

Dear Members:

Stop number 7 for the 2023-2024 season was at Country Club Lanes for the CK's Pro Shop Open. We would like to thank Carl Kelley for sponsoring this event. We would also like to thank David & Amy Claxton and their staff for hosting the tournament! We had 76 bowlers bowl this event which was another large turnout this season however we had several cancellations at the last minute (I think St. Patrick's Day festivities may have had something to do with it!). Phil Vincze won his 1st MBA Title defeating Kevin Castillo in the title match 210 – 191 in the title match. Both bowlers have now earned spots in the Masters.

The pattern for this tournament was the 2005 EBT Istanbul Open Pattern. This was a Kegel Challenge pattern and was 40 feet in length with an oil ratio of 4.11:1 and was the first time we have used this pattern. This turned out to be a challenging pattern only taking +27 to cash and +67 to make match play. Phil Vincze had the tournament high game of 279 during the qualifying round.

Qualifying Results:

| Place | Name | Hometown | Class | +/- | Cash |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | Phil Vincze | Elkhart, IN | B | 155 | |
| 2 | Jason Flaugh | Avilla, IN | A | 167 | |
| 3 | Jerry Knowles | Stevensville, MI | D | 164 | |
| 4 | Kevin Castillo | Whiting, IN | E | 128 | |
| 5 | Nate Fisher | LaPorte, IN | A | 122 | |
| 6 | David Cornell | South Bend, IN | G | 108 | |
| 7 | Cory Hersha | South Whitley, IN | B | 104 | |
| 8 | Nathan Schoen (y) | South Bend, IN | E | 100 | |
| 9 | AJ Roche | South Bend, IN | A | 92 | |
| 10 | Kahne Kelley (y) | Elkhart, IN | B | 90 | |
| 11 | Jason Utter | St Joseph, MI | C | 85 | |
| 12 | Jasmine Collins | Michigan City, IN | G | 72 | |
| 13 | Dale McClosky | Elkhart, IN | F | 71 | \$140 |
| 14 | Jeff Sindle | Elkhart, IN | E | 67 | 135 |
| 15 | Ben Hill | Marshall, MI | B | 62 | 130 |
| 16 | Pete Senf | Ft Wayne, IN | A | 61 | 125 |
| 17 | Chelsea Farrell | Elkhart, IN | E | 53 | 120 |
| 18 | Chris Hartung | Elkhart, IN | A | 44 | 115 |
| 19 | Lucas Claxton | Elkhart, IN | F | 42 | 110 |
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| 20 | Robin Kilgore | Elkhart, IN | E | 39 | 105 |
| 21 | Kevin Beckman | Watervliet, MI | E | 38 | 100 |
| 22 | Mikey Schlabach | Wakarusa, IN | A | 32 | 95 |
| 23 | Richie Benninghoff | South Bend, IN | A | 29 | 90 |
| 24 | Bruce Burkett | Decatur, MI | F | 28 | 85 |
| 25 | Sam Ferrah | Elkhart, IN | C | 27 | 80 |
| 26 | Kenneth Smith | Lakeville, IN | G | 21 | 37.50 |
| 26 | Tyler Asbury | Michigan City, IN | H | 21 | 37.50 |
| 28 | Dennis Weatherman | Stevensville, MI | C | 17 | |
| 28 | Melissa Utter | St. Joseph, MI | F | 17 | |
| 30 | Shannon Packingham | Valparaiso, IN | G | 8 | |
| 31 | Chris Toyias | Waterloo, IN | A | 6 | |
| 32 | Joshua Rose | South Bend, IN | H | (2) | |
| 33 | Jeff Cichos | Ft Wayne, IN | C | (3) | |
| 34 | Glen Hershberger | Elkhart, IN | G | (16) | |
| 34 | Billy Hendrixson | Stevensville, MI | C | (16) | |
| 36 | Aaron Smith | Elkhart, IN | B | (17) | |
| 36 | Aaron Phillips | Grand Haven, MI | A | (17) | |
| 38 | Markis Smiley | Rochester, IN | D | (18) | |
| 39 | Matt Roberts | Mishawaka, IN | E | (20) | |
| 40 | Phil Butzky | Michigan City, IN | C | (26) | |
| 41 | Antonio Wilson | South Bend, IN | E | (30) | |
| 41 | Steve Tobolt | LaPorte, IN | F | (30) | |
| 43 | Eddie Sheler | South Bend, IN | E | (34) | |
| 44 | Zachary Newman | Wabash, IN | A | (35) | |
| 45 | Jeremy Siade | South Bend, IN | F | (37) | |
| 46 | Colin McDowell | Marshall, MI | E | (39) | |
| 47 | Mike Hartman | South Bend, IN | D | (49) | |

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| 48 | Russell Huneryager | Porter, IN | G | (51) | |
| 49 | Robert Corvin | Bristol, IN | G | (57) | |
| 50 | Erik Gakle | Walkerton, IN | A | (58) | |
| 50 | Jed Winters | Big Rapids, MI | E | (58) | |
| 52 | Raleigh Shepherd | Goshen, IN | C | (60) | |
| 53 | Steve DePoy | Jackson, MI | D | (61) | |
| 54 | Chuck Trennepohl | Elkhart, IN | C | (62) | |
| 55 | Jim Stealy | Marshall, MI | E | (64) | |
| 56 | Don Buczynski | Osceola, IN | E | (65) | |
| 57 | Dakota Gross | South Bend, IN | F | (67) | |
| 58 | Brandon Baker | Osceola, IN | A | (68) | |
| 59 | Jordan Johnston | Chesterton, IN | A | (71) | |
| 60 | Jeff Artley | Elkhart, IN | E | (75) | |
| 61 | Travis Ruthruff | Mishawaka, IN | E | (76) | |
| 62 | Tim Edwards | Lakeville, IN | F | (79) | |
| 63 | Seth Adams | Mishawaka, IN | H | (83) | |
| 64 | Jerry Reed | South Bend, IN | E | (86) | |
| 65 | Dave Matheny | Coloma, MI | B | (94) | |
| 66 | Isaiah Winters | Big Rapids, MI | E | (102) | |
| 67 | Dan Symonds | Berrien Springs, MI | F | (107) | |
| 68 | Jim Artley | Goshen, IN | C | (110) | |
| 69 | Joe Hutchings | Marshall, MI | A | (116) | |
| 70 | Jim Nadolny | Mishawaka, IN | C | (123) | |
| 70 | Stephanie Rice | Elkhart, IN | F | (123) | |
| 72 | Austin Pavy | Hobart, IN | D | (127) | |
| 73 | Joe Buczynski | Osceola, IN | C | (157) | |
| 74 | Alex Weaver | Elkhart, IN | A | (158) | |
| 75 | Raymond Chea | South Bend, IN | H | (202) | |
| 76 | Connor Weston (y) | Niles, MI | G | w/d | |

Items of Note:

Phil Vincze – 279 Nate Fisher – 275
 Richie Benninghoff – 279 Jason Flaugh – 267
 Jason Utter – 258 Zachary Newman – 255
 Cory Hersha – 252

Re-Rates

Phil Butzky – C to D Class; 185 Average
 Jasmine Collins – G to F Class; 180 Average
 David Cornell – G to F Class; 180 Average
 Tim Edwards – F to G Class; 160 Average
 Jerry Knowles – D to C Class; 201 Average
 Travis Ruthruff – D to E Class; 177 Average
 Nathan Schoen (y) – E to D Class; 194 Average
 Jason Utter – C to B Class; 209 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.

Round 1

AJ Roche def. Nathan Schoen (y) 193 – (171 + 13) 184 Jason Utter def. David Cornell 258 – (94 + 14) 108
Jasmine Collins def. Nate Fisher (184 + 26) 210 – 182 Kahne Kelley (y) def. Cory Hersha 203 – 197
David, Nate, Cory each received \$150; Nathan received \$150 SMART

Round 2

Jerry Knowles def. AJ Roche 212 – 176 Jasmine Collins def. Jason Utter (167 + 19) 186 – 163
Kevin Castillo def. Kahne Kelley (y) 183 – 182
AJ & Jason each received \$200; Kahne received \$200 SMART

Quarterfinals

Kevin Castillo def. Jerry Knowles 252 – 189 Jasmine Collins def. Jason Flaugh (179 + 26) 205 – 202
Jerry and Jason each received \$250

Semifinals

Kevin Castillo def. Jasmine Collins 202 – (167 + 17) 184
Jasmine received \$300

Finals

Phil Vincze def. Kevin Castillo 202 – (182 + 9) 191
Phil won his 1st MBA Title, received the championship plaque, and \$775
Kevin received \$400
Both bowlers have now qualified for the Masters!



From Left: Phil Vincze (Champion), Carl Kelley (Sponsor), David Claxton (Host), Jeff Cichos (MBA Officer), Kevin Castillo (Runner-Up)

Upcoming Tournaments:

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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