

Dear Members:

The MBA's second stop of the season was at City Lanes in Michigan City. We would like to thank Jane Johnston and Ed Bildhauser and their staff for hosting us and also sponsoring the tournament. Mikey Schlabach won his first career title as well as the high tournament game of 273. Our next event will be at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis, MI on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15.

This was our second tournament on a "Challenge Pattern". Today, was competed on a Kegel Middle of the Road Challenge Pattern (40uL) (same pattern as last month) except it was not tweaked to a 6:1 ratio. This "non-tweaked" pattern was still a challenge pattern, but very close to a "sport pattern" which was a significant challenge for all those who competed. The scores were on the low side with +24 to make match play and -16 as low to cash!

**Qualifying Results:**

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	94	
2	Jim Nadolny	Granger	C	81	
3	Jason Utter	Niles	C	75	
4	Dave Matheny	Benton Harbor	B	74	
5	Doug Fedore	Mishawaka	C	74	
6	Justin Wade	Stevensville	D	53	
7	Greg Spinner	South Bend	G	43	
8	Willy Schaible	LaPorte	D	42	
9	John Riffle	Porter	B	37	
10	Zach Cox	South Bend	G	28	
11	Dustin Maurer	Battle Creek, MI	E	26	
12	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	24	
13	Bruce Benifiel	Granger	G	16	\$100.00
14	Rick Haase	Niles	E	15	90.00
15	Melissa Utter	St. Joseph	D	5	85.00
16	Matt Farley	Elkhart	E	(14)	80.00
17	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor	E	(16)	72.50
18	John Sevison	Elkhart	G	(16)	72.50

**Final Results:**

**Opening Round**

Willy Schaible def. John Riffle (220+12) 232 - 228  
 Mikey Schlabach def. Doug Fedore 258 - (198 + 1) 199  
 John, Dustin, Doug, & Zach each received \$125

Justin Wade def. Dustin Maurer 230 - (175+18) 193  
 Greg Spinner def. Zach Cox 173 - (161 + 2) 163

**Round 2:**

Willy Schaible def. Jason Utter (190+9)199 - 138  
 Greg Spinner def. Dave Matheny (146+27)173 - 168

Mikey Schlabach def. Justin Wade 237 - (192 + 9) 201  
 Jason, Justin, & Dave each received \$150

**Quarterfinals**

Willy Schaible def. Greg Spinner 188 - (158+26) 184  
 Bruce and Aaron each received \$190

Mikey Schlabach def. Jim Nadolny 233 - 173

**Semifinals**

Mikey Schlabach def. Willy Schaible 193 - (176+10) 188

Willy received \$250

**Finals**

Mikey Schlabach def. Jordan Johnston (212 + 9) 221 - 195  
 Mikey received championship plaque and \$575  
 Jordan received \$300



This was our second tournament using our challenge shot. Although this one was extremely tough, it placed an emphasis on spare shooting as strikes were definitely hard to come by! The bowlers' feedback was favorable (from what I heard out on the lanes), but we would like to know what you think!! Please be advised that we are locked in to running challenge shot tournaments for the remainder of the season.

**Items of Note:**

Mikey Schlabach 273, 258

**Re-Rates:**

Doug Fedore – C to B Class; 217 average

Here are the rules regarding re-classification as taken directly from the by-laws. You can review the entire set of MBA By-Laws at [www.mba300.com](http://www.mba300.com).

New members will be subject to upwards reclassification after their first tournament. Existing members will be subject to upwards reclassification after their first two tournaments. **After meeting the preceding requirement, any member whose season adjusted average (true bowling average plus 1 pin for each \$300 won (money pins)) exceeds the bottom of the next higher class plus three pins will be rerated to that higher class. If their season adjusted average exceeds the bottom plus 3 of the next two (2) higher classes, they may be re-rated 2 classes, subject to a meeting by the board of directors.**

- a. The above ruling on re-rating does not apply if you have not **cached** any tournament, **since your last re-rate** during the current season.
- b. If you have bowled three (3) tournaments, **since your last re-rate during the current season**, have not cashed, and your **season adjusted average is below the bottom of the next lower class**, you **will be re-rated down one class**
- c. If you have bowled minimum of three (3) tournaments, **since your last re-rate during the current season**, have not cashed, you can request consideration for a re-rate down one class. This would need to be approved by the board. If granted, the bowler would be eligible for re-rate back up after one (1) event if their average warrants. This will be allowed once per season. The intent of this rule is to give a bowler some relief if they have not come close to cashing and aren't close to earning the automatic re-rate down.

**Upcoming Tournaments:**

Sturgis Bowl, Sturgis, MI, Nov 18, 9:00 ET

Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN Dec 16, 9:00 ET

See you there,  
Greg Spinner

