

Dear Members:

The MBA's 3rd stop of the season was at Sturgis Bowl on November 12th with 42 bowlers participating in the Motiv Bowling Ball Open. A special thanks to Bill Burke and his staff for their great hospitality as always. Joe Hutchings won his 1st career title in a most exciting fashion by shooting the day's only 300 game in the title match! Jim Nadolny was the tournament runner-up. Youth bowler Kyle Johnston also shot a series of 825 in the qualifying block on games of 290 – 278 – 256 (20 strikes in a row between games 1 & 2). Our next event will be at Casey's Lanes in LaPorte on December 17th at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (10:00 Eastern). Check-in is at 8:15 if paying day of tournament, 8:30 if pre-paid.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	C	362	
2	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	324	
3	Melissa Utter	St. Joseph, MI	E	310	
4	Adam Pitrowski	Merrillville, IN	D	287	
5	Mark Pullins	Benton Harbor, MI	A	264	
6	Kyle Johnston (s)	South Bend, IN	D	252	
7	Chris Lockwitz	South Bend, IN	F	250	
8	Marc LaBarge	Mattawan, MI	B	242	
9	Peter Senf	Elkhart, IN	B	241	
10	Jeff Cichos	Niles, MI	E	240	
11	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	237	
12	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	D	234	
13	Vincent Coleman	Elkhart, IN	D	229	\$80.00
14	Tony Ferro	Elkhart, IN	C	217	\$35.00
14	Bill Reeves	Niles, MI	C	217	\$35.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Marc LaBarge def. Peter Senf 224 – 182
 Neil Vitale def. Mark Pullins 247 (239 + 8) – 245
 Peter, Mark, & Chris each received \$100; Kyle \$100 SMART
 Joe Hutchings def. Kyle Johnston 259 – 218 (214 + 4)
 Jeff Cichos def. Chris Lockwitz 247– 193 (191 + 2)

Round 2:

Marc LaBarge def. Melissa Utter 234 – 162 (160 + 2)
 Adam Pitrowski def. Jeff Cichos 247 – 241 (233 + 8)
 Joe Hutchings def. Neil Vitale 277 – 211 (204 + 7)
 Melissa, Neil, & Jeff received \$125

Quarterfinals

Marc LaBarge def. Adam Pitrowski 258 – 190 (188 + 2)
 Adam and Richie received \$175
 Joe Hutchings def. Richie Benninghoff 279 (278 + 1) - 227

Semifinals

Joe Hutchings def. Marc LaBarge 228 - 224
 Marc received \$225

Finals

Joe Hutchings def. Jim Nadolny 300 - 268
 Joe received championship plaque and \$550
 Jim received runner-up plaque and \$275



This was our third tournament with our new format which is everyone bowls a 6-game qualifying block with all classes competing together. At the completion of the qualifying, we immediately cut to the top 12 for match-play finals. **Please note that we still pay 1 out of 3 entries, so if you do not finish in the top 12, you may still receive a check.** If you have any feedback on the new format (positive or negative), please send us a comment through the link on our website www.mba300.com/contact.

Items of Note:

Kyle Johnston (youth) 290, 279, (825)
Adam Pitrowski 283
Peter Senf 279
Jason Payne 278

Joe Hutchings 300, 278, 277, 276
Chris Lockwitz 280
Melissa Utter 279
Dave Matheny 277

Richie Benninghoff 289, 278
Jim Nadolny 279
Jeff Cichos 278

Re-Rates:

Jeff Cichos E to D 204 Avg.
Marc LaBarge B to A 235 Avg.
Peter Senf B to A 230 Avg.
Melissa Utter E to D 217 Avg.

Doug Fedore C to B 219 Avg.
Jim Nadolny C to B 228 Avg.
Howard Turner D to E 192 Avg.
Neil Vitale D to C 215 Avg.

Joe Hutchings B to A 237 Avg.
Jason Payne B to C 205 Avg.
Justin Utter E to D 210 Avg.

Here are the Re-Rate rules taken from the By-Laws. Please note that existing members are eligible for re-rate after they have competed in at least 2 tournaments and have cashed in at least 1. New members are eligible for re-rate after their first tournament provided they have cashed. In order to be re-rated down you must have bowled in at least 3 tournaments and have not cashed in your current class, and your tournament average is below the bottom of the next lower class (automatic). You also may request a re-rate down in writing by submitting your reasons to the MBA.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN Dec 17, 9:00
Masters Invitational, Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN 9:00. Invitations to be mailed early December.
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN Jan 21, 9:00

See you there,
Greg Spinner

