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## Women's City Record Broken Three Times in 2010

Records are made and they are subject to being broken...but, to break a GHUSBC record which has stood for 4-1/2 years - not only three times in 2010 but three times in less than two months, that's remarkable.

The GHUSBC series record for women was broken in June 2005 by Donna Connors with 827 which topped Linda G. Smith's record of 822 set in 2001. Linda's record held for 4 years.

Kerry Moreland scored 299/831 to break the 2005 record on January 19, 2010. Kerry has been in Houston a few years now but she got her start through the Oklahoma City youth program. Kerry's high season average previously had been 190 but she was bowling on a 207 the night she broke the record.

Julie Haley, only three weeks later on February 10, 2010, broke the record again with 300/844. Julie had taken the 2009-10 season off but bowled as a substitute in September 2009 and then again on her record shattering night in February. Hard to imagine, isn't it? Julie's 2008-09 high average was 203.

While the Houston bowling community was still buzzing over Julie's record

score, the Association was notified that the record had been broken yet again.

Sandra White, while bowling in the Houston Communications League on Monday, March 15, bowled 279-268-299 for 846.

The person most proud of Sandra's record is not Sandra, but her son. Dominick Savage serves on the Youth Committee of GHUSBC and is a Youth Director for the TSUSBC and posted on his Facebook page...."that's my MOMMA"! Priceless!

Sandra White was also the tournament champion of the GHUSBC 2009 Women's Championship Tournament.

Even though Sandra White holds the record, we do not want you to believe that Kerry Moreland and Julie Haley's accomplishments are insignificant. Though each woman's record was short-lived, they were the result of extraordinary bowling and were remarkable achievements in themselves.

Sandra White	846	54 pins short of 900
Julie Haley	844	56 pins short of 900
Kerry Moreland	831	69 pins short of 900

One thing for certain, you never know what tomorrow will bring. Perhaps we're not through for 2010. You think?

## OTHER BOWLING FACTS

This season Izzy Montemeyer bowled 300. Are you asking "what is unusual about that?" Well, what is unusual is his wife Angela, , bowling on the same team, in the same game, matched him strike for strike and she bowled 300 also!!!! Angela contacted USBC and was informed that it was only the fourth time a husband and wife shot 300 in the same game.

Denise & Bryan Welker, husband and wife, bowling in a state tournament about 10-12 years ago bowled 300—299 in the same game. Denise is the daughter of USBC Hall of Fame member Don Ellis who is featured in this publication on page 2.

Youth bowler Fillipe Silvas in the AMF Alpha Scholarship League on October 10/26/09 bowled 279-266-298 for an 843 series !!

## TERMS OF ENDEARMENT

Larry Caldwell

Now that we have reached the end of college and professional football season and the sports shows are all talking about "bowling" season, it occurred to me that not all of us think about football when bowling season is mentioned. You USBC members know what I mean. That started me to thinking about terms and specifically "bowling terms" so I went to the internet to see what I could find. It surprised me that I found over 350 terms without even considering hambone or yahtzee. If you watch pro bowling on ESPN you know that four strikes in a row is called a hambone and that five in a row is a yahtzee. With this in mind, I decided to weave a little tale of woe.

Mr. Kegler picked up his 15lb apple and addressed the lane for his first delivery of the game. He yanked the shot and went Brooklyn leaving the Cincinnati. He chicken winged his second shot, chopping the 8 pin and leaving the 10 pin standing. Frame 2 he delivered what he thought was a powerhouse but left the bed posts. His attempted conversion was a field goal. In the third frame he completed his buzzard by throwing a puddle and followed with a 9 count. For frame number 4 he changed his line, and promptly got a crawler. With renewed enthusiasm, he delivered a frozen rope in the 5<sup>th</sup> frame leaving the big ears. Being a team bowler, he picked up 2 pins. However, at this point, his fellow team members had to explain to him that abusing the equipment was not acceptable bowling etiquette.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> frame he once again examined the line he has been using and his starting point and decides to move up on the approach. This time he threw a shotgun shot and left the lilly. He picked up the 5 pin. In the 7<sup>th</sup> frame, he changed balls. On his first shot, he left a fit split which he converted for a spare. In the 8<sup>th</sup> frame he threw a beautiful hook resulting in a ringing ten-burner. He promptly missed on his second shot resulting in another open. In the foundation frame he threw his hook again and left the baby split which he converted for another spare. And wouldn't you know it; he rolled a turkey in the tenth.

Above are just a few of the terms we use in bowling. Obviously many become out dated and new ones take their place. Take a minute and look on line at these terms. I think you will enjoy them.

Kegler is another word for bowler. In this computer age and automatic scoring, can you calculate Mr. Kegler's score? He told me he didn't shoot very well but he did try really hard and did not want to be accused of sand-bagging.

According to my research on line, bowling is some 5,000 years old. Apparently in England in 1366, King Edward III forbid bowling because the game was taking archery practice time away from his troops. Just think if we were around back then we might have heard King Arthur telling Sir Lancelot to "grab your balls and let's go bowling".

## USBC Hall of Famer Don Ellis

When Don Ellis of Sugar Land, Texas, made his 60th appearance at the USBC Open Championships in 2010, he was surrounded by friends, family and hundreds of bowlers. Ellis, a member of the tournament's elite 100,000-Pin Club, became the 13th bowler to reach the 60-year plateau.

The 81-year-old right-hander missed four tournaments shortly after his debut, but has been to every event since 1955. In 60 appearances, he has knocked down 107,452 pins for a career average of 193.6 and ranks sixth on the all-time pinfall list. In all, 11 bowlers have reached the 100,000-pin mark.

Ellis was a star in the 1950s and 60s, but found a new love during that time and began focusing on making a living and caring for his family.

Ellis has as much love for the sport now, as he did in the past. He's also glad that he gets to share the tournament experience with his family. One of those bowlers was his 19-year-old granddaughter, Amanda, who planned her Open Championships debut for this year so it would coincide with Ellis' magical milestone.

"Bowling is something you can do for a lifetime and meet new people while doing it," Ellis said. "It is quite an honor to be the 13th person to bowl in 60 Open Championships, and it's also an honor to have bowled this long and still love it. But what really keeps me coming back is the friends we come with."

*(Editor's Note: The above was extracted from a press release from the United States Bowling Congress)*

2010 Greater Houston USBC Open Tournament  
July 10 & 11—July 17 & 18

Host Center - Del Mar Lanes, 3020 Mangum, Houston, TX (713-882-2506)

Team, Singles and All Events  
Virtual and Century Doubles

Open and Senior Divisions

Entries can be found in bowling centers and on [www.bowlhouston.com](http://www.bowlhouston.com)

## From the President by Donna Hall

As spring arrives, it turns into a very busy time of year for bowlers, especially for bowlers who like to participate in tournaments. Many of the men will be off to Reno to bowl in the USBC Open tournament and some women will join them too, as both men and women are eligible to compete in this national tournament. Since the Women's Championship Tournament is being held in Texas this year, I am guessing there will be many ladies from our area going to El Paso, too. Houston has always had a large contingent of bowlers who participate in both the national and state tournaments.

If you like to bowl in tournaments, but prefer not to travel out of town, make plans to bowl with us in the ***Open Championship Tournament at Del Mar Lanes on July 10-11 & July 17-18.*** Both men and women are eligible for team and singles competition in this tournament which features a senior division and a unique virtual doubles format that is open to all bowlers. Entry forms are in the centers or you can visit our website to download a copy.

***A reminder for all League Presidents:*** Please make sure the Audit Committee has performed a complete audit of the books for your league prior to its ending. If there is any kind of discrepancy, please report it immediately. At the end of the league if there is any money missing and an audit has not been performed, the President could be held responsible and lose membership privileges. It is the responsibility of the League President to address any concerns expressed by a bowler concerning the league finances. If there is a shortage of funds, it may be covered by the USBC bonding program. The League Treasurer must provide a financial statement prior to distribution of the prize money to insure it is a fair representation of the league finances at the end of the season.

***Keep up to date*** with the latest information on bowling in Houston by visiting our website at [www.bowlhouston.com](http://www.bowlhouston.com) or become a Fan of our page on Facebook, *Greater Houston USBC Association*.

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## From the Association Manager by Cheryl Polak

### Did you know...

When you are required to provide an average verification for any tournament whether on the local, state, or national level you do not have to acquire the Association Manager's signature? According to USBC, averages on bowl.com are a bowler's official averages. (But if you want to make a trip to Midtown and visit your association office we'll gladly verify your entry!)

Handicap tournaments are for bowlers of any average. Many bowlers feel they must have higher averages to enter tournaments. This is not true. There are tournaments on the local, state and national level to meet all levels of bowling abilities.

Your association hosts a City Championship Tournament for every member of the association. The Greater Houston USBC offers a Youth City Tournament, Women's City Tournament, Men's City Tournament and an Open Tournament, which is open to all adult bowlers every season. The Open Tournament also offers a senior division for those 55 and over.

If you are injured and it affects your ability to bowl at the same level as your book average, you can request your average to be readjusted downward for tournaments.

Having a published average for tournaments is just one of many benefits that you receive when you become a member of USBC.

## Our Memory Book

It's always a sad thing when a person leaves us, but it's exceedingly sad when it's a family member or a very dear friend.

### *Katherine "Tena" Phillips, Volunteer Extraordinaire*

Many things can be said to describe "Tena" Phillips' undertakings, but at the top of the list would be "volunteer". She was a volunteer for the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in which her husband had served. Each year Tena would travel to a distant state to attend and assist in their reunions. She was a volunteer for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston. She was on their bowling league and still served, until she entered a nursing facility, with official tasks. She served on the LWML for several years as well as assisting the church secretary. Even with all her volunteering for the military and her church she still found time to volunteer for the bowling community, serving the youth, the men, and the women. Tena served on the Houston Women's Bowling Association board as a director and was a former president of the youth association. The HWBA honored her with their prestigious Member Emeritus award and the Houston Bowling Association also honored Tena in the 1997-98 season with their "Volunteer of the Year Award". After the merger into the Greater Houston USBC she would have still come to the office every day to fill awards, answer phones and do whatever she could to help the association, but she was into her 80's and it wasn't always possible for her to get transportation. She loved to be around people. Although we have an excellent staff in the bowling office, we still miss Tena's presence in the office.

### *Jenn Jordan, past Secretary/Treasurer of the Houston Women's Bowling Association*

**Timothy Thomas Laufenberg**, age 18 died December 13, 2009 in a car accident in Katy, Texas. He will be remembered by his family as faithful, humorous, giving, full of energy and teller of long stories. He enjoyed bowling, music, and being with his friends. He bowled with his high school team at Cinco Ranch High School, the Carol Olson Youth Scholarship League and the Greater Houston Youth Travel League. Timothy graduated from high school in 2009 and was attending Houston Community College in Katy. Donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at: CF Donations, USACFA, Inc., PO Box 1618, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

*We wish this to be a mark of respect to our departed  
fellow bowlers whose deaths occurred since June 1, 2009*

*Mary Hardung  
Mary A Bancroft  
Priscilla Zbranek  
Andrew Roughton  
Lee Kubiak  
Gerald J. Hagan  
James Cooley  
Charles A Maluch, Jr.  
Evelyn I Blackman  
Melvin D. Davis  
Charles (Chuck) Garwood  
Larry E. Miller  
Dorothy N. Smith  
Willie H. Francis  
Bonnie E. Riberdy*



*Mary Debo  
William A. Condon  
Booker T. Teague, Jr.  
Edward A. Finklestein  
Kris W. Boundny  
Victoria E. Millard  
Ted Green  
Ken E. Baker  
Donald D. Lawrence  
M. Claude Thompson  
Richard H. Collins  
Jerry Dehn  
Choyce E. Mitchell  
Ray Roberts  
Sue M. Ford  
Ashley Crane*

*In sacred memories still live the friends we used to know*

## Region IX High School Finals

Mike Nelson

Region IX Finals of the Texas High School Bowling Club completed at Copperfield Bowling Center. Teams from the Cy-fair East, Cy-fair West and Pasadena districts competed in a Baker-only team format as well as regional singles for the top highest average individual bowlers in each district. This was the first year for regional singles.

Eight girls teams and 10 boys teams battled each other in their own gender division.

In the girls division, the Falcons of Jersey Village started out strong with games of 179, 158 and 179. Cy-Falls stayed closely behind by averaging 156 and winning the first 4 matches. Not to be out-done, Cy-Springs closed the gap by winning the first 6 matches out of 7 matches by averaging over 150. After all of the Baker games were complete in the girls division, the finals standings were as follows:

Jersey Village Falcons	1657	(advance to state) Region IX champs
Langham Creek Lobos	1471	(advance to state)
Cy-Springs Panthers	1441	(advance to state)
Cy-Falls Eagles	1391	(advance to state)
Pasadena Eagles	1302	(advance to state)

Not qualifying were Cy-Ridge Rams 1270, Deer Park Deer 1218 and Cy Woods Wildcats 1013

In the boys division, the Jersey Village Falcons started strong by winning their first 5 games and averaging 202. Deer Park began their surge to the top in their 3<sup>rd</sup> game by shooting 265. Cy Falls surrounded a poor 149 game with 223 and 233 games to advance their position but the Cy Fair Bobcats won the Region IX finals by blasting their first 8 opponents finishing the matches 9-1 and averaging 227.2 per game bowled. The final standings for the boys division are as follows:

Cy-Fair Bobcats	2272	(advance to state) Region IX champs
Deer Park Deer	1994	(advance to state)
Cy-Falls Eagles	1928	(advance to state)
Cy Springs Panthers	1921	(advance to state)

Not qualifying were Langham Creek Lobos 188, Jersey Village Falcons 1878, Pasadena Memorial Mays 1757, Pasadena Eagles 1710, Sam Rayburn Texans 1691 and Cy-Woods 1552

### Singles Tournament:

The top 5 highest individual average bowlers from the Cy-Fair East, Cy-Fair West and Pasadena districts competed in a 5-game roll-off. This competition was held at regionals for the first time since Texas High School Bowling Club's inception in 2001. Fewer top honorees in years past have advanced directly to state competition. Now we qualify more individual high average bowlers from district play but advance those to regional competition ending up with about the same number of participants at the state level.

### In the girls singles competition:

Each district sent the top 5 highest average individual girls to this competition. These girls needed 2/3 of total district games bowled to be eligible. There were 15 total girls bowling a 5-game block with total pins being the deciding factor. The top 7 highest scores advanced to state.

#### Advancing to State were

Brittany Valencia	Sam Rayburn	954	Region IX Champ
Andrea Guzman	Pas Memorial	914	
Shannon Earles	Cy-Falls	876	
Sasha Sashington	Cy-Springs	773	
Ashtian Bennett	Cy-Woods	753	
Tori Eichberger	Langham Creek	753	
Breanne Minard	Cy-Woods	752	

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## THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Doris Chesser

Man has been having dreams since time began and Richard Carson was no different. Carson dreamed of providing a national bowling tournament for the those that were confined to wheelchairs.

Carson was in Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the Southern Bowling Association tournament in 1962...from a wheelchair. He took his idea to the Greater Louisville Bowling Association and with their support and the support of local businesses, Richard attempted to lure teams for their first tournament hoping for 10 teams or so. What a pleasant surprise it was to when the first tournament drew 30 teams. This was the beginning of the American Wheelchair Bowling Association (AWBA) National Tournament with Louisville as the site of the first event in June of that same year...1962.

The AWBA is a growing organization that is dedicated to providing the individual confined to a wheelchair the opportunity to compete in one of the few sports that almost everyone can participate in...bowling. This association now consists of over 500 members throughout the United States and hosts an average of 10 tournaments per year. The AWBA tournaments run all through the year, from coast to coast..

The national tournament has grown from a mere 30 teams to more than 100 and represents every skill level within wheelchair bowling. Approximately 60% of their membership is made up of military veterans, both men and women, and is a 100% volunteer organization. There are no paid members.

The tournament offers a Scratch Division where the highest achievers of wheelchair bowlers bowl against one another. They maintain an average of 170 or better and most have won numerous titles throughout their bowling careers. They are the Pete Webers, the Earl Anthonys, the Wes Mallots, the Parker Bohns, the Carolyn Dorin Ballards, and the Liz Johnsons of wheelchair bowling.

The "A" Division is a level for wheelchair bowlers that have reached a level that best defines their particular bowling abilities. This is a handicapped division and can vary from one tournament to another. The averages range between 130 and 170.

The "B" Division is for the wheelchair bowler that has not had the time to, or is unable to, develop the higher skills of the game. The average range in this division is between 85 and 129 and still allows them to be competitive in each tournament

The "Novice" Division allows the brand new wheelchair bowler the opportunity of being competitive during tournament while observing and getting pointers from the more experienced bowlers in the other divisions.

The Up/Down is a fun event that involves one wheelchair bowler and 3 able body bowlers as a team, bowling three handicapped games for cash prizes. This is an event thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The AWBA has formed a number of alliances with organizations such as the Veterans Administration, Paralyzed Veterans of American, and youth organizations to promote and

grow the sport of wheelchair bowling. The AWBA is a 501c non-profit organization dedicated to their motto in life, "Ability not Disability Guides our Life".

The 49th Annual AWBA National Tournament will be at Copperfield Bowl in Houston, from June 20 thru June 26, 2010. Copperfield is ideally suited for this type of tournament as the entire center is on one level and contains 44 lanes. The Tournament Chairman is Gary Ryan (713-849-9052) and the bowling center coordinator is Carla Crane (281-550-8710). This tournament offers the wheelchair bowler 50/50 pots, door prizes, and raffles. There are many committees and volunteer opportunities to help this tournament run as smoothly as a traditional bowling tournament. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, either as a bowler or a volunteer, please call Gary Ryan or Carla Crane.

### COUGAR BOWLING CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The University of Houston (UofH) Cougar Bowling Club (CBC) held their annual awards dinner to honor those who have given their best to their school and their teams for the past season. Parents, friends, and guests were there to pay tribute to the bowling team for their efforts.

The audience was entertained by several videos done by Coby Lynch, a senior team member, who is graduating at the end of the summer. Coby's major is Multi Media Productions.

#### *Graduating/4 Year Senior Awards went to:*

Kim Baird, Angela Guevara, Christina Kowalski-Rosser, Coby Lynch, Michael Molitor and Claudio Saenz

The National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association had named its 2009-10 Academic All-American Team To be selected to the NCBCA team a bowler must be a USBC collegiate athlete who has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 based on a 4.0 scale. Nearly 500 collegiate bowlers earned academic honors for the year. The University of Houston had 4 individuals named: Terrius Hilliard, Jr., Joshua Langham, Todd Moreno and Melissa Rojas.

#### *Cougar Bowling Club Scholarships and other honors:*

Michael Richard Memorial Scholarship—Terrius Hilliard, Jr.  
William Leach Memorial Scholarship—Mike Krupp  
Phil Tilotta Sr. Memorial Scholarship—Angela Guervara  
Richard S. Gage Service Scholarship—Justin Palad  
The Jean Cope Helping Hand—Amanda Escobar

Cougar Proud Award—Evelyn Peoples  
Bowlers of the Year Male & Female  
Frank Papandrea and Ariel Wotipka

Rookie of the Year Male & Female  
Todd Marino and Stephanie Holland

## Bowling on the Collegiate Level

by Robbie Fravel

This series was started in the last issue of News to Spare. This issue features Jaimie Lardo who did her youth bowling at Copperfield and Max Bowl North. Here are a few of the topics she responded to:

### Questions

Where are you attending college and how will you use your degree?

What is your take on collegiate bowling?

How does it differ from your youth bowling experience?

What is your most memorable experience as a collegiate bowler?

What advice would you give those who are considering collegiate bowling?

### Answers

I am a double major in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and will be certified to teach birth-Grade 6. I am attending the University of Central Missouri. I really want to teach Kindergarten or 1st grade at a public school. Right now I am looking into Master's programs. The top of my list is The University of Missouri.

It was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so much about the best sport around and so much more. Bowling has always had an impact on my life and the college level opened this whole new door for me. The level of competition was amazing! There are so many great bowlers out there, and it was an honor to get to compete with them. This past year we made it to the final 2 of the National Championships. Unfortunately we did not win, but it was an unforgettable experience.

Youth bowling gave me the basics and helped build my love for the sport. It is a great place to begin and it allowed me to achieve the college level. With the support of my parents and my Dad's coaching I was able to get where I wanted to be.

Hands down it was the 2009 NCAA National Championships. We played hard and came together as a team to accomplish what we knew we were capable of. We were successful in becoming one of the top 2 teams in the Nation for NCAA. Unfortunately we did not make it to the television finals but it was such a positive experience, and I don't think I would have changed anything about it.

Consider your options. Some are turned away from NCAA or Club level teams, but see what is best for you. There is tough competition on both sides. Take the time to reflect on each tournament you go to. There might be something that you think of after the tournament is over that you would have done differently that you could use at another event. Always think about what you can do to help your career.

### DID YOU KNOW.....

That Ashleigh Calcote, President of the Youth Leaders has an interest other than bowling? It's ballroom dancing. Ashleigh and her dance partner won their competition in Latin dances last fall.

That Nicolaus Cousby, a senior at Hastings High School has a 3.52 grade point average and is a 3-year starter at left tackle for his school football team. He received honorable mention All-District last year and throws the shot and discus for Hastings track team. Oh, and by the way, Nicolaus is a 200 average bowler and has a 300 to his credit this season.

Greater Houston USBC provides a newsletter which is printed twice each year. It is our goal to provide you with more up-to-date information about the Houston bowling community quarterly rather than twice a year. In order to do this, we are asking that you help us by e-mailing noteworthy accomplishments at your bowling center. This can include unusual spare pick-ups, such as the 1-7-10, the lilly, 7-8-9, etc. Things such as a triplicate 112 when the bowler's average is 112, human interest stories, jokes, bowling cartoons, or anything you feel is worth mentioning. We won't promise we will print everything you send but if we feel it is of interest to our readers and with space in mind, we will make every attempt to print it. You may email this information to [NewstoSpare09@aol.com](mailto:NewstoSpare09@aol.com)

## HOUSTON BOWLING HALL OF FAME

Jackie Oncken

The Houston Bowling Hall of Fame inducted two members for 2010, Bill Satterfield and Rick Minier, both for Superior Performance. The event took place at the popular Monument Inn in February.

### William C. Satterfield

Better known as Bill, Satterfield was born in Indiana but grew up in Houston. When he was in his early twenties, he made his living as a professional painter and, being a gambler at heart, made a wager with one of his painter friends that he could easily beat him at bowling. Bill lost the bet and from that day on until it closed, you would find him at Merchants Park Lanes practicing bowling. The practice must have paid off because he now has many credits to the sport of bowling.

In the mid 70s, Bill was the Houston City singles, team and all events champion and in the mid 90s he won the Port Arthur City doubles event.

The Texas State doubles score of 1580 he and his partner rolled in 1989 is still a state record. He has one MBA title and five 2nd place finishes. He also has six Lone Star Tournament wins.

For two years Bill won seven out of 10 Houston BPAA qualifying tournaments. The qualifying tournaments were held to see who got to bowl in the U.S. Open.

He has rolled 22 sanctioned 300 games and four of them were shot in four straight decades and his seven 800 series were bowled in three different decades with 817 being his highest.

Bill is still very active in bowling, and even though he has had one knee replacement and looking to have another he presently bowls in four leagues averaging 215 plus. He has averaged 200 plus in 35 of the 43 years he has bowled.

In addition to being a solid bowler, Bill's focus was on managing and promoting bowling at centers where he worked or owned. He is know as one of the most avid promoters of our sport. Bill is currently owner of Bowl Star Lanes in Beaumont and his other enterprises include raising cattle.

### Rick Minier

Rick Minier was born in Akron, Ohio. He started bowling at the early age of seven and joined his first league at age 11. He bowled in junior leagues for seven years and finished with a 185 average. He also bowled four years with the University of Akron. Bowling must have come easy for Rick as his accomplishments are many as you can see from those listed below.

From 1973 through 1976 he placed first in the Ohio Match Games, was twice the Ohio Tournament Bowling Association "Bowler of the Year" and won 1st place in team, doubles and all events in Akron, Ohio.

In 1984-85 Rick was named the N/W PBA Region "Bowler of the Year". From 1990 through 1999, he won 1st place in the U.S. Nationals (scratch), 9th place in the ABC doubles in Reno, 5th place in the ABC team event in Reno, 1st Place in the Texas Masters National Scratch Tournament, 1st Place in the Texas State Doubles, 2nd place in the ABC team event, 2nd place in the State doubles in Houston and 1st place in Red River doubles.

From 2004 to the present, Rick has won 1st place in the Texas State team event, 1st place in the Senior Division of the Bowlers journal, 1st place in the Senior U.S. Open, and two 1st place wins in the Houston scratch doubles and all events. He also placed first in the Southern Bowling Congress scratch all events.

If that isn't enough, Rick has won 12 PBA regional tournaments and 12 SASBA tournaments and 2008 was elected to the SASBA Hall of Fame.

Rick holds a composite USBC National Tournament average for 32 years of 210.2 which ranks 19th.

#### GHUSBC SALUTES

**GLORIA JOHNSON—SECRETARY OF THE YEAR**  
**HOUSTON BOWLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**  
**RICK MINIER & WILLIAM C. SATTERFIELD**

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**TEXAS STATE USBC AWARDS**  
**TSUSBC Hall of Honor Bowler of the Year**

**GREG COOK—YOUTH BOWLER OF THE YEAR**

**MIKE NELSON—PROPRIETOR OF THE YEAR**  
**RICK MINIER— ADULT BOWLER OF THE YEAR**

#### GHUSBC CITY CHAMPIONS

**YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**  
**FEMALE - CHARLENA MELNYK 1665**  
**MALE - ROBERT AMRHEIN 1967**

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**MEN'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**  
**DERRICK MITCHELL – 2155**

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**WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**  
**GRETCHEN HARMON—2181**

**WHY I LIKE BEING A LEAGUE SECRETARY**

By Penny Shannon

Being a League Secretary of a Women’s league for over five years has been so much fun and very rewarding. I love seeing my members bowl well and receive awards for their accomplishments. I enjoy forming friendships with the wide range of people I meet from old to young, tall and short, boisterous and shy.

I try to come up with creative ideas to surprise the bowlers with items on their tables on special days like Valentines, St. Patrick, Easter, Halloween, etc. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas we have a meal. It is quite a spread of food as everyone brings their best dishes. At Christmas we have a game called Strike a gift. Everyone brings a gift of the same value (the league decides) and when they bowl their 1<sup>st</sup> strike they go and get a gift. Members can choose to participate or not but all do! You only get a gift if you bring one and it’s always lots of fun.

Being a League Secretary gives me an avenue for fund raising for the charities bowlers support. In March 2010 we held a raffle every Monday night to support Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness and raised \$581.00. We also raise money for the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link), the Stahlin Foundation in the memory of Luci Bonneau, and other non-profit 501C charities. We have also collected money for our bowling members in need too. Bowlers are generous people with good hearts. Bowling to me means being a part of a huge family that supports each other. We learn about each others families, their children and grandchildren, celebrate their birthdays and share the excitement of other family events.

Other advantages being a League Secretary include (at some centers), free lineage on league night, discounts at the snack bar and great prices on open bowling when I want to go and practice. As every bowler knows, practice is what makes us....well, not perfect (at least not for me), but better for sure!

*(Editors Note: Penny Shannon is on the staff of the GHUSBC and is the helpful person you usually talk to first when you call.)*

**A FEW BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS**

Team A bowled 1102 1st game and 998 2nd game  
Team B bowled 998 1st game and 1102 2nd game

Nicholaus Dennis bowled a 300 last summer in competition

Tory Brown, Greater Houston USBC Youth Director, bowled 298 and Jalesa Maryland bowled a 278 in the Youth Championship Tournament in November. Tory has since bowled 300.

Greg Cook bowled his 9th 300 followed by 274, 279 and 278. The first three scores total 853 and is his first 800 ever. Greg would have liked to have bowled this one day earlier in the State High School competition..

**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB**

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**In the boys singles competition:**

**In the Cy-Fair East & West districts, the top 5 highest average bowlers advanced to the singles tournament. In Pasadena, they sent the top 7 highest individual bowlers. In total, 17 boys competed in the boys regional singles event. Out of the 17 bowlers, the top 7 highest scores based on pinfall were to advance to state.**

**Devin Weaver of Deer Park sprinted to the lead after one game with a 258 game followed closely by his teammate Blake Brateher’s 237. Gregory Cook of Cy-Falls stayed close to the lead after four games with his 210, 212, 165 and 225. Matt Nation surged after his sub-par first two games finishing 256, 248 and 236. Ryan Money of Cy-Fair dominated with his 255, 229 and 239 start but cooled with his 167 finish. The final standings are as follows:**

<b>Devin Weaver</b>	<b>Deer Park</b>	<b>1135</b>
<b>Blake Brateher</b>	<b>Deer Park</b>	<b>1133</b>
<b>Ryan Money</b>	<b>Cy-Fair</b>	<b>1087</b>
<b>Matt Nation</b>	<b>Jersey Village</b>	<b>1085</b>
<b>Chase Lorts</b>	<b>Cy-Creek</b>	<b>1042</b>
<b>Gregory Cook</b>	<b>Cy-Falls</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Matthew Bennett</b>	<b>Langham Crk</b>	<b>990</b>

**State High School Results**

On Saturday March 27, 36 girls teams bowled 3 games of qualifying. After qualifying, the field was cut to the top 16 teams for a afternoon Baker-only match play bracket finals.

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Ryan Money of Cy-Fair High on Saturday bowled his way to the finals before losing. As a freshman, he is the STATE RUNNER-UP in the boys division. Fantastic story. No other home district qualifier made the afternoon round (boy or girl) for singles.

On the team side: Cy-Fair boys and Cy-Falls boys made the afternoon round. Cy-Fair lost the first match; Cy-Falls won their first match before losing in the quarter-final match. No other home team made the afternoon round.

All in all, the state tournament was a huge success. We are so very proud of all of Cy-Fair's district bowlers for making to this state event.

Next year's event will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area .



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