

Dear Members:

The MBA's latest stop of the season was at Casey's Lanes in LaPorte. We would like to thank Casey & Judy Arndt as well as Val Medich Jr and their staff for hosting us and an extra special thanks to long-time sponsor, Willy Schiable of Auto Body Specialties for sponsoring the tournament. Nate Fisher defeated Richie Benninghoff to win his fourth MBA Title. Richie Benninghoff & Chris Shultz had the tournament high game of 279. Our next event will be at Maple City Bowl in Goshen on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15.

This month's tournament had 54 bowlers participating on the Kegel Challenge Beaten Path pattern which was a 41 foot pattern which was last used at the October tournament at Michigan City. Scores were a bit higher as it took +148 (up from +97 in Michigan City) to make match play and +119 (up from +66 in Michigan City) to cash.

Next month starts the process voting on the Val Medich Sr. Sportsmanship Award Winner for the 2019 – 2020 Season. All members who have participated in at least three (3) tournaments will appear on the preliminary ballot. Bowlers who participate (or other members in attendance not bowling) will vote naming their 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Each bowler will receive 5 points for a 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 3 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. The top 10 bowlers with the highest point total will advance to the semi-final ballot which will be at the April tournament where the process will once again be repeated with the top 3 advancing to the final ballot which will be held at the Championship tournament.

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend	A	231	
2	Toby Kraus	LaPorte	A	224	
3	Nick Torok	South Bend	D	222	
4	Jeff Cichos	LaGrange	E	215	
5	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart	E	186	
6	Nate Fisher	LaPorte	A	158	
7	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	154	
8	Tony Ferro	Goshen	C	152	
9	Willy Schiable	LaPorte	D	152	
10	Chuck Noel	New Carlisle	D	151	
11	Danny Komisarck	Valparaiso	C	150	
12	Chris Schultz	LaPorte	A	148	
13	Nick Stasil	Chesterton	G	146	\$110.00
14	Dean Newell	South Bend	E	143	100.00
15	Jim Artley Jr.	Goshen	C	142	95.00
16	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	D	140	90.00
17	Hayden Hopple (y)	Plymouth	C	125	85.00 SMART
18	John Sevison	Elkhart	F	119	80.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Tony Ferro def. Willy Schiable 214 – (182 + 4) 186  
 Nate Fisher def. Danny Komisarck 204 – (196 + 6) 202  
 Chris Schultz def. Walter Griffin III 279 – (237 + 9) 246  
 Mikey Schlabach def. Chuck Noel 249 – (162 + 15) 177  
 Willy, Danny, Walter, & Chuck each received \$150.

Round 2:

Tony Ferro def. Nick Torok (234 + 6) 240 – 182  
 Nate Fisher def. Chris Schultz 232 – 204  
 Mikey Schlabach def. Jeff Cichos 209 – (189 + 6) 195  
 Nick, Chris & Jeff each received \$175

Quarterfinals

Tony Ferro def. Mikey Schlabach (248 + 6) 254 –233  
 Nate Fisher def. Toby Kraus 196 –183  
 Mikey & Toby each received \$200

**Semifinals**

Nate Fisher def. Tony Ferro 259 – (233 + 6) 239  
Tony received \$225

**Finals**

Nate Fisher def. Richie Benninghoff 245 – 234  
Nate received championship plaque and \$550  
Richie received \$275



**Items of Note:**

Richie Benninghoff - 279, 262  
Danny Komisarck Jr. – 275  
Nate Fisher – 268, 259  
Toby Kraus – 267, 257  
Dustin Maurer – 263  
Jordan Johnston – 257  
Walter Griffin III - 255

Chris Schultz - 279, 254  
Matt Hendrixson – 269  
Travis McKinney – 268  
Nick Torok – 266  
Sam Ferrah – 258  
Aaron Phillips – 256

**Re-Rates:**

Jeff Cichos – E to D Class; 193 Average  
Nick Cox – G to F Class; 180 Average  
Walter Griffin III – E to C Class; 206 Average  
Brad Klempay – E to F Class; 167 Average  
Danny Komisarck Jr. – C to B Class; 212 Average  
Dean Newell – E to D Class; 193 Average  
Chuck Noel – E to D Class; 198 Average  
Nick Stasil – G to F Class; 180 Average  
Jon Williams – B to C Class; 195 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 related 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:**

Maple City Bowl, Goshen, IN – March 22, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI – April 19, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Country Club Lanes – Elkhart, IN (Championship Tournament) – May 3, 2020. In order to be eligible for this tournament, you must have paid for 4 tournaments (Masters included)

See everyone next month,

Greg Spinner

Secretary/Treasurer

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