

## Michiana Bowlers Association Newsletter

January 29, 2026

Dear Members:

The first stop in 2026 for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season was at Parkway Lanes for the Crown Trophy Open. We would like to thank Lori Ruthruff for sponsoring this event as she has been an invaluable part of the MBA for many years! We would also like to thank Jeff Adams (owner) and Dave Schoen for hosting the tournament! Even with bad weather, we managed to have 75 entries!! Scott Tapley won his 1<sup>st</sup> MBA Title defeating Joey Martin in the title match 206 – 187 in the title match.

The pattern for this tournament was the 2024 PBA Steelsmith Pattern. This season, we have been using all PBA patterns that fall in the challenge pattern category (oil ratio between 4:00:1 and 8:00:1). This was the final PBA pattern available to the MBA. This pattern was 42 feet in length with an oil ratio of 4.62:1. Scores tended a bit on the higher side as it took a score of +100 to cash (25<sup>th</sup> place) and +163 to make match play. There were 22 games of 250 or more with Mikey Schlabach having the high tournament game of 288.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	Joey Martin	Bremen, IN	A	283	
2	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	251	
3	Kenneth Smith	Lakeville, IN	H	247	
4	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	E	230	
5	Kahne Kelley	Elkhart, IN	B	217	
6	Erika Lewis	Mishawaka, IN	H	211	
7	Keith Singleton	Buchanan, MI	F	193	
8	Scott Tapley	Goshen, IN	C	171	
9	Lucas Claxton (y)	Elkhart, IN	D	171	
10	Alex Weaver	Elkhart, IN	C	168	
11	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	F	165	
12	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	E	163	
13	Tyler Johnson	Michigan City, IN	E	162	\$150.00
14	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	155	135.00
15	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	149	130.00
16	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	B	141	125.00
17	Walter Griffin III	Elkhart, IN	C	139	120.00
18	Colin McDowell	Charlotte, MI	F	131	115.00
19	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	A	130	110.00
20	Billy Froberg	Stevensville, MI	B	129	105.00
21	William Holmes	Elkhart, IN	D	120	100.00
22	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	F	115	95.00
23	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	F	110	90.00
24	Mark Million	Mishawaka, IN	B	100	82.50
24	James Farrell	Elkhart, IN	F	100	82.50
26	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	96	
27	Chad Hannah	Elkhart, IN	E	87	
27	Alex Thompson	Elkhart, IN	F	87	
27	Phil Butzky	LaPorte, IN	D	87	
30	Jordan Lewis	Mishawaka, IN	F	86	
31	Micah Carter	Mishawaka, IN	F	84	
32	Jerry Reed	South Bend, IN	F	82	
33	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	E	81	
34	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	74	
35	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	72	
36	Ryan Mauro	Michigan City, IN	F	69	
37	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	B	64	
38	Dalton Dobryzkowski	Niles, MI	F	63	
39	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	F	59	
40	Markis Smiley	South Bend, IN	D	57	
41	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	53	
42	Joey Juday	Elkhart, IN	B	52	
43	Ryan Carmichael (y)	South Bend, IN	B	48	
44	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	45	
45	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka, IN	D	38	
46	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	F	37	
47	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	D	36	

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47	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	D	36	
49	Bobby Julian	Osceola, IN	A	36	
50	Jammie Bongiovanni	Mishawaka, IN	F	31	
51	Matt Robergs	Mishawaka, IN	F	29	
52	Jerrod Kauffman	Elkhart, IN	B	28	
53	Greg Engel	North Liberty, IN	H	24	
54	Kyle Applegate	Niles, MI	H	15	
55	Albert Giersberg	Elkhart, IN	C	12	
56	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	G	11	
56	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	C	11	
58	Taylor Sienicki	Mishawaka, IN	F	(1)	
59	Brody Million	Mishawaka, IN	C	(4)	
60	Jennifer Kelley-Preis	St. Joseph, MI	E	(5)	
61	Erik Gakle	Walkerton, IN	B	(8)	
61	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(8)	
63	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	F	(12)	
64	Maguire Alderman	Wakarusa, IN	H	(15)	
65	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	(18)	
66	Zachary Cox	South Bend, IN	E	(21)	
67	Stephanie Rice	Elkhart, IN	H	(27)	
68	Brian Bosler Jr	Niles, MI	F	(32)	
69	Andrew Gaul	Michigan City, IN	G	(36)	
70	Nathan Crosbie	Osceola, IN	D	(46)	
71	Jeff Artley	Elkhart, IN	D	(53)	
72	Collin Fisher	LaPorte, IN	C	(65)	
73	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	(88)	
74	Aaron Stombaugh	LaPorte, IN	C	(97)	
75	Tristan Coker	Stevensville, MI	H	(152)	

### **Items of Note:**

Mikey Schlabach – 288, 255

Joey Martin – 278, 275, 254

Chelsea Farrell – 268

Jeremy Delcamp – 267

Billy Froberg – 258, 254

Kahne Kelley – 257, 254

Mark Million – 256

Erika Lewis - 254

Richie Benninghoff – 279, 258

Walter Griffin III – 278

Corey Fister – 267, 256

Lucas Claxton – 259

Nate Crosbie – 258

Colin McDowell – 257

Alex Weaver – 255

### **Re-Rates**

James Farrell – F to E Class; 191 Average

Albert Giersberg – C to D Class; 183 Average

William Holmes – D to C Class; 206 Average

Tyler Johnson – E to D Class; 194 Average

Aaron Stombaugh – C to D Class; 179 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 **cashed** 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.

**Match Play Results****Round 1**

Scott Tapley def. Lucas Claxton (y) 201 – (181+4) 185  
Mike Hartman def. Kahne Kelley (225 + 16) 241 – 220  
Erika, Kahne, and Alex each received \$150; Lucas received \$150 SMART  
Joshua Rose def. Erika Lewis 229 – (181 + 1) 182  
Keith Singleton def. Alex Weaver (216 + 9) 225 – 181

**Round 2**

Scott Tapley def. Kenneth Smith 221 – (161 + 10) 171  
Keith Singleton def. Corey Fister (185 + 9) 194 - 157  
Conner, Kenneth, and Corey each received \$200  
Mike Hartman def. Joshua Rose 226 – (132 + 4) 136

**Quarterfinals**

Scott Tapley def. Keith Singleton 223 – (173 + 9) 182  
Keith and Mikey each received \$250  
Mike Hartman def. Mikey Schlabach (179 + 16) 195 – 178

**Semifinals**

Scott Tapley def. Mike Hartman 230 – (214 + 9) 223  
Mike received \$300

**Finals**

Scott Tapley def. Joey Martin (200 + 6) 206 – 187  
Scott won his 1<sup>st</sup> MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$800  
Joey received \$400



From Left: Travis Ruthruff (sponsor), Joey Martin (Runner -UP), Scott Tapley (Champion), Greg Spinner (MBA Executive Director)

**Upcoming Tournaments:**

February 15, 2026 – Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN 9:00 Eastern

March 15, 2026 – Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo, MI 9:00 Eastern

April 19, 2026 – Inman's, Valparaiso, IN 9:00 Central

May 3, 2026 – Championship Tournament; Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN 9:00 Central. You must have 4 tournaments bowled (including Masters) to qualify for this event at \$75 entry fee. 3 tournaments - \$125 entry fee; 2 tournaments - \$175 entry fee. 1 tournament – not eligible to bowl.

Thank you all,  
Greg Spinner  
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