

OMPAggress 4

Here we are finally with our fourth progress report, late due to the generosity of my employers, who, in their wisdom, sent me to Margate for two weeks and put everything behind by that amount. As a result this PR will not be all it might be, for which my apologies.

TAFF

We are very pleased to announce that Len and June Moffatt will be attending OMPAcon. Not knowing them myself but persuaded by numerous marvelous reports I am greatly looking forward to meeting them. Easily the most popular of the TAFF candidates so far as this country is concerned, they are fans of long standing and great industry.

Want to meet people - MAN OUR REGISTRATION DESK. OMPAcon needs you.

BANQUET

Banquet tickets will be on sale until noon on Friday 20th April but not a moment after - don't leave getting yours too late.

AUCTION

Material for the auction is building up but more is always welcome. Send your donations to Mike and Pat Meara, 61, Borrowwash Rd., Spondon, Derby: or bring it along to the con.

HOTEL

A double piece of good news here; first costs are down - the cost, per person per night for bed and breakfast will only be £3.52, cheaper than for the past two years. The second thing it's nice to be able to say is that we can still fit people into the hotel, though only in twin rooms. I stress this latter fact, please don't write asking for singles or doubles, we haven't any left. A number of people have written asking that their bookings be extended back to cover the Thursday night; there is no problem to doing this but please note that at this late date we shall not be able to confirm them. The hotel will cover this since they will confirm all room bookings in the near future, perhaps even before this reaches you.

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u> since 1/12/72 to 19th March only due to lack of space.		
246 Jan Howard Finder (Can)	262 Deirdre Smyth	278 Peter Fryer
247 Brian Ammeringen	263 Malcolm Smale	279 Mike Fox
248 Leo Kindt (N)	264 Chris Beaumont	280 John Lowe
249 Annamarie Kindt (N)	265 Will Haven	281 Mrs S. Bullock
250 Eric W. Briggs	266 Sheila Cummins	282 Anne McCaffrey (A)
251 Jim Soutar	267 Danny Plachta (A)	283 Todd Johnson (A)
252 Jack Marsh	268 Banks Mebane (A)	284 Gigi Johnson (A)
253 Peter Matthews	269 Sue Beaumont	285 Derek Waters
254 Pat Codd	270 Elaine Wash	286 Raymond Waters
255 Jan Geldart	271 Sven Swahn (S)	287 Alistair Waters
256 Don Geldart	272 Mr. J. E. Rupik	288 Lisa Conesa
257 George Locke	273 Mrs J. E. Rupik	289 Nick Shears
258 Martin Bridgestock	274 P.J. Cook	290 Lene Premilovich
259 Russell Belshaw	275 Helen Cook	291 Tony Ryan
260 A. R. Pooock	276 John Jarrold	292 Jim Pitts
261 John N. Hall	277 Les Flood	293 Norma Pitts
		294 Dave Copping
		295 Richard Gordan

A MAP OF BRISTOL IS ENCLOSED - the Grand is H 80 to the right of centre with Temple Meads station at the bottom right. Don't get of at Bristol Parkway.

CHESSMANCON: BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

INCOME:

REGISTRATIONS	£371.50p
CON DONATION	25.00
AUCTION	79.00*
ADVERTS	28.00
DEALERS TABLES	11.00
BANQUET TICKETS	214.50
	<u>729.00</u>

EXPENDITURE:

HOTEL (GOH)	£50.00
FILM HIRE	65.00
PROGRAMME BOOK	60.00
PRINTING (BADGES etc)	45.50
GRATUITIES	20.00
PRIZES	20.00
EXPENDITURE DURING YEAR including post and PR's etc	121.00
BANK CHARGES	3.50
WINE AT BANQUET	24.00
TAFF DONATION	25.00
OMPACON DONATION	25.00
HIRE CHARGES	40.00
HOTEL EXPENSES INC	<u>230.00</u>
BANQUET	<u>729.00</u>

*This does not include £39.84 taken in bad cheques.

The con committee would like to thank all who came to Chessmancon, and all who helped behind the scenes in making it a highly enjoyable weekend: even for those of us who ran it! The only sour note after the event is that a number of bad cheques were passed and two top publishers haven't even bothered to answer our requests for them to pay for ads.

WATCH FOR THE "DOC" WEIR AWARD....it's coming YOUR way.

Er - that is - well, by the law of averages, YOU probably won't win it THIS year. But your best friend might. Or else somebody else's best friend. And YOU can help. Just think about the people you'd like to see win it. Then cast your ballot at Bristol - and lo and behold, there's the winner!

That's the main thing for now. Think who you'd like to see win it. Then at Easter, vote for the worthiest individual you can think of.

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If a fanzine editor is interested in publishing verbatim from the convention, it would help all round if he could contact the ConCom in advance, so that any arrangements can be finalised. Please get in touch with Gerald Bishop who will be responsible for liason with the speakers in this line.

CHEQUES

The Convention regrets that it cannot cash or accept personal cheques after this date (12/4/73).

FANDOM IS A WAY OF STRIFE Fantast(Medway)Ltd 39, West St. Wisbech Cambs PE13 2LX

NOTE - THE HOTEL HAVE AGREED TO KEEP THE BAR OPEN AS LONG AS 15 PEOPLE ARE STILL DRINKING - now its up to you. See you at the Con.

THIS has been OMPAgress 4 from Fred Hemmings, 20, Beech Rd., SLOUGH SL3 7DQ Bucks, who on this occasion hasn't got everything in - sorry.

STOP PRESS: Souvenir cards and bios will be available at the convention.