



# CroZworld

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Private, accidental, confidential conversation breeds thought. Clubs produce oftener words. Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836, *Journals*.

## |G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2015 Get Together at William Ryan's irresistible **Harold Park Hotel** which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. If you would like to attend please contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn. See further details on p7.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2016 and the very generous donations made by our loyal and supportive members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2016 we need to take advantage of your generosity. Thank you for your kindness and valued assistance. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *Crozworld*.

The ACC's brilliant Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has furnished us with another challenging array of puzzles this month. Our Slot 1 puzzle is another excellent Half 'n Half by *InGrid* and we have a wonderful selection of gems in Slots 2-4 from *Zythum*, *Illywhacker* and *Valkyrie*. In Slot 5, we are delighted to publish another memorable puzzle by *Blue King* and in Slots 6 and 7 we feature two special puzzles by our outstanding puzzleist *Crowsman*. We have an interesting Quiz by *KA* plus another Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by the accomplished Michael Kennedy. You will marvel at Michael's masterly analyses of each clue submitted in the Competition. All crossword compilers can benefit from reading Michael's comments. Thank you Michael for continuing with this VIP feature of *Crozworld*. For the next Clue Writing Competition Michael would like you to write a clue for the word CRATER (6). See p16 for further details.

Kindly note the early closing date of Friday 20 November 2015 so that we can publish our Christmas *Crozworld* in good time. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding!*  
—Patrick

## |F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

Many thanks for all the best wishes and thank-yous which are always appreciated. Not so many of course now that ACCOLADE is here. A year ago I received 69 mailed entries, this year 34. Amazing how a word can appear in more than one puzzle in the month. Many spotted GOUACHE in slots 2 and 4 and there was also BANANA in slots 1 and 3.

**Slot 1:** We tried hard but could not find DOCODRAMA as a valid term for the 'dramatised true story'. This one cost 9 dots. ANGST and SMEER lost 8 more.

**Slot 2:** This well-received puzzle with its amusing theme of pests/nuisances caused little grief. NEWSWEEK (4) the only common error.

**Slot 3:** Obviously a much-enjoyed puzzle given its share of COTM nominations. Few stumbling blocks: four RELIEVED for RELIEVES and a couple of DEERSKINS.

**Slot 4:** Although there were 10 errors for this well-received puzzle, no two were the same.

**Slot 5:** Another theme puzzle, this time on fictional bears. Young female backpackers from Sweden know all about DROP bears from local lads happy to offer protection. POOL bears (11) are perhaps a different breed from AA Milne's creation POOH. DIRE and DARA were offered 15 times for DARK, MOZZIE and AUZZIE, 13 times for FOZZIE the Muppet bear.

**COTM:** All up there were 66 nominations covering all slots, with slot 3 receiving just over half of them all by itself. A close finish though – in fact it's a tie! Slot 2's INTRIGUES and Slot 3's TWEET each gained 6 votes. Well done Bob, Jeremy and Brian!  
—Tony Dobe

## |L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |F|I|G|U|R|E|S|

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	108	105	95	105	93	506
Correct entries	87	94	84	95	61	421
Success rate (%)	80.6	89.5	88.4	90.5	65.6	83.2
<b>Prizewinners</b>	<b>Michael Kennedy</b>	<b>Lynne Jarman</b>	<b>Margaret Dennis</b>	<b>Sally Knight</b>	<b>Claire Batum</b>	<b>from 111 members</b>

## |H|I|G|H|L|I|G|H|T|S|

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## |L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |L|I|G|H|T|S| Prizewinner: October 2015 Slots 1-5: Jean Evans, Congrats!

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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**InGrid**

**Prize:**



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Across clues are normal "Quick" crossword style. Down clues are cryptic.

**Across**

- 6 Narrate (7)
- 7 Age (5)
- 9 Smudge (4)
- 10 Rubbish (10)
- 11 Scholarly world (8)
- 13 Buffet (6)
- 15 Theme (4)
- 17 Decipher (5)
- 18 Charge (4)
- 19 Arenas (6)
- 20 Milksop (8)
- 23 Formal wear (5,5)
- 26 Over (4)
- 27 Lout (slang) (5)
- 28 Rude (7)

**Down**

- 1 Official served a winner holding asset (10)
- 2 Routine misfiled documents without end (6)
- 3 Block stock (4)
- 4 Be louder about increase (8)
- 5 Stolidly taken in turns to land (4)
- 6 Reconciler has returned artefact (5)
- 8 Gather saver uneasy when embraced by empty heart (7)
- 12 Let everyone ring Welsh leader (5)
- 14 Validates point reforming high rollers? (5,5)
- 16 Office goon had condition and admits it (7)
- 17 Separates scorching image (8)
- 21 Painter shows unusual traits (6)
- 22 No big drug loop (5)
- 24 Reserves vehicle heading back south (4)
- 25 Figure cynic only possessed (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 11 December 2015.


For Online entry, submission and adjudication of all puzzles via ACCOLADE click on [www.low.net.au/accolade/](http://www.low.net.au/accolade/)

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Zythum**



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**Across**

- 1 Prime organisation after start of era (Roman, perhaps) (6)
- 4 Play puts wild creature in rivers (8)
- 9 Bury cat in middle of Tenby (6)
- 10 Electricity poorly installed in bus creating dangerous live cell? (8)
- 12 Last drink might keep the head warm (8)
- 13 Slander should end English reputation (6)
- 15 Forest dweller – name unknown after fifty years (4)
- 16 Cents replace shillings at start of season: British and German middle management cover-up (10)
- 19 TV regular who bombed in the 70's? (10)
- 20 Staunch old family stock (4)
- 23 Venerated enclosure with colour of blood (6)
- 25 Encourage payback where the sand runs out (3,5)
- 27 Observer of sheep surrounded by meandering river (8)
- 28 Maiden talk includes a consonant classification (6)
- 29 Random outcome for a fortunate pickpocket (5,3)
- 30 Maxims of Zurich, perhaps (6)

**Down**

- 1 Tossed around at L. Erne forever (7)
- 2 Wandering goat a pain in that mountainous Southern region (9)
- 3 Concerning castle defence heard far off (6)
- 5 Nothing in the family, first off, for temporary finance (4)
- 6 Washing material in fabric test (8)
- 7 Cut back to cocktail per dance (5)
- 8 Hold up turns us back to part with money (7)
- 11 Luxury transport for South American hunters? (7)
- 14 Snatch me back, love after prohibition! (7)
- 17 Final interjection to replace start of extermination – or else! (9)
- 18 Stealing this is pointless, always leading to unhappy ending (8)
- 19 Long after king entered desert country he squandered everything (7)
- 21 Only some old statues but you'll be crazy if you lose them (7)
- 22 First half of thoroughfare leads to three quarters spread out (6)
- 24 101 plays 99 in City (5)
- 26 Pike replaced military headwear (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- What a pleasant surprise to receive the prize for September's Slot 3. Thank you very much. *Denis Coates*
- I would like to thank the club for my prize for slots 1-5 in the September magazine; it was a very pleasant surprise and will be spent wisely! *Col Archibald*
- Thank you so much for the prize for last month's Slot 5 – just in time for my birthday! *Bev Cockburn*
- I received such a lovely surprise, along with this month's *CroZworld*; a cheque for last month's slot 4. Thank you to whoever pulled my name out of the box. It was especially amazing as during this past year I've hardly entered any completed puzzles, and rarely get them correct when I do! Also, earlier this year my husband died. He'd been disabled for some time and I was his full time carer. Trying to solve the puzzles is a great way to fill in my time, now. ACC is a wonderful club and I'm so glad to be a member. My best wishes to you Bev and the committee, as well as the compilers for the great job you all do each month. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- I am heartened to see you plan more cash prizes instead of books — I detest AusPost and believe a cheque still lets us get the books we want without 'feeding' AusPost! *Dale McManus*

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Illywhacker*



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**Across**

- 6 Odd prince blows cool pipe (7)
- 7 Bad lies about roast dog (7)
- 9 Sharp beer to decay without love (5)
- 10 Some space to reduce light ones in rehab (9)
- 11 It makes quiet lemur go wild when it's very loud inside (7)
- 13 Get used to pine nut taste when kernel is turned over (6)
- 15 Obscene toxic menu came out from church (13)
- 19 Fakes talks about the end of warfare (6)
- 20 Back churchman before queen sees only one side (7)
- 23 Sleeper hears rough talk after nighttime (4,5)
- 24 Beginning or ending back in time (5)
- 26 Sanitize camouflaged leaf insect when not fit (7)
- 27 Lack of movement in the centre of Perth when a sloth follows (7)

- 2 Enemy even at fault in early position (6)
- 3 Fold cream, mix, and cover greens with it (4,5)
- 4 Attractive bag involved in the supernatural (8)
- 5 Delay tactic makes busier lift out of order (10)
- 6 Bloody make up extremely painful when mascara not applied internally (6)
- 7 Correspondent is a medical intermediate (4)
- 8 Cut about point and cut open (6)
- 12 Game finder to outsmart level when mistake is inside (3,7)
- 14 Reference taken back after green attacked for being powerful (9)
- 16 Shout about single beat (8)
- 17 This community is about to identify one tart (6)
- 18 Soundproofed or abstracted inside hat (6)
- 21 Hidden devil cut around the middle of chest... (6)
- 22 ...will rise without head (4)
- 25 Ballerina's bottom to sound twice (4)

**Down**

- 1 Badly want power to hot-wire both ends (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

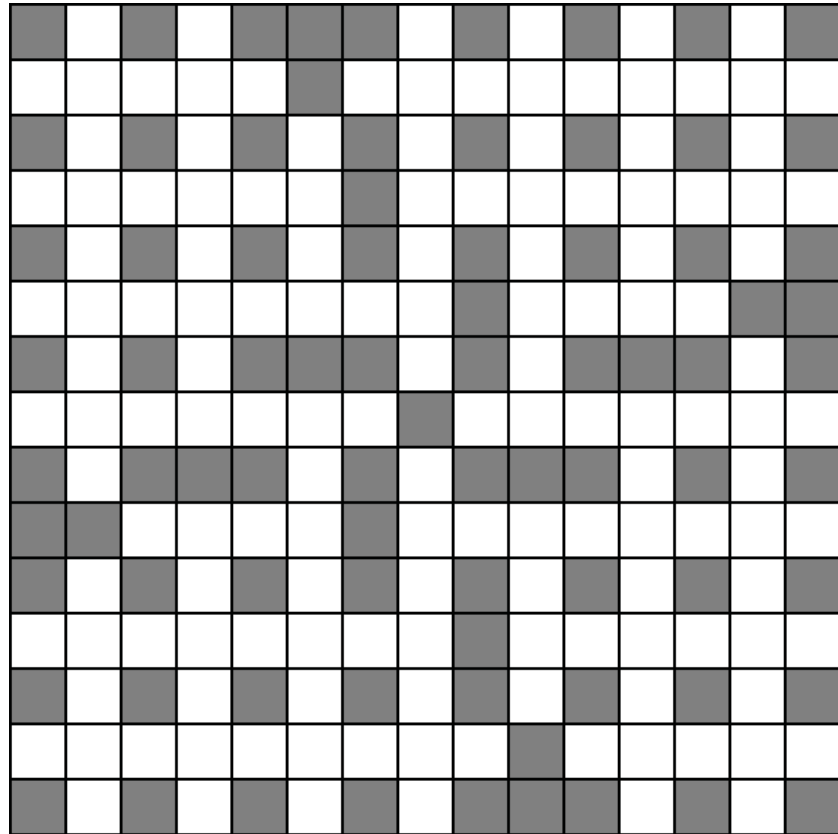
- Thank you for my prize Slot 7 July 2015. My carer and I headed straight to a book sale but unfortunately large print is rare at these sales and the pickings were few. The arrival of *Crozworld* is the high point of the month but I can see the hard work that must go into such an excellent magazine. Sincere thanks to everyone involved. *Barbara Tofoni*
- Please give my love to all my buddies at the 'Chrissie' get-together at William's. I miss meeting up with all my friends. *Del Kennedy*
- I'm looking forward to another year of fun! A big thank you, to you Patrick and all the very generous people who contribute. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I am grateful for the cheque for winning Ian Thompson's #6 August. The timing was brilliant with subs being due. *Jim Fowler*
- ACCOLADE is so easy.... I am a fan. Too many good clues to choose a COTM. Thanks to all compilers. *Maureen Blake*
- No accolades for me last month; but I learnt a salutary lesson by letting a mistyped answer slip through. What are the odds on a word like 'gouache' turning up in two puzzles this month? *Kath Harper*
- Gouache again! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Good selection as usual. *Susan Robertson*
- Another brilliant set of mind-bending puzzles. *Laurence Kennedy*
- Thanks to all concerned for some great puzzles. Bit of a coincidence for GOUACHE to appear twice! *Anne Simons*

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**AJ**  
by  
**Valkyrie**



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



- A** Revolutionary Gael, with support, starts to interpret code to do with letters and numbers perhaps (9)
- B** Provide feast for American cats (6,2)
- C** Cold path leads to bat haunt (4)
- D** Those in Bacchus's enthrall decline and signal for help (6)
- D** Fractured rib bleeding internally produced slow flow (7)
- E** Well respected European leader bumps into contrary newsman (8)
- F** River, putrid, smothered in endless chuck (8)
- G** Trains teams for assistant jobs? (9)
- H** Deviating ball agitated passionate Spooner (4,4)
- I** Previous home? On the contrary for rat (8)
- I** Pub tea circulates in your blood (6)
- J** Moon jumpers?! (7)
- K** Village songster received a boomerang (5)
- L** Border cut short a city (4)
- M** Masters initially employ one of nine (4)
- N** Chic satin net recycled with a tiny bit of silver (9)
- O** Goblin concealed head of sprite in bloomers (7)
- P** Fees to include specialised field learners (9)
- Q** Dollar declared as cornerstone (5)
- R** He gets about organising vice queen (8)
- S** Union cover-up by White House ambassadors (4)
- T** Real ales made brats pee uncontrollably (3,5)
- U** Almost cultured, living in a big town (5)
- V** Game became energetic without us (6)
- W** Mocking humour from warped head (7)
- X** Mark Queen with hug and kiss for reproduction (5)
- Y** Naked Kenyan girl excited youngster (8)
- Z** Girl embracing doctor and author is someone with no independent judgement (6)

## Crossword records – Wikipedia – <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crossword>

According to *Guinness World Records*, 15 May 2007, the most prolific crossword compiler is Roger Squires of Ironbridge, Shropshire, UK. On 14 May 2007, he published his 66,666th crossword, equivalent to 2 million clues. He is one of only four setters to have provided cryptic puzzles to *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times* and *The Independent*. He also holds the record for the longest word ever used in a published crossword – the 58-letter Welsh town Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwilllantysiliogogoch clued as an anagram.

Enthusiasts have compiled a number of record-setting achievements for the *New York Times* crossword, the most prestigious American-style crossword.

- The lowest word count in a published weekday-size 15x15 puzzle is the 21 January 2005 *New York Times* crossword by Frank Longo, with just 52 words, and was believed by *Times* crossword editor Will Shortz to be the world record for this type of puzzle.
- The fewest shaded squares in a 15x15 American crossword is 17 (leaving 208 white spaces), set by the 27 July 2012 *Times* crossword by Joe Krozel.
- The record for most crosswords published in the *New York Times* is held by Manny Nosowsky, who has had 241 puzzles in that outlet.

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<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>Blue King</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Fruit rhyming with tuber, if we believe IRA (6)
- 4 Opera after space ship carries green creature back inside (4,4)
- 10 Metre rake manipulated for a greengrocer perhaps (9)
- 11 Virginal girls' head in clean out (5)
- 12 Battle ground in London or further North? (8,6)
- 14 Fight rages to the west concealing cloistered area (5)
- 16 Culinary chopper perhaps (9)
- 18 Sexy mechanic, perhaps, at farm machine (9)
- 20 Set back against movie, city builds a magnetic unit (5)
- 21 Dirty end of the femur? (5,2,3,4)
- 25 A hijab may be said to be useful (5)
- 26 Place to ditch dead snake? On road (9)
- 27 He's for a hot pepper in state capital (8)
- 28 Force unit from West in North East to North (6)
- 2 First class butter sent up to planetary regions (5)
- 3 Short Taiwan pixie has most of the early January night (7)
- 5 Beat half of them and robbed (5)
- 6 George finally ignited each climbing dragon (7)
- 7 Formally revokes Royal for British claims (9)
- 8 Thrown off from Dad's workshop (4)
- 9 Triremes rigged three sheets to the wind – or more! (8)
- 13 Prepare old academic for last engagement (10)
- 15 To get even we finally ate trail mix (9)
- 17 Raise paper over animal killer (8)
- 19 Muscles once initially raised in desire to forgive (7)
- 20 Feathered missile's target ring retains Miles Quiver (7)
- 22 Prickly character in ye olde days? (5)
- 23 Old trap turns into an illusion frequently (2,3)
- 24 Lay special tail-back (4)

**Down**

- 1 Note to setter, authorise gangster to get the pips? (4,6)


**2015 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!**

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 29 November 2015 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. If you would like to join us on this significant Annual Get-Together, kindly contact our Secretary. Bev's email is: [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com). Be there!!! Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

The Harold Park Hotel was built in 1888 and opened as the 'Centennial Hotel', before changing its name to the 'Lillie Bridge Hotel' in 1903 because of the Lillie Bridge Showgrounds opposite the site of the race track formerly known as Forest Lodge. The original hotel – a magnificent three-story structure – was destroyed by fire in 1959. During the '60s' and '70s' the hotel was known as a place where one could be heard. Politics in the Pub, Poets in the Pub were regular events. It was Sydney's Home of Comedy for most the '80s' and '90s'. Extensive renovations were undertaken early this century and the current building reopened in 2007. The Hotel was purchased in 2010 by Australia's first 5th generation Publican, William Ryan.

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Crowsman**



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**Across**

- 6 Reckons middle section of desk is full (7)
- 9 First four from here turned back a snake (7)
- 10 Female opposite supports English non-traditional poetry (4,5)
- 11 Top mark is turned in by clever boy (5)
- 12 Tricycles and dogs chase desperate wether (5-8)
- 13 Exclamation of surprise and hesitation involved in 4WDs towing trailers (7,8)
- 16 Smart Grant has gushed around (4-9)
- 20 Left-side overhang (5)
- 21 Those annoying fellows restrict rest arrangement (9)
- 22 End of the abdomen revealed by equestrian (7)
- 23 Small tailless 9-across confused great poet (7)

- 4 Grim cut on end of toe (6)
- 5 Cases under considerable pressure having small locks (8)
- 7 Odd letters of frame structure (7)
- 8 One tearing after ice-cream maker in council vehicle (6,7)
- 9 Pressed, she twice upset crooked females (13)
- 13 Rings dealer, teasing about fine (8)
- 14 Limits former broken meters (8)
- 15 Monotonous, except after goal! (7)
- 17 20 on right register (6)
- 18 Minor admits runs somewhat (6)
- 19 Leave Simpson perhaps (6)

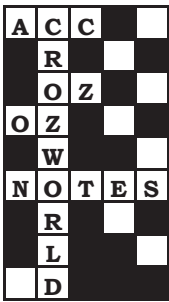
**Down**

- 1 Grumbled when insect grazed (6)
- 2 Unco-operative through poetry (8)
- 3 High-pitched vibration wiped out centre (6)

**Post  
Solution  
to:**

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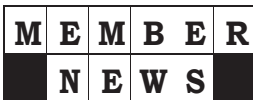
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## Generosity:

- Give all thou canst; high Heaven rejects the lore Of nicely-calculated less or more.  
William Wordsworth (1770-1850)
- Liberality consists less in giving a great deal than in gifts well-timed.  
Jean de la Bruyere (1645-1696)  
French writer, moralist
- As for the largest-hearted of us, what is the word we write most often in our cheque books? — 'Self'.  
Eden Philpotts (1862-1960)  
British author
- It is always so pleasant to be generous, though very vexatious to pay debts.  
RW Emerson (1803-1882)  
American essayist, poet, philosopher
- It's better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same.  
Sir Philip Gibbs (1877-1962)
- Don't be selfish. If you have something you do not want, and know someone who has no use for it, give. In this way you can be generous without expenditure of self-denial and also help another to pay debts.  
Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)  
American author

from *The Routledge Dictionary of Quotations*, Robert Andrews, 1987.



**New Member: Jon Jess, Yandina Creek, Qld.** (A Membership Gift from Lorna Waites). Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworl ding!*

## Explanations to October clues in Slots 1 to 5

**Slot 1: St Jude. Explanations to cryptic clues. Down:** 1 anag, 2 ACC + MAIL\*, 3 tEDDY, 4 hidden, 5 (SOCIAL CLASS - SO)\*, 6 hidden, 7 (ORANGE + O)\*, 8 MART + YR, 14 L + yANKY, 15 dd, 17 anag, 20 S + WADDLED, 22 SCAB\* + mESSy, 24 (JAZZ MUSIC - MS)\*, 25 BAN + ANA, 28 PA> + HID, 30 dd, 31 VIOLet.

**Slot 2: Barney Naga. Across:** 1 M + IS + CHIEF + MAKER, 9 IN< + G + ER + AI<, 10 surGery + yOUr ACHE, 11 (TUM ACHE I + R)\*, 12 dd, 13 dd, 17 PUBLIC + (SINCE A UN)\*, 21 triple def, 23 IaNsTuRnInGoUtEaSy, 25 E + C + HE + L + ON, 26 anag, 27 dd. **Down:** 1 cd, 2 hidden, 3 dd, 4 rev hidden, 5 (AG + CLAIM)\*, 6 KA + UR + I, 7 dd, 8 triple def, 14 ADULTS + HOP, 15 heads, 16 NEW + SPEAK, 18 CHI + ANTI, 19 UP + TIGHT, 20 rev hidden, 22 LAP< + sPIIt, 24 bUTLEased.

**Slot 3: Pentangle. Across:** 1 SHORTEN + S, 5 OB + LATE, 9 (SE (VEIL) ER)<, 10 (g)AMBITS, 12 P(I)LOT, 13 LIBR/A/RIES, 14 AX = A CROSS cd, 16 END + OWED, 19 MASs + (SURE)\*, 21 B + ANANA, 23 OK + LAH + (w)OMAN, 25 ABBOT(t), 26 dd, 27 (ADDER MAY)\*, 28 (seam)STRESS, 29 BEARS + KIN. **Down:** 1 (SPORTS)<, 2 OILS + LICKS, 3 TWEE + T, 4 NEEDLES(s), 6 BOMBARD + ON, 7 ALI + BI, 8 (EATS)\* + (DIES)\*, 11 (c)ABLE(s), 15 cd, 17 Switch BREAK WIND, 18 EM + BODIES, 20 (b)RIMS, 21 BAND + AGE, 22 (T + MONEY)\*, 24 anag, 25 (I)ADDER(ed).

**Slot 4: KA (Karl Audrins). A** A AIR + COVER, **B** B BART end ER, **C** C CHAR + IS + MA, **D** D dd, **E** E (rUM + GIN + RYE)\*, **F** F dd, **G** G GO + U + ACHE, **H** H HEA (R) TS, **I** I INK + LING, **J** J JACK + POTS, **K** K K (ID) NAPPING, **L** L TOOL<, **M** M (MENAGES SUIT)\*, **N** N doNATIONS, **O** O OR + PINE, **P** P PU (ZZ) LE, **Q** Q QUILT + ER, **R** R (PUTIN + ERATO)\*, **S** S SPEAKER + SHIP, **T** T (M + TIDILY)\*, **U** U bUNKING + LadY, **V** V VI (TOURS)\* I, **W** W WON=korean money, **X** X XER (O) XES, **Y** Y Y + PIPER\*, **Z** Z dd.

**Slot 5: Ann Ass. Across:** 1 Theme PER in RUT, 3 cd, 8 homoph "load", 9 hw oLEASTer, 10 Theme (I + GOY) <, 13 (EDITOR OF PORN)\*, 15 EN (GORGE) D, 16 (TOE SO I)\*, 18 Theme, 19 homoph "for bare", 22 anag, 24 K+RAD <, 25 (GRUSH)\*, 26 MAGI(c), 27 RIP + CORDS, 28 Theme F+OZZIE. **Down:** 1 R+ELAPSE, 2 Theme PADDING+TO+N, 4 cd, 5 Theme HOOP<, 6 wheRE IS SUE, 7 \*FLEA+LET, 11 STAR + BOARD, 12 Theme GENTLE+BEN, 14 MODERN+JAZZ (+ref movie "All That Jazz"), 17 rev LIME, VERT, TAN, 18 d def, 20 RE+CL+IN+E, 21 (HUDSON)\*, 23 Theme initials.

## Errata and corrigenda for October edition

John Baylis gained dots for slots 1 to 4 in September 2015.

## Vale Carole Noble

• I am deeply saddened to learn of Carole Noble's passing and would like to express my condolences to her family and friends. I have recently enjoyed a lively correspondence with her and had her latest letter here to respond to. Although physically limited, I know that Carole remained mentally active and was advocating for residents in her care home. Her account of their Great Bingo Revolt brought a smile to my face with visions of a Bingo version of "Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War". Proving that you can teach an old dog new tricks, she was mastering her laptop, although she didn't think she would. Carole will be missed by everyone who knew her and who enjoyed her company and intellect even if, like me, it was mostly from a distance in *Crozworl ding!*



Jenny Wenham

• I was saddened by the news of Carole's death. I wrote to her after she went into the nursing home and she replied telling me all about the crossword group she had started and how much she was putting into it. I teased her that she should be on the payroll as an Occupational Therapist! Alan and I met Carole and Len at a picnic in Lane Cove Park which Alan Eason arranged for the members of his club, so that must have been in 1988 or '89, and then when they used to come to our annual get-togethers until they moved out of Sydney. They were always delightful company and contributed so much to our Club.

Margaret Davis

## October 1-2015: Half 'n Half by St Jude (Drew Meek).

- A good introduction to the puzzles. Fairly straight-forward.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Thanks *St Jude* for your entertaining Slot 1 puzzle. Much liked your clue for SWADDLED.  
*Alan Walter*
- An interesting puzzle with only one, for me, unusual word ANTSY.  
*John Baylis*
- Tricky slot 1 – Loved it!  
*Raoul*
- Loved galah so much...hope it is correct!  
*Dale McManus*
- 'Purple alien left instrument' (31dn) created a nice image; especially for those who remember the purple people eater who came to Earth in 1958 to play in a rock and roll band.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Quite tricky for this slot.  
*Margaret Davis*
- A nice and easy starter.  
*Col Archibald*
- Enjoyable Slot 1.  
*Joan Smith*
- LOI was GALAH; it had me stumped for a bit.  
*Ian Thompson*
- A nice start to the month. Just right.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- The easy clues were the hardest to answer.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- Hope I haven't made any typos this time.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- Thank you *St Jude*. A good start to this month's puzzles.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- Great fun.  
*Susan Robertson*
- A nice start to this month's offerings.  
*Gabriel Fuller*

## October 2-2015: Cryptic by Barney Naga (Jeremy Barnes and Bob Hagan)

- Lovely clues for nuisances, making a very enjoyable puzzle.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Had a little trouble with those big pests.  
*Anne Simons*
- Your trouble makers theme was great. Favourite clue was OBSTINATE for pigheaded. Presumably the 'dance' in 14dn is 'twist'.  
*Alan Walter*
- I liked this a lot, particularly the longer solutions.  
*John Baylis*
- In 18dn I can find no positive reference to Chi being a gypsy woman. [It's in Chambers – Adj]  
*Jim Fowler*
- 11ac: The wordplay appears to fail to clue the M in RHEUMATIC. [Please see explanations on p12 – perhaps reading the "tum" in Bookman Old Style font as "turn"? Adj]  
*Ian McKenzie*
- Can hardly wait for the chance to drop gouache into a conversation...thankyou!  
*Dale McManus*
- Very enjoyable despite all the pests. I particularly liked 19dn and 24dn.  
*Brian Tickle*
- I gave INTRIGUES COTM. I wouldn't call chianti strong drink.  
*Roy Taylor*
- Well-disguised alternate and first letter clues.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Must vote slot 1, 23ac for COTM. "Periodically; Ian's turning out easy puzzles". It's not true, of course; but it is still rather funny and a very clever construction for the word "intrigues".  
*Ron Carpenter*
- Good fun! Loved the clue for mischief-maker.  
*Nea Storey*
- INTRIGUES was my COTM – neat and sensible. Nice.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks for a most enjoyable puzzle.  
*Maureen Blake*
- This puzzle bugged me for a while; but I wasn't going to let it blight my day. Favourite clues were 1ac and 10ac.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- *Barney Naga* making a pest of himself again? No; just entertaining us with another enjoyable puzzle.  
*Kath Harper*
- Testing.  
*Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thank you *Barney*.  
*Susan Robertson*
- Tricky theme!  
*Michael Potts*
- A good puzzle. I particularly liked Mantraps at 1dn and level at 8dn.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*

## October 3-2015: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- Thanks Brian for a challenging puzzle. Took some time to deduce SHORTENS for 1ac. Liked 3dn TWEE+T clue. 25dn ADDER good clue, 28ac STRESS a clever clue.  
*Alan Walter*
- Fancy giving Shorten and Abbott a mention on the same page – diametrically opposed.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Some great clues. Took a long time to wake up to SHORTENS. Loved the clue for STRESS.  
*Anne Simons*
- This was most enjoyable and I gave OKLAHOMAN my COTM.  
*John Baylis*
- Good to see the Tickler back at the scriptorium! OKLAHOMAN last one in.  
*Raoul*
- 25ac: Australia's recently deposed PM is spelled ABBOTT. [Clue is parsed "Holy leader [ABBOT] [shortens] ...deposed leader [ABBOTT] – Adj]  
*Ian McKenzie*
- Liked the OVERHEADS and the MASSEUR; and dare I say; the WINDBREAK.  
*Rob Moline*
- An impressive "tickler"! Plenty of tough clues and several solutions representing wonderful new words for me. My LOI was EMBODIES; a very good clue for this. It's a fine line between a slot 3 and a slot 6.  
*Ian Thompson*

- Delighted to see Brian compiling. He taught me years ago always to check the down clues first and I have always been grateful – even when I have failed to obey!  
*Margaret Davis*
- Lots of really good clues. I think OIL SLICK is two words.  
*Roy Taylor*

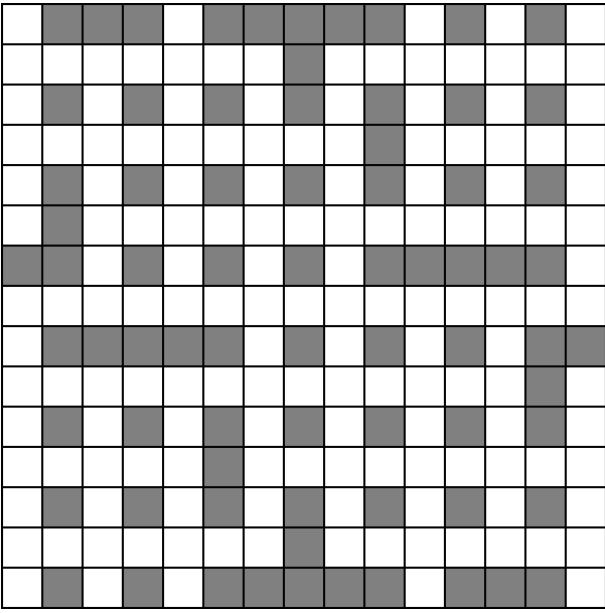
- Thanks Brian, I did enjoy your product. It's very current but it's strange isn't it that only a month has passed and already we've forgotten how to spell Abbott.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks Brian – the product was great. Loved the clues especially Across 1;13; 27; 28. Down 3;4;25.  
*Catherine Hambling*
- Lots of new words and proved to be quite a challenge. Politician's contracts was an excellent & succinct clue.  
*Ann Millard*
- Very topical! Quite a few tricky clues. I enjoyed the clues for alibi and endowed.  
*Nea Storey*
- Give *Pentangle* a slot every month. That was a quality product of which I expect to see a lot more.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- Some great clues. I especially liked bearskins and masseur.  
*R & P McKenzie*

- Some tricky clues here! eg Bearskin. Across; and also I suspect a change to the Holy Leader clue at the last minute due to the political upheaval recently.  
*Maureen Blake*
- It seems that you still have "it". A welcome return and some nice clues here. My favourites were 8; 17 & 24dn.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Enjoyable first effort.  
*George Rolfe*
- Excellent puzzle with fine surface readings. Plenty of misleading double meanings and scant use of anagrams. My main difficulty was choosing COTM from a few contenders. More please!  
*Len Colgan*
- Liked 1ac. Short and to the point.  
*Margaret Davis*
- Welcome back to an early setter who clearly knows the ropes – forwards and backwards!  
*Kath Harper*
- I really liked the product Brian. Many thanks for an enjoyable puzzle.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- The second banana this month! Amazing how often that happens. I did like the clue for DAYDREAM.  
*Michael Potts*
- Some delightfully clever clues. My COTM is 15dn (Overheads); but I also really liked Shortens at 1ac.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- This puzzle had me flummoxed to the end.  
*Gabriel Fuller*
- Found this one hard to get a start on but with some collaboration managed OK I think.  
*Judy Schulz*

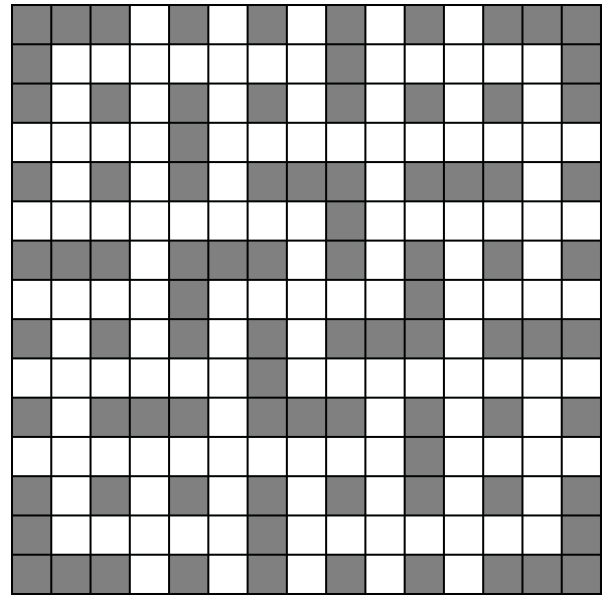
## October 4-2015: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

- Please explain wordplay for KIDNAPPING [*knapping is snapping or breaking adj.*]. In clue W can't see how 'money' equates to WON? [*won is a monetary unit in N and S Korea adj.*]. Overall a good AJ.  
*Alan Walter*
- A fine puzzle, although MUTAGENESIS held me up for a while.  
*John Baylis*
- I always enjoy this format and this was no exception.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Nice.  
*Raoul*
- Some great clues in this one, especially B, N and W.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Unusual to find an unusual word in two puzzles this month; namely GOUACHE!  
*Col Archibald*
- Tricky but enjoyable; and even guessed the 2 unknown plants correctly. Liked the YIPPER and XEROXES – rare that the X word is known but not a write-in.  
*Rob Moline*
- Unsure of a few answers no crossword books with me. Enjoyable AJ though.  
*Joan Smith*
- An enjoyable solve; slighter easier than average. Clues generally of a high standard.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Lovely AJ. I even remembered yipper from another month....  
*Dale McManus*
- 'Kidnapping' must be right but have not yet worked out how. I await explanation. 'Part of personality is DNA but "kipping" meaning shattering is unknown to me [Try "id" with "knapping" – Adj].  
*Maureen Blake*
- AJs are always a favourite. Some great clues in this one. Favourites were B & G.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Learn something new every puzzle. "Yipper" was a beaut; and yes; cry over unknown!  
*Ann Millard*
- Gouache for the second time this month. And we have had two bananas too!  
*Margaret Davis*
- Trickier than usual. It is difficult to type the answers for the AJ using ACCOLADE and I had to retype the down answers.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- Still my favourite. Thanks KA.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- My favourite AJ. More mind stretching when some answers are two words.  
*Cheryl Wilcox*
- Love these alphabet puzzles.  
*Susan Robertson*
- First BANANAS; now GOUACHEs doubled up! Are we in Gemini this month?  
*Michael Potts*
- The AJ is always my favourite slot.  
*Hilary Cromer*
- An excellent puzzle. The J clue (Jackpot) was a good challenge! It took me forever to see it.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*

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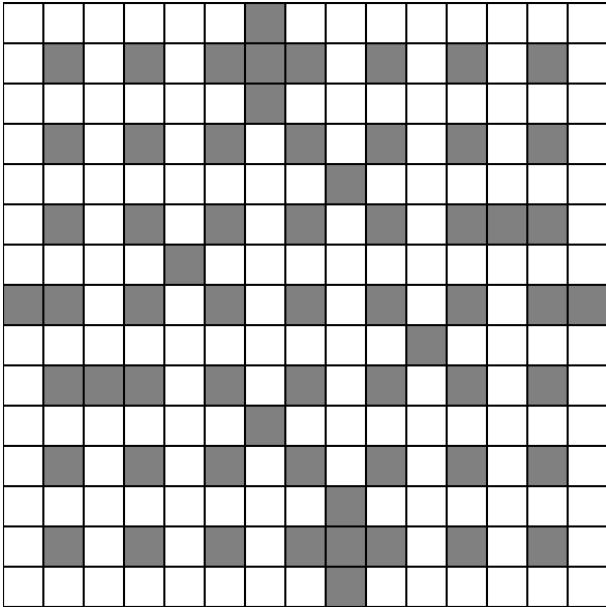


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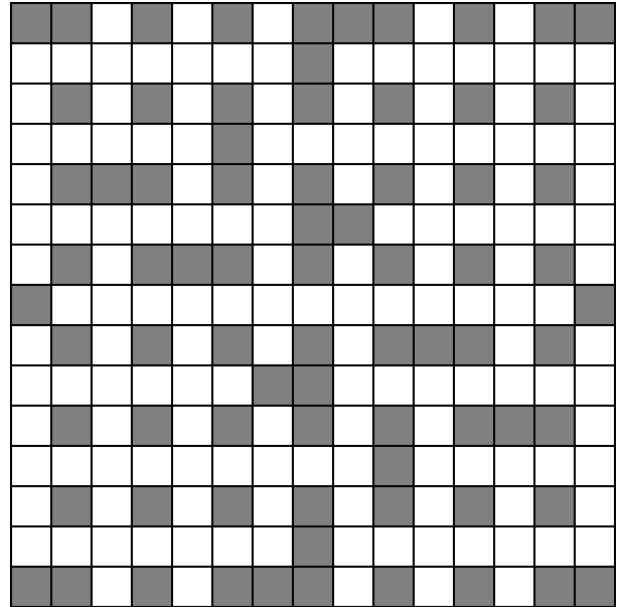
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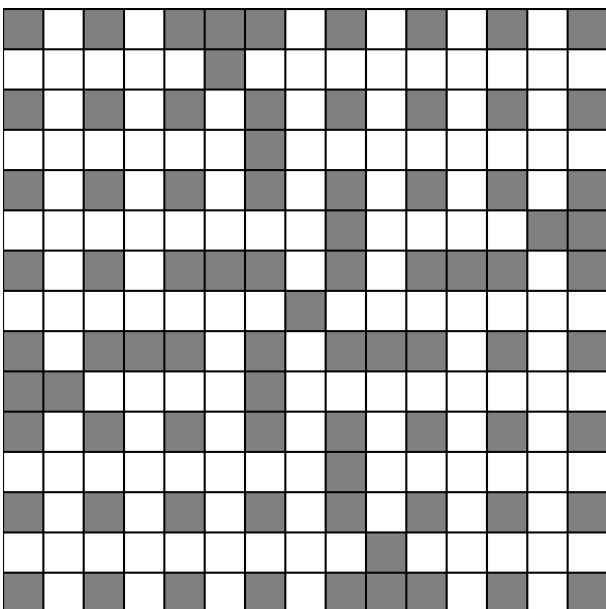
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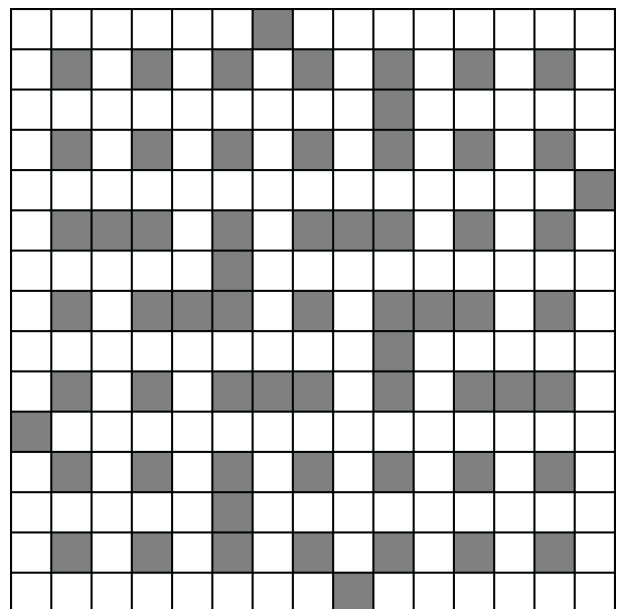
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**September 6-2015: Displaced Definitions by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)**

**Entries Received: 58. Correct: 51. Success Rate: 88%.**

**Winner: Jenny Wenham. Congratulations!**

**Setter's Comments:**

Thank you for all of your entries, letters, cards, emails and comments on this puzzle. Always much appreciated. (This type of puzzle is certainly not original. It was devised in the 1930s by one of the early compilers under the title Wrong Numbers.) There was a fairly high success rate here. (The few errors made were mainly with BUSBIES (BUS+BIES homophone of BEES). There were also a couple of blank squares, which is always disappointing, especially when everything else was correct. ACCOLADE does have the advantage of letting solvers know if all squares are not filled, so it is probably a good idea if you are sending a postal entry to be on the safe side and also use this as well (especially with a Ximenes type puzzle! There were a couple of questions regarding 1dn STRIGOSE. The clue was correct as here, G is an accepted shortage for the word 'string' (G string). Also, queries about ILL MET were justified in that it would probably have been better defined as "unfortunately encountered".

—*Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

**Results.**

**Across:** 1 (TuLIPS) < def in 3d, 5 (RE LL AMS)< def in 33a, 11 (OTHER)\* + BO def in 18a, 12 MI (A) MI def in 31a, 13 RIG + A def in 9d, 14 C (kIMONO) CE< def in 1d, 15 (TIME)\* around LL def in 22d, 18 VANE + SSA< def 24a, 21 (BROOM)\* + homoph "fill" def 22a, 22 (SAUDI + NOT + I)\* def in 16d, 24 (PLEASED)\* def in 5a, 28 W (H) ALES def in 7d, 29 A+G+IOTA+EG< def 20d, 30 gRUNT def in 10d, 31 (MULE)\* + A def in 25d, 32 DORM + ICE def in 11a, 33 BUS+ BIES (homoph "bees") def in 32a, 34 SAVE + D def in 12a. **Down:** 1 (SORTS + G + IE)\* def in 19d, 2 (HELL I MOP)\* def in 14a, 3 L (YMAO)< def in 34a, 4 (THREE)\* + OUSE def in 21a, 6 MOO + LAH def 15a, 7 Hidden def in 23d, 8 LAMBS (homoph "lams") + WOO + L def in 17d, 9 E + MIT def in 30a, 10 R + ICE def in 26d, 16 LIBRa + ARIES def in 8d, 17 SN + ITCHEERS def in 4d, 19 SENT i ENCE def in 29a, 20 (DISASTERS - R)\* def in 2d, 22 A + PLOMB ("plum") def in 28a, 23 DECADEnt def in 6d, 25 (MARK)\* + A def in 1a, 26 DAUBe def in 27d, 27 I + GLUe def in 13a.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- In my opinion the puzzle of the year. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks Gillian for another great out of body experience! *Michael Kennedy*
- Great work-out, Thank you! *Raoul*
- What a champion puzzle! I started it yesterday morning, first sorting the clues into word lengths. I couldn't make much progress, and set it aside several times, swearing I couldn't possibly do it, but plugged away, and finally finished it last night, just in time to watch Q & A. A brilliant concept, and I think every clue was a gem. I'd love to see more of these, but not too soon please, my brain is still recovering. *Betty Siegman*
- I really enjoyed this challenging puzzle. *Claire McClelland*
- RUFF TUFF STUFF! Clue 1dn appears to be in error. Word play should be "sorts LAST string that is to be recycled to anagram SORTS+G+IE giving STRIGOSE=bristly. In 22ac how does the past tense MET=encounter? Well met= well encountered. *Alan Walter*
- Another amazing puzzle which really blew my mind. I had to concentrate really hard to work out where to put my answers once I became aware of the process. How do you do it? You must be able to have two or more agendas assembled then reassembled at the same time! Fantastic! *Bev Cockburn*
- Very challenging but very enjoyable puzzle. I like the mixture of common and uncommon meanings which add an extra dimension to the thinking. Keeping the definition and clues separate in the mind was the biggest hurdle to get over. *Bob Hagan*
- Much to my surprise, I have completed your puzzle! A real challenge! Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

- Thanks for a really excellent puzzle. I thoroughly enjoy your masterpieces Although somewhat diabolical I found the clues to be fair and unambiguous. A lot of recourse to the usual sources of reference with quite a few new (to me) words. *Jim Fowler*
- As usual with your puzzles I found this very challenging. But I have managed to fill all the squares and now I must just cross my fingers and hope they are all correct. Also, that I have not made any fooling transcription errors. *Margaret Davis*
- Confusing, but ultimately most satisfying – a great novelty. *Ian Mason*
- When I first looked at this puzzle, I thought "Help!". However, once I got started I thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks for another great mental gym session! *Robyn Caine*
- What a great workout! I assume the solution to which you refer is the spelling of IGLU; although ILL MET is worrisome. Lots of new words; too! Thanks Gillian! *Len Colgan*
- More fun than should be legal! *Roy Taylor*
- As usual. *Betelgeuse's* complex instructions and tricky definitions had me sweating – or was that due to the busbies and the fuzzy old drink? *Nea Storey*
- How do you manage to create something so devious? *Julie Leigh*
- Hardest puzzle I have ever attempted. *Pat Lord.*
- Enjoyable and testing puzzle in the tradition of 'Misprints' by *Ximenes* and *Azed*. There is no harm in letting solvers [know] which is the clue not having an answer in the usual references. *George Rolfe*
- Fiendishly diabolical but fun. So many new words. *Betelgeuse* should change her name to *Torquemada*. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Brilliant puzzle! So clever. Even more difficult to do without a printed copy (no access to printer whilst travelling here in France). *Julie Crowe*
- Ingenious and challenging as ever. And hard to get a foothold – luckily 1dn was easy; STRIGINE for owls appeared a few months ago (night birds/string that is to be recycled). Except in the end it was wrong – I still don't see the cryptic; is it meant to only be the G from STRING in anagram fodder with SORTS and IE? *Rob Moline*
- What a headache! *Warren Allen*
- What a marathon! But what a sense of achievement upon completion! *Maureen Blake*
- No idea how Gillian compiled this horror; I know my head is spinning after solving it. *Marian Procter*
- Spent a long time on this one! *Anne Simons*
- Another beautifully set puzzle by *Betelgeuse*. I was floundering at times, but eventually found a way through, even with those weird and wonderful words to work out. *Betelgeuse* really forces you to focus your effort on the wordplay. *Ian Thompson*
- Great as ever. *Andrew Patterson*
- A very innovative and challenging puzzle. *Ian McKenzie*
- Not easy by any means. I had to keep checking that I was putting the right word in the right place. I can't say that I'm happy with a specific name such as LIONEL for the definition MAN but, on the whole, congratulations for a challenging and interesting puzzle. *Susan Howells*
- I started quickly with a few of the 4-letter words (make of that what you will) but soon faltered. Tougher than it looked but very clever. It must have been a real challenge to compile. Great fun. *Jenny Wenham*
- This was a real test of coordination! It felt like rubbing tummy and patting head at the same time. *R & P McKenzie*
- AGIOTAGE, ULEMA, THEORBO, OMBROPHIL, PHILOMEL, AGLU? All new to me; and it seems to ACCOLADE which has queried them as I type. Sometimes the hardest feature of these puzzles is keeping track of relationships between clues! Brilliant and engrossing as always. *Michael Potts*
- What a clever and challenging puzzle! An added difficulty for me was the use – new to me – of "retrieved" (as in 1ac) and "retires" (14ac) as indications to read part of the clue backwards. Another clue that threw me was (if I've got it correctly) "ill-met" for "unfortunate encounter", which doesn't quite pass the grammatical test. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

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**Across**

- 1 Drinks while behind palm tree (6)
- 4 Parking front of plane without opening scar on surface (7)
- 9 Is nothing held back by machines? Precisely the opposite arguments! (15)
- 10 Age determinations can split socially awkward adolescents (7)
- 11 Is redirecting breeze to group of orchids (7)
- 12 Somewhat sharp and moderately dry when catching cold (8)
- 14 Delicious, but sent back at dirty place (5)
- 15 Delinquent finally gets into secure car (5)
- 16 With mail costs already covered, ordered top iPads (4-4)
- 18 Cupids reflected in Fellini romance (7)
- 19 Ablaze, storm held back assistance (7)
- 21 What's required to continue channel tackled initially a lack of power (15)
- 22 Rex, perhaps, has a timber American table (7)
- 23 Chemistry ends concealed words about flower pigment (6)

**Down**

- 1 Spies capture rotter, a noisy six-footer (6)
- 2 US Judge: "Be composed around conclusion of court fracas!" (15)
- 3 In favour of wearing an outer protective garment (5)
- 4 No longer reliant on heavy manufacturing, picket river experiment (14)
- 5 Policeman covered back of racist "Tonto" T-shirt (6,3)
- 6 Delay for horribly racist people (15)
- 7 Cuts off some part of Italy (7)
- 8 Cups are deprived of last of coffee during a sitting... but addressing an absent member? (14)
- 13 Gun crazy pair is turning over large amount (3,6)
- 15 Foul smelling while having ape around (7)
- 17 Remain at home spot around start of year (4,2)
- 20 Flower is found in many hours (5)

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## Quiz No 11/2015 Quiz 11/2015. "Opposites" by KA.



by KA

All answers are phrases containing opposites, and are in alphabetical order.  
e.g. Occasionally (3,3,4) Answer. Now and then.

Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290.  
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Closing Date: 11 December 2015. Prize \$75.

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| 1 Without compromise (3,2,7)  | 11 A gamble (5,2,5)        | 21 Without doubt (4,3,4)     |
| 2 Size doesn't matter (3,2,5) | 12 Child's play (4,3,4)    | 22 Both sides (4,3, 9)       |
| 3 Offspring (4,3,5)           | 13 At random (3,2,4)       | 23 Weather forecast? (4,2,5) |
| 4 Photography (5,3,5)         | 14 Vacillating (3,3,4)     | 24 Sometime (6,2,5)          |
| 5 Trade (3,3,4)               | 15 Conjugality (7,3,4)     | 25 All the way (5,2,6)       |
| 6 All the time (3,2,5)        | 16 Brief visit (2,3,3)     | 26 City traffic? (4,3,2)     |
| 7 Tidal movement (3,3,4)      | 17 Global coverage (4,3,3) | 27 Very thoroughly (3,2,6)   |
| 8 Conditioned reflex (5,2,6)  | 18 Approximately (4,2,4)   | 28 Life's vagaries (3,3,5)   |
| 9 Front and back (4,3,3)      | 19 Everywhere (4,3,3)      | 29 Russian novel (3,3,5)     |
| 10 Latitude (4,3,4)           | 20 Occasionally (3,3,4)    | 30 Maybe (3,3,2)             |

### Results of Quiz No. 9/2015. The A to Z of Extremities by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

No of entries: 31. Winner: Judy Schulz. Congratulations!

**Results: 26:** K. Audrins, W. Allen, U. Axelsen, L. Colgan, J. Crowe, J. Fowler, S. Howells, B. Glissan, G. Leeds, J. Leigh, A. Martin, F. Martin, R. McKenzie, A. Miles, A. Millard, C. Noble, E. O'Brien, S. Pinder, J. Schulz, A. Shield, R. Skinner, B. Symons, A. Walter, J. Wenham and R. Wimbush. **25:** I. Mason. **24:** R. Gooderick, B. Ibbott, D. Jones and M Procter. **22:** V. Howard and B. Siegman.

**Adjudicator's comments:** I did not foresee the possibility of replacing Africa for Europe but as the rubric stated 'not in alphabetical order', Africa could not be No 1! Fortunately, most of you worked that out with excellent outcomes. I apologise for the need for so much research but it was necessary (for me) to find the words to complete the quiz; also for the error in numbering for # 5.  
—Bev Cockburn

#### Solvers' comments:

- This is a fascinating puzzle. *Valerie Howard*
- I enjoyed your quiz and was surprised that it wasn't as difficult as I expected. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thanks for a great quiz that really tested me and of course, I learnt such a lot – geography, history, art & literature. *Ann Millard*
- Many thanks for more fun this month. I do enjoy doing research for these quizzes. *Julie Leigh*
- A very interesting list. The last one I found was Somers. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A really interesting and eclectic mix. *Karl Audrins*
- There were traps for the unwary with some having possible duplicate answers; mostly doable without resource to Google except to finish off a few unknowns. *Warren Allen*
- I certainly had some troubles with this one – learned a lot about the Khmer Rouge, too! *Julie Crowe*
- Fantastic effort to get one answer for all the letters of the alphabet. I also gained some knowledge to add to my trivia bank. *Carole Noble*
- This certainly had the grey matter and the search engines running apace. *Frank Martin*
- Thanks for a most challenging quiz. *Andrew Miles*
- There were some really hard ones and I got all sorts of

comforting messages coming up on my screen when googled anxiety drugs!  
*Robyn Wimbush*

• Good quiz that has thoroughly confused my spellcheck. Bit sneaky with Qazaq as well. I had to wait 'till the Q was the last letter to get that one!  
*Richard Skinner*

• Wow, some tough ones here but I learnt a few things. Thanks for the quiz. *Jenny Wenham*

• An enjoyable quiz and a great way to de-stress when having no luck with this month's *Crozworld*. *Judy Schulz*

• A great mental exercise needing extensive searching. My original entry of AFRICA instead of EUROPE caused considerable later hassles. *Len Colgan*

• A great quiz, not easy finding some of them. *Betty Siegman*  
• What an interesting quiz it was, too. As you foretold, there was a lot of research to be done – probably the hardest to pin down and confirm was Qazaq. *Jim Fowler*

### Punography

- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- When chemists die they barium.
- I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
- This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians first in USA? They had reservations.
- Energizer Bunny arrested: charged with battery.
- I did not like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type O.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

**September 7-2015: The liver is evil; it must be punished by Raoul (William Ryan)**

**Entries 76. Correct 68. Success rate 89%.**

**Prizewinner: Helen Perrow. Congratulations!**  
The Rene Pogel goes to **Kath Harper**. Enjoy!

**Adjudicator's comments**

Few errors, a good entry and success rate and a good reception from the members. What more can a setter ask for? Three members couldn't spell DAIQUIRI – and those had the potential help from the spell-checker associated with ACCOLADE. Tut tut! NOTOGAEIC tripped up a couple – do please take a little time to check your entry of unfamiliar words and save the agony of the missed dots.

**Explanations: Across: 1** A + P + homoph "Peel", **5** anag, **9** SAL (O) ON, **10** cd, **11** hidden, **12** dd, **13** anag, **17** sort of goes with "theme", **19** NY + MPHS, **21** cd, **24** DAI + QUI + RI, **26** STIRrUP, **27** (ST (PIECE) R) <, **28** CASH + E + W. **Down: 2** P (R) AWN, **4** LaUNCH, **5** LET\* having (W + ADD) inside, **6** RATHER, **7** DO + DOS, **8** anag, **12** (E + POLE) <, **14** cdd, **15** ref to "hammer and tongs", **16** NURSE + aRIES, **18** DA (H) LI + AS, **20** homoph, **22** MU + SIC & cd, **23** rev hidden, **25** pIMP.

**Solution to September 2015 Slot 7 puzzle**

A	P	P	E	A	L		T	I	R	E	D	A	N	D
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R	E	C	E	I	P	T	S		C	A	S	H	E	W

**Solvers' comments**

- Nice one Bill. I finished with a hangover. Too much daiquiri! Then my spirits were further raised by Marlene and the nymphs!  
*Ray Gooderick*
- A most enjoyable exercise – even though I was HAMMERED but not HAMPERED!  
*Len Colgan*
- Despite the admonitory title I found this crossword slightly less debauched than Raoul's usual effort – but there was plenty to wrestle with and enjoy!  
*Nea Storey*
- Doing this helped fix my 5;3 state. Was it good for the liver too?  
*Roy Taylor*
- Another great challenge!  
*Pat Lord*
- Great theme and some nice clues. My favourite was 26ac.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Had as much fun solving this as you probably had setting it.  
*Hilary Cromer*
- All sorts of drinks and drunkenness as you'd expect; then out of nowhere NOTOGAEIC!  
*Rob Moline*
- Cheers!!!  
*Marian Procter*
- Do I detect a pub/drinking theme in Raoul's puzzles? Maybe . .  
*Andrew Patterson*

- Thanks Raoul. An always enjoyable theme! *Robyn Wimbush*
- I really enjoy Raoul's puzzles; they "stretch" me and I feel a sense of achievement if I complete them.  
*Cheryl Wilcox*
- Drinking with attitude! Keep them coming Raoul. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks Raoul. I believe this is the first time that I have actually completed one of your crosswords! Let's hope my solution is right.  
*Alison Martin*
- Another sparkling alcohol soaked puzzle from Raoul! Did you know that 'The Avengers' is currently showing twice a week on television?  
*Susan Howells*
- I really liked the 1ac clue.  
*R and P McKenzie*

**Members' Comments cont'd from p10:**

**October 5-2015: Cryptic by Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)**

- Fascinating cryptic with 8 undefined bears. Much liked RIPCORDS. Thanks Jenny for your original theme. *Alan Walter*
- What a great collection of bears – even a drop bear! And forebear as well.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Luckily I got YOGI out early and guessed we could be looking for bears. RUPERT and PADDINGTON GOOD CLUES. *Anne Simons*
- A bit of a teaser, although once I had worked out the theme I couldn't bear to put it down.  
*John Baylis*
- It took some time to sort out the bears – I wasn't familiar with RUPERT.  
*Bob Hagan*
- Great theme, Jenny. My favourite clue was the one that was not a real bear (19ac).  
*Brian Tickle*
- How much can a Koala bear? Was flummoxed by POOL bear; pool for ring up was second word in long before I knew the theme; and once it's written in it attains a certain gravity and permanence. Took a long time to correct it; even Googled pool bear to see what I was missing. Coincidentally Yogi Berra – after whom Yogi Bear was named – died 3 days ago and was in the papers. Loved the DROP BEARS and liked the torn corduroys and UNSHOD – never seen it; though ROCK HUDSON must be a chestnut? *Rob Moline*
- I could hardly bear solving this one!  
*Col Archibald*
- Took a while to realise emil trev and nat are colours up. Where is HUMPHREY??  
*Roy Taylor*
- Beary enjoyable.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks for the theme of esoteric ursines. I met Mattel's Gentle Ben for the first time and can't believe that it took me so long to identify Pooh.  
*Ron Carpenter*
- Beary nice crossword!!  
*Ann Jermy*
- Took me a while to find Pooh, Yogi, Paddington, Fozzie, Drop, Boo-Boo and Rupert; and I needed Google to confirm some of them. I hope Rupert is correct for 1ac, as I didn't understand the clue at all!  
*Nea Storey*
- I fear my insects don't qualify as ursine.  
*Dale McManus*
- Loved the Bear theme, especially the inclusion of a Drop Bear!  
*Maureen Blake*
- Unfair grid. Six clues each have triple consecutive unchecked letters. For 1ac and 28 this means four out of six letters unchecked with 28 having the first three letters unchecked.  
*George Rolfe*
- Took me awhile to get the theme: at first thought it was to do with MODERN JAZZ but then I got one of the bears. A great bunch of crosswords.  
*Marian Procter*
- Verily a sleuth of bears! (The alternative collective noun is 'sloth'; but none of us could be accused of that, could we?) *Kath Harper*
- What a lot of fun! Paddington stayed well hidden. Many thanks for yet another brain teaser.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- Nice themed puzzle. Clues generally good. However 18ac is a single definition (themed) and not a cryptic clue [Just Yogi's friend Boo Boo! Adj].  
*Drew Meek*
- I love a theme: it can be a great help; as long as I manage to find it!  
*Cheryl Wilcox*
- Really enjoyed the bear theme.  
*Judy Schulz*
- Enjoyed the theme – especially the DROP bear!  
*Michael Potts*
- Loved all the bear/bare (no definition) clues.  
*Susan Howells*
- Took a while to guess the theme of bears. "Forebear" helped me. Once I did I had to change some of my answers.  
*Hilary Cromer*
- Not at all sure about 1ac: and haven't caught on to the theme. Ann Ass is GOOD.  
*Gabriel Fuller*
- Quite a bearable puzzle.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- After much effort, I was unable to finish this one; and I never worked out the theme!  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition September No 5/2015.**  
**Write a clue for MANIFEST (8)**  
**Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Definition from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition):

**adj** (*troubleshooter*) that may be easily seen by the eye or perceived by the mind; in Freudian psychoanalysis, applied to those parts of a dream remembered on waking, *opp* to *latent*. \* **vt** to make clear or easily seen; to put beyond doubt; to reveal or declare. \* **n** the act of showing something publicly; (the form of) an apparition, ghost etc; an open, or public statement; a list or invoice of the cargo of a ship or aeroplane, used by custom officials and overseas agents; a list of passengers carried by an aeroplane. [**L** *manifestus*, prob from *manus* the hand, and *festus* pap of obs *fendere* to strike, to dash against (as in *offendere*)]

I chose this word for its potential application as an adjective, verb or noun. However, there were a few less entries so perhaps the word wasn't as enticing as I had thought. Even so, the entries did cover just about the whole gamut of compiling techniques. There were several clues out of the 16 entries vying for the top prize, but in the end I was taken by the clever spoonerism clue compiled by **Ulla Axelsen**.

**American bum made a mess of Spooner's show (8)**

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

**American bum made a mess of Spooner's show \*\*\*\***

We start with the winning Spoonerism (i.e. transposing the initial sounds), arguably the most difficult indicator to disguise. The premise of this Spoonerism is *fanny* (American bum) *messed*. It's perfectly parsed and I do like the clever incorporation of the definition with *Spooner*. While I imagine an American TV show, I did discover that there is an annual *Spooners Country Show* held in Dartmoor in the UK.

**Foreign names fit badly on passenger list \*\*\*\***

This clue uses two indicators (foreign and badly) to make anagrams of *names* and *fit*, respectively. Two anagram indicators can sometimes make a clue rather clunky, but this isn't the case here. The surface reading is terrific and makes perfect sense.

**He is going on wild fiesta without a list \*\*\*\***

This is a fine example of seamless parsing that makes perfect sense. It is simply MAN (he) with an anagram of FIESTA without A. The compiler has cleverly utilised the literal indication *is going on* to work with the overall surface reading. A fine clue!

**Hypothetical core in fruit is easily seen \*\*\***

This is a really tough clue and I had to refer to the compiler's explanation to see the solution. In essence, it's a simple indication – insert a word for *hypothetical core* into a *fruit*. The trick is discovering the two relatively obscure synonyms. I have now learnt that *nife* is the earth's hypothetical core of nickel and iron, while *mast* refers to the fruit of the oak and chestnut. This is perfectly valid, but the compiler must keep the *solvability* of a clue at the back of one's mind at all times.

**Island provided direction without a register \*\*\*½**

A quaint charade with MAN, IF and E(a)ST. It's smoothly parsed and every word is serving a purpose. The surface reading is not spectacular but it does work.

**It's obvious for Spooner: girl mucked up \*\*\*½**

Another clever Spoonerism based on a similar idea (ie. fanny messed) as the previous one. The main difference here is the definition for *fanny* – girl. I don't now how many girls' names there are, but I suspect the solver would be relying on a checked letter or two to arrive at *fanny*. The surface sense is excellent.

**Mother with name provided by East Street register \*\*\*\***

A simple charade of MA,N,IF,E and ST. The compiler has done well to parse five different elements into a coherent sentence.

**Monaco accepts neutral leaders provided French is evident \*\*\*\***

There are several components to this charade clue. Take the

leaders of the first three words MAN, add IF *provided* and then EST (French for is). It's not the easiest clue as one could be misled by the word *accepts* which itself is often used an indicator. The surface reading works well, particularly as French is actually the official language of Monaco.

**Obvious result when mean fist shaken \*\*\***

A simple anagram of *mean fist* as indicated by *shaken*. The definition is fine and it's safely parsed. The surface sense is adequate but wouldn't suffer from a tweak.

**Passenger list to island provided by new set \*\*\*½**

This clue had the premise of a great one. It seamlessly integrates the definition with a realistic idea of a passenger ship heading to an island. The necessary anagram *set* at the end of the clue just takes the shine off what could have been a winning clue.

**Register name – Stif Strange \*\*\*½**

A funny little anagram of NAME and STIF as indicated by *strange*. The compiler has endeavoured to overcome the fact that *Stif* is not an orthodox (or unorthodox if Google knows anything) name by incorporating the anagram as a plausible surname.

**Remembered dreams, according to Freud, can kick-off many anguished new insights from early sexual trauma \*\*\*\***

I read this clue and thought I had stumbled upon a journal of psychology. I'm no expert on Freud but it certainly reads like something I'd expect. The parsing works by taking the initial letters of the last eight words as indicated by *can kick-off*. The definition is lengthy but is virtually taken straight from the dictionary. A fine clue!

**Reveal all in Romani Festival striptease \*\*\*½**

This is nearly an excellent hidden clue. *Manifest* appears within Romani Festival. Unfortunately, the final word *striptease*, while certainly embellishing the story, is not part of the definition or secondary indicators, rendering it superfluous.

**Show patent \*\*\***

At a total of ten letters, I think this may be the shortest clue ever submitted. It's a simple double definition, at least as far as the indication is concerned. As a solver, these clues can be the most difficult to solve as you don't have much to go by. I think for *manifest*, a double definition would be served well with a reference to the passenger list. However, these two definitions do work well.

**The hundred intruders ejected from the aborted manic festival were conspicuous \*\*\***

This clue works with a subtle removal of the letter C (hundred) from *manic*. *Festival* is simply FEST. I like the premise of the clue and its storyline, but I'm not completely sold on the word *intruders* as the letter C is not a plural.

**To declare Iron Man first was reckless \*\*\*½**

This is another anagram made up of three parts – FE, MAN and IST. There are quite a few acceptable indirect anagram fodder parts such as the elements, but *first* for IST, followed by an anagram is just about stretching the limits. The definition is fine though.

**Scoring System**

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
<b>Definition</b>	0	1	2
<b>Secondaries</b>	0	1	2
<b>Fairness</b>	0	1	2
<b>Surface</b>	0	1	2
<b>x-factor</b>	0	1	2

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

**Clue Writing Competition No 6/2015**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **CRATER (6)** 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](mailto:manveru@bigpond.com)

Closing mail date: Friday 18 December 2015. Book prize.