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Contest by Kcit

Column 8 originally contained a word, but eight rounds of a CONTEST have displaced its letters. Each row contains two or three words adding up to a total of 15 letters. The answers to the clues should be entered sequentially from a starting point to be determined, running off the end of the row to resume at the start if necessary. Six down clues are normal, but their answers are entered in jumbled order. Answers to the remaining eight clues are entered normally except they skip a letter in one of the rows (a different row in each case) – their wordplay, however, includes that letter in the position it appears in the final grid. The skipped letters identify the nature of the CONTEST, and their locations will identify the side that won, which must be highlighted. The word in column 14 is in ODE, not Chambers (2011), as is one common proper noun.

ACROSS

- A Design tool captures rotated line I see in mirror
Line around part of roof mostly easily drawn
- B Adapted species scoundrel placed in middle of nest
Temper that is holding career back
Salmon heading for upriver in quantity
- C Comment again worried, following others
Word meaning consecration? (No offering clues to some Londoners!)
- D Chasing game, with inclination towards some big game?
Rigid cut, accommodating no projecting pieces
Aural symptom – 33% reduction in confidence
- E Butterflies apparently caught in hairs, nothing more
Going to sleep, foot's hanging down
- F Trust old malt liquor to be recalled
Substance used to treat difficulty in eating, note
Book Three having no initial spirit
- G Plausible food matches cooking
Point piercing one's sternum
- H West African creature - worst there when roused (2 words)
Historic Emperor, King and Queen hosting sea manoeuvres

DOWN

- 1 Dispatched northwards in an instant, mostly out of boredom
- 2 Atom-smasher mostly captured in smart American caption
- 3 Endless sign of fear raised about witchcraft exercises
- 4 French characters getting mostly amorous with Latvian
- 5 Dance party - lecturer upset about one hid unexpectedly
- 6 Bishop embracing one thug in Asian city
- 7 A weight (for Ivan) lifted, getting support for addition to family?
- 9 Kids turned up in one thousand and one bits of Europe
- 10 Earnest, not entirely mean, and astute? Not I
- 11 Scottish island so far suppressing male sexual symbols
- 12 An operation to block location of mutiny? Little opening for that
- 13 Parliamentarian rose abruptly, stung by insect
- 14 Left-wingers limiting imperial sources of resistance?
- 15 Tradition? I write graffiti in this place