

Year End Wrap Up

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Another year has come to an end. Mayhem has grown over the last year and we have seen, and continue to see, new solvers. To all contributors, both old and new, thank you so much for helping Mayhem to be better. We hope that we will continue to attract new readers and contributors and continue hearing from the old pros.

At this point I would like to thank some people who make Mayhem possible. First, and foremost, I would like to thank Mayhem assistant editor, JOHN GRANT McLOUGHLIN. John has really breathed some life into the problems section, and made the problems more relevant to our high school readers. Some of the new proposed problems are very open-ended, and will allow students to pursue them to greater and greater depths. I look forward to the proposals for 2004.

The other member of the Mayhem Staff is PAUL OTTAWAY, who continues to dedicate his time and talent to help make Mayhem all it is. Pólya's Paragon has given our readers some gems over the last year. Thanks, Paul!

I also want to thank some other people who have been helpful "behind the scenes" over the year: RICHARD HOSHINO, JOSEPH KHOURY, LARRY RICE, BRUCE SHAWYER, and GRAHAM WRIGHT.

All the best of the season to our readers and contributors! **CRUX with MAYHEM** is what it is because of our staff and our readers. Please continue to help us make our journal grow and improve. Happy problem solving, we'll see you in 2004.