

EDITORIAL

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Over the years, *Crux Mathematicorum* and *CRUX with MAYHEM* have been extremely fortunate to have found many people who have made and continue to make regular and significant contributions. Everyone is aware of the contributions of the editorial board—their names appear on the inside cover of each issue. However, there is another set of individuals without whose participation this publication would not be viable. I am speaking, of course, of our problem posers, problem solvers, and the writers of our expository articles.

We have decided that recognition of these contributors is long overdue. We are inaugurating a “Contributor Profiles” section. It will appear on occasion starting with this issue. In each profile we will identify one long-time regular contributor and present a short biography of that individual, together with a photograph, if possible. That way, all our readers will be able to find out more about those whose problems, solutions, or articles have captured our imagination over the years.

There is already quite an impressive list of contributors from whom to choose. We have gathered biographical information on some contributors we wish to feature. Next comes the difficult task of choosing the order in which they should appear. There is no right way to do this. We have simply made an editorial decision to feature K.R.S. Sastry in the first profile.

I hope you will enjoy finding out more about Sastry and about others whose names are familiar to readers of *CRUX with MAYHEM*.

On a separate matter entirely, those who access *CRUX with MAYHEM* on the web will notice that, as of this issue, the full Mayhem section will be available to the public, instead of just the Mayhem Problems. Please let your colleagues who do not frequent our website know about this. We are hoping that by making Mayhem more readily available, we will entice more solvers, particularly high school students and their teachers, to submit solutions to the Mayhem problems.

Mayhem readers may have noticed that the column *Pólya’s Paragon* has gradually moved away from its original mandate, which was to explore problem solving. We have decided to reverse this trend. As a result, there will be no *Pólya’s Paragon* in this issue, but it will return in March. It will be authored by guest columnists and will likely not appear in every issue. If you have an interesting solution to a problem which you feel will add to others’ repertoire of solution strategies, please forward your idea for a column in *Polya’s Paragon* to the Mayhem Editor.

We welcome your feedback on all the changes we are implementing with this issue of *CRUX with MAYHEM*.