COLLOQUIY

Our random drawing of August answers was won by JOSIE FORBES and she will receive the autographed book. For those who desire the answers, please email us.

We just received the biography of DAVID MORICE entitled Dr. Alphabet Unmasked: Inside the Creative Mind of David Morice by Joye Chizek and Tom Walz, 2013, Wooden Nickel Art Press, Iowa City, Iowa. His creative work is discussed and we highly recommend it.

SIR JEREMY MORSE comments on the August issue:

p. 163 – The first of Jeff Grant’s high Scrabble scores depends on PSYCHOANALYZING. This in turn depends on CH being in place, and Chambers makes it plain that this is not a stand-alone word. I suspect that he may have to retreat to VENTRiloQUIZING (with EN and IN in place), for which I have an unpublished single-turn score of 1548.

p. 176 – I can offer higher and lower scoring words for Anil’s seesaw alphanumerics. With adding and subtracting, these are TARAMASALATAS (+115) and CZAREVITCHES (-87). With multiplying and dividing they are TARAMASALATAS (405,475,200) and ATALAYAS (0,000025). In this word game A is king.

p. 204 – Without resort to homophony I can match Daniel Galef’s “triple past tense” with the sequence WEE (urinate)::WEED/WEED::WED (dialect)/WED::WEDDED.

PAUL DICKSON working on the Dickson Golf Dictionary notes the following British constructions for golf shots and queries if there is a name for this lexical phenomenon (email: newdefiner@aol.com).

A Sally Gunnell: Ugly but will run well

A Paula Radcliffe: Not as ugly as a Sally Gunnell but will run for miles

A Condom: Safe but didn’t feel really good

A Glenn Miller: Kept low and didn’t make it over the water

A Yasser Arafat: Ugly and in the sand

A Gerry Adams: A Provisional (playing a second shot if you think your first is lost)

An O J Simpson: Got away with it

A Princess Grace: Should have taken a driver