

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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News Update

The Management Committee News

***** Important Reminder *****

The *rear* gate MUST be unlocked to allow access to the defibrillator during green use. BUT please remember to make sure that, upon closing the green, the gate is locked and padlocked with the lock tumblers scrambled as well as the clubhouse and main gate.

We are holding a key-holder review. Please can all keyholders contact the General Secretary?

[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.

Fund Raising



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



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

National Lottery Bonus Ball Game.

Lotto Bonus Ball Game - could game entrants making any online payments please confirm amounts paid, so that I can update the game sheet (displayed in clubhouse) and ensure that all players are entered into the correct number of weekly draws. Much appreciated and Thank you to all game participants, *Phil Furness*

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! As you see a few numbers remain, one of them could be yours.

Week 14 - 05.07.25 - Drawn No. 15 Nick Harrison

Week 15 - 12.07.25 - Drawn No. 14 Dan Wilson

Week 16 - 19.07.25 - Drawn No. 15 Nick Harrison

Week 17 - 26.06.25 - Drawn No. 18, unassigned so rolled back to nearest lower number – 16
Brian Murray

Congratulations all!

Competitions

The 3rd Accumulator took place on Sunday 18 July. There were only 2 groups, possibly due to the hot weather. Winners: **John Stretton** and **Pat Simpson**. Next month – 17 August

Results Month 3:

John Simpson	+15	55
John Stretton	+32	50
Pat Simpson	+10	45
Paul Mills	+2	40
Mary Howard	-17	35
Dave James	+6	30
Dan Boot	-28	30
Chris Newbrook	+12	20
Bridget Ford	+12	20
Bernard Higgins	+5	15
Shona Baugh	-2	15
Sue Conneely	-2	15
Phil Furness	+6	10
Charllie Swift	-3	10
Matt French	-8	10
Bob Haddon	-9	10
Des Conneely	-16	10
Peter Urquhart	-14	5

The Accumulator - started on 11 May and is a monthly competition for *all* levels of players. It's handicapped so that broadly Division 1 players will begin on scratch, Division 2 players start with 2 points, Division 3 players on 3 points and Division 5 and social bowlers on 4 points. Entrants each month will be drawn into groups of 4 and

play each of the other members of the group in a round robin, starting with their handicap points on the cards and play to the first to 13 points each time. Group winners will then receive 25 points for The Accumulator based on their aggregate score 2nd players 15, 3rd players 10 and 4th/5th will receive 5. This means if you enter you will get a minimum of 5 points and a minimum of 3 games on the day against all standards. This helps to improve everybody's game too! Don't worry if all that looks complicated – you won't have to work it out, just play! It won't matter if you have to miss one, all it means is that you won't score that week. At the end of the season there will be a finals day when the top half of the scorers will play one knockout competition and the lower half play in another. Do give it a go. It's a sociable format as well. All members are welcome Phil's Trophy and Thelma's Cup will be played during weeks when there is no Accumulator. More details to follow.

Beryl Taylor Memorial Trophy The club continued to host this new open competition run by **Nathan Lacey**. The top players from these four evenings faced one another on Finals Night which took place on Saturday, 5 July.

Winner – Clay Flatley.

There has been a suggestion that as Nathan's competition did not include Shifnal players that there could be one just for them. More news on this to come.

Monday Night Merit The qualifiers for this event, which took place on Monday 30 June when there were no league matches, saw **Mick Furness** and **Matt Gill** from Shifnal go forward to the final 16 held at Albrighton BC on Saturday 19 July. Matt drew Trish Bradburn but after being 19-13 up he went down to 20. Mick drew Steve Hendy and bowed out on 12. Each won £5.

Ladies Remember there is also 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 is 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 -

MSBL League chairman Sean Round made an impassioned plea to delegates for better behaviour at matches at the July Executive meeting. He referenced reports received of bad language, bad behaviour and fixture issues which had overshadowed what had been a good start to the season with fine bowling weather and lots of successes. He also stressed that bowlers need to use the right channels to express their concerns and that is via their Club Secretary.

Bowlers need to be aware of their surroundings, especially when playing in matches with juniors, and be mindful of the League's Code of Conduct. Bowlers, Clubs and the League have a duty of care to everyone. His sentiments were echoed by General Secretary Malcolm Fletcher in his report.

League Officers have been plagued by behaviour issues and fixture gripes on an almost weekly basis with an increasing number of individual bowlers contacting officers directly and at any time of the day! There is a right and proper way to bring matters to the attention of the League so that they can try to deal with them, and that is via Club Secretaries! Note that an official submission of complaint from a club has to be accompanied by a cheque for £50 to try to prevent frivolous complaints which should be dealt with initially by the Captains before they escalate an unresolved problem up to the Secretary.

MID SHROPSHIRE ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2025 – at THE SHROPSHIRE, TF2 8PQ

doors open 6pm (6.30pm 2 course meal), with live entertainment – bar closes 12 midnight

PLEASE NOTE: THE VENUE IS CARD PAYMENT ONLY

COST – ADULTS **£27**; JUNIORS (up to 18) **£13.50** – half size portions for under-12s

Due to the date of the dinner being brought forward to November, making the time the organise things very short, there are a number of vital changes for bowlers to be aware of.

AND THE KEY ONE IS THAT ALL PLACES MUST BE BOOKED VIA CLUBS! No requests for individual bookings will be considered.

Normally, as per league rules, all member clubs are allocated and charged for 2 places at the presentation. This year, clubs NOT requiring those places will NOT be charged for them – as long as they inform dinner organisers Malcolm & Marg Fletcher immediately. Clubs will be billed for places that are booked via their end of season account

These changes are because we are limited to 140 people, are anticipating renewed interest in the revamped event at a new venue and with live entertainment and we have to finalise numbers and menu choices a month in advance of it, i.e. 14th October – and also pay in full for it!

The plan is to hold a SPECIAL League meeting on the evening of **Tuesday 23rd September** for the return of ALL DINNER FORMS.

So that is the key date for bowlers to have made up their minds about attending and told their club secs!

Results include up to 26th July

Monday: **Telford & District the Ladies' A:** Division 1, has played 10, won 2, 8th in the division. Top player **Ellen Higgins**

MSBL Our **C** team in division 4 (+7) played Donnington Wood (+23) in the Ashton Cup on Wednesday 25 June, drawing the games 5-5 but winning the points 193-188. Cup matches continue 6 August when they are due to play Newport D (0).

In division 4 our **C** team has played 13 won 7, 9th in the division. Top player **John Simpson**.

Our **D** team in division 6 on (+21) played Madeley CC C (+17) in the Ashton Shield on 16 July, losing on chalks 5-5 and 188-199.

In division 6, our **D** team has played 15 won 7, 4th in the division. Top player **Colin McKendrick** is 10th in the division.

Tuesday: **Highley:** Our team in division 1 has played 13 won 4, 10th in the division. Top player **Robert Steventon**, also 4th in the division.

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division 3 has played 14 won 11, 2nd in the division. Top player **Dave Hall** is also 9th in the division. **Ron Hopkins** is 10th in the division

Our **B** team in division **5** has played 13 won 7, 5th in the division. Top player **Pete Rosser**.

Our **C** team in division **5** has played 13 won 4, 9th. Top player **Mary Howard** also 3rd in the division.

Our **A & B** Senior teams both played in the Charity Shield Consolation on 10 July. (The C team having been eliminated in the Shield Preliminary round). The **A** team (+24) won their match against Bridgnorth D (+36), 150-95 and will continue their quest in the round of 16 against Allscott Heath A (+12) on Thursday 7 August. The **B** team (+36) lost theirs to SJB D (+36) 118-161.

Thursday: Our team has played 16 won 12, 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Beer** also 4th in the division. **Paul Reeves** is 7th in the division

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division **1**, on scratch, having lost, after their 10 chalk handicap was applied, by just one chalk to Madeley CC A (+10), are due to play Edgmond A (+27) in the Harris Shield on Wednesday 30th July.

Our MSBL **A** team in division **1** has played 14 won 10, 3rd in the division. Top player **Sonya Lucas**

Our MSBL **B** team in division **3** has played 13 won 8, 3rd in the division. Top player **Phil Furness** also 7th.

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

Our **A** team has played 6, won 3, top of division. Top of singles averages **Chris Newbrook**, 3rd in the division, **Dave James** is 4th, **John Simpson** is 7th and **Dan Wilson** is 8th. Top of the pairs averages **Pat Simpson** also 2nd in the division, **Paul Mills** is 5th, **Chris Newbrook**, 7th.

Our **B** team has played 6, won 3, 4th in division. Top of the singles averages **John Stretton**, also top of the division. Top of the pairs averages, **Alan Leigh** also 8th in the division.