

Dear Members:

The latest stop of the 2018-19 season was at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart. We would like to thank Carl Kelley of CK's Pro Shop for sponsoring the tournament and David Claxton and his staff for hosting us. Carl has just taken ownership of the Pro Shop at Country Club and we would like to welcome him as a tournament sponsor!

This month's field was another large one with 59 bowlers participating, which was 14 more than last year (it would have been even larger as we had 7 bowlers cancel the day of the tournament due to illness or work commitments). Once again, it appears our numbers continue to be significantly higher which is very encouraging!! This tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge Middle of the Road pattern which was a 39 foot pattern. This pattern was not tweaked from the original and played at the original 1:4.14 oil ratio which is at the more difficult range of the USBC Challenge pattern. This is the second time we have competed on this exact shot (previously at City Lanes this season). Both times the scores were on the extreme low side taking a +26 to make match play and a -13 to cash. (The scores at City Lanes were +24 for match play and -16 to cash.)

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	TJ Schmidt	Osceola	A	203	
2	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville	C	136	
3	Joey Martin	South Bend	C	97	
4	Kris Gundrum	South Bend	E	95	
5	Randy Harvey	South Bend	D	85	
6	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	79	
7	AJ Roche	South Bend	B	72	
8	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend	A	69	
9	Scott Million	South Bend	G	54	
10	Steve Silvers	Mishawaka	C	49	
11	Dave Matheny	Coloma, MI	A	30	
12	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City	G	26	
13	Jon Pluta	South Bend	D	17	\$110.00
14	John Sevison	Elkhart	G	10	100.00
15	Zach Rose	Niles	B	0	95.00
16	Greg Spinner	South Bend	G	-1	90.00
17	Keith Singleton	South Bend	F	-4	85.00
18	Vic Hoctel	South Bend	D	-11	80.00
19	Chuck Noel	New Carlisle	D	-13	75.00
20	Austin Adkins	Mishawaka	F	-15	70.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Scott Million def. Richie Benninghoff (151 + 28) 179 – 150
 Jordan Johnston def. Dave Matheny 198 – (183 + 5) 188
 Randy Harvey def. Jasmine Collins 192 - (159 + 22) 181
 AJ Roche def. Steve Silvers 186 - (145 + 8) 153
 Richie, Dave, Jasmine, & Steve each received \$150

Round 2:

Joey Martin def. Scott Million 193 - (132 + 24) 156
 Randy Harvey def. Jordan Johnston (196 + 10) 206 – 168
 Kris Gundrum def. AJ Roche (209 + 9) 218 –208
 Scott, Jordan, & AJ each received \$175

Quarterfinals

Joey Martin def. Kris Gundrum 246 – (187 + 9) 196
 Randy Harvey def. Dennis Weatherman (182 + 10) 192 – 164
 Kris and Dennis each received \$200

Semifinals

Joey Martin def. Randy Harvey 259 – (191 + 6) 197
 Randy received \$225

Finals

TJ Schmidt def. Joey Martin 246 – (174 + 4) 178
TJ received championship plaque and \$500
Joey received \$275



Items of Note:

TJ Schmidt – 269 Dave Matheny – 268 AJ Roche – 267
Joey Martin – 259, 258 Dennis Weatherman - 257

Re-Rates: None

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.

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:

Kelley's Bowl, St. Joseph, MI – April 21, 2019; 9:00 a.m.
Casey's Lanes, La Porte, IN (MBA Championship) – May 5, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

Sportsmanship Award Status:

The preliminary voting was held at the Country Club Tournament with the entry field voting on those eligible. Each person voted for 2 bowlers with the 1st choice receiving 5 points and the 2nd choice receiving 3. Those bowlers finishing with the 10 highest point totals advance to the semi-final ballot which will be held at the April Tournament at Kelley's Bowl. Those bowlers advancing are:

Braeden Baker
Aaron Beaver
Richie Benninghoff
Tony Ferro
Glen Hershberger
Joey Martin
Jim Nadolny
AJ Roche
Travis Ruthruff
Aaron Smith

Championship Tournament:

Please note that in order to qualify for the MBA Championship tournament at Casey's Lanes, you must have paid for at least 4 tournaments during the 2018 – 2019 Season. The MBA Masters does count towards one of the four tournaments!! If you are one or two tournaments short of qualifying, you can still compete by paying for the number of tournaments needed to bring you to a total of four. For example, if you have only three tournaments, you can enter by paying an entry fee of \$140, or \$210 if you only have two tournaments. This tournament has an expanded payout (last year \$1100 for first place). If you have any questions regarding this please let me know.

See everyone next month,
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Secretary/Treasurer
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