

GUFF - 1985

WHAT IS GUFF??? The Going Under Fan Fund (known in alternate years as the Get Up-and-over-Fan Fund) was established in 1979 to further contacts between European and Australian fandom by bringing a well-known and popular fan from one hemisphere to attend a convention(s) in the other. GUFF exists solely through the support of fandom. The candidates are voted for by interested fans all over the world, and each vote is accompanied by a fee of not less than £1.00 or A\$2.00. These votes and the continued interest and generosity of fandom are what make GUFF possible.

WHO MAY VOTE? Voting is open to anyone who was active in fandom (fanzines, conventions, clubs, etc.) prior to August 1983 and who contributes at least £1.00 or A\$2.00 to the fund. Contributions in excess of this minimum are gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed; proxy voting is forbidden; and you must sign your ballot. Details of the voting will be kept secret. "Write-in" candidates are permitted. Cheques, postal orders and money orders should be made payable to the appropriate administrator, not to GUFF.

VOTING DETAILS GUFF uses the Australian preferential ballot system, which guarantees an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in the order in which you wish to place them. If the leading first-place candidate does not get a majority of the total votes cast, the first-place votes of the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots then counted. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second and third place on your ballot. It is also a waste of time to put any candidates in more than one place.

HOLD OVER FUNDS This choice, similar to "No Award" in BSFA and Hugo Award balloting, gives the voter the chance to vote for no GUFF trip should the candidates not appeal to them or if they feel that GUFF should slow down the frequency of its trips.

DONATIONS GUFF needs continuous donations of money and material to be auctioned in order to exist. If you are ineligible to vote, or don't feel qualified to vote, why not donate anyway? Just as important as donations is publicity -- in fanzines, letters, convention booklets, and by word of mouth -- to increase voter participation and fandom's overall interest in and awareness of GUFF.

THE CANDIDATES Each candidate has promised, barring acts of God, to travel to the 1985 Worldcon (Aussiecon Two) in Melbourne if elected, has posted a bond of £5.00 and provided signed nominations and a platform, which is reproduced overleaf along with the ballot form.

DEADLINE Votes must reach the administrators by 30 April 1985

Send ballots and donations to:

Europe -- Joseph Nicholas  
22 Denbigh St  
Pinlco  
London SW1V 2ER  
United Kingdom

Australia -- Justin Ackroyd  
GPO Box 2708X  
Melbourne  
Victoria 3001  
AUSTRALIA

1935 GUFF BALLOT

EVE HARVEY Any fandom that can produce Justin Ackroyd and persuade Joseph Nicholas to get married I just gotta see! But why should Aussie fandom want to meet me? Well, after 11 years in fandom, over 30 fanzines and 3 concons (including Worldcon 1979), I eventually learned how to relax and have now perfected the art of propping up a con bar whilst simultaneously talking to anyone willing to listen. Hence I'm a typical British fan, but with the "get two for the price of one" special offer -- vote for me and you get John too! Finally, I'm hopeless at excuses so I'll have to do a trip report.

NOMINATED BY: Jim Barker, Roelof Goudriaan, Jack Herman, Bob Shaw and Jean Weber.

JOHN JARROLD Well, yes, I like drinking. In fact, I like drinking quite a lot. I also like talking, partying and Faye Dunaway, not necessarily in that order. I've produced a dozen or so issues of my fanzine Prevert, various apazines, and been on the committee of Mexican, of which you will have heard glowing reports. I'd like to meet all you Australians, and I think you ought to vote for me. I certainly would if I had the chance.

NOMINATED BY: Leigh Edmonds, Dave Langford, Marc Ortlieb, Simon Ounsley and Sue Williams.

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I vote for (list 1,2,3):

- ( ) Eve Harvey
- ( ) John Jarrold
- ( ) Hold Over Funds

Signature.....

Name & Address .....

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Enclosed is ..... as a donation to GUFF (cheques, etc. payable to Joseph Nicholas or Justin Ackroyd, please, not to GUFF).

If you think that your name might not be known to the administrators, and that your vote might thus be disqualified, please give below the name and address of a fan or group to whom you are known:

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