



BOUNTLING *Southern Style*

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**SBWA Awards
Deadline: May 1
Committee Chairmen
... Get Busy!**

We need all SBWA award winners no later than May 1. All awards except the Dick Weber Distinguished Service Award will be chosen by the committees.

RSVP

Are you coming to Vegas?

So we can properly plan seating for our luncheon, business meeting and Just Desserts Roast, please RSVP if you are coming to Las Vegas to participate in SBWA activities.

WE NEED YOUR RSVP ASAP!

(send by email to:
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DON'T MISS IT!

**SBWA Annual Meeting,
Luncheon and
'Just Desserts Roast'
Las Vegas Hilton
June 25, 2006**

**LUNCHEON & BUSINESS
MEETING 11 am - 1:30 pm**

**JUST DESSERTS ROAST
9-10:30 pm**

Look Out Vegas - Here We Come!

Pezzano to EMCEE Jeanie Hulsey Roast

June 25th, the Southern Bowling Writers Association will hold its 27th annual meeting at the incredible Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

One of the best get-togethers SBWA has ever had also took place in Nevada, when we celebrated our 25th in Reno, and honored one of our founding members, Mr. Jim Wyckoff. Our goal is to make this year as good as our 25th, and we've added a special 'Just Desserts Roast' to start a new tradition for SBWA.

Our first roast honoree is a very special southern lady, Mrs. Jeanie Hulsey, owner of the famous Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie, Texas. Jeanie and her family hosted the PBA Quaker State Open for 20

years, both men's and women's U.S. Open Tournaments, and numerous other adult and junior pro and amateur events. Her incredible positive spirit has produced friends across the industry.

The emcee for the roast is the Dean of Bowling Writers, Mr. Chuck Pezzano. Pezzano has covered bowling on television, radio, and in newspapers for more than 50 years, and he is a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association and member of more than a dozen halls of fame. He was recently featured as a special guest on Phantom Radio worldwide.

The host of that Phantom Radio show is also one of our 'Roasters'. He's celebrating his 5th anniversary this month, - Mr. Lenny Nicholson.

Nicholson, the long time laneman who provided the playing conditions for the pros for so many years, is also the keynote speaker at the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association convention at Bowl Expo.

Other Roasters include PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, PWBA Hall of Famer and coach Pat Costello, writer and international coach John Jowdy, BPAA Hall of Famer proprietor Jamie Brooks, and a few more 'surprise' celebrities.

The 'Just Desserts Roast' will also be a fund-raiser for SBWA, with several items being offered in a silent auction during the roast. More roasters and details will be announced in e-mail updates, coming soon.

JOHN JOWDY TO RECEIVE WORLD BOWLING WRITERS 2006 OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL COACH AWARD

John Jowdy, El Cajon, California, follows in the footsteps of Tom Kouros, Sid Allen, Fred Borden and Magnus Johnson to become the fifth person to receive the WBW Tom Kouros Outstanding International Coach Award.

'You couldn't meet a nicer guy' certainly applies to this outstanding gentleman, and you probably couldn't meet a more talented coach either. For more than 40 years, many



John Jowdy

will credit John for the incredible knowledge and advice that he has passed on.

Although John is in his 80s, he is still active coaching, doing clinics, and writing columns for more than twenty publications and websites around the world.

WBW President Hazel McLeary will make the official presentation to John during the upcoming USBC Convention in Orlando, Florida.

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WRIGHT HOUSE BRIEFINGS

Don Wright
SBWA Exec. Dir.

As some of you may not know, my wife G.G. has been very ill and hospitalized for the past four weeks, as of this writing. It has been an extremely difficult time and we are appreciative of all the letters, cards, e-mails and prayers from so many of you.

Because of this illness it is quite possible that we will be unable to make the Las Vegas meeting. We are very disappointed because we looked forward to spending some time with all of you and enjoying the "Just Desserts" roast and Bowl Expo.

Should things change drastically, we will be there.

I have been a bit slow in my Executive Director duties and I apologize, but it was family first. I have enjoyed being your Executive Director and should you decide you want to keep me, I will try and do better. However, should I reach a point where I am not able to handle those duties, I will tender my resignation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Jim and C.J., and I doubt many of you know how hard they work for this association and for bowling in general. We are very fortunate to have Jim as our President and C.J. does so much in the background to keep us as professional as possible.

I am sure many of you are aware of the effort to form a new association by merging the NNBW and BWAA. You will see a lot about this in the near future and I hope everyone gives it serious thought, and not just a knee-jerk reaction.

Personally, I am opposed to dissolving the BWAA. I am all in favor of opening our doors to the NNBW for membership, but I see no reason to merge the two associations into one and end the historic run of both associations.

We, the Southern Bowling Writers, opened our ranks to EVERYONE who promotes our sport. There is no reason that the BWAA and NNBW can't do the same. Consolidation, merger, call it what you want, isn't necessarily the right way to go.

MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

Phantom Radio - SBWA member Lenny Nicholson's Phantom Radio will have several interesting guests in the coming weeks. Here's the schedule for April and May: **April 5-11 Jim Dressel;** **April 12-18 Anniversary Show;** **April 19-25 Jamie Brooks;** **April 26-May 2 Johnny Petraglia;** **May 3-9 Chuck Pezzano, Jr.;** **May 10-16 Phil Ferguson ;** **May 17-23 Woody Fraser (Bowling Shootout) ;** **May 24-30 WTBA Official**
To listen anytime 24/7, log onto www.phantomradioshow.com

Stocks Start Family - Since our last newsletter, SBWA Director Greg Stock and his wife Janice have started a family! Steven Edward Stock was born February 15 in Houston. He was a very healthy 7.7 pounds and 19" long. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

PRESIDENT'S PICS . . .

It's hard to believe a year has passed since our meeting in Baton Rouge, and now it seems like summer is rushing towards us like a raging river. Where does the time go?!

Enough about my old age perceptions (55 - can you believe it?!), it's time to get serious about our upcoming meeting and special activities in Las Vegas.

It's going to be an exciting week in Glitter Gulch, and we hope this will be the biggest and best turnout SBWA has ever had for our annual get-together. It stands to reason that since our membership is the highest its ever been, the attendance at our meeting should reflect a high number.

SBWA has the privilege of 'kicking off' Bowl Expo week with our luncheon and roast on Sunday, June 25. The luncheon will be at 11 a.m. with a 60-90 minute business meeting immediately following. Our 'Just Desserts Roast' honoring the incredible Jeanie Hulsey will be held from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Both will be held at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Storm Bowling Products will sponsor a welcome reception for BWAA from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sunday evening. At that function, we will remind everyone to "have a nice dinner, but don't get dessert, because we will serve desserts and coffee at our roast", to be held in the same room as the Storm reception. There will also be a cash bar.

The 'Just Desserts Roast' is sponsored by BPAA, and we want to thank John Berglund for that generous sponsorship. We hope to make this an annual affair.

We're going to make May 1 the deadline for all of our awards; so committee chairman - get busy! We need all winners asap, no later than May 1. All awards except the Dick Weber award are picked by the committees. The entire membership will vote for the Weber winners. Guidelines for all awards can be found on our website www.southernbowlingwriters.com.

Finally, we're happy to report GG Wright is home after a month in the infirmary, and making good progress. The past several weeks have been very difficult for the Wright family; but even with those worries, Don has managed to take care of SBWA business, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. Thanks, Don, and we pray that GG continues to improve every day.



Jim Goodwin
SBWA President



Steven Edward Stock