

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

- DELTA
- CENTER
- EXIST
- EASE
- ATLAS
- KIN
- GERM
- HEMP
- INK
- ARMOR
- TIPPLE
- TOQUE
- ENAMEL
- ELUTE
- DECAMP
- BLIP
- SAGE
- LISA
- SLAP
- RAJ
- ACKNOWLEDGE
- READ
- WALE
- RESIST
- ENVOY

Down

- DE(P)LETED
- ARD(O)R
- EXAMINE
- GAGE
- LISP
- PACE
- JEST
- SKIP
- MALARIA
- TIN(K)LE
- MICE
- SCEN(E)
- KELP
- SKATE
- AGATE
- B(R)AN
- DENSE
- ROLL
- S(H)OWN
- TERM
- QU(A)IL
- WAVE
- AMOU(N)T
- PALLOR
- THREE
- SPEE(D)Y

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.

Solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically)

1. Thomas Wilson – South Williamsport, PA
2. Judy Adamski – Jenison, MI
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Matthew Field – Hastings, England
Stan Francuz – Somewhere in Australia
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Lewis Gee – Poway, CA
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Ron Scott – Minneapolis, MN
Wayne Scott – Jamaica Plain, MA
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Steve Tice – Great Falls, VA
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Margaret Webster – Medford, MA
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