

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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Our AGM will take place at
Shifnal War Memorial Club
on **Thursday 20th February**,
commencing at **7:45pm**

News Update

The Management Committee News

A note for members' diaries: The Club's AGM will take place at Shifnal War Memorial Club on Thursday 20th February, commencing at 7:45pm. The AGM will be preceded by members' registration and payment of subscriptions, commencing at 7pm. Notice and agenda for the AGM will be forwarded to all members 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

For the 2025 Season we, the committee, have decided to increase the annual subscriptions from £35 to £40 to help towards the cost of the improvements at the green that we have done during the closed season, installing new floodlights and replacing all the inner boards around the green. We hope you understand that this needs to be done as our green is our main asset. These improvements have not come cheaply and we need to recoup some of the cost.

Committee recognises that the proposed change in annual

subscriptions should be approved by a resolution of the members. However, given that registration precedes the AGM the following approach has been agreed:

A form is attached at Annex A to this edition of the newsletter for the attention of members, to be completed by exception and returned **only** if a member *disagrees* with the proposed annual subscription.

NB See annex document below.

The President's Cup which Glen has decided this year to go to 4 people to share: Phil Furness for his role in doing green works with John Breeze and keeping green open, Joy and Phil Guy for the gardening around the green and removal of rubbish and lastly Paul Bisset for his contributions to the Bandit Bowls. a big thank you to all and a bag for each of you. Thanks, Glen, President

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th Jan MSBL AGM

20 Feb Our AGM will take place at Shifnal War Memorial Club on Thursday 20th February, at 7:45pm

21st Feb SCGBA AGM

25th Feb Highley & District Bowling League AGM

28 Jan Ladies' AGM at the War Memorial Club

Come and join the Committee! We are looking for the following roles:

- ☐ Chair & Director
- ☐ Club Secretary & Director
- ☐ Safeguarding Officer
- ☐ Ladies' Subcommittee Representative
- ☐ Grounds Manager.
- ☐ Senior Club Coach

Please contact a member of the committee if you would like to discuss any of the roles above, any amount of time is appreciated! The Club works better when we have all these roles filled. Please consider joining us; every club needs committee members to run. We're all volunteers, remember.

Fund Raising

Boosting Shifnal Bowling Club's Funds Effortlessly Through Easyfundraising

As members, family, and friends of Shifnal Bowling Club, there is a seamless and impactful way to support our beloved club financially without any extra cost to you. By simply signing up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, each purchase you make can contribute directly to the club's funding. This platform offers a straightforward and secure method to help raise funds while you shop online for your everyday products and services.

How Does It Work? Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your chosen cause, which we hope will be Shifnal Bowling Club. Here's the simple part: once you've created your free account, every time you buy something online – be it your weekly groceries, renewing car insurance, or even a new outfit – you could be raising a free donation. There are over 4,300 partners including some of the UK's biggest retailers and brands such as John Lewis & Partners, Argos, and Booking.com, ensuring that your most frequented shops are likely part of this amazing initiative.

Safe and Secure: Shopping through Easyfundraising is completely secure. They partner with well-known businesses and manage transactions with the utmost security, so you can shop with peace of mind. Whether using their website or their user-friendly app, your personal information is kept safe, and your shopping experience remains as smooth as ever.

Unconscious Contribution The beauty of using Easyfundraising lies in its subtlety. Once signed up, and having selected Shifnal Bowling Club as your cause, your shopping contributes to the club without any additional steps or costs. It's a way of contributing that doesn't require ongoing attention or a change in shopping habits. Just shop as you normally would and know that with each purchase, you are making a difference.

Why It Matters Funds raised through your purchases go directly into supporting the maintenance and upgrading of facilities at Shifnal Bowling Club. This ensures that we continue to provide a great environment for bowling enthusiasts. It also helps fund community events and activities that the club organizes, enhancing the social fabric of our local community.

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.

League News

From Mick Furness, Shifnal BC Bowling Secretary and Glen Embrey

Please find the following information:

MSBL AGM 28th January –

There are quite a few proposed changes to rules & competitions so I have just highlighted the main ones.

- Proposed rule change to Division 1 teams consisting of 11 players.
- Proposed new rule that Junior players are to be excluded from the registered players list.
- Proposed rule change to Monday Divisions to adopt the Thursday night league scoring system. 1pt-5chalks, 2pts-10chalks, 3pts-15chalks, 4pts-20chalks & 5pts-21chalks.
- Proposed rule change to Thursday Division being limited to maximum of 12 teams.

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SCGBA AGM 1st February

Highley & District Bowling League AGM 25th February - no rule changes proposed to date.

From:

The **Ladies' AGM will be at the War Memorial Club 28 Jan.**

To: Club Treasurer

Date: _____

Annual Subscriptions 2025

I am aware of Committee's proposal to increase annual membership fees from £35 to **£40** for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

I do not agree with this proposal and wish to register my objection to the increase.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Please return to:

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