



BOWLING *Southern Style*

The official newsletter of the Southern Bowling Writers Association

2006 AWARD WINNERS

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SBWA MEMBER SURVEY

1. Where should SBWA have its annual meeting?

- With BWAA?
- With Bowl Expo?
- Somewhere in central southern location?

2. Which awards should we continue to present?

- Bowler of the Year
- Collegiate
- High School

3. Should we continue the annual Roast?

- Yes
- No

4. Should our annual dues be?

- \$10
- \$15
- \$20
- More _____

5. Will you be attending Bowl Expo 2007?

- Yes
- No

6. Will you be attending the 2007 USBC Convention?

- Yes
- No

This survey will be emailed separately to all members for response.

Email Vote Results from fall of 2006

Lapel Pin:

28 favored the SBWA logo pin 11 preferred the new oval design.

Term Limits:

22 chose a 3 year term limit 12 chose 5 years, and 10 chose 4 years.



The Bowler of the Year award was presented to Lynda Barnes by Dallas Bowling Association Executive Director Jerry Anderson and her husband Chris



SBWA President Jim Goodwin presented the Dick Weber Award to Bill Lillard during Bowl Expo in Las Vegas



SBWA Committee Chairman Frank Barnhardt presents the Collegiate Bowler of the Year award to Brian Valenta



Stefanie Nation also won Collegiate Bowler of the Year. Her coach Pat Costello presented her award in Florida



Brandy Padilla, left, presenting the High School Bowler of the Year award to Amy Seymour



Kyle Barnes also won High School Bowler of the Year



The SBWA President's Award went to BPAA's John Berglund

WRIGHT HOUSE BRIEFINGS



Don Wright
SBWA Exec. Dir.

As the New Year begins we can reflect on what has to be considered a pretty good 2006.

Our membership rolls expanded to an all time high. CJ and Jim put together a great roast and annual meeting as well as a pretty darn good newsletter.

Makin' money slowed the Goodwin's down a bit, but all in all it was a pretty

successful year. We did lose a few members. Three members dropped out because they closed down their paper. It's always discouraging to see a bowling publication come to an end. We have so few and we have so few daily papers that cover bowling the way our bowling papers did, and do.

We also lost Dick Stoeffler. You can find a wonderful tribute to Dick under the news section of our web site at www.southernbowlingwriters.com.

We have new membership pins that will be distributed to all new members. The pins are really nice depicting our association logo.

We solicit your ideas and comments on how we can better serve you and make this a productive association.



FINAL FRAME

We are deeply saddened by the passing of SBWA member Dick Stoeffler. Steff died January 14 after bravely battling cancer for eight years. Several tributes can be read on our website.

GET WELL WALT !!

World renowned cartoonist and writer and SBWA past president Walt Steinsiek is on the mend at his home in Florida after triple bypass surgery. send your get well messages to ztlaw98@hotmail.com



PRESIDENT'S PICS . . .

CJ and I spent most of the Fall traveling with the new Generations Bowling Tour on it's eight week swing in the Northeast. The seniors were great to work with, and they are now having three events in Florida.

Unfortunately, the tour didn't draw enough players or pro-am entries to sustain the schedule or staff originally planned, so the 35 event tour was scaled back to only 17 events, and all full-time jobs were eliminated. We chose not to work part-time, so we're back in Texas helping our daughter run Stars & Strikes, among other projects.

2006 was a great year for the Southern Bowling Writers Association. We presented some wonderful awards to some great southern bowlers, we had our annual meeting in Las Vegas during Bowl Expo, and we conducted our first Southern 'Just Desserts' Roast. I believe all who attended would say the roast was very successful, and our honoree, the incredible Jeannie Hulsey, was the perfect person to get this started.

The questions now are - Where do we go from here? Do we continue to have our annual meeting at Bowl Expo? Do we follow the new BWAA as we traditionally have since we began in 1972? Do we continue the Roast? How do we get our members more involved and more active? How do we make the SBWA relevant and effective?

Frankly, I was pretty disappointed with the lack of effort by a few of our committee members last year, and I hope we can get everyone more motivated to help us make the organization stronger this year. There is a short survey on the front of this newsletter. By responding, you will help your leadership make the best decisions for the SBWA.

We wish everyone a rewarding and happy new year!



Jim Goodwin
SBWA President

FINAL NOTICE:

PAY UP PARDNER!

We still have a few procrastinators out there who have not paid the enormous \$10 membership fee for 2007! If you are one of them, PLEASE send a \$10 check to Executive Director Don Wright asap, After March 31st, you'll be dropped like a rock, and you'll miss all the news about SBWA. We need you, we want you, we even like you a lot, but we won't keep you on the roster for free when the rest of us are paying customers!

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