All answers are drawn from 10C. One-quarter of the squares in the diagram circumscribe circles: their contents are omitted from the wordplay. Solvers must figure out where and how to enter the answers. Four answers are capitalized.

1. Old English is more than poetic (3)
2. Examination time's tense (4)
3. Hors d'oeuvre spread seems limitless when turned over (4)
4. Joey (from fiction) in military unit (5)
5. Particle's arrival in Great Britain (5)
6. Senior picks up a volume to enjoy (5)
7. Eats rotten fish (5)
8. Swallow holding egg, doing backstroke in lake (5)
9. Agreement to pay for pieces of jewelry (6)

10. Clothing accessory for off-the-wall game? (6)
11. Dog from California (6)
12. English, Canadian, and French, but ... (6)
13. ... gets up! (6)
14. Hot leaves, herb in foil (6)
15. Lassie's acting carries the rest (6)
16. Mythological characters can be seen in formation of stars (6)
17. Part of Arachne's loom used to complete sketched design (6)
18. Quantity of tuna salad containing bit of onion (6)
19. Store note in pad (6)
20. Take a muse out to lunch (6)
21. Whipped cream? It is found in Southeastern Europe (6)
22. More than one bum sleeps around; look between the covers (7, hyph)
23. Official loses heart in card game (7, hyph)
24. Real cargo (7)
25. Accelerator to be activated on either end of a temperature range (8)
26. Bit of bamboo done up and shaped like some furniture (8)
27. Conquered excellent contracts on the rebound (8)
28. "Excellent sea!" -- sailor (8, hyph)
29. Goggling, South American abandoned Samoyed (8, hyph)
30. Sunday flowers: they are sweet (8)
31. Bill includes liberal means to cover the chair (9)
32. I am myself! I account for the quality of being here and now! (9)
33. V.J. Day's disturbed the bottom of the sea (9, two words)
34. 50's light (10)
35. 60's essence (10)
36. Blast site is pulverized (10, two words)
37. One miser resorted to utopian scheme (10)
38. Uptight about high school intuition (10, two words)