

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

unpeered review



Daniel Smith asking Aaron Cutter for a dance



I use the newsletter as an excuse to flirt with the events staff, Mel and Emma



Rock 'n Roll: Sean O'Carra, Sam Fuller, Hugh Miller and Jon Perkins

All Good Things...

This editorial will be a short one. It's not that I'm short of material; it's that I am a short of sleep. Thankfully, last night provided plenty of photographic material that explains the day far better than my rants. Also, getting Matt Ralph's head to fit into the star at the bottom of this page almost took me to deadline.

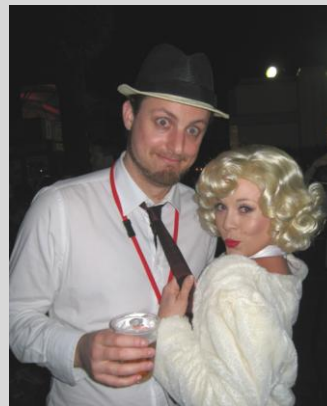
Tuesday was another great day, beginning with a discussion on ERM where we learnt what a CRO is: the person at Wesfarmers who puts the slide packs together. Today's second concurrent session of "Pricing When Only the Customer Can See" proved a highlight, and deserves to go on tour to answer all the questions that didn't fit into the 40 minute slot (if you missed it, get online). It is even more remarkable given that – by my count – it is Siddharth's fourteenth paper of the seminar.

The Rock and Roll night was a massive success, with delegates adopting a renegade attitude that would make Keith Richard blush (I even heard somebody make the wild suggestion of using an AWE-CPI hybrid for inflation – rock 'n roll!). Also, Aaron Cutter didn't break his nose (again) on the dance floor – but not for want of trying!

Make sure that, as you leave, you thank the Institute staff for all of their efforts. Running these things is a 24 hour job, and they do so only receiving a 45 percent cut of gate receipts!



Melinda and Bozena: cuddle or power struggle?



I get a little surprised at the close attention

Seminar Statistics

- 4 – the number of actuaries on the dance floor on Monday night.
- 24 – the number of actuaries on the dance floor on Tuesday night.
- 3 – the number of people who came to ask who Justin Bieber was.
- 0 – the number of these people who had daughters.
- 10 – the number of people left in the hotel bar at last drinks.
- 9 – the number of these partiers from QBE.
- 180 – the number of bald or balding delegates.
- 175 – the number of male delegates
- 27 – the number of times PWC was mentioned by PWC actuaries drinking from PWC cups during PWC sessions (apparently they were a sponsor?)
- 137 – the number of times Taylor Fry abused editorial control of the newsletter by making unashamed plugs.

Quote of the Day ...

"Does anybody have any other calculus-based jokes?"

- Matt Ralph



Top 5 actuarial pick-up lines

(Actually, I was forced to remove my real top 5 – this is the PC version. If you want the unprintable version, come and see me).

5. Hey baby, I'm a high yield investment;
4. Let's introduce a top-down approach;
3. Do you want to come back to my room for a short-duration bond;
2. How 'bout a good bootstrapping;
1. You're a 1-in-250 year event.

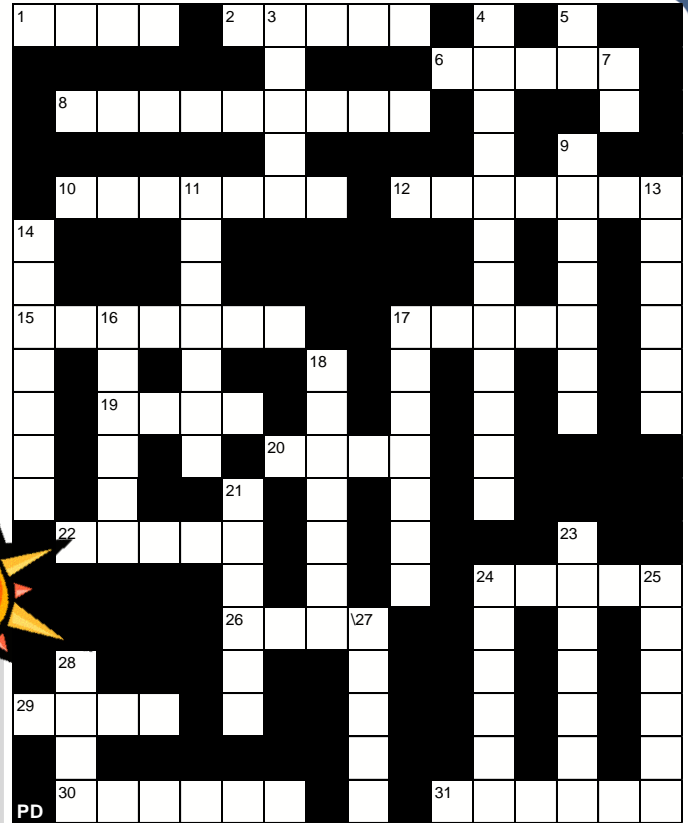
DANIEL'S DAILY LIMERICK



I know an actuary named Aaron
The one who is married to Karen
I saw him in a dress
With heels to impress
I think I'll start calling him Sharon

Today's Weather

Who cares ... let's just
wrap this thing up so I
can go home.



Today's cryptic crossword will be much easier if you can figure out the common theme.

ACROSS

1. Loses weight without tyro [4]
2. What Ronald did for his day in 15 Across [5]
6. Rugged old comedian? [5]
8. Every parents want [9]
10. As a bowling ball [7]
12. Highlander almost an idol [7]
15. Where Ronald gets justice served [7]
17. Show Escher a chief [5]
19. Lock has no right! [4]
20. What the frower did [4]
22. The sporty type? [5]
24. Means Heinz, or so I hear [5]
26. King atop the empire [4]
29. Crook without majesty [4]
30. More satisfied? [6]
31. I hear he is good with thread [6]

DOWN

3. Corporate bird should look out for 17 Down [5]
4. Raw parmesan a mess [12]
5. Yours truly [2]
7. There's no love in you [2]
9. Fruity child or gymnastic firebug? [7]
11. Medic gets warship, right between the eyes [7]
13. Golden king is confused with refreshment [6]
16. Someone that uses scissors [6]
17. Randy rooster gets this in the am [7]
18. By DePoe? Sounds like it [7]
21. Could keep you up at night? [6]
23. Oriental very quiet in Hades [7]
24. Unnatural habitat without model [6]
25. Makes all the meals taste great! [6]
27. Directionless little men [5]
28. What 21 Down says! [4]

Crossword Solutions: email paul.driessen@taylorfry.com.au

Dear Unpeered Review

To the tall brunette Adonis who I saw at the Sheraton Mirage breakfast buffet. We made eye-contact across the cornflakes. Coffee?

Hmm, Rick Shaw?

- Ignorant of the format

Dear Dr Unpeered Review. I have come down with a rash after some midnight shenanigans in the pool. Any suggestions?

- Broken out

I'm actually not a medical expert. However, I watch House so I do have some authority on such matters. It's most-likely lupus.

I find it very emasculating that the bartender insists on giving me a straw when I order a gin and tonic. Am I over-reacting?

- On the rocks

A G&T is definitely not a feminine drink, although the mistake is common because less-refined individuals believe clear drinks are the domain of the ladies. However, you have to harden-up. There are two things less masculine than a straw, and one of them is defining your masculinity by the presence of a straw. (The other one is ordering a Virgin Collada.)

Quotable & Mis-quotable

Adam Driussi: "We are actuaries, but we're not normal..."

Joe Valenti: "He's got my name and my room number so he's gonna have fun tonight."

Tim Spicer: "You're John De Ravenous!"

Tim Andrews (wearing his ID): "How did you know my name was Tim?"

Three young actuaries to Melinda Howes: "Who do you work for, Melinda?"

Bozenna Hinton: "I declare this the best Olympics seminar ever!"

