

# C O R R O B O R E E # 2

Published 25 April 1992, by Art Widner, PO Box 677, Gualala, CA 95445, North American administrator for DUFF (Down Under Fan Fund). The Australian administrator is Greg Turkich, 8 Protea St., Greenwood, Western Australia 6024, Australia.

## Apologies

My son died in August and in November I discovered that I had prostate cancer. There were two months of daily radiation treatments, then about a month to recover from the side effects. The treatments were successful in that the cancer was reduced 80%, altho not entirely eliminated. I will be OK for the next few years with periodic checkups to see if it becomes active again. For details, see my letter in the Oz newzine, THYME 86. I'm sorry for those who are jammed up against the deadline for voting on the Ozzie to come here.

## Vote Now!

92 race

Note that the ballot says your vote must *reach* an administrator by 20 May. It would be a good idea to get your ballot in the mail by the 13th. Gualala is a small country PO where things proceed at a leisurely pace.

Many thanx to Janice Murray and any others who reproduced and sent out ballots. And thanx also to early voters Jerry and Suzle Kaufman, Lloyd and Yvonne Penney, Janice Murray, Martin Morse Wooster, Benoit Girard and Sheryl Birkhead

## Nominations open for NA 93 race

Those wishing DUFF help to go to Swancon 18, the Australian National Convention, must obtain the signatures of three North American and two Australian fen known to the administrator by 15 September, 1992, when nominations will close. This is a tentative date, but will remain in force until I hear cogent arguments for changing it.

The nominees must also post a ten dollar bond and promise (barring acts of God, Roscoe and other capricious dieties) to attend Swancon 18, to be held in Perth, Western Australia, 8-12 April, 1993. They are also required to provide a short "platform" (approx. 100 words) stating why they would make the best good-will ambassador we could send Down Under

THE VOTING DEADLINE WILL BE 1 FEBRUARY, 1993. (For 93 race)

<b>TREASURY REPORT:</b>	Received from John Berry	\$ 788.04
	Income to 25 April 1992	430.80
	Balance	1218.84

# DUFF 1992 BALLOT

## 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**

# 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

I 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:

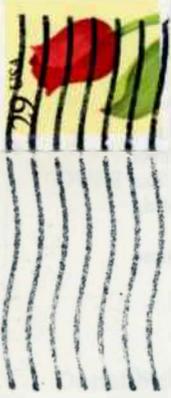
No Preference

*Reproduction and distribution of this ballot is encouraged, as long as you reproduce it verbatim. This ballot originally prepared and produced by THYME under directions from Greg Turkich.*

Art Widner

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**DUFF BALLOT ENCLOSED**  
Open immediately



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