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BWAA MOURNS THE LOSS OF JOE LYOU, 88

BWAA lost one of its most admired members and a giant in the bowling journalism field when Joe Lyou died in late March in Santa Paula, Calif., after suffering a massive stroke. He was 88. A significant tribute to Joe by friends and industry leaders is posted on our website, [bowlingwriters.com](#), including an "obit" Joe himself wrote. Please take the time to read the [tribute](#).

BWAA PAST PRESIDENT FRANK KIETZ DIES AT AGE 91

BWAA lost another of its oldest friends and most dedicated members when Frank Kietz died April 2 in Lake Forest, Calif.

Kietz, the 2005 Mort Luby Sr. Hall of Fame Award winner and 1984 president, was 91. He was a key contributor to the California Bowling

BWAA BREAKFAST ON TAP AT USBC CONVENTION

Don't forget the NABI-sponsored BWAA breakfast scheduled for Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 a.m. at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo. If you plan to attend, please remit your \$5 "registration fee" to confirm your attendance. Drop Nancy Chapman a note at nancy-chapman@sbcglobal.net to let her know you're planning to attend; send your payment payable to BWAA to: Nancy Chapman, 1110 Pleasant Valley Dr., Oneida, WI 54155. BWAA will present its new non-pro writing awards at this event.

It also is not too late to volunteer your services for an hour or two at the BWAA booth in Kansas City on Wednesday and Thursday. BWAA is carrying on an old NWBW tradition, raffling/auctioning donated "Teddy bears" to raise money for BWAA's charities. If you'd like to donate a bear to the cause, you can also bring it along to Kansas City.

All BWAA members should have received an invitation from USBC to attend certain events in Kansas City, along with a credentials application. If you did NOT receive that information, call or write Bill Vint at: bill.vint@bowl.com (414-423-3230). In addition to what promises to be a rather interesting annual meeting, USBC will be staging its new, unique "Clash of Bowling Champions" in the Kansas City Auditorium Thursday evening, May 8. A super-star hall of fame induction ceremony is also on tap for Friday morning.

BWAA TO HONOR LYLE ZIKES, JOAN ROMEO IN ORLANDO

BWAA will present its highest honors to veteran journalist Lyle Zikes, Palatine, Ill., and Joan Romeo, Van Nuys, Calif., during the Columbia 300/BPAA Awards Dinner in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday, June 24.

Zikes will receive the BWAA Hall of Fame Award. Romeo, a long-time BWAA member, will receive the BWAA Meritorious Service Award for her years of service to the sport. For details, visit BWAA's web site: <http://bowlingwriters.com/news.htm>. If you have NOT made plans yet to attend the BWAA Annual Meeting in conjunction with International Bowl Expo, don't delay:

1. Get your BPAA registration form filed in order to get "complimentary" admission to selected major Bowl Expo events, including the trade show (also indicate which other optional paid events you'd like to attend).
2. Get your hotel reservation made. Three nights at the International Plaza (BWAA's "official hotel") along with your BWAA registration fee, will cost you a total of \$340.

News for years. He suffered a heart attack April 2 and died from a blood clot April 3, according to old friend Ray Rosenbaum.

"Frank was one of the nicest and most dedicated bowling people BWAA has ever had," said BWAA executive director Steve James. "Just a week ago he called to apologize for probably not being able to attend our convention in Orlando, though he was still working on it. He was still bowling regularly and tossed some pretty high scores lately, even though they were 9-pin no taps."

[Additional details](#) have been posted on BWAA's web site.

NORM DUKE REPEATS AS BWAA KEGEL BOWLER OF THE MONTH



Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., has been named the Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA) Kegeler Bowler of the Month for March.

To book your room, call the International Plaza at 800-327-0363 or 407-363-5804 and tell the agent that you are part of the "Bowl Expo room block."

DUFF SWEEPS INAUGURAL BWAA MAIL A GRAPHIC CROWNS

Bill Duff, Des Plaines, Ill., swept the special BWAA-only scratch and handicap titles in our first "Mail A Graphic" event with a 681 three-game scratch series and 824 with handicap. Duff's day job is Chicagoland and Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association Executive Director.

BWAA introduced the "Mail A Graphic" special event as a way for BWAA members to "compete" since the elimination of our annual bowling event during our convention.

The Mail A Graphic tournament is open to bowlers across the country and offers several handicap and scratch divisions for men and women. With 218 entries, it raised \$704 for our charities and paid out \$905 in prize money. Complete results have been posted on our [web site](#).

HINTS, ADMONITIONS, AND DOWNRIGHT THREATS FROM A JADED READER OF TOO MANY SLOPPY ESSAYS, PART IV

(The following was written by R.I. Wolfe, York University, in 1975, as a critique to college students who made far too many grammatical errors in their "essays." It's a scholarly piece, but it includes some lessons in English language fundamentals that are worthy of review by any writer, no matter how experienced. Because it is a lengthy document, Wolfe's commentary is being reprinted in four installments. This is the third.)

IF YOU DO THESE THINGS, YOUR GRADES MAY OR MAY NOT SUFFER, BUT I CERTAINLY WILL.

Repeating when you shouldn't and failing to repeat when you should. Sometimes people get stuck on a phrase or a word and repeat it over and over again. Or they will write a few paragraphs on page 3 and repeat them essentially unchanged on page 7. The words may be different, but the facts or ideas will be the same. These are things to guard against. Occasionally, though, there are repetitions that cannot be avoided. For example: "He took some apples, flour, sugar and baked an apple pie." That poor little "and" is overworked. The reader expects another ingredient to follow it: "He took some apples, flour, sugar and shortening " But since he forgot the shortening, an "and" must appear before "sugar" so the sentence then reads: "He took some apples, flour and sugar, and baked an apple pie."

Throwing quotation marks around like confetti. Think: "Am I quoting something? That is, am I using these 'inverted commas' in an appropriate manner?" If you have a quotation inside a quotation inside a quotation, alternate double and single marks:

Duke also was named last month for the same honor.

In a nearly-unanimous decision, Duke was selected on the basis of his victory at the 65th U.S. Open at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, N.J. March 30. Duke defeated Mika Koivuniemi in the final match, 224-216 by virtue of converting the "bucket" spare, completing his victories in the Grand Slam of professional bowling (USBC Masters, Tournament of Champions, World Championship and U.S. Open). Only Mike Aulby had been able to achieve the same distinction.

This was Duke's second Major victory in five weeks. He won the Denny's World Championship in February for his third Major title.

Other nominees garnering significant votes were Rhino Page, a PBA rookie and member of Team USA out of Topeka, Kan., who won his first title (GoRVing Classic) March 9 in Norwich, Ct., Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, who earned his 10th Denny's PBA Tour title winning the Don Johnson Buckeye Classic March 2, and Tommy Jones, who won the Geico Classic on Long Island March 23 for his 10th title.

"Jack said: 'Jill said ' ' "

Plagiarizing. You know enough not to take someone else's work and call the whole thing your own, without attribution, but sometimes you may find yourself unconsciously guilty of one or another different bit of plagiarizing. Viz: You quote a sentence from an author, then write down the next sentence in that author's very words, without enclosing the second sentence in quotation marks. That's plagiarism. Most of the time it is best to steal (legally) somebody else's ideas without at the same time stealing the words he clothes them in. When you do quote, make the quotation tell.

Committing the second-deadliest scholarly sin. If plagiarism is the deadliest of all scholarly sins - and I think it is enough to merit getting kicked out of the university for - then next to it must come making the source of your information look a bigger damn fool than he is. Everything I have been saying in these notes up to this point comes together here, and what it all amounts to is that one shows a sense of responsibility.

A quotation must be exact in every respect. If the spelling is American ("labor" for "labour"; "defense" for "defence") then that's the way it's quoted. If a word is used in an unfamiliar or incorrect way, or spelled differently from the way your dictionary says it should be spelled, then you quote it as is, and follow it with "(sic)", which means (freely translated) "It ain't my fault." But if your source writes "swath" and means "swath", whereas you quote the word as "swathe", or even "swarth", then that is a deadly sin. Or if you put in unwanted commas, or leave out essential ones, then that too is a sin of the second-worst kind.

Here, if anywhere, you must proofread, and check dictionaries, and proofread again, to make sure you're getting it right.

APPLICATIONS FOR BWAA DIRECTOR POSITIONS REQUESTED

If you know of a BWAA member who you'd like to nominate to serve on the Board of Directors, nominations are being accepted through May 1. This is a new policy approved by the board, intended to provide voting members with more information about those candidates running for BWAA leadership positions.

The 2008 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for six two-year director positions. Elections will be held during the annual meeting at the International Plaza in Orlando, Florida on June 24, 2008.

Deadline for nominations is May 1. Nominees must be BWAA members in good standing. Click here to access the nominating form and return it to Chairman: Mary Lynly, 403 Larkstone Court, Roseville, Ca 95661

METRO DETROIT, CALIFORNIA, INDIANA WOMEN WIN TOP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES DUES CUT-OFF

One of BWAA's nagging annual problems is procrastination among members in renewing their dues. The absence of renewals in a timely manner complicates planning for the organization's annual meeting, confuses eligibility issues for elections and creates other nuisance issues such as continuing to provide member services for those who have not indicated any intention of re-joining.

To address the lingering problem, the BWAA Executive Committee has established that March 31 will be the date membership privileges will be terminated for existing members and that delinquent members will not be eligible to re-join BWAA until the following year.

March 31 allows for a 90-day "grace period." BWAA dues for valid for the calendar year (Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31). In all cases, several notices are provided to delinquent members.

USBC ASSOCIATION MEDIA AWARDS

The Metro Detroit USBC, California State USBC and Indiana State USBC WBA are first prize winners in the inaugural US Bowler Association Media Awards competition.

Metro Detroit, USBC's largest local association, won for best overall communications program. California's "calusbc.com" topped the best Web site competition. The Indiana women's association was first in the best newsletter contest with its three-times-yearly "In Indiana" publication. Each first-place association earned a \$500 cash prize.

In the overall excellence category, the Ohio State USBC WBA was second and City of Firsts USBC serving the Kokomo, Ind., community was third.

In addition to having quality Web sites, each of the overall communications winners have a variety of other programs they use to communicate to their members. Metro Detroit's Web address is "mdusbc.com," Ohio WBA's is "ohiowba.com," and City of Firsts' is "cityoffirstsbowling.com."

In Web sites - the most popular category with 46 entries - the Greater Cincinnati WBA (cincybowl.com) was second while the Rapid City

(S.D.) USBC (rcbowl.com) and Washington State USBC (wsusbc.net) tied for third place.

In newsletters, the Louisiana State USBC WBA was runner-up with its quarterly publication "Louisiana Lagniappe" and the South Sound USBC in Tacoma, Wash., was third with its "Kegler's Korner," which is distributed six times a year.

Each runner-up association earned \$300 while third-place finishers received checks for \$200 each.

The media awards competition, sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress' official membership publication, is designed to encourage USBC's grassroots local and state associations to develop high quality communications programs.

AVOID THESE "BANISHED WORDS AND PHRASES"

Just for the fun of it: Lake Superior State University annually produces a "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-Use, Over-Use and General Use-Lessness."

If you missed them, here are some samples from the current list:

- "It is what it is" is a phrase that "accomplishes the dual feat of adding nothing to the conversation"
- "Wordsmith" - resist the urge to say this word.
- "Perfect storm"

**PLEASE USE
"BLIND COPY" FOR
E-MAILS**

A word of extreme caution when sending out "blast" or group e-mails. ALWAYS cut-and-paste your group of e-mail addresses into the "BC" ("Blind Copy") section. By doing so, you will hide all of those names from the recipients.

If you do NOT use "BC," chances are you are making your entire list of e-mail addresses available to people who may - unintentionally or not - make your list available to others who should not have access to your list.

- "Webinar"
- "___ is the new ___"
- Black Friday (meaning the shopping day after Thanksgiving)
- "Back in the day"
- "Sweet"
- "Under the bus"

Anyone have any mis-used, over-used or use-less words/phrases you'd like to see forever removed from bowling? Other than "hambone," that is???



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