

Dear Members:

The MBA's first 2020 stop of the season was at Signature Lanes in Elkhart. We would like to thank Roger Brown and his staff for hosting us and to Ralph Gorsuch of Ralph's Pro Shop for sponsoring the tournament. Mikey Schlabach won his third MBA title defeating Walter Griffin III in the final match. Jordan Johnston had the tournament high game of 296. Our next event will be at Casey's Lanes in LaPorte on February 15th at 9:00 a.m. **Central Time!** Check-in is at 8:15.

This month's field was down from last year with 54 bowlers participating which was 12 less than last year. This tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge Titanium pattern which was a 44 foot pattern and the first time we have used this pattern as Kegel just introduced the patter this season. This pattern was not tweaked from the original and played at the original 1:4.21 oil ratio. Scores were a bit higher than I anticipated, but was still a challenge for many.

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	237	
2	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend	A	220	
3	Steve Dorbin	Granger	F	198	
4	Greg Spinner	South Bend	G	187	
5	Jim Artley	Goshen	D	151	
6	Tyler Wilds	Three Rivers, MI	B	148	
7	Vic Hoctel	South Bend	D	146	
8	Nick Cox	South Bend	G	146	
9	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart	D	138	
10	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka	C	130	
11	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	119	
12	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart	E	105	
13	Dustin Maurer	Battle Creek, MI	F	87	\$100.00
14	Tony Ferro	Elkhart	C	86	95.00
15	Phil Butzky	Michigan City	B	78	87.50
15	Dave Matheny	Coloma, MI	A	78	87.50
17	Dave Perry	Marcellus, MI	F	76	80.00
18	Jon Pluta	South Bend	C	74	75.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Nick Cox def. Sam Ferrah (184 + 12) 196 – 193
 Jordan Johnston def. Tyler Wilds 277 - 170
 Walter Griffin III def. Jim Artley (257 + 11) 268 - 235
 Travis Ruthruff def. Vic Hoctel 198 – (146 + 1) 147
 Sam, Tyler, Jim & Vic each received \$125

Round 2:

Nick Cox def. Steve Dorbin (210 + 12) 222 – 127
 Walter Griffin III def. Jordan Johnston (192 + 12) 204 – 185
 Greg Spinner def. Travis Ruthruff (194 + 9) 203 - 176
 Steve, Jordan, & Travis each received \$150

Quarterfinals

Nick Cox def. Greg Spinner (242 + 6) 248 –167
 Walter Griffin III def. Richie Benninghoff (217 + 12) 229 –202
 Greg & Richie each received \$175

Semifinals

Walter Griffin III def. Nick Cox 213 – (153 + 2) 155
 Nick received \$250 SMART

Finals

Mikey Schlabach def. Walter Griffin III 255 – (157 + 12) 169
 Mikey received championship plaque and \$600
 Walter received \$300 and is now qualified for the Masters Tournament



Items of Note:

Jordan Johnston – 296, 277
Richie Benninghoff – 259
Jon Pluta – 258
Jesse Taapken – 258
Tony Ferro – 256

Mikey Schlabach 278, 255, 250
Jim Artley – 258
Aaron Phillips – 258
Walter Griffin III – 257
Bill Reeves - 255

Re-Rates:

Jim Artley – D to C Class – 209 Average
Steve Dorbin – F to E Class – 196 Average
Jerry Keppen – B to C Class – 187 Average
Dustin Maurer – F to E Class – 186 Average
Greg Spinner – G to F Class – 183 Average
Tyler Wilds – B to A Class – 218 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.

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:

Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN – February 15, 2020; 9:00 a.m. (Central Time)

Maple City Bowl, Goshen, IN – March 15, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI – April 19, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

See everyone next month,
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