

The Stickler Weekly 202 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RIPPED	Split and broken pipe found in middle of road (6)	Anagram of PIPE inside RD
4 PAINTS	Colours are not included in extra information supplied by letter (6)	AIN(T) inside PS
8 COAST	Succeed with little effort when in bed (5)	AS inside COT
9 HARANGUED	Hospital joining debate about an end to fund, is addressed forcefully (9)	H + (ARGUE outside AN) + FUN(D)
11 VIETNAM	Country's volcano involved in spirited activity (7)	ETNA inside VIM
12 UNCTION	Divine grace shown by court in agreement (7)	CT inside UNION
13 RANG	Called newspaper about abbreviated form of noun (4)	RAG outside N
14 ABSENTEE	Missing person posted in a detailed complaint? (8)	SENT inside [A + (BEE)F]
17 COMMANDO	Soldier with special skills, heading to NATO function? (8)	COMMA + (N)ATO + DO
19 UP TO	Doing first part of unusual writer's reading instructions (2,2)	(U)NUSUAL + PTO
23 RAINING	Enclosure outside a home is coming down (7)	RING outside (A + IN)
24 IGNORED	Section of design or editorial may be neglected (7)	desIGN OR EDitorial
25 WHITEBAIT	Small swimmer fractured the tibia after final in NSW (9)	Anagram of THE TIBIA after NS(W)
26 IRATE	Cross that is worn by traitor (5)	IE outside RAT
27 TEXTAS	Sign that something's wrong in a test troubled Australian markers (6)	X inside anagram of A TEST
28 TEASES	Guys like breaking golf gear (6)	AS inside TEES

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RECOVERY	Green greatly positioned after river's improvement (8)	(ECO + VERY) after R
2 PHASE IN	Gradually introduce phone, for instance, one used by the Germans (5,2)	PH + AS + EIN
3 EXTEND	Add to reference book, except for the beginning and end (6)	T(EXT) + END
4 PERCUSSIONISTS	Musicians suspect rosin is no good (14)	Anagram of SUSPECT ROSIN IS
5 INNOCENT	Place to stay once relocated next to Augusta's 6th green (8)	INN + anagram of ONCE + AUGUS(T)A
6 TAURINE	A kidney excretion finalising temperature of a bull (7)	(A + URINE) after T
7 CHAMPAGNE GLASS	Winner scrambled an egg with young girl's flute, for example (9,5)	CHAMP + anagram of AN EGG + LASS
10 DUNE	Build-up of sand is expected around the end of autumn (4)	DUE outside AUTUM(N)
15 IMMINENT	I am not contracted after mine's close (8)	IM + (NT after MINE)
16 BOLDNESS	Supervisor holding large object over face (8)	BOSS outside [L + (END reversed)]
18 ORIFICE	Mouth and ear infection treated without an ENT (7)	Anagram of EAR INFECTION minus ENT
20 PERHAPS	Page ending with unusual phrase, possibly (7)	P + anagram of PHRASE
21 GROW	Noise made by an angry dog curtailed progress? (4)	(GROW)L
22 ON FIRE	A person hugging tree is enthusiastic (2,4)	ONE outside FIR

