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Until we learn the use of living words,
we shall continue to be waxworks inhabited by gramophones.
Walter de la Mare, 12 May 1929, 'Sayings of the Week', in the *Observer*.

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The Christmas-in-July Get-Together in Melbourne was another successful event with an excellent attendance of members from many parts of Victoria and a couple from South Australia. And there were plenty of members, not only talking about cruciverbal matters but also solving the Quiz and the Easy Street puzzle. And the food was special: the Main Course had a selection of Chicken Breast topped with bacon and creamy mash potato or Roast Lamb with potatoes. How's that for a choice? Not to mention the skilfully selected Wines to accompany the meal courtesy of the ACC. See p9 for further details. These Get-Togethers are a special occasion and should be attended by all members of the ACC. The next one will be held at William Ryan's outstanding location *The Harold Park Hotel* in Glebe NSW on Sunday 26 November 2017. Not to be missed! Looking forward to renewing acquaintances.

Our accomplished Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another outstanding set of excellent puzzles for you this month. Distinguished puzzlers like *Valkyrie*, *KA*, *Jesso* and *St Jude* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *Crowsman* in Slot 5. Our brilliant compiler *Raoul* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in slot 6 and *Nigrum Cattus* will entertain you with his cryptic puzzle in Slot 7. And Brian Symons has submitted another fascinating Quiz titled *The Body*.

Our brilliant Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator **Michael Kennedy** challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for **CORDIAL (7)** and his results together with his insightful comments and analyses from the entries submitted can be found on pp16 and 15.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Slot 1: The witty clues were appreciated widely, with just a few members failing to interpret the labyrinthine workings of Patrick's mind, especially in relation to "work[']s[]hop" = FIRM'S DANCE, offering in its place a variety of ingenious alternatives. The rare SAPSAGO confused a couple and ATOM was proposed several times for the required ITEM.

Slot 2: The enjoyable theme puzzle from *Penobscot* received much praise and expanded members' knowledge of the Wild West. It gave few problems, most errors arising from the ever-present typos. Do, please, please proof-read your entries and you're guaranteed to lose less dots! There's no excuse for Accoladians, who have a spell-checker available online but still persist in submitting typos!

Slot 3: Many members praised the clever clues in this puzzle: OPPOSING NATIONS in place of OPPOSING NOTIONS gave most problems. The clue had been carefully crafted, saying "In warring countries ... substitute love [o] for a..." with the clear definition of "contradictions", so there was no excuse for parsing it incorrectly. A surprising number were unable to spell SEPTUAGENARIANS correctly.

Slot 4: The expected polished offering from *Manveru* attracted many favourable comments. The bird flying in a contrary direction in the "I" clue was noted but gave no problems. PEONIES for PENNIES was the main cause of lost dots, although some solvers misinterpreted W and offered WITCHES in place of the necessary WINCHES – "cranes".

Slot 5: The elemental *tour de force* by *Crowsman* received many plaudits, having no less than 22 related solutions within the grid. "How does he do it?" was a frequent question. However, some solvers took insufficient notice of the clear indication of the solution being an element or related to an element and provided an incorrect non-elemental answer. Providing NITRITES for NITRIDES caused most grief, the key to the solution being RIDES from "travels" following the reversed TIN.

COTM: Over 50 nominations were received for Clue of the Month covering all grids, a tribute to the skill of our compilers. Honourable mentions go to FIRM'S DANCE in slot 1, MALARIA in slot 3 and WINCHES in slot 4, but the stand-out favourite this month was ANIMAL MAGNETISM in slot 3, as the reason that dogs are attracted to poles. Congratulations, *Lexi Conner*! —Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	87	99	100	100	92	478
Correct entries	62	84	76	71	65	358
Success rate (%)	71.3	84.8	76.0	71.0	70.7	74.9
Prizewinners	Jeremy Barnes	Lynne Coulton	Ron Carpenter	Corrine Anderson	Brian Tickle	from 105 members


Prizewinner: August 2017 Slots 1-5: David Bennett. Congratulations!

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Half 'n Half by Valkyrie


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Across

- 1 Large bird (6)
- 5 Flat bottomed boats (8)
- 9 A type of ligature (4,4)
- 10 Cast (6)
- 11 An English poet (10)
- 12 Average (2-2)
- 13 Centenarians perhaps (3,5)
- 16 A shoot from the base of a plant (6)
- 17 Musical style (6)
- 19 Playthings (4,4)
- 21 An aquatic bird (4)
- 22 Anaesthetic (10)
- 25 Wisest of the wise (3,3)
- 26 Code of behaviour (8)
- 27 Inventor of the 'spinning mule' (8)
- 28 Excellent (6)

Down

- 2 Moulding love, endless love, head over heels love (5)
- 3 Deceived Frenchman left, abandoned by girlfriend (5)
- 4 Central Pyrenees legislation rejected the re-establishment of original state (7)
- 5 Bomb's power decelerates right away (7)
- 6 Nicks records to protect church (7)
- 7 Perfume base rort, or so I misinterpreted (9)
- 8 Neo-Right included SS article in paper (4,5)
- 14 Threaten capless worker, one who lubricates textile equipment (4,5)
- 15 Nothing badly torn from outside the parlour (5,4)
- 18 Piece of jewellery gave the green light at the end of kiss and cuddle (7)
- 19 Evaporating basin, about 23cm, covered key (7)
- 20 Feature of Persian measurement? (7)
- 23 Cue in folio for Tolkien character (5)
- 24 Setter perhaps, starts to regret agonising over unusual language (5)

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 Closing mail date: Friday 29 September 2017.

Slot 6: William Ryan, c/o Harold Park Hotel, cnr Wigram Road & Ross Street Glebe NSW 2037 or by email: william@haroldparkhotel.com.au
 Closing mail date: Friday 13 October 2017.

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S E N D S O L U T I O N S T O :

G O O D G R I D S P A G E 11
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Cryptic by KA



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- 9 Parasites after tea in goblet? (7)
- 10 No set up with friend for this art! (7)
- 11 Sinful setter, we hear, is given a malediction (4,3)
- 12 A shattered sceptre could be a premonition (7)
- 13 Vegetable with a sweet rhythm to the ear? (5,4)
- 15 Impale a southern fruit (5)
- 16 Table surface used as computer work area (7)
- 19 Partlet breaks down to rave on (7)
- 20 Started fire in a ship in narrow openings (5)
- 21 Message for taxi close to injured, large, male (9)
- 25 Experience once more taking a drug to give relief (7)
- 26 Own up to putting fluoride into the scones' mixture (7)
- 28 Have trust in runner hiding assorted find (7)
- 29 Expungement of an age? Yes. (7)


- 2 Be concerned about reorganised racing (6)
- 3 The flow of atheist ideology (4)
- 4 Back away from Frenchman with letters, for example (6)
- 5 Shelter toy on roof (8)
- 6 Emergency exit for conflagration breakout (4,6)
- 7 Shattered father on street is most distant (8)
- 8 Perentie goes to pieces in a bunya, perhaps (4,4)
- 14 Use damaged East Indian resistor for this oven? (10)
- 16 Amuse by old saying containing retrospective knowledge (8)
- 17 Accomplice by the meadow has Ugandan currency (8)
- 18 This fish will nibble at a broken reel (8)
- 22 Receptacle for male alien? (6)
- 23 Broken rushes hide the monkey (6)
- 24 Male requested to be disguised (6)
- 27 Move camera backwards to include Eastern water level (4)

Down

- 1 Approach to current tax (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Thank you Patrick very much for today's lunch – I really enjoyed it and it's always a pleasure meeting up with those congenial ACC folk. *David Grainger*
- Patrick you did a great job today. Loved the menu – simple but very tasty, and the puzzles were diabolical, which was your aim I have no doubt. The company was bonza as well and I enjoyed it far more than the larger gatherings of yesteryear. *Gabriel Fuller*
- This would have been a “Regret I can’t be there. Regards to everybody, Have a good time!” message, but after reading, on p6 of the August *CrOZworld*, ‘Cruciverbalists have brains ten years younger.’ perhaps I can contribute to the conversation: “Instead of a fading old 93, now I’m a spry young 83!” *Max Roddick*
- Thank you again Patrick for organising such a successful lunch on Sunday. *Kath Harper*
- Arrived home from hospital a few days ago, and have just caught up with my mail: what a pleasant surprise! Many thanks to ACC for my Slot 6 Prize. *Ian Mason*
- I was delighted to receive the prize for last month's quiz, especially as I am not successful in my attempts to even complete the quizzes on a regular basis. Thank you so much. *Maureen Blake*

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


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Across

- 1 Single scientist or artist? (8)
- 5 After a mistake, daughter is hooked (6)
- 9 Bound with energy drop-off (5)
- 10 Young ones the Maori enrages unwisely (9)
- 12 Be in at her conversion in winter (9)
- 13 Money got from messy chore (5)
- 14 Binding in place (7)
- 16 Free his wild animals (7)
- 17 Highest note left in each (1-2)
- 18 Eastern European backed central plan by university city (7)
- 19 Counts anaesthetics? (7)
- 20 Record that's an award (5)
- 21 Red hot starts in last of blue light area in Europe (9)
- 24 A low price is funny in a garment (5,4)
- 25 Religion I close violently (5)
- 26 It's dull back in Dee Why? (6)
- 27 Two animals accepted a killer (8)

Down

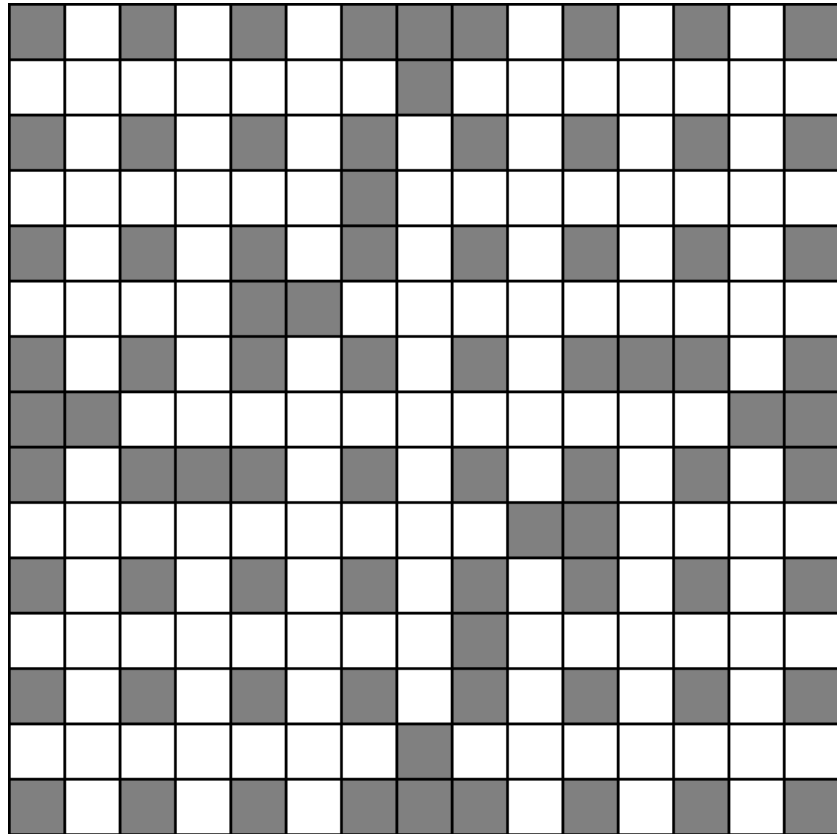
- 1 Allotted place in rubber thongs (5)
- 2 Bird's head producing nothing, goes off around the middle of October (4,6,5)
- 3 You get down from it with drug – a wild ride! (5)
- 4 Achieved the better position – not in staff work by detective (13)
- 6 Stories throw up doctrine of bodily process (9)
- 7 Healthy food ... serve best half, for example, cooked (5,10)
- 8 Gives out biros in sides reconstruction (9)
- 11 After the plane crash, the writer, unaltered, gets a disease (13)
- 14 Crowd back of Mungindi bore false witness about son being made ready to fight (9)
- 15 Customs official between Goulburn and Canberra (9)
- 22 Show some fine vitality (5)
- 23 Small demonstration on nuclear front shows spirit (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4

- When I first joined our crossword club Roy Wilson/*Praxis* was my main inspiration with his wonderful Ximenean grids and clever clueing. It was also a great pleasure to meet him at the Xmas lunches at which I missed his attendance in recent years. Thank you Roy. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks for my prize for Slot 2 last month – it was a delightful surprise. *Alison Shield*
- I was delighted to receive the prize for last month's quiz, especially as I am not successful in my attempts to even complete the quizzes on a regular basis. Thank you so much. *Maureen Blake*
- Many thanks for my Slot 1 prize, and also the magnificent *Shorter OED* that I was lucky enough to win at the Christmas in July function. It was a most enjoyable afternoon at the Royal Oak, and great to meet other members of the club. Thank-you Patrick and Sandra for the organisation and for making everyone feel so welcome. *Robyn Caine*
- Some great clues across all grids and, as always, a few new words to add to the never-ending list. *Bob Hagan*
- So entertaining and challenging all round! *Kathy Horadam*
- Thanks to all who make the Club so wonderful. *Margaret Pyc*
- I really appreciate the many and varied challenges set by the talented compilers. Once again, "Thank you all". *Jean Evans*
- I've been absent for some time due to ill health but it's good to have a nice set of puzzles to ease me back into solving! *Yvonne McKindlay*

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AJ
by
St Jude




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

- A** Whimsical about doing very well? Just the opposite and becoming known by it (11)
- B** Some phobias result in prejudice (4)
- C** Organised company man regarding going to Darwin and its surrounds (8)
- D** Enticed theologian to accept point of view (7)
- E** And German leaves saps with furs (7)
- F** Unimportant commotion results when first French then American navy ship take a headland (9)
- G** Someone sad and isolated will agitate or gull men (4,5)
- H** Curses about measure of hydrocarbons (7)
- I** Charmingly simple clay I'll idly turn (11)
- J** Athlete observed and manoeuvred (8)
- K** Transported, perhaps, by talk about one upending cards without a suit (7)
- L** Throw priest-like flowers (8)
- M** Rug press I leave with married woman (6)
- N** Tidier and purer than pure? (6)
- O** Imitated pig with no tattoos? (6)
- P** Pirate had unnatural food craving for kangaroo from top of New South Wales (8)
- Q** Her Majesty dismisses earl and knight and welcomes an old whore (5)
- R** No note of fatigue but inflammation (7)
- S** In France, Sweden to prosecute Germany and Spain for leather (5)
- T** Change short translation by hired funeral attendant (9)
- U** Content of full-aged dregs (6)
- V** Leaves cleaner seat rearranged (7)
- W** Discuss method of discovery of milk product (4)
- X** Frog is strange to little cat (7)
- Y** Deranged soldier at front may chant like a sailor (9)
- Z** Tops this disturbance following philosophy (7)

August 5-2017: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Another great puzzle from *Crowsman*! They are always special.
Ann Millard
- Excellent Len! I do love a themed puzzle; and this was particularly enjoyable. Many great clues. I especially liked 16dn and 11ac. I am amazed at how many elements you managed to squeeze in! Loved it.
Julie Crowe
- Elementary my dear *Crowsman*, and good fun.
Roy Taylor
- In the best Sherlock Holmes tradition; this only became "elementary" after a lot of brainwork and taught me some science in the process.
Kath Harper
- What an amazing accomplishment fitting all these words into a standard grip. But I guess just what we expect from Len!
Pat Garner
- Very enjoyable puzzle (a bit elementary once the theme was worked out?).
Ian McKenzie
- I don't get 2dn but no matter.
Andrew Patterson
- At last, a puzzle for retired chemistry teachers! A great job fitting 22 chemistry references into the grid. But I should point out that chemists should now spell SULFUR this way since the IUPAC decided that was the correct spelling in 1990. I didn't find this out

- myself until a couple of years ago.
Mike Potts
- Bravo for such a high proportion of clues linked to the theme!
Drew Meek
- 13ac: correct spelling is 'iridium' but to fit the clue would be 'iridiom' [The clue is a homophone, ie "spoken" so that the sound is correct - Adj]
Hilary Cromer
- Elementary! My dear *Crowsman*.
George Rolfe
- I had to stretch my mind back 50 years to retrieve the chemistry I studied all those years ago!
Maureen Blake
- Discovered more Elements than Year 11 chemistry ever taught me. Thanks for your ingenuity *Crowsman*.
Gabriel Fuller
- Very clever to get so many elements (and related words) into one crossword. It must have taken longer to compile it than for us to solve it.
Ulla Axelsen
- Superbly executed theme!
Stephen Young
- Certainly not elementary!
Anne Simons
- Thank you Len for an elemental experience! *Laurence Kennedy*
- 15ac was not too difficult but our having done science a long time ago was.
Richard Skinner
- And I thought there are only 4 elements.
Jim Fowler
- An exhilarating battle with the elements!
Max Roddick

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Cryptic by Crowsman


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- 9 One judge is furious (5)
- 10 Nerve centres give squad pride (9)
- 11 This fellow ferments Israelites (7)
- 12 Composer, European, abandoned young unmarried woman for courtesan (7)
- 13 Styles from earlier periods brought back by mail clerk (6)
- 15 Worried ensign flushed (8)
- 17 See 21
- 19 Ring about product of mine (3)
- 20 Good-hearted person securing wild animal (5)
- 21 & 17-across Sexually attractive person on part-diagonal (3,2,3,5)
- 22 Specifically directed beat (6)
- 26 Wearing a wig to University provided personal relief (7)
- 27 Upon returning, second guard again pulls out a gun (7)
- 29 Love affairs eliminate initial friendships (9)
- 30 A conflict has English vigilant (5)

Down

- 1 Due on diagonal (6)
- 2 Swagger up in dress (4)
- 3 Cut short tough (6)
- 4 A marrow from pasture for payment (5)
- 5 Less obvious relative has rear by arrangement (9)
- 6 Diagonal is OK (3,5)
- 7 Frank heard character from 11 on diagonal (10)
- 8 Person climbing heard a transmitting instrument (8)
- 12 Legitimately on diagonal (10)
- 16 Gambles luxury car on two lots of diamonds (5,4)
- 17 Prod is centrally involved in tangible counter-evidence (8)
- 18 Holds up overweight cheeses in thin fabrics (8)
- 23 Trial coming from gold trade (6)
- 24 Person running down tipped over that girl (6)
- 25 Backwoods groom (5)
- 28 Turned up except a Saudi (4)

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Solution to Praxis (Roy Wilson's) Made to Scale

Bonus 1 Praxis Across: 1 AD + MIR + LA<, 6 F + ARMS, 10 Pun "noons" - end of morning, 11 B + AB + OO + N, 12 theme, 13 KETTLE, 14 (SONS)* + HOW, 16 SOB + ER + ER, 18 anag, 20 (TIME SAVERS)*, 26 CAT + ALAN, 28 (CORE)* + IL, 29 OUI + JA, 30 EXPRESS + ER, 31 S + EXIST, 32 DI (E) NE, 33 TRY + ST, 34 LEAR inside DEC<.

Down: 1 theme-related, 2 COD< + TOR, 3 theme, 4 anag, 5 homoph "isles", 6 F for P in PAINTER, 7 BUS inside AE (Latin for aged), 8 sMOKOS, 9 theme, 15 HEAD + LINER, 17 theme, 19 REE< + SITE*, 21 (SEAS)* + EL, 22 USA* + AIR<, 23 anag, 24 HE + REX<, 25 DO + SIR<, 27 (N + DAME)*.

Vale Eva Seale

Betty Siegman informs us that former ACC member **Eva Seale** passed away recently at the age of 94 from complications following a fall. Eva joined the ACC in January 2000 and won six prizes from August 2000-August 2008. She resigned a while ago. Her particular favourite was the AJ. She spent most of her working life as a teacher, mostly in country schools, and was active and busy until very recently.

S E P T 2 0 1 7 S L O T 6
Full Frontal Lobotomy or Full Bottle in Front of Me? by Raoul


The family motto is, "Iecur est malum est must existo punitor" (The liver is evil; it must be punished): the across clues have several relevant references and are not otherwise defined.
 Bonus prize of a bottle of Chateau Rene Pogel from the bowels of the Harold Park Hotel.

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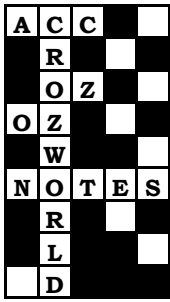
- 8 Source of Dutch 11 (8)
- 9 Thanks to the Germans, the end of humour (6)
- 11 Bottle! (7)
- 12 Double E, just sayin' (7)
- 13 Rolled over like 30, perhaps (5)
- 14 Gardner's 'good place for the end of the world' locale (9)
- 16 Is into "Back In Black" band loosely, descriptive of 9 (6)
- 18 Shy drink! Drunk on the beach, describes it so (6)
- 22 Drains an udder then talk it up (4,5)
- 25 Chaney in chewy substance (5)
- 26 God studies a national carrier heading west (4,3)
- 28 From S.A.T? (4,3)
- 29 Fermented Grange without a touch of iodine added (6)
- 30 Becks is closely associated with this posh person (beer? No, Beckham!) (8)

Down

- 1 Express amusement, then abandon the French (7)
- 2 Agriculturalist lost Sutra, confused about ritual (10)
- 3 Excluded society girl prevaricated to some extent (8)
- 4 Boredom, we hear. when associated with 2 (2,4)
- 5 Raoul's part-time job – performance of love only 50% complete (6)
- 6 In a pig's ear? More likely in a pig's eye! (4)
- 7 Joint for gamble taking gamble (7)
- 10 Sixes – taking novice with manners (6)
- 15 Form of communication encountered form of transport – in the theatre? (10)
- 17 Switzerland has no means of entry to jail (6)
- 19 Computer program has outsize sex appeal and energy. How appropriate (8)
- 20 Offence taken – bird clutching dress pulled up (7)
- 21 Slippery location for boy in life, say (7)
- 23 Davey Jones's crash-pad! (6)
- 24 Bow shelters admit urbanite (6)
- 27 Girl may be up or down. (4)

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Apochryphal quotes

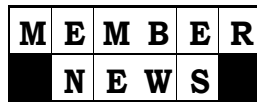
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- "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." Dr. Lee DeForest, Father of Radio & Grandfather of Television.
- "The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives." Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project.
- "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923.

- "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949.
- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.
- "I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957.
- "But what is it good for?" Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.
- "640K [bytes of memory in a computer] ought to be enough for anybody." Bill Gates, 1981 [*3 terabyte internal hard disk drives are available for home computers costing from just over \$200 – about 1.3 million times the size of Mr Gates's pronouncement*]
- "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." Western Union internal memo, 1876.
- "The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value.

Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

- "The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)
- "I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." Gary Cooper on his decision *not* to take the leading role in *Gone With The Wind*.
- "A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make." Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting *Mrs. Fields' Cookies*.
- "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." Decca Recording Co. rejecting *The Beatles*, 1962. Decca did not make the same mistake twice – they signed *The Rolling Stones* a little later.
- "If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this." Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M *Post-It* Notepads.
- "I don't know what use any one could find for a machine that would make copies of documents. It certainly couldn't be a feasible business by itself." The head of IBM, refusing to back the idea, forcing the inventor to found Xerox.
- "Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction." Pierre Pachtet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872.
- **And last but not least...** "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.



Renewal of ACC Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Jack Alexander** from Maroubra NSW and **Susan Creagh** from Annerley Qld. And a special welcome to new members **Richard Williams** from Carlton Vic. and **Stewart Newton** from Whittlesea Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

ACC Christmas at Melbourne in July 2017.

This Annual function was a marvellous success. It was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy North on 30 July 2017 and we were thrilled to welcome our Victorian members including our outstanding compilers Gillian *Betelgeuse* Champion from Metung Vic and Ian *Flowerman* Thompson. Plus we sincerely welcomed Richard and Dorrie Skinner from SA, Gabriel Fuller, Judith Woodford, Cheryl and Richard Wilcox, David Grainger, Alison Shield, Kath Harper, Alison Martin, Robyn Caine, Gary & Pat Lemon, Julie Crowe, Jill Lankshear, Denis Coates, Susan Howells, Judith Mitchell, Kathy Horadam, Peggy Halkyard, Gavan Williamson and Richard Williams. The food and wine were outstanding and we sincerely thank the licensee Alison Carey for capably arranging the event so successfully. There was a pushover puzzle by *stroz* called Easy Street 2017 and an easy Quiz. Plus some nice book prizes donated by the President. Many thanks to all who were in attendance. Greatly appreciated.

Errata and Corrigenda for September

We apologise, but gremlins were busy on ACCOLADE following its transfer to the new website and a small number of dots failed to be recorded. The table includes all dots awarded to the individuals for July.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Quiz No 9/2017. THE BODY by Brian Symons.

Put a human body part (word length given) in front of each term to make a common single word, a hyphenated word or two word phrase eg 3end = legend and 4splints = shin splints. Solutions are not in alphabetical order and all are different. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 e-mail bms65@bigpond.com
Closing Date 13 October 2017. Prize \$75.

- 1 4note
- 2 6food
- 3 3bash
- 4 4beat
- 5 5storm
- 6 5dancer
- 7 3service
- 8 5grease
- 9 5watch
- 10 3opener
- 11 3top
- 12 6bound
- 13 4at
- 14 4splitting
- 15 4sunday
- 16 6stroke
- 17 5pot
- 18 4gay
- 19 5nut
- 20 3flask
- 21 5gazer
- 22 3chair
- 23 7sandwich
- 24 3tickling
- 25 4idle
- 26 4lash
- 27 4flint
- 28 4o
- 29 3shoe
- 30 4maiden

August 1-2017: Half 'n Half by Stroz (Patrick Street)

• If 11ac is Firm's dance I think it qualifies as COTM. Does "I" mean cryptic in the straight clues now [in Stroz puzzles, even in a slot 1, almost anything goes! Adj]. 19ac qualifies too, but is not quite to the same standard.

Julie Freeland
• Another quirky "Patrick Puzzle". Not sure about my answer for EVENING and WORK'S HOP. *Robyn Caine*

• Sapsago? Let's see if it beats champagne and orange. *Max Roddick*
• The usual head-scratching and "Eh?" that a Stroz puzzle produces. Nearly got it; needed aids for the 19ac and 22 at the end. Liked 5ac and 11 (if I got it right – otherwise it was a terrible clue!). *Rob Moline*

• I liked 19ac; had to guess 23dn as I couldn't get the reference to 'game with soldiers'; 21ac could have been ATOM (particle) but ITEM seemed more likely. *Kathy Horadam*

• Not as easy as some slot 1s we've had; but hope I finally got there. *Catherine Hambling*

• For a Half 'n Half this was rather tricky! I do like Patrick's quirky clues. *Julie Crowe*

• Spent more time trying to figure out 11ac than all rest of puzzle. Sure I've got it wrong. *Roy Taylor*

• A good start to the month from Stroz – although I wondered whether the clue for 19ac should be "Painsmaking" rather than "painstaking". *Kath Harper*

• Had a laugh at 5ac BIRTHDAY for 'arrival time'. FIRM'S DANCE – is that a 'thing' (or have I got it wrong)? I think we've had this before; sadists give pain; masochists take/receive it. *Tony Dobe*

• 11 and 19ac should have question marks not exclamation marks. *George Rolfe*

• For quite a while I thought I would be unable to complete this puzzle.... "WORKSHOP" was unsolvable for a couple of weeks! *Maureen Blake*

• Excellent slot one puzzle. I groaned at first. *Gabriel Fuller*
• Whenever I see Stroz for a slot 1 I know I'm up for a challenge. He didn't let me down. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Do not know what 11ac can be! *Anne Simons*

• Some interesting definitions! *Richard Skinner*

• I had so much trouble with 11ac and so I have just had to guess. *Robyn McKenzie*

• Some of the Across clues were difficult. *Lynn Jarman*

August 2-2017: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

• Those cross-ref clues! Half expected 'now subtract the one you first thought of'. Liked BUTLER and SHARPSHOOTING. *Max Roddick*

• Great fun with the Wild West theme. *Robyn Caine*

• Knew Annie & Bill, but not Frank or the show. It was Annie that finally fell. Perplexed by 14dn; ended up with a straight definition. *Rob Moline*

• Thanks Penobscot; an enjoyable puzzle. *Betty Siegman*

• Fun crossword. Enjoyed the theme – would have been an experience to see a show with those famous folk. *Wayne Bradbury*

• Despite finding SHARPSHOOTING straight away, it took me ages to get the theme together. Thank you, Penobscot. An enjoyable puzzle. *Ann Millard*

• Liked the reference to Annie Get Your Gun – one of my favourites. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Enjoyed the theme. *Kathy Horadam*

• Interesting subject requiring some fun research – liked 31ac. *Catherine Hambling*

• Took me a long while to find the Wild West Show theme. 20dn: Indirect anagram. [Noel Jessop once said to me that there was nothing wrong with the occasional indirect anagram clue, provided that it was straightforward, well-expressed and well-defined - Adj] *Nea Storey*

• I enjoyed the theme and really liked sharpshooting. *Robyn McKenzie*

• A nice theme: liked the clues for 1 and 31ac enjoyable puzzle. *Joan Smith*

• Good theme; good puzzle. *Roy Taylor*

• I had no idea who the partner of the 15ac ace was. You hit the bullseye Penobscot. *Kath Harper*

• Nice theme of the Wild West Shows. Is 20dn ISMS an indirect anagram? *Tony Dobe*

• Nice puzzle with linked clues. Only quibble is the use of an indirect anagram in 20dn. *Drew Meek*

• 3: It's time we gave 'CHE' = revolutionary a bit of a rest. He's been dead 50 years. 14: As 'lap' was used as part of 4, another word here would have been better. 20: Oh dear!! An indirect anagram. *George Rolfe*

• Lots of fun – lots of guesswork! *Anne Simons*

• Chambers had 'sugging' – see under 'sug'; but there was no 'sug' entry! [SUG is in the 12th and earlier editions, at least back to 2003 – Chambers gives its origin as "apparently acronymic for Selling Under the Guise..." - Adj] Liked ESKY. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Luckily I had an interest in the Wild West in my younger days. Bit worries though. Could 14dn be SAGS? Sure hope not. *Richard Skinner*

• Wow! Not easy! *Lynn Jarman*

• Loved this theme; took me back to Saturday afternoon matinees of my childhood. *Yvonne McKindlay*

August 3-2017: Cryptic by Lexi Conner (Ron Shapiro)

• Some excellent clues in this one. A difficult task to choose a COTM, but I had to give it to ANIMAL MAGNETISM. *Robyn Caine*

• I liked the clever deletions used to get LYING and LOSER. *Brian Tickle*

• Not too happy that a 15-letter answer with only 6 checkers is not a recognised phrase or saying you'd find in a dictionary; but two random words that might be used together in a sentence. Did like ANIMAL MAGNETISM on the next row up. *Rob Moline*

• Loved the grid; with four 15-letter words and gave one my COTM. *Betty Siegman*

• Some great clues and I especially liked 13dn ARMHOLE! Good to get the 15-letter words to help things along. *Ann Millard*

• Some great clues here I thought – looking forward to the answer for 27ac. *Eileen O'Brien*

• 27ac: I don't know what makes Bruno run! I liked OPPOSING NOTIONS. *Kathy Horadam*

• A 15-letter anagram! Thank heaven for good old AxWord. *Max Roddick*

• Good clues – especially 19ac and 27ac. *Catherine Hambling*

• Found this a really enjoyable puzzle with good clues. Favourite clues were Basil and Malaria. *Joan Smith*

• Lots of excellent clues here. *Julie Crowe*

• Nice one Lexi. *Roy Taylor*

• Clever and entertaining clues – especially 16ac. *Kath Harper*

• I really liked the clues for ANIMAL MAGNETISM & INITIAL. *Tony Dobe*

• Very good puzzle. Liked ANIMAL MAGNETISM especially. Should there be a reversal indicator for 23dn? *Ian Thompson*

• An unchecked to checked letter ratio of 9:6 is not acceptable. See clues 4, 5, 16 and 17. *George Rolfe*

• A very enjoyable set of clues! Thank you. *Sonia Roulston*

• Luckily the clues were relatively straightforward so that the 15-letter words with only 6 checked letters each were doable. *Ulla Axelsen*

• A lovely clue at 27ac; with endless being what turns Bruno into run. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

August 4-2017: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

• I always enjoy Slot 4 and this was no exception. *Robyn Caine*

• I really enjoyed the clever letter-swaps to get PENNIES and WINCHES. *Brian Tickle*

• I cannot get the grebe to fly north. *Brian Symons*

• The H and P clues are superb. I suspect the T clue is an @lit. *Len Colgan*

• Always enjoy the AJ. Jutes takes me back to high school history. *Wayne Bradbury*

• Always a favourite and this was no exception. Clues F & K were delightfully misleading; and the latter stopping progress for days! *Ann Millard*

• Terrible how my mind stays set – couldn't get past some sort of animal for "howler"! *Eileen O'Brien*

• Difficult but rewarding (hopefully!). *Catherine Hambling*

• I really enjoyed PENNIES and FIREMAN. I hope SCREWS is correct as it didn't match "contracts" very well. *Kathy Horadam*

• Loved the clues for BRIEFLY and Fireman. *Joan Smith*

• Good misleading clue for K word. I was sure related to Kyrie until saw definition was mass. Gave it COTM. *Roy Taylor*

• Liked LEMONADE and WINCHES. *Max Roddick*

• Lovely clues with a couple of minor quibbles: If I have the answers in the right places, the bird in the I clue is flying west not north; and the wording of the W clue suggests the end result is WATCHES rather than WITCHES. *Kath Harper*

• In the I clue, is the diving bird going the wrong way? *Tony Dobe*

• An enjoyable mind stretcher. *George Rolfe*

• A nicely balanced puzzle. My favourite clue was PENNIES. *Ian Thompson*

• Very tricky collection of clues, so I await the explanations with bated breath. *Gabriel Fuller*

• Liked clues for N, O & S. TYPEWRITERS is an educated guess, so hope it's correct. *Anne Simons*

• Loved WINCHES! Very clever. *Ulla Axelsen*

• So pleased to have an answer for each letter. *Lynn Jarman*

August 5-2017: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• Another brilliant puzzle from Len. How he can work so many elements and element-related clues into a grid impresses me no end. *Robyn Caine*

• 22 solutions related to the theme! How does he do it? I particularly liked the clues that used more than one element: ERBIUM, PLATINUM and NITRIDES. *Brian Tickle*

• 22 chemistry clues. Wow! Periodic table becomes 'very frequent' grid! *Roy Goodrick*

• Brilliant; with no less than 21 chemical answers. Not so elemental; a good workout. *Betty Siegman*

• I remembered most of the elements required from my school days; except of course the few that hadn't yet been discovered! *Pat Lord*

• Having trouble with this machine it knows my skills are dodgy! Just wanted to say what a great puzzle – does nothing get by this man? *Eileen O'Brien*

• Took me back to my days in the lab. *Catherine Hambling*

• What a fun puzzle. Thank you, Len. *Trish McPherson*

• I enjoyed this, but I suspect people not familiar with elements would have struggled. First one in which identified the theme was YTTRIC. Last one in was ERBIUM. *Ian Thompson*

• Elemental, but certainly not elementary! Incredible how many elements and their derivatives Crowsman has managed to cram into one crossword! And APOLOGIST was my runner-up for COTM. *Nea Storey*

• Very ingenious! I do hope 2dn is FLUORITE as the other options are gases. SULPHUR was my favourite but ELEMENT bothered me for ages. *Kathy Horadam*

• What a lot of elements you fitted in! I think you should sell this to a creative chemistry teacher. *Robyn McKenzie*

• Great puzzle. I had trouble with the top right-hand corner as I was so sure the robber changing sides was 'copper'. Finally, the penny dropped and hopefully correct. So many good clues; thank you Len. *Joan Smith*

• I thought I'd solved this puzzle once I got 'element'; but nitrogen and strontium have me tricked. *Yvonne McKindlay*

• I was stuck until I solved 15ac and then I was in my element. *Norma Heyes*

• Very tricky; with one or two unintended traps for unwary solvers. Am I one? [As if! - Adj] *Beverley Cockburn*



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Clue of the Month

July 2017 Slot 6: Surface Reading by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

Results: Entries 42. Correct 30. Success rate 71.4%.

Prizewinner: Brian Symons. Congratulations!

Setter's comments:

Thanks everyone for your kind comments. There was no clue in particular that caused problems, although LANE had four incorrect entries. Regarding the surfaces, I had the pit used in long jump and the circle used for throwing events like discus in mind when I selected them. Chambers does not specify these words being used in these sports, but I thought that generally solvers would be familiar with this usage. In order to make the theme more elusive, all thematic words I chose with the exception of RINK also have meanings unrelated to sport.
—Ian Thompson

Explanations: Across: 9 INSULt + A + Rake, **10** I + (ORANGE)*, **11** MAsT, **12** PIT(C)H, **13** (DONE + N)*, **14** (TAP I NEEDS)*, **16** (L AS IS)<, **18** (C RELIC)*, **20** CAN + VegAS, **23** G(RE)EN, **24** (SHOWER)* + HIP, **26** hw<, **28** COU(R/n)T, **30** sPITs, **31** ONE in (GLAD)*, **32** (CU + ADO) in mystERious. **Down: 1** MAID< + (NOD)*, **2** (I TEST CAPtaIN)*, **3** F + LOP, **4** C + RATE + 'D, **5** B[(HIP)*]ASIC, **6** C + (CANOEING'S)*, **7** warpLANE, **8** RE(A D + Invest)LY, **15** (O CO LENGTHY)*, **17** S + CAP + HO(P)ODS, **19** (EACH LIST)*, **21** A + Greenie + A(M)IDS, **22** STAR in (PUT)*, **25** ROUTE + D, **27** shRINK, **29** T + RUE.

Solvers' comments:

- Trickiest to reconcile were MAT and GREEN. I forgot about the title! But a good challenge. *Len Colgan*
- Nice idea for a theme. Solid clues. Well done. *Andrew Patterson*
- This was a difficult puzzle but I eventually twigged to the reference to surfaces on which sport is played... Rink (skating); Diamond (baseball); Circle (Ball Games); Green (Bowling); Lane (Ten Pin Bowling); Pit (Dog Fights); Mat (Gymnastics); Canvas (Boxing); Court (Tennis); Pitch (Cricket). Not that dog fights are my idea of sport!! *Maureen Blake*
- Quite difficult but most enjoyable – especially liked 16dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- Tricky; but good clueing allowed correctly guessing the unknowns. Liked DIAMONDS and UPSTART. Ended with: wrestling MAT; cricket PITCH; sumo? CIRCLE; boxing? CANVAS; putting GREEN; squash COURT; motor-racing PIT; skating RINK; baseball DIAMOND and bowling LANE. *Rob Moline*
- Sports surfaces ... I get mat, circle, green, pitch, canvas, court, pit, diamond, lane and ring. *Nea Storey*
- Tricky; tricky; tricky. *Roy Taylor*
- Gives new meaning to clue surfaces! *Tony Dobeles*
- A few unusual words made this a challenge. Knowing the commonality didn't help at all! Thanks for a great workout. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Great puzzle; though some of the scientific terms were challenging. *Kath Harper*
- Very difficult puzzle but absolutely fair. Loved SISAL with its "as is" reversal. *Beverley Cockburn*
- I got DIAMOND early; so thought I was looking for gems! A challenging puzzle. *Anne Simons*
- I didn't need a court or a green or a pit to feel I'd had a workout after this tricky puzzle! *Robyn McKenzie*
- A very challenging puzzle ... thank you. Maybe a few too many guesses! We'll see. *Sonia Roulston*
- Tough one. Got the theme but it didn't help a great deal. Not expecting a dot on this. *Richard Skinner*

- Took a while for the theme to surface. Nice to see the usual biological references. A challenging puzzle. *Mike Potts*
- Most of the ten "surface reading" clues were not easy. A great brain challenge!! Horsewhip was a doozy. *Jean Evans*
- Terrific puzzle. Your respect for surfaces shines through. I especially liked 9ac INSULAR, 13ac NO END, 30ac PIT, 32ac ECUADOR, 1dn DIAMOND, 3dn FLOP, 15dn TECHNOLOGY, 25dn ROUTED, 29dn TRUE. *Chris Bilkey*
- Some great clues. *Bob Hagan*

Explanations for clues in August 2017 Slots 1-5

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

Slot 1 Stroz. Across: 11 Work's hop. **Down: 2** RABBIT, 3 tote + m, 4 this = so; that = so, 5 bay = stall + o' + web = net, 6 (REORDERED)*, 7 dd, 8 (OF + I + ORATOR)*, 14 dd, 15 (ask mother)*, 18 NON + PLUS, 19 sap + sago, 20 anag of dirt farmer minus arm, 23 RU + RA + taiL, 24 NY + LON.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 1 dd, 9 T (RASH) IER, 10 ANN U AL, 12 E SKYe, 13 dd, 15 dd, 19 anag, 23 DE (RAIL) MENT, 28 anag, 29 EX PIRATES, 30 rev hidden, 31 SOLD i ERS. **Down: 2** dd, 3 A + CHE, 4 OVER + LAP, 6 anag, 7 L A UNCHING, 8 anag, 14 dd, 15 dd, 16 GUS<, 17 hidden -ed do-, 18 STEW* + SHOW, 20 MISS*, 21 dd, 22 dd, 24 hidden, 26 H...Y + THE.

Slot 3 Lexi Conner. Across: 1 MESS + AGE, 5 SOB + (pure)*, 9 appLYING, 10 R(AD)IOT, 11 EXACT + LoyaltY, 12 ma(LAY OR)<chids, 14 cLOSER, 16 word play on magnetic poles, 17 OPPOSING N(a)OTIONS, 19 (exclaimed - maid)*, 22 A + HEAD, 24 (politician- cop)*, 25 deALER Tried, 26 BA(S) IL, 27 bruno - its ends(bo) = run, 28 (mrs peal)*. **Down: 1** MAL + ARIA, 2 Sharp Pakistani + ICY, 3 los ANGELES, 4 ENGAGEMENT + RINGS, 5 (spain guarantees)*, 6 BE(ResinY) L, 7 DD, 8 PRO + GRAM, 13 (schoolmaster- costs)*, 15 boOST RICHmond, 17 OPERA + Term, 18 SADD(L)ER, 20 CREE + D, 21 LI(T)RE, 22 AL + BUM, 23 wa(LESAE)<pected.

Slot 4 Manveru. A A+N+(j)OINT, **B** B + (R+(FILE))* + Y, **C** Sounds like CLANGOUR, **D** D+ (D + (ICEDTEA)*, **E** ENT+I+RELY, **F** F+I+RE+M+A+N, **G** (LIGAMENT -M)*, **H** (BREATHIN)*, **I** I+C(GREBE<)S, **J** Anagram of JUST+E, **K** (GK+MEMORIALS)*, **L** Play on lemonade stand, **M** M+A+LICE, **N** Sounds like NAYED, **O** (O+SAM+S+RING)*, **P** PE(N for O) NIES, **Q** s(QUIZ), **R** R+E(QUIRE)D, **S** S+CR+(j)EWS, **T** (PRI(n) TERS + YET + W)*, **U** UNIT+ED, **V** VAN round (TREE)*, **W** WI(N for T)CHES, **X** EX< +B+E+C, **Y** Y+ (SURGEON)* around T, **Z** ZIT+E.

Slot 5 Crowsman. Across: 9 PLUS< + HUR, 10 LIT + H(I) UM, 11 A + POLO + GIST, 12 RA(DO)N, 13 I + R + homoph "idiom", 14 NICKER, L replacing R, 15 ELECT, MEN replacing C, 17 MA(SO)NIC, 21 CAR + BON(net), 24 BOL(S) TER, 26 (j)ARGON, 27 NT inside TOURISM*, 28 ORB< + MINE, 29 T(RUDE)AU. **Down: 1** A + STAT(IN)E, 2 IN inside FLUORE(scent), 3 CH + LOR(IN)E, 4 (t)ERBIUM, 5 PL(A + TIN)UM, 6 T(owe)R inside CITY<, 7 gRIDDLE, 8 A + MINE, 16 T + (NETS + GNU)<, 18 LEN inside (I MUSE)*, 19 TIN< + RIDES, 20 anag, 22 gANG LOST, 23 B(AND)IT, 24 ROB< + ATE, 25 TAB + BY.

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Across

- 8** Breathtaking blow by Maori war club in England (10)
- 9** An edible leaf right out in Africa (4)
- 10** Was over fourteen pounds formerly for toothless cutting tool (5,3)
- 11** Confine National Crime Authority infiltrating East Georgia (6)
- 12** Receive content of royal monogram (1,2)
- 13** Air unpolluted despite use of chemical solvents (3,5)
- 15** An aggressive female in South America (6)
- 16** Soldier took gangster to US general in Israel (7)
- 18** Area held, alas, is without acreage in Asia (4,3)
- 21** Organise half-tunnel as a gutter (6)
- 23** Characters perhaps dug into rocks on abandoned pit heaps (8)
- 25** Author had a fish they say (3)
- 26** Act upon gaffe at court, cancelling grand opening (6)
- 27** Describing religious mother in North America (8)
- 29** Series lost, ends in deep depression in North America (4)
- 30** Weather was terrible in Cumbria (10)

Down

- 1** State registered occupational therapist coming back was a winner! (6)
- 2** Garden of British PM (4)
- 3** Mutated germs are in England (8)
- 4** Underwent early amputation in England (7)
- 5** Avenue bombing in Switzerland (6)
- 6** Article about CIA, 'Alabama black tied to a tree' (6,4)
- 7** "Dance gig, Amore" in Italy (8)
- 14** Select line manufactured for groups of customers (10)
- 17** Underground layers of rock holding water can be constructed if square (8)
- 19** I'm in Milton's place of rest to lay on again (8)
- 20** Uprising was in jurisdictions' rises and falls (7)
- 22** Lithium restricted prurience of Chinese nut (6)
- 24** Cleaner river feature in USA (6)
- 28** The initiators of riots in areas submerged in inundated valleys (4)

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Results of Quiz No 7/2017: Remove Two Letters by KA (Karl Audrins).

Entries received: 23. Winner: Ulla Axelsen. Congratulations!

Results: 26: U Axelsen, B Cockburn, L Colgan, J Crowe, B Glissan, R Gooderick, B Hagan, J Leigh, P Lord, R McKenzie, A Miles, A Millard, B Siegman, N Storey, B Symons and R Wimbush. **25:** D Procter, M Procter and A Simons. **23:** G Lemon, I Thompson and Kate Williams. **22:** H Cromer.

Answers: 1. Aliens (ales) 2. Inboard (board) 3. Crannies (cranes) 4. Defiance (deface) 5. Equinity (equity) 6. Fantail (fatal) 7. Ingrate (grate) 8. Heroin (hero) 9. Imagines (images) 10. Injunction (junction) 11. Krooni (kroo) 12. Legation (legato) 13. Menial (meal) 14. Ninnies (nines) 15. Inoculate (oculate) 16. Plaint (plat) 17. Inquest (quest) 18. Routines (routes) 19. Scalenis (scale) 20. Taints (tats) 21. Urinals (urals) 22. Version(verso) 23. Waning (wang) 24. Xyloidin (xyloid) 25. Yogini (yogi) 26. Zebrinas (zebras).

Adjudicator's Comments:

Firstly, thank you to all those who participated, and congratulations to the winner. Secondly, I apologise in advance for any names or entries I may have missed (if any). Please advise, and recognition will follow. The NBN Jinns were active, with odd consequences at times. Not much else to say. Answers were either right or wrong, as I could not find any alternatives meeting the criteria. Members' comments seem quite favourable, and for that, I thank you. —**Karl Audrins**

Members' Comments:

- Thanks for your thought provoking quiz. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thank you for another of your clever quizzes. I was most impressed you had an answer for every letter of the alphabet. *Bev Cockburn*
- A most enjoyable challenge, albeit frustrating at times. Congratulations on finding one answer starting with each letter of the alphabet. I suspect this was testimony to your perseverance, with possibly the sole candidate for a couple of letters. *Len Colgan*
- Had lots of gaps in this one, until I realised that it was the answers (ie without the 2 letters) that were in alphabetical order! Yet another amazing quiz. *Julie Crowe*
- I always enjoy the quizzes and this was certainly no exception. *Ray Gooderick*
- A most unusual and very challenging exercise. I had "SPLENI" for 19, which proved to be a real pain in the neck (yea Bob! K.A.) until I came across SCALENI. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for another really interesting quiz. *Julie Leigh*
- Stuck for hours on some of the clues, very challenging. *Pat Lord*
- These are the answers I came up with for your quiz. It was fun to do, and because the clues weren't cryptic, some of my kids chipped in with suggestions too. Did not realise a fantail was a pigeon? Logical and fascinating. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Have had over a month to work on this and am still not happy with a couple. Always enjoy the quiz though. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks Karl for a great quiz. Some of the answers took some finding – hope they are correct. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for a very challenging quiz. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks again for a most challenging puzzle. I'm glad the K clue wasn't the S clue! Kroner in all its forms was never going to work! Had to scour the dictionary. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks for a difficult puzzle to get all the answers. *David Procter*
- Thanks for the puzzle. Quite a brain strainer. *Ian Thompson*
- Really enjoyed this: I've looked everywhere for the US creeper. Don't know if it's a bird or a plant. As I say every time, thanks for all your hard work. Don't know how you do it. *Marian Procter*

Lexophilia

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
 - A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
 - When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
 - The batteries were given out free of charge.
 - A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
 - A will is a dead giveaway.
 - With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
 - A boiled egg is hard to beat.
 - When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
 - Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
 - Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
 - A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
 - When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
 - The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
 - He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
 - When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
 - Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- And the cream of the twisted crop:
- Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.
- ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN ... IT'S CHEAP MEDICINE.

Derek Harrison from Crossword Centre UK writes:

- Mark Goodliffe and Simon Anthony, founders of the *Maggie* magazine, have started a vlog on YouTube, in which they discuss how to solve *The Times* crossword. Absolutely fascinating! Take a look at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC-UOdK8-mIjxBQm_ot1T-Q.
- I am indebted to Nick for pointing out this article on Schrödinger puzzles. <https://www.xwordinfo.com/quantum>
- Book of the Month on the Crossword Centre is the digital edition of *Chambers Crossword Dictionary*. As the Kindle app is free, you can read the digital edition on any device. If you are already using this version I would appreciate your views and comments. <http://amzn.to/2eWj3wp>
- The new message board is running well and is getting a lot of visitors. Already well over 100 people have registered as users and there are lots of interesting posts. Make sure you visit and save it in your bookmarks. http://s15.zetaboards.com/Crossword_Centre/index/
- In the city of Lvov in the Ukraine a 100-foot crossword puzzle has been designed on the side of a building. Clues have been scattered around the city and at night the answers light up to reveal the solution. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1119722/The-worlds-largest-crossword-puzzle-built-100ft-tower-block-Ukraine.html>
- Seven years ago I edited *Armchair Crosswords* by Afrit and with the help of my daughter, Lucy, the book was published. In his book *Afrit* (A F Ritchie) had included a short introduction to the puzzles in which, for the first time, some rules of fairness in clue-writing were laid down. Any decent history of the crossword will quote from the introduction. Moreover, the crosswords are fun and can be fairly easily solved. We published 500 copies and there are now less than 100 copies left. You can find more information at <http://www.crossword.org.uk/Armchair.html> [The book was reviewed in *CrOZworld* in July 2009. Back issues are readily available by clicking "CrOZworld" on the home page of our website crosswordclub.org]

July 7-2017: Cryptic by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Results: Entries 56. Correct 51. Success rate 91.1%.

Winner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments

Thank you for all the kind remarks. I am glad you all enjoyed it. There was just a sprinkling of errors with Squirrel Nutkin being responsible for two of them. —Ulla Axelsen

Solvers' Comments

- IMHO one of your best. *Ray Gooderick*
- Thanks, it was great! *William Ryan*
- Thanks for a well conceived and enjoyable puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- As always a very challenging but fair puzzle. I liked the Potter theme. *Bob Hagan*
- Enjoyed the challenge of two Potters. Many thanks. *Robyn Caine*
- This was fun, and top marks for getting SYNECDOCHE into a crossword. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for your excellent themed crossword – much more interesting than a plain cryptic. *Doreen Jones*
- I thoroughly enjoyed the 'Potter' theme. Great fun. *Jean Evans*
- An enjoyable puzzle – my fingers are crossed re Harry & Co as I haven't read the works of TKR. *Odette Greenberger*
- Sac was straightforward enough to give the game away; not to mention wall-to-wall coverage of a 20th anniversary recently. Liked FIELDS and SYNECDOCHE which I couldn't spell. *Rob Moline*
- Nice job. Enjoyed it. *Andrew Patterson*
- Loved the Harry Potter clues. *Pat Lord*
- I really enjoyed this although fell into the trap of trying to find a Harry Potter reference to the character in 13ac; and took a while to wake up to Beatrix Potter. *Maureen Blake*
- Harry, Beatrix and Tinker. *Nea Storey*
- I knew nothing about Hogwarts before – thanks for the education. *Tony Dobele*
- Most enjoyable; with an evenly good standard of clues. *Ian Thompson*
- Enjoyed this puzzle – especially liked 18dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- Liked the Harry Potter theme. *Marian Procter*
- After finishing this crossword, I had to read Book 1 of the series just to relive the enjoyment of JK Rowling's wonderful imagination. Thanks for that, Ulla. *Beverley Cockburn*
- A tough one! *Anne Simons*
- Nice to see Harry Potter and Beatrix Potter used together! *Robyn McKenzie*
- 2dn was difficult; 3 & 12 were not as bad – they were worse! *Valkyrie sets a fine puzzle. Max Roddick*
- SYNECDOCHE is a lovely word. Enjoyed the Harry Potter theme. Thank you Ulla. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Some great clues but it took me ages to get going. *Ann Millard*
- A very enjoyable puzzle – thank you! *Sonia Roulston*
- Fun puzzle and to be honest a bit easier than slot 6. *Richard Skinner*
- A most enjoyable crossword! *Alison Martin*
- This was a lot of fun! But SYNECDOCHE? *Mike Potts*

Explanations of the clues:

Across: 1 G + HOSTS, 5 HOG + W + ARTS, 9 A+R+BORE+A+L, 10 Homophone of LET'S GO, 11 Anag of CONCEDES and HY, 13/16 SQUIR(R)E+L+NUT+KIN, 17 Double, 19 T+ROP(HI)ES, 21 wEDGE, 22 MUD<+BLED+ORE, 25 M(TH)UTT, 26 BOA+TRACE, 27 TRUE SHE, 28 PLOTTER - L.

Down: 2 HA(R+R)Y, 3/12 (WERE NOT AS)*, 4 S+LENDER, 5 SPHERICAL change L and R, 6 GALL(E)ON, 7 ARTS+WITCH, 8 GIT+ < ER+LIKE, 14 QUID+DITCH, 15 Anag of PUERILE LOT - O, 18 Double, 19 TA(MA)BLE, 20 Double, 23 Anag of STUD containing R, 24 R+EC+CE.

Solution to Slot 7 Cryptic by Valkyrie

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Clue Writing Competition (cont'd from p16)

Type of invitation to have a drink ***½

This double definition combines the type of invitation where one is cordially invited, and the drink. Quite simple but very effective.

Warm drink ***

A clue doesn't come much shorter than this. It's a simple double definition combining both the adjectival and nounal forms of the words. This clue was actually served up twice, and perhaps surprisingly, the same comments and score apply.

Scoring System

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Total score Star Rating

0	0
1-2	*
3-4	**
1-7	***
1-9	****
10	*****

Clue Writing Competition No 5/2017

For the next competition, please write a clue for **NUCLEAR WEAPON (7,6)** 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

Closing mail date: Friday 13 October 2017. \$50 prize.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2017.

Write a clue for CORDIAL (7).

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

adj friendly; hearty; sincere; affectionate; reviving the heart or spirits **n** a soft drink with a fruit base, *usu* diluted before drunk; a medicine or drink for refreshing the spirits; anything which revives or comforts the heart; a liquer (*N Am*). [Fr, from *L cor, cordis* the heart]

A big thank you to all the entries this month. I always read all the letters and e-mails, and appreciate both the *cordial* words and constructive feedback. Keep it coming! This month's word offered both nounal and adjectival possibilities, and the 17 clues definitely reflected this fact. There were a couple of top clues on offer, but just by a puff of air, I've awarded the gong to **Bob Hagan's** refreshingly seamless clue.

Fresh air accompanying cold change can be quite pleasant (7)

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

A drink paradoxically not popular during happy hour ***

We start this month with a witty toast to the happy hour – that convivial time at a pub (like the Harold Park Hotel) when drinks are reduced in price. Obviously, or maybe not for teetotallers, cordial is generally not the choice of drink at this time, whereas cordial, the adjective, is associated with friendliness and cheerfulness – hence the paradox.

Carbon, gold, diamond, iodine and aluminium can make a sweet drink ***

This tidy charade clue combines five different elements to make up all the letters of *cordial*. The parsing is chemically sound, but I'm fairly certain that they won't combine well to make a sweet drink. It would have a distinct metallic tang I suspect.

Drink with company, laid back after swallowing retsina, initially ***

The parsing here brings together CO and DIAL (laid back) with R in the mix. Nice work on maintaining the drinking theme throughout too.

Drunken orc laid back the drink ***

Here we have an anagram of ORC with *dial* (laid back). I vaguely recall that Tolkien's orcs did drink some foul tasting (at least according to Sam & Frodo) substance. In any case the clue makes sense and would be a great clue for someone beginning to solve cryptic crosswords.

Friendly woman embraces girl ***

A simple but sensible clue that has CORAL embracing DI. While the parsing is spot on, one does have to consider whether the woman's or man's name is a 'common' one. DI is often used in crossword clues as a female name, but obviously CORAL is tough to come up

with independently. In a clue like this the solver would generally work backwards after deriving the answer from the remainder of the clue.

Fresh air accompanying cold change can be quite pleasant ****

This clue has not one, but two anagrams (air & cold). They are combined seamlessly with a sound definition in a clue that could be read anyway.

Gracious princess dressed in orange-pink ***

An elegant clue that inserts DI into CORAL to give *gracious*. Here DI is literally dressed the CORAL colour. It's well constructed and there are no superfluous words.

Greeting from choir relaxed and friendly ***

Here the parsing involves firstly removing HI from *choir*. This is a little unorthodox as the greeting (HI) is split by the letter O. It would be more accurate, and fairer, to have the letters together, as that is what is indicated. The second part of the clue is the classic *laid back* from *relaxed*.

Iron-clad, perhaps, but no new drink **½

This was the only anagram-subtraction clue with N being removed from an anagram of IRONCLAD. The parsing is neat and accurate, but the surface sense could do with some work in order to link ironclad with a definition that is related and, therefore, realistic.

Latin heart, laid back, and friendly ***

For those poets amongst you, no doubt you would recognise *cor* as the Latin word for *heart*. With *laid back*, the parsing neatly points to the solution. This idea has a lot of potential and perhaps a more poetic definition could have embellished this clue somewhat.

Profound outcome is in the dialectic; or dialogue perhaps? **½

This is an interesting clue that revolves around a hidden, where the solution is cleverly found in **dialectic or dialogue**. The final superfluous word, *perhaps*, and the question mark could have both been omitted with no harm done to the clue. I have to admit that I didn't automatically associate *profound* with *cordial*, but it stems from the *hearty/earnest* synonyms.

Rope – one with a length that's welcoming ***½

This is a neat charade clue that joins CORD, I, A and L. I guess it's plausible to imagine a rope with a 'welcoming' length, but definitely a tough one to tie in with the solution.

Sociable princess dressed in deep orange pink ***

This is virtually identical to a previous clue, where DI is literally dressed in the CORAL colour. It's well-constructed and there are no superfluous words.

Soft drink is available in clinic or dialysis room ****

I do like a clever 'hidden' clue. Here the solution is found within *clinic or dialysis*. What really sells this clue is the believable surface sense in this medically themed clue. What would have made this clue close to perfect is if the 'medicine' definition was used instead of the *soft drink* one. Still, this is a fine clue. **[Continued on p15]**