

Dear Members:

We continued our 50th anniversary season this month at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart with our biggest turnout of the season with 88 bowlers participating! We would like to thank David & Amy Claxton for being our hosts and sponsors of this event!! We crowned a brand new champion at this event with William Holmes winning his 1st event defeating top seeded Tedd Dickson in the title match.

The pattern for this tournament was the PWBA Regional Arlington Pattern. This was a Kegel Challenge pattern 37 feet in length with an oil ratio of 5.00:1 and was the first time we have used this pattern. Scores were a bit on the low side but a few bowlers were able to get lined up as it took a score of +64 to cash (29th place) and +126 to make match play (12th place). Out of a total of 550 games bowled in the tournament there were 19 games over 250 with Josh Trim Jr having the high tournament game of 289 in the qualifying round.

Our next tournament is scheduled for March 15th at Continental Lanes in Kalamazoo, MI. This will another historical event for the MBA as this will be our first tournament contested on string pins! If you have never tried them out, this will be the perfect opportunity!! The pattern for this event is 2018 SYC Little River. This is a 45-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4.57:1

Next month begins the selection process for the 2025-2026 MBA Val Medich Sr Sportsmanship Award! Next month's preliminary ballot will contain the names of all members who have bowled in at least 3 tournaments this season through February. Bowlers will vote for a 1st and 2nd choice; the 1st choice will receive 5 points while the 2nd choice will receive 3 points. The top 10 (or more in case of a tie) will advance to the semi-final ballot to be held at the April tournament.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	Tedd Dickson	Garrett, IN	D	296	
2	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	C	281	
3	Alex Weaver	Elkhart, IN	C	187	
4	Steven Jones	Mishawaka, IN	F	184	
5	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	180	
6	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	F	174	
7	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	171	
8	Jay Johnston	Chesterton, IN	C	155	
9	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	141	
10	Mike Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	137	
11	Lucas Claxton (y)	Elkhart, IN	D	136	
12	Taylor Sienicki	Mishawaka, IN	F	126	
13	Tiffany Hagy	Elkhart, IN	E	113	\$180.00
14	Zach Hagy	Elkhart, IN	A	113	160.00
15	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	109	155.00
16	Nicholas Schwartz	Ft Wayne, IN	B	106	150.00
17	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	104	145.00
18	Cory Hersha	South Whitley, IN	A	102	140.00
19	Zachary Morrison	Mishawaka, IN	B	100	132.50
19	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	100	132.50
21	Joey Price	Ft Wayne, IN	E	92	125.00
22	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	90	120.00
23	Jake Tucker	Elkhart, IN	C	86	115.00
24	Dave Matheny	Coloma, MI	B	85	107.50
24	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	85	107.50
26	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	G	79	100.00
27	Phil Butzky	LaPorte, IN	D	70	95.00
28	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	65	90.00
29	Joshua Trim Jr.	LaPorte, IN	B	64	85.00
30	Aaron Stombaugh	LaPorte, IN	D	63	
31	Stephanie Rice	Elkhart, IN	H	57	
32	Scott Tapley	Goshen, IN	C	50	
33	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	C	44	
34	Phil Vincze	Elkhart, IN	B	43	
35	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	42	
36	Joey Martin	Bremen, IN	A	41	
36	Markis Smiley	South Bend, IN	D	40	
38	Dalton Dobrzykowski	Niles, MI	F	37	

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39	Darren Williams	South Bend, IN	F	33	
40	Jammie Bongiovanni	Mishawaka, IN	F	32	
40	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	F	32	
42	Aaron Taylor	Elkhart, IN	E	31	
43	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	30	
44	Alex Thompson	Elkhart, IN	F	27	
45	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	E	22	
46	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	D	20	
47	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	14	
48	Jeff Artley	Elkhart, IN	D	10	
48	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	10	
50	Billy Froberg	Stevensville, MI	B	3	
51	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	0	
52	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	(3)	
52	Aaton Smith	Elkhart, IN	B	(3)	
54	Sadie Stuglik	Elkhart, IN	H	(5)	
54	Chris Toyias	Waterloo, IN	A	(5)	
56	Terry McQueen	Elkhart, IN	H	(6)	
57	Ben Hill	Marshall, MI	B	(12)	
57	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	(12)	
59	Dustin Hochstedler	Granger, IN	F	(15)	
60	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	E	(25)	
61	James Farrell	Elkhart, IN	E	(29)	
62	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	F	(33)	
63	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	B	(34)	
64	Colin McDowell	Charlotte, MI	F	(39)	
65	Bruce Burkett	Decatur, MI	F	(41)	
66	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	C	(42)	
67	Jerrold Kauffman	Elkhart, IN	B	(49)	
68	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	(54)	
68	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	(54)	
70	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	F	(55)	
71	Albert Giersberg	Elkhart, IN	D	(58)	
72	Shannon Pakingham	Valparaiso, IN	H	(61)	
73	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	A	(67)	
74	Andrew Gaul	Michigan City, IN	F	(72)	
75	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	F	(84)	
76	Tyler Johnson	Michigan City, IN	D	(89)	
77	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	E	(99)	
77	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	(99)	
79	Vincent Coleman	Elkhart, IN	F	(105)	
80	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	(115)	
81	Jerry Neal	South Bend, IN	C	(117)	
82	Chad Hannah	Elkhart, IN	E	(119)	
83	William Ewing	Plymouth, IN	D	(121)	
84	Maguire Alderman	Wakarusa, IN	H	(124)	
85	Kyle Applegate	Niles, MI	H	(125)	
86	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	E	(145)	
87	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	C	(154)	
88	Nattalie Volsko	Valparaiso, IN	H	(175)	

(y) - Youth

Tournament High Games

Josh Trim Jr. – 289, 253
 Alex Weaver – 279
 Jason Flaugh – 275
 William Holmes – 267, 259, 258
 Dan Symonds – 264
 Richie Benninghoff – 258
 Aaron Smith – 255
 Dave Matheny – 254

Jay Johnston – 279
 Jim Artley – 277
 Chelsea Farrell – 269
 Nate Fisher – 267
 Tedd Dickson – 259
 Joey Martin – 257
 Mike Hendrixson – 254
 Aaron Phillips - 250

Re-Rates

Tedd Dickson – D to C Class; 207 Average
 Chris Hartung – B to C Class; 193 Average
 Steven Jones – F to E Class; 208 Average
 Aaron Smith – B to C Class; 190 Average
 Phil Vincze – B to C Class; 183 Average
 Alex Weaver – C to B Class; 208 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 **cash**ed 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.

Match Play Results

Round 1

Nate Fisher def. Jay Johnston 238 – 154
 Richie Benninghoff def. Taylor Sienicki 243 – (149 + 18) 167
 Jay, Taylor, & Mike each received \$200; Lucas received \$200 SMART

Matt Hendrixson def. Lucas Claxton (y) (221 + 2) 223 – 194
 Dan Symonds def. Mike Hendrixson (169 + 8) 177 – 161

Round 2

Alex Weaver def. Nate Fisher 279 – 233
 Steven Jones def. Dan Symonds 236 – (145 + 1) 146
 Nate, Richie & Dan each received \$225;

Matt Hendrixson def. Richie Benninghoff (200 + 7) 207 – 186

Quarterfinals

Steven Jones def. Alex Weaver 235 – 210
 Alex and Matt each received \$275

William Holmes def. Matt Hendrixson 231 – (159 + 7) 166

Semifinals

William Holmes def. Steven Jones 226 – (171 + 6) 177
 Steven received \$325

Finals

William Holmes def. Tedd Dickson 218 – 157
 William won his 1st MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$850
 Tedd received \$425



From Left: Jasmine Collins (MBA), Tedd Dickson (Runner-Up), William Holmes (Champion), David & Amy Claxton (CCL Owner & Tournament Sponsor),

Upcoming Tournaments:

March 15 2026 – Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo, IN 9:00 Eastern

April 19, 2026 – Inman's Bowling & Recreation Center; Valparaiso, IN 9:00 Central

May 3, 2026 – Championship Tournament at Casey's Lanes; Laporte, IN 9:00 Central

Thank you all,
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