

Dear Members:

The 2024 MBA Masters Invitational was the MBA's 5th stop of the season at Parkway Lanes in Mishawaka with 43 bowlers participating. We would like to thank James & Nicole Adams for hosting this event. Also, the MBA would like to give special thanks to Travis Ruthruff of T's X-Factor Pro Shop for sponsoring the event and Lori Ruthruff of Crown Trophy for providing the spectacular trophy to the winner! This tournament was contested on the 2008 EBT German Championship pattern, which is a Challenge Shot and a 39-foot pattern. This is the first time that the MBA used this pattern, and it turned out to be very challenging as it took a score of +5 to cash and +57 to make the top 8 match play finals.

The next regular tournament will be held at Casey's Lanes in LaPorte on January 22nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (Central Time) As always, check-in by 8:15 and 8:30 if prepaid.

Preliminary Round Results

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	130	
2	Joe Buczynski	Osceola, IN	C	113	
3	Landon Wiegand	Elkhart, IN	D	111	
4	Bill Reeves	South Bend, IN	A	72	
5	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	70	
6	Don Buczynski	Osceola, IN	E	60	
7	Ron Jonas	LaPorte, IN	A	59	
8	Michael Ferro	Elkhart, IN	C	57	
9	Benny McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	48	\$115.00
10	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	B	14	97.50
11	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	A	14	97.50
12	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	13	90.00
13	Scott Gilmore	W Lafayette, IN	B	10	85.00
14	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	B	5	80.00
15	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	4	
16	Phil Vincze	Elkhart, IN	B	1	
17	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	0	
18	Terrence Smith	South Bend, IN	D	(2)	
19	Dave Matheny	Coloma, MI	B	(6)	
20	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	C	(7)	
21	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	E	(13)	
22	Ken Cook	LaPorte, IN	G	(27)	
23	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	F	(32)	
23	Aaron Smith	Elkhart, IN	B	(32)	
25	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	E	(49)	
26	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	(55)	
27	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	C	(63)	
28	Jeff Cichos	Fort Wayne, IN	C	(70)	
29	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	C	(71)	
30	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	C	(76)	
31	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	(77)	
32	Alex Walters	Mishawaka, IN	D	(80)	
33	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	E	(86)	
34	Steve DePoy	Jackson, MI	C	(98)	
35	Melissa Cook	Berrien Springs, MI	E	(117)	
36	Brandon Rath	Stevensville, MI	C	(120)	
37	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka, IN	D	(127)	
37	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	E	(127)	
39	Matt Farley	Elkhart, IN	C	(137)	
40	Ken Kennedy	Niles, MI	C	(143)	
41	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	A	(149)	
42	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	E	(150)	
43	Jim Artley	Goshen, IN	B	(157)	

Match Play Results

Opening Round

Michael Ferro def. Landon Wiegand 446 – 445
Ron Jonas def. Bill Reeves (392 + 2) 394 – 363
Landon, Dan, and Bill each received \$150

Don Buczynski def. Dan Symonds 389 – (382 + 6) 388

Quarterfinal Matches

Michael Ferro def. Ron Jonas (402 + 18) 420 – 338
Ron and Don each received \$225

Joe Buczynski def. Don Buczynski 437 – (360 + 30) 390

Semi-Final Match

Joe Buczynski def. Michael Ferro 399 – (349 + 12) 361
Michael received \$275

Championship Match

Nate Fisher def. Joe Buczynski 405 – (357 + 12) 369
Joe received championship trophy and \$700
AJ received \$350



Items of Note:

Joe Buczynski – 266
Richie Benninghoff – 259
Ron Jonas – 256
Landon Wiegand - 256

Re-Rates:

Steve DePoy – C to D Class; 182 Average
Mike Hartman – C to D Class; 187 Average
Jordan Johnston – B to A Class; 225 Average
Ken Kennedy – C to D Class; 186 Average

Here are the Re-Rate rules taken from the By-Laws.

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:

Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN January 21, 2024 starting time 9:00 – Pattern 2021 SYC Kansas Medium (42 ft; 4.41:1 Oil Ratio)

Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN February 18, 2024 starting time 9:00CT (10:00 ET) – Pattern ABT #3 (44 ft; 4.80:1 Oil Ratio)

Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN March 17, 2024 starting time 9:00 – Pattern 2005 EBT Istanbul Open (40 ft; 4.11:1)

See you there,
Greg Spinner

