# AZED No. 2,010 'A Score and a Half' COMPETITION PUZZLE

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This puzzle marks an unrepeatable occasion, hinted at by the unclued entry at **1Across** (not given in *Chambers* as such). Further help in identifying the theme is provided elsewhere. Competitors should submit a cryptic clue to **1 Across** with their entries.

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Competition clue phrase (see preamble) (12, 4 words)
- **9** Reversal of fortune cut short with a versatile crop? (4)
- **10** Old highwayman grabbing excellent dye (7)
- 11 Stop a doughboy beginning to enter US submarine (6)
- **12** Shore station divided by river (6)
- 14 Wanting to slaughter lots half disposed of in a mass? (6)
- 17 One avenue's opening separating trees arranged in rows (7)
- **18** Riding wear for men (5)
- **19** Death limiting lives? You can't that! 6)
- 20 Nickelodeon? Make flicks having turned nickel in (6)
- **24** Unruly miss takes in soft fools  $(\bar{5})$
- **26** Measure that's sad, truncated one aims to influence policy (7)
- 29 Blurred mirage? One records mental pictures (6)
- **30** Eye candy satisfactory in tricky role (6)
- 31 Rosencrantz's end in Hamlet (he expires)? (6)
- **32** Antoine's strong baccy in top of the mouth (7)
- **33** Naan's toasted on this maybe, taken as vindaloo arrives (starters only) (4)
- **34** Dicky tummy and spleen's caused by high–pressure aircon (12)

### AZED 2.007 Solution & notes

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Across 7, amis(s); 14, kno(c)k (rev.); 17, anag. incl. N; 18, verb in oy; 19, rep + EAT; 20, i.e. 'Permit'; 27, pro a; 30, anag. + US; 31, lei + linanag.; 32, e.g. MA; 33, anag. less H, H; see nation.

Down 2, anag.; see saucisse; 4, I'mb in anag.; 5, b + Lenny (Henry, comedian and actor); 6, tinalair; 8, m + urine; ref. Burns; 9, lit (rev.) inset – to; 13, U/S in anag.; 15, p + den in resit; 22, to + men (rev.) + E; 23, TA in a man; 26, M + USA; see hand.

#### **RULES AND REQUESTS**

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## DOWN

- 1Deer served in large meat-plate this'll collect the refuse (9)
- 2 Altered cloth? Nothing in it for country chill (6)
- 3 Turning up (on board the *Pequod*?) to call on small grotesque figure (5)
- 4 Eros in mind, smitten? It may give point for writer (10)
- 5 Oxygen, say, given to person, one breathing with difficulty (6)
- 6 Flour (wheat) well mixed? Hew out this Scotch cake maybe (4)
- 7 You'll need to rattle object inside jagged rock to find this big fish (8)
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- 8 End of rope held by men for she-asses (6)
- 10 As of old, weight settles (so it's said) (5)
- 13 Restyle IOM differently so as to annoy? (10)
- 15 Confused setter in embarrassing situation very high winds (9)
- 16 Oribi, e.g., fourth lost after good old soldiers ran it punishingly (8)
- 21Information guite short, soon to be delivered in stables? (6)
- 22 Not a word accepted by a beak in a hermitage (6)
- 23 Calm hush over misfortune (5)
- 25 In the past, a test when there were no women? (6)
- 27 Driven wild about start of the bairns' colic (5)
- 28 Eastern Church image, stunner found in old abode? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended (but see preamble).