

Dear Members:

The MBA's latest stop of the season was the R&B Car Company Open at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend with 73 bowlers competing for the \$750 first prize. This was our largest turnout for the season and was 3 more than this event last year. We would like to thank Aaron Smith and R&B Car Company for their sponsorship and Mandy Johnston and her staff at Chippewa bowl for their great hospitality. AJ Roche won his 4th MBA title over defending champion Aaron Beaver. Aaron had the tournament high game of 290.

Our next event is the Masters Invitational at Parkway Lanes on January 5, 2020 and is being sponsored by T's X-Factor Pro Shop. This tournament is only open to past MBA Champions and Runners-Up. Tournament begins at 9:00 with the lane assignments being drawn at 8:30. Our next regular tournament is at Signature Lanes in Elkhart on January 19th at 9:00 a.m. As with every other tournament, check-in no later than 8:15.

This tournament was competed on a Kegel V2 Challenge Series – Broadway V2 which was a 37-foot pattern. This was the first time we used this pattern as it is a new pattern recently released by Kegel. This pattern proved a bit easier than some of the others as it took a score of +156 to qualify for match play and +95 to cash.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Aaron Beaver	Elkhart	A	280	
2	Rich Benninghoff	South Bend	A	232	
3	Ben Hill	Battle Creek, MI	A	200	
4	Chris Hartung	Goshen	B	199	
5	Jon Pluta	South Bend	C	198	
6	Tyler Wilds	Three Rivers, MI	B	184	
7	AJ Roche	South Bend	B	174	
8	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart	F	167	
9	Brian Singleton	Mishawaka	H	162	
10	Jeremy Delcamp	Goshen	A	158	
11	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	D	158	
12	Marc LeBarge**	Mattawan, MI	C	156	
13	Tony Hardiman	South Bend	H	156	\$135.00
14	Matt Roberts	South Bend	G	146	130.00
15	Bob Ellam	South Bend	D	144	125.00
16	Dean Newell	South Bend	E	142	117.50
16	Doug Guest Jr.	Osceola	G	142	117.50
18	Bill Crane	Mishawaka	B	140	110.00
19	Chris Hurlbut	Mishawaka	D	105	105.00
20	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	C	104	100.00
21	Shad Ruthruff	Mishawaka	B	102	95.00
22	Bill Reeves	Osceola	A	97	90.00
23	Greg Spinner	South Bend	G	96	85.00
24	Robert Hostetler	Bristol	F	95	80.00

**12^h Place Tie Breaker – Marc LeBarge def. Tony Hardiman 201 – 182 (157 + 25)

Tournament High Games:

- Aaron Beaver 290, 258
- AJ Roche 289
- Rich Benninghoff 279, 269, 269, 257
- Ben Hill 278
- Nick Torok 278
- Bob Ellam 269
- Tyler Wilds 268
- Brian Singleton (y) 267
- Bill Crane 259
- Chris Hartung 258, 255
- Willy Schiable 256
- Matt Stewart 256
- Jon Pluta 254, 254

Finals Results:

Opening Round

Brian Singleton def. Walter Griffin III 225 (216 + 9) - 183
Marc LeBarge def. Jon Pluta 218 (212 + 6) - 203
Walter, Tyler, Jon & Jeremy each received \$150

Dan Symonds def. Tyler Wilds 224 (214 + 10) - 212
AJ Roche def. Jeremy Delcamp 225 - 209

Round 2:

Brian Singleton def. Ben Hill 254 (242 + 12) - 205
AJ Roche def. Chris Hartung 244 - 193
Ben, Dan, & Chris each received \$175

Marc LeBarge def. Dan Symonds 228 - 227 (223 + 4)

Quarterfinals

AJ Roche def. Brian Singleton 203 - 200 (173+27)
Marc received \$225; Brian received \$225 SMART

Rich Benninghoff def. Marc LeBarge 269 - (120 + 6) 126

Semifinals

AJ Roche def. Rich Benninghoff 242 - 210
Jordan received \$250

Finals

AJ Roche def. Aaron Beaver 244 - 210
AJ received championship plaque & \$750; Aaron received \$375



Re-Rates:

Nick Cox - 174 average; H to G Class
Walter Griffin III - 200 average; F to E Class
Doug Guest Jr. - 193 average; G to F Class
Tony Hardiman - 174 average; H to G Class
Randy Harvey - 180 average; D to E Class
Robert Hostetler - 189 average; F to E Class
Matt Roberts - 180 average; G to F Class
AJ Roche - 218 average; B to A Class
Brian Singleton - 198 average; H to G Class

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:

Masters Invitational, Parkway, Mishawaka, IN Jan 5, 9:00 ET
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN; Jan 19, 9:00 ET
Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN; Feb 16, 9:00 CT

See you there,
Greg Spinner

