

## Puzzle # 86 – July 2008 "Sphairistike"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters and four of them are capitalized), 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. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twelve letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.


### Across

1. Company list and a whorl of petals
2. Talk and wine lead to understanding
3. Prepare report of theft
4. One in screen mix-up is disingenuous
5. Mildewed kernel put in granary for one who cultivates
6. Agent he negotiated with at that time
7. Gather in celebration after 1st of April
8. Wicked nun has pull
9. No tripe in a stew; meat, maybe
10. *Mystery entry*
11. Note the Italian number for a town in Lombardia
12. Gathers about a hundred summaries
13. Angry after initially provoking robber
14. Little boy in front advances
15. Strike, giving up pawn for rook in play session
16. Sound out number and letter
17. Never moving without starting to change direction
18. No sire in ancestry is respectable
19. Concerning strategy to initially reattach by surgery
20. Rolling chant about frayed rug
21. All astronauts about to go on

### Down

1. I cannot wantonly embrace
2. Column is inside wall, in effect
3. Light touch when making up stories, essentially
4. Turf division occurs after start of season
5. Abrupt split around road
6. Note metal top of android's eye membrane
7. Writer got up as a mathematical physicist
8. Verne *mot* about captain of Nautilus
9. Start living in color for a thrill
10. Actress taking off ring and clothes
11. Triple running energy for tortoise, perhaps
12. Petition's opening paragraph is originally misworded to a great extent
13. Ten real changes that last forever
14. Finally hear a note that's uncommon
15. Cuevas rudely abandons us in grotto
16. Long Ridge's reference framework
17. Echoing "adios" when one goes for a drink
18. And peel off to exit aircraft
19. Finish covering of old platform
20. Fall back . . . run . . . pass
21. Oldster exchanges one for small hearing device, maybe
22. Endlessly hopeful for medication
23. Brazen and unwise to eliminate Republican