

Dear Members:

On Sunday, September 21st, the MBA celebrated it's 50th Anniversary at the place it all began back in 1975 at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend. 83 bowlers turned out to celebrate and compete for the 1st title of the 2025-2026 season. All bowlers participating received a 50th anniversary commemorative microfiber towel. To help celebrate the occasion the MBA raffled off a free season of tournaments to one lucky winner as part of the ball raffle. We took in over \$1000 in the ball raffle of which \$540 went into the prize fund to allow us to pay the winner of this tournament a record \$1000 for a regular tournament! The remaining money will be allocated to the remaining tournaments to further supplement the prize fund. The drawing was held after the completion of the qualifying squad and congratulations to Walter Griffin III as the lucky winner for a free season of tournaments!

In addition, MBA co-founder Fred Christman was on hand to tell the audience a bit about the history of the MBA and how the MBA came to be. After his speech, Fred assisted in presenting the 2024-25 Val Medich Sr Sportsmanship Award to Brandon Baker and the Comeback Bowler of the Year award to Mike Hartman! Fred was the MBA President when I joined the board as Assistant Tournament Director back in the 1988-89 season.

This season is bringing in all new challenge patterns for all tournaments with the beginning of the season focusing on the PBA challenge patterns that are named after PBA Hall of Famers. This tournament was contested on the 2024 PBA Roth Pattern. This was a 42-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4.66:1. This shot did prove challenging as it took +45 to cash (28th place) and +85 to make match play finals.

AJ Roche won his 6th MBA title after defeating Joey Martin in the very exciting title match 258 - 257. AJ earned \$1000 for his win and Joey took home \$500 for his runner-up finish. Alex Weaver had the tournament high game of 289 during the qualifying round.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	205	
2	Collin Fisher	LaPorte, IN	E	195	
3	Jeff Wroblewski	Osceola, IN	F	180	
4	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	B	164	
5	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	E	163	
6	Chad Hannah	Elkhart, IN	E	149	
7	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	146	
8	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	141	
9	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	D	111	
10	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	106	
11	Joey Martin	South Bend, IN	A	102	
12	Jay Johnston	Chesterton, IN	C	85	
13	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	A	79	\$150.00
14	Andrew Gaul	Bridgman, MI	H	73	145.00
15	Mark Pullins	Bridgman, MI	A	70	140.00
16	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	F	66	135.00
17	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	65	130.00
18	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	64	122.50
18	Nathaniel Crosbie	Osceola, IN	E	64	122.50
20	Conner Weston	Niles, MI	E	62	115.00
21	Ben Hill	Marshall, MI	B	59	110.00
22	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	58	105.00
23	Pete Senf	Ft Wayne, IN	C	57	100.00
24	Micah Carter	Mishawaka, IN	G	54	95.00
25	Joe Buczynski	Greenwood, IN	D	51	90.00
26	Jerrod Kauffman	Elkhart, IN	B	49	85.00
27	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	48	80.00
28	Tedd Dickson	Garrett, IN	D	45	37.50
28	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	G	45	37.50
30	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	39	
31	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	37	
32	Jason Utter	St Joseph, MI	D	31	
32	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	31	
34	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	25	
35	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	E	21	
36	Billy Ewing	Plymouth, IN	D	17	
37	Dustin Hochstedler	Granger, IN	G	16	
38	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	12	

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39	Chuma Udongo	South Bend, IN	F	6	
40	Tyler Johnson	Union Mills, IN	F	4	
41	Jacob Tucker	Elkhart, IN	B	(1)	
42	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	D	(4)	
43	Steve DePoy	Grass Lake, MI	E	(5)	
44	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	(9)	
45	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	(19)	
46	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	E	(23)	
47	Jim Stealy	Marshall, MI	D	(25)	
48	Bill Reeves	South Bend, IN	B	(27)	
49	Alex Weaver	Elkhart, IN	C	(30)	
49	Scott Tapley	Goshen, IN	C	(30)	
50	Brian Bosler	Berrien Springs, MI	G	(31)	
52	Matt Thrun	Marshall, MI	G	(32)	
53	Phil Butzky	LaPorte, IN	D	(36)	
53	Robin Kilgore	Elkhart, IN	E	(36)	
55	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	F	(37)	
56	Ryan Mauro	North Liberty, IN	H	(45)	
57	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	C	(58)	
57	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	D	(58)	
59	Keith Singleton	Buchanan, MI	F	(62)	
60	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	(64)	
61	David Hochstedler	Granger, IN	C	(65)	
62	Zachary Hess	Dowagiac, MI	E	(69)	
63	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	E	(73)	
64	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	E	(75)	
65	Wyatt Mains	Three Rivers, MI	A	(77)	
66	Stephanie Rice	Elkhart, IN	H	(80)	
67	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	(81)	
68	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	E	(87)	
69	Joey Juday	Elkhart, IN	B	(88)	
70	Austin Pavy	Warsaw, IN	D	(93)	
71	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	D	(103)	
72	Todd Winski	Michigan City, IN	D	(104)	
73	Lucas Claxton (y)	Elkhart, IN	D	(115)	
74	Randy Smith	Columbia City, IN	C	(118)	
75	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(138)	
76	Shannon Packingham	Valparaiso, IN	H	(141)	
77	Kenneth Smith	Lakeville, IN	G	(160)	
78	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	(169)	
79	Josh Trim Jr	LaPorte, IN	B	(190)	
80	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	F	(197)	
81	Phil Vincze	Elkhart, IN	B	(211)	
82	Albert Giersberg	Elkhart, IN	C	(215)	
83	Laron McGhee	South Bend, IN	H	(244)	

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Items of Note:

Alex Weaver – 289
 Aaron Phillips – 268
 AJ Roche – 266, 258, 256
 Chad Hannah – 259, 259
 Joey Martin – 257

Jerrold Kauffman – 268
 Jeff Wroblewski – 267
 Jason Flaugh - 264
 Brandon Baker – 257
 Conner Weston - 255

Re-Rates

Chad Hannah – E to D Class; 203 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.

Round 1

Jason Flaugh def. Jim Nadolny 231 – (165+8) 173
Jay Johnston def. Walter Griffin III (189 + 2) 191 – 163
Jim, Chad, Walter, & Aaron each received \$175

Joey Martin def. Chad Hannah 237 – (192 + 7) 199
Jalen Taylor def. Aaron Phillips (195 + 2) 197 – 187

Round 2

Jason Flaugh def. Jeff Wroblewski 264 – (187 + 6) 193
Brandon Baker def. Jalen Taylor 213 – (179 + 2) 181
Jeff, Jay, & Jalen each received \$225

Joey Martin def. Jay Johnston 245 – (187 + 7) 194

Quarterfinals

Jason Flaugh def. Brandon Baker 208 – 202
Brandon and Collin each received \$300

Joey Martin def. Collin Fisher 215 – 193

Semifinals

Joey Martin def. Jason Flaugh 238 – 212
Jason received \$375

Finals

AJ Roche def. Joey Martin 258 – 257
AJ wins his 6th MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$1000
Joey received \$500



From Left: Amy Kay (Chippewa Asst Mgr), Eddie Sheler (R&B Automotive), AJ Roche (Champion), Joey Martin (Runner-Up), Greg Spinner (MBA Executive Director)

Upcoming Tournaments:

October 12, 2025 – South Lanes, Three Rivers, MI; 9:00 Eastern; Pattern – 2024 PBA Aulby (39 ft; Oil Ratio 4.40:1)

November 16, 2025 – Strikers Bowl (Kelley's), St. Joseph, MI 9:00 Eastern

December 21, 2025 – Olympia MC (City Lanes), Michigan City, IN; 9:00 Central (10:00 Eastern)

January 11, 2026 – Masters Invitational; Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN 9:00 Eastern. You must be a tournament champion or runner-up (excluding doubles) to be eligible to bowl.

Thank you all,
Greg Spinner
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