

Solution to Puzzle #154 – March, 2014 "Straight"

D	E	L	T	A	C	E	N	T	E	R
E	X	I	S	T	E	A	S	E	A	T
L	A	S	K	I	N	G	E	R	M	H
E	M	P	I	N	K	A	R	M	O	R
T	I	P	P	L	E	T	O	Q	U	E
E	N	A	M	E	L	E	L	U	T	E
D	E	C	A	M	P	B	L	I	P	S
A	G	E	L	I	S	A	S	L	A	P
R	A	J	A	C	K	N	O	W	L	E
D	G	E	R	E	A	D	W	A	L	E
R	E	S	I	S	T	E	N	V	O	Y

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
POKER HAND

Across

1. DELTA
2. CENTER
3. EXIST
4. EASE
5. ATLAS
6. KIN
7. GERM
8. HEMP
9. INK
10. ARMOR
11. TIPPLE
12. TOQUE
13. ENAMEL
14. ELUTE
15. DECAMP
16. BLIP
17. SAGE
18. LISA
19. SLAP
20. RAJ
21. ACKNOWLEDGE
22. READ
23. WALE
24. RESIST
25. ENVOY

Down

1. DE(P)LETED
2. ARD(O)R
3. EXAMINE
4. GAGE
5. LISP
6. PACE
7. JEST
8. SKIP
9. MALARIA
10. TIN(K)LE
11. MICE
12. SCEN(E)
13. KELP
14. SKATE
15. AGATE
16. B(R)AN
17. DENSE
18. ROLL
19. S(H)OWN
20. TERM
21. QU(A)IL
22. WAVE
23. AMOU(N)T
24. PALLOR
25. THREE
26. SPEE(D)Y

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.