ceremony to incorporate love message response ****

This works by placing *rite* around O and PS. This is a very effective clue and doesn't use obscure synonyms to completely bamboozle the solver. The surface reading is excellent. A fine effort.

Cooked roast and pie without a reply ***

This subtraction anagram is well parsed. Take A from *roast/pie* and you are left with the solution. It's a solid clue with fair indicators. It's hard to know how *no reply* relates to the cooking. A more imaginary definition could have lifted this clue to the next level.

Distraught priest has no reply *½**

This anagram of priest with O, as indicated by *distraught* is a clever short clue. The definition is not an obvious one and it's easy to imagine the potential reasons why a priest may be *distraught*.

Epitaph preceded turning toes up and a swift return ***

This works by putting together RIP with an anagram of *toes* as indicated by *turning toes up*. Initially, I wasn't convinced *turning up* was an adequate indicator, but it can mean *to disturb*, so I can pay that. I am left wondering what the *swift return* may refer to? A reincarnation, the profit made by the funeral director, or even a bird flying back.

Fast comeback for political leader embraced by assembled Tories ****

This is a fine politically themed clue that wouldn't be out of place in *The Times*, which has a penchant for anything Tory related. This clue is perfectly parsed with P inside an anagram of *Tories*. The definition has been well selected to fit the theme.

Mature about East German comeback *½**

Here we have RIPE *mature* around OST (German for East). It's parsed both accurately and fairly, if lacking a touch of surface-flair. However, the *comeback* definition is a clever one, as at first glance one could easily read it as a reverse indicator.

Nuclei of barium vapour blistered retort *½**

Disguising a definition is something most compilers aim for but often fall short of. Here the compiler has successfully used the definition *retort*, which suggests the chemical flask rather than *riposte*. To arrive there one needs to take the centres (or nuclei) of baRIum vaPOur, and bliSTERed. My only concern is that *nuclei* here is used vaguely, as the first two words have two possible centres, while the third one has four.

Open first, doctor! No f'n backchat! ***

This conversational-style clue is an anagram of *open first* as

indicated by *doctor*. One then is indicated to remove *f'n* (I'll leave the expansion to you). Nothing at all wrong with the parsing and it has a fine definition. However, the cryptic censors might have something to say on this one.

Pressure to rise about rapid response ****

This is an anagram of P (pressure), *to* and *rise*, as indicated by the anagram *about*. The definition is lovely and fits the surface sense nicely.

Quick response to ore pits explosion *½**

This contains a lovely little anagram (*ore pits*) in a short clue that still manages to convey a realistic story.

Return, volley, into net so pirouette, backhand! *½**

Anyone for tennis? This hidden reversal (nET SO PIRouette) is accurately parsed and just manages to hold on to the tennis theme. I do find myself stumbling over the punctuation as it seems more natural to say *return volley into net*,... The definition is disguised nearly as well as a Federer drop-shot.

Sally said sew back after tear either side of tie ***

Sally is a great definition, and I was a little surprised I only had two entries using it. In this one a homophone of *sew* (so) is used after RIP with T and E making up the rest. The clue is seamed together well, although the surface reading is a little strained.

Sally sets off to spire ***

Sally is now on holiday and is off to see a church spire perhaps. Another simple, yet accurately parsed anagram of *to spire*. Perhaps just lacking a little pizazz.

Specialty Store carries intellectual property for repartee *½**

This clue uses an anagram of *store* literally carrying IP *intellectual property*. I couldn't find an actual brand with the name *repartee* even if it sounds like it could be one for an upmarket fashion label. The anagram indicator *specialty* is not really sufficient. It's a noun for one, but it also means a particular skill or interest, not a 'mixing up'. Perhaps consider alternatives such as *new*, or *refurbished*.

Swift counterattack by S.S. "JULIET", so pirate ship retreats ***

This is another hidden reversal with the answer embedded in *juLIET SO PIRate*. I love the fact that S.S. Juliet was a real ship having sailed to Brisbane from London in 1874, so the storyline of the clue is perfectly feasible. There is an attempt at a containment indicator with ship, but it really needs to be *shipped* or *shipping* in the context. Otherwise this is a lovely clue.

The East German is surrounded by a fully developed counter-attack ****

This wonderfully smooth clue places OST (German for *east*) inside RIPE *fully developed*. The definition seamlessly merges with the secondary indicators providing a realistic wartime image.

What's concerning about one Internet message and clever reply

This is taken from *The Times* (no. 25993) and works by placing RE (what's concerning) about *I* and *post*. It works and is relatively easy as far as *The Times* is concerned, but it's not the best clue here.

Upset poet, sir, and get a smart alec answer! ****

Here we finish with a quaint anagram of *poet* and *sir* as indicated by *upset*. Simple, but effective as it is incorporated into a seamless surface reading. As I learnt recently, the exclamation mark should not be used just for style, and it could have been omitted here. Otherwise this is a fine clue.

Clue Writing Competition No 3/2015

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

Closing mail date: Friday 12 June 2015. Book prize.

Solutions to 25th Anniversary Bonus Puzzles and Quiz

Bonus Puzzle 1

'Tis our Delight by *Fore'n Aft*

L	A	C	H	R	Y	M	A	C	H	R	I	S	T	I
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Bonus Puzzle 2

Anniversary Tribute by *Fortuna 48* Double Acrostic by *Penobscot*

S	I	L	V	E	R	E	P	L	I	C	A	S
L	E	N	O	B	L	E	M	I	T	W	E	T
O	L	T	E	R	E	T	R	E	A	T	N	R
R	I	A	T	O	R	M	E	N	T	U	T	E
A	K	P	K	E	R	S	P	E	E	R	Y	E
C	C	S	R	I	R	E	R	R	L	N	F	T
I	A	S	O	D	U	S	I	M	A	T	I	S
T	S	A	Y	I	O	T	O	U	V	A	V	A
E	K	P	V	L	C	U	E	L	I	B	E	L
O	C	S	V	A	S	E	B	I	V	L	X	U
P	U	E	R	T	N	E	M	E	L	E	T	T
O	R	E	T	L	A	W	N	A	L	A	R	E
S	S	E	J	L	E	O	N	R	E	V	E	S

Bonus Puzzle 3

Double Acrostic by *Penobscot*

O	M	I	S	T	R	E	S	S	M	I	N	E	W	H
E	R	E	A	R	E	Y	O	U	R	O	A	M	I	N
G	C	O	M	I	N	G	T	H	R	O	U	G	H	T
H	E	R	Y	E	O	R	I	N	T	H	E	G	L	O
A	M	I	N	G	A	R	E	Y	O	U	I	N	H	E
A	V	E	N	A	R	E	Y	O	U	I	N	H	E	L
L	Y	O	U	D	A	M	N	E	D	E	L	U	S	I
V	E	J	E	Z	E	B	E	L	!					

Bonus Puzzle 4

Happiness by *Betelgeuse*

M	O	R	E	T	H	A								
Y	E	A	R	L	O	N	G	E	L	O	I	G	N	
L	P	U	A	A	I	A								
R	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	E	S	C	O	S	H	
N	N	D	I	E	K									
O	C	R	E	A	E	T	E	L	E	S	E	M	E	
H				R	Y					E	A			
M	O	O	R	I	S	H		C	A	L	D	E	R	A
L	O			M	R					G				
E	Y	E	S	A	L	V	E	R	U	E	F	U	L	
				O	N	E	L	E						
M	U	N	G		L	O	S	E	S	H	E	A	R	T
R	L			L	R	T	V	I						
R	A	P	I	D	O			E	L	E	V	E	N	T
O	O	P	A	D	N	A								

Bonus Puzzle 5

Hexaword by *Barney Naga*

A	S	A									
R	A	L	B	B	U						
R	R	E	T	C	T	I	N	N	I	C	
A	S	I	T	E	J	N	I	L	E	K	
S	S	T	E	P	J	E	O	N	N	E	L
S	R	E	O	O	S	S	O	P	P	O	L
O	E	C	E	C	S	I	D	O	O	K	
T	S	S	E	O	T	N	D	R	E	I	
K	I	M	T	E	V	I					
A	G	N									

Bonus Puzzle 6

Quiz by *Virgo*

Part 1: 1. Rupert Everett, 2. Ursula Andress, 3. Ed Harris, 4. Ingrid Bergman, 5. Patrick Troughton, 6. Rock Hudson, 7. Nicole Kidman, 8. Edward Norton, 9. Katherine Hepburn.

Part 2: 1 Oceans Eleven, 2 Rear Window, 3 Love Actually, 4 Norma Rae, 5 American Beauty, 6 Ice Castles, 7 Forever Amber, 8 Evil Angels, 9 Lawrence of Arabia.

Bonus Puzzle 7

Half 'n Half by *InGrid*

T	I	N	E	A		L	E	A	R	N	E	D	L	Y
H	A		I	E	C	U	E	A						
E	N	V	E	L	O	P		T	E	R	R	A	I	N
M	V		E			S	D	K						
E	X	I	S	T		R	I	F	L	E		P	U	S
S	E	A				A		A						
O	P	S		C	U	B	I	C		S	U	N	U	P
N				I	R	I	H							A
G	R	E	A	T		E	M	A	I	L		R	O	T
	X			A		E	O							R
A	S	H		P	A	D	R	E		P	H	O	T	O
C	I	L									S	L		
U	P	B	R	A	I	D		H	E	R	E	T	I	C
T	I	I	A		O		I	E		A				
E	N	T	A	N	G	L	E	S		B	O	R	E	R

Bonus Puzzle 8

Misprints by *Flowerman*

T	O	P	A	T	S	P								
M	U	S	C	U	L	A	R		H	O	P	P	E	R
M	C	E	T	I	I	R								
O	B	L	I	G	A	T	I	O	N		G	R	I	P
L	D	S	C								O	L		
G	E	N	E	V	A						L	O	C	A
S	T	A	T	U	T	E					E	N	T	H
H														
V	O	L	L	E	Y	E	R				R	A	V	E
R	U										A	I	E	C
F	O	R	M								G	R	I	E
U	B	A									P	I	O	L
E	G	R	E	T	S						S	A	N	C
H	R	P									E	G	S	T

Solutions to the ACC's first four crossword Puzzles

May 1-1990

M	I	R	R	O	R	B	A	L	L	O	P	U	S
O	E	V	R	I	B	L	P						
U	N	F	E	E	L	I	N	G	E	R	A	T	O
N	E	R	R	T	A	D	S	R					
T	H	R	E	D	B	O	T	E	L	S	T	A	R
I	U	N	U	A	E	A							
E	I	L	E	E	N	T	R	I	M	A	R	A	N
	A				G	E							
A	M	P	H	O	R	A	S	A	F	F	R	A	Y
S	L	R	R	P	A								
S	W	A	R	M	E	D	L	Y	R	I	C	A	L
U	N	O	Y	A	R	H	A						
M	O	D	E	L	L	O	N	G	I	C	O	R	N
E	E	U	O	C	E	K	D						
D	I	R	E	S	O	A	K	E	R	H	O	S	E

May 2-1990

P	L	A	Y	S	T	U	R	N	C	O	A	T	S
R	S	H	H	E	R	G	E						
E	A	S	T	E	R	E	G	G	I	V	I	E	D
T	E	L	N	I	T	T	G						
E	S	T	A	T	E	E	S	T	I	M	A	T	E
N	E	D	T	C	F								
D	E	T	E	R	M	I	N	E	D	F	I	S	T
E	W	S	S	R	A	O	E						
R	U	E	D	A	T	T	E	N	D	A	N	T	S
	N	F	R	D	H								
T	T	O	R	I	A	L	R	E	F	O	R	M	
R	Y	I	U	B	R	T	A						
A	L	O	N	E	G	R	A	P	E	S	H	O	T
M	N	Z	H	N	N	E	C						
P	R	E	V	E	N	T	E	D	T	O	R	C	H

May 3-1990

M	E	T	A	P	H	O	R	I	C	C	H	A	T
A	A	A	A	R	D	E	U	E					
G	Y	R	O	S	C	O	P	E	G	A	M	U	T
I	O	T	I	O	R	D	A						
C	A	T	B	I	R	D	G	R	E	C	I	A	N
A			M	E	R	T	A	N	U				
L	O	U	D	E	R	S	A	U	S	A	G	E	S
	N												
M	O	D	E	R	A	T	E	B	A	R	R	O	W
O	E	E	A	S	D								
D	U	R	A	M	E	N	O	B	V	I	A	T	E
I	H	O	D	I	A	B	A						
C	O	A	S	T	S	P	R	I	N	G	B	O	K
U	N	E	O	E	C	O	E						
M	O	D	E	I	N	T	E	R	E	S	T	E	D

May 4-1990

T	C	A	T	S	I								
S	H	O	O	F	P	H	A	L	A	N	X		
E	L	R	C	R	I	F							
O	C	E	L	L	I	O	V	E	R	D	R	E	W
R	O	C	M	A	E	R							
C	I	N	Q	A	P	P	E	T	I	S	I	N	G
B	U	A	E	O									
S	Y	N	C	H	R	O	N	I	S	M			
C	H	A	C	A									
M	A	L	E	F	A	C	T	O	R	H	A	D	J
L	X	R	I	E	M	M							
Y	U	G	O	S	L	A	V	P	L	A	C	I	D
M	T	O	E	U	L	E	R						
B	E	W	I	T	C	H	P	L	A	T	E	A	U
T	C	K	P	Z	L								

Members' Comments:

Slot 1: Orthodox Crossword by *The Sphynxx* (Alan Walter)

- Educational it is indeed; taught me something I'm sure to need; Next time I tip a bucket or two; I'll know to hollow "Gardyloo".
Roy Wilson
- "Thanx" to a Scottish friend for 17dn (Gardyloo).
Odette Greenberger
- Even using a wide-nibbed pen I could not stretch Miss Joyce's first name to 7 letters.
Patrick Street

Slot 2: Cryptic by *Alethea* (Joyce Sheahan)

- A splendid crossword once again; Clues that stimulate the brain; Alethea's standard always high; Entertain and mystify.
Roy Wilson
- Yet another finely crafted and elegant offering from *Alethea*.
Patrick Street

Slot 3: Cryptic by Allan Parkes

- Allan's puzzle made me think; I started feeling in the pink; Half-way through began to mellow; By soiree and abbot, felt like Costello.
Roy Wilson
- Found this the hardest of the four.
Olive Crellin
- Found this the hardest of the four.
Marian Procter

- I can't do Noel Jessop's puzzles but this is something else again! Blood, sweat and tears!

Slot 4: Zyxototic Jigsaw (Reverse Alphabetical) by *The Sphynxx* (Alan Walter)

- Zyxototic, Ye Gods methinks; Is this the riddle of the Sphynxx; There came a time when at a loss; I knew why the Sphynxx has the double-cross.
Roy Wilson
- Loved this one. It had my brain in a fixatotic state. It would not be easy to compile a puzzle such as this. Thanks *Sphynxx*.
Carole Noble
- Was almost defeated by this one but persevered and won through, I hope.
Margaret Davis
- Challenging: most interesting. The message helped me place the clues on the grid. More of these please. *Margaret Watzinger*

General Comments:

- I was delighted to see the new magazine with its impressive appearance and its very demanding contents. Congrats for a very worthy successor to Alan Eason's contribution and my best wishes for a long and successful career of stimulating and challenging crosswording.
Patrick Street
- I enjoyed Slots 2 and 3 and at least I had a letter in every square.
Valerie Howard
- The May magazine was an excellent start for the Australian Crossword Club. Thank you all for your successful (and obviously time-consuming) efforts to keep the ship afloat and God bless all of us who sail in her! Being unfamiliar with the emptying of chamber-pots in the streets of Edinburgh (GARDYLOO), I admit defeat in May 1 puzzle, but sincere thanx to *The Sphynxx*, Allan Parkes and *Alethea* – methinx they deserve full marx.
Edna McGloin

Thought for the Day by Noel Jessop:

- If members think that the reading of dictionaries does not hold something for everyone, they should turn to the nearest *Chambers Dictionary* and consult the second definition of botanical for REPENT.

Apologia from Noel Jessop to all members of the old club

- All should become clear to most members when I reveal that TWO OF CLUB and SKEW-WHIFF were both intended as vengeance on Patrick Street for unhinging so many brain-cells with his infernal mind-busters. Some newer members would have been disadvantaged, while everyone would suffer: but it was all in a noble cause. Every member can savour the bitter irony of the fact that although these puzzles were mailed exactly one month apart, they both surfaced in the same issue in the month that Patrick drew the checking duty and was not obliged to tackle them. There may be one justice in the club, but there's no justice in the world! [Note: At the time of writing, Patrick was a Victorian Magistrate.]