

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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News Update

The Management Committee News

We are still experiencing a few problems with security at the club with some incomplete locking up. Please take responsibility, if you are the last to leave, to ensure that all equipment, including measures, is safely put away in the club house, that the door and both gates are securely locked with numbers tumbled. Thank you.

We hosted Pauline Wilson and her Level 1 Coaching Day at Shifnal Sunday 10th August. Thanks to those who helped on the day. Pauline sent her thanks to us and mentioned that the head of Coach Bowls came over to watch the course & thought the green, surrounds & club were great.

Safeguarding:

The management committee would like to reiterate the MSBL's message for better behaviour in and around the bowling club.

Bowlers, clubs and the league have a duty of care to everyone.

All Shifnal Bowling Club members must abide by the club's code of conduct and those of the Bowls Development Alliance, SCGBA and BCGBA.

Inappropriate behaviour towards fellow members and visitors to Shifnal BC will **not** be tolerated and, if required, action will be taken.

Please familiarise yourselves with the codes of conduct. ***We all have a duty of care.***

Brian Murray:

Brian has volunteered to undertake the role of Governance Administrator. Welcome on board Brian.

Best Kept Green Competition August 28th:

The management committee would like to thank Phil Furness, Phil & Joy Guy, John Breeze and John Stretton for all their help and continued support. Good luck in the competition.

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 7 September, Thelma
Cup Singles

Sunday 14 September,
Accumulator Bottom Half KO

Sunday 21 September,
Accumulator Top Half KO

Sunday 28 September, Club
Triples and Presentation Day

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! A few numbers remain, one of them could be yours.

Week 18 - 02.08.25 - Drawn No. 55 Glenys Embrey

Week 15 - 09.08.25 - Drawn No. 23 Mary Howard

Week 16 - 16.08.25 - Drawn No. 37 Sue Conneely

Week 17 - 23.08.25 - Drawn No. 5 Chris Williams

Congratulations all!

Competitions

Thelma Cup – will take place Sunday 7 September starting at 11am. This is a singles competition open to all members.

The Accumulator - started on 11 May and ran once a month until 17 August.

The final week group winners from 17 August were:

John Simpson

Adrian Owens

John Stretton

Bridget Ford

This leaves the Final Table top 4:

John Simpson
John Stretton
Pat Simpson
Paul Mills

Congratulations to those four who not only scored well in their groups each time but played often enough to accumulate their top scores. There will now be a Knock Out for the two halves of the table. The league list is in the club house so you need to look to see which half you are in.

The Bottom Half knock out will be Sunday 14 September
The Top Half knock out will be Sunday 21 September

Our Presentation Sunday will be on 28th September when we will play our usual triples. The sign-up list has 4 names so far. Don't forget to add yours so that we have several teams for the competition and make a day of it.

Phil's Trophy, a pairs competition, was won by **Dave James** and **Elaine Hall**; runners up: **Phil Furness** and **Paul Mills**



Phil's Trophy Winners **Elaine Hall** and **Dave James**

League News -

While the very warm weather continues, please remember that the BCGBA rule 10.3 states: Footwear: Hard block-heeled or open-toed footwear must not be worn on the green in any game played under the Association's jurisdiction. The offending player(s) shall receive no further score and the opponent(s) shall receive the maximum score.

No interpretation of this law allows a player to play in socks/stockings or in bare feet.

MID SHROPSHIRE ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER – final reminder

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, ie 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!

MSBL Secretary Malcolm Fletcher will be asking very soon for bowlers to play in the Dave Ellis Ladies versus Gents annual challenge match, which this year will be at Maddocks on Friday 26th September from 6.30pm. The ladies have won the last 2 matches to make the score 3-3, so the gents need a win this year . . . or it looks like the captain will get the axe!!!

The 1st Beginners Merit - Saturday 27th September at Allscott Heath. Open to those who have received their BCGBA Number in the last two years, or started bowling in the last two years. Entry is £3. Enter on the Day

All competition entries to Rob Burroughs on 07901 229623

Results include up to 28th August

Monday: **Telford & District the Ladies' A:** Division 1, has played 14, won 2, 9th in the division. Top player **Ellen Higgins**

MSBL Our **C** team in division 4 ended their run when they played Newport D in the quarter finals of the Ashton Cup on Wednesday 6 August, losing the games 3-7 and the points 138-197.

In division 4 our **C** team has played 17 won 9, 9th in the division. Top player **John Stretton**.

Our **D** team in division 6 has played 19 won 11, 6th in the division. Top player **Colin McKendrick** is 9th in the division.

Tuesday: **Highley:** Our team in division 1 has played 16 won 5, 10th in the division. Top player **Robert Steventon**, also 3rd in the division.

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division 3 has played 19 won 15, 2nd in the division. Top player **Elaine Hall**

Our **B** team in division 5 has played 17 won 8, 8th in the division. Top player **Pete Rosser**.

Our **C** team in division 5 has played 17 won 5, 9th. Top player **Mary Howard** also 4th in the division. **Peter Urquhart** is 9th.

Our **A & B** Senior teams both played in the Charity Shield Consolation on 10 July. The **A/B** team (+24) continued their quest in the round of 16 against Allscott Heath A (+12) on Thursday 7 August at home. They drew the games 3-3 but won the points 137-99 and went on to meet Horsehay B (+36) in the quarter final on the Bylet No.2 green. They won 142-112, 4 games to 2, in a match marred by 2 walkovers. They will play Wrockwardine Wood (0) in the semi-final on 11 September.

Thursday: Our team has played 20 won 15, 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Beer** also 5th in the division. **Paul Reeves** is 7th in the division

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division 1, on scratch, beat Edmond A (+27) 9-1, 185-128 in the round of 16 of Harris Shield on Wednesday 6 August, then went on to beat Wrockwardine Wood A (+4) in a very close match 5-5 189-184 in the quarter-final and followed up with a win against Bowring A (+9) 9-1 193-135 in the semi-final. They will face SJB B (+21) in the finals at Newport on 6 September. Do go and support (maybe share a car?)

Our **MSBL A** team in division 1 has played 18 won 12, 3rd in the division. Top player **Paul Reeves**, also 9th in the division

Our **MSBL B** team in division 3 has played 17 won 10, 5th in the division. Top player **Phil Furness** also 10th in the division.

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

Our **A** team has **WON** this league having played 10, won 6, top of division. 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.

4 points deducted from Shifnal A

Shifnal A awarded 30 points for a home walkover as Wrockwardine Wood failed to field a team. 4 deducted to comply with Saturday rule 6.

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

11 points deducted from Shifnal B

Shifnal B awarded 30 points for a home walkover as Wrockwardine Wood failed to field a team. 11 deducted to comply with Saturday rule 6.