

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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News Update

The Management Committee News

Things are beginning to gather pace towards the new season!

The main message from the management committee was that we could really do with getting the roll out of the Bonus Ball weekly draw going to raise funds. It's a fairly painless way to raise funds and you have a better chance than the main draw! For details see the Fund Raising section below.

The management committee would like to thank all the volunteers involved with the maintenance of the green & the clubhouse spring clean. It all looks great.

If any key holders can make themselves known to the general secretary, it would be appreciated.

The season starts with the A team playing in a Premier League competition, Alan Mayhew Trophy, on Wednesday 2nd April. The format is 6 home/6 away against Burway.

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

Fire Safety Training: It remains an annual requirement for all club officials / volunteers to complete fire training. With no take up on the invitation at the AGM to attend Fire Marshall training at the Holiday Inn for free (usually £830 per delegate), all are asked to view the training video available via <https://youtu.be/cnn-yvszLXE> and contact the Risk Manager via their club's email address, confirming completion by 30th April. The link will also be provided via the club's social page on Facebook and the website.

Social Media: With several group Facebook pages existing, the Directors would be grateful if Administrators / Moderators of those groups made themselves known via email to the General Secretary, please. This will

support completion of the BDA Club Risk Assessment and alignment of the Social Media Policy. Responses are requested via the General Secretary by 30th April.

Security: There have been a couple of instances reported during the past month, where padlock combination codes have not been scrambled. Please could all members ensure this is done on every occasion padlocks are removed / reattached.

Induction Training: Aligning with Health & Safety Executive and Fire Protection Association guidance, the club has a developed programme of induction for new members. This can be delivered by an existing member (subject to the completion of an Induction Form), or member of the Management Committee. For further details, please contact the Risk Manager.

Chirping Smoke Detectors: There are various reasons why battery-operated smoke detectors occasionally 'chirp' however, this can be easily remedied by pressing the Test / Reset button located in the centre of the device.

New Cash Register: The club has invested in a replacement cash register to support stock auditing and accounting. Although instructions can be found in the manual provided, a series of short training session will be arranged on a 1-2-1 or Team basis. Please contact Ian Swift to make arrangements.

Risk Manager's Monthly Report:

All fire extinguishers, fire blankets, smoke detectors Eye Wash and First Aid Box have been serviced and confirmed serviceable. Arrangements are being made to complete the annual testing of Portable Electrical Equipment - further details will be circulated via email, the website and social media once a date is confirmed. Items subject to PAT include Fridges, Kettle / Boiler, Cash Register, Heaters, Extension Leads, Mobile Phone and Sum-Up Chargers and Electric Groundskeeping Equipment, and is a 'condition of insurance' imposed by clauses in the club's insurance policy. FAQ's can be found in the link below, but if you have any questions or concerns please contact the Risk Manager.

DATES FOR

**6 April Sunday Early
season Competition
11am start**

In Memoriam

Beryl Taylor

It is with great sadness that we share the untimely passing of Beryl Taylor following a short illness.



Beryl was an outstanding member of Shifnal Bowling Club for many decades, and her contributions to the club will never be forgotten. A much-loved Lady Captain of two ladies' teams, Chair of the Ladies' Section, and Competition Secretary, Beryl dedicated countless hours to organising and running club competitions. She was also a key figure behind the bar and played an active role in maintaining the club, ensuring it remained a welcoming place for all.

Beryl's warmth, generosity and willingness to help were unmatched. Whether giving lifts, organising raffles, or simply being a calm and trusted presence, she was always there when needed. She was instrumental in establishing ladies' bowling at Shifnal, proving that with dedication and teamwork, anything was possible.

The management committee will remain forever grateful for her contributions, and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Funeral arrangements are confirmed as **11.30 on Monday 7th April at Telford Crematorium**, followed by the gathering of family and friends at Shifnal War Memorial.

Rest in peace, Beryl 💙

Jennifer Murray

It is with great sadness that we also share the passing of Jennifer Murray. After an extended illness Jennifer, wife of ex-Secretary Brian, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 16th March.

Jennifer, a talented bowler and much loved by all, was a member of our Club for several years. Jennifer played in the ladies' teams on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

Jennifer was also one of the volunteers who supported the School Link programme during the years that the Club hosted the children's weekly visits from Curriers Lane Primary School. Always providing encouragement with an infectious smile and kind words.

Jennifer's funeral service will take place **1.30pm on Thursday 17th April at Telford Crematorium** . In accordance with her wishes, her family members will not be wearing mourning dress.

Rest in Peace, Jennifer💙

Fund Raising

National Lottery Bonus Ball Game.

We still need a few more takers to get this going, please. Phil Furness is the designated contact for purchases Bonus Ball Numbers at a cost of £1 per week. Anyone interested is asked to contact Phil either via text message (07779 079249) or email (phil@pfurness.f2s.com). Payment is preferred via Standing Order /Bank Transfer or Cheque (cash by exception).

Boosting Shifnal Bowling Club's Funds Effortlessly Through Easyfundraising

Join Us Joining is easy. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, search for Shifnal Bowling Club, and click 'Support this cause.' Install the reminder tool to help you remember to use Easyfundraising when you shop, so you never miss an opportunity to raise money. It's a win-win situation where your normal shopping habits can contribute significant support to our club, all at no extra cost to you.



We encourage every member, as well as their friends and family, to sign up. It's a simple, secure and effective way to make a meaningful impact. Let's make a difference together – one purchase at a time.

Competitions

Don't forget Paul Mills will be running Pre-season Competition open to all members and also Mid Shropshire players 6 April 11am start.

SBC has been hosting some of the County's Premier League's Spring Open. This has included qualifiers and the 1st round.

Ladies There is a new competition just for you on Sunday 14 September at 10.00 (staggered start times given out the week before). The venue is Trench Bowling Club. It's limited to 32 bowlers (no home bowlers) and the entry fee will be £10. Prize money for quarter finalists onwards. See Mick's entry on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1500284780079013/> for further details.

League News

Please note that before players can be included in teams for matches their annual subscription must have been paid.

Monday division 6 team has places available. Interested? Please call or text Dan Boot on **07961 140263**

Our league matches start soon. Good luck to all our teams!

Monday: **Telford & District the Ladies' A:** Division **1**, First match 14 April away v. Horsehay Gold.

MSBL league division **4** our **C** team will be playing their first match 7 April v. Bowring C away.

In division **6**, our **D** team will be playing their first match 7 April v. Edgmond C home.

Tuesday: **Shrewsbury and District Ladies'** team will be playing their first match 15 April v. Wrockwardine Wood away.

Highley: Our team in division **1**, team will be playing their first match 15 April v. Bridgnorth A home.

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division **3** team will be playing their first match 9 April v. Red Squirrel away.

Our **B** team in division **5** team will be playing their first match 9 April v. Shifnal C home.

Our **C** team in division **5** team will be playing their first match 9 April v. Shifnal B away.

Thursday: The **MSBL** Thursday League our team will be playing their first match 3 April v. Wrockwardine Wood home.

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division **1**, will be playing in a Premier League competition, the Alan Mayhew Trophy, on Wednesday 2nd April. The format is 6 home/6 away against Burway. Their first MSBL match is 18 April v. Bowring A away.

Our **B** team in division **3** will be playing their first match 18 April v. Bowring B home.

Saturday: **MSBL Saturday League:** (one division)

Our **A** team will be playing their first match 7 June v. Shifnal B home.

Our **B** team will be playing their first match 7 June v. Shifnal A away.

Congratulations to our team in the Allscott Winter League which was won by **Shifnal**



**L-R Rob Roden, Alison Cotton, Andy Morgan, Dan Wilson,
Chris Newbrook, Andrew Judson, Callum Wraight**