

Dear Members:

The latest stop of the 2018-19 season was at Kelley's Bowl in St. Joseph, MI. We would like to thank Bill Froberg of Kelley's Bowl and Fro's Pro Shop for hosting and sponsoring the tournament. Several bowlers were competing either at State Tournament or at the USBC Open in Las Vegas which is why we had a smaller field of entries. With only 45 bowlers competing, this was our smallest turnout this season. Last year we also had 45 bowlers at Kelley's Bowl, so there was no change from the previous year.

This tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge Beaten Path pattern which was a 41 foot pattern. This pattern was not tweaked from the original and played at the original 1:4.06 oil ratio which is at the more difficult range of the USBC Challenge pattern. This is the third time we have competed on this shot (previously at Sturgis Bowl and the MBA Masters), however this is the first time that we have not adjusted the shot to make it easier, however the scores compared more with Sturgis. The scores were a bit higher than last month, taking a +71 to make match play and a +56 to cash. (The scores at Sturgis Bowl were +87 for match play and -+72 to cash.)

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	AJ Roche	South Bend	B	240	
2	Kevin McCune (y)	Munster	A	126	
3	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka	C	111	
4	*Zach Cox	South Bend	G	105	
5	Keith Singleton	Niles	F	105	
6	Kyle Johnston	South Bend	C	97	
7	Bill Froberg	St. Joseph	B	94	
8	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart	B	87	
9	Landon Wiegand	Elkhart	C	86	
10	Kris Gundrum	South Bend	E	84	
11	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs	D	73	
12	Dean Newell	South Bend	G	71	
13	Doug Fedore	Mishawaka	B	63	\$90.00
14	Matt Farley	Elkhart	D	56	75.00
15	Billy Hendrixson	Benton Harbor	A	56	75.00

*Zach Cox won tie breaker to determine 4th place qualifier to receive 1st round bye in match play.

Final Results:

Opening Round

Landon Wiegand def. Chuck Trennepohl (219 + 4) 223 – 208
 Kyle Johnston def. Dan Symonds 174 – (147 + 8) 155
 Keith Singleton def. Dean Newell 234 - (169 + 9) 178
 Bill Froberg def. Kris Gundrum 208 - (177 + 14) 191
 Chuck, Dan, Dean & Kris each received \$100

Round 2:

Jim Nadolny def. Landon Wiegand 207 - (162 + 3) 165
 Keith Singleton def. Kyle Johnston (235 + 12) 247 – 245
 Zach Cox def. Bill Froberg (210 + 20) 230 – 192
 Landon, Kyle, & Bill each received \$125

Quarterfinals

Zach Cox def. Jim Nadolny (242 + 18) 260 - 169
 Kevin McCune def. Keith Singleton 234 - (214 + 17) 231
 Jim & Keith each received \$150

Semifinals

Kevin McCune def. Zach Cox 215 – (140 + 21) 161
 Zach received \$210

Finals

Kevin McCune def. AJ Roche 224 –147
 Kevin received championship plaque and \$500 SMART
 AJ received \$260



Items of Note:

AJ Roche – 280

Bill Froberg – 278

Billy Hendrixson - 273

Re-Rates:

Keith Singleton – 192 Average; F to E Class

Dean Newell – 180 Average; G to F Class

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.

Ted Zimmerman resigning as MBA President at end of Season!

For those of you who were not able to attend the Kelley's Tournament, Ted Zimmerman formally announced that he will be resigning his position as MBA President at the end of the current season. Ted has been an MBA director since the mid-90's before becoming MBA Vice President a few years later. When I was transferred to New York at the end of the 2002-2003 bowling season, Ted then became the MBA President the following season and held that post for 16 years. Ted was responsible for securing all of the signage sponsors that you see advertised at the tournaments for the past several seasons generating additional revenue that was able to boost our prize fund. He was also the person who got us in to Notre Dame so that we could run the MBA Concession at the Notre Dame home football games for 12 seasons. Ted has retired and he and Cheryl are looking to relocate to Florida when their house sells, so we wish them both the best of luck and hope that they return to visit every now & again.

Board Members for 2019 – 2020 Season

With Ted's departure, we are looking to replace Ted's position and also add an additional board member for the upcoming season. If you wish to become a board member, please let us know. As a board member, you receive free membership and a \$25 discount for every tournament that you bowl. You should also be available to bowl most, if not all of the scheduled tournaments.

In addition, we need to fill vacancy created by Ted's departure. This position will require an extensive knowledge of USBC Rules & Regulations, the ability to give to the organization on an "as needed" basis (not just on tournament days). The duties of the President are listed on the MBA By-Laws contained on our website. In addition, this person must be able to step-in and run the tournament in the absence of the Tournament Director. As an MBA Officer, you receive free membership as well as free tournaments. If you are interested for consideration for this position, you MUST submit your request in writing with additional background information as to why you would be a fit for this position.

Sportsmanship Award Status:

The Semi-final voting was held at the Kelley's Tournament with the entry field voting on those who advanced from the preliminary ballot. Each person voted for 2 bowlers with the 1st choice receiving 5 points and the 2nd choice receiving 3. The top 3 bowlers finishing with the highest point totals advance to the final ballot which will be held at the Championship Tournament at Casey's Lanes. Those bowlers advancing are:

Richie Benninghoff
Glen Hershberger
Joey Martin

Upcoming Tournaments:

Casey's Lanes, La Porte, IN (MBA Championship) – May 5, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

Championship Tournament:

Please note that in order to qualify for the MBA Championship tournament at Casey's Lanes, you must have paid for at least 4 tournaments during the 2018 – 2019 Season. The MBA Masters does count towards one of the four tournaments!! If you are one or two tournaments short of qualifying, you can still compete by paying for the number of tournaments needed to bring you to a total of four. For example, if you have only three tournaments, you can enter by paying an entry fee of \$140, or \$210 if you only have two tournaments. This tournament has an expanded payout (last year \$1100 for first place). If you have any questions regarding this please let me know.

See everyone next month,
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Secretary/Treasurer
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