



# The Write Angle

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The theme of the 2014 Convention Weekend was “Bee a Busy Bee”, and it certainly described our weekend in Cleveland. The Cleveland USBC WBA went out of their way to make it an enjoyable experience for all.

The “Bee a Busy Bee”  Poster Contest was again quite challenging as 20 associations and related clubs presented a truly delightful array of outstanding artwork. When all of the votes had been counted the results were:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                | Ohio USBC WBA Scholarship  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place<br>(3 Way Tie) | Buckeye 5 – 500 Club<br>McCook USBC WBA<br>Springfield District USBC WBA                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place<br>(3 Way Tie) | Greater Toledo USBC<br>International Museum & Hall of Fame<br>Local Association President’s Club |



The Springfield District USBC WBA laid claim to the coveted “People’s Choice” Award.

This year we were unable to present any Website Awards due to lack of entries. This is one category we will be evaluating to see if it is worthy of continuation.



Our other winners were:

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| Leigh Betts Memorial Photography                                | Edie Smith, Springfield District USBC WBA                                    |
| Rilla Yeater Publication  | Roberta Haveholm, Springfield District USBC WBA                              |
| Sam Levine News Story   | No entries deemed qualified by the judges                                    |
| Ruth Heath-Trott Award for Excellence<br>In Bowling Involvement | Robin K. Mantey, Greater Toledo USBC   |
| Mary Jannetto Award for Local<br>Bowling Promotion              | Sallye Condon, Greater Toledo USBC   |
| The Garrett Swartz Certificate of<br>Recognition                | Daniel Martin, Summit County USBC and<br>Ohio State USBC Bowling Association |

My most sincere CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners. And just a friendly reminder that it is not too early to start working on entries for our 2015 contests in Summit County.

Keep in mind that our contests can only be as good as YOU make them. The stiffer the competition, the more cherished the award. I'd like to see all of our contests become as exciting as the Poster Contest has become the past couple of years.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Summit County and hope to be celebrating with YOU as an award winner in February!

Don't forget your membership dues are now due. Our dues year runs the same as the local association year, August 1st to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Buckeye Bowling Writers strive to do what is in the best interest of all of the bowlers in the state of Ohio. We are delighted that so many of you chose to put forth the best of your local associations in your publicity efforts. I offer a most sincere "Thank You" to all of you for all you do for the sport of bowling in Ohio.

Ruth Heath-Trott  
BBW President

## Proofreading Test



Read this sentence:

All of Fred's staff members now know of the scientific rules.

Now go back and count the F's. How many did you find?

The majority of people find four. There are six. Did you overlook the simple word OF two times?

## Newsletter Tips

Does your association have a newsletter? In deciding whether to establish or maintain your newsletter, determine if there is some other, more effective way to get your information across.

Remember you can now do an on-line newsletter. Post it on your association's website or e-mail it to your members.

Newsletters can be an excellent means for promoting upcoming events, honor scores along with any other items that your members may find interesting.

Ask your membership for topics they would like to read about. Maybe just add a bowling joke to draw their interest.

## Commas Refresher When To Use Them

Commas are the single most commonly misunderstood and misused of all punctuation marks. Since clarity, readability and correctness are your three main goals. Make it simple. Commas have only two functions:

1. They either SEPARATE ideas, or
2. They SET OFF ideas.

### Rules:

1. Use commas to separate three or more items in a series. These items could be single words, phrases or even clauses.
2. Use a comma to separate two independent clauses joined in a sentence with a conjunction like *and*, *but* or *or*.
3. Use commas to separate two or more adjectives that describe the same noun.
4. Use a comma after introductory words, phrases or clauses that begin a sentence but come before the main independent clause of that sentence.

5. Use commas to set off words, phrases or clauses that interrupt the flow of the main independent clause.
6. Use commas to clarify meaning if the sentence could be hard to understand because the word order is not traditional or there are words missing.

### Examples:

1. The alarm went off at 8:00, the fire department arrived at 8:12, and the fire was out by 10:30.
2. So far your travel expenses look reasonable, but I need to check last month's air expenses to be sure.
3. Our well-written, carefully proofread proposal is finally ready for FedEx.
4. Hey, I know what I'm doing here.
5. Janet, our Sales Director, will call you tomorrow.
6. Half the balance is due now. The other half, upon delivery.

### **When Not To Use Them**

#### Rules:

1. Never separate a subject from its verb.
2. Never separate a verb from its object.
3. Never separate a noun from an adjective or a prepositional phrase that describes it.
4. Do not separate the two words of a compound subject, predicate or object with commas.
5. Do not put a comma after a year in a sentence unless you are putting it there from some other reason.

#### Examples:

1. John talked to me. NOT: John, talked to me.
2. Makai sold more extended warranties than any other sales clerk last quarter. NOT: Makai sold, more extended warranties than any other sales clerk last quarter.
3. The last version of this software was easier to use. NOT: The last, version of this software was easier to use.
4. Rick sold the computers and the printers for one low price. NOT: Rick sold the computers, and the printers for one low price.

5. The March 19, 2003 report states..... NOT: The March 19, 2003, reports states.....

## **Quiz**

Insert commas wherever necessary.

1. However I am willing to reconsider.
2. She descended the long winding staircase.
3. "Answer the door" said his mother loudly.
4. Miss can I ask you for the time?
5. He was after all an ex-convict.
6. I'm so bored aren't you?
7. The old tall shaded tree is wonderful during the summer.
8. George Gary and Bill were on line early this morning. They bought their tickets read the newspaper and spoke for a while.
9. The author James Grey was awarded the prize.
10. She attended school in London England last year.
11. She got into the car turned on the ignition and left the curb.
12. Really I can't believe that is the truth.

Answers:

1. However, I am willing to reconsider.
2. She descended the long, winding staircase.
3. "Answer the door," his mother said loudly.
4. Miss, can I ask you for the time?
5. He was, after all, an ex-convict.
6. I'm so bored, aren't you?
7. The old, tall, shady tree is wonderful during the summer.
8. George, Gary, and Bill were on line early this morning. They bought their tickets, read the newspaper, and spoke for a while.
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How did you do? I know I needed the refresher on a couple of uses.

Resources:  
Handbook of English Grammar, Style, and Writing  
SkillPath Communication Style Guide

**The Buckeye Bowling Writers is *your* KEY TO LEARNING AND IMPROVING YOUR WRITING SKILLS.**

**Our mission is to bring together in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation those who promote bowling in the State of Ohio and who are members of any Ohio USBC Bowling Association. Our services and activities include:**

- Newsletter – *The Write Angle*
- Writing Contest
- Poster Contest
- Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations
- Website – [www.buckeyebowlingwriters.com](http://www.buckeyebowlingwriters.com)
- Development and maintenance of local association/club websites
- Administers the Mary Jannetto Award for Local Bowling Promotion
- Administers the Ruth Heath-Trott Award for Excellence in Bowling Involvement
- Exchange Mart for members and guests
- Delegate Welcome Party for delegates and guests attending the Ohio USBC WBA Convention. This responsibility is rotated among the members of the Buckeye Bowling Boosters Club.
- Supports the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and the Bowlers to Veterans Link
- Offers promotion and publicity assistance to Ohio USBC local associations
- Promotes Ohio USBC WBA and BA activities
- Promotes Bowling Writers Association of America membership

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**Membership Application**

I hereby apply for membership in the Buckeye Bowling Writers and confirm that all the information below is correct.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication for which I write, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues enclosed - \$7.00 [ ] New [ ] Renewal

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