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Ann Powell, TBW Interim President

As we continue observing Texas Bowling Writers 10th birthday, I'm thinking a lot about time passing. This time last year we were still in shock after Sylvia Broyles' sudden death. Since then we've had other surprises.

Do you remember 1999, when there was so much hoopla about Y2K and so many smart people were so concerned about an electronic Armageddon? Yet here we are today even more dependent on our electronic gadgets.

Following are a couple of timely clips: at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qyh4y0e32sU>, Parker Bohn III bowls on the oldest sanctioned bowling lanes. Also see the 1989 Bowling Shootout, in which 19-year-old amateur Chris Barnes bowled with big names of the day Mark Roth, Marshall Holman and Lisa Wagner at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAfaz4JmZpI>. Talk about a "remember when" experience! What timely clips would you like to share with us?

To view lots of time passing, check out the Greater Dallas website at <http://greaterdallasusbc.com>. The site includes a huge photo gallery of scanned images from the old Dallas women's association scrapbooks. If your local association has such memorabilia in a closet or garage, please consider making it available online instead of just stashing it away.

Because this newsletter is late going out (time flies!, mostly when you don't want it to), you have until the end of this month (February) to submit nominees for the TBW Wood Award for professional media and the TBW Certificate of Appreciation. Find award criteria in the Fall, 2016 TBW Newsletter at <http://www.texasbowlingwriters.org>.

It's time to start shifting newsletter editor duties to Doris Chesser, who will edit the spring issue. Wanna help her out/learn/ etc.? Fill out and submit a volunteer form from the back of this newsletter.

Meanwhile, let's see what happens next, and report on it.



Like Most Women My Age, I'm 39

Jeanne Hester, News and Views

One of my favorite T-Shirts has this saying. When I wear it, people will say, "That's me!", or "Me, too". I confess I no longer have birthdays, but anniversaries of my 39th.

In 2016, the Texas Bowling Writers turned 10. That doesn't sound like much, huh? Certainly not enough to embellish a T-Shirt with "*Like Most Bowling Writer Groups I Know, I'm 10*". In ten years, much has changed from the Texas Women Bowling Writers organization from whence it came. Besides the obvious word "Women" omitted, there has been a gradual reawakening, as it were, of what TBW is all about and what it does. I say gradual, because it certainly could be speeded up with a little help.

Although membership is a fraction of what it was once, non-members out there in cyberland log on to read our website and explore the Facebook page. But do you wonder, "What are our local and state bowlers thinking about this whole publicity thingy?"

When I became the Publicity Chairman for the Arlington Women's Bowling Association, the president told me that all I had to do was report high scores and tournament results. "BORE-RING". Oh, I did my job as it was described to me, but I found there were many interesting people out there not shooting high scores, who, in my opinion, had more important stories than were imagined. It was my

privilege to highlight bowlers volunteering for various charitable groups, and recruiting other league members to come along and help. I bowled with a special lady who took off league during December because she was in charge of the Arlington Samaritans, a group which provided toys and shoes to underprivileged Arlington children at Christmas time. She made sure we did our part to make Christmas a success, but the bowling "family" helped provide for those outside the centers. The Youth of our area were encouraged to help with canned food drives, one year donating so much baby food they were asked to stop, for their storerooms were packed. That to me was as "worthy" reading as Jane Doe bowling her first 200, or Sally Snodgrass picking up the "lily".

I'm sure most, if not all, of our newsletters today are electronic, and even more interesting than in years gone by. Sharing personal stories of bowlers overcoming hurdles to achieve goals most of us never imagined inspire the reader. If you've ever read the poetry that Larry Caldwell includes with his submissions, you know what a clever writer he is. The Annual "Luci Tournament" in Houston is heart-warming, as is the yearly Susan G Komen event in Dallas. The list continues, but you see there are so many remarkable things going on out there. We just have to find and present

them. Bowlers are doctors, lawyers, teachers, janitors, construction workers, grandmothers and granddads, 3 and 4 year olds starting to bowl-- the list goes on and on, for bowling is the one sport anyone can play.

When I see a youth receive their Jan Bacon Rising Star Award and scholarship money, I can see the continuation of the special service we provide for the entire bowling industry. Not every person will know about "every single" submission, but if it entertains and inspires one to share their own story, isn't it worth it?

I've been told, "I can't write." I usually ask if they can talk, being met with astonished looks. "Of course" they'll say. Then I tell them, "You can write". Just write what you would speak.

Can you capture a special moment or person with a camera or I Phone? Do, and send it to the **TBW Newsletter**. People out there want to see what others are doing. Flyers and posters can't be forgotten, for besides the written word, these avenues of publicity deliver such a punch for getting attention.

So, we're just 10 years old. We have years of experience to draw on, and I'm reminded of how some children are "beyond their years." Maybe that's us. We've seen what works and seen what doesn't. We've laughed and cried. We've rejoiced and

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mourned. All were reported in various publications and newsletters, supplying knowledge if read. So, let me challenge you to do this. Make a hard copy of this newsletter, or just use your computer, to take to your league and share. Ask questions and discuss what's in there. Maybe you found an idea interesting enough you think it

might work for your situation. Maybe if this newsletter was shared with Youth leagues, more would reveal their thoughts and activities.

This year TBW is 10, but "very advanced for its age". Many years from now, it'll still be vital; still be important to the bowling community. Aren't we glad?

Me? Well, like most women my age, I'll still be 39.



ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

TX State USBC Association Honors Plano Bowler

Diane Morgan,
Greater Dallas USBC Association Manager



Doug Brown with Directors Jerry Anderson, Mark Borchardt, and Association Manager Diane Morgan

Every year two prestigious awards are given by the Texas State USBC Association, High

Average and High Scratch Series for men, women and youth bowlers in each category. Considering there are approximately 65,000 certified Texas bowlers across the state, it is indeed an honor for a bowler to qualify for one of these awards.

On Tuesday January 24, 2017, the association manager and directors of the Greater Dallas USBC joined with members of the Sportsman league at Plano Super Bowl to

recognize Douglas Brown as the recipient of the 2015-16 men's High Scratch Series award. Doug bowled 300, 300 and 279 for a series total of 879 on January 26, 2016 to qualify for this award.

Doug Brown has been a member of the Sportsman league for a number of years. His numerous bowling accomplishments include many 300's, 700's, 800's and 11 in a Row games.

2016 Santa's Secret Stash Mailographic Tournament Results

Thank you to the bowlers who participated in and helped promote TBW's 2016 Santa's Secret Stash Mailographic Tournament. We've reached a point at which we can typically count on having over 100 entries each year, but for 2017, let's aim higher-- like for 200! The sky's the limit! The more entries, the more money to be won. Entry forms will be out in the fall, so be on the lookout.

Scores listed below are handicap. Congratulations to these winners!

Women 155 average and below

Marie Ross, Arlington, 750, \$53
Ellen Goss, Garland, 745, \$47
Shannon Murton, Arlington, 739, \$35
Pat Davidson, Dallas, 725, \$30
Gail Beard, Graford, 714, \$25
Debbie Hauenstein, Wylie, 706, \$15
Marsha Goforth, Burleson, 706, \$15
Lynn Buxkamper, Columbus, 705, \$10

Men

Erin Spindler, Georgetown, 784, \$40
Ira Bassett, Cedar Hill, 740, \$35
Bill Kaiser, Allen, 738, \$30
Randy Session, Arlington, 730, \$25
Kermic Powell, McKinney, 729, \$20

Women 156 average and above

Linda Blain, Fairview, 800, \$40
Fritz Gresham, Garland, 789, \$35
Michelle Newman, Mesquite, 755, \$30
Barbara Shaw, Scurry, 753, \$25
Dee Floyd, Arlington, 747, \$20

When a “Nothing” Becomes a Big “Something”

by Jeanne Hester

As I was pulling out of a parking lot, my cell phone rang. Over the car’s Bluetooth came a calm gentle voice saying, “Mrs. Hester, this is Solis Mammography. Dr. Gramer has requested that you come back in for a sonogram of your right breast. She thinks it is nothing, but wants to make sure.” Dr. Gramer may have thought it was “nothing”, but in that moment I was thinking it might turn out to be a pretty BIG “something”!

I had been in for my yearly screening the week before, and left feeling nothing amiss. My mother’s first cancer was in the breast, and I had watched her go through surgery and treatment, dreading that each year’s mammogram would show it had returned. Was I to inherit this fate?

Then my mind went to my friend, Sharon Love. 8 ½ years ago, Sharon received the same type of phone call, leading her on a challenging, yet rewarding, journey. After confronting her disease head on, she has become a tireless participant and vocal supporter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer movement.

When asked why she got involved, Sharon said she had participated in the Komen fundraisers since her boss had been diagnosed in 1999. She felt this was a small token of appreciation and a way she could help. In 2008, after Sharon had her lumpectomy, her sister-in-law, Holly Ginn, honored her by participating in the local 3 Day

Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. After reaching her surgery’s second anniversary, Sharon decided to join in the event. She went to a Baylor Hospital Breast Cancer support group, finding and joining the “Boxing Babes”, walking to “punch out” the dreaded disease. Each year, the team goes up by a “round”. This year was the group’s “Round 10”.

As our bowling league was about to begin, we were in need of a few people to fill spots. Sharon asked us to give her a few days because she had an idea. As the first night of bowling approached, she called to say that three of her “Babes” were coming to join. Getting to know these ladies has been an inspiration. I have gained admiration for their volunteerism, and, well, they’re fun.

Since these ladies were now around this “inquiring mind”, I was interested in their thoughts concerning the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk. I gave each a list of questions asking why they continued to return year after year. One wrote, “We have a saying - I wish the world was like the 3 Day family.”

Whereas the three have had different “jobs” concerning the 3 Day Walks, all three have certainly been essential to their success. Linda Prichard, Cathy Bartle, and Sandi Holt involved themselves for the same principle: find the “CURE” for daughters, sons, grandchildren,

friends and anyone else who could be struck with breast cancer.

Linda participated in her first 3 Day Walk in 2002 to see if she was up to the physical challenge of finishing the 60 mile trek. She met her goal, but stayed involved because she realized it was a fight to the “finish” of breast cancer. She has had many jobs including overnight security, camp services, lunch stops, cheering stations, filling water bottles, passing out T-Shirts, helping with Closing Ceremonies, and a walker stalker. That last one sounded pretty ominous until she explained the job was very important in case a walker needed help during the march.

Cathy answered that she became involved because she saw so many of her friends with breast cancer. After working in the medical field, plus having a big heart, she wanted to help them with their cause, and ended up making it her cause, too. Cathy went on her first walk in 2015. In her words, “I was gonna be like, OK, one and done. I’ve helped them. Now, I can help someone else with another cause. But then, the following week I got the call that my sister was diagnosed with breast cancer. I decided that it would be the cause I will continue to support and walk.”

Sandi became involved after seeing her stepmother and sister-in-law suffer through breast

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cancer. "Breast cancer takes a tremendous toll on a family," she shared. Sandi has walked with the "Babes" in 2013, 2014, 2016, and is scheduled to be in the walk in 2017. In 2015, she was in the "swept van", whose responsibility was helping walkers who cannot continue and need assistance to the next stop. Some other stations (jobs) during the walk have titles such as camp logistics, camp hydration, security, food service, pit crew, and grab and go. Through it all, when asked what stands out about the Komen walks that brings her back year after year, she wrote, "Knowing that every contribution, no matter how small, that one day, there will be a cure."

If you have ever seen or been to a Walk, you immediately notice the "attire" of some of the walkers. People wear brightly colored wigs, colorful shoes, and other fun "stuff". The Boxing Babes don blue shirts (to stand out in all that pink), tu-tus and boxing gloves. Sharon had said many times that even though the subject of the walk is serious, they were always looking for a good laugh. It makes up for some of the sadness they've

encountered. Women are not the only participants. This past year, the Boxing Babes had 6 men on the team. One picture I have seen is of a very slender man, around 6'4", decked out in an oversized, rainbow colored Afro wig, a big, fluffy net tu-tu, and multicolored high top tennis shoes! In 2016, there were 900 women, men and children walking, and 300 volunteers charged with taking care of them. Obviously, fun with concern comes in all shapes, sizes and sexes.

Lastly, I asked all three helpers, that if they were speaking with a prospective volunteer, what would be their advice? **Cathy:** "Any and all volunteer jobs are extremely rewarding, emotionally and spiritually." **Sandi:** "Be ready to work, relax, have fun, and enjoy the experience." **Linda:** "Get involved. You won't regret it. You don't know what you have been missing."

After my sonogram, and finding that my "probably nothing serious" was in fact, nothing serious, my thoughts went to those whose "probably nothing" was "something" and became very serious. I asked

Sharon for suggestions to support someone undergoing treatments and hints for making the journey somewhat easier. She said, "Ask questions. Don't make any snap decisions. There are so many different factors for everybody – lumpectomy clear to mastectomy. Chemo - yes or no? Radiation - yes or no? Reconstruction? Wrapping my arms around the fact I had the disease and I wasn't going to let it kill me, getting involved really helped me mentally. As for chemo, eat with a plastic fork. Metal - awful tasting."

The sheet of 2017 walks is being organized around the country, with the inspiring title "**BE MORE THAN PINK**". On it is a quote: "**THIS ISN'T JUST A WALK. It's the journey to the end of breast cancer.**" Since this disease doesn't discriminate between men or women, old or young, everyone can find a way to discover a cure. It may not be with the blisters and band-aids like the walkers, but your time or monetary contributions will do wonders. We hear the call to help. It's our responsibility to answer.

The next **TBW Newsletter** will be out in April 2017, and will contain poster/flier contest criteria, nominating slate, and other useful information. If you have contributions for it, please send them by March 15th to either Ann Powell at 2707 Jacques Lane, McKinney 75070, (aep11@yahoo.com); or Doris Chesser at 8902 Prairie Drive, Houston 77064 (dchessercat2@aol.com).

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1st 900 IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ROLLED BY HOUSTONIAN

Doris Chesser

What do you think it would be like to bowl three perfect games in a row? Most of us will never know what it is like or even achieve perfection for one game, but 24 year old Sean Osbourn can answer that question. Matt Cannizzaro of USBC quotes Sean as saying "I couldn't believe it – I still can't". Sean had bowled four perfect games until the late league, at Copperfield Bowl on Monday, November 21, and could boast of having bowled three 800 series prior to his record score of 900. Sean had bowled as a substitute on the early league and was asked to stay and bowl the NFL Trio League in which he bowled his record score of 900. Sean also said "I wasn't shaking at the end, I think I was in shock. It's great and crazy and I can't believe it happened to me; I love bowling and always have, and this is something I'll never forget".



Sean Osbourn

Can you imagine, his average after three games is 300? He came in on a book average of 221.

On Thursday night on Sean's regular league, Copperfield Bowl was filled with well-wishers,

friends and family members. All were coming up to Sean with handshakes and hugs amid best wishes and congratulations. There were three balloons, a nine and two zeros, and Center Manager Mike Nelson offered a tribute to Sean and presented a bowling pin from lanes 37 & 38, a gift certificate to Perry's Steak House and a plaque commemorating the 900. Nelson said he had an 800 wall of plaques but Sean's 900 was on a small wall with only one plaque. He also commented that he did not think he needed a big wall on which to place all the 900s bowled at Copperfield. Sean was also presented with an identical plaque commemorating his 900 score to display where he wanted. There was also a large card on the glass wall of the bar area where well-wishers could sign their names.

Sean did all of his youth bowling at Copperfield and his Mom and Dad were on the previous boards of the local association prior to the merger in 2006. Dad's average is over 200 and although I could not find his Mom's, she is an excellent bowler also.

In 2011, when Sean was a senior in high school, he was elected to the Greater Houston Coaches/Parents Association Hall of Honor and the same year received the Jim Chesser Memorial Scholarship Award. At the Hall of Honor induction, Sean's coaches and co-workers stated

"Sean has continued to excel in the sport, but more importantly grown as a respectful and polite young man. In addition, he is a leader among his peers." "Everyone loves Sean and many admire him." "I am very proud of Sean, from his bowling accomplishments to being a great friend and role model to all that know him. I always stood by the saying 'good attitudes make good bowlers', and Sean is a prime example of that." Sean is a still a quiet, unassuming young man and well-liked by everyone who meets him.

Sean also remarked at his Hall of Honor induction "Youth bowling meant more than just bowling in general to me. It means everything. I've been bowling youth for over 10 years and I love it. "I've never taken a break from it. I've bowled numerous different leagues from doubles, team to singles, from house shot to sport shot and I've never once thought of stopping". Needless to say, he still has not stopped. USBC has officially recognized this as a 900 and is only the 30th 900 shot.

Channel 11's Matt Musil made a trip to Copperfield and personally interviewed this right-hander and Channel 2 aired a spot on Sean, although Channel 2 did not personally interview him.

We have made note that we were "HOUSTON PROUD" of various bowlers in the past but I think this one tops the list.

**TEXAS BOWLING WRITERS
NOMINEE RESUME**

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TBW Membership Application

Name: _____ USBC#: _____

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Please make checks payable to **Texas Bowling Writers**. Send application and dues check to:

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TBW Committee Sign-up

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CANDIDATES WANTED

Would you like to be a member of the Texas Bowling Writers Board of Directors? The 2017 Nominating Committee will consider qualified candidates for three positions on the TBW Board.

Positions designated for election are: 1st Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Director #2.

If you would like to be a candidate or know someone who is interested, submit a resume (in this newsletter) to Nominating Chair Sue Grisham, at P.O. Box 2286, Allen, TX (bowling48@msn.com). **Those who have become inactive with TBW may pay dues and again take an active role in our organization.**

Elections will be held at the 2017 TBW Annual Meeting in Abilene on May 20, 2017. Nominations may be made from the floor. The qualifications of the nominee from the floor must be presented on a TBW nominee resume form to the Nominating Chair at the time of nomination.

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