

Dear Members:

The MBA's 4th stop of the season was at Casey's Lanes on December 17th with 45 bowlers participating in the Auto Body Specialties Open. A special thanks to Willy Schiabel for sponsoring the event as well as Casey & Judy Arndt and their staff for their great hospitality as always. Nate Fisher won his 2nd career title defeating Richie Benninghoff 290-202. The day was filled with high scores as there were three 300 games as well as three 800 series. Our next event is the Masters Invitational to be held at Parkway Lanes in Mishawaka on January 7th at 9:00 a.m. Eastern. Invitations for the Masters were mailed at the beginning of December, if you are eligible to bowl by finishing first or second in an MBA Tournament (first only for the Doubles Tournament) and did not receive your invitation, please note that you are still eligible to bowl and you may enter by any of the normal methods. In addition, please confirm that I have your correct contact information so you can be added to the annual mailer. The next regular tournament will be held at Signature Lanes in Elkhart on January 21st, 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	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	382	
2	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	374	
3	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen, IN	A	331	
4	Mark Pullins	Benton Harbor, MI	A	319	
5	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	268	
6	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	B	258	
7	Jim Nadolny	Granger, IN	B	257	
8	Matt Farley	Elkhart, IN	D	246	
9	Jason Utter	St Joseph, MI	B	241	
10	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	A	235	
11	Howard Turner	Elkhart, IN	E	228	
12	Joe Smyers	Michigan City, IN	B	225	
13	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	C	223	\$80.00
13	Peter Senf	Elkhart, IN	A	223	\$80.00
15	Mike English	Elkhart, IN	A	198	\$70.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Matt Farley def. Jason Utter (222 + 6) 228 – 211
 Nate Fisher def. Joe Smyers 254 – (225 + 8) 233
 Jason, Howard, Joe, and Jim each received \$125

Phil Butzky def. Howard Turner 246 – 189 (175 + 14)
 Joe Hutchings def. Jim Nadolny 248– 190 (189 + 3)

Round 2:

Mikey Schlabach def. Matt Farley 227 – 190 (178 + 12)
 Joe Hutchings def. Mark Pullins (258 + 3) 261 – 225

Nate Fisher def. Phil Butzky 278 – 270 (266 + 4)
 Matt, Phil, & Mark each received \$150

Quarterfinals

Mikey Schlabach def. Joe Hutchings 256 – 251 (248 + 3)
 Joe and Jordan each received \$200

Nate Fisher def. Jordan Johnston 255 - 192

Semifinals

Nate Fisher def. Mikey Schlabach 251 - 240

Mikey received \$250

Finals

Nate Fisher def. Richie Benninghoff 290 - 202
 Joe received championship plaque and \$650
 Jim received runner-up plaque and \$325



This was our fourth tournament with our new format which is everyone bowls a 6-game qualifying block with all classes competing together. At the completion of the qualifying, we immediately cut to the top 12 for match-play finals. **Please note that we still pay 1 out of 3 entries, so if you do not finish in the top 12, you may still receive a check.** If you have any feedback on the new format (positive or negative), please send us a comment through the link on our website www.mba300.com/contact.

Items of Note:

Nate Fisher (805) 290, 279, 278
Jordan Johnston (801) 300, 299
Peter Senf 289
Joe Hutchings 279
Mikey Schlabach 278
Mike English 277

Richie Benninghoff (802) 300, 279
Mark Pullins 300, 290
Matt Farley 279
Phil Butzky 278
Jason Utter 278
Chase Whicker 277

Re-Rates:

Phil Butzky B to A – 226 Average
Kyle Johnston D to C – 217 Average
Greg Spinner E to F – 185 Average

Matt Farley D to C – 215 Average
Chris Lockwitz F to E – 201 Average

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.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Masters Invitational, Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN January 7, 2018 starting time 9:00.
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN January 21, 2018 starting time 9:00
Maple City Bowl, Goshen, IN February 18, 2018 starting time 9:00

See you there,
Greg Spinner

