

Dear Members:

The MBA's third stop of the season was the Motiv Bowling Ball Open which was held at Joey Armadillos in Niles with 62 bowlers competing. This was our largest turnout in recent history!! Keep spreading the word so we can keep growing!

We would like to thank our corporate sponsor, Motiv Bowling Balls for sponsoring our tournament. Thanks also go out to Mark Godsey and his staff for hosting. This was our first trip back to Joey's after a long absence. Based on the attendance, we will be making it a regular stop!! Mikey Schlabach won his fifth career title and Travis McKinney was the tournament runner-up as well as qualifying for the Masters. Our next event will be at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend, IN on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15. This tournament will be contested on the Kegel Challenge – Titanium pattern which is 44 feet. At this tournament we will be paying tribute to our former officer Adam Pitrowski who was killed last season in a work accident. The MBA will be taking up a collection for a contribution to The Wounded Warrior Project for a donation to be made in Adam's name.

This tournament was competed on the Kegel Challenge Beaten Path which was a 41 foot pattern. Scores were finally a bit higher than the past couple of tournaments. We had 2 300 games during the qualifying round. The first one was shot by Nate Fisher and the second one by Mikey Schlabach. There have only been 3 300 games shot since the MBA switched to a Challenge Shot. Congratulations to both!!

Here are the top qualifying results.

| Place | Name                | Hometown            | Class | Plus(Minus) | Cash         |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1     | Mikey Schlabach     | Goshen, IN          | A     | 177         |              |
| 2     | Nate Fisher         | LaPorte, IN         | A     | 173         |              |
| 3     | Tony Ferro          | Elkhart, IN         | C     | 164         |              |
| 4     | Brian Singleton     | Mishawaka, IN       | H     | 164         |              |
| 5     | Dale McClosky       | Elkhart, IN         | F     | 161         |              |
| 6     | Travis McKinney     | LaPorte, IN         | C     | 133         |              |
| 7     | Jordan Johnston     | Chesterton, IN      | A     | 122         |              |
| 8     | Collin Fisher (y)   | LaPorte, IN         | G     | 122         |              |
| 9     | Steve DePoy         | Jackson, MI         | E     | 118         |              |
| 10    | Aaron Phillips      | Grand Haven, MI     | A     | 115         |              |
| 11    | Larry Singleton     | Mishawaka, IN       | G     | 113         |              |
| 12    | Glen Hershberger    | Elkhart, IN         | G     | 103         |              |
| 13    | Jerrod Kauffman     | Elkhart, IN         | A     | 102         | \$135        |
| 14    | Micah Carter        | South Bend, IN      | F     | 91          | 120          |
| 15    | Russell Huneryager  | Porter, IN          | F     | 90          | 110          |
| 16    | Joe Buczynski (y)   | Osceola, IN         | E     | 89          | 100<br>SMART |
| 17    | Dave Matheny        | Coloma, MI          | B     | 80          | 95           |
| 18    | Billy Penland       | Goshen, IN          | D     | 76          | 90           |
| 19    | Chris Hartung       | Goshen, IN          | A     | 75          | 85           |
| 20    | Alex Walters        | Mishawaka, IN       | E     | 65          | 80           |
| 21    | Joe Hutchings       | Marshall, MI        | B     | 54          | 75           |
| 22    | Dalton Dobrzykowski | Buchanan, MI        | G     | 43          |              |
| 22    | Cody Kanady         | Michigan City, IN   | G     | 43          |              |
| 24    | Bill Froberg        | St. Joseph, MI      | A     | 39          |              |
| 24    | Brad Klempay        | Elkhart, IN         | E     | 39          |              |
| 26    | Andrew English      | Portage, IN         | G     | 35          |              |
| 27    | Scott Tapley        | Goshen, IN          | A     | 31          |              |
| 28    | Aaron Lintz         | South Bend, IN      | D     | 27          |              |
| 29    | Steve Tobolt        | LaPorte, IN         | E     | 23          |              |
| 30    | John Sevison        | Elkhart, IN         | E     | 22          |              |
| 30    | Chad Quimby         | Mishawaka, IN       | E     | 22          |              |
| 30    | Kevin Beckman       | Watervliet, MI      | D     | 22          |              |
| 33    | Billy Hendrixson    | Stevensville, MI    | B     | 21          |              |
| 34    | Jim Nadolny         | Mishawaka, IN       | B     | 14          |              |
| 35    | Richie Benninghoff  | South Bend, IN      | A     | 10          |              |
| 36    | Brian Bosler        | Berrien Springs, MI | F     | 5           |              |
| 37    | Don Buczynski       | Osceola, IN         | C     | 1           |              |
| 38    | Zachary Cox         | South Bend, IN      | F     | (5)         |              |
| 38    | Kris Gundrum        | South Bend, IN      | B     | (9)         |              |
| 40    | Karl Sutton         | Portage, IN         | E     | (15)        |              |
| 41    | Jeff Severson       | Portage, IN         | C     | (18)        |              |

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|----|--------------------|---------------------|---|-------|--|
| 42 | Scott Selesky      | Osceola, IN         | D | (21)  |  |
| 43 | Kory Hartung (y)   | Goshen, IN          | H | (26)  |  |
| 44 | Chuck Trennepohl   | Elkhart, IN         | D | (29)  |  |
| 45 | Jason Payne        | Niles, MI           | A | (36)  |  |
| 46 | Tyler Caudill      | Goshen, IN          | D | (39)  |  |
| 47 | Phil Butzky        | Michigan City, IN   | A | (49)  |  |
| 48 | Marcus Stankiewicz | South Bend, IN      | D | (52)  |  |
| 49 | Ryan Vitale        | Somewhere in WI     | D | (45)  |  |
| 50 | Neil Vitale        | Benton Harbor, MI   | F | (64)  |  |
| 51 | Bruce Burkett      | Decatur, MI         | F | (68)  |  |
| 52 | Walter Griffin III | Elkhart, IN         | B | (70)  |  |
| 53 | Dan Symonds        | Berrien Springs, MI | D | (76)  |  |
| 54 | Jerrod Kauffman    | Elkhart, IN         | A | (89)  |  |
| 55 | Travis Ruthruff    | Mishawaka, IN       | C | (97)  |  |
| 56 | Joe Turnock        | Niles, MI           | H | (102) |  |
| 57 | Donald Cox         | Niles, MI           | C | (110) |  |
| 58 | Albert Giersberg   | South Bend, IN      | B | (115) |  |
| 59 | Dustin Maurer      | Battle Creek, MI    | E | (124) |  |
| 60 | Bill Crane         | Niles, MI           | B | (136) |  |
| 61 | Matt Roberts       | Mishawaka, IN       | E | (136) |  |
| 62 | Kevin Narregan     | Baroda, MI          | B | (179) |  |

(y) – Youth

### Final Results:

#### Opening Round

Collin Fisher def. Steve DePoy (218 + 8) 226 - 188

Glen Hershberger def. Dale McClosky (178 + 12) 190 – 184

Steve, Larry, Dale, & Jordan each received \$150

Travis McKinney def. Larry Singleton 252 – (174 + 20) 194

Aaron Phillips def. Jordan Johnston 194 – 193

#### Round 2:

Collin Fisher def. Tony Ferro (227 + 18) 245 – 201

Brian Singleton def. Aaron Phillips (209 + 17) 226 – 193

Travis McKinney def. Glen Hershberger 188 – (170 + 18) 188 OT

Tony, Glen, & Aaron each received \$175

#### Quarterfinals

Brian Singleton def. Collin Fisher 145 – (130 + 1)131

Nate received \$200; Collin received \$200 SMART

Travis McKinney def. Nate Fisher 227 – 217

#### Semifinals

Travis McKinney def. Brian Singleton 231 – (199 + 17) 216

Brian received \$250

#### Finals

Mikey Schlabach def. Travis McKinney 231 – 204

Mikey received championship plaque and \$650

Travis received \$325 and has qualified for the Masters Tournament in January.



**Tournament High Games**

|                       |                        |                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mikey Schlabach – 300 | Nate Fisher – 300, 258 | Richie Benninghoff – 276 |
| Jordan Johnston – 266 | Aaron Phillips – 263   | Tony Ferro – 258         |
| Joe Buczynski – 253   | Travis McKinney - 252  |                          |

**Re-Rates:**

Richie Benninghoff - A to B Class; 190 Avg.  
Joe Buczynski Jr - E to D Class; 191 Avg.  
Collin Fisher - G to F Class; 190 Avg.  
Russell Huneryager - F To E Class; 190 Avg.  
Jerrod Kauffman - A to B Class – 191 Avg.  
Dustin Maurer – D to E Class; 169 Avg.  
Jim Nadolny – B to C Class; 184 Avg.  
Matt Roberts – E to F Class; 165 Avg.  
Brian Singleton – H to G Class; 172 Avg.  
Dan Symonds – D to E Class; 168 Avg.

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 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:**

Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN Dec 19, 9:00 ET  
Masters Invitational at Parkway Lanes, Mishawka, IN Jan 9, 9:00 ET  
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN Jan 30, 9:00 ET

See you there,  
Greg Spinner

