

BWAA honors Bob Johnson, Johnny Petraglia

Bob Johnson of Chicago has been selected as winner of the 2009 Bowling Writers Association of America Hall of Fame Award in recognition of his career of distinguished contributions to bowling journalism, and Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., has been selected by BWAA's membership as winner of the organization's 2009 Meritorious Service Award, honoring his years of off-the-lanes dedication to the sport.

Both will be recognized during the Columbia 300/BPAA/BWAA Awards Dinner at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., on Tuesday, June 23.

BWAA also has announced Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Derek Eoff of Arlington, Texas, have been selected as our 2008 Amateur Bowlers of the Year. News releases providing detailed background information on all four honorees are posted on our official website, bowlingwriters.com.



Bob Johnson



Johnny Petraglia

Are you coming to breakfast in Reno? Want to help in BWAA booth?

With the USBC Convention in Reno only a few weeks away, BWAA needs to confirm attendance for our special breakfast on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 a.m. at the Eldorado. If you plan to attend, please send Nancy Chapman an e-mail note at nancy-chapman@sbcglobal.net or call her at 920-494-0098.

- Volunteers also are needed to help work the BWAA booth during exhibits hours (see schedule). If you can donate an hour or two of your time, please drop Jackie Wyckoff a note at wacknwolin@sbcglobal.net or call her at (408) 866-6598.
- If you have not yet booked a room, call 1-800-269-5885 and ask for the group rate under code JBWA09. Room rates at Eldorado are \$69.99 Sunday-Thursday, and \$115 for Friday-Saturday nights.
- You also have time to participate in BWAA's traditional fund-raising raffle, this year featuring music boxes donated by members. If you'd like to bring along a music box, please do. The fund-raiser will take place during exhibits hours.

Lisa Vint claims BWAA's Mail A Graphic title

In the absence of actual bowling competition for BWAA members, we have introduced a "Members Only" division in the annual Mail A Graphic fund-raiser...and this year's BWAA winner is: Lisa Vint of East Troy, Wis., with a 755 scratch effort. Jackie Wyckoff of Campbell, Calif., won the Members Only Handicap Division title with an 810 total.

The 2009 Mail A Graphic Tournament drew 187 entries and raised \$788 for BWAA's designated charities. Eva Lemoine was the top entry-generator with 34. Seven other members brought in 10 or more entries. A complete list of winners, prize money and "fun facts" is posted on bowlingwriters.com.

All at Silver Legacy unless noted

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 a.m. – BWAA breakfast, Eldorado
7 a.m.-3 p.m. – Registration
10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Exhibits open
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – Workshops
4-6 p.m. – USBC Queens telecast, live on ESPN (Reno Events Center)

Thursday, April 30

7 a.m.-3 p.m. –Registration
8 a.m.-3 p.m. – Exhibits open
8 a.m.-3 p.m. – Workshops
6-9:30 p.m. – USBC Clash of Champions telecast (Reno Events Center)

Friday, May 1

7-9 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – USBC Annual Meeting (Reno Events Center; Hall of Fame inductions at 2:30)
Noon – VIP/News Media luncheon (BWAA members will be invited, Reno Events Center)
6-10 p.m. – "The Party"

Saturday, May 2

7-8 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – USBC Annual Meeting (Reno Events Center)



Luby offers BWAA members special price for "PBA's 50 Greatest Players" book

Luby Publishing, creator of a new "50 Greatest Players in PBA History" book in honor of the PBA's 50th anniversary season, is extending a special offer to BWAA members who would like to own a copy of the one-of-a-kind hard cover book. You can order a copy for \$12.50 plus \$6.95 shipping/handling (\$19.45 total) by sending a check or money order to: Luby Publishing, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1506, Chicago, IL 60603. You must identify yourself as a BWAA member and including your name and complete mailing address.

Special congratulations to BWAA members Keith Hamilton and Mike Panozzo for producing the book, and to members Dennis Bergendorf, Jerry Schneider, Joan Taylor, J.R. Schmidt, Tom Madrecki, Chuck Pezzano, Bob Johnson, Matt Cannizzaro and Jim Arehardt who contributed profile features on the top 50 players.

Tuesday, March 31, is "Memberships Expire" Day! Renew today!

If you haven't yet renewed your BWAA membership for 2009, remember that Tuesday is "memberships expire" day. That means you'll no longer receive BWAA communications as of April 1.

You can mail your renewal (\$20) to: BWAA, P.O. Box 977, East Troy, WI 53120 - or you can use our new PayPal online service to pay with a credit card. Just go to bowlingwriters.com and click on the link on the right side of the home page. As of today, 40 members have successfully used the PayPal system to either renew their dues or register for the BWAA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, or both.

Speaking of Bowl Expo, have you made your reservations?

BWAA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas June 22-23 is going to sneak up on us before we realize it, so if you haven't made your hotel and/or airline reservations, don't delay! The agenda remains as previously announced: Council of Life Members meeting on Monday, June 22, at 11 a.m. followed by the BWAA Board meeting at 1 p.m. Monday evening all BWAA convention attendees are invited to attend the annual Welcome Reception featuring NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. and the fifth annual National Bowling Karaoke finals.

Storm will host a BWAA breakfast Tuesday, June 23, from 7-8 a.m. The BWAA Annual Meeting will follow immediately. Brunswick will host our luncheon at noon. We'll then wrap up business between 1-2:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., BWAA will conduct a media workshop for proprietors, where the lesson will focus on how proprietors can work better with their local bowling publications and/or community news media to generate more "news" coverage for the sport. Tuesday's prime-time event will be the Columbia 300/BPAA BWAA Awards dinner at the Luxor Hotel.

At BPAA's request, Bowl Expo Registration Information kits are being mailed ONLY to those members who have paid their \$25 BWAA Annual Meeting registration fee, or who have attended the event in the past two years. That's why early registration is important. You also may run out of luck getting a room at the Luxor at our preferred rates. To make your hotel reservation, call 800-223-9116, ask for the BPAA rate, or trying BPAA's online reservation system: bowlexpo.com, and click on "hotel."

Membership news from the medical front

News of a medical nature is never fun, but a handful of our members have experienced medical difficulties recently:

- Brenda Jowdy (wife of Life Member John Jowdy) has recently undergone surgery to mend a broken hip.
- Life Member and USBC/PBA Hall of Fame John Archibald, St. Louis, is in rehab after suffering a severe stroke.
- Life Member and current BWAA board member Nancy Chapman, Green Bay, Wis., has undergone surgery that will force her to miss the USBC Convention in Reno.
- 2007 BWAA Hall of Fame Award recipient Joe Gennaro, Dallas, has been hospitalized with recurring medical issues.

We extend our best wishes to all for a full and speedy recovery.

Need to get in touch with BWAA?

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