



Texas 500 Club



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SPRING ISSUE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the Texas 500 Members

After twelve years of service to the Texas 500 Club it is fitting at this time to step aside. I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that has supported our club throughout all these years and especially those I had the opportunity of meeting at our tournaments. You are all terrific and I will miss you. My very best to you all.

The Mail-0-Graphic tournament received 43 entries. This will net the club Ways and Means \$100.00 and \$69.00 was received for dues. Thank you for your participation. This tournament will be finalized by the end of February and winners will be posted on [bowlarama.com](http://www.bowlarama.com).

Our last newsletter was lost in the US postal system and we apologize for that but have no control over the mail system. An Adobe pdf file of the newsletter is located on Bowlarama at <http://www.bowlarama.com/updates/updates.html>.

Our editor, Jana Reed, works hard to put a newsletter together. It becomes difficult when our members across Texas don't send in news. Please share information from your area in our

publications for all of us to enjoy about your local 500 clubs and the activities you have.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve – I've enjoyed being a part of this organization with wonderful members like you. Good luck and God Bless.

Sharon Creagor

FROM THE SECRETARY

The Texas 500 Club hopes you had a good year bowling and high scores. The following event will be coming up: Annual Breakfast meeting in June. Support the Texas 500 Club by buying your ticket and attending this very important meeting.

Please check to see if your membership is up to date. Remember dues are \$3.00.

At the annual meeting we will be voting on dues increase to \$5.00 per year starting in August 1, 2005.

See you at the Annual Meeting.

Carol Gomillion,
Secretary/Treasurer
Texas 500 Club

REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

At our annual meeting this year, we have two proposals to present to the membership. Both were presented and tabled last year.

#1 Proposal – Dues increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00

Reason – Increased Expenses

#2 Proposal – Change club name to “Texas Women’s 500 Club”

Reason – women only club

March 15th is the deadline for legislative amendment proposals to be submitted. This is your club – be aware of changes and help make changes possible. Be a part of the decision making! Se ya June 11th in Austin at our Annual Meeting/Breakfast!

Collen Gore – Chairperson

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Melissa Pingry

Ruth Tobin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Election of officers and directors takes place at our Annual Meeting and Breakfast each year. On June 11th in Austin these positions will be open for election:

2nd Vice President

#2 Director

#6 Director

#7 Director

Eligibility and Qualifications:

A candidate to be eligible for nomination as an Officer or Director shall be a bowling member of a USBC sanctioned league during the current season and a member of the 500 Club.

A candidate, to be eligible for nomination as an Officer, must have served as a member of the Board of Directors for a minimum of two years or more.

A candidate, to be eligible for nomination as a Director, must have attended two of the last four annual meetings or have served on Texas 500 Club Committees two out of the last four years.

Nominations may be made from the floor, but written qualifications shall be given to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee before the annual meeting is called to order.

No more than two members from the same local bowling association shall serve on the board of Directors at the same time.

If you (or someone you know) meet these requirements and would like to be a part of our board, please send a resume to chairperson by **April 15th**.

Collen Gore – Chairperson

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY 500/600
CLUB
Lil Ormand



The Montgomery County 500/600 Clubs will be conducting their Annual Championship tournament in conjunction with the Montgomery County WBA tournament, using their scores from the County tournament.

The dates of the tournament are February 19, 2005--Doubles & Singles Event - 300 Bowl; February 20, 2005--Team Event - AMF The Woodlands. Entries close date of participation. This tournament is open to all Montgomery County 500/600 Club members who are also members of Montgomery County WBA and have paid their current dues. Entry forms have been given to all current members.

Anyone who has bowled a scratch 500/600 series in a sanctioned league is eligible to join. For further information, please contact Lillian Ormand, Secretary /Treasurer.

Fort Worth Club News

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Two applications for our scholarship were received and copies have been sent to the committee members for their vote. I want to remind everyone to look for the hundred dollar balloons at the annual meeting and support the scholarship fund.

Peg Hilgen
Chair

We will be holding a “Rootin Tootin” Tournament at Cowtown Bowling Center on Feb. 26. We are looking forward to seeing all of our members and guests there to have a good ole time! During our FWBA Annual Tournament we will be holding our City Champ 500 Club Tournament. We incorporate the same as State 500 Club by using double/singles scores for our tournament scores! If you haven’t tried this – do – IT WORKS!

See ya all in Austin during State Tournament and at our 500 Club Annual Meeting/Breakfast!

Collen Gore – President

NUTTY 500 CLUB **DENTON, TX**

The 2004-2005 season started out by being a real challenge for our board of directors and club members. We lost one of our board and state members. Janice Lawrence lost her nine-year fight with cancer. She was our Vice President, a board member of Denton Women's Bowling and Denton County Bowling Association. She was always there to help with tournaments, even when she was unable to bowl. The sport of bowling and her "bowling family" made up a big portion of Janice's life. Janice was a person you could count on to get a job done or help you with yours. The night before she passed she was in the center serving the bowlers. We really miss her and will feel the loss for many years. Every association/club has a "Janice". Be sure you thank her for the hard work and dedication.

The good news is our club has grown to over 150 members. We have six tournaments a year for our members. The most popular is the "Sadie Hawkins". Our tournaments have 50 to 75% participation. If you talk to our low average bowler our 500 club is a big incentive to bowl that 500 series.

If you would like any information on the tournaments we hold, the rules, etc., let us know and we will get you the information.

Ellen M. White

PASADENA 500-600 CLUB

In February the Pasadena 500-600 Club will be holding a tournament in conjunction with the Pasadena Annual Championship Tournament.

Peg Hilgen

SPARE NOTES

I want to remind everyone again to join us for our Annual Meeting and Breakfast in Austin. There will be some important business discussed and this is your club so come and be a part of the decision making.

We need volunteers to work the 500 Club Tournament in Austin. Austin does not have a local 500 club to host us so it is up to all of us to make this a success. If you can work please let a board member know so we can schedule you, there a plenty of e-mail addresses throughout this letter for you to contact. If you can work the squad before or after your scheduled bowling time that would help tremendously.

Best of bowling to all
Jana Reed

WHY AM I HERE?

Jana Reed

If you are reading this you are probably involved in your bowling organization beyond just bowling. You are the volunteer that helps to make your ship stay afloat. I think from time to time we need to reevaluate our reasons for being a volunteer. Are you there to help promote the sport of bowling, increase membership, make it the best that it can be, or are you just there to have a title, so you can say “ I am the XXX of XXX”, to fulfill some self serving need to be thought of as an important person.

I am going to use an analogy here that some of you may have heard before, it is what research has told us about geese and why they fly the way they do. They fly in the V formation so that the geese in front provide those in the rear with uplift so they can fly farther and for longer periods without requiring rest. The geese in the rear honk to give encouragement to those in front to keep going and not give up the flight. When the lead goose gets tired they will fall to the rear and allow another to take over, if one gets sick or injured, two will leave the formation with him to help him get better. I think that there are some similarities here and maybe even some good advice for us to follow.

Sometimes there are problems within our organizations, and tasks are done late or the ball is completely dropped and the task is not done at all, or there is a lack of order to things and no one knows who is doing or not doing what. We have all been there; we have said we could handle something only to find out we couldn't. It seems we are sometimes too quick to decide that a person who once was the hardest worker is now the most useless and must be gotten rid of, no one bothers to find out what the problem might be if there is one and offer to help lighten the load for that person until things can be worked out.

Instead we get the knives out and start carving away at that person's reputation to make them look bad in front of everyone, the rumor mill starts up, and there is no stopping it, and before you know it we have driven someone to take desperate measures and quit because they think that popular opinion wants it to be this way. So now we have someone who was once our friend thinking that they are our enemy and having to face their problems alone having lost what may have been the only support group and friends that they had. I know, I have done this very thing and now that I reflect back on it I know how wrong it was and feel terribly guilty about it. . It is important to remember that this is an extra curricular activity for most of us. We work full time jobs and have families to take care of and still try to give a few hours each week to our friends and hobbies. Sometimes all of these things will need us all at the same time and it can quickly become overwhelming. It shouldn't have to be this way, we are more than just a bowling organization we are a social organization and while it is our job to work for the improvement of the sport we all love so much, I think it is also our job to take care of the people that make this such a fun thing to be involved in.

It seems that a lot of these problems start when someone in the organization feels that the leadership isn't doing a bang up job and that they could do better, so they start berating the one that they deem is the root of the problem to others and so it goes on and on in an effort to make someone quit so that they can possibly move up to that position. This is classic example of someone who just wants to carry a title and be able to change things to their style of doing but not necessarily do any work. They don't like being the worker bee; they have to be the queen bee.

There is no room for these kinds of attitudes in the type of work that we do, in order for our associations and clubs to be successful everyone must work together towards a common goal. Those that are in there with their own personal agenda in mind will eventually destroy us. I know there are always going to be cliques, and not everyone is going to get along with everyone all the time but when it starts to be destructive to individuals it has gone too far. We are all adults and this is high school behavior.

As for the membership if you don't like the direction your association is going, go to the open meetings, speak up, share your ideas or better yet volunteer to be a part of the administrative group and help to make changes you want to see made. If you don't want to do this then go to your league, sit in the pit and shut your mouth, you have no say in how things are going if you are not willing to get involved.

We need to be more cohesive now than we ever have been before with all the changes that are taking place and most of our associations contemplating mergers, it is truly time to set aside our differences and work toward making bowling the best that it can be for everyone.

Let's try to be more like the geese and encourage each other to do a great job for each other, not to make our individual self look good. We need to look ourselves in the mirror and ask the question I posed in the beginning "Why am I here?" and if your reasons are self-serving then it is time to step aside and make room for others, but if you are truly here to work hard and do good, but you are just having a little setback, then stay on board and ask for help getting over the hump.

Remember the leadership should provide uplift to the volunteers below them in the chain while we honk our encouragement for the leaders to keep going. When this happens we all look good and we set an example for others to follow.



A Bowling Haiku

Pins falling like wheat
Strike ball, spare ball X X X
You are going down.

Thunder rolls over
I have bowled another strike
This makes a turkey

UNKNOWN AUTHOR

BREAKFAST INFO

Yep, yep, yep, winter is almost over and spring is coming soon. We the 500 Club would like to invite to our annual breakfast and meeting it will be held at the convention hotel on Saturday June 4 2005 at 7:30 a.m. the tickets will be \$12.00 per person. We will have door prizes and a drawing for an entry into 2006 club tournament. We are planning some new things this year, plus some fun stuff we would love to see you there so send for your ticket today to:

Adna Clevenger
7692 Felder Lane
Conroe, Texas 77304

You may pick up your tickets at the 500 club table at the convention hotel.

Thanks
Ad

**BREAKFAST TICKET
RESERVATIONS**

Mail Completed form to:
Adna Clevenger
7692 Felder
Conroe, TX 77304

Cost: \$12.00 per person (make check payable to Texas 500 Club)

Place: Red Lion Hotel
6121 I 35 N @ Hwy 290
Austin, TX. 78752

Date: June 4, 2004

Time: 7:30 A.M.

Enclosed is \$ _____
For _____ tickets.

Name _____

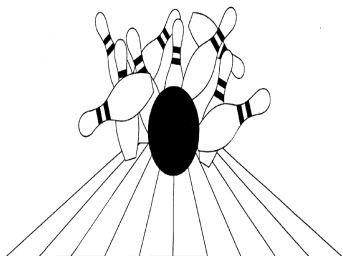
Address _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Tickets will be available for pick up at the Texas 500 Club registration table.

**Good Luck
&
Good Bowling
To all attending this years State
Tournament!**



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Share your local activities

