

Solution to Puzzle #175 – December, 2015 "Carambole"

C	L	O	E	T	T	H	O	R
H	A	U	N	C	H	A	N	A
I	S	R	O	O	R	R	E	T
C	H	D	O	M	E	A	D	E
N	O	I	D	M	E	N	U	P
E	S	T	L	E	B	O	L	E
W	A	T	E	R	L	I	F	T
E	G	O	T	C	O	L	L	A
R	E	R	I	E	T	E	A	L
L	N	E	N	S	T	R	I	P
L	O	V	E	H	E	A	R	E
A	S	E	W	A	R	B	L	E
M	E	R	E	D	S	A	T	E
A	S	S	S	E	A	L	E	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **STRAIGHT RAIL**.
 The letters that spell the hidden phrase **CAROM BILLIARDS** appear in red in the grid.

Across

1. CLO(S)ET
2. THOR
3. HAUNCH
4. ANAIS
5. RO(T)OR
6. RETCH
7. DOME
8. ADENOID
9. MENU
10. PESTLE
11. BOLE
12. WATER
13. LIFT
14. E(R)GOT
15. COLLAR
16. (A)ERIE
17. TEAL
18. L(I)NEN
19. STRIP
20. LOVE
21. HEAR
22. EASE
23. WARBLE
24. MER(G)ED
25. SATE
26. ASS
27. SEALER

Down

1. CHIC
2. NEWER
3. LLAMA
4. LAS(H)
5. HOS(T)AGE
6. NOSE
7. SOUR
8. DITTO
9. REVERSE
10. NOODLE
11. TINE
12. W(R)EST
13. COMMERCE
14. SHADE
15. THREE
16. BLOTTER
17. SAHARAN
18. OILER
19. ABALONE
20. DU(A)L
21. FLAIR
22. L(I)TERATE
23. PETAL
24. PEE(L)ER

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.