

## Puzzle # 135 — August 2012 "Off to the Races"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, two are capitalized, and one is archaic) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Nine across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those seventeen letters spell two names related to a two-word phrase concealed in the correctly completed grid. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.


### Across

- One lump of lymphoid tissue is not to be returned before the end of April
- Turf around Long Island is firm
- Running in race following Virginia makes a difference
- One of mixed origins fits in among relatives
- Cut length about 1" to reduce weight
- Friendly mixture of ale and gin
- Not private, and pricey at first, unorthodox club takes yours truly in
- Start to discipline baby cat
- A remarkable object is male organ whose weight has become 500
- Honolulu detective holds one string
- Name of sister eating egg
- Angry bees upsetting me are appropriate in an old-fashioned way
- Memory device doesn't encompass large watch
- Scrape frantically to form a steep slope
- Dancing in street will get attention
- A stratagem that has nothing to excite
- Fuss about love
- Trouble maker's stirring up most of territory's interior
- Dummy ingesting innards of crab and fish
- Feast is oddly rich
- Washington is beginning to try for the middle
- Rising dissonance becomes chaotic after loss of leader

### Down

- Endless banality riled militant group
- Suppose Louis XV, *par exemple*, turned up with subordinate
- Skin and female sexual intercourse
- Concoct a display about a series of eight
- Gastropod's claw
- Fool holds kopeck instead of penny in fist
- Fond of spot in Germany
- Playwright is sadly prone to imbibe one
- Track bird
- Yokel clan leader having fling
- Insect gets tip of stinger in brew
- Claim, without right, an item of value
- Bishop with not as much education is favored
- Charlie taking Henry's place changes plain to good-looking
- Mark of serous carcinoma
- Wife longingly embraces criminal
- Millicent is concealing methamphetamine
- One tune coming back, and another
- Talk of wickedness and golf
- Entertainer also coming back for a cigar
- Middle offspring is very small
- Attribute of mischievous child and Native American
- Men abandoning women for variety at first getting enmeshed
- Not for or against cooking without gas
- Danse Macabre* as a vehicle