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A kiss can be a comma, a question mark or an exclamation mark.
That's basic spelling that every woman should know.
Mistinguett, December 1955, *Theatre Arts*

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2007 at \$40. However, if you elect to receive *e-Crozworld* rather than the paper copy then the sub is only \$35. We believe that this is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2006 Prize Fund. Thank You! The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive *e-Crozworld*, page 13; on p14 we have included some useful information for renewing members for 2007). We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2007 for only \$30. In addition you can buy copies of the *Crozworld Compendium* for just \$5 and a copy of the exciting new *50 Best ACC Puzzles from the 1990s* for only \$7.50. They are guaranteed to provide plenty of crosswording for you in 2007. And these marvellous collections of puzzles will make ideal presents for your friends.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's refurbished Cauliflower Hotel in Waterloo, Sydney on Sunday 19 November. There will be plenty of highlights! See page 4 for further details.

We have another great selection of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites Noel Jessop, *Southern Cross* and *Praxis* are included along with the well-respected *zinzan* and *gizmojones*. For the first time in a Slot 6 we feature *Timid Terrier* with a puzzle titled *Game Games*. Keen puzzler Jack Stocks has provided a fascinating Quiz called *Cursory Characters* which will be enjoyed by all solvers. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

What a month! Almost every slot had its bugbear, so there are very few perfect scores. After 4 weeks and with only 1 week to go to the deadline, I had only 50 entries, which indicates that many members were having difficulties. This is borne out by the figures below.

Slot 1: No significant problems – KIEVE & KEEVE were both accepted (97% had KEEVE). SCOTCH, SNITCH, GALL, MEEOS, BRAGG, ENGINE, NIT, BONEPARTE & LEGATE lost dots.

Slot 2: FIFI caused the most trouble. 8 entries had GIGI, but while G is a force, I could not find a record of G for female. 2 entries had ILLURED for ILLBRED and there were a few other minor slips.

Slot 3: The biggest worry was 4dn. 21 entries had UNDER for UDDER. 5 spelt ABSINTHE with a Y and 6 did not quite get ADRENALECTOMIES! The rest were slips or wild guesses.

Slot 4: R & U caused lots of non-dots. 24 had REFLEX for REFLUX (the clue referred to the I clue INFLUX) and 32 missed UNHEPPEN. Happily lots had both wrong! The I clue had an indirect anagram but no-one complained! The other blunders were slips of the pen and more wild guesses. One poetic entry had MORN WE BIRTH for MONT DE PIETE!

Slot 5: The worst bugbear was BEAST for BLAND and it nearly worked. The word "first" referred to the B in "boxing's" and couldn't also be "first light" (EAST). A pity the underlinings were omitted, as then there would have been no confusion. Most other errors were slips such as ATTITUDE for APTITUDE or "here's hoping" entries. I really enjoyed all the good wishes in the cards and letters and hope I'll see lots of you in Sydney at the November Get-Together.

COTM
A great diversity of opinion for COTM. Puzzle 2 had 10 votes, 4 had 11 votes and 3 had 13 votes. However the most popular clue was from Puzzle 4 F (FOCUSED) with 4 votes – a slim margin over Slot 3's 10ac and 6dn which each had 3 votes. Congratulations Max Roddick. —Catherine Hambling

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Entries received	89	102	94	98	75	458
Correct entries	77	81	55	36	57	306
Success rate (%)	86.5	79.4	58.5	36.7	76.0	66.8
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Sept 4-2006

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 REFLEX OFFSIDER
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 PAWN SETTING SUN
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August 6-2006

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SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
WAITES L
WALTER A
WATSON R
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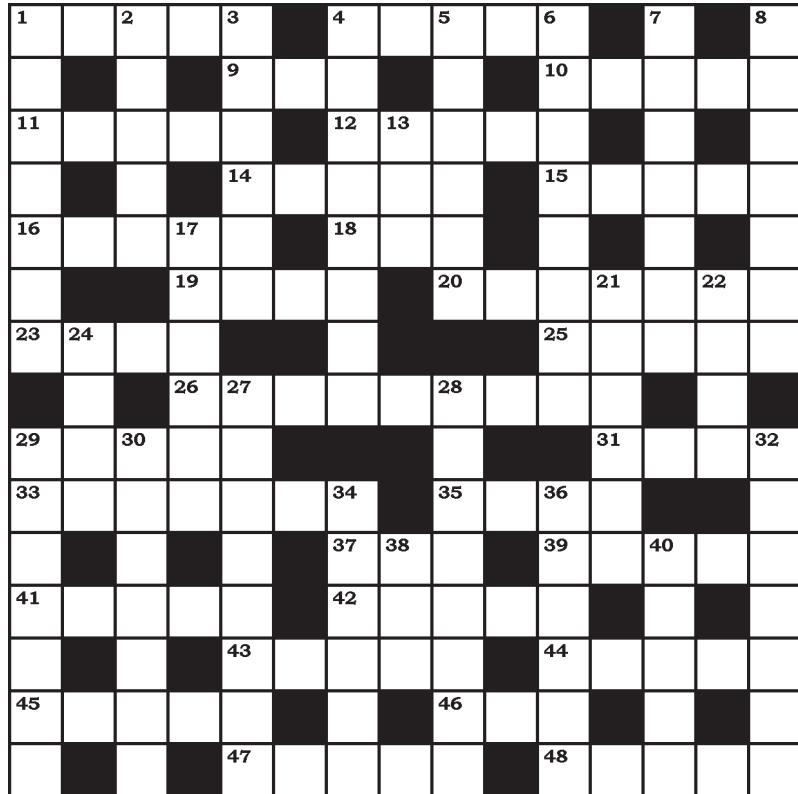
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



[rrp: \$49.95]

Win!



The Book prize for this puzzle is dedicated to the memory of
Iris Fox.

Across

- 1 Maori war-dances (5)
- 4 Categorized (5)
- 9 Parson-bird (3)
- 10 Icons (5)
- 11 Numbers game (5)
- 12 Pitchers (5)
- 14 Hardly used (2,3)
- 15 Mooch (5)
- 16 Incident (5)
- 18 Golf mount (3)
- 19 Serpents (4)
- 20 Burst out (7)
- 23 Amphibian (4)
- 25 Hitlerites (5)
- 26 Lifeless (9)
- 29 Tidal bore (5)
- 31 Beers (4)
- 33 Foreshadow (7)
- 35 Country (4)
- 37 Tavern (3)
- 39 Russian rulers (5)
- 41 Re-equip (5)
- 42 Dance hall (5)
- 43 Clumsy (5)
- 44 Hawaiian island (5)
- 45 Sniffed (5)
- 46 Boring tool (3)
- 47 Composition (5)
- 48 Beer-mug (5)

Down

- 1 House has a position back o'Ballarat that's most divine (7)
- 2 Take the writer out, girl (5)
- 3 Animals get a way with food (6)
- 4 City sent it in confusion (8)
- 5 Exercise sheep and English bird (6)
- 6 Ignore girl with southern nobleman (8)
- 7 Dogmatic conclusion carrying little weight about Latin named in French castle (7)
- 8 Dances off south, and climbs (7)
- 13 Little Women sweethearts? (3)
- 17 Drains out lowest points (6)
- 21 Songs of triumph each put into vessels (6)
- 22 State of English anger (4)
- 24 Roam about with old poet (4)
- 27 Painted inexpertly there in the centre, it gets the smallest rise (4,4)
- 28 Graduate at home to remain as chief support (8)
- 29 Record green variety of table ornament (7)
- 30 Ruby following his strange swimmer (7)
- 32 Second noises wrecked a sitting (7)
- 34 Wild desire to down producers (6)
- 36 Islands so tall, so abandoned (6)
- 38 A little spirit raised flagstick (3)
- 40 Woman involved with the writer's girl (5)

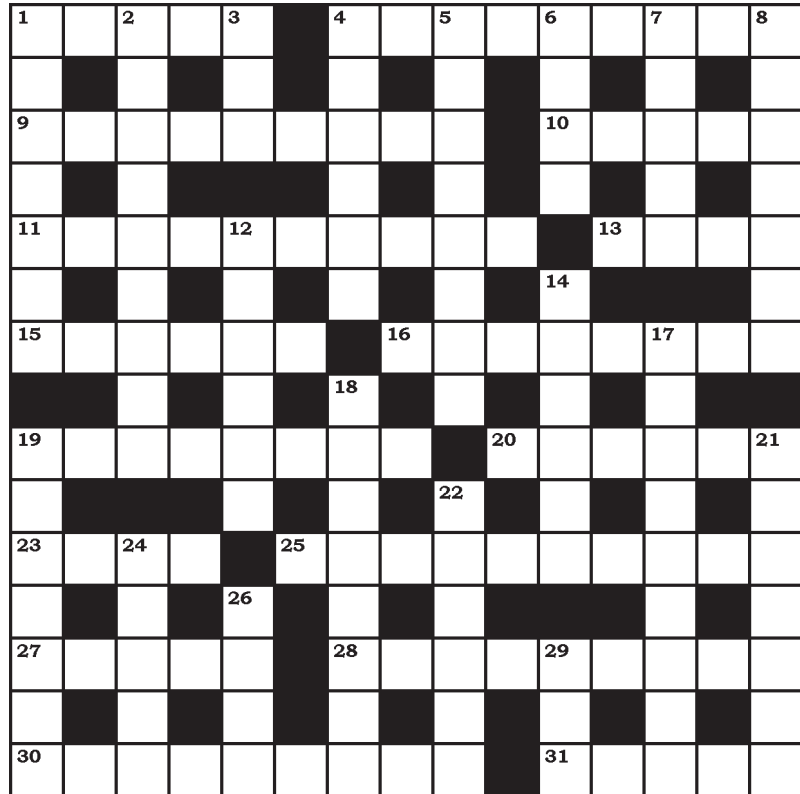
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Cryptic
by
zinzan



Across

- 1 Criminals have last two members of a family eliminated cruelly (5)
- 4 Doctor is no match for PC opponent? (9)
- 9 Tradesman's held tightly in nurse's embrace (9)
- 10 Nearly have a fit about party in the house! (5)
- 11 Former mind-set had no time to assume cold precision (10)
- 13 Rig the second last game of the year (4)
- 15 Interstate highway limit leads to very expensive gas-guzzler (6)
- 16 Signature to follow? (4-4)
- 19 Making a good shot not so good (8)
- 20 Thwart Souths being included by old fogy (6)
- 23 Good time involved, if an easy task (4)
- 25 Extra mice crashed from height of six feet (10)
- 27 Encourages to go after old mouldings (5)
- 28 Crooked cops' names to include others (9)
- 30 Special cheerleader entertains great founder of a lonely hearts club (3,6)
- 31 Drunk about this much? (5)


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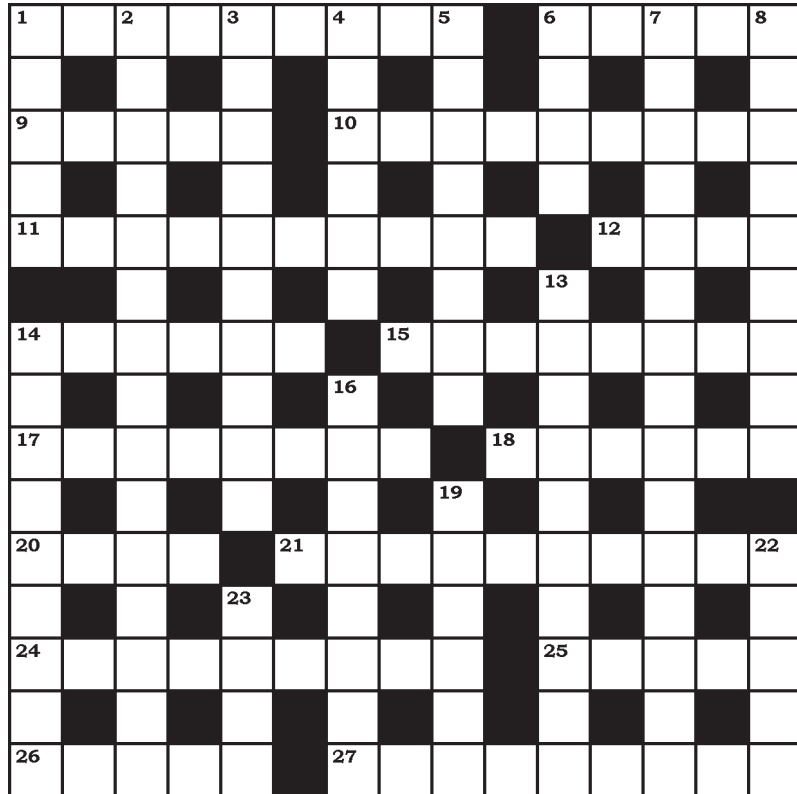
- 1 Great speed shown about support play (7)
- 2 Prepared to have wrists and elbows connected? (9)
- 3 Outstanding hole-in-one (3)
- 4 Transform menu - tuna tore the insides out (6)
- 5 Communication means "goodbye" follows "cold beer is empty" (2,6)
- 6 A possibly grating tone ... (4)
- 7 ... but a goodie experienced extremes of insolence? (5)
- 8 A Rolls-Royce heir is savaged by a dog (7)
- 12 Quake centre obliterated highest range (6)
- 14 Zinzan is penniless! (6)
- 17 Tavern ruined by obscure Franciscan friar (9)
- 18 Hold an itch inside, in between waist and ankle level (4-4)
- 19 Offspring bought some wheels to get around (7)
- 21 The French company with saurian themed emblem tops (7)
- 22 It's naughtier to not have one supporter of tea? (6)
- 24 First one involved Charlotte and Alexander being swift (5)
- 26 Being in one's secret hideaway (4)
- 29 Mr Gibson is not fully blameless (and shameless at heart!) (3)

2006 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastropub' The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 19 November 2006 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, a lovely place, established 1836, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful. It has a fabulous bistro and private room upstairs. Come along and meet the team! 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!" President Patrick will be making an appearance and 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 some prizes to give away and Patrick will be conducting a fascinating Quiz. Why not come and join in the fun?



<p> O C T O B E R 2 0 0 6 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by <i>gizmojones</i></p>




Across

- 1 You may say your prayers here (almost said “parables,” but not quite) (9)
- 6 South Asian dog eats Frenchman (5)
- 9 Lee’s sad – without his team he’s an outcast (5)
- 10 French couturier goes back through remains of fire looking for ornament (9)
- 11 Thai afflicted with dreadful nausea has a merciful end (10)
- 12 Fiddle with back-to-front raincoats (4)
- 14 Greenish tonic turned out to be about right (6)
- 15 Insurgent leader, losing energy and passion, returns to Channel island (8)
- 17 Hair cut off by girls – how sweet it is! (8)
- 18 Merchant about to hurry back (6)
- 20 Money’s needed by a type without capital (4)
- 21 Penny tries desperately to take cover from brothers (10)
- 24 Orderly phase-out to succeed Queen Elizabeth? (9)
- 25 President switching morphemes to make code (5)
- 26 Toadies have Sunday out in the country (5)
- 27 Still not finished, butcher returns instrument (5,4)

Down

- 1 Flower has neat look (2-3)
- 2 Is anti-realism to be mistaken for a philosophy? (15)
- 3 Work’s going on a long time to put up this theatre (5,5)
- 4 Direction taken by manic – i.e., crazed – killer (3,3)
- 5 It tells you what they’re saying down below (8)
- 6 Old leftie shortened stride (4)
- 7 It dispenses with numbers! (8,7)
- 8 Municipal officer pronounced praise on horse (4,5)
- 13 Stash fan in desk ... (10)
- 14 ... so one might not be taken (6,3)
- 16 Race official goes about ingesting banned substance, so get shrinks (8)
- 19 Soldier left out of sorts (6)
- 22 Greek character a little upset by this information (5)
- 23 These same characters appear in every book you read these days (1.1.1.1)

COMPENDIUM 2006: *The Crozworld Compendium* Vol 7 will feature a large number of previously unpublished puzzles and Quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There will also be prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 6 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners will be included. If you would like to order copies of this exciting publication please add \$5 per copy (inc p&p) to your renewal subscription. See flyer enclosed (or e-Crozworld on p13).

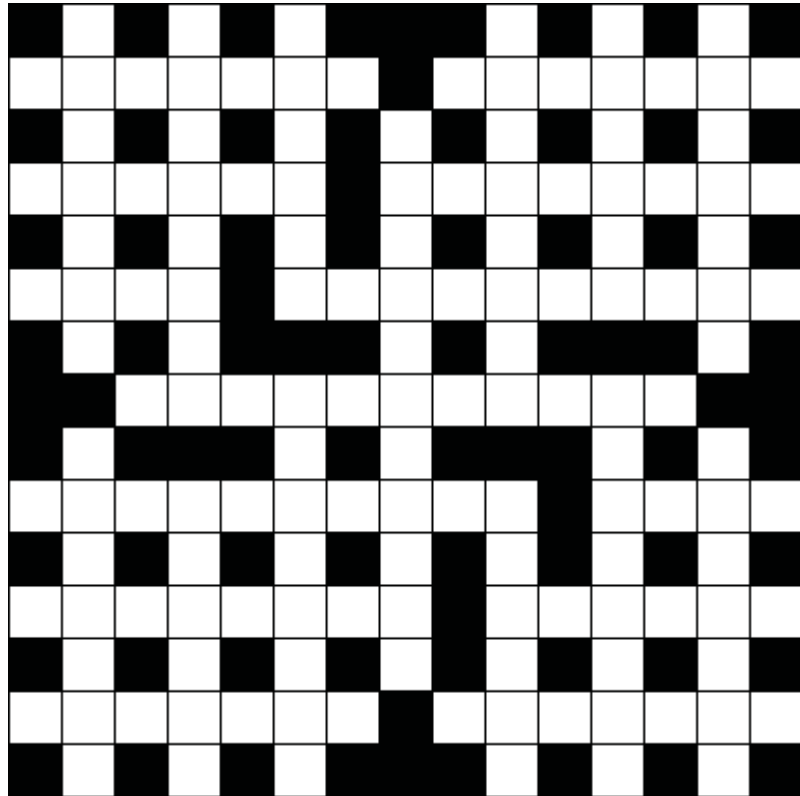
SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2007, the cost is only \$30. Why not include a copy of the *Compendium* @ \$5 and *50 Best ACC Puzzles of the 1990s* @ only \$7.50? Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends!

DONATIONS TO ACC: In 2006, we have been thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. As a result, many members have won handsome prizes in 2006. If members are once again able to make donations to the Club, it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership. Many thanks for your kindness.

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by
Southern
Cross

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

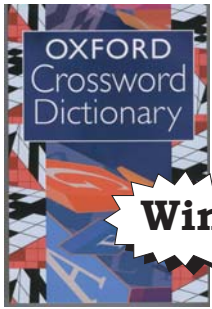
- A** Are skips ordered for gear wanted at night at Thredbo? (5-3)
- B** More pushy, the woman follows supporters (7)
- C** Borer's shown among blubbers with other creepy things (8)
- D** Publicise girls' sport (7)
- E** Unfortunately I die, not having issue (7)
- F** For half of them, brides could be arranged, but that's pointless! (3,3,5)
- G** A fast run for a WA Premier (6)
- H** Student developed theory about serfdom (7)
- I** Duck diner ordered when pressed (6)
- J** Nationals due to transfer in a month, on the second (7)
- K** The Field Marshal's not finished – teetotaller takes note of small cooking area (11)
- L** Type of work given to young Albert, as a descendant (6)
- M** Daphne seen in front of the clinic? (4)
- N** Diana's complete transformation of nymphs? (6)
- O** W.A. flower? (3,5)
- P** Tolerant about chewing gum stuck outside fuel container (6,4)
- Q** Unconventional designer of the 1960s accommodates one (6)
- R** Heads of Griffith University taken in by kinship rule (10)
- S** Component of chips a bust enhancer? (7)
- T** Throw mat out where Golden Guitar is seen (8)
- U** June, a Sydney model, is somewhat edgy (6)
- V** Virginia curious, Rhode Island leaving incurious (7)
- W** A drawback to wandering Boer's entry to Lewis country (8)
- X** Solitary student rising with coordinates used in making plastics ... (7)
- Y** ... possibly made off-peak calls (8)
- Z** So, Australia is to do an about-face on places like Taronga Park (4)

Vale Iris Fox

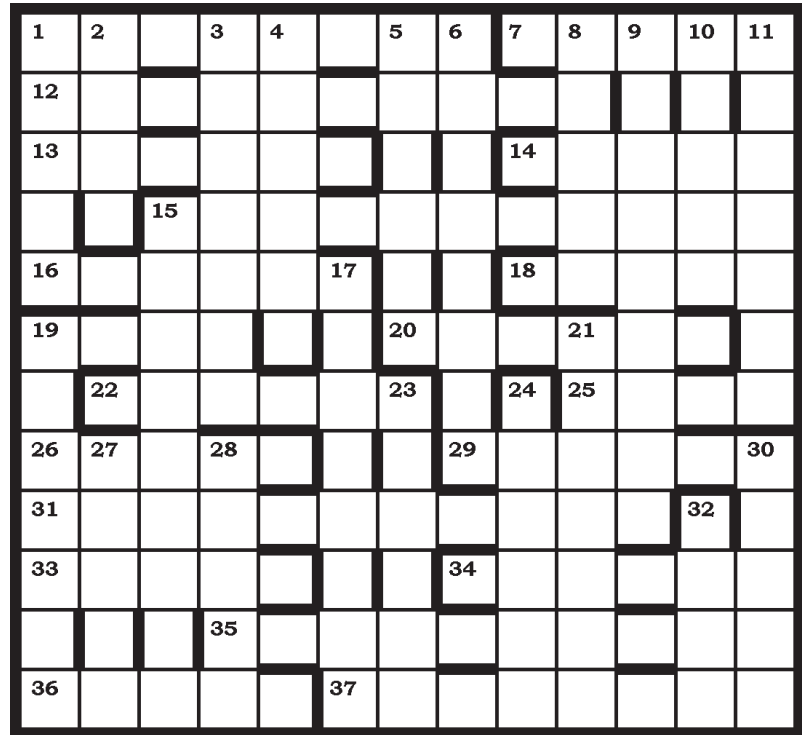
We were saddened to hear of the recent death of our member from Pallarenda, Qld **Iris Fox**. Iris joined the ACC in October 2000 and was a regular solver of the puzzles. We send our sincere sympathy to Iris' husband Keith and loving family. We received this touching letter from Keith recently: "I enclose a cheque for \$50 to be used as a prize or for a dictionary in the coming month's *Crozworld*. My wife Iris was a member of your club since about 2000 and a member of the Cryptic Forum for many years before that. She really enjoyed her crosswords. Words were probably her greatest joy. She looked forward every month to *Crozworld*. Dictionaries and thesauruses take up one end of our table where she spent many happy hours doing crosswords, cryptic being her favourite. Iris died recently and I would like to thank your club for the hours of enjoyment it gave her. Crosswords were part of her life. Sincerely yours, Keith Fox."

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Out There!
by
Praxis



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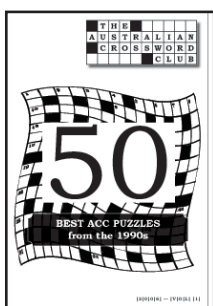
Unchecked lights contain an observation that seems to be gaining credence.
Recommend *The Shorter Oxford* along with *Chambers* and *Macquarie*.

Across

- 1 Venerable one's spoken words of wisdom; they cut (8)
- 7 Island account's breaking chairman (5)
- 12 (10; 3 words)
- 13 Re mouthlike opening: It's almost developed (6)
- 14 Much is written about love for this flower (5)
- 15 (11; 3 words)
- 16 Marine, rejecting study, fished (6)
- 18 Old queen squeezed beer about on the palate (5)
- 19 Penny munched fruit (4)
- 20 Country boy in Colorado? (6)
- 22 Garbo covered new town in Louisiana (6)
- 25 (4)
- 26 Past rebuffs put boy back in Sunday School (5)
- 29 Support for saint shown by city in Italy (6)
- 31 (10; 2 words)
- 33 (5; 2 words)
- 34 S-select unknown adhesive (6)
- 35 Select cosy arrangement with bladder problems (10)
- 36 Chile manipulated ambassador (5)
- 37 (8; 2 words)

Down

- 1 Bishop skis off to get food (5)
- 2 Amphibians picked up metal over the way (4)
- 3 Pastor's quarry, deer is about (7)
- 4 Held up American state as being more civil (6)
- 5 A new mixture; the boy's no longer suckling! (6)
- 6 Reg sings about crows! (8)
- 8 Pay back time? (5)
- 9 Pet's let out to follow working animal? (9, 2 words)
- 10 Hal's upset over nothing; a foreigner's salutation (5)
- 11 By the way, hand over notice (7)
- 15 True translation follows Latin; one chapter is on worship of God (9)
- 17 Old sect replaced saintdom (8)
- 19 Blue turn round; you're losing duck to Tasmanian devil (7)
- 21 Dingo, kept by 18's queen is trimmer (7)
- 23 Before Tuesday, one cricketer's dejected in Paris (6)
- 24 Eliot overcame burn pain (6)
- 27 Prickly pear hasn't a friend! (5)
- 28 Brother gets church with old tower (5)
- 30 Bay is redeveloped; writing turned up showing former depth (5)
- 32 Kinetic energy's thus contained in the structure (4)



This new collection of 50 ACC puzzles from the 1990s starts with the first two puzzles published in the ACC's first magazine in May 1990 and from there we are taken on a chronological trip through some of the Club's best crosswords published in the 1990s. We see puzzles from Alan Walter, Noel Jessop and Carole Noble (The ACC Founders) plus challenging puzzles from Patrick Street (ACC President since 1992), Roy Wilson, Jim Colles, Bob Hagan, Shirl O'Brien, Audrey Ryan, David Stickley, Audrey Austin, Betty Cumming, Ann Jermy, Geoff Campbell, Brian Tickle, Joan Smith, Catherine Hambling, Col Archibald, David Procter, William Ryan, Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman. Puzzle No 50 is a special one compiled for the ACC by the famed English compiler Eric Chalkley known as *Apex*. As a bonus, we include some of the Quizzes featured in *Crozworld* during the 1990s. This collection is not to be missed! It's a bargain at only \$7.50.

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Game Games by *Timid Terrier*



The unclued answers relate to two themes.

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Across

- 1 Midshipman in racing-boat with eight oars (4)
- 4 Girl starts each soccer match eagerly (4)
- 8 Theme (a) (5)
- 12 Theme (a) (7)
- 13 Theme (a) (4)
- 14 A brawl with the queen's oarsman (5)
- 15 Air-conditioning for one spy agency plant (6)
- 16 Unproductive meadow needs nitrogen (4)
- 17 Give up entirely without ecstasy (4)
- 18 Upper class open country loses a tree (3)
- 19 Take great risks and perish outside college (4)
- 21 Partners without established comfortable residences (5)
- 23 Theme (b) (8)
- 24 Embrace second drink (4)
- 25 Offensive smell in creek (4)
- 28 Corrupted, angriest, ungrateful people (8)
- 32 Thus God of the house has power (5)
- 35 Curse bachelor for leaving boat at hospital (4)
- 36 Subaltern returned in vehicle (3)
- 38 Theme (a) (4)
- 39 Journey on horseback to clear English (4)
- 41 Theme (a) (6)
- 42 Island girl's outcome (5)
- 43 Heard crude loud outburst of laughter (4)
- 44 Theme (a) (7)
- 45 Note man returns to singer (5)
- 46 Vietnamese festival has Eastern old headdress (4)
- 47 Nimble agent holding king (4)

Down

- 1 Rude clamorous women unfriendly in steamship (6)
- 2 Theme (b) (4)
- 3 Indian gallery starts early on the 4th of June (6)
- 5 Walk ostentatiously on street groove (5)
- 6 Marian destroyed yacht station (6)
- 7 Put in high spirits with letter at the beginning of Easter (5)
- 8 Theme (b) (4)
- 9 Adjusts commercial on faulty taps (6)
- 10 To surround a very small brook with a shake (music) (6)
- 11 Main ovum of sea-urchin (6)
- 17 Theme (b) (5)
- 18 United States almost near plants (5)
- 20 Theme (a) (5)
- 22 A stable society inflated in style (5)
- 25 Theme (b) (6)
- 26 Madame Curie in French stable (6)
- 27 African antelope heard to murmur to Scots dove (6)
- 29 Theme (b) (6)
- 30 Hills large trunks (6)
- 31 Girl bashful about to sin (6)
- 33 Old public pater unhinged (5)
- 34 A culmination of Hawaiian dish at Northern Territory (5)
- 37 Seaweed for a fish (4)
- 40 Theme (b) (4)

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NEWS FROM CHAMBERS: Derek Harrison from derek@crosswordcentre.fsnet.co.uk tells us that the 10th edition of *The Chambers Dictionary* was launched at the Edinburgh Book Festival on Tuesday 22nd August 2006. This new edition is expected to be available in Australia in November 2006. Is the new edition worth buying? As there are only about 500 new entries it is only a minor update. The external look of the dictionary has been refreshed with a new dust-jacket design, which looks very smart, although it retains the familiar red colour. All 10 editions of *Chambers* were on display at the launch, and it is noticeable that they have grown in size by a very small amount each time, so that the current offering is now about twice the size of the first edition. Red will become a common theme for the *Chambers* range of crossword books, which will all now have red spines. Also out in the next few weeks will be a new edition of the *Chambers Crossword Dictionary*, and Don Manley's *Chambers Crossword Manual* 4th edition, which will appear in hardcover. Manley's book is due to be launched in Oxford on 19 October.

Results of Quiz No 8/2006. Live and Learn by Brian Symons.

Entries 49. Prizewinner: Frank Martin. Congratulations!

Answers: 1 Part and Parcel 2 Tooth and Nail 3 Alive and Kicking 4 Wheeler and Dealer 5 High and Dry 6 Rank and File 7 Ups and Downs 8 Footloose and Fancy-free 9 Wild and Woolly 10 Wash and Wear 11 Black and Blue 12 Dead and Buried 13 Good and Ready 14 Wattle and Daub 15 Kith and Kin 16 Ways and Means 17 Ever and Anon 18 Chalk and Cheese 19 Whys and Wherefores 20 Man and Boy or Man and Dog 21 Jekyll and Hyde 22 Open and Shut 23 Wear and Tear 24 Neck and Crop 25 Skin and Bones 26 Life and Death.

26: Y Ainsworth, K Audrins, A Austin, J Balnaves, B Cockburn, J Colles, P Dearie, P Garner, B Hagan, C Hambling, V Howard, B Ibbott, A Jermy, D Kennedy, G Leeds, C McClelland, F Martin, P Mercer, S O'Brien, D Procter, M Procter, M Roddick, A Ryan, B Solomon, L Waites, N Wilson and S Workman. **25:** C Anderson, S Atkinson, D Butler, B Eggleton, B Glissan, S Howells, M Kennedy, J King, D Meek, T O'Brien, B Siegman, J Smith, A Walter and R Watson **24:** J Barbour and J Stocks. **23:** M Collins, J McGrath and J Standard. **22:** V Dinham. **20:** J Randall.

Comments: Many thanks to all entrants and for the many positive comments. I was worried the quiz may be susceptible to many correct alternative answers but only the one indicated allowed a complete solution. The most common mistakes were (a) various misspellings of Jekyll (b) putting Near and Dear for No 23 which is fine but combining it with Well and Good for No 24 cannot be right as all internal vowels had already been given. Similarly High and Low is incorrect for No 5. Wheeled and Dealed was accepted for No 4 although not quite as good as Wheeler and Dealer under the conditions of the quiz. This was because so many members put it that I bowed to pressure of numbers. The meaning of Man and Boy was questioned. It means "from childhood" that is, a life long characteristic. Man and dog refers to an organization that is very small and minimally staffed. —Brian Symons

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New Member: We extend a warm welcome to **Nancy Vanstone** from Haliburton, Ontario, Canada.

Puzzle Adjustments: Dave Parsons gained dots for August Slots 1-5. David

Procter scored 19.5 in *Virgo's* Linkwords Quiz.

Acknowledgement: Our thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish puzzle October 4-2006 by *Southern Cross*.

Chess problems: No 9/2006: 1. Rb7. **Winner: Brian Symons.** No 10/2006: Rf8. **Winner: Heather Zucal.**

Winner of Slots 1-5: Carole Noble. Congratulations!

Crowsworld luncheon - South Australia: To be held on Saturday 21 October at the Pancake Kitchen, at 12.30ish. As usual, please will everyone bring a book, wrapped into anonymity, to swap. Doug Butler has compiled a 'fun' (ie anyone can win but a little knowledge is a danged useful thing – to quote Doug) quiz, the prizes being 2 bottles of fine wine donated by David Sticklez and Doug Butler. Contact Margaret Galbreath at: ronmop@ihug.com.au

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

mondegreen *n colloq.* an instance of a mishearing of a popular phrase or song lyric. [ORIGIN: apparently from a mishearing of a line from a Scottish ballad: 'They have slain the Earl of Murray and laid him on the green' was heard as 'They have slain the Earl of Murray and Lady Mondegreen.']

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 9780195517965

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Quiz No 10/2006

CURSORY CHARACTERS by Jack Stocks

(a tribute to Brian Symons' *Child's Play* perhaps!)

Send your answers to:

Jack Stocks, 15 Azure Court, Dundowran Beach, Qld, 4655 or by email to: jillandjack@westnet.com.au

Closing mail date: Friday 10 November 2006. Prize: \$50.

Clues are cryptic. All have the same definition which has to be deduced. Answers are in alphabetical order based on the second word. Many complete answers will not appear in the usual dictionaries. Volumes for the younger generation may be more helpful.

- 1 Roughly lie nigh bell (6,5)
- 2 Young man low in spirits (3,4)
- 3 Make Ed marry wag (7,3)
- 4 Northern American scrawl (6,6)
- 5 Effeminate young man lost top of skirt (5,8)
- 6 Pool angler (5,6)
- 7 Administer to rear (6,6)
- 8 Mollycoddle a silly person (6,5)
- 9 A fellow generally concerned with care of the environment (6,5)
- 10 Person of unusual wisdom given a wedge! (7,6)
- 11 Not to understand propylaeum (5,4)
- 12 A small flag to show nationality of a trumpet player (4,6)
- 13 TV personality: 'I (supposedly) love getting jewellery' (4, 6)
- 14 Obsolete cam spun around by cartoon duck (3,9)
- 15 Smellier? Aye, could be (5,6)
- 16 Fail to notice fur on alien (4,6)
- 17 A sly look following bad smell (2,4)
- 18 Fade to an end with Scottish instrumental player (5,5)
- 19 Irritate bodyguard (6,9)
- 20 Flyer to wind indicator first (4,5)
- 21 Flatfoot distorted shoe aft (5,7)
- 22 Raise little fish (4,5)
- 23 Food and drink (5,5)
- 24 Male to get free car ride (3,5)
- 25 British soldier to bring out for show (5,4)
- 26 Musical goodies (5,6)
- 27 Southern associate provides crop with moisture (5,6)

September 1-2006: Thematic by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

• Looking for a gimme to begin this puzzle, I felt sure 32dn was (Mel) Torme – it was hidden in the clue – but I drew a BLANC.

Carole Noble

• What a card *Virgo* is. Napoleon Solo is not on the ABC so I've never heard of him.

Ted O'Brien

• It took a while to get on to *Virgo's* wavelength. The games some people play!

Bob Hagan

• A really difficult slot 1. I think KEEVE can also be KIEVE (see Adj. Comments).

Brian Symons

• Across Clues: 10 Auction Bridge 10 Russian Bank 17 Draw Poker 19 Mexican Stud Poker 23 Omnibus Hearts are the full names of card games. Napoleon Solo was a character in *The Man from Uncle*. Solo is the card game name. 28: Have not found any reference to Italian Canasta in 4 card game books nor to Setback in 31. Some of the card games were hard to deal with! 33dn should permit 2 spellings. (as above. CH)

Alan Walter

• Very clever in fitting in all those card games.

Shirl O'Brien

• Kept me guessing for ages – such a clever theme.

Bev Cockburn

• Mel Blanc is new to me.

Roy Taylor

• Thought I knew a thing or three about card games, but now I find I only had half a deck. Yet another really good deal from *Virgo*.

Jim Colles

• A good opening. I do enjoy thematics and Audrey is very clever at setting them.

Irene Watts

September 2-2006: Cryptic by Noel Jessop

• G.B.S. helped with 8ac which is my COTM.

Ted O'Brien

• Thanks for yet another pleasurable cryptic, Noel.

Alan Walter

• 22ac Alt. GIGI? (see Adj. comm.)

Karl Audrins

• Old dependable!

Shirl O'Brien

• Noel's puzzle is always a pleasure. I particularly liked IAMBIC, TAKINGS and LASAGNE.

Max Roddick

• Great clues, solvable but very fair. Particularly noticeable with difficult words to clue like 10 & 21ac. I dips me lid to the master once again.

Jim Colles

• Good clues of the kind we always expect from Noel. I enjoyed 1ac.

Irene Watts

September 3-2006: Cryptic by *St Jude* (Drew Meek)

• I hope I never have to have a 7dn. I wouldn't be able to spell it. (Prophetic words – caused a non-dot! CH)

Ted O'Brien

• As always I learnt a few words especially in Slot 3.

Bob Hagan

• Some wonderful clues – MACARONI is my COTM. But if I am correct then some mistakes – PATELLA is not a joint, FIBBER is a LIAR & NUMMARY has me confused.

Brian Symons

• 1ac (10,3 words) 20ac (8 hyphenated) 24ac (4,2 words) 25ac (10 hyphenated) 17dn (7 hyphenated). Even *The Times* crossword has dispensed with these annoying indicators, showing where hyphens occur & clearly indicating the length of each word. These indicators are simply time-wasting. In 1ac Latin should be indicated to make the clue fair. Similarly for 24ac. In 7dn & 14dn the inexcusable definition given is 'these'. No caring setter should use 'this' technique. 6ac: Do I presume correctly that Frank Zappa's band is *Mothers of Invention*? 15ac: FIBBER=LIAR not LIER. In 5dn, if the correct answer is NUMMARY (relating to money) then he is incorrectly assuming that SUPERNUMMARY is a word. Was he referring to SUPERNUMERARY?

Alan Walter

• 15ac FIBBER = LIAR 19dn PATELLA is not a joint.

Karl Audrins

• You'd need to destroy more than one ova to make omelettes. (OVA is the plural of OVUM = EGG. CH). 19dn PATELLA is a bone, not a joint.

Margaret Davis

• 4dn – Was about to bag this clue, when suddenly I got the hang of it!

Max Roddick

• All sorts of interesting clues and answers in this one. Much originality in the *St Jude* cruciverbalism with clues like 12ac, 5dn, 21dn etc.

Jim Colles

• A difficult cryptic with some lovely clues. I found 12ac and 22ac particularly clever and amusing.

Irene Watts

• 5dn: I hope NUMMARY is correct. It fits the definition but I cannot work out the rest of the clue. (see Alan Walter's comment). Also SATISFY – I don't quite get that. (I think it refers to the legal meaning of the word. CH)

Doreen Jones

• My U answer can't be right (sadly No. CH) but I guess it has more chance than blank squares!

Brian Symons

• MONT-DE-PIETE, ETAGERES, UNHEPPEN & TABINET were challenging answers to obtain. Many thanks *æolian* for a pleasant AJ.

Alan Walter

• Some good clues, *æolian*. OFF-SIDER gets my COTM.

Shirl O'Brien

• I can't verify UNHIPPEN anywhere but can't think what else it could be. (See Adj. comments.)

Margaret Davis

• Found this AJ to be very hard work, because the clues were so well thought out. Clues like K & P are worth bottling.

Jim Colles

• A normal alphabetical is always my favourite. I am unsure about the R clue and feel it could be wrong – will check it with interest; wondered about REFLUX but decided on REFLEX (You and lots of others, Irene. Happily you also missed UNHEPPEN as did many others! CH).

Irene Watts

• It's good to see the old firm back. The second synonym in line 4 held me up for hours and then the answer was distilled before my eyes.

Ted O'Brien

• The clue for FERMENT gave lots of angst. I solved it last of all, and then only when I remembered the helpful list of initial letters provided.

Denis Coates

• Just great – one of my favourite puzzle types.

Brian Symons

• Thanks *Brother Naga* for supplying the list of 1st letters. I found these essential to complete the puzzle.

Alan Walter

• Hit & miss?? No words underlined as stated.

Verna Dinham

• Love these *Brother Nagas* – and the chance to appreciate Milton.

Shirl O'Brien

• Having the list of first letters is excellent. I think this format is the best yet.

Roy Taylor

• The first synonym says it all – there's something to PONDER in every line.

Max Roddick

• These Brother N specialities are always a very testing and enjoyable exercise. The fact that the first part of clue 10 was the last answer I got is both an embarrassment and the reason I gave it my COTM vote.

Jim Colles

• This poetic puzzle must have been very difficult to compose, as it was to solve. I needed to consult my daughters a great deal. I do not really enjoy tearing wonderful poems apart in this way.

Irene Watts

• Not enjoyable!

Fay Copland

GENERAL COMMENTS

• Well, what a mixture this month – Latin phrases, French words – all with no indicators for such – no wonder I'm going more and more daft. But all in all, where would we be without the challenges?

Del Kennedy

• Another great lot of puzzles this issue; a very enjoyable selection, and a pastime I look forward to each month.

Ron O'Rourke

• Many thanks for the quite unexpected and very welcome prize for August 4-2006 puzzle.

John Balnaves

• Thank you very much ACC for the \$50 prize for Slot 3 last month. It was a lovely surprise.

Betty Siegman

• I would like to thank the club for my prize for the recent quiz – what a lovely surprise.

Barbara Ibbott

• Once again a great issue, found all the puzzles satisfying. I give *St Jude's* 10ac my vote for COTM simply for the amusement it gave me when the penny dropped, but it was only one of so many.

Roy Wilson

• My thanks for my prize for Slot 6 in July.

Frank Martin

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Alan Walter

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Alan Walter

September 4-2006-4: AJ by *æolian* (Max Roddick)

• I thought the M clue was a gem.

Ted O'Brien

• The M clue took quite a bit of researching.

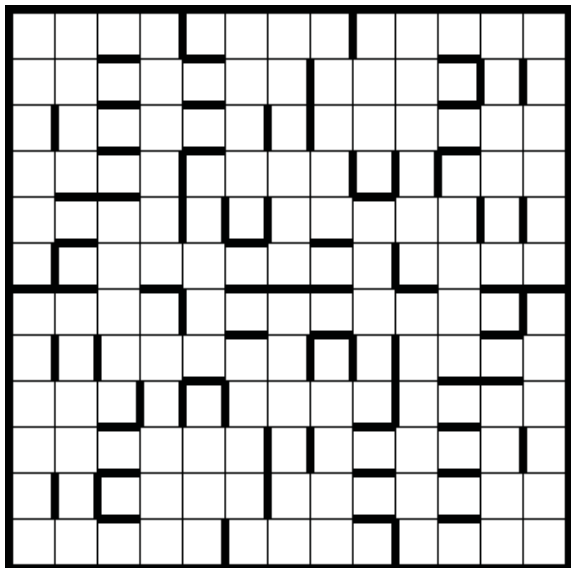
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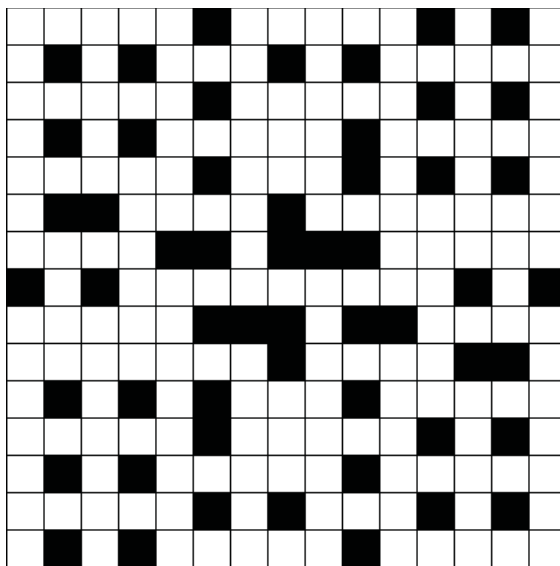
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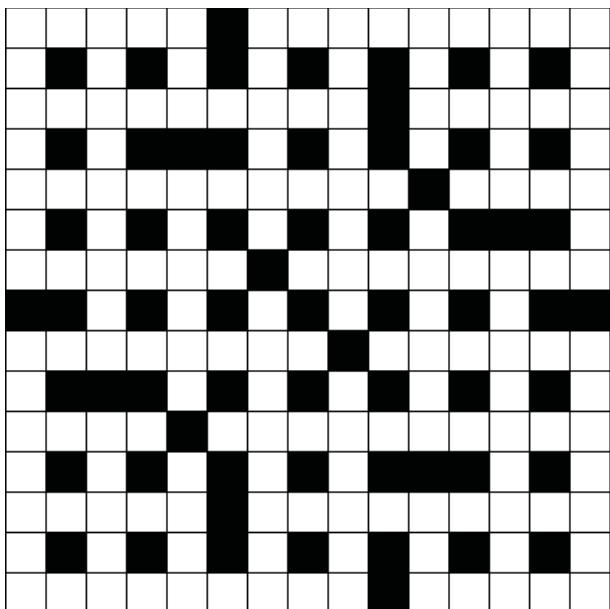
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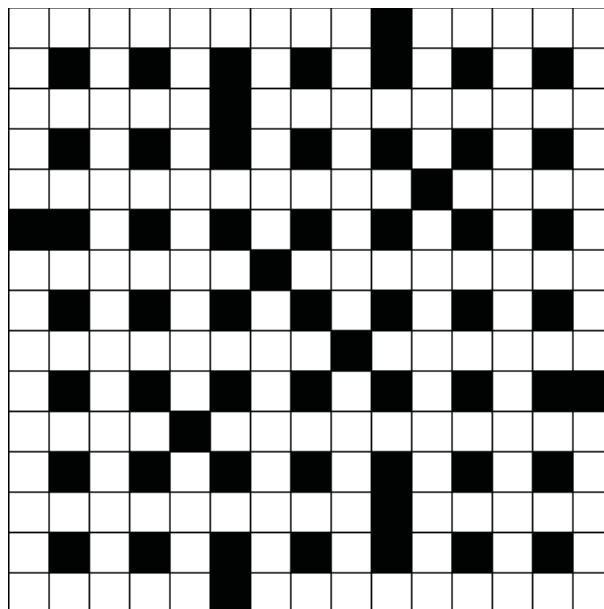
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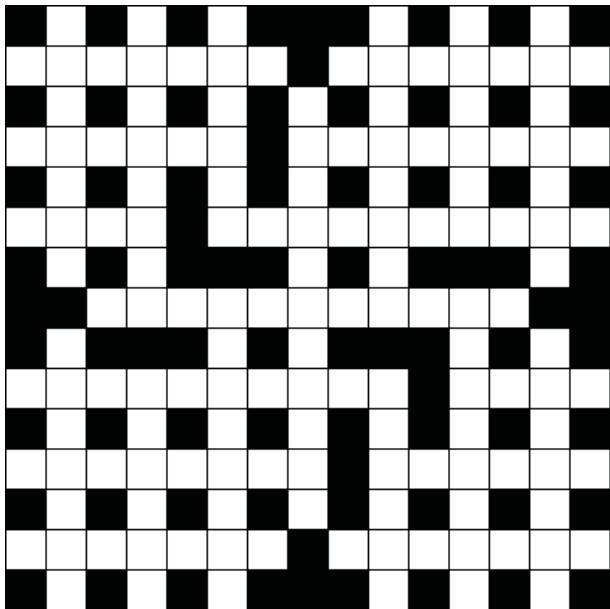
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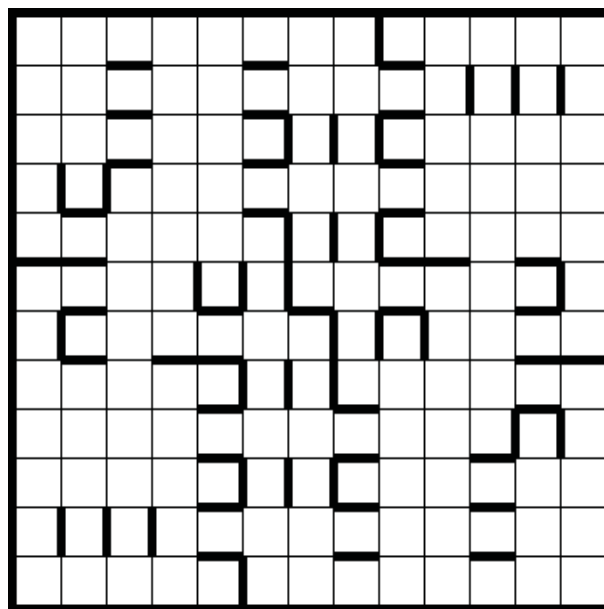
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Clue of the Month

August 6–2006: Transpositions on a Theme by midships (Ian Williams)

Entries: 86 Correct 53 Success rate 62%

Prizewinners: Bev Solomon and Dave Parsons

Solvers' comments:

• Congratulations on your puzzle and your extremely humorous use of Spoonerisms. A thoroughly enjoyable puzzle indeed. *Roy Wilson*
 • I really enjoyed your clever puzzle. Some very funny clues too. 14ac gave me a particular laugh as you could honestly imagine such a song entitled 'Stop! Stop wagon!'. 21dn vexed me for a while as I had 'thread' but eventually worked out where I was going wrong. Good fun!

Michael Kennedy

• What a treat this puzzle was. It must have taken ages to come up with such a clever piece of work. My favourite clue was definitely 12ac, but the whole puzzle was fun. I have long been a fan of Spoonerisms but would never have thought of doing a puzzle on them. *Jean Barbour*

• Thanks to Sid Mhips for his tantalizing Spoonerisms puzzle. It was a mind-bending challenge. Spooner's answers are: Across: 1 Bob's for the joys, 9 Wad core, 10 Kiss bits, 12 Cop porn, 13 Guy Rate, 14 Hold, hold cart, 17 Sewing for a gong, 22 No tail, 23 Lot spit, 26 A plait, 27 Face engraver. Down: 3 Kay show, 6 Doxy ant, 15 Wine a chair, 17 Vague RA. I was looking for an "obscure artist" for ages till I finally realised that obscure = vague and RA = artist. This one was a gem as was "Grace and favour". Burke and Wills (or did you mean Hare? IW) would have much enjoyed this puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Thanks for a challenging and amusing puzzle – especially liked Biscuits, Chinaware, Grace and favour and Play at. *Brian Symons*
 • That was a pine fuzzle. *Audrey Austin*

• SS midships! You crazy guy, AM. Fab puzzle – was it you sewing for a gong? [Pure coincidence, as was the timing and the Kay Show! IW]. *William Ryan*

• Perhaps a bit easy for a Slot 6 but loads of laughs. I particularly enjoyed the face engraver and sewing for a gong. *Iain MacDougall*

• This was excellent fun once I twigged what you were looking for. You truly have a twisted mind exclusive to cryptic cruciverbalists! Hunting for the town in Surrey was a real blast from the past – my Mum was born in Epsom, her brother lived in Leatherhead, and my childhood home was in Blackheath. *Pat Garner*

• Your puzzle was an interesting challenge. It took a while before I realised the Spoonerism angle. *Carole Noble*

• I quite enjoyed the struggle with this one. The idea was a good one and it provided much extra thought. Only 17?dn was a stretch – more a transposition than a Spoonerism. *Andrew Patterson*

• Bravo! Excellent! *Rob Watson*

• Your Spooner puzzle was just great – also a real challenge to both start and finish. Only query would be GUEVARA. Would "obscure" be an indirect anagram for vague (minus an anagram indicator)? [see setter's comment] Otherwise clues are good. *Shirl O'Brien*

• Were there a PVC award I'd give that to you too: Proficiency award for Verbal Convolutions! This was a doobby bazzler! I'm not sure how BISCUITS fits in. I can see the bits, but the rest? [BISCUITS Spoonerises to KISS (touch) BITS] Many thanks for hours of Spoonerisation. *Ted O'Brien*

• Very clever, very enjoyable. Many thanks! *Merv Collins*

• This was a very enjoyable exercise, once I got my head round the directions. Surely your mind was in the same hemisphere as that of the notorious Reverend Spooner when you compiled it? To be able to find and convert tongue-twisters of this kind so very well into a cryptic is a great effort, and can't have been easy. Among the gems I thought 22ac 'no tail/toenail' took the cake. Great stuff! We need you to do more if they're as good as this one. *Jim Colles*

• Thank goodness for Hank Williams, or I would have been stuck for a start. Must have been a difficult grid to formulate. Thanks for the challenge. *Jack Stocks*

• Thank you for this very clever crossword. I enjoyed it greatly. *David Grainger*

• Face engraver? OUCH! A brilliant bunch of Spoonerisms and lots of laughs. *Jan Wood*

• Your puzzle was fun. When I solved 12ac, the theme became clear. 6ac: I had only known the meaning of doxy as harlot before this puzzle 17ac: Presuming Guevara is correct for the freedom fighter, who is the obscure painter? *Drew Meek*

• Your puzzle was tough going, even in understanding the instructions, until finally the penny dropped and it became a lot more fun. I should pay more attention to the title of the puzzle – it said it all. A lot of work has gone into this! 26ac & 17dn had the wrong letter structures, I think, making it tough; Lay plait and vague Ra won't fit into what was indicated. Well done. I love Face Engraver!! Sewing for a Gong!

Mal Cockburn

• Loved your magnificent puzzle. It really set the old brain in a whirl, but worth it when I at last completed it. Not really sure about GUEVARA, which I chose because it fitted the freedom fighter and the blank

squares but the Spoonerism has me stumped. Can you please spell it out for me? You have put a lot of hard work into this one and your clues are brilliant and fun to work on. I hope you have more on the way. *Catherine Foster*

• Clever, amusing and a total delight but I'm vague about OXIDANT (see *Drew Meek's comment IW*). *Jim Fowler*

• Good puzzle. Rev Spooner would have been proud of you. *Betty Siegman*

• It took me some time to set the correct course but then it was full steam ahead. When I finished I had to splice the mainbrace to celebrate. A couple of queries. Please explain OXIDANT (see *Drew Meek's comment IW*) GUEVARA didn't seem to fit the Spoonerism pattern (see below IW) Apart from those I really enjoyed the puzzle and hope you will go on to produce many more. *Margaret Davis*

• Very challenging. Had problems with COD WAR and OXIDANT [but got them right IW]. I thought GRACE AND FAVOUR and COLD COLD HEART were the best of a most original set of clues. *Graeme Cole*

• Ornithologists and/or unsuccessful cruciverbalists (4-8; 4, 8) will certainly like this puzzle. I enjoy a good marrowsky myself! This was great fun and not too difficult once the theme was worked out. *Peter Dearie*

• Tough going until the penny dropped on this one. I'm sure even Spooner would have had trouble with 6dn, 17dn and 27ac. *Frank Martin*

• Another "Wow" puzzle! When I read the instructions I thought "Well, I hope that all will become clear in time". It was GOING FOR A SONG that gave the game away and then all was glee and giggles. *Margaret Galbreath*

• Brilliant! *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Loved your custard twiplets. SPOTLIT was the first to register, after that it was a steady run punctuated by laughs. *Max Roddick*

Compiler's comments:

Thanks for all the congratulations, best wishes and constructive and encouraging comments. One of the most pleasant things about adjudicating is that it shows clearly the friendliness of the Club members. We really have brought together the nicest group of people! The list of Spoonerised entries is given in Alan's comments above. Brief comments on particular clues: GUEVARA was designed to Spoonerise as "vague RA" (phonetically VAYG AHRA). Shame on those who accused me of committing an indirect anagram! My research suggests that the "original" Spoonerisms (some of which may be apocryphal) do not necessarily work just by transposing the first letters of the syllables, but may transpose adjacent syllables of each syllable of a word or word of a phrase. Eg he is said to have said, upon dropping his hat, "Will nobody pat my hiccup". In that light I took it that Spoonerisms can be quite flexible, especially when they lead to an amusing phrase. Notwithstanding the comments the only incorrect answers for this one arose from misspellings. Problems for a surprising 31 members (with 21 having that as the single error) arose from submitting "PLAY IT" for PLAY AT in 26ac, perhaps focussing on the "practice" part of the clue rather than "practice **lightheartedly**" (*Chambers* defines PLAY AT as *practice without seriousness*). Those unfortunates neglected the need to make the Spoonerised version out of the words "a braid" (a plait) in the clue. Apart from the inevitable, sad literals, we had a Chinagate (Tiananmen Square?) and Chinarose for CHINAWARE, an Oise and an Oose for OUSE, anal (!!!) for ANIL, railgate for REIGATE and the tail for TOENAIL. —midships (Ian Williams)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

• Many thanks for the \$50 prize for Quiz No 6/2006. It's fun being paid for a labour of love! What a great job you are all doing at CrOZworld. *Catherine (Cate) Foster*

• Thank you very much for my prize; I did not expect to win one so soon. It is a great Dictionary and has already been a help. I'm so glad my daughter heard about the Australian Crossword Club and enrolled me in it. I'm enjoying it immensely each month. *Nancy Hazell*

• Thank you very much for the handsome prize for slot 5 last month. The CrOZworld crosswords are consistently of a high standard and a real pleasure to tackle each month. *Ian McKenzie*

• Many thanks to the ACC for my prize for August slot 2. *Valerie Howard*

• Patrick, thank you for the book prize which I picked up this morning. It's something I've not seen before and am sure to enjoy. And when I settled down last night to dip into it guess what? – a certificate fluttered out! My joy is complete!! *Doug Butler*

• Can I bring to members' attention the best book on cryptic crosswords I have come across? It is readable, enjoyable and informative and as *Araucaria* says in the blurb "if this doesn't work, nothing will". It is *Secrets of the Setters – How to Solve the Guardian Crossword* by Hugh Stephenson. \$29.95 couldn't be better spent! As a bonus our own Doug Butler gets a significant mention. *Brian Symons*

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