

Dear Members:

Our latest stop for the 2023-2024 season was at Casey's Lanes for the Auto Body Specialties Open. We would like to thank Willie Schaible for sponsoring this event for the final time. Willie is retiring and closing his business so we wish him well and to enjoy his retirement!! We are very grateful for his sponsorship over the last several years! We would also like to thank Judy & Casey Arndt and their staff for hosting the tournament! We had 80 bowlers bowl this event which was another large turnout this season. Nate Fisher won his 2nd tournament of the season after previously winning the Masters Invitational in January. Nate defeated Brian Rak in the title match. Brian has now earned his spot in the Masters.

The pattern for this tournament was the ABT #3 Pattern. This was a Kegel Challenge pattern and was 44 feet in length with an oil ratio of 4.80:1 and was the first time we have used this pattern. This is one of the higher oil ratios that we use and the scores were accordingly a bit higher. Nate Fisher had the high game of the tournament with a 299 and AJ Roche also had a 296. Both games were in the qualifying round. It took a score of +75 to cash and +153 to make match play.

Qualifying Results:

Place	Name	Hometown	Class	+/-	Cash
1	Nate Fisher	LaPorte, IN	A	228	
2	James Steinke	Stevensville, MI	H	227	
3	Sean Stuart	North Liberty, IN	G	213	
4	Billy Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	C	198	
5	Brian Rak	Portage, IN	B	194	
6	Michael Cabot	Kentwood, MI	B	193	
7	Chris Hartung	Elkhart, IN	B	191	
8	Jordan Johnston	Chesterton, IN	A	177	
9	Ben Hill	Marshall, MI	B	173	
10	Colin McDowell	Marshall, MI	G	172	
11	Joe Hutchings	Marshall, MI	A	167	
12	Jeff Cichos	Ft Wayne, IN	C	153	
13	Don Heichel	LaPorte, IN	B	143	\$150
14	Richie Benninghoff	South Bend, IN	A	140	145
15	AJ Roche	South Bend, IN	A	136	140
16	Austin Pavy	Hobart, IN	D	132	135
17	Chuck Trennepohl	Elkhart, IN	C	128	130
18	Collin Fisher	LaPorte, IN	G	118	125
19	Connor Weston (y)	Niles, MI	H	116	120
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20	Steve Tobolt	LaPorte, IN	F	105	115
21	Jim Nadolny	Mishawaka, IN	C	104	110
22	Jason Flaugh	Avilla, IN	A	102	105
23	Jimmy Hampton	Portage, IN	D	96	100
24	Chris Toyias	Waterloo, IN	A	89	95
25	Tyler Caudill	Goshen, IN	E	86	90
26	Korbett Koselak	Eau Claire, MI	E	77	85
27	Karl Sutton	Portage, IN	D	75	80
28	Joshua Rose	South Bend, IN	H	73	
28	Robert Corvin	Bristol, IN	G	73	
30	Kevin Beckman	Watervliet, MI	E	72	
31	Markis Smiley	Rochester, IN	D	71	
31	Joe Buczynski	Osceola, IN	C	71	
33	Andy Zellers	North Liberty	H	65	
34	Daniel Ribbink	Holland, MI	C	61	
35	Jerry Knowles	Stevensville, MI	D	55	
36	Melissa Utter	St. Joseph, MI	F	54	
37	Jim Artley	Goshen, IN	C	50	
38	Sam Ferrah	Elkhart, IN	C	49	
38	Jasmine Collins	Michigan City, IN	G	49	
40	Tyler Asbury	Michigan City, IN	H	33	
41	Brandon Rath	Stevensville, MI	C	27	
42	Jerry Reed	South Bend, IN	E	24	
43	Shannon Packingham	Valparaiso, IN	G	20	
44	Brandon Baker	Osceola, IN	A	19	
45	Kris Lyles	Valparaiso, IN	C	17	

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46	Glen Hershberger	Elkhart, IN	G	13	
46	Don Buczynski	Osceola, IN	E	13	
48	Dennis Weatherman	Stevensville, MI	C	3	
49	Dan Symonds	Berrien Springs, MI	F	(1)	
50	Antonio Wilson	South Bend, IN	E	(13)	
50	Micah Carter	South Bend, IN	E	(13)	
52	Andrew Wright	Syracuse, IN	A	(15)	
52	Phil Butzky	Michigan City, IN	C	(15)	
54	Dale McClosky	Elkhart, IN	F	(18)	
55	Eddie Sheler	South Bend, IN	E	(24)	
56	Bill Rath	Stevensville, MI	E	(27)	
57	Jon Medich	South Bend, IN	D	(28)	
58	Aaron Phillips	Grnad Haven, MI	A	(30)	
59	Ken Cook	LaPorte, IN	F	(31)	
60	Matt Roberts	Mishawaka, IN	E	(39)	
60	Corey Fister	St Joseph, MI	F	(39)	
62	Russell Huneryager	Porter, IN	F	(43)	
63	Damian Banghart	Warsaw, IN	B	(44)	
64	Alex Walters	Mishawaka, IN	E	(48)	
65	Steve Lohse	Michigan City, IN	E	(49)	
66	Gerardo Smith	Holland, MI	F	(57)	
67	Raymond Chea	Granger, IN	H	(64)	
68	Kevin Narregan	Baroda, MI	E	(65)	
69	Patrick Norred	Michigan City, IN	C	(81)	
70	Jeffrey Estes Jr	LaPorte, IN	E	(92)	
71	Jason Utter	St Joseph, MI	C	(98)	
72	Matt Hendrixson	Stevensville, MI	E	(102)	
73	Tim Bodnar	Portage, IN	C	(109)	
74	Tyler Denniston	Rochester, IN	E	(116)	
75	Robin Kilgore	Elkhart, IN	E	(121)	
76	Seth Adams	Mishawaka, IN	H	(135)	
77	Kevin Castillo	Whiting, IN	E	(151)	
78	Brittany Milligan	South Bend, IN	G	(152)	
79	Ted Rosenquist	Valparaiso, IN	A	(155)	
80	Ken Smith	Lakeville, IN	G	w/d	

Items of Note:

Nate Fisher – 299, 258

Michael Cabot – 278

Jordan Johnston – 267, 266, 258

Brian Rak – 258, 256, 255

Chris Hartung – 257, 257, 256

Jim Nadolny – 256

AJ Roche – 296

Jason Flaugh – 277, 276

Chris Toyias – 264

Richie Benninghoff – 258

Chuck Trennepohl – 257

Andrew Wright – 256

Austin Pavy – 279

Don Heichel – 268

Jimmy Hampton – 259

Collin Fisher – 258

Joe Hutchings – 256

Billy Hendrixson - 255

Re-Rates

Michael Cabot; B to A Class – 217 Average

Chris Hartung; B to A Class – 217 Average

Matt Hendrixson ; D to E Class – 171 Average

Colin McDowell; F to E Class – 199 Average

Sean Stuart; G to F Class – 186 Average

Conner Weston; H to G Class – 176 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.

Round 1

Jordan Johnston def. Ben Hill 216 – 203
Brian Rak def. Jeff Cichos 203 – 191
Ben, Joe, Jeff, & Colin each received \$175

Michael Cabot def. Joe Hutchings 227 – 168
Chris Hartung def. Colin McDowell 223 – (180 + 9) 189

Round 2

Jordan Johnston def. Sean Stuart 218 – (202 + 7) 209
Billy Hendrixson def. Chris Hartung 258 – 257
Sean, Michael, & Chris each received \$200

Brian Rak def. Michael Cabot 247 – 232

Quarterfinals

Jordan Johnston def. Billy Hendrixson 258 – 254
Billy and James each received \$250

Brian Rak def. James Steinke 182 – 158

Semifinals

Brian Rak def. Jordan Johnston 216 – 213
Jordan received \$325

Finals

Nate Fisher def. Brian Rak 258 – 184
Nate won his 2nd MBA Title of the season, received the championship plaque and \$800
Brian received \$425 and has qualified for the Masters Invitational!



From Left: Willy Schaible (sponsor), Nate Fisher (Champion), Brian Rak (Runner-Up), Greg Spinner (MBA Executive Director)

Upcoming Tournaments:

March 17, 2024 – Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, IN 9:00 Eastern

April 21, 2024 – Strikers Bowl (Kelley's), St. Joseph, MI 9:00 Eastern

May 5, 2024 – Championship Tournament; City Lanes, Michigan City, IN 9:00 Central (10:00 Eastern) You must have 4 tournaments bowled (including Masters) to qualify for this event at \$70 entry fee. 3 tournaments - \$120 entry fee; 2 tournaments - \$170 entry fee. 1 tournament – not eligible to bowl.

Thank you all,
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