

Dear Members:

The latest stop of the 2018-19 season was at Maple City Bowl in Goshen. We would like to thank Kevin Graber of KG's Pro Shop for sponsoring the tournament and Roger Brown and his staff for hosting us. Roger has done a great job remodeling the center with more great things to come! AJ Roche won his third MBA title defeating Aaron Lintz in the final match. Sam Ferrah had the tournament high game of 273. Our next event will be at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart on March 17th at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15.

This month's field was another large one with 69 bowlers participating which was 16 more than last year. Once again, it appears our numbers are significantly higher which is very encouraging!! This tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge Broadway pattern which was a 37 foot pattern. This pattern was not tweaked from the original and played at the original 1:4.07 oil ratio which is at the more difficult range of the USBC Challenge pattern. The shot played tough as it was definitely a grind.

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Aaron Lintz	South Bend	E	193	
2	Bill Crane	Mooreville	A	178	
3	Ken Kennedy	Niles	C	161	
4	AJ Roche	South Bend	B	154	
5	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart	F	121	
6	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart	E	110	
7	Keith Strzelecki	South Bend	F	102	
8	Howard Turner	Elkhart	E	101	
9	Aaron Smith	Osceola	B	95	
10	Chuck Noel	New Carlisle	D	83	
11	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs	D	74	
12	Josh Shepherd	North Webster	E	74	
13	Matt Roberts	South Bend	H	72	\$135.00
14	Dave Matheny	Benton Harbor	A	66	120.00
15	Vic Hoctel	South Bend	D	65	112.50
16	John Sevison	Elkhart	G	65	112.50
17	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	62	102.50
18	Eric Dickison	Goshen	H	62	102.50
19	Brad Klempay	Elkhart	D	60	95.00
20	Willy Schaible	LaPorte	D	59	87.50
21	Scott Million	South Bend	H	59	87.50
22	Jon Pluta	South Bend	D	49	80.00
23	Matt Farley	Elkhart	D	48	75.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Howard Turner def. Aaron Smith (185 + 12) 197 – 119
 Dan Symonds def. Sam Ferrah 205 - 196
 Josh Shepherd def. Glen Hershberger (191 + 2) 193 - 165
 Keith Strzelecki def. Chuck Noel (180 + 5) 185 - 156
 Aaron, Sam, Glen, and Chuck each received \$150

Round 2:

Howard Turner def. Ken Kennedy (176 + 13) 189 – 178
 Dan Symonds def. Josh Shepherd 199 – (191 + 4) 195
 AJ Roche def. Keith Strzelecki 257 – (179 + 17) 196
 Ken, Josh, & Keith each received \$175

Quarterfinals

AJ Roche def. Howard Turner 224 – (183 + 13) 196
 Dan Symonds def. Bill Crane (212 + 12) 224 – 205
 Howard and Bill each received \$200

Semifinals

AJ Roche def. Dan Symonds 175 – (153 + 12) 165
Dan received \$250

Finals

AJ Roche def. Aaron Lintz 213 - 197
AJ received championship plaque and \$625
Aaron received \$325



Items of Note:

Sam Ferrah 273 Mark Pullins 266 Mikey Schlabach 264 Aaron Lintz 263
Bill Crane 256 Kevin Graber 256 AJ Roche 253

Re-Rates:

Jasmine Collins – F to G Class; 165 Average Aaron Lintz – E to D Class; 199 Average
Scott Million - H to G Class; 174 Average Mark Pullins – A to B Class; 195 Average
Travis Ruthruff – C to B Class; 212 Average Keith Strzelecki – F to E Class; 188 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:

Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN – March 17, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI – April 21, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

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

Next month will begin the voting process for the MBA Sportsmanship Award. If you have at least three tournaments bowled as of February, your name will be placed on the preliminary ballot. Bowlers at the Country Club tournament will each vote for two bowlers, marking a 1st and 2nd choice. All 1st choice votes will receive 5 points and 2nd choice votes will receive 3 points. The top 10 will advance to the semi-final ballot to be held in April.

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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