

SEFF-ballot '86

WHAT IS SEFF?

The Scandinavian-European Fan Fund has the aim to facilitate fannish contacts between Scandinavia and the rest of Europe (Britain included), by means of sending fans across the borders. Every second year a Scandinavian fan is sent to a European convention, and every second year a European fan is sent to a Scandinavian convention. SEFF was founded in 1983, and in 1984 the first SEFF-winner David Nettle was sent to Seacon 84 in Brighton. In 1985 the second SEFF-winner Jim Barker was sent to Swecon 85 in Stockholm. The travel-plans for SEFF will be slightly disrupted due to the fact that there will be a British Worldcon in 1987, so SEFF will send a Scandinavian fan both 1986 and 1987. It would be a shame to miss Conspiracy 87, wouldn't it?

HOW DOES SEFF WORK?

The way SEFF works is similar to the way all other fan funds work. You nominate, a ballot is issued, you vote, he/she who wins is sent to the convention SEFF aimed for that year, and the trip is paid for by the fan fund, which in turn is financed by voting fees, voluntary contributions and auctions of fannish material. This year we have some problems regarding which convention to send the SEFF-winner to. We had originally planned to aim for the British Eastercon in Glasgow in March, but the nomination-round was unfortunately delayed and we're now not sure if we have time to go through with a proper voting-round. We'll have a try with the Eastercon and the problems with proper time for voting will solve themselves thus: the preliminary deadline for votes is *February 28th*, and if we haven't received at least 50 votes by then, we'll continue the race until the new, definite deadline on *Mercer's Day* (April 31st; in Mundane this day is often - wrongly - referred to as »May First»). The winner will then attend another, major convention in Britain during 1986.

HOW DO I VOTE?

Anyone who can prove activity in fandom before *June 30th* (by stating a known fan or fan group as reference) is entitled to vote. Just fill in the form on the back of this sheet (or a copy/transcript of it) and send it to a SEFF-administrator; we would like to have it before the preliminary deadline *February 28th*, or at least before the definite deadline on *Mercer's Day*. Each vote must be accompanied by a donation of 50p, 5 SEK or local equivalent to be valid. The votes will be counted according to the Australian system (counting the votes in rounds each round withdrawing the votes for the least popular alternative and re-distributing those votes on the remaining), so please do rank your alternatives: »1» for your first choice, »2» for your second, etc. The sharp-eyed reader notes that there's only two candidates this year, but since votes on »hold over funds» and write-ins are allowed, you can rank up to four alternatives. No anonymous votes. Only one vote per person.

HOW DO I SUPPORT SEFF?

SEFF wasn't founded because it's too expensive to travel to and from Scandinavia, but because we who founded it thought that more communication, cooperation and contacts between the fandoms in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe would be to the benefit of both sides. Everything you do to improve these inter-fannish contacts is, in spirit, helping SEFF. But less abstract support is also needed! Make SEFF known: write about the fan fund in your fanzine, vote, make your friends vote, run the ballot in your fanzine - or why not stand for SEFF yourself next time! Money is also needed: send donations in the form of giro-transfers to Ahrvid Engholm's Swedish postal giro-account 436 32 00-9, or as a cheque payable to a SEFF-administrator. You can also arrange auctions of books or fanzines donated to SEFF on local conventions.

WHERE DO I SEND THE BALLOT?

There are presently two SEFF-administrators. Both are happy to receive your filled in ballot or supply more copies of it if needed. If there's anything about SEFF you want to know please ask them:

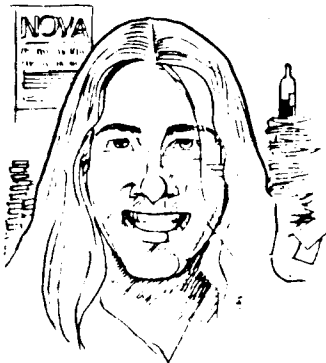
Ahrvid Engholm, Renstiernas Gata 29; S-116 31 Stockholm, Sweden

Jim Barker, 113 Windsor Rd, Falkirk, Stirlingshire FK1 1NH, Scotland

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THE CANDIDATES:

ANDERS BELLIS: «Ghod! I am nominated for SEFF! How shall I ever win?» According to Ahrvid Engholm, I'm not even among the ten most well-known Swedish fans of today. Beats me why I got any nominations. Winning? No way! Anyway, here's some facts. I'm 24 years old, and have published fanzines for ten years, several of them in English (like *Fanhome*, *Brick* and others, most of them distributed through FAPA, of which I'm a member). I've attended several foreign cons - like *Seacon 79*, *Denvention 81* and *Seacon 84* - so I certainly know my way around on them. I'm winner of the Alvar-award (a Swedish fan-Hugo) and known as a fannish fan. Once upon a time I co-edited the well-known weekly Swedish newszine *Vheckans Äyventyr*, but have since calmed down with doing the fandom-column for the prozine *Nova SF*. I have two passions beside this stF-thing; the other one is heavy metal-music. If I go, I'll write a trip report.



Ill. Steven Hagg

MATHS CLAESSION: I have now reached the age of 26, but haven't done much to earn me fame. I dream a lot and I scheme a lot, to win a Nebula is my humble plot. I'm a member of BSFA since 1984, and I've published several fanzines in English, among them *Blast Off!!!*, a collaboration with the first SEFF-winner David Nettle, a real sheet-buster distributed through Eurapa. I'm a true faanish disciple with too many fanzines on my conscience, quite socialable and a happy, dedicated drinker at cons. And not a media-fan; I like my poison straight. I too am an Alvar-winner, once publisher of the often praised zine-review fanzine *Konturer* and columnist in the book-department of the prozine *Jules Verne Magasinet*. Oh! I almost forgot: I'm the proud holder of a student reduction-card of a Scottish bus-company, which will enable me to travel cheap to Glasgow and save the money you will kindly donate for a better purpose - the con-bars.



I prefer neither of the candidates, and instead make a write-in vote for:

I prefer that this year's funds are held over until next year's race.

Mark your first choice with »1«, your second with »2«, etc.

Name:

My signature:

Address:

Fan/group that verifies my fan-activity before 85.06.30:

50p, 5 SEK or local equivalent must be enclosed; you may send more, but not less! Ballots must be in no later than *April 31st* (Mercer's Day), but we prefer to receive them no later than *February 28th* (turn page for explanation). The addresses you shall use are on the previous page. A copy/transcript of this ballot may be used.