

A Best Shot

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Across

1. Give rise to
6. Short list shortener
9. Sail supports
14. Where "Aida" premiered
15. Density symbol
16. Accustom
17. Bitter
18. "Casablanca" pianist
19. Church assembly
20. Most favorable conditions
23. Grooved on
24. Coloration
25. Perturb
27. Warm weather game, for many
32. Player or Cooper
33. I
34. Coach
36. Bums
39. Anagram of cods
41. Comics sound
43. Balance sheet item
44. Methuselah's father
46. Stopped lying?
48. Former French coin
49. Indian bread
51. Gathered & arranged
53. Burdens
56. Where to find some eau
57. Fly catcher
58. Choicest
64. "Gladiator" setting
66. Caviar
67. Cursor mover
68. Part of a stairway
69. Big galoot
70. Atmospheres

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71. Apportioned
 72. "Absolutely!"
 73. Pompous walk
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1. Sign of an injury
 2. Clip
 3. Affectation
 4. Squirm
 5. Most assuredly
 6. At one time, at one time
 7. Asian tongue
 8. Punctuation mark
 9. Handel masterwork
 10. Whatever number
 11. Fancy duds
 12. Rainbow ____

13. Bulrush, e.g.
21. Phobias
22. Humpty-Dumpty, e.g.
26. Put one's foot down?
27. Portend
28. Soon, to a bard
29. Not a first choice
30. Pool exercise
31. Air freshener scent
35. Alliance acronym
37. "Peter and the Wolf" duck
38. Fastener
40. Bunch
42. Gown fabric
45. Sail hoister

47. Blood components
50. Anagram of one
52. Play the part
53. Bunch of bees
54. Cliffside dwelling
55. Bad-tempered
59. Don Juan, e.g.
60. Panhandles
61. Vice president under Jefferson
62. Biblical hairy brother
63. Sample
65. Born, in bios