

Dear Members:

The latest MBA Tournament was held at Country Club Lanes and was sponsored by CK's Pro Shop. We would like to thank Carl Kelley of CK's Pro Shop for sponsoring the event as well as David & Amy Claxton for hosting the tournament. 70 bowlers took part in this event with Corey Hersha defeating Aaron Smith in the title match to win his 1<sup>st</sup> MBA Title. With 70 bowlers at this event, marks 6 out of 7 regular tournaments this season with at least 70 bowlers! The exception was our November tournament in Kalamazoo with 51 bowlers, if you recall, we had a blizzard the day prior which resulted in several cancellations, and otherwise we would have had at least 70 bowlers at that event as well!

The pattern for this tournament was the 2020 SYC Smyrna Long pattern. This was the longest pattern we have used since bowling on the Kegel Challenge patterns, which was 47 feet in length with an oil ratio of 1:5.07. With the higher oil ratio, the scores were appropriately higher than normal. Out of 70 bowlers, 25 had at least 1 game of 250 or higher and 60 out of 70 finished with a plus score. Aaron Smith and Mikey Schlabach both had 290 games in the qualifying round which was the game of the tournament.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Cory Hersha*	South Whitley, IN	B	301	
2	Dean Lykins III*	Michigan City, IN	B	301	
3	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	D	262	
4	Marquied Emmons	Elkhart, IN	E	246	
5	Jeremy Delcamp	Goshen, IN	C	243	
6	Aaron Phillips	Grand Haven, MI	A	242	
7	Aaron Smith	Elkhart, IN	B	239	
8	Tyler Denniston	Rochester, IN	F	234	
9	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	E	228	
10	Derek Kelley	Elkhart, IN	A	199	
11	Rich Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	185	
12	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	C	172	
13	Zach Hagy	Elkhart, IN	A	171	\$140.00
14	Joe Buczynski	Osceola, IN	D	169	130.00
15	Mikey Schlabach	Wakarusa, IN	A	167	120.00
16	Jacob Wright	Whitestown, IN	B	164	115.00
17	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	A	162	107.50
17	Jed Winters	Big Rapids, MI	E	162	107.50
19	Trayvon Hill	Paducah, KY	H	161	100.00
20	Tim Buczynski	Mishawaka, IN	G	160	95.00
21	Kevin Kelley	Elkhart, IN	B	157	90.00
22	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	B	151	85.00
23	Jerry Reed	South Bend, IN	E	147	40.00
23	Matt Farley	Elkhart, IN	C	147	40.00
25	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	G	132	
26	Markis Smiley	Rochester, IN	E	131	
27	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	E	130	
28	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	E	129	
29	Jordan Lewis	Elkhart, IN	F	127	
30	Jim Artley	Goshen, IN	B	124	
31	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	D	122	
31	Kevin Narregan	Baroda, MI	D	122	
33	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	B	121	
34	David Matheny	Coloma, MI	C	109	
35	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	C	104	
36	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	101	
37	Terrence Smith	South Bend, IN	E	98	
38	Cameron Compton	Hixson, TN	C	96	
39	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	H	95	
40	Dakota Gross	South Bend, IN	H	84	
41	Kahne Kelley (y)	Elkhart, IN	C	80	
42	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	D	78	
43	David Cornell	South Bend, IN	G	77	
44	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	H	74	

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45	Brian Dresbach	South Bend, IN	F	65	
46	Jon Kowalski	South Bend, IN	H	52	
47	Andy Zellers	North Liberty, IN	H	45	
48	Brandon Rath	Stevensville, MI	D	42	
49	Jeff Cichos	Fort Wayne, IN	C	38	
50	Cody Warren	Goshen, IN	D	23	
51	Bill Toops	South Bend, IN	H	22	
52	Jon Medich	South Bend, IN	C	20	
53	Scott Wiperman	South Bend, IN	E	19	
54	Jimmy Hampton	Portage, IN	C	16	
55	Erika Toops	Mishawaka, IN	G	14	
55	Aaron Lintz	South Bend, IN	E	14	
57	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	D	11	
58	Austin Pavy	New Chicago, IN	D	6	
59	Michelle Kowalski	South Bend, IN	G	2	
59	Jerry Brennen	North Liberty, IN	H	2	
61	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	C	(1)	
61	Dustin Zehner	South Bend, IN	A	(1)	
63	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	D	(3)	
64	Benny McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	(12)	
65	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	(22)	
66	Vince Coleman	Elkhart, IN	E	(26)	
67	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	F	(29)	
68	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	E	(40)	
69	Micah Carter	South Bend, IN	D	(78)	
70	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	G	(82)	

**\*Cory Hersha defeated Dean Lykins III 214 – 214 (9 – 6 OT) for #1 Seed into Match Play**

### Match Play Results:

#### Round 1

Matt Hendrixson def. Tyler Denniston 191 - (161 + 3) 164  
 Phil Butzky def. Jeremy Delcamp (215 + 7) 222 – 159  
 Tyler, Richie, Jeremy, and Derek each received \$150

Aaron Phillips def. Richie Benninghoff 277 - 276  
 Aaron Smith def. Derek Kelley 222 - 177

#### Round 2

Matt Hendrixson def. Chuck Trennepohl (247 + 7) 254 – 179  
 Aaron Smith def. Marquied Emmons 222 – (203 + 4) 207

Phil Butzky def. Aaron Phillips (218 + 7) 225 – 165  
 Chuck, Aaron, & Marquied each received \$175

#### Quarterfinals

Aaron Smith def. Matt Hendrixson 235 – (183 + 7) 190  
 Matt and Dean each received \$225

Phil Butzky def. Dean Lykins III (246 + 7) 253 – 203

#### Semifinals

Aaron Smith def. Phil Butzky 223 – (168 + 7) 175  
 Phil received \$275

#### Finals

Cory Hersha def. Aaron Smith 268 – 186  
 Cory won his 1<sup>st</sup> MBA Title, qualified for the Maters, and received the championship plaque & \$750.  
 Aaron received \$375 for his runner-up finish.



Items of Note:

Mikey Schlabach – 290, 277
Matt Hendrixson – 287, 254
Cory Hersha – 279, 268, 259
Jordan Lewis – 277
Joe Buczynski – 267
Tyler Denniston – 262
Dean Lykins III – 257, 257, 251
Chris Hartung – 256
Kevin Kelley - 253

Aaron Smith – 290
Rich Benninghoff – 279, 276, 257
Billy Hendrixson – 278
Tim Buczynski – 268
Zach Hagy – 266, 267
Damian Banghart – 258
Markis Smiley – 257
Jed Winters – 255

Dave Matheny – 289
Aaron Phillips – 279, 277, 267
Chuck Trennepohl – 277, 269
AJ Roche – 268
Terrence Smith – 263
Jeremy Delcamp – 258
Jeff Cichos – 256
Scott Wipperman – 255

Re-Rates:

Tyler Denniston – F to E Class; 195 Average
Marquied Emmons – E to D Class; 195 Average
Cory Hersha – B to A Class; 248 Average
Kevin Narregan – D to E Class; 182 Average
Aaron Smith – B to A Class; 215 Average
Jed Winters – E to D Class; 207 Average
Jacob Wright – B to A Class; 222 Average
AJ Roche – B to A Class; 217 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 cashed 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.

Val Medich Sr. Sportsmanship Award Results:

The March tournament began the process of selecting this year's recipient of the Val Medich Sr. Sportsmanship Award! All bowlers at the March event cast their vote for 2 members who were listed on the ballot. 1st choice recipients received 5 points while the 2nd choices received 3 points. The top 10 bowlers with the most points (including ties) will advance to the 2nd round of balloting to be conducted at the April tournament. Congratulations to the 11 bowlers who are advancing to the next round of balloting at the April Tournament.

Table with 3 columns of names: Richie Benninghoff, Joe Buczynski, Jr, Don Buczynski; Jeremy Delcamp, Chris Hartung, Aaron Phillips; Brandon Rath, AJ Roche, Aaron Smith; Dennis Weatherman, Dustin Zehner.

Upcoming Tournaments:

April 16, 2023 – Strikers (Formerly Kelley's Bowl – St Joseph, MI (2013 USBC Women's Championships; 40 ft. 4.32:1)

May 7, 2023 – Signature Lanes – Elkhart, IN (MBA Championship; You must have 4 tournaments (Masters counts) to be eligible for this tournament. If you do not have 4 tournaments, you may enter at an increased entry fee depending on how many tournaments you have bowled.

As always, check-in time for our tournaments is 8:15 (8:30 if prepaid). Bowling starts at 9:00 local time at all events.

Thank you all,
Greg Spinner

