

Dear Members:

This month was another historic event during the MBA's 50th Anniversary Season with our first trip to Valparaiso! Our most recent tournament took place at Inman's Bowling & Recreation Center with our largest field of the season with 88 bowlers participating. We would like to thank Michael Pequet and his staff for their super hospitality. General Manager Shaun Ciesielski created a custom pattern for the MBA to commemorate our inaugural event. This tournament was contested on the King's Jester pattern which was a 41-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4.91:1.

Walter Griffin III won from the top seeded position to win his second MBA Title defeating Kyle Toyias in the title match. Kyle has now qualified for the masters invitational next January!! The scores on this pattern were pretty much in the middle as it took +72 to cash and +120 to advance to match play.

The semi-final round of balloting was held for the 2026 Val Medich Sr. Sportsmanship Award and we are pleased to announce the 3 finalists! Congratulations to Jeremy Delcamp, Nate Fisher, and Chris Hartung. The final ballot will be held at the Championship Tournament at Casey's Lanes in LaPorte on May 3rd.

Here are the top qualifying results.

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	C	200	
2	Aaron Smith	Elkhart, IN	C	198	
3	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	156	
4	Kevin Castillo	Whiting, IN	F	152	
5	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	149	
6	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	C	146	
7	Joey Price	Ft Wayne, IN	E	143	
8	Kyle Toyias	Waterloo, IN	D	130	
9	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	129	
10	Charles Poth Jr	Mishawaka, IN	C	126	
11	Jerry Reed	South Bend, IN	F	126	
12	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	120	
13	Kai Nitzschke	Northbrook, IL	C	109	\$175.00
14	Steven Jones	Mishawaka, IN	E	106	155.00
15	Tedd Dickson	Garrett, IN	C	103	150.00
16	Nick Ransbottom	Etna Green, IN	C	102	145.00
17	Isaac Lleras	Mishawaka, IN	F	101	140.00
18	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	100	135.00
19	Paul Bender	Watervliet, MI	B	96	130.00
20	Devontae Woods	Dowagiac, MI	F	93	122.50
21	William Ewing	Plymouth, IN	D	93	122.50
22	Chad Hannah	Elkhart, IN	E	88	115.00
23	Ben Hill	Marshall, MI	B	86	110.00
24	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	E	85	105.00
25	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	84	100.00
26	Conner Weston	Niles, MI	D	76	95.00
27	Nate Crosbie	Osceola, IN	D	75	90.00
28	Gregorio Sicard	Milwaukie, OR	B	74	85.00
29	Scott Gilmore	West Lafayette, IN	B	72	80.00
30	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	67	
31	Zachary Morrison	Mishawaka, IN	B	66	
32	Tyler Colpitts	Granger, IN	D	65	
33	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	F	63	
33	Kevin Kullman	Joliet, IL	A	63	
35	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	60	
36	Erik Gakle	Walkerton, IN	B	57	
37	Kris Purdy	Auburn, IN	C	56	
38	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	G	54	
39	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	F	44	
40	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	43	
40	Bob Kammer Jr	Crown Point, IN	B	43	
42	Caleb Pitts	Valparaiso, IN	D	42	
43	Sadie Stuglik	Elkhart, IN	G	41	

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44	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	40	
44	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	F	40	
46	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	36	
47	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	34	
48	Derik Stuglik	Elkhart, IN	D	30	
49	Andrew Wachter	Lowell, IN	E	22	
50	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	A	21	
51	Alex Thompson	Elkhart, IN	F	16	
52	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	F	7	
53	Joey Martin	Plymouth, IN	A	2	
54	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	F	0	
54	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	E	0	
56	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	E	(1)	
57	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	C	(7)	
58	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	F	(8)	
58	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	(8)	
60	Kahne Kelley	Elkhart, IN	B	(12)	
61	Billy Froberg	Stevensville, MI	B	(13)	
62	Andrew Gaul	Michigan City, IN	G	(17)	
62	Tony Coccaro	LaPorte, IN	F	(17)	
64	Shannon Packingham	Valparaiso, IN	H	(21)	
65	Chris Toyias	Waterloo, IN	A	(24)	
66	Aaron Stombaugh	LaPorte, IN	D	(25)	
67	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	F	(35)	
68	Nick Schwartz	Mishawaka, IN	B	(37)	
69	Kyle Applegate	Niles, MI	H	(39)	
70	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	C	(42)	
71	Joey Juday	Elkhart, IN	B	(48)	
72	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	E	(50)	
73	Logan Pitts	Valparaiso, IN	B	(56)	
74	Joseph Hutchcraft	Lowell, IN	H	(58)	
75	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	(61)	
76	Ryan Mauro	Michigan City, IN	G	(68)	
77	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	(70)	
78	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	A	(74)	
79	Austin Pavy	Warsaw, IN	D	(77)	
80	Alex Weaver	Elkhart, IN	B	(83)	
81	James Farrell	Elkhart, IN	E	(86)	
82	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	(94)	
83	Maguire Alderman	Wakarusa, IN	H	(103)	
84	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	A	(134)	
85	Amanda Pletcher	Mishawaka, IN	H	(172)	
86	Nattalie Volcsko	Valparaiso, IN	H	(188)	
87	Brent McCourt	South Bend, IN	H	(216)	
88	Corey Fister	St. Joseph, MI	E	w/d	

Tournament High Games

Richie Benninghoff – 279
 Ben Hill – 276
 Walter Griffin III – 265, 265
 Charles Poth Jr. – 258
 Sam Ferrah – 256
 Erik Gakle – 254
 Eddie Sheler – 254
 Tyler Colpitts – 252

Nick Schwartz – 278
 Paul Bender – 266
 Kevin Kullman – 265
 Aaron Smith – 257
 Nick Ransbottom – 256
 Aaron Phillips – 254
 Kai Nitschke – 253
 Zachary Morrison - 252

Round 1

Kyle Toyias def. Eddie Sheler 194 – (161 + 9) 170
Jerry Knowles def. Sam Ferrah 192 – (171 + 3) 174
Eddie, Chris, Sam, & Jerry each received \$200.

Charles Poth Jr def. Chris Hartung 213 – 172
Joey Price def. Jerry Reed 195 – (155 + 6) 151

Round 2:

Kyle Toyias def. Antonio Wilson 235 – (168 + 4) 172
Joey Price def. Kevin Castillo 192 – (149 + 2) 151

Charles Poth def. Jerry Knowles 247 – (154 + 1) 155
Antonio, Jerry, & Kevin each received \$225

Quarterfinals

Kyle Toyias def. Joey Price 210 – (179 + 2) 181
Joey and Aaron each received \$275

Charles Poth def. Aaron Smith 202 – 193

Semifinals

Kyle Toyias def. Charles Poth (186 + 4) 190 – 173

Charles received \$325

Finals

Walter Griffin III def. Kyle Toyias 189 – (178 + 5) 183

Walter won his 2nd MBA championship, received championship plaque, and \$850 and Kyle received \$425. Kyle has now qualified for the Masters Tournament



From left: Jasmine Collins (MBA); Walter Griffin III (Champion); Kyle Toyias (Runner-Up)

Re-Rates:

- Tedd Dickson – C to B Class; 210 Average
- Steven Jones – E to D Class; 211 Average
- Isaac Lleras – G to F Class; 186 Average
- Jerry Reed – F to E Class; 189 Average
- Kyle Toyias – D to C Class; 204 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 **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:

May 3, 2026 – Casey's Lanes – LaPorte, IN (Start time – 9:00 a.m. Central Time)

You must have 4 tournaments bowled (including Masters) to qualify to enter the championship tournament for the regular \$75 entry fee. If you have 3 tournaments, you may enter for \$125 and if only 2 tournaments \$175. If you have bowled every tournament this season (those that you are eligible to bowl), you will receive a \$20 discount for the championship tournament and your entry fee is \$55.

See you there,
Greg Spinner

