

Dear Members:

Our latest stop for season 50 was at Casey's Lanes for the Optimal Fit Pro Shop Open. We would like to thank MBA member Nate Fisher for sponsoring this event for the first time! We would also like to thank Judy & Casey Arndt and their staff for hosting the tournament! 63 bowlers braved the snowy weather to bowl this event with Richie Benninghoff winning his 9<sup>th</sup> MBA title and 2<sup>nd</sup> this season. Richie defeated youth bowler Nathan Schoen in the title match. Nathan has now earned his spot in the Masters.

The pattern for this tournament was the 2020 Indy Medium Pattern. This was a Kegel Challenge pattern and was 41 feet in length with an oil ratio of 4.40:1 and was the first time we have used this pattern. While scores were a bit high, Richie & Jordan Johnston dominated the qualifying round averaging 263 & 253 respectively. Jerry Knowles had the high game of the tournament with a 300 and Richie Benninghoff had an 801 series in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 games of the qualifying round. It took a score of +114 to cash and +175 to make match play.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	381	
2	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	323	
3	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	E	281	
4	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	219	
5	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	D	206	
6	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	H	192	
7	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	191	
8	Nathan Schoen (y)	South Bend, IN	C	190	
9	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	C	188	
10	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	D	187	
11	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	E	186	
12	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	E	175	
13	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	168	\$135
14	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	150	115
15	Alex Thompson (y)	Elkhart, IN	G	144	110 SMART
16	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	E	140	105
17	Chris Schultz	LaPorte, IN	A	139	100
18	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	129	95
19	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	122	90
20	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	G	120	85
21	Chris Toyias	Waterloo, IN	A	114	80
22	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	E	108	
23	Markis Smiley	South Bend, IN	D	103	
24	Scott Tapley	Goshen, IN	B	100	
25	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	B	96	
26	Pete Senf	Ft Wayne, IN	C	94	
27	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	81	
28	Jim Stealy	Marshall, MI	C	79	
29	Conner Weston	Niles, MI	G	78	
30	Terry McQueen	Elkhart, IN	H	76	
30	Lucas Claxton (y)	Elkhart, IN	D	76	
30	Aaron Stombaugh	LaPorte, IN	C	76	
33	Cory Hersha	South Whitley, IN	A	75	
34	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	74	
35	Kollin White (y)	Elkhart, IN	G	73	
36	Dalton Hines (y)	LaPorte, IN	D	70	
37	Shannon Packerham	Valparaiso, IN	H	68	
38	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	67	
39	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	66	
40	Erik Gakle	Walkerton, IN	A	65	
41	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	C	61	
41	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	61	
43	Don Buczynski	Osceola, IN	E	57	
44	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	F	37	
45	Tristan Worthington (y)	LaPorte, IN	D	27	
46	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	D	25	

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47	Micah Carter	South Bend, IN	F	24	
48	Bob Hines	LaPorte, IN	H	23	
49	Elizabeth McQueen	Elkhart, IN	H	20	
50	Owen Barenthin (y)	LaPorte, IN	E	17	
51	Zach Hess	Dowagiac, MI	E	16	
52	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	9	
53	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	(1)	
54	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	F	(2)	
55	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	(16)	
56	Doug Walter	LaPorte, IN	E	(20)	
57	Nathaniel Crosbie (y)	Osceola, IN	E	(24)	
58	Shane Niles	South Bend, IN	F	(25)	
59	Tyler Johnson	Union Mills, IN	E	(58)	
60	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	F	(71)	
61	Andrew Gaul	Niles, MI	E	(97)	
62	Kyle Ruminski	Michigan City, IN	B	(117)	
63	Raymond Chea	South Bend, IN	H	(160)	

### Match Play Results

#### Round 1

Nathan Schoen (y) def. Chelsea Farrell 246 – 181  
 Phil Butzky def. Colin McDowell 194 – (170 + 9) 179  
 Chelsea, Jim, Colin, & Jim each received \$150

Joshua Rose def. Jim Nadolny (230 + 12) 242 – 192  
 Robert Corvin def. Jim Artley (180 + 18) 198 – 188

#### Round 2

Nathan Schoen (y) def. Steve Tobolt (220 + 1) 221 – 156  
 Antonio Wilson def. Robert Corvin 195 – (179 + 13) 192  
 Steve, Phil, & Robert each received \$200

Joshua Rose def. Phil Butzky (188 + 19) 207 – 183

#### Quarterfinals

Nathan Schoen (y) def. Antonio Wilson (6 OT) 225 – (216 + 9) 225 XXXXXX – XXXXX7  
 Jordan Johnston def. Joshua Rose 265 – (182 + 23) 205      Antonio and Joshua each received \$250

#### Semifinals

Nathan Schoen (y) def. Jordan Johnston (222 + 1) 223 – 201  
 Jordan received \$300

#### Finals

Richie Benninghoff def. Nathan Schoen (y) 256 – (189 + 1) 190  
 Richie won his 2<sup>nd</sup> MBA Title of the season and 9<sup>th</sup> overall, received the championship plaque and \$700  
 Nathan received \$350 SMART and has qualified for the Masters Invitational!



From Left: Nathan Schoen (Runner-Up), Jasmine Collins (MBA Officer), Nate Fisher (Champion), Richie Benninghoff (Champion)

**Items of Note:**

Jerry Knowles – 300  
Jordan Johnston – 278 268 265 258  
Chris Hartung – 269 257  
Chris Toyias – 268  
Lucas Claxton (y) – 259  
Jim Artley – 257  
Nathan Schoen (y) – 256  
Chelsea Farrell – 254  
Markis Smiley – 254

Richie Benninghoff – 279 278 267 265 257 256  
Chris Schultz – 276  
Eric Gakle – 269  
Steve Tobolt – 266 256  
Joshua Rose – 258  
Aaron Phillips – 257  
Mikey Schlabach – 255 255  
Dalton Hines (y) – 254  
Matthew McQueen - 252

**Re-Rates**

Phil Butzky – D to C Class; 201 Average  
Andrew Gaul – E to F Class; 160 Average  
Colin McDowell – E to D Class; 196 Average  
Bill Rath – G to F Class; 181 Average  
Matt Roberts – F to E Class; 187 Average  
Joshua Rose – H to G Class; 177 Average  
Nathan Schoen (y) – C to B Class; 209 Average  
Alex Thompson (y) – G to F Class; 194 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 **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:**

March 17, 2025 – Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN 9:00 Eastern

April 13, 2025 – Strikers Bowl (Kelley's), St. Joseph, MI 9:00 Eastern

May 4, 2025 – Championship Tournament; Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN 9:00, 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,  
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