

P.S. If you want to reach me I'll probably be staying at St Baker.

Dear John

Here are some of my instant thoughts regarding N-C awards.

① Have fancy gala for those who insist and provide chairs around periphery or in theatre - seats for those wishing to attend awards ceremony only. Small admission fee should be charged non-eaters.

② Have all chairs set up theatre - seats for awards ceremony followed by a cocktail reception. No dinner could be offered.

This is my favorite alternative to present reception following cocktails following dinner following awards goes on into the wee hours of the morning.

③ Have luncheon followed by awards at a much reduced fee and less formality.

④ Have awards at tea time completed with tatty crumpets (after all these are British namesakes).

⑤ Have awards at cocktail time with wine and cheese at tables.

I think that's it for the moment. I still can't understand why N-C dinner is so damned expensive.

I'm recuperating from a survival experience of white water rafting on the Great River in W. Va - wow! Both of the current races in my life are outdoor types, and I'm learning all kinds of new stuff.

Job situation in DC is still yip, and I'm not going to hold my breath while White House Conference tries to get its act together. So I'm relaxing for the moment and enjoying the smell of Honeydew. See you soon.

Love, RB