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USBC Certifies "Kingpin" Million Dollar Challenge

(Reno, NV) --- The Kingpin Million Dollar Challenge is pleased to announce its official certification by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) for this fall's inaugural tournament. The governing body's support of the Kingpin Challenge, taking place October 22 - 30, 2005 at the newly renovated National Bowling Stadium in Reno, recognizes the upcoming tournament as an event that will help elevate and enhance the sport of bowling.

America's #1 participatory sport will receive the marquee exposure it deserves," said Jack Mordini, Chief Operating Officer of the USBC. "The combination of a million dollars up for grabs and national coverage via NBC should make for one of sport's most exciting and intriguing events."

"We are honored to have received the USBC's certification of the Kingpin Million Dollar Challenge," said David Woodruff, one of the managing partners. "Like the USBC, the Kingpin Challenge is structured for the benefit of all amateur bowlers.

The Kingpin's unique six-division format was created to offer a level playing field to all amateur contestants in their bid for a part of the record setting \$2.2 million purse.

It will take nine days of non-stop competition, to weed the anticipated field of 2,550 bowlers down to seven finalists. Those seven (six division winners and one wild card) will compete in a single scratch game with high score taking the one million dollar top prize. Although each division has a limited number of slots available, there will be ample chances to win large cash prizes as each of the six division champions will earn a minimum of \$50,000 for their participation in the million dollar final round. California Bowling Writers Secretary, Jackie Wyckoff will participate in the event.



Adding to the excitement and pressure of the Kingpin Million Dollar Challenge, NBC Sports has signed on to broadcast the final round and tournament highlights. The one-hour show will air on November 13, 2005 from 2 - 3pm eastern.

Sign up now for your chance to win \$1,000,000 by visiting www.kingpinchallenge.com or calling toll-free, 866-300-2292.



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Mary Lynly Captures 2005 Profile Award

By Eloise Cottrell

"I love to write about the people and their affect on our sport and our sport's effect on them" is a direct quote from our 2005 Profile Award winner, Mary K. Lynly. She couldn't foresee how on the mark her statement was in regards to her winning article on Jackie Wyckoff receiving the 2005 Sport Bowling Award. *Wyckoff Captures National Award* was not only selected as the CBW 2005 winner, it also received the "Paula Carter Spirit Award" during the National Women Bowling Writer's festivities in Tulsa, Oklahoma this past April.



Mary Lynly with her 2005 Profile Award Plaque

One of California's most distinguished and recognized writers around the bowling industry, Mary first penned an article called "Short Shorts", about school sports, while serving on her high school newspaper. It was years later though when she finally felt her acceptance as a writer. She wrote a piece for the Golden Nugget titled *Is Anyone Listening?*, about the way people act at installation affairs and such. This garnered her more comments and attention than anything else she had written so far.

Mary's articles tend to be more along the feature story lines and she prefers to leave the news releases to others. Not only a published writer and a winner many times over, over the years she has volunteered her journalistic talents in many capacities;

scribe, editor, judge, researcher, teacher, critic and historian.

One thing Mary wants to convey to our writers is the importance of supporting the writing contests. She always enters her articles, even if she doesn't feel they are the best she has written. The important thing is to support the writing organizations and the contests. And, you never know what the judges are looking for. You could be a winner.

NWBW Honors California Bowlers, Writers & Publications in Tulsa

By Jackie Wyckoff

Californians took top honors at the National Women Bowling Writers Awards Brunch in Tulsa Oklahoma this year. The bad news is that contest entries are down, by Californians. The good news is that California Bowlers dominated the competition in every category that we entered.

Carol Mancini was the NWBW honoree, receiving the Alberta E. Crowe Award for Distinguished Service in the Communication Field. Carol serves as publisher of the California Bowling News and has been

a long-time supporter of local bowling and publicity.

Joellyn Rinnander received the AMF ~ Helen Duval award for Outstanding Service to the Young American Bowling Alliance. Jo has been a staple on the California Youth Bowling scene since the late 70's, serving on the CSYABA Board for many years.



Joellyn Rinnander, left & Carol Mancini

Mary Lynly received the prestigious Paula Carter Spirit Award for her story "Wyckoff Captures National Award". This award is given for capturing the spirit of the

individual bowler and has only been awarded in two of the three years it has been offered.

Our own publication, the InfoLink, edited by Jackie Wyckoff, received a certificate of achievement in the First Venture category for local or state newsletter. We did, indeed, receive high marks in every category from the contest judges.

The National Women Bowling Writers membership is made up of local publicity chairmen, regional newspaper and local and state newsletter publishers. If you or your publicity chairman has not yet joined the NWBW, you may obtain a membership application at www.nwbw.freesevers.com.

2005 Product Fair Table Recap of Events

By: Bette Addington

The California Bowling Writer's table at this year's Product Fair during the CWBA Convention had a lot to offer thanks to everyone that contributed. With just two tables to work from, we managed to figure out a way to display all the different items we had available. Let me tell you, it was one tough assignment!

We had membership sales & renewals, luggage tags, our famous "Dice Game", T-shirts, CBW shirts and the Totes and Totefolios, the Brunswick autographed Bowling Pin/Calling Card donation, plus advertising our luncheon with the "Bowling Moms".

Thanks to Mary Householder for bringing the TV/VHS combo to play the tape of the "Bowling Moms" plus bringing a huge poster of the moms for our display and to advertise our luncheon.

Friday night started out a little shaky as we were not able to get in and get our tables set up at the time we were told we would be able to start. The previous convention was late finishing up, which pushed everything back and you know how it is when you are rushed.

Thanks to all who helped get the table organized so we could have it ready to go at 6pm. We had so many raffle gifts donated for the Dice Game that we couldn't display them all!

Thanks to Joellyn Rinnander (pictured) and Betty Schlegel for organizing all the raffle gifts and numbering them all to make the Dice Game give-away that much easier.

I know this isn't Membership Report time, but how could I not mention the great work of Wray Nell Pearson working the Membership part of our table on Friday night. With Wray Nell's hard work and the able assistance of Charlene Hedberg, we were able to attract 19 new members at this event! That's a record!!

Here's the list of CBW Product Fair table activities from the CWBA Convention: 65 membership renewals, and 19 NEW members; sales of CBW Polo shirts, CBW Lapel Pins and the Bowling Pin T-Shirts; the beautiful Totes & Totefolios (see sales ad on page 7) and of course our famous Dice Game Drawing. We ended up making approximately \$2,239. We also made \$501.00 for our Charity, phone cards for our troops overseas, on the Autographed Bowling Pin (see article on page 3). For the short amount of time we were allowed to have the Product Fair table open, that's

not too shabby.

On Saturday morning, right after 10am, the "Bowling Moms"--Linda Ruiz and Karen Heins--arrived and sat at our booth and chatted with delegates and signed FREE autographed pictures for everyone. (Thanks to Mary Householder and Jackie Wyckoff, for teaming up to get 400 pictures for Karen nad Linda to sign!) What fun it was to have them around! The whole place just lit up!!

It proved to be an enlightening experience this year and through us all working together, we learned a lot and gained a lot of ideas to make the event run that much more smoothly for the 2006 Convention.

This takes a serious group effort and special thanks to the following for all their help and guidance: Mary Lynly, Donna Dillard, Agnes Duffy, Tina Martin, Sandi Rettagliata, and Marian Mann.



Duffy's Corner ~ Report of the CBW President

In this era of mergers of mega corporations including suppliers of petroleum, drugs, food, banking, hi-tech, movies and now ABC - WIBC - YABA - USA Bowling plus perhaps BWAA and NWBW we have no worries. Our founders and organizers included for membership any California bowling journalist, bowling promoter or bowling supporter who is interested in the purpose of this organization. No mention has ever been made of male or female, age or nationality. We can all concentrate on our purpose to: recognize journalistic excellence; reward outstanding effort in

bringing media attention to the sport of bowling; include and encourage electronic media in communications and promote and foster bowling photography.

What a delightful setting we had for our convention activities and how lucky we were to have Linda Ruiz and Karen Heins of Antelope Valley WBA - "The Bowling Moms" as our very special luncheon guests. This was our largest ever Publicity Luncheon and everyone had a FUN TIME. When we took over the Publicity Luncheon from the Califor-

nia Women's Bowling Association we were bit leery if we were biting off more than we could chew. Your Board of Directors as the song says "chewed it up and spit it out" and every luncheon just seems to get better and better. Jackie Wyckoff with much able assistance delights in topping the previous year.

We will truly miss Mary Householder, Sgt. at Arms and Jackie Wyckoff, Secretary who have both served us exceptionally well since being elected in the first meeting on June 5, 1998. They are (continued on page 6)

Criteria and Purpose for board members of the CA Bowling Writers

Purpose

- Encourage and Reward Journalistic Excellence
- Reward outstanding effort in bringing media attention to the sport of bowling
- Include and encourage electronic media in communications
- Assist bowlers in writing for local newsletters, State, and National publications
- Promote and foster bowling photography

What we do

- Annual Charity, Luncheon, InfoLink Newsletter, Promote bowling
- Recognize excellence in writing
- Issue Certificates of recognition to journalists for positive articles on bowling

Other

- Length of term - 2 years
- Website - In progress
- Product Fair booth to make money and promote membership
- Two board meetings a year (interim and convention time with CWBA annual meeting)
- Necessary to be computer literate and have email

Please know that we are a work in progress and we welcome new ideas and new writers.

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 Membership dues are \$10.00 for August 1 through July 31

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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Association _____ W.B.A. or B.A

Do you write for any publications? Please list here (use additional paper if needed):

to be completed by Secretary / Treasurer *Renewal / New Membership*
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Soldiers Call Home On Our "Dime"

As you may already know, our designated charity this year has been to support our troops by sending them Prepaid Calling Cards with which they may call home. We sent \$525.00 worth of cards just prior to Christmas (see original story in the Jan/Feb Infolink), and we're planning to send more.

At the CWBA Convention in City of Industry, we held a special drawing to raise funds to purchase more cards to send to our troops in Iraq & Afghanistan. The prize was an autographed bowling pin, signed by sixteen professional bowlers, men and women, spanning four decades. The topper was the autograph of

the late, great Dick Weber. We raised \$511.00.

Since not everyone was able to attend convention and participate in the fundraiser, we decided to offer our members an opportunity to contribute by mail to this great cause. If you would like to donate, please send your check, made payable to CBW, to Jackie Wyckoff, 626 Poplar Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061. All participants will have their name entered into a drawing for another special autographed surprise gift (no donation necessary to enter). Our next InfoLink issue will give a final tally and a recap of what was sent. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.



Sgt. Dorothy Jenkins



It's Alice Kramden!

by \$225.00 in donations from the board. (The full story was in the Jan./Feb, InfoLink) I received a card from Showna Stonecipe, who received a holiday call, thanking CBW on behalf of her brother Sgt. Jeff Boyd and his fellow soldiers for the phone cards. .

My first year as your president has been very interesting and busy. The Fall Board Meeting was held on November 13th and 14th in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. This is a very talented and hard working group and my thanks to each of them for their support and willingness to accept and execute every assignment. Also, thanks to all you members who support and participate. We're looking forward to a great 2005-06 season.

contest was tied and Mary Lynly was one of the winners. In the Publication Contest our Info Link was entered in the First Venture category and Editor Jackie Wyckoff received a Certificate (this is given when there are not enough entries in a category), and high marks from the judges. The NWBW Program Book listed the Entrants in the Photography, Story and Publication Contests. The only two Entrants from California were Mary Lynly and Jackie Wyckoff. I would encourage more of our members to enter their work in the NWBW various categories.

This year our Charity aided Servicemen in Iraq by supplying 21 AT&T phone cards each good for 70 minutes of talk time. The \$300.00 of CBW funds was supplemented

Duffy's Corner

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not running for reelection this year. We will still be able to draw on their talents and experience. Jackie will continue as Editor of the InfoLink.

This has been a most successful year for CBW members receiving recognition on the NWBW level with winners in the Special Awards - Alberta E. Crowe Award For Distinguished Service in the Communication Field won by Carol Mancini and the Helen Duval AMF Award For Distinguished Service in the YABA Field won by Joellyn Rinander. The 2005 Paula Carter Spirit Award

Outlets for Story & Article Publication

The *InfoLink* will encourage and accept stories of 200-500 words, relating to bowling. Articles should be focused on individual accomplishments, special events, community involvement, prose, etc. Because we are focusing on special articles by our writers, reporting of scores or association related events will not be accepted. Send your stories to: Jackie Wyckoff, 606 Poplar Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061 or email to bowlpwba@aol.com.

We have also included for your convenience, a list of other California bowling publications who would accept stories and articles for publication which were previously submitted for publication in the California Golden Nugget:

- **BOWLING WORLD NEWSPAPER** ~ Donna Hazel, Editor ~ Website: www.bowlingworld.com
900 S. Winchester Blvd., Suite #11, San Jose, CA 95218 ~ E-mail: readit@bowlingworld.com
Office: 408-984-0823 or 408-984-0824 ~ Fax: 408-366-0847 or 925-215-2242
- **CALIFORNIA BOWLING NEWS** ~ Carol Mancini, Editor ~ Website: www.californiabowlingnews.com
P.O. Box 4160, Downey, CA 90240 ~ E-mail: news@californiabowlingnews.com
Office: 562-807-3600 ~ Fax: 562-807-2288

Tips for Using Microsoft Word

By Jackie Wyckoff

TIP #1:

You can tell Word *how* to paste your text before you paste it, by using the Edit, Paste Special command. If you don't see this command on the Edit menu, click the down arrow at the bottom of the Edit menu. The full menu appears, including the Paste Special option.

Choose the Paste Special command. The Paste Special dialog box appears, which lists several options for pasting in the text: Document Object, Formatted Text, Unformatted Text, Picture, and so on. Each of these items tells Word how to paste in the information. To discover what each option does, select it from the list and read the description in the Result area of the dialog box.

For example, if you want to paste in some text from a Web page but don't want all that HTML-blah-blah formatting, choose the Unformatted Text option. Click OK, and the text is pasted into Word as plain text and not as some Web object.

TIP #2:

If you can't seem to find the right word to

use in your Word 2003 document, give the Thesaurus a shot. Start by right-clicking the word that's not quite right, and choose Synonyms on the shortcut menu that appears. With luck, the synonym you're looking for appears on the submenu, and all you have to do is click it to enter the synonym in your document. To do a deeper synonym search, click the word in question and press Shift+F7, or choose Tools, Language, Thesaurus, or right-click and choose Synonyms, Thesaurus. The Research task pane opens. Now you're getting somewhere:

Choosing a synonym: Move the pointer over the word, open its menu, and choose Insert.

Finding a synonym for a synonym: If a synonym intrigues you, click it. The task pane displays a new list of synonyms.

Searching for antonyms: If you can't think of the right word, trying typing its antonym and then looking for an antonym in the Research task pane. The task pane sometimes lists antonyms for words.

Revisit a word list: Click the Back button as many times as necessary. If you go back too far, you can always click its companion

Forward button.

TIP #3:

There's a difference between hyphens and dashes. Most people insert a hyphen where they should use an em dash or an en dash. An *em dash* looks like a hyphen but is longer — it's as wide as the letter m. The last sentence has an em dash in it. Did you notice?

An *en dash* is the width of the letter n. Use en dashes to show inclusive numbers or time periods, like so: pages 45-50; Aug.-Sept. 1998; Exodus 16:11-16:18. An en dash is a little bit longer than a hyphen.

To place em or en dashes in your documents and impress your readers, press Alt+Ctrl+ (the minus sign key on the Numeric keypad) to create an em dash, or Ctrl+- (on the numeric keypad) to create an en dash. You can also choose Insert, Symbol, and, on the Special Characters tab in the Symbol dialog box, choose Em Dash or En Dash.

These tips work in Word 2001, unless otherwise stated, however they may work in other Microsoft Word program

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Daly City Bowling Center Receives Prestigious Award

By Marian Mann

Serra Bowl in Daly City was named 2005 "Small Business of the Year" for California's 12th Assembly District, which includes the southern portion of San Francisco and the northern portion of San Mateo County. This is the first time a bowling center has been selected for this award. Speaker Pro Tempore Leland Yee presented the award to owner Rex Golobic.

The award was based on their dedicated support of the community. Serra Bowl hosts the Annual Kops & Kids Day in June. This is a day of free bowling for

all school-aged kids and boasts a safety bike rodeo, games and other activities such as proper children seat placement in autos.

They also host the Annual Fun Day in August, which allows 350 to 450 developmentally disabled children and adults enjoy bowling, video games, karaoke, and entertainment at no cost to the participants. The police and fire departments of the area help the participants enjoy their day, as well as presenting each attendee with a trophy and participation ribbon at the end of the day.

Serra Bowl hosts the annual "Turkey

Bowl" Fundraiser each November to benefit the Daly City Emergency Food Pantry and St. Anthony's Dining Center in San Francisco. Local professional and amateur bowlers show off their "trick-shot" abilities in conjunction with the tournament. This event has raised more than \$12,000 a year, for the past several years. Additionally, the center donates thousands of socks each year to the North Peninsula Dining Center and they provide one free game of bowling each day to any and all students in San Mateo County during summer break.

Congratulations to Serra Bowl's general manager, Craig Gabriel and his staff on this wonderful achievement.

“Bowling Moms” a Big Hit at CBW Luncheon

By Mary Lynly

The “Amazing Luncheon” engineered by chairman Jackie Wyckoff became the “Amazing Race” and the room was buzzing as 120 luncheon guests picked up their tickets which had a “continent” pictured on the back and had to match it to a placard on one of the tables – their destination. Then, each table had to select one of four names on the placard they thought was the correct name of their continent. Then, they had to pick from within the clue box on their table a card that asked them to decide what task the Mom’s performed at this stop.

California Bowling Writer’s President Agnes Duffy greeted guests and introduced the CBW board of directors and guest speakers Linda Ruiz and Karen Heinz – better known as “The Bowling Moms.”

In the end – four people who represented their table had it right and received a prize, but that was just the beginning of the fun. On each table were cards, which gave guests the opportunity to ask the Mom’s a question. Following lunch, Linda and Karen hopped to the podium with that same enthusiasm with which they participated in the race. They held the audience captive and gave an immensely entertaining account of how they got on the Amazing Race and some of the fun and difficulties they encountered during their 40-day participation.

Linda was a fan of the show and she’s the one who talked Karen into trying out. Karen says she is the more detail oriented one of the two and Linda the more “go for it” type. After being accepted for testing, they were sequestered in a hotel in Santa Monica for 23 hours and were not allowed to interact in any way with any of the other prospective participants. “Everything was extremely secretive,” said Linda, “and after a battery of tests the interviewer said he doubted we would make it.” There was that usual “bowlers?” comment and Linda was emotional in asking them if any had ever bowled a 300? She explained the emotion and endurance and practice and focus to get to that point. Fortunately, the head man from CBS was a bowler! Linda looked up at the ceiling and said, “Thank you God!”

After being accepted they were not allowed

to let anyone know that they were a part of the race or to contact their families for the entire time. They both bowled in leagues and were participants in their kids’ sports and of course they were notably absent for a good period of time. They said the hardest part was keeping track of their lies! They also worked out the entire time after making the show to prepare for their adventure.



Karen Heins, CBW President, Agnes Duffy & Linda Ruiz

Their two different personalities became an asset in the race as Karen was the more analytical and would take more care in reading and following clues and Linda was more aggressive and kept them moving. Karen said this showed immediately when they were being tested and the instructions said “if you do not know the answer, skip the question and go on.” Karen was into three pages of the four-page report and Linda had only done one half page because she hadn’t read the instructions carefully and thought she had to answer them all!

Linda recounted in their medical check-ups when she got her shots, she requested that they give them to her in her left arm because she didn’t want to “damage” her bowling arm!

At one point in their journey, they came in last but were the beneficiaries of the non-elimination rule, which was invoked on occasion. As a penalty, they had all their money taken away. Having to find a way to get some money they went down to the lobby of the hotel they were in and took apples back to their room under their shirt. They did this numerous times and then went out in the tourist laden town square and sold apples. They also happened upon a tour bus full of Americans and went from front to back explaining they were in a race and had lost their money and asked if anyone could help them. Linda said the Americans were very friendly and fun

and she and Karen actually ended up with more money than anyone else had. Mind you, they were not allowed to mention they were on the Amazing Race at any time during their participation.

Karen said she was so keyed up the first week she literally did not sleep or eat for three days. When asked about some of the extreme personalities on the show they analyzed it as almost all participants were nice people but extreme competitors turn into something else in a competition like this.

Team members had to stay within 20 feet of each other and each had a camera crew with them at all times. Although it appears to the audience that each duo knows what is happening with the others, Karen said they had no idea what the others were doing or where they were most of the time.

The longest pit stop was 36 hours and Linda said they SLEPT! They also noted that they were not considered a threat until around the fifth pit stop. Everyone kept thinking

these two “overweight moms” would be eliminated but like the energizer bunny, they kept going! They were allowed no help during the race but said they learned on each leg.

Linda Ruiz and Karen Heinz hail from the Antelope Valley and endeared themselves to everyone on the show for their endurance, cheerful attitude and gutsy approach to each task. It was the same for everyone who watched.

All present at the luncheon truly felt as though they had been on the race themselves following their fun participation and the Mom’s informal and enthusiastic talk. Both say it was the opportunity of a lifetime and they would do it again in a minute. Would either one of them have shaved their head (as in this most recent show?) “No way!”

Prior to the luncheon at the Pacific Palms Resort Hotel, the girls arrived early and sat at the California Bowling Writer’s table at the Product Fair and chatted and signed pictures for the unending line up of fans. The girls will be under contract with CBS for one year and their next appearance will be at the 2005 International BowlExpo, the Bowling Proprietors Association of America convention in Florida.

The only complaints were that people missed out on the great Amazing Luncheon. No doubt about it – the Bowling Moms were the hit of the week-end.

The New CBW “Golden Quill” Award

By Eloise Cottrell

Get your pens and paper out members. The California Bowling Writers has developed a new writing contest and we want your stories. The best part is, you won’t even have to leave the comfort of your own home, prepare a list of questions, conduct an interview, or, come up with a subject to write about. We have already selected a topic for you. Now, put your thinking caps on and think back to all the leagues you have bowled on. Does something come to mind? Did someone have a surprise birthday party? Maybe someone got married on the lanes, maybe the lights went out or there was an earthquake, or, did a stripper show up one night. That’s it! We want you to write a story about “A League Experience” (excluding personal accomplishments). It can be funny, sad, educa-

tional, or newsworthy. The situations are endless.

This new annual award has been named *The Golden Quill Award*. For now we are asking for articles written by members in good standing, to be published in any California publication between June 1 and December 31, 2005. Length of the article should be between 300-750 words and should carry writer’s by-line, or keep a copy of your original draft just in case. Remember, the CBW *Infolink* will also publish your story. Editor Jackie Wyckoff will even help you get your story published elsewhere if you wish.

Once your article is in print, save a copy and plan to submit it for consideration in the Awards contest. If it also qualifies for the *Profile Award*, plan to submit it in both categories. Only one entry will be

accepted in each category and an entry form and Deadline dates will be published in the *Infolink* and posted on the CBW Web site, which should be up and viewable by the end of the year. Two professional judges will select the winning article and the winner will be announced at the Annual CBW Meeting in Sacramento, 2006.

So, you don’t like the topic this year and can’t come up with a story. Why don’t you send your idea for a topic you would like to see written about, to President Agnes Duffy, for consideration for the 2007 Award. Each year, the President will select two topics from suggestions received, and the Board members will vote on one. The new topic will be announced in the *Infolink* and posted on the CBW Website on or before January 1, 2006.

Membership Report ... And The Lucky Winner is Sylvia Simmons

By: Bette Addington

We had a very successful membership boost at the CWBA Convention this year. At the CBW Table in the Product Fair, we were able to get 65 membership renewals but more importantly, we were able to get 19 NEW members to sign up!!

This year we offered a Special Drawing for all the new members. Little did we know it would bring in this many! After the CBW Table was closed on Saturday, we put all 19 names in a hat and had President Agnes Duffy draw the lucky winner. President Duffy then waited until she presented our CBW Report at the CWBA Annual Meeting on Sunday to announce the name she had drawn. The lucky winner was Sylvia Simmons from the Peninsula WBA and she won one of our CBW Totes filled with writing supplies.

Sylvia Simmons came to the CWBA Convention as a first-time delegate although she has been bowling for 40 years! She said she “enjoyed meeting some new bowlers and seeing some that I only see at tournaments”.

Sylvia was exposed to CBW & NWBW through her friends, Joellyn Rinnander and Jackie Wyckoff, decided to join CBW at this Convention and was entered into the New Member Drawing.

Simmons said she decided to join the California Bowling Writers because she wanted “to support friends who belong to the organization hoping that in some way it could help promote bowling”. Her past experience while attending a NWBW luncheon in Minneapolis with Joellyn brought back memories of “listening to the sports writers that were there”.

Sylvia said she has serving on her Peninsula WBA board for two years now. She also has served on her local board 11 or 12 years ago but had to resign due to medical reasons. She was diagnosed with cancer of the larynx and had to have it removed and reports “so far, so good!”. Her own writing is “journal writing”.

Simmons adds she enjoyed our CBW luncheon with the “Bowling Moms” very much and stated, “I wish I would have watched them when they were on the TV show”. She also attended the CWBA Workshop on

USBC and felt it was “a real help”.

She’s enjoying her prize—a new CBW Tote filled with writing supplies—and said she has “almost emptied it” and has “some of the items on my computer desk now and I’m going to put this year’s State Tournament photo in the frame for my desk”.



Membership Drawing Winner Sylvia Simmons (left) with CBW President, Agnes Duffy

For members renewing their membership with CBW, this year we gave out a unique gift—a screen sweep with the CBW logo on it. These sweeps can be used to not only clean your computer screen but TV screens as well!

For those of you who were not able to attend the CWBA Convention, it’s still not too late to renew your membership. If your membership renewal is due, Jackie Wyckoff has included a pre-printed membership renewal form for you to return with your ten bucks (see page 7). Be a part of this great organization and please know that your input is more than welcome!!