

The Stickler Weekly 76 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DETACHMENT	New cadet, one replaced by men in hit squad (10)	Anagram of CADET + MEN for I in HIT
6 SCAM	Computers backed a fraudulent business scheme (4)	MACS reversed
9 CABIN	What a commercial operator may drive in? (5)	CAB + IN
10 CHAMPAIGN	Plain mash served with a cocktail of gin (9)	CHAMP + A + anagram of GIN
12 RUSHED IN	Cast, gripped by failure, went ahead hastily (6,2)	SHED inside RUIN
13 AT HEEL	Athlete, losing time, once jogged close behind? (2,4)	Anagram of ATHLETE minus T
15 T-BONE	Cut consumption by an individual (1-4)	TB + ONE
16 AIRBORNE	Flying iron bar fractured head of engineer (8)	Anagram of IRON BAR + (E)NGINEER
18 FLOATERS	Viewing spots are lost at sea after closing of reef (8)	Anagram of ARE LOST after REE(F)
20 HIPPO	Large animal in short grass (5)	HIP + (PO)T
23 SIGN IN	Section of burning issue about register (4,2)	burNING ISsue reversed
24 DRUM ROLL	Spirit-filled, entertaining musical introduction? (4,4)	DROLL outside RUM
26 ATTENDANT	One who helps at temporary shelter housing expert fighter (9)	AT + (TENT outside DAN)
27 CREST	Head cold fixed by time off (5)	C + REST
28 STYE	Contaminated contents of oyster is swelling? (4)	Anagram of o(YSTE)R
29 FLEDGLINGS	People with little experience reduced projection in good times (10)	(LEDG)E inside FLINGS

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DECORATE	Improve the look of Green River in time (8)	(ECO + R) inside DATE
2 TABASCO	Tortilla filled with a great deal of fish sauce (7)	TACO outside (BAS)S
3 CONFEDERATION	Union cheat ate last part of huge helping (13)	CON + FED + HUG(E) + RATION
4 MACHINATED	Intrigued friend travelling around China died (10)	(MATE outside CHINA) + D
5 NEAT	Passengers from aeroplane attacked orderly (4)	aeroplANE ATtacked
7 CHILEAN	South American hospital, one in possession of antiseptic (7)	(H + I) inside CLEAN
8 MINGLE	Associate married bachelor, say, after the beginning of service (6)	M + S(INGLE)
11 PETROCHEMICAL	Representatives, primarily in OPEC, claim the converted output of the refining process (13)	(R)EPRESENTATIVES inside anagram of OPEC CLAIM THE
14 FRUSTRATED	Disheartened fellow did an assessment following evidence of breakdown (10)	F + (RATED after RUST)
17 COLLATES	Disorganised members of local group picked up orders (8)	Anagram of LOCAL + (SET reversed)
19 LIGHTLY	Fire lady without notice and without good reason? (7)	LIGHT + (LADY minus AD)
21 PHONE-IN	Security code broken by perfect interactive program (5-2)	PIN outside HONE
22 ASSAYS	Authority involved in dope tests (6)	SAY inside ASS
25 MALL	Shopping centre's no-frills underwear? (4)	S(MALL)S

