

Dear Members:

The MBA began its 44<sup>th</sup> season today with 55 bowlers competing at Strikes and Spares; we'd like to thank Kim Stachurski and her staff for hosting us and MOTIV Bowling Balls for once again sponsoring us. TJ Schmidt won his eighth career title! Nate Fisher had the high tournament game of 300 and TJ Schmidt also had a 299. Our next event will be at City Lanes in Michigan City on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (Central Time; 10:00 Eastern). Check-in is at 8:15.

This was our first tournament on a "Challenge Pattern". Today, was competed on a Kegel Middle of the Road Challenge Pattern (40uL) tweaked to a 6:1 oil ratio. All future tournaments will be on similar shots as we feel that will keep everyone more competitive. The field was definitely competitive and the scores were all "bunched-up" as more than half the field could have easily made the step ladder finals! We hope that those that did participate enjoyed the challenge and the competition.

**Qualifying Results:**

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Doug Fedore	Mishawaka	C	256	
2	TJ Schmidt	Osceola	A	222	
3	Terrence Smith	South Bend	D	204	
4	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka	E	149	
5	Aaron Smith	Mishawaka	B	130	
6	Aaron Beaver	Elkhart	A	129	
7	Tony Ferro	Elkhart	D	124	
8	Kyle Johnston	Mishawaka	C	120	
9	Ken Kennedy	Niles	C	101	
10	Bruce Beniefel	Granger	H	97	
11	Adam Pitrowski	Michigan City	E	90	
12	Nate Fisher	LaPorte	A	83	
13	Dave Rhoton	Mishawaka	F	81	\$100.00
14	John Sevison	Elkhart	H	79	90.00
15	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	74	85.00
16	Ric Henriott	South Bend	F	70	80.00
17	Phil Butzky	Michigan City	B	68	72.50
18	Matt Farley	Elkhart	E	68	72.50

**Final Results:**

**Opening Round**

Ken Kennedy def. Kyle Johnston (183+3) 186 - 164  
 Aaron Smith def. Nate Fisher 256 - 220  
 Kyle, Adam, Nate, & Tony each received \$135

Aaron Beaver def. Adam Pitrowski 214 - (190+14) 204  
 Bruce Beniefel def. Tony Ferro (192+21) 213 - 185

**Round 2:**

Ken Kennedy def. Terrence Smith (222+4) 226 - 181  
 Bruce Beniefel def. Travis Ruthruff (205+20) 225 - 210

Aaron Beaver def. Aaron Smith 185 - 167  
 Terrence, Aaron, & Travis each received \$165

**Quarterfinals**

Ken Kennedy def. Bruce Beniefel 249 - (162+22) 184  
 Bruce and Aaron each received \$190

TJ Schmidt def. Aaron Beaver 242 - 226

**Semifinals**

TJ Schmidt def. Ken Kennedy 256 - (198+4) 202

Ken received \$235

**Finals**

TJ Schmidt def. Doug Fedore 239 - 231  
 TJ received championship plaque and \$600  
 Doug received \$300



This was our first tournament using our challenge shot. We would like to hear from you to see what you liked and did not like (please be constructive!!). We hope that this will make our tournaments much more even for all to compete!

**Items of Note:**

Nate Fisher 300  
TJ Schmidt 290, 256, 254  
Travis Ruthruff 268  
Aaron Beaver 268  
Aaron Smith 266, 256  
Mikey Schlabach 257  
Bill Froberg 255  
Terrence Smith 254  
Brad Klempay 254

**Re-Rates:**

Bruce Benifiel – H to G Class; 182 average  
John Sevison – H to G Class; 178 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](http://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:**

City Lanes, Michigan City, Oct 21, 9:00 CT  
Sturgis Bowl, Sturgis, MI, Nov 18, 9:00 ET

See you there,  
Greg Spinner

