

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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Congratulations to our top
teams:

Friday A team winners of the
Harris Shield

Saturday A team winners of the
League

News Update

The Management Committee News

There was no Management Committee Meeting in September.

Important notice: Our greenkeepers have done a fantastic job on our green in this dry and challenging season. Now the league matches have finished and while the ground is still warm, essential maintenance needs to be done. To facilitate this **the green** closed on 30 September for two days for the work to be done and **will continue closed for a further 3 weeks.** The plan is then to re-open it for winter bowling when weather permits.

Now the season is over, Bob Haddon says that he is negotiating to restart the Wednesday Afternoon Club which was so successful last winter.

[Many hands make light work](#) and most bowls clubs are run entirely by its member-volunteers. Could you be another one of them? Why not join our great team in the areas of [Clubhouse Management co-](#)

[ordination, Fund-raising co-ordination](#) and we would really like to find a [Senior Club Coach?](#)

IMPORTANT! If you would like to contact any member of the management committee regarding any queries or problems, in the first instance could you please contact Mick Furness on generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk

Useful websites for the club: -



[Shifnal Bowling Club](#)

Please see website information above.



[Members Social Page @Shifnal Bowling Club](#)

Fund Raising



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shifnal-bc

There are excellent and easy ways to help fund our bowling club. It's not just ordinary shopping. Do you use Just Eat? Well, there's one for a start! We just missed a brilliant one for Tui holidays, unless you booked last week. But Chris Newbrook will keep you up to date on Facebook for any future specials coming up. Look after the pennies.....

National Lottery Bonus Ball Game.

Week 26 was our last Saturday, so payments are now due from some players. Please confirm (preferably by text message) any online payments made, and also if you do not wish to continue playing during the close season. Reduction in player numbers may result in reduced weekly prize money. Once again, a huge thank you to those members taking part and supporting the club's funding efforts.

The weekly prize is £35 if 50+ numbers are allocated to entrants, £30 if only 40-49 numbers are allocated to entrants. Payment is due in advance please to Shifnal Bowling Club Ltd sort code 30-18-55 a/c 58455660. Please use the payment reference **Bonus Ball xx** for one number paid for or **Bonus Ball xx xx** for two.

Phil Furness: Tel. 07779 079249, email: phil@pfurness.f2s.com for further help and information.

Winners for Lotto Bonus Ball Game: NB extra players mean that the weekly prize is now £35. Thank you and keep up the good work! A few numbers remain, one of them could be yours.

Week 22 - 30.08.25 - Drawn No. 16 winner Brian Murray

Week 23 - 06.09.25 - Drawn No. 24 winner Dave James

Week 24 - 13.09.25 - Drawn No. 10 winner Phil Furness

Week 25 - 20.09.25 - Drawn No. 22 winner Pat Simpson

Week 26 - 27.09.25 - Drawn No. 59 winner Shona Baugh

Congratulations all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Green Closed until 22 October

**MSBL Presentation Evening &
Dinner (if booked) Friday
14th NOVEMBER 2025 – at The
Shropshire, TF2 8PQ**

Competitions

The Thelma Cup took place Sunday 7 September. This was a pairs competition open to all members.



The Thelma Cup was won by **Dan Wilson** and **Matt French**. Runners up were **Dave Hall** and **Bridget Ford**. **Bridget** won trophy for the highest placed lady.

The Accumulator

The Bottom Half knock out was on Sunday 14 September and was won by **Dave Hall** with runner up being **Elaine Hall**

The Top Half knock out was on Sunday 21 September and was won by **Bridget Ford** with runner up being **Phil Furness**.

Our club season finished with our usual Triples Competition and Presentation on Sunday 28 September. It was a glorious day weatherwise, not too hot, but bright and sunny. There were 8 teams playing altogether and the finalists were **Dave James, Sharon Duncan & Bernard Higgins** versus **John Simpson, Mary Howard & Shona Baugh**.

Sadly quite a few of our winners this season were unable to be at the club on Sunday to collect their trophies and prize money. Among those who were, was our Best Improved Bowler, **Elaine Hall**, and **Phil and Joy Guy** who were presented with the President's Cup for all the work they have done to make the green surround look so good. Thanks Guys! 😊



Dave, Sharon and Bernard won the Triples



Elaine Hall won most improved bowler



Joy and Phil Guy won the President's Cup

League News

Our League Rep is already looking at introducing **NEW TEAMS for 2026**. If you are a senior and would like to play *regularly* on a Wednesday, team of six players (could be morning), and if you would like to play *regularly* on a Thursday afternoon, team of 6 players, please let Paul Mills know. (You can do this via the generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk)

Results include up to 29th September

Monday: **Telford & District the Ladies' A:** Division **1**, has played 16, won 2, and finished 9th in the division. Top player **Elaine Hall**.

MSBL Our **C** team in division **4** has played 22, won 10 and finished 9th. Top player **John Stretton** also 7th in the division.

Our **D** team in division **6** has played 24 won 14, and finished 6th in the division. Top player **Paul Mills**.

Tuesday: **Highley:** Our team in division **1** has played 18 won 6, and finished 8th in the division. Top player **Rob Steventon**, also 4th in the division.

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division **3** has played 22 won 18, finished 2nd in the division. Top player **Elaine Hall** also 6th in division.

Our **B** team in division **5** has played 20 won 9, finished 7th in the division. Top player **Bob Taylor**.

Our **C** team in division **5** has played 20 won 7, finished 9th. Top player **Mary Howard** also 5th in the division.

Our **A & B** Senior teams both played in the Charity Shield Consolation 11 September. We played Wrockwardine Wood in the semi-final but sadly lost 92-126, 0-6.

Thursday: Our team has played 23 won 17, 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Beer** also 2nd in the division. **Paul Reeves** is 7th in the division

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division **1**, on scratch, faced SJB B (+21) in the **final** of the Harris Shield at Newport on 6 September. They **WON** 201-130, 8-2. Congratulations!

Our MSBL **A** team in division **1** has played 22 won 14, and finished 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Reeves**, also 9th in the division.

Our MSBL **B** team in division **3** has played 20 won 12, and finished 5th in the division. Top player **Phil Furness** also 8th in the division.

Saturday: **MSBL Saturday League:** (one division of 6 teams)

Our **A** team has **WON** this league having played 10, won 6, and finished **TOP** of the league. Top of *singles* averages **Chris Newbrook**, 3rd in the division, **Dan Wilson** was 4th, **Dave James** was 5th and **Paul Beer** was 9th. Top of the *pairs* averages **Pat Simpson** also 3rd in the division, **Paul Mills** was 9th.

Our **B** team has played 10, won 4, and finished 4th of division. Top of the singles averages **John Stretton**, also 2nd in the division. **Elaine Hall** was 8th. Top of the pairs averages, **Alan Leigh**.



MSBL Friday A team, winners of the Harris Shield

Paul Reeves, Sonya Lucas, Andy Morgan, Rob Steventon, Paul Beer, Dan Wilson, Jonny Davies, Matt Farmer, Dave James, Alison Cotton, Chris Newbrook, Steve Birmingham

Stop Press:

The club will be attending the Shifnal Cricket Club Fireworks night event on November 5th. There is also a 50th Anniversary of Shifnal Village Hall event that the club will be represented at.

If anybody would like to help, please contact the General Secretary.

Details to be finalised.