

Well another year has nearly come to its end and I eagerly await the chance to view again the classic films such as the Great Escape and Zulu. Indeed these two staples added to the battle of the Bulge have always struck me as the true spirit of Christmas. I wish all my faithful readers the compliments of the season and many a cup of Christmas cheer and may the coming New Year be better than the current one.

It is also the traditional time of year when we all reflect on past problems or otherwise difficult conundrums and try to improve on their outcomes as far as we can. Well travelling home recently from another bridge match which we had narrowly lost, I thought deeply about my Bridge nightmare (please refer to my October 2014 article) and I had an eureka moment. Instead of trying to work out what bid to make I should instead call the Tournament Director and announce that I had seen the hand many times before and therefore the hand was unplayable and I should be awarded an average score. Of course it would be true that I had seen the hand on numerous occasions in my dreams/nightmares but I had NEVER actually seen the result since the pussy-cats had always woke me up before the hand had been finished. Perhaps the TD wouldn't be so au fait with the law and would give me the benefit of the doubt and thus end my dreadful dilemma, but there again he would probably tell me to play the hand out and my personal demons would return.

Anyway all this is an introduction to my Christmas Quiz for this year. Some of you will have no doubt cringed at the inelegant style of my opening paragraphs in my articles of this year and one of the many reasons for this is that these paragraphs have contained at least three examples of a certain area of the arts and my readers task is to find the titles of the relevant examples. There may be more than three examples in any month (Jan 2015 – Dec 2015) and indeed some may not have been intended by your author!! The entry must specify the 36 "core" examples as well as any others that the reader may claim to have spotted and the latter, if correct, will count towards any tiebreak that is necessary.

For those of you who have not as yet realised the theme of this year's quiz there is a significant clue in the first paragraph of this article. By the way, my decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Please email your entries to [geoffrey@newmanlawhove.co.uk](mailto:geoffrey@newmanlawhove.co.uk)

Well back to the cricket!

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