

It's All A Gamble

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Across

1. Volcanic output
4. Helps in a bad way
9. Bristles
14. School liaison grp.
15. List preceder, grammatically
16. Grouch
17. Sushi morsel, perhaps
18. Accept a dare
20. Hold off
22. Part of your ear
23. Participant in 14A
26. Ship's port charge
31. Rare element used in atomic clocks
33. Places for toasters?
34. 5th scale note (var.)
36. "Beat it!"
38. Breathing anomalies
39. Type of surgery
41. Duck that gets you down
43. React to yeast
44. Nut-bearing conifer
46. Cagers Archibald & Thurmond
48. Game pieces, e.g.
49. Chaotic
51. Crackpot
53. Dexterity
55. Detest
57. Hightailed it
59. Breakfast, lunch & dinner
61. "It's now or never!"
67. "As if!"
68. Kind of code
69. Possible still life subjects
70. PC "brain"

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71. Some like it hot
72. Provide, as with a quality
73. Dusk, to Donne

Down

1. Echoed
2. Prepare, as tea
3. Type of opportunity, in a way
4. Hollywood denizen
5. Constriction worker?
6. Large deer
7. Nailed obliquely
8. Lewis Carroll beast
9. Bagel topper
10. Ballpark stat
11. "The Joy Luck Club" author

12. Mandela's one-time org.
13. Barely get, with "out"
19. Threw out a line?
21. Afore, afore
24. Pleasant French city?
25. Famous city on the Po
27. Teller of tall tales
28. A not too promising outlook
29. "Silly" birds
30. Ruhr hub
32. Lady of the house
34. Next year's Jrs.
35. Protruding window
37. Ore content, often

40. Auctioneer's first offering
42. Ashcroft's predecessor
45. Each evening
47. Closely connected?
50. À la mode
52. Enjoyed 59A
54. Mini ha-ha
56. Become a pair without the flair
58. Daybreak
60. Bowl over
61. Appropriate
62. Zodiac member
63. "Go on ..."
64. Blue
65. Actor Beatty
66. French vineyard