

The Stickler Weekly 70 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DRONGO	1 Doctor on crack and dope (6)	1 DR + ON + GO
5 COSMIC	5 Universal Pictures finally invested in funny man (6)	5 PICTURE(S) inside COMIC
9 MACERATED	9 Spice considered good quality should be softened (9)	9 MACE + RATED
10 RAT ON	10 Betray one not committed to helping (3,2)	10 RATION minus I
11 RISSOLES	11 River is stocked with fish food (8)	11 R + IS + SOLES
12 LA-DI-DA	12 Conceited young man distributed aid (2-2-2)	12 LAD + anagram of AID
14 HYPHENATED	14 Publicity about chicken at farmstead, ultimately is double-barrelled (10)	14 HYPE outside (HEN + AT) + FARMSTEA(D)
15 AGED	15 Senior put in jail after losing case initially (4)	15 CAGED minus (C)ASE
17 NUTS	17 Bowl over turning balls (4)	17 STUN reversed
19 PLAINTIFFS	19 They're seen in court contesting ordinary arguments (10)	19 PLAIN + TIFFS
22 STEREO	22 Music-playing equipment operates poorly apart from public address system (6)	22 Anagram of OPEARTES minus PA
23 DATELINE	23 Journalistic reference swallowed by learner during lunch, perhaps (8)	23 (ATE + L) inside DINE
25 ICE UP	25 Freeze one beaker, say, filled with ether primarily (3,2)	25 (I + CUP) outside (E)THER
26 ITINERANT	26 Traveller's point made in one violent declamation (9)	26 TINE inside (I + RANT)
27 SMARTS	27 Intelligence work in a gallery described in text (6)	27 ART inside SMS
28 GOLFED	28 Played a round with gold-plated iron? (6)	28 GOLD outside FE

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 RACES UP	2 Group of people, with sign of infection over, approaches quickly (5,2)	2 RACE + (PUS reversed)
3 NARROWED	3 Missile documented in withdrawn study may be limited (8)	3 ARROW inside (DEN reversed)
4 ON THE TABLE	4 Greek letter pocketed by noble in ruins is under discussion (2,3,5)	4 THETA inside anagram of NOBLE
5 CODE	5 Programming language writing? (4)	5 C + ODE
6 SERIAL	6 Program that's often on sex, greatly upset show-off (6)	6 (SE)X + (LAIR reversed)
7 IN THING	7 Fashion parade held in labyrinth ingeniously? (2,5)	7 labyrINTH INGeniously
8 INCANDESCENT	8 In container, dip is brilliant (12)	8 IN + CAN + DESCENT
9 MERCHANT SHIP	9 Luxury car hasn't moved in cargo carrier (8,4)	9 MERC + anagram of HASNT + HIP
13 HESITATING	13 Indecisive model limited by A/C option (10)	13 SIT inside HEATING
16 ETHEREAL	16 Maybe the realist, in part, is spiritual (8)	16 maybE THE REAList
18 TIE BEAM	18 Structural part of roof that is fixed to top of bolt inside? (3,4)	18 [IE + (B)OLT) inside TEAM
20 FRIGATE	20 Ship's appointed lot carrying equipment (7)	20 FATE outside RIG
21 KEEPER	21 Guard raised sword in presence of two different kings (6)	21 (EPEE reversed) inside (K + R)
24 PICS	24 IT equipment loaded with one photographer's work (4)	24 PCS outside I

