

Dear Members:

The MBA's first 2019 stop of the season was at Signature Lanes in Elkhart. We would like to thank Roger Brown and his staff for hosting us and to Aaron Beaver of Beav's Pro Shop for sponsoring the tournament. Bill Reeves won his third MBA title defeating Matt Farley in the final match. Tony Ferro had the tournament high game of 289. Our next event will be at Maple City Bowl in Goshen on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15.

This month's field was another large one with 66 bowlers participating which was 14 more than last year. We appreciate everyone's support and renewed enthusiasm with our new playing conditions. This tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge Route 66 pattern which was a 45 foot pattern. This pattern was not tweaked from the original and played at the original 1:4 oil ratio which is at the more difficult range of the USBC Challenge pattern. Scores were a bit higher than I anticipated, but was still a challenge for many.

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville	B	247	
2	Bill Reeves	Niles	B	241	
3	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	239	
4	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka	C	233	
5	Joe Szabo	South Bend	E	227	
6	Vic Hoctel	South Bend	D	223	
7	Tony Ferro	Elkhart	C	203	
8	Rich Benninghoff	South Bend	A	187	
9	Dave Matheny	Benton Harbor	A	172	
10	Shannon Packingham	South Bend	G	168	
11	Mike Kimble	South Bend	D	164	
12	Jon Pluta	South Bend	D	149	
13	Kyle Johnston	Mishawaka	C	145	\$125.00
14	Melissa Utter	St. Joseph	D	131	110.00
15	Kevin Graber	Goshen	B	112	105.00
16	Matt Keen	Mishawaka	H	100	97.50
17	Ted Zimmerman	Granger	E	100	97.50
18	Kris Gundrum	South Bend	E	96	90.00
19	John Sevison	Elkhart	G	90	85.00
20	David Andersen	Goshen	C	85	80.00
21	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart	E	79	75.00
22	Joey Martin	South Bend	C	78	70.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Rich Benninghoff def. Dave Matheny 253 – 178  
 Vic Hoctel def. Mike Kimble 225 - (205 + 3) 208  
 Jon Pluta def. Joe Szabo (257 + 1) 258 - 241  
 Tony Ferro def. Shannon Packingham (185 + 11) 196 - 289  
 Dave, Mike, Joe, and Shannon each received \$150

Round 2:

Rich Benninghoff def. Jordan Johnston 269 – 179  
 Jon Pluta def. Vic Hoctel (236 + 1) 237 – 192  
 Travis Ruthruff def. Tony Ferro 256 - 248  
 Jordan, Vic, & Tony each received \$175

Quarterfinals

Travis Ruthruff def. Rich Benninghoff 248 –237  
 Bill Reeves def. Jon Pluta 236 – (157 + 1) 158  
 Rich and Jon each received \$200

Semifinals

Bill Reeves def. Travis Ruthruff 200 –182  
 Travis received \$250

Finals

Bill Reeves def. Billy Hendrixson 237 - 175  
 Bill received championship plaque and \$550  
 Billy received \$300



**Items of Note:**

Jeff Cichos 279, 265	Billy Hendrixson 278	Howard Turner 277	Mikey Schlabach 268	Aaron Beaver 258
Bob Ellam 258	Bill Froberg 258	Dave Matheny 258	Ryan Vitale 258	Braeden Baker 257
Chuck Noel 255	David Andersen 252			

**Re-Rates:**

Braeden Baker – D to C Class; 209 average	Keith Carper – F to G Class; 163 average
Tony Ferro – C to B Class; 210 average	Billy Hendrixson – B to A Class; 216 average
Glen Hershberger – E to F Class; 172 average	Matt Keen – H to G Class; 173 average
Mike Kimble –D to C Class; 204 average	Pete Senf – A to B Class; 186 average
Joe Szabo – E to C Class; 215 average	Ted Zimmerman – E to D Class; 199 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 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 **cash**ed 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 – February 17, 2019; 9:00 a.m.  
Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN – March 17, 2019; 9:00 a.m.  
Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI – April 21, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

*Lastly, it is with great regret that we pass along the news that MBA member Ric Henriott was tragically killed in a car/semi accident in LaPorte County on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ric was a member for several years as well as a Masters Qualifier by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at Casey's Lanes back in February of 2017. Ric will be definitely missed!! Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.*



See everyone next month,  
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