

Game Time

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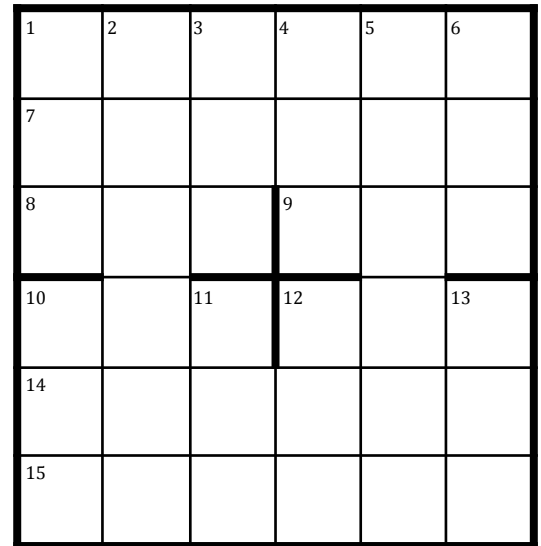
I'm here in Stamford to enjoy some fun at the ACPT ... but I'm also playing another game during my US trip.

In 7 entries, one cell is overloaded, and does not match its crossing letter - enter each instance of overloaded text below its conflicting letter. The first letters, then last letters of the corresponding clues (in Across then Down clue order) reveal the name of my game (#1).

For more specific instructions for my game plan, check the remaining clues - they each contain an extraneous word to be removed before solving. Each word secretly includes a step in my game plan - those steps (again in clue order) form an accurate representation of the eventual results of my game. The conflicting letters, in that same order, reveal a description for my game, but not the ACPT (#2).

Of the 7 special spots in the grid, take the one whose full name starts the same as my game - replacing one of its letters with an appropriate number reveals how you could make an almost complete game of #1 #2.

The first letters of the extra words reveal a word for ones who seek #2 (or two words describing the movement of folks at the ACPT). The last letters of the extra words spell a feature of each of the 7 spots - take the instance whose name also starts the same way as my game. Although not a part of my game plan, it is (literally) a synonym for #2, and (phonetically, using the local pronunciation) what you've done to this puzzle!



Across

1. Competitors in high school versus the gutless packs going about (2 wds, abbr.)
7. O. Henry, say, or "Mr Piggish"? (2 wds)
8. Regular gifts for certain choronymic partners (abbr.)
9. Enjoy 50% of octahedra items for role-playing before midnight
10. Lovecraft: 'A Nyarlathotep Once-over Hides Way of Living'
12. Negotiated a slum without Sister Sledge
14. I moon democrat leading the last three members of Chernivtsi, Ukraine
15. Stood unhurt freely after opening of network addresses secretly (2 wds)

Down

1. Jogging past genus *Rhodymenia* primarily results in a compressed image (abbr.)
2. Northern Cypriot cafe dominates stores in practice (even if not legally recognised) (2 wds)
3. Three inside Bunnings, close to Ravenhall, Albanvale and central Burnside
4. *Xanadu's* prime features, too enigmatic
5. Extensive search for a runaway mother and sister around hospital and central metro
6. Graphic type of salmon nigiri vinegar garnish, at first (abbr.)
10. Can you start like a trident?
11. Weird, flightless bird climbing without an optic tract opening
12. Translation of India, sirs!
13. *Inception* star and *Lion* star Sony sign