

# Redback

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*Redback* #3 is the third of a new series of newsletters for the Down Under Fan Fund, published by the North American DUFF administrator, John D. Berry, 525 19th Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112, USA. *Redback* is sent to everyone on the current DUFF mailing list (that is, recent voters and contributors, and known Interested Parties) and is available for contributions of money or auctionable material to DUFF. This is the last issue before the close of voting in the 1990 DUFF race; enclosed with this issue is the ballot. *Redback* is distributed in Australia and New Zealand by the Australian DUFF administrator, Terry Dowling, 11 Everard Street, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110, Australia. (March 29, 1990)

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## Voting closes April 16

The deadline is fast approaching for voting in the 1990 DUFF race, which will send an Australian fan to the 1990 North American Science Fiction Convention (the awkwardly named NASFiC), in San Diego, California, over the Fourth of July weekend. The winner will be chosen by the fannish community at large (this means *you*); the candidates are *Greg Turkich* and *Roger Weddall*. Their platforms are on the enclosed ballot, along with the basic information on voting.

The sole purpose of this shortest issue of *Redback* is to remind you to vote. The deadline is *5 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 1990*. In Australia, this is the end of the 1990 Australian National Convention; at this end, I'll simply close the voting at 5 p.m. Pacific time on the 16th.

As soon after the deadline as possible, Terry Dowling and I will count the votes, combine our totals, and announce the winner. That winner will not only then get to jump for joy and begin planning for the trip to ConDiego, but will also immediately assume responsibility for administering DUFF's Down Under half. (Is it only fan-fund administrators who think first of the administration and then of the trip? Probably.) I'll publish another issue of *Redback* with the results of the voting as soon after the 16th as I can.

## Voters, guns, and money

Donations have been generous, but voting has been light, at least in North America: I've received 29 ballots so far. There'll be a list of both voters and donors in the next issue.

Guns? Wait for next issue's auction. Killer fan-zines! Concealed weapons! Gratuitous potshots!

## Return the whole ballot

Several people have sent in partial ballots — either just the back side of the ballot or just the bottom third. *These are not valid ballots*. You have to return the whole ballot, both sides, if you want your vote to count.

The point of this requirement is that the information on the ballot is the *minimum* that anybody voting in a DUFF race should be aware of, and the only way we can be sure that you really do have all this information at your fingertips is by seeing your signature on a complete ballot. You can make a copy of the ballot and use that, as long as the copy is identical, word for word, to the original, but what you vote on has to be complete.

I didn't think about this until the first one-sided ballot came in, because it seemed obvious to me: the ballot is the whole, two-sided sheet, so that's what you have to return. And the question had come up once in an earlier DUFF or TAFF race, where it was spelled out — but just because I remember that doesn't mean that everyone does. This is a lesson in not taking things for granted, and in the infinite possibilities for misinterpretation.

Previous balance	\$1,762.85
Income	360.00
Total balance in U.S. fund	\$2,122.85