

Dear Members:

The 2023 MBA Masters Invitational was the MBA's 5th stop of the season at Parkway Lanes in Mishawaka with 46 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 this event. This tournament was contested on the 2021 SYC Super Slam Long pattern, which is a Challenge Shot and a 46 foot pattern. 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	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	B	368	
2	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	D	350	
3	Steve DePoy	Jackson, MI	D	323	
4	Jacob Wright	Whitestown, IN	B	273	
5	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	C	272	
6	Don Heichel	LaPorte, IN	C	261	
7	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	260	
8	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka, IN	E	196	
9	Jeff Cichos	Fort Wayne, IN	D	195	\$160
10	Scott Gilmore	W Lafayette, IN	B	194	145
11	TJ Schmidt	Granger, IN	A	191	130
12	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	183	120
13	Matt Farley	Elkhart, IN	C	168	110
14	Nick Graveel	Indianapolis, IN	A	163	100
15	Aaron Smith	Elkhart, IN	B	155	90
16	Joe Buczynski	Osceola, IN	D	150	
17	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	F	146	
18	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	131	
19	Jeff Artley	Elkhart, IN	D	107	
20	Don Buczynski	Osceola, IN	D	100	
21	Bill Reeves	Osceola, IN	B	98	
22	Rich Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	94	
23	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	D	91	
24	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	C	87	
25	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	84	
26	Tom Puckett	Rochester, IN	F	57	
27	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	53	
28	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor, MI	F	39	
29	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	H	33	
30	Bill Froberg	Stevensville, MI	A	10	
31	Brandon Rath	Stevensville, MI	E	(7)	
32	Jim Artley	Elkhart, IN	B	(17)	
33	Chris Hartung	Goshen, IN	A	(20)	
34	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	E	(28)	
35	Jeremy Delcamp	Bristol, IN	B	(39)	
36	Joey Martin	South Bend, IN	B	(50)	
37	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	D	(51)	
38	Vic Hoctel	South Bend, IN	D	(53)	
39	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	D	(59)	
40	Shad Ruthruff	Mishawaka, IN	C	(67)	
41	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(71)	
42	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	D	(89)	
43	Andrew English	Portage, IN	F	(143)	
44	Val Medich Jr	South Bend, IN	B	(155)	
45	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	D	(176)	
46	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	E	(177)	

Final Results

Opening Round

Travis Ruthruff def. Steve DePoy (403 + 12) 415 – 360
Jacob Wright def. Billy Hendrixson 442– 414
Steve, Don, and Billy each received \$175

AJ Roche def. Don Heichel 422 – 351

Quarterfinal Matches

Travis Ruthruff def. Jacob Wright (444 + 12) 456 – 387
Jacob and Chuck each received \$200

AJ Roche def. Chuck Trennepohl 491 - 368

Semi-Final Match

AJ Roche def. Travis Ruthruff 462 – (419 + 12) 431
Travis received \$275

Championship Match

Joe Hutchings def. AJ Roche 414 - 363
Joe received championship trophy and \$700
AJ received \$350



Items of Note:

Joe Hutchings – 279, 268, 259
Scott Gilmore – 279
Bill Reeves – 278
Nick Graveel – 268, 267
Aaron Phillips – 265
TJ Schmidt – 258
Billy Hendrixson – 256, 255

Jacob Wright – 279
Dennis Weatherman – 279
Joe Buczynski – 276
Travis Ruthruff – 267, 257
AJ Roche – 261, 259
Aaron Smith – 258
Billy Froberg – 255

Jeff Cichos - 279
Chuck Trennepohl – 278
Don Heichel – 269
Dan Symonds – 266
Mikey Schlabach – 259, 259
Rich Benninghoff – 257
Sam Ferrah - 255

Re-Rates:

Jeremy Delcamp – B to C Class; 189 Average
Steve DePoy – D to C Class; 202 Average
Don Heichel – C to B Class; 214 Average
Matt Hendrixson – D to E Class; 177 Average
AJ Roche – C to B Class; 213 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:

Casey's Lanes, LaPorte, IN January 22, 2023 starting time 9:00 CT (10 ET) - Pattern 2007 Weber Cup – Day 3 (41 ft)

Maple City Bowl, Goshen, IN February 19, 2023 starting time 9:00 – Pattern Kegel Kode 4239 (39 ft)

Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN March 19, 2023 starting time 9:00 – Pattern 2020 Smyrna Long (47 ft)

See you there,
Greg Spinner

