

Dear Members:

The MBA's final 2018 stop of the season was at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend. We would like to thank Mandy Johnston and her staff for hosting us and to Aaron Smith of R&B Car Company for sponsoring the tournament. Aaron Beaver won his first MBA title defeating Braeden Baker in the final match. Jeff Cichos had the tournament high game of 279. Our next event will be at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend on December 16th at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is at 8:15.

This month's field was the largest in recent history with 70 bowlers participating which was 25 more than last year. So let's keep the momentum going passing the word to bring old members back and recruiting new! The tournament was contested on an Envoy 38JapanOpen shot which was a 45 foot pattern. Although the pattern proved difficult for many, the qualifying scores were the highest we have seen so far this season.

So far this season, we have seen a significant increase in the number of youth bowlers participating in our organization. The MBA was founded on the premise that we conduct our tournaments at the highest level of professionalism and that we do not tolerate any conduct that is detrimental to that premise. The following is taken directly from the MBA By-Laws regarding conduct on the lanes. **Any unsportsmanlike conduct, i.e., abuse of fixtures, obscene gestures or excessive language is subject to a \$5 fine per occurrence will not be tolerated. Any continued abuse should be brought to the attention of a board member for further action up to and including tournament disqualification.** Please be aware that we will be enforcing this much more diligently in the future possibly with no warnings that have been given in the past.

Qualifying Results: (y) – Youth

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Braeden Baker (y)	Plymouth	F	301	
2	Keith Strzelecki	South Bend	G	221	
3	Aaron Lintz	South Bend	G	216	
4	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs	D	188	
5	Hayden Hopple (y)	Plymouth	E	175	
6	Travis Ruthruff	Mishawaka	D	172	
7	Jeff Cichos	Niles	D	170	
8	Brad Klempay	Elkhart	D	161	
9	Aaron Beaver	Elkhart	A	154	
10	Bob Ellam	South Bend	C	153	
11	Iredell Sanders	South Bend	G	147	
12	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	143	
13	Vic Hoctel	South Bend	D	124	\$132.50
14	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville	B	124	132.50
15	Howard Turner	Elkhart	E	121	125.00
16	Mark Million	Mishawaka	B	117	120.00
17	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	109	115.00
18	David Andersen	Elkhart	C	106	110.00
19	Mark Pullins	Bridgman	A	80	105.00
20	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart	B	76	100.00
21	Neil Vitale	Benton Harbor	C	73	92.50
22	Dave Matheny	Benton Harbor	A	73	92.50
23	Kyle Gray (y)	South Bend	H	69	85.00 SMART

Final Results:

Opening Round

Aaron Beaver def. Brad Klempay 212 – 194
 Travis Ruthruff def. Iredell Sanders 246 – (225 + 15) 240
 Hayden Hopple def. Mikey Schlabach 214 (213 + 1) – 183
 Jeff Cichos def. Bob Ellam 215 – 215; 9 – 7 tie breaker
 Brad, Iredell, Mikey, and Bob each received \$150

Round 2:

Aaron Beaver def. Aaron Lintz 247 – 185 (181 + 4)
 Hayden Hopple def. Travis Ruthruff (228 + 1) 229 – 167
 Jeff Cichos def. Dan Symonds 235 - 219

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Aaron, Travis, & Dan each received \$200

Quarterfinals

Aaron Beaver def. Jeff Cichos 238 –194
Keith Strzelecki def. Hayden Hopple 214 – (204 + 2) 206
Jeff received \$250 and Hayden received \$250 SMART

Semifinals

Aaron Beaver def. Keith Strzelecki 191 – (147 + 4) 151
Keith received \$300

Finals

Aaron Beaver def. Braeden Baker 226 - 192
Aaron received championship plaque and \$750
Braeden received \$375 SMART and is now qualified for the Masters



Items of Note:

Jeff Cichos 279, 265
Bob Ellam 258
Chuck Noel 255

Billy Hendrixson 278
Bill Froberg 258
David Andersen 252

Howard Turner 277
Dave Matheny 258

Mikey Schlabach 268
Ryan Vitale 258

Aaron Beaver 258
Braeden Baker 257

Re-Rates:

Braeden Baker – F to D Class; 221 average
Kyle Gray – H to G Class; 176 average
Joey Martin – B to C Class; 187 average
Iredell Sanders – G to E Class; 198 average

Bill Froberg – A to B Class; 197 average
Hayden Hopple – E to C Class; 211 average
AJ Roche – A to B Class; 186 average
Keith Strzelecki – G to F Class; 190 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.

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- 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:

Masters Invitational, Parkway, Mishawaka, IN Jan 6, 9:00 ET
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN; Jan 20, 9:00 ET

See you there,
Greg Spinner

