

THE DAILY SINGNUS

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At Last The End Is Near

This is the final edition of SinGnus, because it is the last day of the convention. On behalf of the committee I hope you all had a good time and look forward to seeing you all at Swancon next year in Perth.

AWARDS AWARDS AWARDS and MORE AWARDS

Last night was the SYNCON 92 awards night and saw the handing out of Ditmars, a Bertie and sundry other prizes and awards.

The inaugural A. Bertram Chandler Award for contribution to Australian SF was presented last night. This award sponsored by the ASFF was named in memory of Bert Chandler, one of Australia's most prolific and best known SF writers. The recipient was Van Ikin.

The Ditmars were also announced, and a full break down of the voting can be found elsewhere. The winners were

Best Novel or collection - *Wormwood* by Terry Dowling

Best Short Fiction - *Alone in his Chariot* by Sean McMullen

Best Artist - Nick Stathopoulos

Best Fanzine - *Eidolon*

Best Fan Writer - Bruce Gillespie

William Atheling Jr - *Going Commercial* by Sean McMullen

The Syncon Committee presented five awards for contributions to Australian Fandom. The recipients were

Jack R. Herman

Eric B. Lindsay

Ron Clarke

Sue Clarke

Shayne McCormack

Finally the prizes for the Art Show and short story competition were given out

Short Story

1st Lyn McConchie *The Third Storey*

2nd Ron Ward *Some Things Won't Change*

Encouragement award David Clancy

Art Show

2D Amateur - Alan Englert

2D Professional - Greg Bridges

3D Amateur - Kerrie Hanlon

3D Professional - Marilyn Pride

HORROR EXPRESSED AS HUJO VOTE RIGGING EXPOSED

The Hujo presentation was soured last night when it was discovered that the awards for best fannish pet (won by Midnight), and the award presented to Michael Whelan, had been won by bribing the awards committee. Lum one of the other nominees for best fannish pet was apparently annoyed by this revelation, but was not available for comment as he was fast asleep, locked away in his cage.

The other awards went to

Best Fannish Rumour - Syncon 93

Most Traumatic Presentation - Suncon

Best New Novel By A Dead Author -

Foundation - the Final Chapter by Isaac Asimov

The Award for No Particular Reason - Terry

Dowling - We may as well give him another.

CONSTANTINOPLE GETS THE NOD

In a well attended business meeting The Constantinople bid for the Natcon was successful against no other opposition. The Convention is to be held at The Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne over the Easter weekend 1994. Attending M'ship is currently \$80. The GsoH will not be announced until after the Media Natcon Site selection at HONGCON in June.

The Constitution was successfully amended to allow for up to 6 Ditmars. The Motion to delete the last sentence was defeated.

Rumour: Is it true that Nick Stathopoulos had an early morning visitation by the spirit of Isaac Asimov

THE 1992 AUSTRALIAN SF ("DITMAR") AWARDS - VOTING

A total of 32 completed voting forms were received from the following people: Justin Ackroyd, James Allen, Patricia Anderson, Garfield Barnard, Jeremy Byrne, Katherine Cummings, Dianne de Bellis, Terry Dowling, Terry Frost, Bruce Gillespie, Michelle Hallett, Edwina Harvey, Susan John, Rod Kearins, Mark Loney, LynC, Kevin MacLean, Peter McNamara, Lewis Morley, Clive Newall, Robin Pen, Marilyn Pride, Blair Ramage, Richard Scriven, Gerald Smith, Nick Stathopoulos, Alan Stewart, Jonathan Strahan, Jeanette Tipping, Beky Tully, Karen "Womble" Warnock and Roger Weddall.

	<u>1st Pref</u>	<u>2nd Pref</u>	<u>3rd Pref</u>	<u>4th Pref</u>	<u>5th Pref</u>	<u>Result</u>
BEST NOVEL OR COLLECTION						
<u>From Sea To Shining Star</u>	5 eliminated					
<u>Wormwood</u>	12	+5=17				17 Winner
<u>Brother Night</u>	0 eliminated					
<u>Del Del</u>	5 eliminated					
<u>Brainchild</u>	6	+3=9				9
No Award	0 eliminated					
Exhausted Ballots	4	+2=6				6
TOTAL	32	32				32
BEST SHORT FICTION						
"Vanities"	2	2 eliminated				
"Nobody's Fool"	1 eliminated					
"A Deadly Edge Their Red Beaks Pass Along"	5	5	5	+1=6	eliminated	
"Olivetruffles"	9	9	+1=10	+1=11	+1=12	12
"The Dominant Style"	3	3	3 eliminated			
"Alone In His Chariot"	6	+1=7	+1=8	+1=9	+5=14	14 Winner
No Award	0 eliminated					
Exhausted Ballots	6	6	6	6	6	6
TOTAL	32	32	32	32	32	32
BEST FANZINE						
Eidolon	17					17 Winner
Ethel The Aardvark	4					4
Inconsequential Parallax	1					1
Thyme (LynC & Clive Newall)	3					3
Thyme (Greg Hills & Mark Loney)	6					6
No Award	0					0
Exhausted Ballots	1					1
TOTAL	32					32

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BEST FAN WRITER						
James Allen	5	+1=6	+2=8	+1=9		9
Terry Frost	7	7	7 eliminated			
Bruce Gillespie	11	11	+1=12	+4=16		16 Winner
Greg Hills	1 eliminated					
Alan Stewart	3	3 eliminated				
No Award	0 eliminated					
Exhausted Ballots	5	5	5	+2=7		7
TOTAL	32	32	32			32
BEST ARTIST						
Ian Gunn	7	+3=10	+2=12			12
Craig Hilton	5	5 eliminated				
Nick Stathopoulos	16	16	+1=17			17 Winner
Phil Wlodarczyk	3 eliminated					
No Award	0 eliminated					
Exhausted Ballots	1	1	+2=3			3
TOTAL	32	32	32			32
WILLIAM ATHELING JR AWARD						
"Jonathan Carroll, Story Teller"	10	+1=11				11
"Going Commercial"	12	+1=13				13 Winner
Review of <u>The Fantastic Civil War</u>	4 eliminated					
No Award	0 eliminated					
Exhausted Ballots	6	+2=8				8
TOTAL	32	32				32