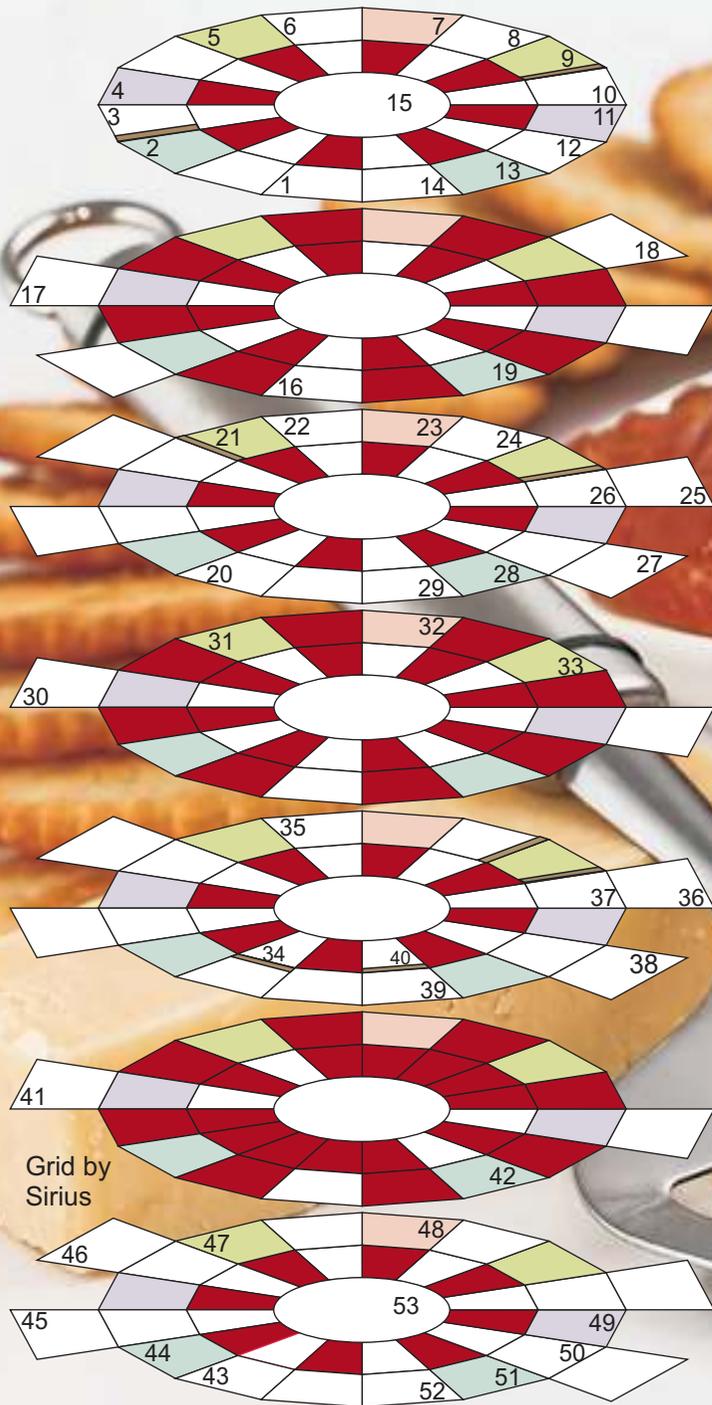


# December 2016 Puck Sirius



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Eight highlighted clues, each lacking further definition, reveal seven likely contents of the eighth. Four examples of one of the seven appear as clues, which need to be solved accordingly.

Asterisked clues each lead to a solution that must be modified before grid entry, so the solver is invited to do what two party members might do thematically. Inevitably this will involve the novelty of some *fantastic* rough and tumble! Letter counts are given for (solution;grid entry) in each case.

Clues are listed in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
40 <sup>18di*</sup> Women like hunks, including rare ones who do the laundry (9;7)	41 <sup>23antiC-2, 22di,29C-3</sup> Doing the twist, suddenly runs off, spending time with prostitutes (8)		1 <sup>37C</sup> 23: What do you call a couple of bank robbers? (1,4,2,8)	2 <sup>5d-2,14antiC-2, 13d-2*</sup> Irish Darling taking lead from fast horse, second away (7;5)	3 <sup>3di*</sup> Bowled former English captain, first out at crease (7;5)	4 <sup>28d*</sup> It's flogged by bride abandoned outside church (7;5)
5 <sup>17di</sup> Go red around sex - it regularly gets a bit risqué (7)	6 <sup>1d</sup> Stuck-up chap with head stuck up (7)	7 <sup>27di</sup> Ace, King or Queen (7)	8 <sup>12di</sup> Bit of info that's a bit backward, I'm thinking (5)	9 <sup>26C-7</sup> Garnier styling product (7)	10 <sup>24di,20C-2</sup> Key note composer put <i>behind</i> bars (6)	11 <sup>30di</sup> One with bad looks some revile? Yes (4,3)
12 <sup>33di,19di</sup> River off the Tees (5,5)	13 <sup>20C*</sup> Define G-string's use, if crudely simulated (7;5)	14 <sup>41di</sup> Learn almost enough about wrapping presents, primarily before noon (3,2,2)	15 <sup>44up</sup> Collins Muslim physicians fish German river (7)	16 <sup>9d</sup> Collins Another way of saying "Time to see the dentist"? This is one! (4,3)	17 <sup>31di*</sup> Supreme misery, one being charged as troublemaker (7;5)	18 <sup>51C-2,52di</sup> Collins One providing roof over head for John in LA? (6)
19 <sup>11d</sup> Cor anglais's beginning to replace piano in game (1,3)	20 <sup>7d</sup> Private patients here? (6)	21 <sup>38di</sup> 23: My wife went to the West Indies. (??) No, she went of her own accord!	22 <sup>21C</sup> Chap in suit - slippery customer around women (5)	23 <sup>21d-4</sup> French setter, keeping very well (4)	24 <sup>48C-5,48C-5, 50C-9,47C-2,47C-2, 50C-3</sup> 23: (5,5;3'1,5?;2;2,3?) Yes!	25 <sup>49up</sup> Red area from ring holding nuts firm? Just the opposite (3)
26 <sup>36di</sup> Dish in oven (gas), already rotated (7)	27 <sup>25di</sup> Construction set in St Andrews, for golfers on round (7)	28 <sup>6di</sup> Return of character 80% classified by Puck? No bullshit (5)	29 <sup>8di*</sup> One Look One making changes in menu initially involved a trout (7;5)	30 <sup>4d</sup> Actor collecting Oscar is half drenched in beer (7)	31 <sup>40di,35C-2,34di</sup> A pet with sharp moves (5,4)	32 <sup>42di*</sup> Makes good soup after cycling past sports ground (7;5)
33 <sup>32di*</sup> Bug biting fish like a horse? (7;2,3)	34 <sup>45di</sup> Off-colour green on roughly deep blue (7)	35 <sup>46di</sup> More than one bishop's tool suggestively goes up and down (7)	36 <sup>16di*</sup> Odds on criminal hiding drug held in hairnet? (7;5)	37 <sup>2antiC-8,10di-3, 15d,53di-2(NNW)</sup> 23: What do you call Santa's little helper? (11,6)	38 <sup>3C-8</sup> Our inventor of Cat's-eye, reportedly during month off? (3,5)	39 <sup>43di</sup> Santy's only keeping one or two for Boxing Day? (5) Dec 2016