## Two-Wheeler

Both the clockwise answers and counterclockwise answers start with the outer circle letter, then the inner circle letter. This means the clockwise words will be entered 1-2-3-4 etc., but the counterclockwise ones will read 99-100-97-98, etc. Clue lengths and starting points beyond the first clues are for the solver to determine.

All 26 letters in the alphabet are used. There are five proper nouns, one common abbreviation, and one foreign word. Everything else is playable in Scrabble. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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## Clockwise Clues

1. Precarious traps for one who must avoid fat
2. Listen, any kind of female bird sits on Noah's boat
3. Contraceptive device I used at first: a bit of withdrawal somewhat before the finish
4. Herb womanises surreptitiously
5. Veranda's quiet orchestra off by a third
6. Atria renovated for Crown
7. Like some gems around Colorado: bright at a very young age
8. Stone thrown at amanuensis
9. Somebody won, according to the radio
10. One of a pair of subatomic particles makes an appearance? (two words)
11. Lowest price offered in Florida, love, and Oregon
12. Good new retrospective on singer Stefani
13. Get lost in fornication with former lover after swapping
14. A surprise is partly open
15. Millions lost by many-whatever
16. Under the aegis of five Israeli Army leaders
17. The sun! God, Ira, I should skedaddle
18. Take a peek quickly-it's one of the Dionne kids
19. Accessory for cabaret singer, federal revenue agent, and sea captain
20. Tastelessness surrounding sleepover craze

## Counterclockwise clues

a. Swordman's mark on wide expanse of water
b. Oblique, like the Italian New Testament
c. Obstacle offered by atom reconfiguration
d. Box containing notorious terrorist? Quite the opposite
e. The most luminous "star" in the universe appearing inside Massapequa's Arena
f. Like tendrils of victory in the middle of Runnymede
g. Indian chief turning 14
h. Assess one car for hire
i. Not as old as Boston's last pitcher
j. Play left, right, or center and make an error
k. Lend out over the phone? A little forlorn

1. Suggests prison songs?
m. According to legend, Sioux see concern from the French
n. Chick well known in jazz circles singing country
o. Both sides score as expected with bonds
p. Conservative hero confused by drudgery
q. A little swig upon returning to Galileo's birthplace
r. Dunkin getting order from dull sort
s. Top off a small quantity of dirt
t. Spar imaginatively with guttural sounds


## Previous Issue's Puzzle-Pass the Trash

## First Round (seven letters)

STANZAS-STAS ("Stations") around A + NZ ("a New Zealand")
BOTHERS-BROTHERS ("siblings") R ("without a bit of regret")
LOOKERS-Letters \#1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, and 49 ("Squares of") "lemons or oranges, King Crab legs, and butter graced people's"
GRENADE-GRENADINE ("pomegranate syrup") - IN ("losing chic")
CLIENTS-Anagram of "stencil"
REALISE-Homophone of REAL EYES ("true vision")
DORMANT——DORM ("college residence hall") + ANT ("worker")

## Second Round (seven letters)

MANTRAS-TRA ("Singable syllable") inside MANS
BRONZES-B ("British") + R ("run") + "zones" anagrammed
HOOTERS-Anagram of "Shooter"
KEGLERS-KEGGERS ("Beer parties") with L (" 50 ") "for the Fourth" (letter)
CANDIES-CAN ("butt") + DIES
SALIENT-Anagram of "saltine"
LEOTARD-LEOPARD - P ("giving up power") adding T ("taking territory")

## Third Round (seven letters)

ENAMORS-Anagram of "ran some"
BOATERS-Anagram of "at Boers"
SNOOZER-Outside of SNOwplow/ bulldOZER
SHELTER-LT (lieutenant from "Sergeant's superior") inside SHEER ("utter")
SACKING-SAC (first letters of "salvos at Charles") + KING ("William, most likely")
SLANTED-SLA(N)TED ("Scheduled around noon")
TRAILED-T(R)AILED ("Followed around, right")

## Fourth Round (seven letters)

MAESTRO—Anagram of "Same rot" TREASON-Anagram of "Senator" BOOZERS-BOO ("show disapproval") + ZERO - O ("mostly no") + S ("hint of sobriety")
RELENTS-RE ("regarding") + LENTS ("the weeks after Mardi Gras, this year and next")
HACKING-HA ("Laugh") + CK ("funny Louis," i.e., comedian Louis C. K.) + IN + G ("the middle of Pyongyang")
DENTALS-ACCIDENTALS ("sharps and flats") - ACCI ("after the count of four")
DERAILS-Anagram of "dialers"

## Showdown (five letters)

ROAST-TSAR ("Nicholas, for one") reversed around O ("the first of October")
SNORE-NOR ("Neither partner") inside SE ("Southeast")
BOZOS-BEZOS ("Amazon man") substituting O for E ("with love for energy")
SLEET-SEATTLE - AT
CHINK-C ("cup") + H ("hot") + INK
DELTA-Anagram of "Dealt"
DIALS-Anagram of "Silda"

## Secret to cryptic puzzles

REARRANGEMENTS

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## Player 1

Round 1: STANZAS
Round 2: MANTRAS
Round 3: ENAMORS
Round 4: MAESTRO
Showdown: ROAST

## Player 2

Round 1: BOTHERS
Round 2: BRONZES
Round 3: BOATERS
Round 4: TREASON Showdown: SNORE

## Player 3

Round 1: LOOKERS
Round 2: HOOTERS
Round 3: SNOOZER
Round 4: BOOZERS
Showdown: BOZOS

## Player 4

Round 1: GRENADE
Round 2: KEGLERS
Round 3: SHELTER
Round 4: RELENTS
Showdown: SLEET

## Player 5

Round 1: CLIENTS
Round 2: CANDIES
Round 3: SACKING
Round 4: HACKING Showdown: CHINK

## Player 6

Round 1: REALISE
Round 2: SALIENT
Round 3: SLANTED
Round 4: DENTALS
Showdown: DELTA

## Player 7

Round 1: DORMANT
Round 2: LEOTARD
Round 3: TRAILED
Round 4: DERAILS
Showdown: DIALS

## Anagram from the discards yielding the secret to cryptic puzzles (if not life): REARRANGEMENTS

