

Dear Members:

Our 1st regular tournament of 2025 was at Olympia - MC for the Olympia MC Open. We would like to Ed Bildhauser and his staff for their great hospitality as always and the new owners of the center for continuing to allow us to have our event!! We had our largest turnout for the season so far with 79 bowlers. The tournament was contested on the Kegel Challenge – Broadway pattern which is a 37-foot pattern with an oil ratio of 4:09:1

This month's tournament was a milestone as all 79 bowlers were checked in on time and we were able to start a bit early!! In addition, all 79 recap sheets turned in were signed and all were correct (no fines)!! This enabled us to keep the tournament moving and everything went like clockwork! Thank you all!!

Tyler Owen won his 1st MBA title going through the entire match play bracket defeating AJ Roche in the title match. Scores were quite high as it took +129 to cash and +212 to make match play. The tournament high game was 279 which was bowled by 4 bowlers; Scott Gilmore, Chris Hartung, Tyler Owen, and Dennis Weatherman.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	B	290	
2	Ryan Burton	Michigan City, IN	B	263	
3	Austin Pavy	Hobart, IN	D	259	
4	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	233	
5	Matthew McQueen	Mishawaka, IN	F	225	
6	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	E	224	
7	Zach Hess	Dowagiac, MI	F	220	
8	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	G	217	
9	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	F	215	
10	Tyler Owen	Buchanan, MI	C	214	
11	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart, IN	C	212	
12	Mike Hartman	South Bend, IN	D	212	
13	Alexandder Davis	Cassopolis, MI	D	205	\$150.00
14	Jim Stealy	Marshall, MI	D	202	145.00
15	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	199	140.00
16	Drew Watts (y)	Elkhart, IN	G	178	135.00 SMART
17	Kahne Kelley	Elkhart, IN	C	159	130.00
18	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	C	157	125.00
19	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	H	152	120.00
20	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	151	115.00
21	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	F	146	110.00
22	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	B	143	105.00
23	Doug Walter	LaPorte, IN	C	139	100.00
24	Zach Newman	Wabash, IN	B	135	95.00
25	Nathan Schoen (y)	South Bend, IN	C	130	90.00 SMART
26	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	129	85.00
27	Pete Senf	Ft Wayne, IN	C	127	
28	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	D	124	
29	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	113	
30	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	111	
30	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	F	111	
32	Conner Weston	Niles, MI	G	110	
33	Scott Gilmore	West Lafayette, IN	B	102	
34	Corey Fister	St. Joseph, MI	F	100	
35	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	97	
36	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	E	96	
37	Jerry Baker	Ft Wayne, IN	D	92	
38	Shane Niles	South Bend, IN	F	91	
39	Colin Albright (y)	Elkhart, IN	F	86	
40	Jalen Taylor	Grand Rapids, MI	D	82	
40	Dalton Dobryzkowski	Niles, MI	F	82	
42	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	B	71	
43	Nathaniel Crosbie (y)	Osceola, IN	E	64	

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44	Cory Hersha	South Whitley, IN	A	60	
45	Markis Smiley	South Bend, IN	E	59	
46	Chris Toyias	Waterloo, IN	A	58	
47	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	48	
48	Bill Essman	Fremont, IN	C	44	
49	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	F	31	
50	Melissa Utter	St Joseph, MI	F	28	
50	Don Buczynski	Osceola, IN	E	28	
52	Larry Brown	South Bend, IN	F	18	
52	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	B	18	
54	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	14	
55	Kollin White (y)	Elkhart, IN	F	12	
56	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	6	
57	Patrick Norred	Michigan City, IN	B	4	
58	Joey Juday	Elkhart, IN	B	1	
59	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	G	(4)	
60	Warran Barham	Mishawaka, IN	E	(9)	
61	Ken Smith	Lakeville, IN	G	(10)	
62	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	C	(16)	
63	Brandon Rath	Stevensville, MI	D	(17)	
63	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	F	(17)	
65	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	(33)	
66	Don Heichel	LaPorte, IN	B	(39)	
67	Keith Singleton	Buchanan, MI	F	(40)	
68	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	D	(43)	
69	Kyle Ruminski	Michigan City, IN	B	(45)	
69	Terry McQueen	Elkhart, IN	H	(45)	
71	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	H	(48)	
72	Brian Rak	Portage, IN	B	(56)	
73	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	(65)	
74	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	(71)	
75	Jon Medich	South Bend, IN	D	(114)	
76	Jason Utter	St Joseph, MI	C	(126)	
77	Kevin Castillo	Whiting, IN	D	(169)	
78	Andrew Gaul	Niles, MI	E	(182)	
79	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	E	w/d	

(y) - Youth

Items of Note:

Tyler Owen – 279, 259, 258, 254
 Dennis Weatherman – 279, 256
 AJ Roche – 278
 Mikey Schlabach – 269, 269
 Jordan Johnston – 267, 258
 Richie Benninghoff – 266
 Nate Fisher – 264
 Jason Flaugh – 258
 Kahne Kelley – 256
 Doug Walter - 253

Scott Gilmore – 279, 267
 Chris Hartung – 279
 Alexandder Davis – 275
 Mike Hartman – 268, 254
 Ryan Burton – 266, 258
 Jeremy Delcamp – 266
 Colin McDowell – 264
 Austin Pavy – 257
 Chelsea Farrell – 255, 250

Re-Rates

Colin Albright (y) – F to E Class; 193 Average
 Zachary Hess – F to E Class; 189 Average
 Tyler Owen – C to B Class; 219 Average
 Markis Smiley – E to D Class; 196 Average
 Jalen Taylor – D to E Class; 181 Average
 Drew Watts (y) – G to F Class; 199 Average

Ryan Burton – B to A Class; 228 Average
 Matthew McQueen - F to E Class; 200 Average
 Brandon Rath – D to E Class; 182 Average
 Jim Stealy – D to C Class; 205 Average
 Steve Tobolt – F to E Class; 193 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.

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 **cash**ed 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.

Round 1

Bill Rath def. Matt Roberts (183 + 3) 186 – 183
Mike Hartman def. Matthew McQueen 224 – (218 + 3) 221
Matt, Chelsea, Matt, & Zach each received \$175

Colin McDowell def. Chelsea Farrell 243 – 233
Tyler Owen def. Zachary Hess 235 – (204 + 4) 208

Round 2

Austin Pavy def. Bill Rath 213 – (187 + 9) 196
Tyler Owen def. Jordan Johnston 259 – 204
Bill, Mike, & Jordan each received \$200

Colin McDowell def. Mike Hartman 207 – 193

Quarterfinals

Tyler Owen def. Austin Pavy 258 – 140
Austin and Colin each received \$275

Ryan Burton def. Colin McDowell 211 – 183

Semifinals

Tyler Owen def. Ryan Burton 225 – 179
Brandon received \$350

Finals

Tyler Owen def. AJ Roche 231 – 216
Tyler won his 1st MBA Title, qualified for the Masters, received the championship plaque and \$800
AJ received \$425



From Left: Greg Spinner (MBA Executive Director), Tyler Owen (Champion), AJ Roche (Runner-Up), Ed Bildhauser (GM Olympia MC)

Upcoming Tournaments:

February 16, 2025 – Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN; 9:00 Central (10:00 Eastern)

March 16, 2025 – Parkway Lanes, Mishawaka, IN 9:00 Eastern

April 20, 2025 – Strikers Bowl (Kelley's), St. Joseph, MI 9:00 Eastern

May 4, 2025 – Championship Tournament; Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN 9:00 Eastern. You must have 4 tournaments including the Masters to be eligible to bowl.

Thank you all,
Greg Spinner
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