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TWBA 63rd Annual Meeting and Banquet

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San Antonio Hosts

by Donna Lonon, Publicity Committee

San Antonio was transformed into the Land of Oz June 4-5 for the benefit of the many delegates attending the 63rd TWBA Annual Meeting. San Antonio WBA President Elsie Mitchell played "wizard", along with her many SAWBA helpers, to create an enjoyable atmosphere for the over 200 participants and guests who made the trip along the yellow brick road.

The Doubletree Hotel Lobby was packed Thursday afternoon as delegate registration opened and the lines formed to visit each table. Along with credentials, participants wound their way to visit the table for Ft. Worth, enticing delegate support for the TWBA tournament in 2000. The many happy and friendly faces surrounding the Ft. Worth table, welcoming the delegates, was certainly the way to start off what would be an exciting weekend for everyone. Delegates continued on to visit the Texas 500 Club, the Texas 600 Club, the Texas 20 Year Club, and the Texas Women Bowling Writers, arrayed with the many posters submitted for award consideration in various categories. Obviously by the countless hugs, shouts of laughter and recognition, the annual convention is sometimes the once a year event where friends from across the state have a chance to visit and renew strong bonds made through this great sport of bowling.

Thursday evening, the TWBA officers and directors hosted the FunFair, a chance to meet and greet delegates from across the state, share communication ideas, indulge in excellent food, sing a few songs, and kick up their heels. The theme for the FunFair this year was "Circle of Friends". As delegates entered the room, they received instructions to visit each of the nine association tables, where they

The procession of association representatives, the inspirational music by soloist Charlotte Rutledge and TWBA organist Debbie Kirs, and the heartfelt message of words of comfort always bring tears to the eyes of those attending, remembering those league-mates who have passed on.

After a short break, TWBA officers and directors marched to their places with the stirring support of the delegation.



First order of business was presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance, and introductions. Ed Crabb, President of the Texas State Bowling Association was unable to attend. Barry Chapman, President of the Texas Bowling Centers Association presented a rousing report of the association's continued growth and success, stating over \$28,000 had been given in Gran Prix Scholarships this year, with an escrow total now exceeding \$600,000. He requested a show of hands from the assembly whose average was 140 or below, emphasizing that the minimal count represented a lack of representation to the largest part of our membership, the lower average bowler. He asked the delegation to always keep that in mind and continue to be fair to all bowlers of all averages.

Tem Carpenter, President of the Texas YABA, spoke briefly of the continued success of TYABA and the



Carol Gomillion places a flower at the cross as Reba Goetz and Jimmie Chitacte look on.

63rd TWBA Annual Meeting

outstanding leadership demonstrated by the youth representatives on the state board. The Coca-Cola Tournament now has an escrow scholarship fund in excess of \$200,000. The 1998 TYABA State Tournament, opening June 6, would be a Junior Olympic Gold Qualifier event and announced tournament sites for 1999 and 2000 would be San Antonio and Houston respectively. He invited all associations to come to Waco, the TYABA would welcome any assistance when-ever possible.

In committee reports, Mary Lou Blackwell - Hidalgo County, presented the Rules for the Annual Meeting. Jody Lane, Credentials Committee, counted 195 were eligible to vote. Carol Gomillion, 1997 Reading of the Minutes Committee, stated the 1997 minutes were complete as presented. The 1998 Reading of Minutes Committee was introduced: Billie Waits - Dallas, Chair; Rose Moore - Denton; and Barbara Woolridge - Arlington.

President McLendon did not read her written report, but asked that the delegates take the time to do so, as additional information was included that she would not highlight at the time. She did, however, recognize Sandy Small, present in the delegation, for her high placement in the current WIBC Championship Tournament. She recognized Judy Gotcher, winner of the WIBC Agnes Duffy Membership Development Award, presenting her with a token of appreciation from the TWBA. Gotcher's acceptance remarks at nationals were moving and inspirational, and she did not let the Texas delegation down without delivering thought-provoking comments to each in attendance. "Be a walking advertisement for bowling," she encouraged, relating a story of the impact each of us can make on just one person.

Continuing with her report of the Board of Directors, Secretary Broyles announced changes in the Ladies Senior Classic Tournament for 1999 to be held in Ft. Worth, while the Bluebonnet Queens Tournament will be conducted in 1999 at Plano Superbowl in Dallas. The TWBA Board of Directors had also recommended retiring third Vice-President Barbara Wingfield be considered for Member Emerita status, and upon the motion of Cher Steussy - Austin, a second Erna Walter - Austin, and the unanimous acclamation of the delegates, Wingfield was so inducted.



Barbara Wingfield smiles at becoming TWBA's newest Member Emerita.

Mary Antell began the annual awards presentations with the TWBA Youth Service Award. Winner for the 96-97 season was Connie Cotton of Dallas, who was unable to attend the convention due to prior commitments with the Team USA regionals. Antell had spoken with Cotton earlier, who expressed her surprise and gratitude for the selection. Cotton's comment was "...I just wish the opportunity to love and teach youth bowlers..." and her resume for application for the award showed just that. Her commitment to Team USA, her coaching with the team from China, her activity and support of the Junior Olympic Gold Program, all point to her dedication and involvement in the future of bowling. Dallas WBA President Kay Turner accepted the award in Cotton's absence.

Sue Hurter, Secretary for the Texas State Bowling Council, did not read her complete written report, but reminded the delegation of the Texas Bowling Conference, August 7-8, in Austin, outlining the activities that will be available. The Texas State Senior Mixed Tournament will be held in San Angelo, while The Texas State Mixed Tournament will be in Austin, entries presently in centers for both events.

Charlene Scheel, Chair of the BVL Committee, thanked the many

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associations present for their continued support of the BVL, and displayed the national award received by Texas in recognition of the most contributions by a state to BVL National Headquarters. She also displayed a new pin design that would be available soon, with proceeds above the actual cost to be donated to BVL, encouraging the resale of the pin and its proceeds to benefit various fund-raising projects to promote additional funds for the cause. For those associations with 1000 or more membership, Dallas WBA was recognized for their total contributed (in conjunction with their area Bowling Council) of \$16,833.17. For associations with less than 1000 membership, Temple WBA was selected for a donation of \$2,513.44.

Presenting the TWBA Service Award, Doris Coffman, Chair, recognized Margie Rountree of Houston. With so many friends and Houston WBA members, President McLendon stated the award was the hardest secret to keep, but keep it they did as Rountree was taken by surprise. Very active in all aspects of bowling, and an excellent bowler in her own right, Margie and her husband were elected to the Houston Hall of Fame the same year. Asked about her dedication and hard work on behalf of the HWBA, Margie stated "...I just didn't know how to say no." Houston hopes she never learns.

Returning from lunch break, Life Member Helen Baetz assisted Secretary Broyles in the presentation of the annual Helen Baetz Awards, given to the associations with the most participants entered in the TWBA tournament based on association size and percent of membership entered. Div. 6 (under 300 members) - Beeville - 52%;

Div. 5 - (301-500)
- Texas City/LaMarque - 32%

Div. 4 (501 - 1000)
- Beaumont - 32%

Div. 3 (1001-2000)
- Pasadena - 15%

delegation standing in his support. Mr. Little was quite overcome with gratitude, to the TWBA, to the committee, and to the Dallas WBA for their support.

Texas Women Bowling Writers' President Jan Bacon announced the TWBA award winners - Newsletter of the Year - Len Pin Ludbits, Ft. Worth, Mary Burns, Editor, who accepted in memory of Carole Ruitledge; ATL Award - Pat Waller, Temple; Writer of the Year - Mary Burns, Ft. Worth; and the Wood Award - Lin "Captain Eddie" Lesak.

Election results for TWBA Board of Directors was First Vice President Sue Humer, Third Vice President Mary Louise Young; Directors 1-4, Jimmie Cheate, Jane Kirby, Rhonda Vasbinder, and Mary Aniel. President McLendon was elected state delegate to the WIBC convention in Indianapolis and Sue Hunter selected as alternate.

The day's activities were completed with the passing of the Golden Pin from Sar Antonio WBA President Elsie Mitchell to Beaumont President Kaye Moore and Port Arthur Representative Marion Dupree, each stating how much they are looking forward to everyone's attendance at the 1999 TWBA state tournament and convention.



Elected to the TWBA Board are (back row l-r) Mary Aniel, Jimmie Cheate, Jane Kirby, and Rhonda Vasbinder, (front row) 1st Vice President Sue Hunter and 3rd Vice President Mary Louise Young.

San Antonio Rolls out the "Yellow Brick Road" to Host TWBA's 63rd Annual Banquet

by Chris Onofre, Publicity Chair and Deborah Crockett, Publicity Co-Chair

The Texas Women's Bowling Association and the San Antonio Women's Bowling Association, along with many friends and honored guests, enjoyed an elegant evening in Munchkin Land celebrating TWBA's 63rd Annual Banquet.

Centerpiece decorations varied with Dorothy, the Tim Man and Scarecrow taking center stage on each table. The "Emerald City" sparkled as the backdrop and a display of rainbow sculptured balloons floated above Debbie Krist, TWBA's official organist, while she entertained us with her delightful dining music.



The evening was opened by our TWBA President, Beverly McLendon, who introduced the special award winners and guests. The invocation was given by Maggie Nance of San Antonio.

Texas Bowler of the Year, Kelly Jay of Houston, proved that her 1996-97 bowling season had been one of her best, cashing in six out of seven Southwest LPBT Regional tournaments. Kelly has rolled eighteen 700-749 series, five 750-799 series, sixty two 650-699 series, two 300 games, twelve 275-279 games, fifty 250-274 games, and one hundred and thirty five 225-249 games, just to mention a few!



Mona Loper beams as TWBA President Beverly McLendon places the Hall of Fame pendant around her neck.

As the evening came to a close, we were happy and sad to see the festivities end and look forward continuing on our journey to the "right side of the state" for next year's tournament in Beaumont/Port Arthur.

With the clicking of our "Red Shoes" - it was back to our hometowns where "there's no place like home", "there's no place like home", "there's no place like home"!

Kristie Denise Blevins of the Greater Houston Young American Bowling Alliance was named Miss Texas Youth Bowler. Kristie's accomplishments are many both on and off the lanes. She carries a 3.6 GPA while taking honors courses, maintains a 2.11 bowling average, and is an active member of her church.

This year's TWBA Hall of Fame inductee was the ever so quiet Mona Loper, who took the opportunity to tell us that our journey and accomplishments through life are not achieved alone, but are achieved with the help and love from those around us, just like the scarecrow, Tim Man and cowardly lion who found what they wanted with the help and love from Dorothy.

Immediately following the retirement of colors by San Antonio's WBA President Elsie Mitchell and Vice Presidents Louise Mangelsdorf and Ruth James, everyone joined hands (and voices) to sing the TWBA traditional closing song, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".



Delegates and friends end the evening by lifting their hearts and hands together... making memories that will last a lifetime!

TWBA Service Award



Margie Rountree

Margie Rountree of the Houston WBA has served her local and state associations for over 35 years. Locally she has served as league President; Houston WBA Director, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and 1st Vice President, Chairman of Budget & Finance, Audit, Policy & Procedure, City Mixed Tournament. She has also served on the Greater Houston Youth Bowling Association and the Houston Bowling Council as Secretary. Along the way, she served TWBA as Chairman of the Minutes Committee, TWBA Banquet, Credentials, and the Nominating Committee.

Her charitable contributions include handling all the finances for the Dave Ward Anybody Can Bowl Tournament that benefits Texas Children's Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit ... and participates in the fund raising tournament for Houston Cougar Collegiate Team, Houston Cougars Club.

Her bowling skills include making the finals in 1986 Team USA, qualifying locally and regionally and went on to Milwaukee. She is a member of the 600 Club and the Les Dames 700 Club. She has bowled one 300 game, two 299 games, and a high series of 740. She has won her Local tournament in team and doubles. In 1987 she was inducted into the Houston WBA Hall of Fame.

"Margie is a tireless worker and has contributed much more than her share of time and talent to the game of bowling. She has devoted many, many hours to making sure the financial records of the HWBA are kept current and accurate. She is always available, day or night to promote the game of bowling. She runs errands for the office, presents awards to bowlers, distributes flyers or supplies, even conducts workshops when asked."

This is SERVICE.

Congratulations Margie!

Volunteer of the Year



Peggy Ward

Peggy Ward, a do-it-all for the Houston WBA, was the recipient of the first Texas Women's Bowling Association Volunteer of the Year Award.

Peggy chairs no less than seven committees or tournaments, serves as Group League Visitation Coordinator for seven bowling centers, collects BVL and NBHF&M funds at three bowling centers, organizes at least 10 teams to participate in local, state and national tournaments and currently serves as 2nd Vice President of the Houston WBA as well as Vice President of the Houston Bowling Council. She has served as chair of Ways and Means, Budget and Finance, Membership Meeting Site Selection, Membership Development, Joint Study, Suspension, Scholarship Deposit, Local Awards and Publicity committees.

She has served as a delegate to both the WIBC convention and TWBA's annual meeting. She is an active member of NWBW, TWBW, the National and State 600 Clubs, and the Texas 20 Year Club.

Additionally, she supported the Special Olympics by collecting food, toys and clothing in a Community Outreach program for abused women and children.

She managed to find time to bowl in four leagues, serving as President of two and Secretary/Treasurer of two. "Peggy constantly promotes the game of bowling," said Houston WBA President Glenda Millar. "The odds are very good that where there is something going on with bowling and Houston WBA, Peggy will be there."

We are indeed fortunate to have Peggy as a member of our association and as an officer and director. Every association should have a Peggy Ward --- how glad we are to have her."

SHE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Congratulations Peggy!

Proprietor of the Year



Randy Little

The Texas Women's Bowling Association's first Proprietor of the Year recipient, Mr. Randy Little, General Manager at Showplace Lanes in Garland, has shown exceptional support for his local association, Dallas WBA, as well as TWBA.

Mr. Little encourages sanctioned league bowling in each organizational meeting of new leagues. As part of each league's proposed rules, Mr. Little includes participation in the local BVL tournament and has the distinction of having every league participate 100%. He hosted a TWBA bowling clinic during the 1996-97 season and all managers and league office staff are qualified coaches who assist him in conducting quarterly clinics and learn-to-bowl classes.

Mr. Little strongly supports the Dallas WBA by working with them during their tournament, as well as providing 30 of the center's 58 lane concourse for blackjack tables during their Las Vegas night. After walking the lanes and encouraging interaction, he climbs aboard a 10 foot ladder, showcasing his excellent auctioneer talents. With his cooperation, the Dallas WBA has been able to raise over \$18,000 in the three years he has hosted the event.

Mr. Little is a member of the BPAA, president of the Metroplex Bowling Proprietors Association and is an active member of the bowling council. He met with administrators in the Garland and Mesquite public school systems to start an in-school bowling program, and even dressed up as BIF for the kids!

Mr. Little also has a big heart when it comes to his community. He collected donations for the Oklahoma City bombing victims and runs collections for food and toys for needy families at Christmas.

For his dedication, his support, and his contributions to bowling, we are proud to present Mr. Randy Little as our Proprietor of the Year.

Congratulations Randy!

Bowler of the Year



Kelly Jay

Kelly Jay of Houston had one of her best years during the 1996-97 season. Tournaments were good to her. At the conclusion of the TWBA Championship tournament, she and her doubles partner came in second; she cashed in Singles, and she was in the top ten in All Events. She cashed in the State Mixed tournament, the Bluebonnet Queens tournaments, and six of the seven Southwest Regionals she participated in.

She was just as effective on the lanes. She bowled in five fall leagues, where she booked averages of 201, 208, 211, 212, and 215. These averages were the results of 62 650-699 series, 18 700-749 series and 5750-799 series; 135 225-249 games, 50 250-274 games, 12 275-299 games and 2 300's. Four games earned her "11 in a row" honors.

Kelly is thirty-six years young and lives with her husband David, who is manager of Palace Lanes, and they are two daughters, Courtney, 14, and Taylor Ward, 8. They are her biggest fans and best supporters.

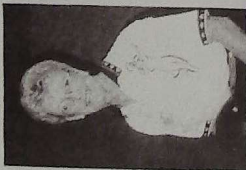
Kelly started bowling when she was twelve years old. At the age of eighteen, she joined her first adult league, bowling with her parents. Her sport at the time was softball, but she always kept one night for bowling. She joined a scratch league in 1991, bowled her first regional tournament in Corpus Christi in 1992, and cashed in a regional in January 1993. She's had the "bug" ever since.

Kelly says "I have bowled with and learned from the likes of Bill Lillard, Pete Treybig, Don Ellis, Luci Bonneau, Donna Conners and many other Houston greats. Last year was the year everything fell together for me. All the practice paid off. I shot 300 twice. I made the finals in every regional I entered except one...a second place finish in State doubles, and great scores all year round.

I approach the sport of bowling with one thought in mind. My dad told me "No matter how good you get, there is always someone better." I guess I will keep practicing."

Congratulations Kelly!

Youth Service Award



Connie Cotton

Connie Cotton, Richardson, has been bowling for 36 years, and has been active in youth bowling for 22 years. She served as a director before retiring from the local YABA board.

Connie worked with all youth programs at various bowling centers, including serving as a coach. She welcomes the opportunity to teach youth bowlers and share with them her love for the sport.

For many years, she traveled with the youth to all tournaments. In 1992, she received the Granny Award for contributions to local bowling in the Dallas area. Connie has always been a strong supporter of bowling in general and has served the bowling community in many areas, including as proprietor.

Her commitment to Team USA along with her activity and support of the Junior Olympic Gold Program all point to her dedication and involvement in the future of bowling!

Her talents and contributions are many, and Texas is fortunate to have her!

Congratulations Connie!

Miss Texas Youth Bowler



Kristy Denise Blevins

Kristy Denise Blevins, Greater Houston Young American Bowling Alliance, is the recipient of the 30th "MISS TEXAS YOUTH BOWLER" award presented by the Texas 20 Year Club.

Kristy is a graduating senior from Galena Park High School taking Honors Courses in English, Math, Chemistry and Spanish with a GPA of 3.6. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a member of the John W. Hoke Chapter of the National Honor Society, and received the International Achievement Academy Foreign Language Award for her accomplishments in Spanish.

Kristy is also active in her community, making and delivering Valentines and Easter baskets to local nursing homes. She even hosted a Senior Citizens Prom. She is a member of Galena Park United Methodist Church.

Kristy has been involved with the youth bowling program for twelve years, serving as youth leader for five of those years. On the lanes she participates in local, state and special tournaments, and has finished in first through seventh place. To her credit, she has bowled four 650+ series and five 700+ plus series. Her high game is 289 while her high series is 733. She currently holds her high average of 211. According to her coaches "she is a very positive role model and displays qualities of loyalty, dedication and friendship to the upcoming youth bowlers." Kristy was named the 1998 Houston Female Bowler of the Year and inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches Association Hall of Fame in February.

Kristy has been accepted by Texas Southern University in Houston with a full scholarship. She plans a career in Political Science or Criminal Justice and aspires to be a Judge.

We know that Kristy will succeed in all of her endeavors, and we wish her every success.

Congratulations Kristy!

Way to Go, Texas!



"We won" were Judy Gotcher's first words when she was notified she was the recipient of the WIBC Agnes Duffy Membership Development Award. Judy has served as Temple's Membership Development team leader since its inception.



Helen Baetz, TWBA Life Member and WIBC Member Emerita, was presented a plaque commemorating her 50th anniversary as a WIBC tournament participant. Helen says "it doesn't matter how you bowl, just that you enjoy it."



Sylvia Broyles, TWBA Secretary-Treasurer, was selected as the National Women Bowling Writers special award winner -- the Jo Ethem Lieber award for "Distinguished Service to the Game of American Tenpins".

Beverly McLendon, TWBA President, proudly accepts the BYL Award for Most Funds Contributed to BYL Headquarters for the 1996-97 season -- \$46,818.71, from Helene Phillips. That makes 4 years in a row!

Texas WBA is a FOUR STAR STATE.
We are so proud!

Congratulations also to Dallas WBA for being a Four Star Association!

TWBA Delegates' Reception -- Rolling on the River

by Donna Lonon

"Fun and Games" was the theme for the recent TWBA Delegates' Reception held on Monday April 27 during the 81st WIBC Annual Meeting held at the Mark of the Quad Cities in Moline, Illinois. Over 175 Texas delegates, TWBA directors and officers, and many WIBC guests completed their first day of intense information gathering with a cordial get-together and friendly conversator.

Reception Committee Chairman, JoAnn Burkhardt, with the help of directors Mary Burns and Mary Antell, led the assembly in games of keno, dice, and bingo, with prizes awarded the winners, much to everyone's delight. The highlight of the evening was Miss Boom-Boom, the cigarette girl. Wearing black tights, a short slinky outfit with lots of fringe, a white bow tie, and a silvery pill box hat, Miss Boom-Boom (aka TWBA President



San Antonio delegate Ruth James joins TWBA Directors Regina Loveall, Jimmie Choate, Mary Burns and Judy Reynolds as they begin to party.

The fun began with plenty of food and a large room to mingle and visit with our many friends from across the state we only get to see once or twice a year. We heard stories of good and not so good bowling, as well as several unusual experiences in traveling to the Quad Cities. But everyone was in complete agreement that the residents of the Quad Cities had been extremely kind, helpful, and thoughtful to all of the bowlers.

After a time to eat and visit, and keeping in the spirit of the gambling enthusiasm of the crowd, the games began. TWBA Delegates' remainants of a reminder of the evening,



Miss Boom-Boom searches her tray for more items to sell...what a way to raise funds for BVL! No wonder we keep winning that award!!

she willingly agreed. With TWBA Director Mary Louise Young acting as auctioneer, the bidding began. The silver pendant earrings fetched \$28.00; the white silk bow tie raised a remarkable \$60.00; the attractive pill box hat \$30.00; and the red garter \$35.00. Miss Boom-Boom refused to add any further articles as she insisted on drawing the line somewhere, even for charity. President McLendon was roundly applauded for her good sportsmanship.

Over \$400.00 was raised during the reception. Half of the amount was donated to BVL and the other half to the International Bowling Hall of Fame. As always, Texas Delegates proved they can have fun and still incorporate their generosity to a good cause. Each delegate stated they are looking forward to what's in store for next year in Indianapolis.

You won't want to miss it!

Upcoming events you won't want to miss!

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August 7-8, 1998
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(512) 451-5757 or 1-800-HIL-TONS

Friday - Highland Lanes, 8909 Burnet Road
Bowling Clinic 5:30 - 7:30 pm \$5.00
Scrambler Tournament 8:00 pm \$11.00

Saturday - Conference 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
\$15.00 - all sessions with lunch

for more information call Sue Hunter at (956) 781-7335

Joint Awards Dinner

August 8, 1998

On Saturday evening, the Texas Women's Bowling Association and the Texas State Bowling Association will be honoring their state champions at a Joint Awards Dinner. The Texas Young American Bowling Alliance will present their Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Reception at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Awards presentations to follow.

For additional information, please call the TWBA office at (830) 438-4396.

"Messages from Munchkinland" at the 30th Annual TWBW Meeting

by Vickie Bibby, Publicity Chairman

Staying with San Antonio's theme of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" the TWBW Board of Directors dressed accordingly, entering the meeting room in Munchkin attire to the tune of "Ding Dong The Witch is Dead". Glenda the good witch was portrayed by Jan Bacon, President. The Munchkin mayor was portrayed by Cheryl Ross, Secretary Treasurer. The lollipop kids, town ladies and a Munchkin flower also greeted the members and guests in attendance. It's said that some come to the meeting just to see what the board will do next!

Jan Bacon, President of TWBW opened the 30th annual meeting with greetings to all members and guests present. A special welcome was extended to the newest TWBA Hall of Fame inductee, Mona Loper and Sylvia Broyles was congratulated on receiving the NWBW Jo Eitten Lieber Award, for distinguished service to the game of American tenpins. Regina Lovell, editor of Across Texas Lanes was congratulated for winning first place in the NWBW Publication Contest.

Jan announced the winners of the TWBW poster contest Association category:

- 1st place - Hidalgo County
- 2nd place - Austin
- 3rd place - Fort Worth

Tournament category

- 1st place - Temple
- 2nd place - Hidalgo County
- 3rd place - Austin

A big THANKS goes to our poster judges, Jimmie Choate, Evelyn Davis, and Wynelle Dawson, chairman.

The Magistrate of Munchkin Land, Cheryl Ross, Secretary, then sang part of her report, to everyone's surprise and delight. The rest of the committee reports followed. Sharon



Creagor, Web Link committee chairman, had a list of the countries and states that visited Bowlarama in May only. Places like Australia, Bermuda, Switzerland, and several states in this country. This has really been impressive. If you have not visited the web site, please do so at www.bowlarama.com.

Writing contest chairman, Ann Powell, announced the 1997/98 winners of the Texas Women Bowling Writers contests. Ann mentioned the time the judges put into this and expressed a big THANK YOU for their efforts. The winner of the ATL category went to Pat Waller of Temple.

The Newsletter of the Year award was given to Fort Worth's "Ten Pin Tidbits", with special mention for Amarillo's "Ten Pin Highlights". Mary Burns of Fort Worth earned Writer of the Year for her article in ATL Fall/Winter 1998 issue, "The Great Whiteout".

TWBW honored Rey Costa of San Antonio with a Certificate of Appreciation. Rey was unable to attend because of a previous engagement. He will receive his award at a later date from former TWBW board member, Gail Cantu. The TWBW Wood Award for Excellence went to Lin "Captain Eddie" Lesak of 93Q radio in Houston. Captain Eddie was also unable to attend. It was announced that Sharon Creagor and

submitting their work

To all members: please watch your TWBW newsletters, TWBW's ATL articles, Gulf Coast Bowling News, Bowling News, and the web site for the different contests and awards that TWBW offers. There are a lot of deserving people out there. Show them how much you appreciate them by

TWBW Award Winners



Pat Waller smiles as she accepts her plaque for winning ATL article.



Bobbie Sickles proudly accepts the plaque for Newsletter of the Year.



Mary Burns was elated at being named the Writer of the Year for her article in the ATL Fall/Winter 1998 issue, "The Great Whiteout".

Texas Women's Bowling Association, Inc. 1998 Bowling Leaders Fun Day and Workshop September 12 - 13, 1998

Round up your bowling buddies and head for the hills... where learning is fun and fun is learning!!

Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center
1001 Junction Highway
Kerrville, Texas 78028
830-895-5000

Saturday Fun Day - 9 am to 4 pm
\$10.00 fee per person, includes lunch
Indoor and outdoor activities

Saturday Baker System Bowling Funfest - 5:30 pm
\$\$8.00 fee - sandwich bar included

Sunday Workshop - 9 am to 12 noon

Deadline for registration September 4...don't delay!

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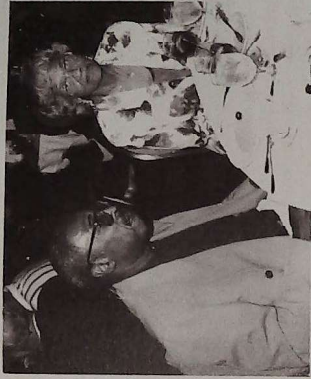


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Treasures



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Texas Treasures...

1. "Oh when the saints, go marching in, how I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in."
2. *Passing of the Golden Pin from San Antonio WBA President Elsie Mitchell to Beaumont President Kaye Moore and Port Arthur Representative Marion Dupree.*
3. *Harry Page, local sportswriter for the San Antonio Express News, visits with Maggie Nance, who gave the invocation, at the TWBA awards banquet.*
4. *Fort Worth WBA Fun Fair booth gave away "angels" made from candy kisses, enticing us to come to Fort Worth in 2000 for the annual tournament and banquet.*
5. *Lookin' Good - (standing) Pam Sims, Phyliss Wagstaff, Sissy Abrego, (kneeling) Claudia Smith, Joyce Kinder from Port Arthur. These girls just want to have a good time... and that is what they did!*
6. *Mona Loper's family joined her at the Awards Banquet as she became the newest inductee into the TWBA Hall of Fame.*
7. *San Antonio Director Margaret Eckart shows Judy Camarigg and Ginger Tankersley how to "do the chicken"!*
8. *TWBA Directors Kathy Devany and Mary Louise Young, along with Karen Johnson, Kathy Dietz, and Jeanette Wahl led the sing-a-long at Thursday night's FunFair.*
9. *Sharon Creagor and Joyce Harton always have a friendly smile!*
10. *Ruth, Veta and Jackie D. sample the munchies...mmmm good.*
11. *"Boots" Brown and Lucille Miers enjoy the banquet festivities.*
12. *Sally and Eddie show off their bowling vests in the Doubletree courtyard. Snazzy!!*
13. *Houston WBA, in their Texas vests, take a trip to the John Deere factory while in Quad Cities. Anybody wanna go for a ride?*



Texas 500 Club

by Melissa Pingry, Publicity Chairman

On June 6, 1998 the Texas 500 Club held it's annual breakfast meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in San Antonio with 29 members from across the state in attendance.

President Pat Waller opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of our members who have passed on.

Elections were held and those elected are: 1st Vice President Sharon Creagor, Spring; Secretary-Treasurer Carol L. Gommillion, Edinburg; Directors Juanita Smith, Princeton; Ellen White, Flower Mound; and Collen Gore, Azle. Ruby Oakes, Pharr, was appointed to a Director's position. Congratulations to all these ladies, we know they will do a great job for our club.

Legislative changes were to change the yearly dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00 starting August 1, 1998. Passed. Changed Article VIII to separate the duties of Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Director. Passed.

Door prizes were won by Nancy Shore, Debbie Clanton, Carol Gommillion, Mary Lou Quinn, and Marlene Stadler.

Congratulations to
Karen Stroud, Amarillo,
for earning the High Average
Award for the 1996-97 season.
Karen posted a 223 average for 102
games. TWBA Secretary-Treasurer
Sylvia Broyles presented Karen's
plaque at the TWBA
Tournament, June 28.

A Golden Moment...

On Sunday, June 7, 1998, Lucille Miers from San Angelo, was recognized as TWBA's first 50 year tournament participant. Her participation patch and plaque were presented to her by TWBA President Beverly McLendon during tournament competition at the team center, AMF Wonder Lanes. Congratulations Lucille...see you next year!



Lucille Miers

BVL Update

The committee presented BVL Association Certificate Awards to Abilene, Alvin Pearlard Hidalgo County, Pasadena, San Angelo, San Antonio, Temple, Texas City/ La Marque, and Waco. Congratulations associations!

A final reminder...July 31, 1998 is the deadline for contributions to be considered for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Please send your association donations today. Thank you "Texas" for keeping BVL so near and dear to your heart!

Association Hi-lites

AMARILLO

by Bonnie Raley, Publicity

The Amarillo WBA Special Awards were presented along with the City Tournament Awards at our Annual Meeting on March 14. President Regina Lovell called the meeting to order and after the business meeting and officers and committee reports, Marci McMicken, Secretary, reviewed the Acts of the Board for 1997-98 season and reported on the Jack McMicken Memorial Scholarship Fund. During the election of officers and directors, twenty-one door prizes were presented to members. Members also enjoyed refreshments served during the evening.

The following officers were elected: Joyce Cox, 1st Vice President; Wandy Murphy, 3rd Vice President; Marci McMicken, Secretary; and Sue Blessen, Sgt-at-Arms. Eight directors were elected - six incumbents - Claudia Dupree, Martha Cooper, Vicky Sanchez, Kathy Jobe, Gloria Collins, Mary Ingram and two new nominees - Kim Scroggins and Carol Lawhead. The five delegates elected for the TWBA meeting in Beaumont-Port Arthur are Marci McMicken, Joyce Cox, Bonnie Raley, Sue Blessen and Nadine Hoffman. Five delegates elected to represent Amarillo at the WIBC convention in Indiana are Marci McMicken, Regina Lovell, Joyce Cox, Pat Lauder, and Floretta Beyer. An appreciation gift was given to departing Director, Gloria Sauls. Gloria served as AWBA Director for eight years.

The 20, 30 and 40 year certificates were handed out and the

Special AWBA Awards were presented to the following: Ida Stansell, Senior Woman Bowler of the Year; Claudia Dupree, Secretary of the Year; and Sandra Turner, Miss Junior Bowler of the Year. Ida Stansell was the first to receive our new AWBA award, Senior Bowler of the Year. This young lady (ninety years old) bowls in two senior leagues and always encourages everyone to do better, she is quite a competitor, too. She seldom misses one of the league sessions and always has a smile for everyone. Two of her daughters (Maxa Price and Sylvia Visser) bowl in the same leagues as Ida.

Claudia Dupree is secretary to the Majorette League and promotes bowling in every way possible. She is always there when asked, helpful with everything and everyone. She has spent a lifetime of dedication to bowling, the sport she loves. The AWBA was delighted to honor Sandra Turner as Miss Junior Bowler for her outstanding achievements as a student and YABA bowler. Candra is in the ACE Scholarship Program at Palo Duro High and is a member of High School Latin Club, National Latin Club, UIL Symphonic Band, Marching Band, First Chair Bassoon Player, and Flag Girl. Candra is involved in the Maverick Boys & Girls Club and Kids Inc. Candra is only fourteen and has bowled three 600 series. She has won and placed in her State Tournaments and AJBA Area Championship Tournaments and is Vice President of the Amarillo Junior YABA Board.

Jack McMicken Memorial Scholarship Fund is supported by the members of the ABA and the AWBA as well as with many private donations. During the AWBA and ABA City Tournaments, the total amount collected was \$2,073. Through 1997, the ABA has awarded eighteen scholarships totaling \$9,000. This year winners of the Jack McMicken Scholarships are: (1) Dana Deann Doherty, daughter of David and Vickie Doherty. Dana is planning to attend the University of Texas, majoring in Business Communications. (2) Melanie

Anne Stovall, daughter of Carl Stovall. Melanie is planning to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University, majoring in Pharmacy. (3) Brennan Cole Chaparro, son of W.G. and Lori Chaparro, Jr. Brennan is planning to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in Electrical Engineering. (4) Kimberly Dawn McClung, daughter of Donald and Mandy McClung. Kimberly is planning to attend Amarillo College, majoring in Secretary/Administrative. (5) Scott Hudson, son of Archie and Virginia Hudson. Scott is planning to attend Amarillo College, majoring in Radiological Technician. (6) Holly Harrison, daughter of Jeff and Susan Bailey. Holly is planning to attend West Texas A&M University, majoring in Secondary Education.

Amarillo WBA hosted a TWBA Bowling Clinic in March. Rachel Perez and Regina Lovell, both USA Bronze Certified Instructors, conducted a ladies bowling clinic at Eastridge Lanes. Each participant received personal instruction by one and in some cases, both coaches. There was a good turnout by the bowlers for this clinic and the response was positive by everyone (they didn't want the class to end) and they would like an advanced clinic in the future.

The Amarillo 500 Club has a total membership of 131 members, still the largest 500 Club in the state. The club had three tournaments this year with excellent participation by members. The Amarillo 600 Club raised over \$1,700 this season from their bake sale at tournaments. They decide to add \$300 to this amount and donate \$500 each to four of their favorite charities.

The 1997-98 Outstanding Bowling Awards for Amarillo: Joyce Hegemena 278, 651; Karen Stroud 299, 773; Regina Lovell 750; Karen Goff 716; Debbie Dotts 670; Maureen Hood 275, 759; Joyce Bush 279, 666; Jane Nelson 279, 729; Marcella Crabtree 276; Brenda McMahon 662; Kelly Stroud 279, 703; and Michelle May 297, 299, 723.

ARLINGTON

by Jeanne Hester, Publicity Chairman

Sometimes Winning is the Only Thing... One could only imagine the thoughts that were going through their minds as they stepped into the bowling center. Would the stamina be there to complete the nine games? Would the body hold up to the test of doubles and singles after the intense medical attacks to stop their illnesses? For these two bowlers, this year's tournament wasn't any old tournament. It was a quest.

Nita Page was crowned as City Champion of the 37th Annual Arlington Women's Bowling Association Tournament.



Nita Page being presented her City Championship Trophy by President Judy Haas.

She had repeated her 1997 win, even exceeding last year's scores. Nita won, averaging 221, with an 1863 scratch all events score; a 660 series leading the way. There had been a question as to whether or not Nita would even be able to participate. With everything that had been going on, the deadline passed for her team to enter. At the last minute, she became a replacement on another team. Then there was the fact that Nita had finished her last cancer radiation treatment two days prior to the tournament. Would she be ready?

A kidney infection forced Nita to the doctor in September of 1997. As many of us do, she had postponed her yearly check ups for 12

years, so they performed all the usual tests. Two weeks later, the day before her birthday, Nita was told that she had cancer. After more intensive tests, a hysterectomy was performed in November. Twenty-five radiation treatments, plus two extreme internal treatments would be needed. During that time, the radiation forced Nita to curtail her bowling. All she could think about was getting back into that tournament feeling, and doing her best.

Nita started her bowling career at 11 in AJBC program in El Paso. She comes from a bowling family, and she credits her mother, Billie Brown, with her introduction to the game. Her grandfather, at 77, still enjoys his weekly bowling outings, and maintains an average in the 170's. Nita's husband, James, is a PBA member. She has two daughters, Breann (19) and Carla Blanton (17).

Her dream was to become a professional bowler. Just before James and Nita were married, he drilled a new ball for her, and they worked on her game. Her average improved from the 140's to the 190's, at which time she applied for her Regional Tour Card. Over the years, her most memorable tournament was her first win, the American Indian Tournament in Amistad. Nita's determination remains high, as she hopes to participate in some regional tournament in the next few months. This is obviously a woman that "can do" when her mind is set.

Ceil Bernia was rushed to Arlington Memorial hospital in July 1997, experiencing extreme breathing difficulties. Ceil's father had died at 52 from heart problems, so any heart distress was serious to her. After tests were run, it was determined that she would need triple bypass heart surgery. During the night after the surgery, one of Ceil's lungs collapsed, putting her in critical condition. Her body fought hard and overcame the unexpected setback. After a two week stay in the hospital, she was allowed to go home with conditions. Foremost among these was to take it easy. By the time

bowling season started, Ceil could lift no more than ten pounds. In November, she was able to return to her Wednesday evening slot.

Ceil, an Arlington native, was introduced to bowling in 1966 by her brother, Bob Lehr. While in high school, she had been looking for an activity to fill her time during the volleyball off season. After graduation, she continued to participate in league competition. Over the years, Ceil's interest in bowling expanded to the management side. She has held several offices in her leagues, as well as serving 12 years on the AWBA Board as a director. Her high game has been 279 and 631 is her highest series.

In 1977, her sons, Jim, and Todd, began youth bowling at Plaza Bowl. She attended classes to become a youth instructor, and coached until the boys left youth bowling in 1986. Today she is the proud grandmother of Taylor (3) and Kasey (1). Jim and his wife Kelly's children, Todd is a sales representative in Dallas.

When she came into the center, a few fears raced through her mind, such as if she might fall or even bowl at all. If she paced herself, she said, she would probably be able to make it through doubles and singles with no problem. And make it she did. Ceil won Division 3 All Events with a 2079 handicap score and came in 2nd in the Division 3 Singles. A bit tired when she finished, at least she had proved something to herself. She could do it. Ceil could not be with us on the day the awards were handed out. She was in Las Vegas. With each day, she is feeling stronger and is able to travel and do normal "things" again.

Standing in the winners circle included: TEAM: Division 1 - F.I.S.H. (Marsha Kirkpatrick, Capt.) 2631; Division 2 - BLOOMING LUCK (Angie Samsom, Capt.) 2618. DOUBLES: Division 1 - Shawna DePuew and Esther Plaisted 1328; Division 2 - Anna Roberts and Ann Roskydal 1356; Division 3 - Lisa Gibson and Teresa Her 1365; Division 4 - Erin McGraw and Shelly Putney

1344, SINGLES: Division 1 - Shawna DePuew 710; Division 2 - Angie Sansom 703; Division 3 - Beverly Crowder; Division 4 - Resa Langford 696. ALL EVENTS: Division 1 - Shawna DePuew 2109; Division 2 - Angie Sansom 2074; Division 3 - Ceil Berna 2079; Division 4 - Brenda Clendenen 1982. High Scratch Series - Annie Akanni, Holly Ginn, and Nita Page 660; High Scratch Game - Melissa Moon 276.

There were 50 ladies who received their first timers awards. Again this has proven to be a successful way to entice our members to try their first AWBA tournament, with perhaps sights on returning.

Whereas there is joy for all of the winners, two have extra special reasons to be proud. Nita said, "If your body starts to tell you something, listen and don't end up going through tough times like I did. I have to say thank you to everyone for the prayers, which were deeply appreciated, and thank you to James for staying by my side". Ceil echoed the same sentiments. "If there is any kind of problem, get it checked out. Don't wait."

We teach our children, that in tournaments, as well as in life, you do the best you can on that given day. If you fail to place, so be it because you know you have done your best. In the past year, we watched in awe as these two ladies did their best on many fronts. Overcoming the bowling pins was the easy part. The true test of winning was the courageous fight for life. There are no trophies for that, but, oh, what inspiration to give!

According to Ceil, "Bowlers are the best people in the world." Who are we to argue with a winner?

DALLAS

by Donna Lonon

The Dallas WBA has been as busy as the air-conditioner repairman during the heat wave. Our city tournament completed just

netted over \$6,000 for the local Dallas YABA scholarship fund in that short of a time. The dinner is catered at minimal cost, tickets are sold for the dinner, items are donated and auctioned during the dinner, entertainment is donated, and the room is rented at a nominal fee. The area proprietors support the event with great enthusiasm, helping the sale of the tickets, and increasing the amount donated to the youth. It takes a great deal of coordinated efforts, but it pays off in the amount of funds raised and in the amount of fun had by all of those in attendance. The junior travel league winners are invited and recognized for their special accomplishments. If you are in the area July 24th, please come and visit.

DWBA delegates attended the TWBA State convention June 5, and were happened to applaud two of their own being recognized with TWBA awards. Connie Cotton received the TWBA Youth Service Award. Connie was not able to attend, but was excited about the honor bestowed on her. The other award winner was the TWBA Proprietor of the Year, Randy Little, of Showplace Lanes in Garland. Every DWBA member present at the assembly was happy to stand in appreciation of the work and cooperation Randy has lent the DWBA in accomplishing our goals, whether it be fundraising, educating the membership, or providing a fantastic tournament. Randy is a great asset to the Dallas metropolitan bowling community and the DWBA was happy to insure the entire state knew of his help and assistance.

The average books have gone to press for the 97-98 season, and awards were received in record numbers this year. Karla Balthuch finished with the season high series, 793, while Karen Duncan, Sharon Gilmore, George MacLaughlin and Cathy Woessner were the only four who reached the pinnacle, a perfect 300 game. Lisa Talley recorded the

highest average, a 215.

Events around the corner, Metro-Mixed Tournament July 18-19 and 25-26; the Texas Bowling Conference, August 7-8; the annual secretary's workshop, August 15; TWBA Workshop, September 12-13; and the annual Race for the Cure, October 17 at Northpark. Please join us for any of these activities.

FORT WORTH

by Cathy Stammak

This season is drawing to a close but it has been a memorable year. Several records were broken during our 59th Annual Association Tournament in March. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard is our Local Champion with a new scratch record of 2091. Other record breakers included Division I Doubles Elaine Curry and Lisa Lea 1391 (scratch), Division I Singles Traci Wilson 780 (scratch) and Division II All Events Genie Cox 2196.

Our Annual Spring Meeting was held April 19. Sandra Jones was elected President and Susan Lambert was re-elected Third Vice President. Valarie Eustace was elected Director along with incumbents Billie Colvin, Pat Gollightly, Karen Holder, Rita Lightfoot, Mary Ann Poorman, Nancy Robins and Jane Schultz.

We held our first Casino Night March 21. The committee worked really, really hard and had lots of help; the results were overwhelming. Weeks after the event, bowlers were still talking about the evening and telling us how much fun they had. They want to know when the next one will be, no one wants to miss it. Everyone told us not to expect too much our first year but we did great and were able to donate \$350 to our charity "Do It For Me Mom" which is a Cervical and Breast Health Awareness Program. Thanks again to all those who gave us their guidance, assistance and espe-

cially to those Dallas gals who came after working their association tournament that same day.

Our state delegates as usual got a new lease on life visiting with all their old friends around the state and meeting new friends, picking up tried and true ideas for tournaments, awards, fund raisers and association meetings. The delegates are passing on what they've learned and trying to boost board enthusiasm for the coming season.

The delegates at the TWBA Convention made it official - it's FORT WORTH 2000. Our minds have been working overtime since the convention on ideas to make this an outstanding tournament and banquet. We hope to see all of you in FORT WORTH 2000.

KILLEEN

by Anne-Marie Rumis

Here we are into the summer. It was a very busy and fun season.

We awarded three scholarships this month to three deserving young ladies from our local high schools: Nakeshica Faye Williams from Ellison H.S., Janice Beth Conrade of Killeen H.S. and Vanessa Estella Hubbard of Copperas Cove H.S. Each received \$250.00. The scholarship program is one of our biggest: fund raisers. We hold a two day garage sale each year and encourage our members to "donate their stuff" - then we invite them to come out and buy our "treasures".

The dreaded lanes 1 & 2. During our Ft. Hood Invitational tournament in February, the ladies constantly complain "oh, no, we are bowling on 1 & 2, next to the wall". The team that won 1st place in the tournament with a 3003 (5 woman team) did it on GUESS WHERE??? You got it - 1 & 2. The following week on the Thurs Mixed League Shirts & Skirts bowlers usually

complain the same about 1 & 2 except not this week. It was position round and the following happened: "Pair of Aces" - Kim Dewald 169-181-181=531; Nell Jordan 188-184-191=563; Wes Simpson 200-224-213=637; Al Jordan 245-178-245=668 totaling 2399. Bowling on 1 & 2 took on a whole new meaning since they took all four games and also 1st place on the league for the year.

We had elections this past week and would like to welcome a new slate of officers: Vice President Barbara Ervine, Secretary Bonnie King and Sgt at Arms Cathie Purvis. Newly elected board members are Mozell Watson, Anne-Marie Rumis, Phyllis Rico, Teri Ann Cox, Sadie Hardin, and Elinora Fernandez. We wish the ladies good luck and hopefully they will enjoy serving the association.

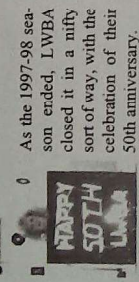
Our association has collected \$1,150.00 for BVL. One of the mixed leagues called "Guys & Dolls" had a BVL 50/50 drawing monthly and collected \$390.00 and at the end of the league they gave a certificate of appreciation to the league. Pictured are Guys & Dolls President George Hendershot, BVL Chairperson Barbara Ervine and Secretary Paul Duerr.



Great job and they plan on doing it again next season. Well that's the news for this quarter. Hope everyone has a great summer.

LONGVIEW

By Toni Erickson



As the 1997-98 season ended, LWBA closed it in a nifty sort of way, with the celebration of their 50th anniversary. The gala started Friday, June 12th at Oil Bowl Lanes in Longview with a social. 50's music played as the ladies bowled, talked, and/or danced. There were a few that danced as they bowled. What an approach!

Saturday the celebration climaxed with the LWBA/GLBA annual banquet. The theme - the 50's. Nearly everyone dressed in the appropriate attire including slicked back hair, poodle skirts, and bobby socks. Memorabilia from as far back as 50 years ago were displayed including pictures (even in black and white you can tell the lipstick was RED!), old bowling trophies & awards, shirts and skirts, the first newsletters whose editor was Aylene Lee (who is still very active in LWBA), and newspaper articles featuring the women bowlers of their day.

The banquet started out with a memorandum to the women who have passed on. Candles were lit in honor of these fine women. After dinner, Aylene Lee gave a presentation of the history of Longview Women's Bowling Association from the time we were connected with Tyler's Association to when we declared our independence to where we are now. Interesting fifty years ago, it was rare for a woman to have a 150-60 average, and now not only do more women carry 160 average there are some who average in the 190's and 200's. We have come so far in bowling - in our skills, in our bowling equipment, in our attire.

Among the special awards given out, Bowler of the Year went to Wanda Murphy, Hall of Fame - Nola Reese, Appreciation - Rexann Howel, Life Member - Judy Reynolds, Golden Age - Joann Bryant, Friends of

Bowling - Sherry Pollard & Tammie Spicer. Also the men's association gave out a Partner's of Bowling that went to LWBA secretary Celia Taylor.



Tommy & June Trout, Longview WBA celebrating 50... who said Elvis was dead?

The awards ceremony concluded with a champagne toast given by the past presidents of LWBA. The evening was not over with however, the jukebox played as everyone bobbed to the tunes of the 50's, twisting the night away.

It's not everyday you turn 50, and the Longview Women's Bowling Association celebrated in style, and in grace, in the golden age of beauty.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

by Lillian J. Ormond, Publicity

Montgomery County Women's Bowling Association was well represented in San Antonio during the activities at the 63rd annual meeting of Texas Women's Bowling Association. Attending were Jo Ann Burkhardt, Janie Allen, Charlene Dallas, Adna Clevenger, Debbie Carter, Gerri Crain, Flo Nelson, Lynn Hoffland, Karen Johnson, Parlet Kunz, Lij Ormand, Timmie Reagan and Barry Chapman, newly elected president of the Texas Bowling Centers Association and ABC Director at Large.

LUBBOCK

Marilyn Fish wowed the Lubbock WBA members by rolling 12 consecutive strikes and becoming the first association member to log a perfect game in the history of the association's city tournament. The slightly built Marilyn came into the tournament with a respectable 210 average. Following are the LWBA CT final results: High Scratch Game Marilyn Fish 300; High Scratch Series Leisa Hutcheson 675; High Scratch All Events Marilyn Fish



Montgomery Banquet Attendees: (front) Barry Chapman, Lynn Hoffland, Gerri Crain

"Fun Fair" was held on Thursday night where different associations displayed the different things that their associations had done during the year. MCWBA presented each lady a small memento called "MINI". There was food, music by TWBA organist Debbie Kirst, singing, dancing, and visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. Our "Sister City" Brownwood WBA with delegates Patricia Dugan and Verna Lynn visited with us again. Giddings WBA is MCWBA's "Sister City".

Friday morning, at 7 a.m., several of us attended the Texas Women's Bowling Writer's breakfast and meeting. Adna Clevenger of Contree is a board of director for TWBW. This was a colorful and emotional time as Jan Bacon retired as TWBW President. Elected to her position was Syleta Halbert. I know that you will do a good job, Syleta.

At 9 a.m. Beverly McLendon called the meeting to order starting with the Memorial Service in honor of all 1997-98 deceased TWBA members. A prayer and the singing of "Wind Beneath My Wings" was held. Beverly introduced the TWBA Directors Hall of Fame members and the Member Emerita.

During the morning session, awards were presented to different associations and members for their service to TWBA and to the bowlers in their associations. Receiving the Helen Baetz Traveling Award to associations sending the most teams

the Texas "600" Club annual meeting, Country Store and Auction. Proceeds from this goes to BVL. Our own Gerri Crain was the auctioneer. She and Linda McPhillips serve as Directors of Texas "600" Club.

The luncheon for the Texas 20 Year Club was Saturday noon at which time the new Texas Youth Bowler was introduced.

Many thanks to San Antonio Women's Bowling Association for the excellent job that you did hosting the tournament and the meeting.

During the weekend, I had the honor of serving on the TWBA credentials committee and was able to meet a lot of the delegates from the other associations. On Friday morning I represented MCWBA during the memorial service. Also, I was able to attend the Texas 20 Year Club Luncheon. If you have bowled in the TWBA tournament for 20 or more years, you are eligible to join. I would like to thank the membership of MCWBA for allowing me to serve as a delegate to TWBA.

PASADENA

By Kathy Deitz

The PWBA/PBA Hall of Fame banquet was held February 14th at the Monument Inn. Inducted into the Hall of Fame were PBA members Earl Locke and PWBA members Peg Hilgen and Vel Brown.

Guest Spaker was Rosalie Kuntz, Pasadena businesswoman and PBA charter member. Rosalie spoke on how bowling introduced her to both her career and her husband. She pointed out that the friendships developed through the shared love of bowling were lasting and on many different levels.

The food was delicious and the attire proved that bowlers can easily shed their comfortable bowling garb and step out on the town in some "knock-out, eye catching"

to the TWBA tournament based on their membership were Beville WBA - 52%; Texas City/LaMarque WBA - 38%; Beaumont WBA - 32%; Pasadena WBA - 15%; Austin WBA - 14%; and Houston WBA - 13%. I really believe that Montgomery County could win this award next year. We are real close to Beaumont/Pt. Arthur which will be host cities for the 1999 TWBA tournament and Ft. Worth will host the tournament in 2000. How about it MCWBA Bowlers? Let's Do It!!!!

After lunch election of officers and directors was held. Sue Hunter was reelected to 1st Vice President and Mary Louise Young was elected to 3rd Vice President. Reelected as Directors are Jimmie Choate, Jane Kirby, Rhonda Vasbirder, and Mary Anelli. Beverly McLendon is the 1999 TWBA State Delegate to Indianapolis and Sue Hunter is the TWBA Alternate.

The 1999 TWBA Nominating Committee was appointed with Peggy Ward, Chairman - Houston; DeBorah Crockett - San Antonio; Jeanne Hester - Arlington; Karen Johnson - Montgomery County; and Kay Turner - Dallas. Congratulations Karen.

On Friday night, the delegates and guests dressed up in their finest and attended the banquet. There was good food, great people, more awards which included the induction of Mona Loper into the TWBA Hall of Fame.

Saturday morning early was

evening wear. Everyone had a wonderful time and the beautiful roses presented the ladies made their Valentine day complete.

PWBBA presented the ladies each a beautiful gold pendant with their names inscribed. PBA presented Earl with a Hall of Fame ring.

Peg has been involved in the Pasadena Women's Bowling Association for the past 20 years. For 17 years, she served as Sergeant-at-Arms. Peg was instrumental in the development and success of the youth bowling program in Pasadena. As Peg, and husband of 29 years, Bob, had no children, this project was the result of her love for bowling and children. Peg has bowled in 21 State tournaments and has served on numerous State committees. Peg is currently and has been a 600 director in the Pasadena 500/600 club for several years.

Vel met her husband, affectionately know as "Brown" on the lanes. They had 6 daughters, and yep, those girls could roll a bowling ball before they were able to roll their own hair. Vel has been a member of the Pasadena Women's Bowling Association for 33 years. She served as President, 1st Vice, Sergeant-at-Arms and director for many years, but soon found her time eaten up by coaching, chaperoning and chauffeuring daughters and friends to City and State bowling tournaments. Vel helped to start the Pasadena 500/600 club and served as its President for 10 years; of which she is now a life member. Vel has bowled in 20 State tournaments.

Results of the 1998 Pasadena Women's Bowling Association City Championship Tournament: City Champion Pamela Brooks 1789, Division 1 Handicap winners: All Events - Adell Boren; Doubles - Ramona Drake & Laura Hickman; Singles - Ramona Drake; Team Event - Queen B's - Pam Cooper, Melissa Thurston, Danna Trahan, and Anne White. Division 2 Handicap winners: All Events -

Shelia Tasby; Doubles - Barbara Grayson & Judy Schmitt; Singles Shelia Tasby; Team Event - Maybe One Day - Ramona Drake, Stephanie Ermel, Andrea Hall, and Laura Hickman.

Pasadena's Blue-Eye Beauty "Sings & Rolls" - Merideth McCracken Makie, 15 year old of Deer Park is one of Pasadena YABA hidden talents. This multi talented young lady stole my heart as I sat down to interview her. Her bright blue eyes and pretty freckled face glowed as she spoke about her family, bowling and singing career.

Merideth's bowling career started 3 years ago. She did not care for bowling at first and being shy, she would not have tried if it weren't for her father, Steve Makie. Steve has been bowling since he was 4 years old in the Houston/Pasadena area. He currently holds a 190 average and bowls 4 nights a week at Armadillo I. Steve started teaching Merideth bowling and they joined a father/child "Mut & Jeff" league. This is their 3rd year with the league and they have won the first two. It was no time that this shy 13 year old was making new friends and looking forward to going to the lanes.

Merideth has a 133 book average and is currently bowling on a 128 average. When I asked her what her greatest bowling accomplishment was, she said her first 200 game and her first 500 series, only 6 months after she started bowling.

Bowling is Merideth's only sport, however, her first love lies in entertaining. Managed by her mom and dad, Merideth has been singing/dancing since she was a little girl. Mom remembers her singing and keeping her to Cindy Lauper when she was only 4 years old. Merideth's mom, Brenda Makie, says her small framed, shy little girl, turned into an energetic, outgoing little girl when she was singing. She has gone on to perform at the Katy Rice Festival; Mosquito Festival - Clute, Texas;

Disneyworld - Orlando, Florida; Blue Bonnet Festival, Chappell Hill, Texas, Astroworld, and many, many benefit functions. Merideth takes pride in being able to perform for benefits and help people. She performs with the Young Performing Stars of Texas and has won numerous awards. The first time I heard Merideth sing, she sang the National Anthem for the Pasadena 500/600 Annual Doubles/Singles Tournament. I kept looking around trying to find the large lady that was belting out our anthem. I was shocked to discover the source of that beautiful voice. Merideth can currently be seen performing at the Houston Livestock Show.

When asked what her greatest singing thrill was, Merideth quickly replied opening for 3 Dog Night in Clute, Texas. Merideth attends Deer Park High School and is a member of the H.A.P.P.Y. Club, a drug free club. Her favorite teacher and friend is Ms. Thomas, her 6th and 8th grade teacher. Merideth still keeps in contact with her and is truly grateful for her guidance and kindness. Merideth plans on attending college and wants to get a veterinary's degree. She has 3 dogs - Tiny, Tooter and Missy - and 2 cats - Muppin and Mittens.

I asked Merideth if she could accomplish anything at all in bowling what would that be and of course like so many of us, she would love to roll a 300 game. I asked her the same regarding her singing career and she didn't hesitate telling me she wants to sing at the Grand Ole Opry with Martina McBride, her idol.

In concluding my interview with Merideth, I asked her two questions: What message do you want to make sure I get across to our readers? and What do you want people to say about Merideth McCracken Makie? Her answers left no doubt as to the maturity and sincerity of this young lady. She told me to be sure and let people know

that her dad taking time to teach her to bowl and joining a bowling league with her, brought them very close. The time they spend together bowling is "their" time and she gets to see the side of her dad that is her friend, teacher and companion. Even though her mom does not bowl, she joins them as their number one fan. As far as what she would like people to say about Merideth: she wants them to describe her as nice, funny, outgoing, and easy to get along with. Traits that are very readily noticed as you meet this fine young lady.

In talking with Merideth it is very obvious her gratitude, loyalty, and love lie with her mom and dad. She contributes her accomplishments to her parents unconditional support. I'm sure we will be reading and seeing this young lady on the billboards soon.

PLAINVIEW

by Glenda Gordon, Publicity Chair

The P.W.B.A. has had a great Fall League season.

Our Association held their annual meeting & new officers elected were (fr) President Joyce Slack, 2nd Vice President Glenda Gordon, Sgt. At Arms Rita Seale; (br) Treasurer Susie Quisenberry, 1st Vice President Stephanie Evans, Secretary Karen Crim.



Our recent Leagues Champs and individual winners:

Acce Leagues -- 1st place team Chris Thomas, Mildred Matlock.

Karen Crim, Glenda Gordon; 2nd place team Freeda Shirley, Winnie Noel, Coleen Bryant, Margie Wright; Scratch High Series Margie Wright - 598; Scratch High Game Karen Crim - 235; Handicap High Series Sue Gardner - 674; Handicap High Game Laura Waller - 268; High Average Glenda Gordon - 175.

Merri Mix Up - 1st place team Mary Ramos, Thelma Chapa, Martha Ramos and Norma Gutierrez; 2nd place team Paulines Beauty Shop - Helen Rogers, Joyce Slack, Debbie Henegar, Glenda Gordon; Scratch High Series Glenda Gordon - 606; Scratch High Game Tonya Westbrook - 230; Handicap High Series Joyce Patton - 731; Handicap High Game Mary Gomez - 264; High Average Glenda Gordon - 175; Most Improved Shirley Rogers 18 pins.

Final standings at Kilowatt Tournament: 13. Class B Doubles - Chris Thomas and Glenda Gordon - 1000; 15. Class C Doubles - Pat Smith and Joyce Slack - 945; Class C Singles - 7. Zora Dunn - 520; 10. Donna Dunn Jones - 513; 23. Dottie Morris - 488.

As of this only known standings for state: Glenda Gordon in All Events 1633 (was in top 3).

Nationals finals should include Mildred Matlock and Karen Crim in Single winning. Doubles - Glenda Gordon rolled a 267 and 622 series to help her partner Karen Crim to a 1132 score in Division I. All events Division I Glenda Gordon was currently standing in 9th with 1752.

Others then went to Nationals and may be on the winning team Joyce Patton, Cecilia White and Connie Shores.

At the writing, other Plainview girls are competing now and scores aren't available.

Thanks to TWBA for the new Best Looking Pins, that's a great plus for State Tournament. Keep you looking professionally neat.

Hope to have great final standings for State and Nationals next. Across Texas Lanes.

TEMPLE

by Pat Waller, Publicity

Our winter season, so filled with the excitement and celebration of our 40th anniversary, has finally rolled to a satisfactory conclusion.

Three tournaments filled the final months with fun and relaxation. The annual 3-6-9 BVL event had an increase in participation, adding more contributions to this worthy cause. Having a VA facility in Temple, we are always aware of what good these funds can do.

The T.W. 500 Club drew 21 entries for a "Crazy" tournament, featuring 3 different formats. This has always been a popular way to end the season.

And finally, the membership development team sponsored a 40-Frame tournament, something new to all of us. This was exciting, sometimes confusing, and every team won some of the prize money in at least 1 frame.

The Temple annual meeting was held in April. There will be some changes on our board for the 1998-99 season. Judy Gotcher did not run for re-election as Secretary-Treasurer and Faye Coats will be replacing her. Carolyn Scott was elected Sgt-at-Arms, replacing Faye. Jeri Shaw has now been appointed to replace Carolyn as Director.

At this meeting, Doris Severson was presented our new MD Service Award. She has been involved since the beginning of the program, was one of the 1st league MOMs, keeps members informed and organized a team of new bowlers for the city tournament.

Temple is so proud to be the "home" of the '98 recipient of the WIBC Agnes Duffy Membership Development Award, Judy Gotcher. Team leader since the inception of membership development, Judy has worked toward increased membership and greater participation in local events. She has also promoted

cooperation between associations through such activities as Bowler of the Month (male and female from all 3 associations) and mixed tournaments. We are pleased that she has now received the well-deserved recognition on both national and state levels. While she is no longer an officer on the Temple WBA board, she remains as the MD leader and will continue to support the thing we all love - the sport of bowling.

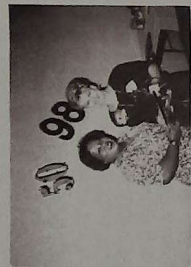
As we all know, volunteers give of their time and of themselves freely without any expectations of compensation. But when those efforts are rewarded with state recognition it is even sweeter than that extra scoop of ice cream on the apple pie. Temple delegates were truly honored at the Texas Delegates meeting when they received the state BVL award and the TWBW poster and ATL awards.

We feel that we have now had our batteries recharged and are ready to start a new season. Hope you all feel the same.

TEXAS CITY/ LA MARQUE

by Lori Prouty, Publicity Chair

On June 1, 1998 the T.C.-L.M.W.B.A. held their annual meeting. It was a very exciting night for some of our bowlers. As we heard Rose Mary Foxworth start her speech, the crowd couldn't keep their excitement down. When the introduction of the winner of the 1997-98 Helen Sweeney Award for Special Recognition was announced the crowd cheered. Katie Mayes was speechless as she approached the podium. She was totally shocked and thanked everyone. If you know Katie you know that for her to be speechless is a miracle in itself.



Katie Mayes and Rose Mary Foxworth

One of her good friends Laura Marshall also had a surprise that night. She was announced as the Bowler of the Year. As I watched her during the introduction of who the winner was, I could see the tears slowly roll down her cheeks. Everyone there stood and cheered when her friend, Gwen Boone, called her up to receive the award. We are all so proud of Laura!



Laura Marshall and Gwen Boone

The next award announced by Lori Prouty, was for the Hall of Fame. This wonderful lady has bowled in our Association for 29 years. If you know Patsy Goolsby, then you know that she is dedicated, optimistic, aggressive, enthusiastic, organized, and punctual. She is instrumental in the success of various committees throughout the Association. Patsy has served as a delegate to both the State and National Conventions, and of course she's a participant as well. Her attention to details has been a major contributing factor to the success of our own Annual City Tournament. Patsy's concern for the welfare of her fellow bowlers is just another fine quality of why she was chosen as our 1997-98 Hall of Fame winner!



Lori Prouty and Patsy Goolsby

I was honored to be the presenter of this award to Patsy, for she has made bowling around her a real joy.

Here are some of the many awards given that night. Superior Performance went to Debi Meyers for her games of 268/235/213 to give her a 716 series. The 25-year pin was given to Phillis Waldrop. The High Game Award and the 200 Club High Game award were given to LaVerne Douglas with her game of 279. The Senior High Game Award went to Judy Bedingfield with a 236. Judy beat out her friend Ann Hagan by one pin. Life Membership was awarded to Lois Watts. Lois has always given her all to the sport of bowling. Thanks for everything!

The new officers and directors for the following year were also elected. They are Vice President Linda Faulkner, Directors Gwen Boone, Rose Mary Foxworth, Kay Parker, Louise Pound, Kirby Trawcek, and Sherry Huffman. The Nominating Committee for next year is Rose Mary Foxworth-Chairman, Bren Gilliam and Catherine Brown. National Delegates are LaVerne Douglas and Patsy Goolsby. State Delegates are LaVerne Douglas, Patsy Goolsby, and Lori Prouty. Alternates are state - Linda Faulkner, Louise Pound, and Marie Collins. National alternates are Linda Faulkner and Linda Crouch. Congratulations to all of you.

The returning officers and directors are LaVerne Douglas -

President, Patsy Goolsby - Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Snarr - Sergeant at Arms, and Katie Mayes, Laura Marshall, Lori Prouty, Catherine Brown, and Bren Gilliam - Directors.

During the past year we lost four members of our association. These ladies were honored with a memorial service. Their names are Deanna Howard, Jody Vossler, Pat Patin, and Arleen Bowden. We will always remember these fine ladies. God Bless.

Till next time...

WICHITA FALLS

by Betty Thom

We just returned from San Antonio where our association was represented by four delegates: Geneva Walker, Linda Sheppard, Del Tech and Gale Emory. We're looking forward to their report at our next meeting. Some of these ladies were first time delegates.

Since the last ATL issue, Karen Pope, newly elected Director, bowled a beautiful 300 game at Village Bowl. By the way, her mother-in-law, Sammie Pope, Proprietor, had the first 300 game in our area in 1981. Then in 1984, Edie Hyatt, also bowled a perfect at Sheppard Lanes... **GREAT Bowling... Ladies!**

On the YABA level, a first this year by Mike Scott also scored a 300 at Sheppard Bowling Lanes. Son of Mike and Tori Scott, who, by the way, serve as Directors on our adult associations.

Our 26th Annual Joint Awards Banquet was attended by approximately 175, at the Holiday Inn. Emceed by both Presidents... Ruben Covington and Geneva Walker, with the assistance of Secretaries Tommy Brake and Ladora Taylor.

A most deserving member of our association, Carrol Brewer was given a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Born

STARS ON THE LANES

Scores reported to TWBA Office
(March 1 to May 31)

TOP TEN SERIES

Shirley Robertson, 798
Montgomery County

Cathy Woessner, Dallas 783
Elaine Curry, Dallas 783
Debra Willett, Fort Worth 782
Karen Glacken, San Antonio 780
Sammye Ragland, Dallas 778
Nancy Kuznieski, Austin 769
Linda Urbanek, Houston 768
Joanne Harris, Houston 763
Susie Minshew, Fort Worth 761

300 GAMES

Melissa Fontenot, Baytown
Travis Hare, Beaumont
Krys A. Bayless, El Paso
Trish Protos, South Brazoria Co.

299 GAMES

Nancy J. Word, Nacogdoches
Renay Torgerson, Alvin/Pearland
Larue Whittey, Corpus Christi
Michelle M. Maly, Amarillo
Traci A. Wilson, Dallas

290 GAMES

Nancy Kuznieski, Austin
Susie Minshew, Fort Worth
Victoria Klos, Dallas
Linda Urbanek, Houston

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TEXAS WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BANQUET
Friday, June 5, 1998

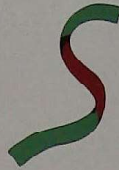
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*May the Good Lord bless and keep you,
Whether near or far away,*

May you find that long awaited golden day today.

May your troubles all be small ones,

And your fortune ten times ten,

May the Good Lord bless and keep you,

Till we meet again.

May you walk with sunlight shining,

And a bluebird in every tree,

May there be a silver lining,

Back of every cloud you see.

Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows,

Never mind what might have been,

May the Good Lord bless and keep you,

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**63rd Annual TWBA Banquet
"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"**

Invocation Maggie E. Nance

Dinner Music Debbie Kirst

Introductions Beverly McLendon
TWBA President

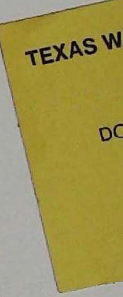
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TWBA Secretary/Treasurer

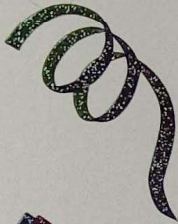
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Billy C. Phillips
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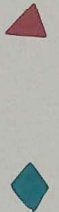
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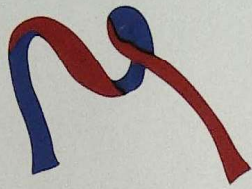
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Elsie Mitchell
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 MISS TEXAS YOUTH BOWLER
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 BILLY C. PHILLIPS, 20 Year Club Secretary



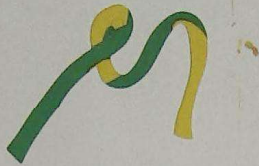
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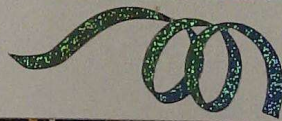


MONA LOPER
TWBA
HALL OF FAME













Texas 600 Club

Toni Daugherty, Publicity Chairman



SAY A PRAYER

Members of our bowling family need to be placed in your heart for special handling and love:

Lil Poole is not well and needs our support!

Also, our new president, Kay Turner's husband passed away in June and Kay needs our love.

Kay says, "I thank each of you for countless numbers of cards, phone calls, flowers, donations to the Diabetes Foundation, and/or expressions of sympathy in the loss of my husband, Jimmy."

6-6-98 ANNUAL BREAKFAST & MEETING - SAN ANTONIO

The Annual TX 600 Club Breakfast and Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel Saturday, June 6, 1998, at 7:30 a.m. was called to order by President Hicy Leonard.

Hicy stated, "I'm glad to see that all of you were able to follow the 'Yellow Brick Road' to get to this land of enchantment. The hospitality and friendship from these great ladies here in San Antonio just couldn't be any better!"

She also noted, "When participating in the TWBA Championship Doubles and Singles, we hope you paid or will pay your extra fee and participate in the Texas 600 Championship Tournament. Helen Kalala, Tournament Secretary, and her helpers will be happy to see that you get entered." Hicy also thanked Helen Kalala for the wonderful job she does on the Club's yearbooks.

Hicy boasted, "Proceeds from our Country Store and BVL Auction for the last 18 years brings our total donation to BVL to \$70,934. Just

remember, besides Betty Thom, the Country Store Committee, and the auctioneer, it takes you members to purchase and bring items for the Auction and Country Store."

President Leonard mentioned, "It takes many to make this meeting a success. The Registration Committee, Tellers, Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms, Country Store, Nominating Committee AND: Jeri Wines-Convention Badges; Kay Turner-Convention Ribbons; Bettie Hanson & Wynelle Dawson-CoChair of Registration; Betty Thom-Country Store; Ruth James-Auction Items; Helen Teller-Decorations; and Jan Bacon-Photographer."

A great big thank you to all of the above, it would be impossible without each and every one of you. And, what can I say about our Secretary, Emma Petty. She came into office 'full steam ahead', has done a fantastic job, and I have really appreciated it!

In closing, my thanks to this board, and all of you members for making my job as President such a pleasure!"

In attendance at the meeting were six officers, four directors, one life member, five members emerita, 80 members, and five guests.

ACTS OF THE BOARD

President Leonard presented Member Emerita plaque, special membership card and a gift to a surprised board member Bettie Hanson and Life Member plaque, special membership card and a gift to another surprised board member, Gail Cantu. Both ladies spoke to the assembly.

The National 600 Club Dues has increased to \$10 which includes a pin and patch.

The 1998-99 Committees include: Nominating - Peggy Ward, Chair, Louise Manglesdorf, and Glenda Koenigsburg; Audit Committee will be Mary Ann Parker-Dallas and Cathy Segrest-Fort Worth. The 1999 Tournament Secretary-LaDonna Alford and Breakfast Co-Chair LaDonna Alford and Nancy Bergeron-Beaumont/Port Arthur. These ladies issued a warm invitation for 1999 as they are

already making plans to show everyone a great time.

NEW BUSINESS

Positions elected:
President - Kay Turner, Dallas
3rd Vice President - Jeri Wines, Austin
Director #2 - Karon Harris, Mesquite
Director #4 - Kathy Deitz, LaPorte

When all the items had been bid on, auctioned and purchased, a tally showed the Country Store at \$920, the Club's donation of \$500 and the BVL Auction at \$2800 for a grand total of \$4,220 to be donated to the BVL fund for 1998!

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Division I - Linda Urbanck-Houston, Sally Chitwood-Bay City, Karen Stroud-Canyon, Traci Wilson-Irving, and Tammy Windham-Midland.

Division II - Jean McNeil-League City, Kim Michelli Sanders-Bertram, Dawn Hutchins-Greenville, Linda Gartman-Deer Park, and Suzanne Blakeley-Longview.

Division III - Virginia Fallwell-Mountain Home, Nancy Schmidt-Victoria, Julie Phillips-Pasadena, Kelly Dunbar-Silverton, and Darlene Worrell-Hallsville.

Division IV - Mickey Knox-Harlingen, Sherry Portwood-Lubbock, Toni Daugherty-Austin, Cathie Purvins-Kempner, and Marilyn Smithson-San Antonio.

Senior Awards - Beverly McLendon Senior High Series Award and the Lil Poole Senior High Game Award were won by the same lady - S. Jean McNeil from League City with a 267/656!

Secretary Petty talked to Jean who said, "After bowling in the Quad Cities I was about ready to hang it up!" Then she came home to our tournament and shot the lights out. That seems to be a regular story in our game. Just when you are ready to give it up, the bowling gods make sure you have a good game or series to keep you hooked.



TEXAS 600 CLUB
ANNUAL BREAKFAST AND MEETING

DOUBLETREE HOTEL
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

7:30 AM
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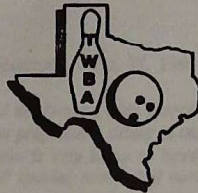
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20 year Club Table Decoration



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June 17, 1998

Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, President
San Antonio Women's Bowling Association
11706 Forest Pond
San Antonio, TX 78233

Dear Elsie:

There comes a time when one has to stop and look at the priorities....and right now San Antonio WBA and all of the lovely ladies who have contributed so much to the success of the TWBA Tournament and Annual Meeting are No. 1.

I can't leave town without taking the time to express some very long overdue thanks and appreciation to so many....

1st - My personal thanks for accepting the responsibility to host the tournament. I know the amount of time and energy and the commitment it takes to accomplish the task. My only wish is that each and every person who participates in the tournament could truly realize what it takes to host this event.

2nd - My personal thanks for having everything accomplished on the time schedule outlined in the tournament manual. It was great having the housing list and the map in a very timely manner. We were ready to send our first confirmations. I know that you and Louise worked long and hard to get this done for TWBA.

3rd - The Senior Reception - It was so nice - the food was good - the entertainment was relaxing and enjoyable. It was full of fun and fellowship, and that is what it is all about. The committee did a great job.

4th - What an outstanding opening ceremonies! Hats off to Deborah and Elfie and everyone else responsible for a great evening. Our Mistress of Ceremonies really made the evening special, and my compliments to the individual who was responsible for getting her there - of course, we all know that individual was Debbie. That X in extra made it worthwhile.

5th - The many dedicated hours we have received from the volunteers, but in particular from the leaders of the San Antonio WBA Board of Directors. Each individual has accepted her responsibility and has gone above and beyond to get this "labor of love" done for our tournament participants. Yes, I have concerns that everyone is doing too much, but I do appreciate the loyalty and the dedication from each and every individual who has been there each weekend. I must mention the husbands who are as much a part of this as we are. Personally, George would not do it, but he has always been the "rock" at home doing whatever he can to help...but not at the tournament site. These guys are great - Don, Wayne and Aaron - It could not have been done without them.

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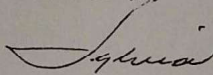
Elsie Mitchell, President - June 17, 1998 - Page 2

6th - What an evening with Dorothy! It is unbelievable how much time and effort went into that three hours. The proprietors sitting at our table did not believe the center pieces were made by the local ladies. San Antonio is very lucky to have local members who share their talents. I have always been aware of Dolores' special talent, but never in my wildest dreams did I know how versatile she was with her artistic endeavors. There were many who contributed for as we all know, it takes a team to get the job done. What a team!

The tournament is coming to an end, and while I know the hours have been long and sometimes the nerves get edgy, there has never been a time that I did not appreciate each and every minute given by each and every individual...one squad or seven squads...one hour or ten hours...quality time is what counts, and believe me, San Antonio WBA has nothing but good quality workers. Forgive me for giving you a hard time on many occasions...but, it was because you were trying to do too much, as is your side-kick, Jane. You made a great team, and your leadership has resulted in a successful tournament and annual meeting.

I could go on and on, but I think each and every person knows how I truly feel. There is no "I" in team...we all learned a great deal from this experience, and we will all grow from the experience. One thing for sure, for those who had never had the opportunity to host a tournament, they will truly appreciate the local ladies the next time they travel to a tournament. I love each and every one of you for what you are and for what you do for bowling. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!...again, again and again.

Affectionately,



cc: San Antonio WBA Board of Directors

Bowling groups to test program

The American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress, in a major initiative to help spur the growth of sanctioned league bowling nationwide, will execute a tiered membership test program in nine markets, including Houston, for the 1998-99 season.

The Tiered Membership Benefit Test will start in August and involve more than 140,000 bowlers.

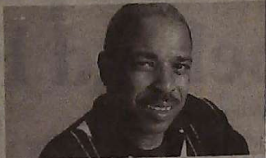
"I wish San Antonio was doing it," said Sylvia Broyles, the state women's secretary. "I'm excited about it. All the bowling entities are going into the program in a strategic manner. Local leaders and proprietors, in the test markets, are being trained to administer the program properly."

In the tiered program, a platinum club member (\$25) would receive a personalized card, 20 percent discount and catalog savings, a \$15 gift certificate for bowling merchandise, a subscription to Pin Action magazine and a deluxe bowling bag tag.

A gold member (\$20) will also receive a free magazine, 10 percent discount and catalog savings, a \$5 gift certificate and bag tag. A silver member (\$13) gets a card, league play privileges, the magazine subscription and a bag tag.

"We've been working on this concept for more than 10 years," Broyles said, "and we're finally going to put it into practice. We've got to let the people know, including the ones that are in the settee area, that they are important to our industry. We haven't really promoted the game the way we should. We're trying to change that."

For more information regarding membership, call Sheila Nyren at (414) 423-3256.



Harry Page
BOWLING

■ **State women:** Members of the Fort Worth-based Dem Yankees, featuring Debbye Berry, Lea Ann Sikora, Lisa Skibinski, Mary Betke and LPBT star Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, completely rearranged the Division I standings during the Texas Women's Bowling Association's state event at Ponderosa and Wonder lanes.

The team took over the lead with a combined score of 3,004. Berry took over the top spot in all events with 1,991, and Betke moved into third place with 1,961.

Berry and Betke are No. 1 in doubles with 1,336 with this and next weekend remaining in the event. Skibinski and Dorin-Ballard are second with 1,270.

Betke set a tournament record with games of 229, 238 and 296 for a 763 series in singles.

Task force suggests systematic changes

Individual scoring on the lanes has escalated at an uncontrollable pace the past few years.

As a result, a task force — comprising three members each from the American Bowling Congress, the Women's International Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietor Association of America — has recommended that changes be made to restore balance to the System of Bowling.

The System of Bowling was established in 1991 to set uniform standards and specifications for lane surfaces, balls, pins and lane dressing.

The task force recommended the following, to be used together in order to be effective, to make the system actually work and control the spiraling scores:

■ The ABC/WIBC develop different levels of competitive standards that can be implemented by the industry.

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■ The ABC/WIBC establish lane condition specifications that will prevent artificial steering of the ball to the pocket and place emphasis on the skill of the bowler.

■ The ABC/WIBC establish additional accurate and enforceable means of measuring all components to maintain the balance of the System of Bowling — in plain language, enforce what it should be doing without any loose ends.

"We let the cat out of the bag when we went to short oil on the lanes about 15 years ago," said Bob Martin, the local men's secretary. "We let scoring get out of control, and it's going to stay that way. I



Harry Page
BOWLING

don't see the controlling of scores happening in our lifetime.

"If lane surface specifications are changed to nullify the advantages of the new equipment available, the ball manufacturers will still come up with a product that will get you to the pocket — instead of paying \$150 for a ball, as one does now, you'll pay \$250 for it."

Jim Pestello, the proprietor of Astro Bowl, also sees some question marks and drawbacks to the recommendations.

"How and who determines the levels of standards for competition?" Pestello said. "More importantly, why? Is the handicap system of equalization no longer valid?"

"While it is true that the new high-tech powerful balls can damage lane surfaces, if not properly cared for, is it fair to penalize the ball manufacturers for millions of dollars spent on their research and development? The ball manufacturers have merely reacted to the ever-changing lane condition specifications handed down by the same organizations now attempting to restrict them. Perhaps the same dollars should be spent by lane-conditioning manufacturers in research to protect the surfaces in question.

"The ABC and the WIBC have been unsuccessful in their attempts these past 20 years to accomplish an equitable lane-condition specification," Pestello said. "What makes us believe that this can be accomplished by these organizations now? If the reason for the recommendations has been the decline in the industry, then possibly they should direct their efforts to the public promotion and marketing of our sport instead of another change in the game's specifications."

The task force's recommendations are just that and haven't been implemented by the joint ABC/WIBC equipment committee.

"How far they will go? No one knows," said Stan Schoenfeld, an ABC director for the South Texas area. "It's strictly up to the joint equipment committee if they will accept all, some or none of the recommendations. The recommendations were designed to help bring back the integrity of the game. Maybe this is the way to go — or not."

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	2086	Janice Hill	1247	Janice Hill	857	Janice Hill	1894					
DIV 2	2087	Patricia Young	1162	Patricia Young	877	Patricia Young	1896					
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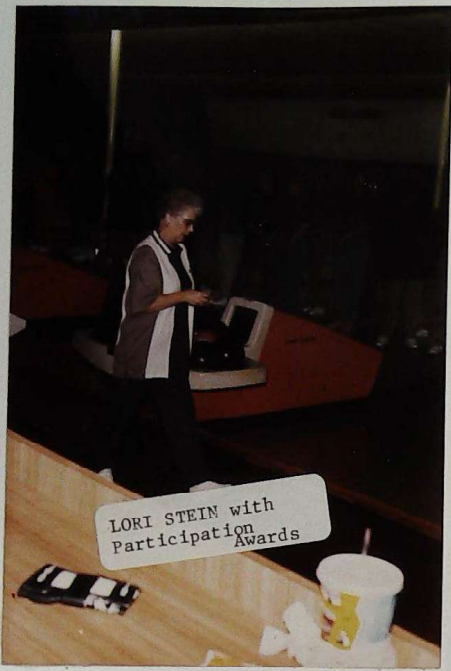
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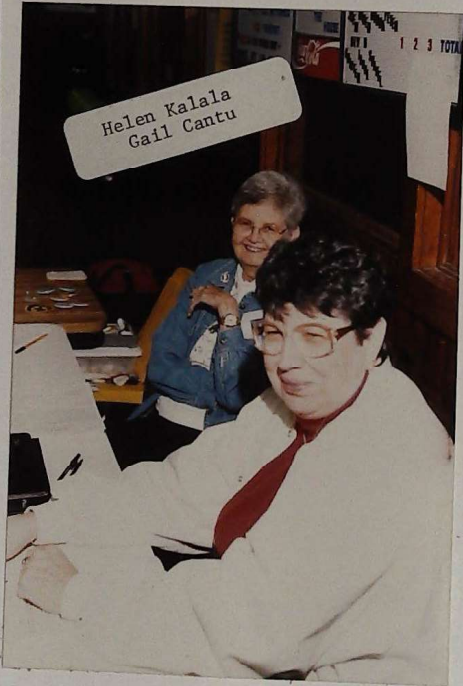
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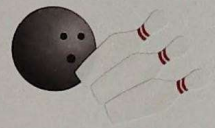


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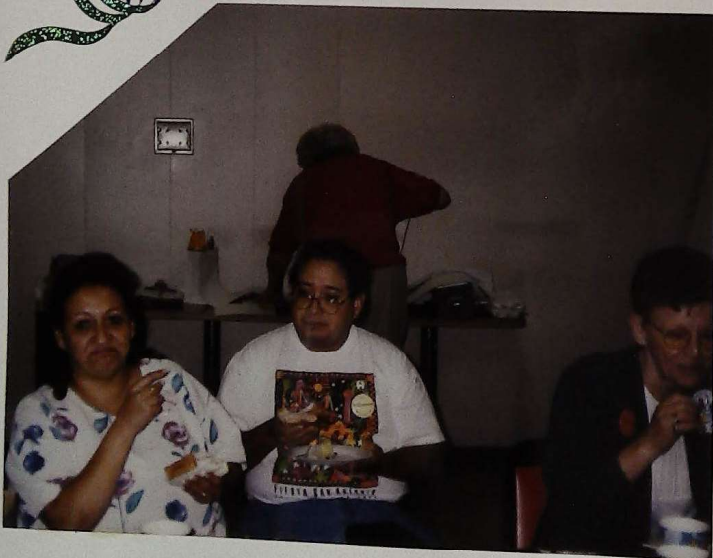
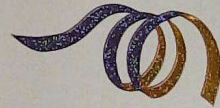


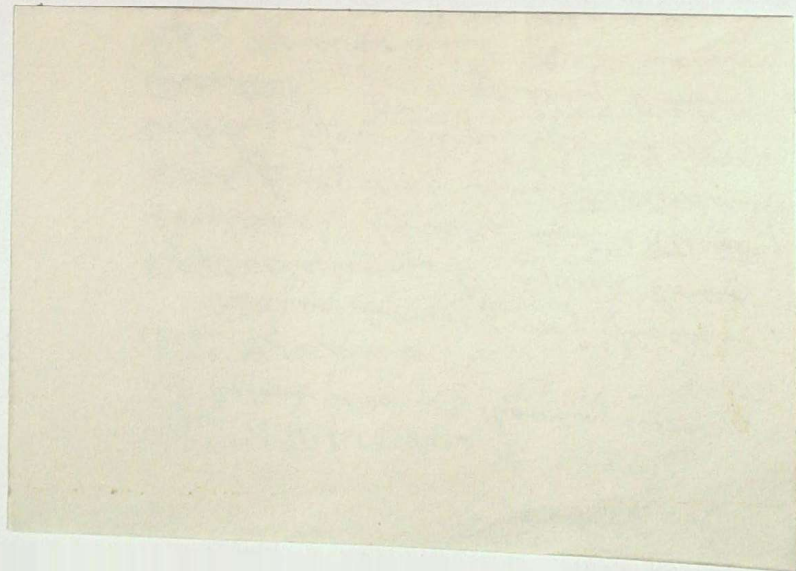
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Elsie Mitchell, Pres.
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Dear Elsie -

Please convey my sincere appreciation to your board for the lovely and interesting gift from the San Antonio WBA. You "guys" are the greatest. Everything about the tournament has been just great. I've always been proud of San Antonio bowlers and especially the Board. I used to hold you up as a great example and you are still on top.

My best wishes for all good things for each of you. Hang in there - only 3 more weeks. I only.

Glenn Bartz

Pat Launder

Dear San Antonio W.B.A.,

Thank you for the beautiful three days of Annual Meeting. Everything was perfect.

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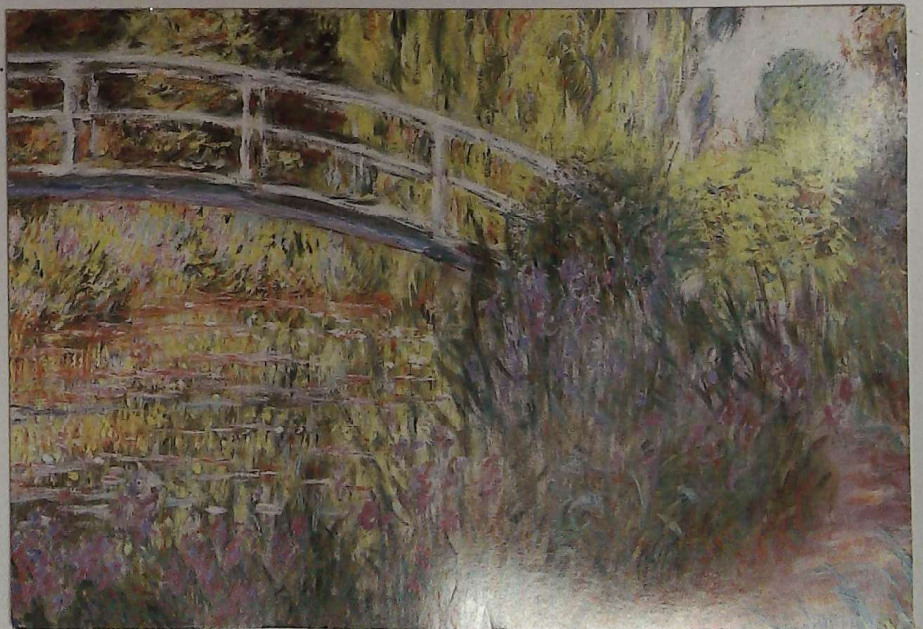


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Thank you also for the centerpiece. They turned out great! I have "Dorothy" in the den with other bowling mementos.

I also appreciated your support in my re-election to the TWBA Board! THANKS!

Here's to a great 98-99 bowling season.

Phonda J. Linder



June 15, 1998

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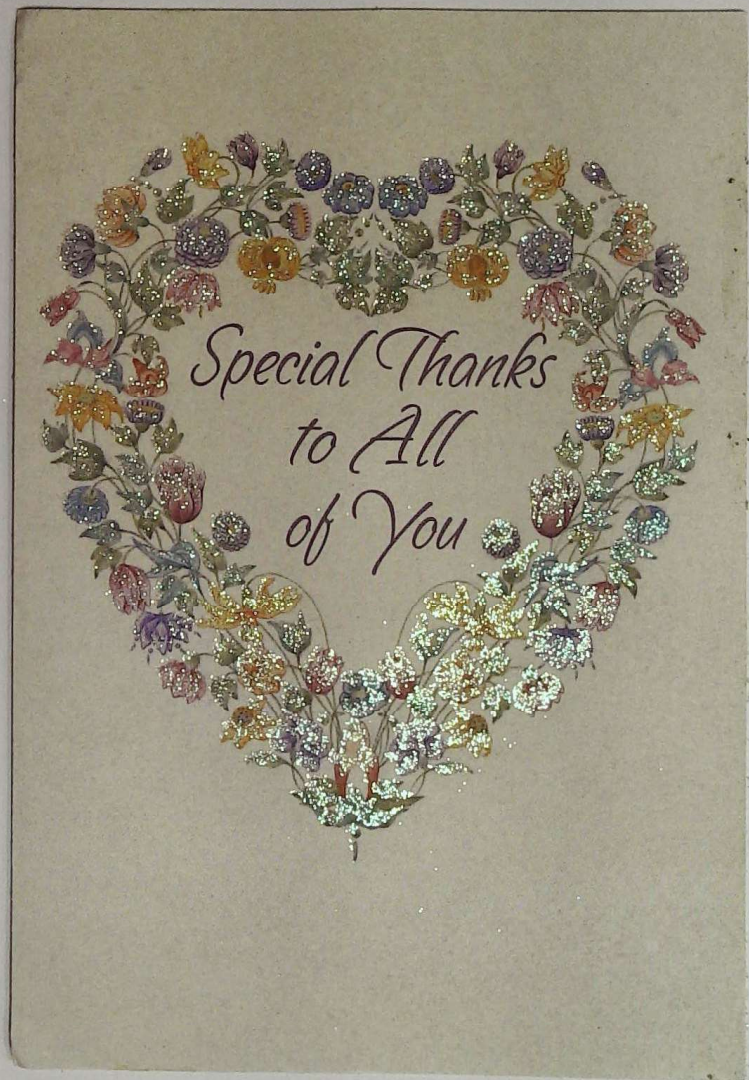
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The banquet decorations were so pretty! I love my good witch dolls.

The annual meeting was a fun time for me--and the delegates and we'll remember San Antonio and the beautiful hospitality--

Thanks so much -

Love Beverly



Dear Elsie

Please convey my deepest appreciation to the San Antonio WBA for the excellent job they did during convention. The hospitality was second to none. Thank you for the table decoration. My grandson and I both love the scallops I received.

And finally, to Margaret, Elfi, Dolores and Jane, thank you for all your hard work at the Team Center and your dedication to B.V.L. Each of you made my tournament work a lot easier.
With love
Charlene

June 29, 1998

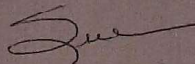
San Antonio WBA Board of Directors:

Hi!

Well it is all over. It was a lot of work. I just want you all to know you did a great job. I enjoyed working with each of you, it was work but fun also. Thanks for making me feel at home.

Have to tell you the banquet was so nice. What a theme! The room was so pretty. Know everyone put lots of work into it.

See you all soon.....



What a great tournament, annual meeting and banquet - you ladies did good!

I heard many favorable comments in regard to the banquet food (that's a big plus).

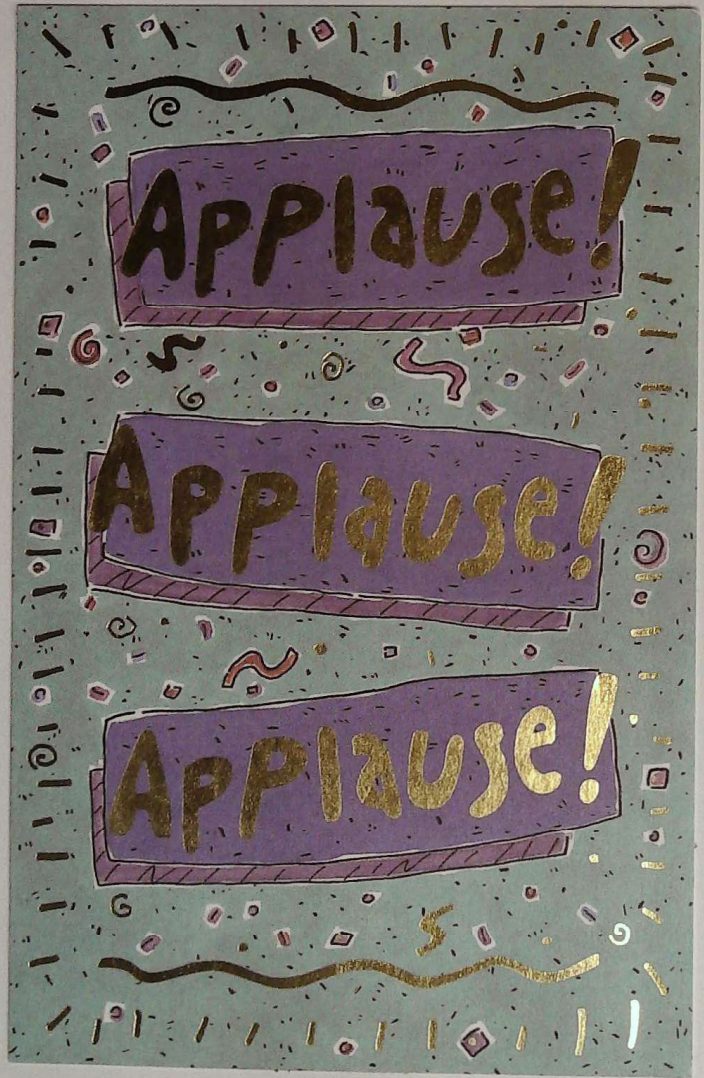
Thanks for the decorated coat hanger - I'm sure it will be well traveled and I plan to use it on all my travels.

Again great job SA WBA always out does itself.



Each of you
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took part,
so thanks
to every one of you
from the bottom
of my heart.

Leta Goad



To The San Antonio WBA -

June 8, 1998

Congratulations on all of your hard work - it paid off with the TWBA Annual Meeting & Banquet. Just wanted to thank you for the great time & for the "coat hanger" gift, the banquet centerpieces & place settings. Your "Wizard of Oz" theme was cute & your decorations were creative - great job!! When do we get to come back?? Thanks, again, for all you did to make the meeting weekend a success.

Regina Lovell

Dear Ladies

Congratulations -

You certainly deserve
a big round of
applause!

Wish I could put into words how much I have enjoyed working with all of you it has really been fun. I know it is a lot of hard work, but you all have done a wonderful job. The Convention was really good, the Banquet was just beautiful. I love my Dorothy!
Thank you for a Wonderful Time
Love your Laurie

Award
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61ST CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
SAN ANTONIO

STATE CHAMPION

DEBBYE BERRY, FORT WORTH

All Event Score - 1991

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4	Clara Weir, Houston	239
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SERIES IN EACH DIVISION

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4	Lynn Bohannon, Polk Co.	602
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BILLY SIMON MEMORIAL AWARD

(Presented to the individual 55 years and over bowling the highest game)

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LOWEST SCORES QUALIFYING FOR PRIZE MONEY:

	Div. 1	Div. 2	Div. 3	Div. 4	Div. 5
Team	2749	2480	2336	2184	2023
Doubles	1145	1022	967	905	837
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TEAM ACTUAL 83 Entries

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All events: Division 1 — Debbie Berry, Fort Worth, 1,931; Linda Urbarek, Houston, 1,971; Genie Cox, Fort Worth, 1,966. Division 2 — June Havik, Hill Country, 1,806; Dawn Thomas, Houston, 1,768. (tie) Debra O'Connor, El Paso, and Ryan Gifford, Hill Country, 1,731. Division 3 — Ginny Fallwell, Kerrville, 1,767; Trish Ryan, Brenham, 1,657; Belinda Matthews, Pasadena, 1,648. Division 4 — Sheila Essger, Johnson County, 1,537; Lynn Bohannon, Polk County, 1,529; Jeri Glaser, Cameron, 1,510. Division 5 — Cindy Naze, Dallas, 1,175; Valore Sullivan, Houston, 1,556; Deborah L. Miller, Victoria, 1,491.
Note: Web Site — Texasbowling.com.



Harry Page
BOWLING

FIQ offers friendship, cooperation

In a world where officials are berated and attacked, and unruly fans' escapades overshadow the athletic competition, it is refreshing to note bowling offers avenues that bring athletes from different nations together in a friendly atmosphere.

One of the best kept secrets is The Federation Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ), which was founded in 1952 and recognized by the International Olympic Committee in 1979.

"People in our sport are the greatest ambassadors of bringing countries together in the spirit of friendship, cooperation and without any political agendas," said Gerald Koenig of Colorado Springs, Colo., who serves as USA Bowling's executive director and is also the FIQ's president. "The tradition of our sport is one of sportsmanship, and those things haven't changed."

The FIQ has more than 103 members in 88 countries. The group, which features more than 100 million bowlers, has international and regional championships in a number of international competitions, including the Pan American, Asian, Commonwealth, Central and South American, Maccabiah, Masters and Solidarity games.

Other tournaments that offer the international flavor are the AMF World Cup, Tournament of the Americas, Brunswick World Cup, and the ABC and WIBC tournaments.

"We have athletes in small countries competing against guys from bigger nations," Koenig said. "The FIQ offers an opportunity for any individual, who is willing to practice, a chance to become a champion."

Sixty-one nations, represented by 280 men and 196 women, participated in the 1995 world championships in Reno, Nev. The next world championship is set for late November 1999 in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi.

The United States started competing in FIQ world and zone events in 1963. Starting in 1977, world and zone tournament participants battled in singles, two-player, three-player and five-player events.

"Even though the world championships are every four years, the FIQ has something going every two years, and that includes competition in our three

zones — American, Asian and European," Koenig said. "And, we even have competition for our youths on the same timetable. We have about 20 to 25 countries involved in our youth program."

Among the nations involved in the FIQ are: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

"The competitors come together to win for their respective countries but try their best to be nice to each other," Koenig said. "The political climate never enters the bowling center. What's important to the players is remembering that our game requires stamina, accuracy, concentration, unfailing control and muscle memory, and the ability to adjust — quickly — to ever-changing competitive conditions on the lanes."

Don't get the idea that, because PBA and PWBA members are so dominant against bowlers from other countries, the U.S. is a dominant force in the FIQ.

Certainly the Americans are tough in the zone competition, but the world championships are a little different.

For example, Finland's women and Netherlands' men won the five-player competition, and Australia's women and Netherlands' men were the trio champs at the last world championships.

The FIQ started the World Tenpin Team Cup in 1994 in answer to the International Olympic Committee's call for team competition that could not be dominated by any individual. Finland swept both the five-player men's and women's honors in 1996 at Calgary, Alberta. Sweden was second in the men, and the United States was runner-up for the women.

"Our strength is in numbers," Koenig said. "The participation at the recreational level in our sport is one of the best in the world. People all over the world have fun knocking down pins — not each other."



Harry Page
BOWLING

Sport must look toward the future

Last week's column on how the game is being treated struck a chord with some of our readers. And some readers have their own idea of bowling's status. Here are a few comments:

I'm glad to read the comments you had about bowling last Saturday. I prefer stepladder (PBA) finals, and I don't like the constant cheering.

I'm disappointed at bowling's final stepchild status, and it's often bumped for some other sport or activity. Also I'm never sure which two commentators will (announce).

I would also like to see high scores of that week's best. The PBA shouldn't let down on the experts who averaged 220 all week. It doesn't do the fans any justice to see the pros bowl no better than I did back in 1946 with their low games. I think bowling finals might be rated higher if watchers could be assured of scores from 250 or up.

—Mr. Haynes, San Antonio

What are incentives? And how are they arrived at?

—Glenn Field, San Antonio

HP: According to Bobby Dinkins of the Professional Bowling Association, incentives are monetary awards given to pro players to use equipment such as balls or shirts, and the manufacturers decide what they're going to give the players. The companies send what they're going to pay the players to the PBA (or PWBA) office, and the list is posted in the locker room at each tournament.

"Some players get more than what is posted, depending on their individual contract with a particular manufacturer," Dinkins said from Akron, Ohio. "Those figures are not included in what we distribute to the media. The incentives are normally for players who make the final championship round each week."

Unfortunately for many of us who love bowling, the question that has recently been asked is "Where has bowling gone and why?"

When bowling first arrived in the United States, Americans were given a game that was not only about talent and skill, but also about fun. Today we're subjected

to arrogant attitudes by bowlers who think they are gods.

Back in the late 1950s people competed for a trophy and the knowledge that they finished first at least once. In addition to a trophy, a winner might receive a small compensation.

In a league everyone got together for the trophy and awards presentations. Then they would participate in a brunch or dinner.

But today, it's all about the money. People could care less if they get a trophy or if they see you at the end of the season for a party or get-together. The bottom line is "Where is the money?" or "Send me my check."

If a center looks worn down and beat up, bowlers have only themselves to blame. You know, the ones who kick the returns because they threw the ball like crap and blame the lanes because they didn't strike. Need I say more?

Can anyone bring bowling to where it used to be? And will we rely on the youth of today to keep around what some of us grew up to love?

The youth of tomorrow will only learn from the adults of today.

—Del Powell, San Antonio

WHERE ARE THEY?

Grace Williams Baskin, 81, was two-time district tennis doubles champion at Jefferson High School (1933-34), was two-time amateur all-state pitcher in softball ('36-37), including helping Alamo Jewelers win the state women's title in '36; won the Texas Women's Bowling Association's state all-events bowling title three times (1946, '48-49 and '49-50) and the city championship six times; won the Texas Tenpin state all-events title three times ('47, '49 and '50), the singles crown once ('48) and was a member of the championship doubles team five times; was voted into the city's bowling Hall of Fame in '73 and into the TWBA state hall in '81; has been an individual investor in stocks for more than 60 years.

A Kenedy native, Baskin was arguably the best female athlete in San Antonio from '35 to the early '70s, if not the best ever.

She once won a golf tournament in the morning, then beat an outstanding male ping-pong player in more than 100 games that evening.

"I guess girls weren't supposed to play sports back in those days," Baskin said. "I never felt tomboyish. In fact, I felt extremely feminine . . . but I adored sports — any sport."



As a softball player, Baskin once pitched six no-hitters and averaged 10 strikeouts a game during one season in the late '30s. She also helped Wichita Falls to a runner-up finish in the '37 national tournament.

"I could make the ball rise, and that was tough on the hitters," said Baskin, who was also an accomplished volleyball and

basketball player, ice skater and a 13-handicap golfer. "I enjoyed softball, but I left it and started bowling in the 1940s."

As a bowler, Baskin led the Straus Frank team, which also featured Ofelia "Myrt" DeFily, Lil Canfield, Robbie Frey and Alice Iltis, to state team titles in '46, '48 and '51, and a second-place finish in the Women's International Bowling Congress national tournament at Omaha, Neb., in '50. She also finished second in singles at Omaha with a 686 series.

In the Texas Tenpin ranks, Baskin helped lead Turner Club to consecutive women's team titles from '46 to '54, and back-to-back crowns in '56-57.

"I was proud of my accomplishments," said Baskin, who gave up sports because of tendonitis in the '70s. "I never bragged on what I did. If you're good, people know it and you don't have to say anything."

Baskin won three TWBA doubles titles with Canfield, Iris Peters and Iltis, and was the singles champion in '50. She won doubles in the Texas Tenpin twice with Canfield and Iltis, and once with Lenora Rose. She and Iltis were fifth in the WIBC doubles event at Dallas in '48.

"You can see why I devour the sports pages now," said Baskin, who was also a member of the world champion mixed 9-pin championship team in the late '40s. "I loved the competition. It was great recreation for me."

She married her biggest fan, attorney Frank Baskin, in '39. He died in '81.

—HARRY PAGE

Emerald city takeover

by Charlene Scheel, Publicity Committee

We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful, the "Wonderful Wizard of Oz". We followed the yellow brick road to San Antonio. Many traveled from near and far for a chance to see the "Wizard". The "Emerald City", an elusive dream for many; a dream come true for only a few.

On August 8, 1998, at the Joint Banquet of Champions, in the "Emerald City" (Austin), the excitement and anticipation mounted as Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Lion and the Champions gathered to finally get a glimpse of the witches and wizards. Officers, Directors and Life Members of TWBA and TSBA were recognized, as was ABC Director Harold Jacoby from Littleton, Colorado.

Winning Division 1 All Events in the WIBC tournament is quite a feat that few have accomplished --- and we are so proud of Ginger Moore, Killeen/Ft. Hood, who accomplished this in Quad Cities. Congratulations, Ginger, on bringing this title home to Texas. Dorothy was granted her wish to go home, the Tin Man was properly oiled and the Lion received his heart. Now the time had come for the champions to receive their awards. TWBA President Beverly McLendon and Tournament Director Sylvia Broyles along with TSBA President Ed Crabb and Tournament Director Jimmy Cline began the presentations.

TEAM EVENT

Division 5 - Morin's Muffler Center, Beeville - 2170; Belinda Fernandez, Margie Suniga, Lupita Tindol, Lisa Tindol, and Hilda Morin. With a team average of 639, these ladies rolled all three games over average. Belinda told us that having bowled only one year, this was her first state tournament.

Division 4 - Gamblers, Texoma - 2390; Jacquelyn Davis, Wanda Pearson, Lorie Dawson, Mary Melvin, and Joyce Spencer. Lorie,



Division 1 Team: Dem Yankees, 3004, Fort Worth. From left: Mary Betke, Lea Ann Sikora, and Debbye Berry. Not pictured are Lisa Skibinski and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard.

with a 140 average rolled a superb 525 series. They commented on their questionnaire that they enjoyed going to the tournament ... meeting new people and seeing new places.

Division 3 - Trouble, Giddings - 2616; Aleyce Fulcher, Karen Uhrich, Melinda Christenson, Beverly Becker and Jaylene Franke. With a team average of 765, the team rolled 842, 849 and 925. All members were over average, however, Beverly had the most pins over her 145 average, rolling a very impressive 544 series.

Division 2 - Travelers, Palestine - 2647; Monica Bradshaw, Dorothy Ayo, Sharon Morris, Carol Shelton and Denise Bradshaw. Sharon Morris, 190 average, rolled games of 236-219-212 for a whopping 667 series which helped lead the team to victory.

Division 1 - Dem Yankees, Fort Worth - 3004; Debbye Berry, Lea Ann Sikora, Lisa Skibinski, Mary Betke and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. Led by Carolyn's 669 set, their score

also included a team game of 1076. These ladies are a few of Texas' finest bowlers, carrying averages of 197, 198, 212, 201, and 216.



Mary Betke, Waco, earned Division 1 Singles and High Series honors with her 763. She also took High Game honors with a 296.



Division 1 Doubles Champions are Mary Betke, Waco, and Debbye Berry, Ft. Worth.



Debbie Verret and Susan Rushing, Port Arthur, captured the Division 2 Doubles Title.

DOUBLES EVENT

Division 5 - Teresa Ashcroft and Susan Rodgers, Longview - 974. With an entering average of 127. Susan rolled a super 516 series. These ladies are both fairly new bowlers and they were asked to fill in on a team that was short two bowlers.

Division 4 - Elcase Williams and Peggy Fenwick, Amarillo - 1088. Peggy, on her 127 average shot a 552 series which included a 247 game, for a 120 pins over her average.

Division 3 - Lynn Bohannon and Jackie Halton, Polk Co. - 1103. Lynn with a 144 average rolled a 602 series, being consistent with games of 207-211-184. This was Lynn's 41st TWBA tournament.

Division 2 - Deborah Verret and Susan Rushing, Port Arthur - 1182. Deborah rolled a 590 and Susan a 592. They were glad they could win this year because they will be too busy next year as Beaumont/Port Arthur will be hosting the 1999 tournament.

Division 1 - Debbye Berry and Mary Betke, Ft. Worth & Waco - 1336. Debbye rolled games of 215, 226, and 268 for an outstanding 709 series. Mary rolled games of 201, 215 and 211 to help add to their grand total.

SINGLES EVENT

Division 5 - Ruby Villela, Austin - 548. With an average of 124, Ruby rolled games of 205, 191, 152 -- all over her average.



A 638 series clinched the Division 3 Singles Title and High Series award for Sonja Dasonville, Longview.



Division 2 Team Event Champions are Traverlers, better known as Dorothy Ayo, Carol Shelton, and Sharon Morris. Not pictured are team members Monica Bradshaw and Denise Bradshaw.

Division 4 - Sheila Boger, Johnson County - 1537. Sheila entered the tournament with a 139 average and rolled 478, 538 and 521, having only one game under her average.

Division 3 - Ginny Fallwell, Kerrville - 1767. Bowling in her first TWBA tournament, with an entering average of 156, Ginny averaged a fantastic 196 for her nine games. She had series' of 545, 586 and 636.

Division 2 - June Havlik, Hill Country - 1806. Entering with a 171 average, June rolled 492, 637 and 677.



The Gamblers, aka Lorie Dawson, Jacquelyn Davis, Joyce Spencer, Wanda Pearson and Mary Melvin are the Division 4 Team Champs.



Ginny Fallwell, Kerrville is the Division 3 All Events Champion

Division 1 - Debbye Berry, Fort Worth - 1991. On an entering average of 197, our state champion had games of 227, 184 and 175 for a 586 in team; a 215, 226 and 268 for a beautiful 709 in doubles; and then rounded out her singles with a terrific 242, 248 and 206 for a series total of 696. Debbye commented that she had not picked up a bowling ball in over three months, and was very pleased that she bowled so well -- winning team, doubles and all events. Congratulations Debbye on a job well done.



Division 4 All Events Champion is Cindy Naze from Dallas.



Morin's Muffler Center is the proud team sponsor of Division 5 Champs Margie Suniga, Belinda Fernandez, Lupita Tindol, Lisa Tindol and Hilda Morin.

TWBA High Series and Game Awards were presented to: Division 1 - **Mary Betke, Waco, 763 - 296**; Division 2 - **June Havlik, Hill Country, 677**, and **Susan Henry, Austin, 269**; Division 3 - **Sonja Dasonville, Longview, 638**, and **Barbara Ervin, Killeen/Ft. Hood, 269**; Division 4 **Lynn Bohannon, Polk Co., 602** and **Clara Weir, Houston, 239**; Division 5 - **Peggy Fenwick, Amarillo, 552 - 247.**

Concluding our evening of festivities, Tournament Director Broyles led everyone in the traditional champagne toast.

As everyone was ready to journey back down the yellow brick road, banquet chair Mary Louise Young thanked all for attending and allowing us the opportunity to share their moment in the spotlight.



Clara Weir, Houston, posted the High Game in Division 4 with a 239.



Barbara Ervin, Killeen/Ft. Hood, earned the TWBA Billy Simon Award as well as Division 3 High Game honors with her 269.



Cheers... Beverly McLendon, Sylvia Broyles, Debbye Berry, Jimmy Young, Jimmy Kline and Ed Crabb... a salute to our Champions, one and all!

Many thanks to Jan Bacon, our photographer, and to Debbie Kirst, TWBA's official organist and to a very hard working committee, Mary Louise Young, Jo Burkhart, Mary Burns and Rhonda Vasbinder.

We encourage each and everyone of you to make your plans to join us in Beaumont/Port Arthur in 1999.

EARLY BIRD ENTRY DRAWING

GET YOUR 1999 TWBA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ENTRY IN EARLY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR TEAM EVENT ENTRY FEE PAID.

THE TWBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECENTLY APPROVED A PROMOTION FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT TO HAVE A DRAWING FOR TEN TEAM ENTRIES, AS FOLLOWS:

Entries received in the TWBA office prior to and postmarked no later than December 15, 1998 will be eligible for a special drawing to receive a free team entry.
(Entry fee for team event will be refunded.)

Results of the drawing will be announced to each winning team captain with refund of team entry fee; associations will be notified; and winners will be listed in Winter issue of ATL.

GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY...YOUR TEAM MAY BE A WINNER EVEN BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO BEAUMONT/PORT ARTHUR.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The San Antonio Women's Bowling Association ("SAWBA") has had a very busy year hosting the Texas Women's Bowling Association ("TWBA") Tournament and conventions. I would like to thank the many faithful volunteers from the San Antonio bowling community for their help. You made the SAWBA Board's duties much easier **THANK YOU AGAIN** for all your help.

Now that we are beginning a new bowling year, please remember the SAWBA open meeting is September 27. The All City Team and Bowler of the year will be announced at this time. A letter has been sent to each SAWBA member with a 190 and above average. Using the information requested the Awards Committee will select the *All City Team and Bowler of the Year*.

Come join us and meet your SAWBA Officers and Directors. Help us welcome our two new Board Members, La Verne Vick and Roberta Stade.

A recent letter from WIBC Headquarters advised us that membership is down 6% on a National level. Let us all strive to recruit a new or former bowler to join us in league play. Our sport is still the largest participation sport in the World. You can be a part of helping it grow even larger! In the future WIBC/ABC will provide an "Internet Newsletter" designed for the "Member". The "Newsletter" will appear at www.bowl.org. All you internet fans will be able to retrieve timely information.

Wishing you good luck and good bowling in the new Season!

Elsie Mitchell
President SAWBA

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK DOLORES WALKER

Welcome to another bowling season! Take time to get involved as a service representative at your bowling center. Our center representatives sure could use your help with league visitations and talking to the women bowlers on your league.

During the 97-98 season we hosted the Texas Women's Bowling Association ("TWBA") state tournament. It was a long 13 weekends but we got the job accomplished with a lot of help from the San Antonio bowling community. We want to thank all of the scorekeepers who helped and the many substitutes that we called on at the last minute to bowl. Without all of these wonderful people we could not have done the great job we did. **THANKS! THANKS! AND THANKS AGAIN.**

We need your help with our San Antonio Women's Bowling Association ("SAWBA") City Tournament that is coming up in November 1998. You can be a great help with scorekeeping, helping at the concession table and other activities that make a great Tournament. This will be our 60th Annual Tournament, so lets make it the best one we have ever had in San Antonio. Team event will be held at Bandera Bowl and Doubles and Singles at Astro Bowl. The tournament will be held two weekends November 14 & 15 and November 21 & 22. The fee per event is \$13.00 with \$2.00 optional for all events. Each team will have four women, so get your teams together and join the fun. Entry forms will be available at all the bowling centers. Closing date for entries will be October 29, 1998. For more information call the SAWBA office at 490-6010.

The 98-99 WIBC dues are the same as last year \$11.00. The WIBC fee is \$6.00, TWBA is \$1.25 and your local SAWBA receives \$3.75. The men's dues are still \$12.00

I have been your city secretary for eight months now and enjoy my job. I want to thank all the league secretaries that do their duties correctly which makes my job much easier. If at any time you need help, please feel free to call the office or come by the office. I will be glad to give you any assistance or answer any questions you may have about your duties. Be sure to read the enclosed sheet that you receive with your league supplies.

The new awards program is in its fifth season now and gives our bowlers many awards beside the traditional patches and pins. Pass the merchandise catalogs around your leagues so the women can see what kind of other awards they can receive. Our office processes awards on the 15th of each month.

I want to extend a special THANKS to Elfi Tomczyk, Elsie Mitchell, Yasuko Whitsell, Margaret Eckart, Louise Mangelsdorf and other SAWBA directors for their help in the office since I have been secretary. I have enjoyed working with all of you even if I didn't mention your name. See you at our tournament in November.

DOLORES WALKER
SECRETARY SAWBA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 12-13	TWBA Bowling Leaders Fun Day & Workshop Inn of the Hills Resort & Conference Center Kerrville, TX - Reservation Deadline Sep 4 \$10.00 per person, includes lunch
Sep 19-20	SAWBA 600 & 500 Club Tournament
Sep 27	SAWBA Open Meeting Country Lanes 1:30 p.m. Announcement of All City Team Election of nominating committee
Oct 3 thru Nov 22	Texas State Mixed Tournament Dart Bowl and Highland Lanes Austin, Texas - Entries close Sep 5 For information call Sue Hunter, Tournament Manager (956) 781-7335
Oct 11-17	Billy Simon Scholarship Fund Drive
Nov 14-15 Nov 21-22	SAWBA City Tournament Bandera Bowl and Astro Bowling Center San Antonio, Texas - Entries close Oct 29
Dec 13	SAWBA City Tournament Awards
Jan 15	Entry Closing Date WIBC 1999 Championship Tournament Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Indiana (Tournament Dates - April 8 - June 18)
Jan 23 & 24	Ladies Senior Classic Fort Worth (50-59 and 60 & over)
Feb 6 or 7 (Tentative)	San Antonio Hall of Fame Banquet
Feb 13 & 14 Feb 20 & 21	SABA/SAWBA City Mixed Tournament
Feb 27-28	TWBA Bluebonnet Queens Piano, Texas
Mar 21	SAWBA Annual Meeting Election of Officers, Directors, Delegates
Mar 26 thru June 27	TWBA Championship Tournament Crossroads, Beaumont, TX (Team) Park Central Recreation, Fort Arthur, TX (D/S) Entries Close February 4, 1999
April 8 thru June 18	WIBC Championship Tournament Woodland Bowl (Entries close January 15, 1999) Indianapolis, Indiana
May 3-5	WIBC Convention Indianapolis, Indiana
June 4	TWBA Convention Beaumont/Fort Arthur

HOORAY FOR FUN DAY!!

By Regina Lovcall, TWBA Publicity

While tropical storm Frances huffed and puffed outside, she failed to blow away the 117 TWBA "sisters" frolicking together inside the Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, on Saturday, September 12. Yes, indeed, Frances failed miserably in her attempt to spoil the first TWBA Fun Day as members joined hands with the TWBA Board of Directors to improvise when it became necessary to move several outdoor activities inside. Games such as Bunco, UNO, writing a bowling story and Chickenfoot were joined indoors by golf, relay races, carnival games and a scavenger hunt. Participants were divided into eight teams composed of 12-14 members who quickly became "sisters for a day." Each team

picture of a pig then, at the conclusion of the day, were informed of the traits their drawings indicated about them. Teams were at their creative best in finding/making items for the scavenger hunt -- a 700 Club membership card and TWBA delegate's badge



worked together to build a bowling story, compete in relay races where a teammate walked and carried a plunger on top of her head with assistance from another teammate. Carrying the plunger was not easy as the individual also had to blow bubbles! Teammates helped one another in blocking each other from winning hands of UNO and Chickenfoot then, in other games, they helped each other win at Bunco and putt golf balls into cups while blindfolded and under a table with chair legs as obstacles. Preceding Bunco, the ladies were asked to draw a



became the most sought after items and, eventually two teams tied in collecting the hunt items.

More fun came at the carnival games as teams were subdivided into small groups to play ring toss, darts



and bean bag toss where participants stuffed and decorated their own team bean bags. Rounding out the carnival games was toilet paper toss where rolls of toilet paper were tossed into a real (but empty!) toilet.



Bowling Funfest completed Saturday's events as 13 teams competed in the Baker format for a small prize fund.

Sunday morning continued the camaraderie begun the previous day as Melissa Stuczynski from Bowling Inc.'s education department presented "Leadership: An Action, Not a Position" By encouraging participation from the ladies present, she helped everyone see how Saturday's games demonstrated leadership and teamwork skills. Fun Day was created in response to requests from TWBA members to increase the association's visibility and accessibility among its members. Evaluation forms returned by a majority of the participants revealed the success of Fun Day so the TWBA Workshop Committee announced the format would be repeated next year.



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