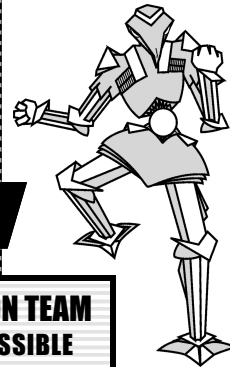


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ALSO NORWESON 31 | SATURERDAY | 2K8.03.22 | DIFFICULTY LEVEL RALPH | DESTRUCTION LEVEL UNPOSSIBLE

PHILIP K. DICK AWARDS

The 2007 Philip K. Dick Award winners were announced last night at Norwescon. The winner this year was *NOVA SPRING*, by M. John Harrison, published by Bantam Spectra. Accepting on behalf of Mr. Harrison was Marc Laidlaw. Special Citation was awarded to Minister Faust for *FROM THE NOTEBOOKS OF DR. BRAIN*, published by Del Rey. Accepting for Mr. Faust was Naomi Novik.

MASQUERADE HALFTIME

...INSERT JOKES HERE.

When tonight's Masquerade Halftime rolls around, don't even THINK of getting out of your seats! We'll be showing you and telling you about the future of movie entertainment, with Movie Previews played on the largest screen with the best sound. It'll be at least one party you won't have to cross International Boulevard in the rain to attend!

MATCH IT FOR PRATCHETT

In December 2007, Terry Pratchett announced his diagnosis with early onset Alzheimer's. On March 13, 2008, he donated US\$1,000,000 to Alzheimer's research.

Join us in a global effort to match his donation and find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Our goal here is \$2,000. Make your donation in Terry's honour at the NWSFS table in the registration area. We want Terry, and everyone else we love, to be around for a very long time. Thank you.

SATURDAY FILK CONCERTS

...INSERT PUNS AND OSE HERE

- 6:30PM Char McKay
- 7PM Brooke Lunderville and John Caspell
- 8PM A Little Knight Music

All concerts are in Evergreen 3.

2724 FANS ON SITE

...HOW MANY CLOWNS FIT IN THAT CAR, ANYWAY?

Registration reports 2724 fans on site, none of which have bothered getting us stuff for the party list. NO PARTIES!

ARTISTS' ALLEY HOURS

...INSERT PRONS HERE.

Artist's Alley hours for Sunday are now 10AM-2PM.

LOST

...THE WRONG KIND OF LOST, WITHOUT THE MYSTERY, BUT WITH THE SAD CHILDREN FACES

LOST: One beige plastic bag of chocolate kinder eggs, last seen in the Kinderfilk between 5-6PM; please return if found, it's for the children's Easter.

OVERHEARD

...YOU CAN'T UNREAD THIS

"I think any more than eight tentacles constitutes 'perverted.'"

"Hack up a little more phlem, this sam-mich is a little dry."

"Can I have my pants back?"

(Alexander James, in concert) "...sing something dark, for the children?"

(At Match Game) "I'm a little disturbed at how many of these questions can be answered with 'a robot programmed by Dr. Smith.'"

(At Match Game) "The fanzine went to the Match Game and all they got was this [blank]"

LOST

...CAN'T FIND YOUR CAR? CHECK UNDER ANOTHER CAR.

Hotel management wishes to remind militia conventioners that mecha parking is two miles to the south, that a shuttle is provided for all mecha pilots, and that making your own parking spots out of other cars will result in several strongly-worded letters sent.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

...NEW CAMPAIGNS

My Solar System: 10AM, Olympic 1 (Family Track). Kim Poua, moderator.
Open Gaming for Kids: NOON, Olympic 1/family track). James Poua, moderator.

...VANQUISHED KAIJU

Is there Life on Uranus? (was 10am, Olympic 1)
Pokemon Tournament (was Noon, Olympia 1)

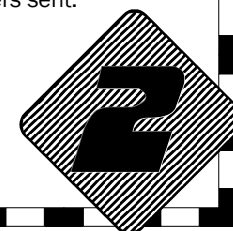
...PILOT TRANSFERS FOR SATURDAY

Jon Armstrong has been added to **Autograph Session 2** (Noon, Evergreen 1 & 2), and **Creating Emotion-Driven SF/F** (2PM, Cascade 9).

Patrick Rothfuss has been added to **Autograph Session 1** (11AM, Evergreen 1 & 2), **Sex, Sex, Sex... Where Does Fantasy Draw The Line?** (NOON, Cascade 7), **The Cover's Just There to Grab Your Eye** (2PM, Cascade 6), and **No, Really, That Makes Sense!** (4PM, Cascade 8)

Jak Koke will be not be available for **Advanced Polyamory** (1AM, Cascade 6) or **Revision: If I Didn't Get it Right the First Time, How Do I Do it Better the Second?** (6PM, Cascade 5)

Dennis Bergum, Carol Duby, David Shoemaker, Dave Williams, and Vixy & Tony will not be attending this year, and accordingly are removed from all panels.



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

...THAT'S A LOT OF ¥100 COINS!

Each year, the current Chair of Norwescon has the opportunity to award a Lifetime Membership to an individual or individuals that have contributed greatly to the Convention. Tracy Knoedler, this year's convention Chair, did so at the final planning meeting for Norwescon 31.

This year's honorees, working as a team, have aided Norwescon through countless hours of hard work, heavy lifting, and the willingness to go the extra mile to assure that everyone behind the scenes – as well as every person who attends the Convention – always has all the “stuff” they need.



Thugs, alleged, now with extra spelling

But their dedication doesn't stop there! Throughout the year, they also keep track of all those items, making sure they are kept safe, transporting them to and fro – all the while keeping a positive and upbeat attitude.

Accordingly, this year, the Chair awarded not one, but three Lifetime Memberships, with the committee in agreement that there could be no better choice of recipients. Please join us in congratulating Daniel Pawtowski, Eric Pawtowski, and Yvonne Pawtowski, also affectionately known as “The Norwescon Transportation Team.”

DISASTER RECOVERY CREWS ON STANDBY

...WORST. LIMERICK. EVAR.

Calling all late night fen!
You're done partying;
You're done dancing;
You're just wandering around.
Wander on down to Grand Ballroom 3 after the dance around 2 or 3AM and help pack up the equipment! It can be a whole lot of fun. No, really! Many things are funny at this hour. Then there was something about Nantucket but we forget.

TIPPING GUIDE

...BACK, AND TO THE LEFT. BACK, AND TO THE LEFT.

Housekeepers: \$1-2 per day or \$10 per week. It is vital that you include a note or place this in an envelope marked Tip for Housekeeping, as policy requires housekeeping to report any property left behind (cash included) as lost property.

Buffet Servers: \$1, or 5-10% depending on the level of service provided (bringing and refilling drinks, clearing plates, etc).

Bellmen: \$1-2 per bag. Please remember that when you use a bell cart to tote your luggage you are using the bellmen's tools. The hotel usually arranges to have extra carts available so that con members can use them; please don't try to persuade bellmen to give up their carts.

Bartenders and Cocktail Waitresses: \$1 per round for parties of two to four; more for larger groups.

Servers (including Room Service Waiters): 15 - 20 percent.

HUGO NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

...DISASTER RECOVERY CREWS ON ETC.

Best Novel: *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon, *Brasyl* by Ian McDonald, *Rollback* by Robert J. Sawyer, *The Last Colony* by John Scalzi, *Halting State* by Charles Stross.

Best Novella: “The Fountain of Age” by Nancy Kress, “Recovering Apollo 8” by Kristine Kathryn Rusch, “Stars Seen Through Stone” by Lucius Shepard, “All Seated on the Ground” by Connie Willis, “Memorare” by Gene Wolfe.

Best Novelette: “The Cambist and Lord Iron: a Fairytale of Economics” by Daniel Abraham, “The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate” by Ted Chiang, “Dark Integers” by Greg Egan, “Glory” by Greg Egan, “Finisterra” by David Moles.

Best Short Story: “Last Contact” by Stephen Baxter, “Tideline” by Elizabeth Bear, “Who's Afraid of Wolf 359?” by Ken MacLeod, “Distant Replay” by Mike Resnick, “A Small Room in Koboldtown” by Michael Swanwick.

Best Related Book: *The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Writers in Community* by Diana Glyer, appendix by David Bratman; *Breakfast in the Ruins: Science Fiction in the Last Millennium* by Barry Malzberg; *Emshwiller: Infinity x Two* by Luis Ortiz, intro. by Carol Emshwiller, fwd. by Alex Eisenstien; *Brave New Words: The Oxford Dictionary of Science Fiction* by Jeff Prucher; *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan.

Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form: *Enchanted*, *The Golden Compass*, *Heroes Season 1*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, *Stardust*.

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form: *Battlestar Galactica* “Razor”, *Doctor Who* “Blink”, *Doctor Who* “Human Nature/Family of Blood”, *Star Trek New Voyages* “World Enough and Time,” *Torchwood* “Captain Jack Harkness.”

Best Professional Editor, Short Form: Ellen Datlow, Stanley Schmidt, Jonathan Strahan, Gordon Van Gelder, Sheila Williams.

Best Professional Editor, Long Form: Lou Anders, Ginjer Buchanan, David G. Hartwell, Beth Meacham, Patrick Nielsen Hayden.

Best Professional Artist: Bob Eggleton, Phil Foglio, John Harris, Stephan Martiniere, John Picacio, Shaun Tan.

Best Semiprozine: *Ansible*, *Helix*, *Interzone*, *Locus*, *New York Review of Science Fiction*.

Best Fanzine: *Argentus*, *Challenger*, *Drink Tank*, *File 770*, *PLOKTA*.

Best Fan Writer: Chris Garcia, David Langford, Cheryl Morgan, John Scalzi, Steven H Silver.

Best Fan Artist: Brad Foster, Teddy Harvia, Sue Mason, Steve Stiles, Taral Wayne.

John W. Campbell Award (Best new writer, 2006 or 2007 in a professional publication; not a Hugo): Joe Abercrombie, Jon Armstrong, David Anthony Durham, David Louis Edelman, Mary Robinette Kowal, and Scott Lynch.



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is the daily newsletter of NORWESCON 31, published as a morning edition. Articles from the membership are pleaded for; the deadline for each day's edition is 10PM the previous evening, or later if you can find the editors in person. (Try the Volunteer Lounge.) Submissions boxes are marked and placed throughout the convention, most notably in the Office and at the Information Table.

Your CAG is Maj. R'ykandar (Dara) Korra'ti, GMMDDRRDT. Writing assistance this issue from 2nd Lt. Twice Removed in Charge Of Don't Put That In Your Mouth, You Don't Know Where It's Been, Spazzkat. Conceptual assistance has been provided by inexplicable in-jokes, a lack of ideas that make any damn sense, and the pending invasion of _as_ adia. Yes, we *are* your SPs.