

DUFF 1992 — Voting Ballot

Greg Hills

I was born in New Zealand in 1958 and moved to Australia in 1986. I got started in fandom by joining the N3F in 1977 — I am the only non-North American resident ever elected to the N3F Directorate. Inevitably I have progressed to mediocrity and the editorship of *THYME*, 'The Australasian SF News Magazine'. Meantime I have run a successful national convention, founded a still-existing apa, produced hundreds of fanzines, and written thousands of letters.

Short of sealing myself in an envelope (can't afford the postage), DUFF is my only hope of meeting some of my North American friends at Magicon.

Nominated by Sheryl Birkhead, Ian Gunn, Craig Hilton, Lloyd Penney, Jean Weber.

Roger Weddall

an unassuming, incorrigibly friendly fellow with fannish credentials in the areas of fanzine production, convention creation and intercontinental correspondence.

good at listening to people's stories (because he's interested in them); not bad at telling a few stories of his own.

an enthusiastic seeker after fine food and good company, has been known to discuss religion and fannish sexual politics all at the same time, but is equally happy in dusk-till-dawn, raging dance party animal mode.

blessed — or is that cursed — with an absurd, dry sense of humour. Likes hugging and being hugged.

Extra bonus: comes complete with proven record as reliably capable administrator of other people's monies. Howzat!

Nominated by Bruce Gillespie, Teddy Harvia, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Marc Ortlieb, Nick Stathopoulos.

Send your completed ballot and \$2 voting fee to one of the Administrators:

DUFF Australasia
Greg Turkich
8 Protea Street
Greenwood 6024
Australia

DUFF North America
Art Widner
PO Box 677
Gualala, CA 95445
USA

Vote for (list 1, 2, 3, etc):

Please print your name & address clearly & legibly:

Greg Hills

Signature:

Roger Weddall

Name:

Write-in _____

Address:

Hold Over Funds

If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

No Preference

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Australasia to North America

DUFF The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australasia and North America. With host countries alternating each year, there have been 19 exchanges of fan representatives since, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates visit a major convention in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. DUFFers are treated as special guests and are always well looked after.

Donations DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans, and always welcomes donations of money and material for auction. There are auctions of DUFF material at appropriate cons, and often mail auctions through the DUFF newsletter. Contributions can be brought to the con or sent to the local administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and any donations in excess of the voting donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques should be made out to Greg Turkich (in Australasia) or Art Widner (in North America). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency.

Voting Any fan active in fandom before January 1991 may vote. Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$2 (in either Australian or United States currency). Each person is allowed only one vote. You must return the entire ballot. If, at the time of voting, you think your name may not be known to the administrator, please include the name of a fan (not including one of the candidates) or fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3 . . .). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc, place, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address, and first choice.)

Candidates Each candidate has posted a ten dollar bond, given a brief written platform, provided the names, addresses, and signatures of three Australasian nominators and two North American nominators, and promised (barring Acts of God) to travel to *Magicon*, the 1992 World Science Fiction Convention, in Orlando, Florida, on 3-7 September 1992.

Administrators *Australasia:* Greg Turkich, 8 Protea Street, Greenwood 6024, Australia
North America: Art Widner, PO Box 677, Gualala, CA 95445, USA

Deadline: All votes must reach an administrator by 20 May, 1992