

THE BUZZARD

Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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News Update

The Management Committee News

Work to restore ball-stop netting is taking slightly longer to complete than originally anticipated. Assessments have been made and although the risk of a ball being struck over the boundary is deemed low, it is a foreseeable risk the Management Committee is addressing. The first fixture (*Shifnal CC v Wem CC*) is scheduled for Sunday 27th April at 1pm, with fixtures between May & September published on the Shifnal CC website <https://shifnalcc.co.uk/pages/match-centre>. As a temporary solution, we would be grateful for any help possible from members / volunteers, in sourcing a suitable access platform from which to re-secure the netting to the poles. Please contact a member of the Management Committee if you are able to help and form a small working-party.

Maintenance tasks around the bowling green are varied with the focus during Q2 & Q3 this year, including the levelling of paving slabs and repainting of the ramp to the clubhouse. Whilst we await delivery of warning signage, *please take extra care when transiting the footpaths*

and stepping up & down the step at the front of the clubhouse. With the uncertain weather it has been challenging for the "green team" to get continuing treatments applied to the green. Please look out for notices of temporary closures and advice for hand-washing after it has been treated.

Supporting the running of the bar, the general Wi-Fi set-up and use of SumUp and Cash Register can be arranged by emailing iandswift2023@gmail.com. A brief introduction to the till can be found at <https://youtu.be/zy5fNxVS5v4?feature=shared>.

The link to the Fire Safety Training video (<https://youtu.be/cnn-yvszLXE?feature=shared>) remains available via the Members Social Group Page on Facebook and the Clubs 'News' section on the website (<https://www.hugofox.com/community/shifnal-bowling-club-20496/news/>) for club officials and volunteers who have yet to view it. To help maintain the 2025 training register up to date, please follow the instructions posted or email iandswift2023@gmail.com when watched.

Website. Members who provided an email address on their registration form, will start to receive invitations to the new website (www.hugofox.com/community/shifnal-bowling-club-20496) where, from the homepage, you will be able to access Fixtures and Competitions, Club News, Useful Links, The Buzzard, Policy's, 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.

Our thanks to: **Phil Furness** who has kindly volunteered for the role of Grounds Manager, and to **Paul Mills** who has kindly volunteered for the role of Bowling Secretary, much appreciated both.

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? On which subject if you would like to develop skills for **coaching** we have a course *very soon* on our own doorstep!

The Level 1 Coaching course details for the course being organised for Mid Shropshire's drive to get a coach per club are below. There is due to be a level 1 coaches' course based Online & at **Shifnal**. If we want to expand our Juniors or Adults we need a coach, an interested club member who can give time to helping others into the game. If you've enjoyed our game and want to give something back this is your chance.

The course costs £150 payable on booking (maybe the club could help with the initial cost?). There is help with costs following successful completion of the qualification: 50% BGBCA subsidy (£75), £30 from SCGBA. £19 of the remainder is the first of the coach's annual personal membership of Coach Bowls and insurance. This is the most local course ever for us. Apply online as soon as possible at https://www.coachbowls.org/course/crown-green-level-1-shifnal-bc-shropshire/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ4ePJleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETBNZWRhMWNTbWNCbnpoRWU5AR5qf9-KkIJTZk85tYzGDp-7evDD4FjLyaGiAojX7_eFYC4Ikpv-43JLC3LJQQ_aem_PEEo7uPgi6VWt9DZf7joJA

Practical Day and Assessments - Date & Times

Zoom Module 1 - Wednesday 30th July 2025 - Start time: 6.30pm

Zoom Module 2 - Wednesday 6th August 2025 - Start time: 6.30 pm

Practical Day @ Shifnal BC Sunday 10th August 2025 - Start time 9.30am

Assessments Day @ Shifnal BC Sunday 28th September 2025 - Start Time 9.30am

This is the only Nationally Recognised Qualification for the sport of Bowls in England, wholly supported by Bowls England, EIBA Ltd and with contributions from BCGBA and ESMBA. The knowledge gained from this qualification will ensure coaches have developed an understanding of safe, ethical, and effective bowls coaching. It also enables coaches (who are aged over 18) to deliver pre-prepared sessions provided by Coach Bowls.

Level 1 Topics covered:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Safeguarding (overview)
- Health, Safety, Accidents
- Planning and evaluating
- Coaching a Beginner
- Warm ups / Cool downs
- Working with the Jack
- Delivery

- Line and Length

Course Instructions:

You need to attend all practical days to achieve the qualification, and full engagement and participation in the course is essential to achieve it. Please note basic I.T. skills are required: Word/PDF/Email

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](http://www.shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk)

Please see website information above.

Fund Raising



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



[Members Social Page @Shifnal Bowling Club](https://www.facebook.com/ShifnalBowlingClub)

National Lottery Bonus Ball Game.

We still have a few more numbers left – 13 at the last count. Phil Furness is the designated contact for purchases of 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).

Winners for April up to the 25th – 6th #18, winner **Ann Furness**, 12th #31, winner **Amanda Newbrook**, 19th #33 winners **Berrin & Ennis Evans**, congratulations all!

Competitions

The pre-season competition on 6 April was won by **John Simpson** runner up **Phil Furness**.

Paul is planning a different style of competition this season – The Accumulator. Starting on Sunday, 11 May 11 am, this will be a monthly competition for all levels of players. It will be handicapped so that broadly Division 1 players will begin on scratch, Division 2 players will start with 2 points, Division 3 players on 3 points and Division 4 & 5 and social bowlers on 4 points. Paul will designate a handicap to any who play 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: best aggregate 25, 2nd 15, 3rd 10 and 4th (and

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11 May First Accumulator competition.

occasionally 5th) 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.

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

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 25th April

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

MSBL league division 4 our **C** team played 2 won 2, 8th in the division. Top player **Charlie Steventon** also 5th in the division.

In division 6, our **D** team played 3 won 1, 8th in the division. Top player **Paul Mills**

Tuesday: **Shrewsbury and District Ladies'** team has sadly had to withdraw from this league through shortage of players.

Highley: Our team in division 1 played 2 won 1, 5th in the division. Top player **Dave James**

Wednesday: **Mid Shropshire Seniors:**

Our **A** team in division 3 played 3 won 3, 2nd in the division. Top player **John Stretton** also 4th in the division

Our **B** team in division 5 played 3 won 2, 5th in the division. Top player **Bob Taylor** also 6th in the division

Our **C** team in division 5 played 3 won 1, 8th. Top player **Mary Howard**

Thursday: The **MSBL** Our team played 4 won 4, 2nd in the division. Top player **Mick Furness** also 4th in the division

Friday: **MSBL** Our **A** team in division 1, played in a Premier League competition, the Alan Mayhew Trophy, on Wednesday 2nd April. The format is 6 home/6 away against Burway. The home game was 4-2, 117-99, the away game was 1-5, 78-122, making the overall result 5-7 199-221. Shifnal was one of 3 clubs invited to take part in this Trophy

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

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.