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Editorial –

The First Annual *Mathematical Gazette* Writing Awards

In the last issue I invited readers to vote for their favourite articles and notes of 1995. The purpose was twofold: to identify an Article and a Note of the Year; and to get an idea of what you enjoy reading. By the closing date there was a clear winner in each category, but it had also become clear what varied interests you have. The most popular article collected around 12% of the votes and, in all, twenty articles had their supporters. In the notes, the winner had around 14% with thirty different titles receiving votes.

I intend to make the poll an annual event, so these are the results of **The First Annual *Mathematical Gazette* Writing Awards**:

1995 *Gazette* Article of the Year

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| 1 | Kiril Bankov | Some applications of the pigeonhole principle |
| 2 | Arthur White & Robin Wilson | The hunting group |
| 3 | Graham Hoare & Nick Lord | Stefan Banach (1892 - 1945) |
| 4 | Maxim Bruckheimer & Abraham Arcavi | A visual approach to some elementary number theory |
| 5 | Janet Jagger & Kevin Lord | What is centrifugal force? |

1995 *Gazette* Note of the Year

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| 1 | Nigel Backhouse | Pancake functions and approximations to π |
| 2 | Mark Harvey & Paul Woodruff | Fibonacci numbers and sums of inverse tangents |
| 3 | Michael de Villiers | A generalisation of the Fermat-Torricelli point |
| 4 | Edwin Stephens | Slowly convergent infinite series |
| 5 | Julian van der Burg | Bisection is best |

The two winning authors will each receive a certificate and a small prize.

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