

Dear Members:

The MBA's third stop of the season was at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis. We would like to thank Bill Burke and his staff for hosting us and to MOTIV Bowling Balls for sponsoring the tournament. Mikey Schlabach went back-to-back winning his second MBA title defeating Jeff Cichos in the final match. Jordan Johnston had the tournament high game of 300 and Mikey also had a 290 in the qualifying round. 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 was our third tournament on a "Challenge Pattern". Today, was competed on a Kegel Middle of the Road Challenge Pattern (40uL) (same pattern as last month) except it was extended to 41 feet and adjusted to a 1:5 oil ratio. Scores were a bit higher than last month, but still challenging for many as it took +87 to make match play and +72 was low to cash!

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	Plus(Minus)	Cash
1	Mikey Schlabach	Goshen	A	213	
2	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton	A	211	
3	Jason Utter	Niles	C	196	
4	Dave Matheny	Benton Harbor	B	190	
5	Greg Spinner	South Bend	G	149	
6	Jeff Cichos	Niles	E	135	
7	Adam Pitrowski	Michigan City	E	121	
8	Jon Pluta	South Bend	E	118	
9	Tony Ferro	Elkhart	D	116	
10	Dustin Maurer	Battle Creek, MI	E	101	
11	Justin Wade	Stevensville	D	96	
12	Randy Harvey	South Bend	D	87	
13	Bill Toops	South Bend	F	82	\$105.00
14	Ron Jonas	LaPorte	B	81	95.00
15	Howard Turner	Elkhart	E	73	85.00
16	Landon Wiegand	Elkhart	C	72	75.00

Final Results:

Opening Round

Jon Pluta def. Tony Ferro (163+4) 167 – 162
 Randy Harvey def. Greg Spinner 225 – (163 + 4) 167
 Tony, Justin, Greg, & Adam each received \$125

Jeff Cichos def. Justin Wade 171 –156
 Dustin Maurer def. Adam Pitrowski (165 + 3) 168 – 127

Round 2:

Jon Pluta def. Jason Utter (203+10) 213 – 191
 Dave Matheny def. Dustin Maurer 249 - (170+13)183

Jeff Cichos def. Randy Harvey 202 – (168 + 2) 170
 Jason, Randy, & Dustin each received \$150

Quarterfinals

Dave Matheny def. Jon Pluta 224 – (152+10) 162
 Jon and Jordan each received \$175

Jeff Cichos def. Jordan Johnston (216 + 8) 224 - 203

Semifinals

Jeff Cichos def. Dave Matheny (216 + 8) 224 – 181

Dave received \$225

Finals

Mikey Schlabach def. Jeff Cichos 248 - (193 + 8) 201
 Mikey received championship plaque and \$550
 Jeff received \$300 and is now qualified for the Masters.



We are now 3 tournaments in on the challenge shots, we I think we have zoned in on the amount of oil we want to use after this tournament. We are going to be using some different patterns in the upcoming tournaments. The next pattern we will be using is the Kegel Challenge Pattern "Route 66". This is a 45 foot pattern (Middle of the Road was 39 feet although we adjusted the Sturgis tournament to 41 feet). We hope that this will keep the lanes from hooking so much at the end of the qualifying round and in the match-play finals. Our numbers continue to be up from the same tournaments last year, so we hope that everyone is happy with what we are doing. If you have any constructive comments or suggestions, please let us know. There is a link on our website on the "Contact Us" tab where you submit your comments and suggestions.

Items of Note:

Jordan Johnston 300, 256	Mikey Schlabach 290	Aaron Beaver 266	Jon Pluta 264	AJ Roche 263
Jason Utter 259	Tony Ferro 258	Dave Matheny 256	David Andersen 255	

Re-Rates:

David Andersen – B to C Class; 192 average	Josh Bowman – B to C Class; 183 average
Jeff Cichos – E to D Class; 197 average	Jasmine Collins – E to F Class; 164 average
Sam Ferrah – D to E Class; 178 average	Tony Ferro – D to C Class; 200 average
Glen Hershberger – D to E Class; 170 average	Joe Hutchings – A to B Class; 187 average
Dave Matheny – B to A Class; 215 average	Travis Ruthruff – E to D Class; 198 average
Andy Sukow – B to C Class; 184 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 **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:

Chippewa Bowl, South Bend, IN Dec 16, 9:00 ET
Masters Invitational, Parkway, Mishawaka, IN Jan 6, 9:00 ET
Signature Lanes, Elkhart, IN; Jan 20, 9:00 ET

See you there,
Greg Spinner

