

Dear Members:

KG's Pro Shop Open was the latest stop of the season at Maple City Bowl in Goshen with 53 bowlers participating. We would like to thank Kevin Graber of KG's Pro Shop for not only sponsoring this tournament, but 2 tournaments back-to-back. Thank you Kevin!! We would like to thank Jim & Nancy Hoover for hosting this event and their great hospitality as always! This is the Hoover's last season at Maple City and we would like to thank them for their long-time support and friendship to the MBA. We will miss seeing them every year.

The field of 53 bowlers was the largest number of entries so far this season! The next regular tournament will be held at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart on March 18st, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. As always, check-in by 8:15 and 8:30 if prepaid.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	226	
2	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	196	
3	Landon Wiegand	Elkhart, IN	B	193	
4	Bill Froberg	St. Joseph, MI	A	189	
5	Melissa Utter	St. Joseph, MI	D	170	
6	Danny Berkheiser	Peru, IN	F	168	
7	Terrence Carver	Kalamazoo, MI	C	164	
8	Ken Kennedy	Niles, MI	C	148	
9	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	A	147	
10	Kyle Johnston	Mishawaka, IN	C	141	
11	Howard Turner	Elkhart, IN	E	134	
12	Shannon Packingham	South Bend, IN	F	132	
13	Justin Wade	Paw Paw, MI	D	131	\$105.00
14	Tehya Turner	Elkhart, IN	F	130	\$95.00 SMART
15	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	A	123	\$90.00
16	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	119	\$85.00
17	Chuck Noel	New Carlisle, IN	C	117	\$80.00
17	Payton Teeter	Osceola, IN	D	108	\$75.00

Final Results:

Round 1

Danny Berkheiser def. Howard Turner 237 – 202 Terrence Carver def. Kyle Johnston 202 - 200 (198 + 2)
 Shannon Packingham def. Melissa Utter 230 (219 + 11) – 223 Ken Kennedy def. Phil Butzky 225 (218 + 7) – 185
 Phil, Howard, & Melissa each received \$125; Kyle received \$125 SMART

Round 2

Ken Kennedy def. Landon Wiegand 270 (266 + 4) – 234 Terrence Carver def. Bill Froberg 248 (246 + 2) – 208
 Shannon Packingham def. Danny Berkheiser 245 (241 + 4) – 178
 Landon, Bill & Danny each received \$150

Quarterfinals

Ken Kennedy def. Terrence Carver 206 (204 + 2) – 196 Shannon Packingham def. Sam Ferrah 261 (247 + 14) - 216
 Terrence and Sam each received \$175

Semifinals

Ken Kennedy def. Shannon Packingham 224 – 182 (171 + 11)
 Shannon received \$225

Finals

Jordan Johnston def. Ken Kennedy 224 – 166 (162 + 4)
 Jordan received championship plaque and \$600
 Ken received runner-up plaque and \$300



Items of Note:

Joe Hutchings – 279
Justin Wade - 279

Re-Rates:

Ken Kennedy – C to B; 219 Avg.
Jon Pluta – C to D; 198 Avg.
Melissa Utter – D to C; 219 Avg.

Here are the Re-Rate rules taken from the By-Laws. Please note that existing members are eligible for re-rate after they have competed in at least 2 tournaments and have cashed in at least 1. New members are eligible for re-rate after their first tournament provided they have cashed. In order to be re-rated down you must have bowled in at least 3 tournaments and have not cashed in your current class, and your tournament average is below the bottom of the next lower class (automatic). You also may request a re-rate down in writing by submitting your reasons to the MBA.

Other information. It has been observed that several bowlers have been in violation of our conduct policy in recent tournaments. Please note that we expect our members to conduct themselves professionally while taking part in our tournaments. In recent years, we have added High School Bowlers to our ranks and please conduct yourselves as an example to the youth bowlers who are also participating with you, but also those who may be spectators. Please see the section of the bylaws regarding this area below:

Any unsportsmanlike conduct, i.e., abuse of fixtures, obscene gestures or excessive language is subject to a \$5 fine per occurrence will not be tolerated. Any continued abuse should be brought to the attention of a board member for further action.

Any conduct which may be deemed detrimental to the image of the Michiana Bowlers Association will NOT be tolerated while the tournament is in operation. Violation of this rule is subject to a fine and/or suspension of the member pending the decision of the Board.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN March 18, 2018 starting time 9:00
Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI April 15, 2018 starting time 9:00
Chippewa Bowl (championship), South Bend, IN May 6, 2018 starting time 9:00

See you there,
Greg Spinner

