

**MEMBER SHORT STORY CONTEST ENTRY
JUDGE'S SCORING SHEET**

Judge's Initials _____

Title of Story _____

Member's Name _____

Club Name _____

Award 1-10 points in each area

1-10 Points

Beginning

- Did the writer engage the reader's attention immediately?
- Are tone, setting and character established quickly?

Characterization

- Are characters believable, well rounded?
- Are actions and interactions consistent and well motivated?

Plot

- Does progression seem inevitable without being too predictable?
- Is the story interesting and compelling to read?

Conflict

- Does the protagonist have a problem serious enough for the reader to care about?
- Is it solved satisfactorily?

Style

- Is writing fresh and free of cliches?
- Does it reveal writer's own vision and attitude clearly?
- Are viewpoint changes and pacing handled smoothly?

Mechanics

- Are grammar and punctuation correct/spelling accurate?
- Is manuscript prepared as required? Are historical details consistent and correct?

Comments:

Total Points (Maximum 60)
