

**Solution to Guest Puzzle #20 – December, 2009 "Hit or Miss"
(by Arthur Schless)**

	↓	O	↓	L	↓	Y	↓	M	↓	P	↓	
→	N	D	E	P	E	N	D	E	N	C	E	I
G	O	E	N	A	R	E	D	L	E	U	D	←
→	P	E	R	A	I	N	I	T	E	D	G	C
N	A	T	A	E	T	A	S	E	D	R	A	←
→	R	I	D	R	I	N	K	E	R	E	L	S
O	E	N	S	E	F	A	C	B	M	C	L	←
→	I	G	H	C	A	B	A	L	E	A	C	P
P	L	A	S	E	L	E	S	E	T	S	H	←
→	E	R	T	L	O	S	E	P	A	T	E	O
G	U	A	O	B	M	I	L	I	R	P	S	←
→	R	O	R	A	B	R	A	G	P	O	T	R
	N	↑	I	↑	P	↑	F	↑	O	↑	T	

In the grid above, arrows indicate the direction in which answers are entered, and the omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below), placed at the ends of the rows or columns in which they occur and reading clockwise around the grid, spell

OLYMPIC SPORT OF PING-PONG

Across

1. (I)NDEPENDENCE
2. DUEL
3. DERAN(G)E
4. OPERA
5. IN(C)ITED
6. GARDE(N)
7. SATE
8. ATARI
9. DRINKER
10. (S)ELL
11. C(O)MB
12. CAFES
13. NEIGH
14. CABAL
15. (P)EACH
16. STE(P)
17. SELES
18. ALERT
19. L(O)OSE
20. PATE
21. SPRI(G)
22. LIMBO
23. AURORA
24. BRAG
25. PO(R)T

Down

1. NO(N)PAREIL
2. EURO
3. ARAG(O)NITE
4. EDEN
5. RAD(I)SH
6. STORABLE
7. CERE(A)L
8. APERITIF
9. A(P)LOMB
10. RISE
11. BAN(Y)AN
12. END
13. DISK
14. CASE
15. (F)LAG
16. I(M)PEL
17. BEETLE
18. NEED
19. R(O)ME
20. TARP
21. OPT
22. S(P)ACER
23. DUC(T)ED
24. GALL
25. CHEST