

**Solution to Puzzle #187 — December, 2016 "Nos Galan"**

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY**

**Across**

1. PO(W)DER
2. AF(I)RE
3. HOOVER
4. AREA
5. PORTER
6. AVER(T)
7. LORD
8. TRIM
9. (H)ARPO
10. STEER
11. TOSS
12. (B)EEPER
13. DECK THE HALL
14. CRYSTAL
15. ATOP
16. RECORD
17. PREVI(O)US
18. ROUGE
19. ALAN
20. PHONE
21. O(U)TRAGE
22. MON(G)ER
23. LEEC(H)ES

**Down**

1. (S)POTTED
2. CR(O)UP
3. MOVER
4. RE(F)RESH
5. ODER
6. ITC(H)Y
7. CR(O)ONER
8. AMOK
9. SOONER
10. AVAST
11. TRUE
12. RARER
13. SHAD
14. GOLFER
15. PEEL
16. PETER
17. ALOE
18. HARARE
19. EPOS
20. PATE(L)LA
21. CHORT(L)E
22. LOVAGE
23. ORDERL(Y)
24. PINES

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.

## **December Puzzle Solvers**

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

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