

Dear Members:

The 2026 MBA Masters Invitational was the next stop of the season at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend with 43 bowlers participating. This year, we have begun a 3-center rotation for the annual Masters tournament. Next year, the tournament will be held at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart.

The MBA would like to give special thanks to Travis Ruthruff of T's X-Factor Pro Shop for sponsoring the event and Lori Ruthruff of Crown Trophy for providing the spectacular trophy to the winner! This tournament was contested on the 2021 SYC Myrtle Beach Long, which is a Challenge Shot and a 45-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4.17:1. This pattern started out extremely tough, but as the day wore on the scores increased significantly. Cory Hersha had the tournament high game of 289 in the qualifying round and it took a score of +107 to cash and +152 to make the top 8 match play finals. Mikey Schlabach ran through the match play finals to earn his 3rd Masters Title!!

The next regular tournament will be held at Parkway Lanes Mishawaka on January 25th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and as always, check-in by 8:15 and 8:30 if prepaid.

Preliminary Round Results

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	D	241	
2	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	233	
3	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	228	
4	Joey Martin	Bremen, IN	A	209	
5	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	205	
6	Nate Crosbie	Osceola, IN	D	185	
7	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	182	
8	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	152	
9	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	145	\$125.00
10	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	142	110.00
11	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	137	105.00
12	Cory Hersha	South Whitley, IN	A	122	100.00
13	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	D	107	95.00
14	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	E	96	90.00
15	Scott Gilmore	West Lafayette, IN	B	90	
16	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka, IN	D	84	
17	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	F	80	
18	Billy Froberg	Stevensville, MI	B	64	
19	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	50	
20	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	41	
21	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	F	36	
22	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	C	33	
23	Joey Juday	Elkhart, IN	B	26	
24	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	20	
25	Jay Johnston	Chesterton, IN	C	13	
26	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	1	
27	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	B	(2)	
28	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	(15)	
29	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	E	(17)	
30	Steve DePoy	Grass Lake, MI	E	(18)	
31	Tony Ferro	Elkhart, IN	F	(21)	
32	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	(22)	
33	Tyler Owen	Michigan City, IN	B	(24)	
34	Bobby Julian	Osceola, IN	F	(27)	
35	Mark Million	South Bend, IN	B	(41)	
36	Nick Torok	South Bend, IN	C	(42)	
37	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(57)	
38	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	E	(82)	
39	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	(106)	
40	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	F	(137)	
41	Aaron Smith	Elkhart, IN	B	(146)	
42	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	(173)	
43	Doug Fedore	Mishawaka, IN	C	(200)	

Match Play Results

Opening Round

Mikey Schlabach def. Richie Benninghoff 479 – 396
 Joey Martin def. Joe Hutchings 407 – 403
 Richie, Aaron, & Joe each received \$150

Nate Crosbie def. Aaron Phillips (430 + 6) 436 – 430

Quarterfinal Matches

Mikey Schlabach def. Joey Martin 481 – 445
 Joey and Nate each received \$225

Jalen Taylor def. Nate Crosbie 447 – (355 + 6) 361

Semi-Final Match

Mikey Schlabach def. Jalen Taylor 466 – 424
 Jalen received \$300

Championship Match

Mikey Schlabach def. William Holmes 460 – 438
 Mikey received championship trophy and \$750
 William received \$375



From Left; Travis Ruthruff – T's X-Factor Pro Shop; William Holmes – Runner -Up; Mikey Schlabach – Champion; Greg Spinner – MBA

Items of Note:

Cory Hersha – 289, 268
 Bill Froberg – 278
 Nate Fisher – 263, 253
 Mikey Schlabach – 258, 257, 256
 Richie Benninghoff – 258
 Nate Crosbie - 252

Aaron Phillips – 286, 267, 266, 256
 Joe Hutchings – 278
 William Holmes – 259
 Jalen Taylor – 258, 256
 Joey Martin – 255

Re-Rates:

Jasmine Collins – F to G Class; 167 Average

Here are the Re-Rate rules taken from the By-Laws.

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:

Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN January 25, 2026 starting time 9:00; Pattern – PBA 2024 Steelsmith; 42 ft. 4.62:1
Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN; February 15, 2026 starting time 9:00; Pattern – PWBA Regional Arlington TX; 37 ft; 5.00:1
Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo, MI; March 15, 2026; starting time 9:00; Pattern – 2018 SYC Little River; 45 ft; 4.57:1

See you there,
Greg Spinner

