

Entry Submission

One week remains for cracking codes, perusing problems, traversing trails and locating loot.

By 23:59 on Monday 13th January you should send a solution document to ATHMMXIX@gmail.com. This can be in any sensible format of your choice, but it should be easily referable for reasons explained below. These solutions will be ranked and prizes awarded. Do please submit an entry, even if you don't expect a prize.

Your document should list what you have uncovered about the Hunt. State any general themes or structure. Identify the pictures and their relevance. Extensive explanations are not required and web links need not be expanded, especially for our "intended" solutions. However, if you think you have an alternative, unintended solution, this may require more detailed justification. Partial solutions may also earn credit. Some items may have dual links.

Note: **The Newsletter and various online offerings (excluding this one)** should be considered as part of the Hunt.

Thematic links should be pointed out explicitly, lest it be assumed you haven't noticed them. So if you find a pub called "Pablo's Box", state "link to Pablo's ATH treasure box" or some such. You can include speculations, e.g. "We think the treasure is in Pablo's Box's garden, but the landlord wouldn't let us dig."

Optional Self-Marking

As any past setter will confirm, the wide variety of layouts and solution formats can make marking a slow process. As you know your way around your documents best, we shall adopt a suggestion of some past setters and encourage you to mark your own entry, in part. This will work as follows:

Once all documents have been submitted, we will publish the solution and **a list of the things we intend to award marks for** in conjunction with a simple Excel spreadsheet which we shall ask you to fill in appropriately. This will just involve inserting numbers less than or equal to the maximum for X, Y, Z, A, B, C into things like:

Page N: Theme X/1 Pictures Identified Y/8 Codes solved Z/4 Link1 A/1 Special1 B/1 Questions Solved C/10

We will then process all entries using appropriate weights for the different parts e.g. finding the treasure will earn more than answering a question. It should be straightforward and fast, but there may be some tweaking needed.

You should mark your document **as submitted, with any omissions**. Naturally, we'll believe you if you say you realised "Pablo's Box" linked in, but if you forgot to say so, and if we have asked for an explicit link, give yourself a zero. If you did mention it, **add a reference to your document e.g. "page 5 top"** in case we need to check. You may also apply for half marks e.g. add the comment "We mentioned it was a box, but didn't notice Pablo tied in."

There may well be things we forget to mention in our solution, and you may have found links we either forgot about or didn't notice. If you think you have found something which deserves credit but we did not award it marks, you can tell us. If we decide to credit it, we'll have to check all other entries too, so we may be reluctant to do so. Similarly, if you think a different solution to ours deserves equal or partial credit, say so.

We shall also be awarding credit (and possibly prizes) for things less enumerable, such as the general quality of the overall entry, any amusing discoveries, but (at this stage) will be immune to flattery or criticism.

If you **do not wish to self-mark** your entry let us know (and please tell us why not), and we'll mark it as usual. If you decline to self-mark we may be unsympathetic to complaints if we miss your reference to "Pablo's Box" in a footnote on page 26, but we will not otherwise be prejudiced.

Things we need to know

Your entry should include **a team name** and a **contact e-mail** address (by default whoever submits the entry). We also need to know whether your team is a **first-time entrant** and whether you think it is eligible for a **Sports and Social Club** prize. We might wish to quote bits of your solutions in our final award – let us know if you object to that. We will consider "virtual finds" made at the same time as the entry, but will require these to be fully specific.