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**HELLO EVERYONE!**

### **Presidents Note**

If you have stayed in a caravan park you will know about happy hour. Well the owner of Anakie Caravan Park dropped in at happy hour when I was there and produced these beauties, Six of the dozen largest gem quality sapphires known, it was very memorable .



In his hands



The Tomahawk Tiger

Aaaargh, that was last year. No fossicking

On a more serious note, a big thankyou to all those who replied to my request on offering their thoughts about opening the club. It certainly points the way we will go.

FIRSTLY - I assume that Scomo's timeline is now driven by the economics of the shutdown and the costs to the nation. The burden of debt from the government's largesse with its programmes will have to be paid for somehow. I reckon everyone knows how it will be done - yes more TAXES and very few will escape that.

SECONDLY – The Wollongong Council will give us the green light before we can consider going back, they were slow on shutting everything and I expect that they will be slow on opening as well. Watch this space

I thought I was cautious suggesting waiting until the state had no Covid – 19 infection for 28 consecutive days before even considering reopening.

Amongst all replies there was a consistent theme and that was of profound caution

Regardless of what the Chief Medical Officer for Australia says there are some members who will wait for a vaccine before returning. I will keep you all informed of what is going on and if you have a suggestion / concern let me know. In one reply there was a suggestion that the government was doing contingency planning for a second wave in Sept – Oct.- I hope that is not needed.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS: WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CLUB**

Still not much

### **Answers to TRIVIA**

- 1) Moe, Larry and Curly
- 2) A word that can be spelt the same forwards and backwards.
- 3) A sentence that includes all 26 letters of the alphabet
- 4) Sweden
- 5) Karen and Richard

### **Questions 6 to 15 are called HIDDEN FRUITS**

Here's how it works. Read through the sentence and then analyse the sentence to find a Hidden Fruit "inside the sentence."

- 6) The skin specialist said that sometimes pellagra persists for years without treatment. (GRAPE)
- 7) After the strenuous exercise Penelope ached all over. (PEACH)
- 8) "Capri" cottage cheese is my favourite. (APRICOT)
- 9) Stanley saw Tom at Oliver's place. (TOMATO)
- 10) A new design of cap pleased the school committee. (APPLE)
- 11) The richer ryebread is due to a better quality ryeflour. (CHERRY)
- 12) There is ample money available for grants from the local council. (LEMON)
- 13) Unfortunately, the judge had to ban Anabel from the race because of a false start. (BANANA)
- 14) Perth and Tokyo have the same longitude. (MELON)
- 15) ) Fifi gave Melvin a delicious meat pie. (FIG)

Well done those who submitted an entry to the lock puzzle.  
The answer is 042.

## New Trivia

- 1) From which geographical triangle are ships and planes said to have disappeared?
- 2) A person is described as being "raven-haired" what colour hair do they have?
- 3) To which continent are Meerkats native?
- 4) On what part of the body would you wear a Mantilla?
- 5) Which composer wrote "Water Music"?
- 6) What kind of tree appears on the flag of Lebanon?
- 6a) In which year did Alfred Nobel invent dynamite?
- 7) Name the capital of Uruguay?
- 8) The city of Edo was renamed what in 1868?
- 9) The form of poem called a sonnet has how many lines?
- 10) Offa's Dyke forms part of the border between which two parts of Great Britain?
- 11) Who found the wreck of the Titanic?
- 12) Many of the Titanic victims are buried in what Canadian city?
- 13) Who is Pete Best? He was a drummer in which group?
- 14) The Beatles arrived in which European city on 17th August 1960 to play for 48 nights?
- 15) The Beatles recorded one of their hit songs in German in 1964 called "Sie liebt dich".  
Name this song in English?

## Clever Student

The following is an actual question given on a University of Arizona chemistry midterm, and an actual answer turned in by a student.

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving, which is unlikely. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today.

Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates

as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Maria during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct..... ..leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'

THIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+.

Stay safe and well

Cheers

Chris

More items for June Newsletter will be greatly appreciated

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