



# The Write Angle

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to devote this column to the responses we received from our survey at our 2009 Annual Meeting in Cleveland. We want to thank each of you who took the time to complete the information and to assure you that all of your responses were thoroughly discussed at our last board meeting.

We had surveys returned from 16 different associations and 120 said they publish a newsletter. Some were distributed at the lanes, some were sent by e-mail and others were published on the web site. Of the 16 associations, 9 responded that they had web sites. With this information in hand, the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Bowling Writers gave unanimous approval at our meeting to initiate a new contest starting with the 2010-2011 season. By next Fall we will be rolling out a new Web Site Contest along with our other standard contests.

The responses to our question about our current contests were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping all the current contests. So, in a challenge to each of you who wanted all of the contests to continue, please enter your work and help us uphold the integrity and excellence of the awards. Enter your newsletters, If they are only published on-line, they can still be submitted. Just follow the rules listed in this issue. The same goes for your news stories and your photographs. We need your entries to make the contests viable.

The deadline for all of our contests is **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Keep in mind that the deadline for our prestigious Mary Jannetto Award for Local Bowling Promotion and our Ruth Heath-Trott Award for Excellence in Bowling Involvement are also **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Entry forms for both these awards were in the Fall mailing of the Ohio USBC Women's Bowling Association and that of the Ohio State USBC Bowling Association, included with this newsletter, as well as being available on our website [www.buckeyebowlingwriters.com](http://www.buckeyebowlingwriters.com).



It's not too early to get your most artistic members working on your entry into our Poster Contest in Dayton. Our theme for 2010 is "***Dreaming of the Write Words***". You'll be happy to know we will be continuing the "People's Choice" category by popular demand. Remember, only with your support of our contests, can we continue all of them.



Ruth Heath-Trott  
BBW President

### ***Reminder.....***

Membership dues were due on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do it soon. Thanks!!  
To enter our contests your dues must be current.

## ***Photography and Writing Contests***

The Photography and Writing Contests have been decreasing over the last few years and I think if more detailed information is forthcoming it might be beneficial to those who have entered in the past and hopefully encourage others to enter as well.



**Photography:** This is to be a picture taken by a member of the BBW and be related to the sport of bowling. The picture is to be taken between November 15, 2008 and November 15, 2009. If you use a digital camera and print your own picture, it must be on photocopy paper, or take your disk/CD to a drug store and print 4 copies. Please share some of the “fun” times you have had at tournaments or in your leagues by sending us your pictures.



**Newsletter:** Since many associations are now doing their newsletters on-line, they are acceptable for this contest. Print 4 copies. Make a notation on the entry form that your newsletter is on the computer and is circulated as such. They will receive the same consideration as the other newsletters.



**News Story:** I know this is difficult for some. But do you have a bowler in your association that has had a fun experience? Did your association do a community project? There are so many things your association is involved in, so use one to write about. This story only needs to be printed in your newsletter to qualify for this contest. Be sure the writer’s name is in the byline.

If a member of your association is doing any of the above and does not belong to the BBW, consider paying her membership dues. The cost is only \$7.00. If she is too shy to enter her own work, send it in for her. All entrants must be a member of the Buckeye Bowling Writers.

Three (3) independent people that are not associated with the BBW and are not provided with the submitters name, do the judging.

Here’s hoping this explanation will encourage more entries. I look forward to receiving you submission or entry.

If you have any questions on the contests, please e-mail me at [alicesnider@att.net](mailto:alicesnider@att.net).

Alice Snider  
Contest Chairman

## ***Are You “Dreaming” Yet?***



Get ready to be “Dreaming” of what you will sell on your table at the Exchange Mart in Dayton on February 26, 2010.

What a great opportunity to visit with old friends and make some new ones, while making some money for your local association or club. Come and enjoy the evening.

Don’t wait to reserve your table (form enclosed in newsletter). Send it in today. Remember, even if your club’s table is free you still need to send in the reservation form so we will have it ready. The tables are only \$5.00 each. What a bargain! Why not get two?

Don’t forget, you need to make a poster to have a table!

Joy Kellenbarger  
Exchange Mart Chairman

***Start Working  
on Your Poster!!***

Local associations and related clubs are invited (encouraged) to prepare a poster featuring some aspect of their activities, in unity with the suggested theme.



Posters must be in place at the Exchange Mart by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010. Only one poster per association/organization.

Please keep in mind that all posters must be “homemade”. Any posters thought to be professionally done will be eliminated.

Posters will be judged on the following:

- General Appearance
  - Is it attention getting?
  - Is it done neatly?
  - Does it catch the eye of the passerby?
  - Does it retain your interest enough to read the entire content?
- Originality
  - How do you present your subject matter?
- Clarity/Identity
  - How easy is it to tell who submitted the entry?
  - Does it meet size requirements of 30”x40”?



**Note posters must be this size and no tri-fold boards.**

- How well do you express the theme?

***"Dreaming of the Write Word"***



## Parentheses

To set off material that is only loosely connected to the central meaning of the sentence, use parentheses.

- On Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons (the times I don't have classes), the television programs are not too exciting.
- Last year at Vail (we go there every year), the skiing was the best I've ever seen.
- In New York (I've lived there all my life and ought to know), you have to have a license for a gun.

Watch out for other punctuation when you use parentheses. Punctuation that refers to the material enclosed in the parentheses occurs inside the marks. Punctuation belonging to the rest of the sentence comes outside the parentheses.

- I thought I knew the poem by heart (boy, was I wrong!).
- When I first saw a rose (don't you think it's the most beautiful flower?), I thought it must be man-made.
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## Quiz Time

Read the following sentences. What effect does the use of parentheses have on the writing? Also make any necessary corrections.

1. The choice (in my opinion,) was a good one.
2. Linda's comment ("Where did you get that dress")? wasn't intended to be sarcastic.
3. After today (and what a day it was!) I will begin to work harder.
4. Last summer in Cape Cod (that was the first year we went there,) we did a lot of sightseeing.
5. The first time I went driving (do you remember the day)?, I was so scared.

Answers:

1. The choice (in my opinion), was a good one. The comma is misplaced in the example. The choice, in my opinion, was a good one. The parentheses are unnecessary in the example. "In my opinion" is also not necessary, since statements made in writing are usually considered to be the author's, unless otherwise indicated.
2. Linda's comment ("Where did you get that dress?") wasn't intended to be sarcastic. The parentheses are a clear, effective method for containing a quote.
3. The parentheses properly set off material that is loosely connected to the central meaning of the sentence.
4. Last summer in Cape Cod (that was the first year we went there), we did a lot of sightseeing. The parentheses effectively contain the additional information.
5. The first time I went driving (do you remember that day?), I was so scared. The parentheses smoothly incorporate an important aside from the speaker.

Source – English Grammar, Style, and Writing

How did you do?



## Rules for the BBW Writing and Photography Contests

### Rilla Yeater Publication Award

1. Must be an official publication of a local association affiliated with an Ohio USBC association and edited by a current member of BBW.
2. Must have a printed circulation of at least 50 copies, published between November 15, 2008 and November 15, 2009. The copies submitted must not be altered; they need to be submitted as circulated to the members of the association.
3. Anyone may submit an entry. Four copies of one issue must be sent with the entry form. Only one entry per association allowed.
4. Entries must be accompanied by official entry form and postmarked no later than November 15, 2009.
5. Publications will be judged on overall eye appeal, layout, interest to members, variety of news (local, state and national), and clarity (grammar, sentence, and paragraph structure).

### General Information

1. All entries will be acknowledged by the contest chairperson.
2. Entries will be displayed at the BBW Exchange Mart.
3. Winners will be announced at the Annual Breakfast.
4. Mail all entries to:

Alice Snyder  
220 Talmadge Avenue  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

### AMF Sam Levine Award for Best News Story

1. Entry must be written by a current BBW member.
2. Entry must have been written between November 15, 2008 and November 15, 2009.
3. Story may be a news or feature story.
4. Anyone may submit an entry. Four copies must be sent with the entry form. Only one entry per person allowed.
5. Entry must be accompanied by official entry form and postmarked no later than November 15, 2009.

### Leigh Betts Memorial Photography Award

1. Photographs must be taken by entrant, who must be a current member of BBW.
2. A member may enter only one photograph. Four copies of the photograph are required.
3. Photographs may be either color or black and white, of any size and must not be digitally altered.
4. Photographs must relate to the sport of bowling. Entry must have been taken between November 15, 2008 and November 15, 2009.
5. The following information, on a label, must be affixed to the back of the photo: Name, address, telephone number and caption (no e-mailed pictures accepted).
6. Photographs will be judged on composition, originality, subject treatment and the story they tell.
7. Photos will be returned only if requested.
8. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2009 and be accompanied by an official entry form, by entrant only.

**There must be two entries in each category to have a contest for that category.**

**Providing service in promotion and recognition through all media for the sport of bowling.**

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