ACROSS
1 A copper-lined box made carefully and precisely (8)
5 Hole made by a tracer? (6)
10 An odd card game (5)
11 Recital is a composition that's unsentimental (9)
12 Advocate appearing as a famous explorer gains essential point (9)
13 Finish on your head, maybe (3,2)
14 Killing the return of revolutionary spirit (6)
15 Half the school get zero, unusual for music (7)
18 Observes the intrusion and is furious (7)
20 Realised that the bounder has embraced the girl (6)
22 City game to back embargo (5)
24 Take the car, beetle off and whoop it up (9)
25 Connections to a course for drivers? (4,5)
27 Walk out on the sands (6)
28 He has good taste to eat these when cooked (8)

DOWN
1 Where you may find the sailor on the way (6)
2 Company representative certain about nothing, but shows aplomb (9)
3 Cherry and almond pie made by a writer (7,8)
4 One who volunteers to fight, but he's not a boxer (7)
6 Knight to bring up topic for discussion (5,3,7)
7 Carried infant – little Edward (5)
8 Music game on the seashore (4,4)
9 This insect makes a chap sit up (6)
16 Check again about the test in English (2-7)
17 Satisfied when sausage mash is set before a number (8)
19 Short-lived supporter (6)
20 Ordered select eastern instrument (7)
21 Withdraw from the general uprising (6)
23 Those on the other leg? (5)

SOLUTION 15,615

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