Listener Crossword Setters' Dinner

Chepstow, 13th March 2010

Commentary

All twelve tables succeeded in answering every question correctly. The result of the quiz, therefore, depended on the scores allocated for the clues to "cruciverbalism". Separating twelve excellent tie break answers was a challenge. Ten marks were available for each of: -

- Artistic merit
- Novelty
- Accuracy (a dubious criterion for the setter to use as he equated "socks and violets" to "sex and violence"!)

The leading positions were: -

Equal Third (23 points)

CRUISE SIEVE HARE BULL IS SUM (it is not realistic to reproduce the artistry shown by each table here!)

Phil Lloyd, Sue Lloyd, Chris Poole, Karen Mutch, Tony Hill, John Brown, Piers Ruff, Derek Arthur, John Marshall

CRUCIFER BARLEY SUM

Peter Rhodes, Cathy Rhodes, Mike Wilson, Norma Wilson, Richard England, Keith Burton, Niall MacSweeney, Stephanie Perks, John Minter

CREWS EVE FIR BALLET SUM

Alf Mullins, Andy Mullins, Colin Clarke, Richard Wilkinson, Marisa Wilkinson, Glen Mullineux, David Hennings, Robert Whale, Sue Whale

Second (24 points)

CREW SIEVE HERB ALICE M

Neil Talbott, Graham Sills, Stephen Rice, James Leonard, Ci Taggart, Ann Taggart, Roddy Forman, Trevor Crowther, Julian West

First (25 points)

CARUSO FURBALL S&M

Jim Coulson, Jan Antonovics, Roger Phillips, Duncan Horne, Mike Barker, Derek Harrison, Lois McLaren, Sylvia Jordan, Jim Jordan