

Dear Members:

The third regular stop of the MBA's 50th Anniversary season was at Strikers Bowl in St Joseph, MI for the Fro's Pro Shop Open. We would like to thank Billy Froberg for being our host and sponsor for this event! We had 80 bowlers bowl this tournament continuing our strong start to this season. This tournament was contested on the 2024 PBA Salvino pattern continuing this year's theme of using the PBA patterns that fit into the Challenge Pattern category. This was a 44-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 5.00:1. With the higher oil ratio, I did expect some higher scores, but they were a bit higher than expected as it took a score of +121 to cash and +182 for match play. There were 29 games of 250 or better with Jerrod Kauffman having the high tournament game of 289 while Nate Fisher shot an 810 series in the last 3 games of qualifying on games of 279 – 254 – 277.

Nate Fisher won his 9th MBA Title from the top spot defeating AJ Roche in the title match 234 – 160.

Qualifying Results: Youth (y)

| Place | Name | Hometown | Class | +/- | Cash |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-----|----------|
| 1 | Nate Fisher | LaPorte, IN | B | 296 | |
| 2 | Jeremy Delcamp | Bristol, IN | A | 238 | |
| 3 | Alex Thompson | Elkhart, IN | G | 224 | |
| 4 | William Holmes | Elkhart, IN | E | 218 | |
| 5 | Conner Weston | Niles, MI | E | 217 | |
| 6 | Brandon Baker | Osceola, IN | B | 216 | |
| 7 | Walter Griffin III | Elkhart, IN | D | 205 | |
| 8 | Matt Roberts | Mishawaka, IN | F | 198 | |
| 9 | AJ Roche | South Bend, IN | A | 196 | |
| 10 | Lucas Claxton (y) | Elkhart, IN | D | 193 | |
| 11 | Collin Fisher | LaPorte, IN | D | 183 | |
| 12 | Joey Martin | Bremen, IN | A | 182 | |
| 13 | Joe Hutchings | Marshall, MI | B | 177 | \$150.00 |
| 14 | Chelsea Farrell | Elkhart, IN | B | 175 | 145.00 |
| 15 | Dale McClosky | Elkhart, IN | F | 167 | 135.00 |
| 15 | Bruce Burkett | Decatur, MI | G | 167 | 135.00 |
| 15 | Phil Butzky | Michigan City, IN | D | 167 | 135.00 |
| 18 | Ben Hill | Marshall, MI | B | 163 | 125.00 |
| 19 | Alex Weaver | Osceola, IN | C | 162 | 120.00 |
| 20 | Erik Gakle | Walkerton, IN | C | 158 | 115.00 |
| 21 | Matthew McQueen | Mishawaka, IN | C | 157 | 110.00 |
| 22 | Jerrod Kauffman | Elkhart, IN | B | 141 | 105.00 |
| 23 | Steve Tobolt | LaPorte, IN | E | 134 | 100.00 |
| 24 | Corey Fister | St Joseph, MI | F | 131 | 95.00 |
| 25 | Dakota Gross | South Bend, IN | G | 130 | 90.00 |
| 26 | Josh Trimm Jr | LaPorte, IN | B | 125 | 85.00 |
| 27 | William Ewing | South Bend, IN | D | 121 | 80.00 |
| 28 | Bobby Julian | Osceola, IN | F | 113 | |
| 29 | Matt Thrun | Marshall, MI | G | 111 | |
| 30 | Joe Buczynski | Greenwood, IN | E | 110 | |
| 31 | Joshua Rose | South Bend, IN | F | 103 | |
| 32 | Markis Smiley | Rochester, IN | D | 99 | |
| 33 | Mike Hartman | South Bend, IN | D | 93 | |
| 34 | Billy Hendrixson | Stevensville, MI | C | 91 | |
| 35 | Russell Huneryager | Porter, IN | F | 89 | |
| 36 | Ryan Mauro | North Liberty, IN | H | 87 | |
| 37 | Paul Bender | Watervliet, MI | B | 85 | |
| 38 | Jacob VanDrunen | Berrien Springs, MI | D | 84 | |
| 39 | Albert Giersberg | Elkhart, IN | C | 83 | |
| 40 | Jim Artley | Elkhart, IN | E | 81 | |
| 40 | Andrew Gaul | Bridgman, MI | H | 81 | |
| 42 | Robert Corvin | Bristol, IN | H | 73 | |
| 43 | Micah Carter | Mishawaka, IN | F | 72 | |
| 44 | Kevin Beckman | Watervliet, MI | E | 66 | |
| 45 | Tyler Johnson | Union Mills, IN | E | 59 | |
| 46 | Jeffrey Wroblewski | Osceola, IN | E | 52 | |
| 47 | Andrew English | Portage, IN | E | 51 | |
| 48 | Aaron Smith | Elkhart, IN | B | 49 | |

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|----|---------------------|---------------------|---|------|--|
| 49 | Donald Cox | Niles, MI | E | 47 | |
| 50 | Chad Hannah | Elkhart, IN | D | 34 | |
| 51 | Aaron Stombaugh | LaPorte, IN | C | 22 | |
| 52 | Dustin Hocstedler | Granger, IN | F | 20 | |
| 52 | Jim Stealy | Marshall, MI | D | 20 | |
| 54 | Billy Froberg | Stevensville, MI | B | 19 | |
| 55 | Dalton Dobrzykowski | Niles, MI | F | 14 | |
| 55 | Scott Tapley | Goshen, IN | C | 14 | |
| 57 | Jordan Johnston | Chesterton, IN | A | 12 | |
| 58 | David Hochstedler | Granger, IN | C | 3 | |
| 58 | Chuck Trennepohl | Elkhart, IN | D | 3 | |
| 60 | Shannon Packingham | Valparaiso, IN | H | (2) | |
| 61 | Aaron Phillips | Grand Haven, MI | A | (4) | |
| 62 | Colin McDowell | Marshall, MI | E | (9) | |
| 63 | Sam Ferrah | Elkhart, IN | D | (13) | |
| 64 | Tyler Asbury | Michigan City, IN | H | (16) | |
| 65 | Joey Juday | Elkhart, IN | B | (18) | |
| 66 | Jalen Taylor | Grand Rapids, MI | D | (19) | |
| 67 | Glen Hershberger | Elkhart, IN | G | (20) | |
| 67 | Dan Symonds | Berrien Springs, MI | F | (20) | |
| 69 | Michael Hendrixson | Stevensville, MI | C | (22) | |
| 69 | Chris Hartung | Elkhart, IN | A | (22) | |
| 71 | Vincent Coleman | Elkhart, IN | G | (23) | |
| 72 | Kenneth Smith | Lakeville, IN | G | (25) | |
| 73 | Neil Vitale | Benton Harbor, MI | F | (28) | |
| 74 | Bill Rath | Stevensville, MI | F | (31) | |
| 75 | Kyle Leamer | St Joseph, MI | A | (36) | |
| 76 | Jim Nadolny | Mishawaka, IN | D | (56) | |
| 77 | Terri Baker | Osceola, IN | H | (58) | |
| 78 | Nattalie Volcsko | Valparaiso, IN | H | (61) | |
| 79 | Mark Pullins | Bridgman, MI | A | (78) | |
| 80 | Antonio Wilson | South Bend, IN | E | (97) | |

Round 1

AJ Roche def. Matt Roberts 188 – (158+3) 161
 Conner Weston def. Joey Martin 242 – 156
 Matt, Collin, Joey, & Walter each received \$175

Brandon Baker def. Collin Fisher 248 – 164
 Lucas Claxton (y) def. Walter Griffin III 224 – 197

Round 2

AJ Roche def. Alex Thompson 194 – (167 + 4) 171
 William Holmes def. Lucas Claxton (y) 215 – 185
 Alex & Brandon each received \$200; Lucas received \$200 SMART

Conner Weston def. Brandon Baker 214 – 212

Quarterfinals

AJ Roche def. Wiliam Holmes 236 – 189
 William and Conner each received \$250

Jeremy Delcamp def. Conner Weston 234 – 198

Semifinals

AJ Roche def. Jeremy Delcamp 214 – 192
 Jeremy received \$350

Finals

Nate Fisher def. AJ Roche 234 – 160
 Nate wins his 9th MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$850
 AJ received \$425



From Left: Neil Vitale (Striker's Bowl), AJ Roche (Runner-Up), Nate Fisher (Champion), Greg Spinner (MBA Executive Director)

Items of Note:

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|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Nate Fisher – 279, 277, 254, 256, (810) | Jerrod Kauffman 289 | Jacob VanDrunen 288 |
| Matthew McQueen – 279, 262 | Jeremy Delcamp – 279, 257 | Mike Hartman – 279 |
| Lucas Claxton (y) – 278 | Steve Tobolt – 278 | Alex Weaver – 270 |
| Chelsea Farrell – 268 | Aaron Stombaugh – 268 | Albert Giersberg – 267 |
| William Holmes – 265 | Collin Fisher – 259 | Bobby Julian – 258 |
| Joe Hutchings – 257 | Josh Trimm Jr – 257 | Ben Hill – 256 |
| Brandon Baker – 255 | Billy Hendrixson – 255 | AJ Roche – 255 |
| Conner Weston – 255 | Joshua Rose – 254 | Alex Thompson – 254 |

Re-Rates

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| Brandon Baker – B to A Class; 220 Avg. | Bruce Burkett – G to F Class; 184 Avg. |
| Nate Fisher – B to A Class; 227 Avg. | Corey Fister – F to E Class; 189 Avg. |
| Erik Gakle – C to B Class; 211 Avg. | Andrew Gaul – H to G Class; 177 Avg. |
| Dakota Gross – G to F Class; 186 Avg. | Mike Hartman – D to E Class; 181 Avg. |
| David Hochstedler – C to D Class; 186 Avg. | Russell Huneryager – F to E Class; 192 Avg. |
| Colin McDowell – E to F Class; 173 Avg. | Ken Smith – G to H Class; 160 Avg. |
| Alex Thompson – G to F Class; 193 Avg. | Conner Weston – E to D Class; 207 Avg. |
| Antonio Wilson – E to F Class; 172 Avg. | |

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.

- 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.
- 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**
- 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:

December 21, 2025 – Olympia MC (City Lanes), Michigan City, IN; 9:00 Central (10:00 Eastern); Pattern – 2025 PBA Webb; 37ft; 4.58:1

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.

January 25, 2026 – Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN 9:00 Eastern.

February 15, 2026 – Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN 9:00 Eastern

Thank you all,
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