

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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News Update

The Management Committee News

Thank you to everyone that uses easyfundraising, as we have received £39.07 as part of their donation day. Small amounts add up! To join in go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shifnal-bc *Chris Newbrook.*

The management committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the hosting of the Shropshire Ladies County match on 18 May a huge success. It really couldn't have been done without your help. The green, facilities, food & refreshments were a credit to you all. Brilliant achievement! Shifnal bowlers, **Alison Cotton & Sonya Lucas** were two players who represented Shropshire.

It was an absolutely glorious day. Thank You everyone for helping to keep the green and surroundings in such a fabulous condition; it couldn't be done without you. See more pictures on Facebook 10 May
Ian Swift

Promise of colour to come from these and several other planters prepared by Joy & Phil Guy.



Safeguarding: Training for New Club Safeguarding Officers is available from Coach Bowls -

Dates available are: Tuesday 4 June 2pm, Tuesday 8 July 5.30pm
Tuesday 29 July 2pm.

Book via website: <https://www.coachbowls.org/safeguarding-officer-training/> Cost £40. Please liaise with the General Secretary prior to booking.

Coach Bowls are committed to delivering a first-class service for all, whichever code of the game you play. We have a range of courses tailored to those wanting to be a qualified coach, as well as invaluable training modules which non-coaching club volunteers can access to help their club run more efficiently, safely, and inclusively for everyone.

Website. We have been made aware of a glitch when trying to access the new club's website via the automated invitation sent out following the AGM. To address this, please follow the link below to register you email address and email password.

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/shifnal-bowling-club-20496/members-area/>

Scroll down to 'reset password', then after resetting, go back to the link and enter your details again. This should sort the issue out. If you still experience difficulties, please contact the General Secretary or Ian Swift.

From the homepage, you will be able to access Fixtures and Competitions, Club News, Useful Links, The Buzzard, Policies, Procedures & Risk Assessment and information on Fundraising and Volunteering opportunities. Although subject to regular updating by the Management Committee, access to the website is available now via the link provided. In the meantime, if there is something specific you like to be included, please contact Ian Swift.

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](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 8 June 11am -
Accumulator Competition**

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:

Week 4 - 26.04.25 - winner Pauline Evans with No. 21.

Week 5 - 03.05.25 - winner Andy Morgan with No. 9

Week 6 - 10.05.25 - Brian Murray with No.16 (Unassigned No.18 rolled back to nearest lower number).

Week 7 - 17.05.25 - Drawn number was 26 which is unassigned, so rolling back to nearest lower number 25, this week's winner (with a tear in my eye) is Beryl Taylor.

Week 8 - 24.05.25 – winner Ian Swift with No. 4

Congratulations all!

Competitions

The different style of competition this season – The Accumulator - started on 11 May and our next will be **Sunday 8 June**, at 11 am. It 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. Paul will designate a handicap to any who plays on Thursday and Saturday who do not play in any other league and the ladies. Paul's decision on this will be final. 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 points for The Accumulator based on their aggregate score. 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.

Results:

Name	Aggregate	Points
John Stretton	+18	15
Chris Newbrook	+12	15
Mary Howard	+8	15
John Simpson	+8	15
Dave James	0	10
Paul Mills	-1	10
Shona Baugh	-2	10
Sue Conneely	-3	10
Dan Boot	-7	5
Pat Simpson	-8	5
Bob Hadden	-9	5
Des Conneely	-10	5

Phil's Trophy and Thelma's Cup will be played during weeks when there is no Accumulator. More details to follow.

Senior Merit We are delighted to report that no fewer than ten Shifnal players rose to the challenge of the MSBL Senior Merits on 2 May this year. The qualifying rounds were played at Wrockwardine Wood, St George's, Donnington Wood and Albrighton. Our players:

Paul Beer (WW) **Qualified for the final**

Alison Cotton (WW) Sadly lost in the round of 16 to our own Paul Beer

Jonny Davies (DW) Round of 16

Phil Furness (DW) Round of 16

Dave Hall (ALB) Round of 16

Sonya Lucas (WW) **Qualified for the final**

Andy Morgan (St G) Round of 32

Chris Newbrook (St G) Round of 16

Paul Reeves (St G) **Qualified for the final**

Rob Steventon (DW) Round of 16

Congratulations to our three players who won through to the last 16 to be played on 31 May at Edgmond.

We now have the draw for the 31st - sadly **Paul Beer** and **Paul Reeves** have been drawn against one another. **Sonya Lucas** has drawn SJB player, Yvonne Needham. Results for this event will be too late for this edition.

Monday 12 May saw the O60s competition at Child's Ercall. MSBL duo to represent and carry the hopes for a Shropshire Champion at the finals at Prees Wednesday 2nd July will be our own **Paul Beer** together with Paul Williams.



Paul Beer and Sonya Lucas

Our new Shropshire Ladies' star **Sonya Lucas**, the first woman to win the League's first division averages in 2017 and then again 2 years later, enjoyed a winning 48 hours last weekend. She qualified for the Senior Merit and then, at Newport on Sunday 4 May, teamed up with her partner Peter Grimston to win the Dixon Driscoll Doubles.

The first ever Ladies' Merit will take place on Saturday 28th June at 11 a.m. on Sir John Bayley bottom green. Entries need to be in to Rob Burroughs on 07901 229623 by Saturday 21st June to make sure there are enough entries to run. Any woman registered in the Mid Shropshire League can play in this competition. The entry fee is £3. There is no dress code.

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 - Results include up to 29th May

Monday: **Telford & District the Ladies' A:** Division **1**, played 3, won 1, 8th in the division with one game from April due to be played. Top player **Sue Conneely**

MSBL Our **C** team in division **4** (+7) is due to play Donnington Wood (+23) in the Ashton Cup on Wednesday 25 June.

In division **4** our **C** team played 6 won 3, 6th in the division. Top player **Shona Baugh**.

Our **D** team in division **6** is due to play Bowring C (+2) in the Ashton Cup on Wednesday 4 June.

In division **6**, our **D** team played 8 won 4, 3rd in the division. Top player **Colin McKendrick** also 6th in the division. **Paul Mills** is 7th in the division. A warm welcome to Charlie Swift who's playing for the D Team

Tuesday: **Highley:** Our team in division **1** played 7 won 3, 6th in the division. Top player **Robert Steventon**, also 4th in the division.

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division **3** on (+24) will play Albrighton A (+12) away in the Seniors' Charity Shield on 18 June

Our **A** team in division **3** played 7 won 6, 2nd in the division. Top player **Dave Hall** is also 5th in the division. **John Simpson** is 10th in the division.

Our **B** team in division **5** on (+36) will play Bridgnorth C (+24) away in the Seniors' Charity Shield on 18 June.

Our **B** team in division **5** played 6 won 4, 5th in the division. Top player **Bob Taylor**.

Our **C** team in division **5**, on (+36) having won the close preliminary round away against Broseley 142-141, will play SJB A (+24) at home in the Seniors' Charity Shield on 18 June.

Our **C** team in division **5** played 7 won 1, 10th. Top player **Mary Howard** also 2nd in the division.

Thursday: The **MSBL** Our team played 8 won 6, 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Reeves** also top in the division. **Paul Beer** is 9th in the division.

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division **1**, on scratch, is due to play Madeley C (+10) in the Harris Cup on Wednesday 18 June

Our **MSBL A** team in division **1** played 2 won 2, 2nd in the division. Top player **Paul Reeves**

Our **B** team in division **3** (+22) is due to play Sir John Bayley B (+21) in the Harris Cup on Wednesday 18 June

Our **B** team in division **3** played 2 won 2, 2nd in the division. Top player **Phil Furness** also 10th in the division.

Saturday: **MSBL Saturday League:** (one division) Starting Soon!

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.