

## **SOUTHERN BOWLING CONGRESS**

### **OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

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The SBC is a member of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and is a confederation of nine southern states that manages and hosts an annual tournament. The 74th Annual Handicap Tournament is being hosted by the Memphis Area USBC beginning March 5 and ending April 3, 2011. Entries close February 9, 2011 and can be found on the SBC website [www.southernbowlingcongress.org](http://www.southernbowlingcongress.org) or possibly in your local bowling center.

The SBC consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. At one time the SBC grew to twelve states but now consists of nine. Georgia is inactive at this point.

How old is the SBC? No one really knows, but Rex J. Brown\* of Birmingham, AL has seen a medal from Atlanta, GA that showed the SBC was in existence in the 1920's. This organization possibly began with the states of Alabama and Tennessee. After the tournament in 1941 they disbanded for the duration of World War II and was not reactivated until 1947. The founding purpose was to promote and foster the game of ten-pins, to present amiable competitive bowling and to create new friendships.

One of the most rewarding phases of my volunteering, is being a director

\*Rex J. Brown received the highest rank offered by the ABC in 1972-73 for his work in the SBC

of the Southern Bowling Congress and serving on the Scholarship Committee. I also enjoy the golf tournament at the annual meeting, but a word to the wise...make sure your wife is out of the way before you swing the golf club.

Many years ago the SBC established the Jacques Curwen/Jay Guidry Scholarship Fund and offers \$500 scholarships to selected youth male and female high school seniors in the SBC member states...providing they meet the requirements stated on the application. The scholarship will be for the college of their choice. Since 1999 this fund has distributed over \$60,000 in scholarship money to deserving youth to assist in furthering their education. At the annual meeting in Mobile, Alabama in March 2010 they granted \$9,000 in scholarships.

In order to receive serious consideration, a candidate must fill out the scholarship application in its entirety. All spaces must be filled.

For the convenience of our youth senior bowlers we are attaching a copy of the SBC Scholarship Application. The application can also be found on the SBC web site along with an entry into the handicap tournament

The SBC Board of Directors is made up of four directors from each state. Of the four directors from Texas, three are from the Greater Houston area; Larry Caldwell, 1st VP, GHUSBC, Tom Berry and Richard Kreger, Directors, GHUSBC. The

fourth director is from Plano, Mel Carmody.

SBC Life Members from Greater Houston are Robert Beck, Edwin Fisher, Lee Griffin, Tim LaFitte, Gilbert Trevino and Willis Evans.

Hall of Fame Members from Greater Houston are Willis Evans (2000), Jim Cooley (2001—*dec.*), Edwin Fisher (2009). Elected for 2011 is Tim LaFitte (pictured below) who will be inducted in Memphis, TN in March 2011.



*Greater Houston USBC provides a newsletter which is printed at least twice each year. It is our goal to provide you with more up-to-date information about the Houston bowling community monthly 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 5-7-10, 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)*