

STAFFORD VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE

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End Of Season Captains Meeting

Held 2pm Wednesday 15th October 2025 at Stafford Bowling Club

Present

John Kerwin(Chairman), John Dunning (Vice Chairman), Derek Tudor (Secretary), Carol Westwood (Competitions Secretary), Phil Hood (Treasurer).
Colin Pownall (Amasal), Andy Pratt (Brewood), John Smith (Burton Manor), Brian Belfield (Fieldhouse D), Taff Carter(Fieldhouse X), John Hartley (Fieldhouse X), Malcolm Woodyatt (Hatherton M), David Thorpe (Lea Hall), Neil Norman (Little Stoke B), Sue Marsden (Littleworth A), Steve Parsons (Littleworth B), Cath McConnell (Penkridge A), Anne Mace (Phoenix Riverway), Graham Needs (Phoenix Uni), Ken Williams (Rowley Park), Steve Box (Rugeley Progressive), Malcolm Harratt (Silkmore B), Geoff Hollis (Silkmore C), Vilma Allman (Stafford A), Nigel Fox (Stafford B), Helen Hood (Stafford u3a), John Wells (Victoria Park A).

Apologies and Welcome

John Kerwin Opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.
Apologies were received from Judy Ganecki (Hatherton J), Graham Blocksidge (Brewood), Nev Ward (Victoria Park B).
John Kerwin stated that the season had been a successful one and hoped that everybody had enjoyed it.

Matters Arising

a) Postponements((Derek Tudor)

Although the situation had not occurred during the season what should the policy be if the two captains cannot agree if a particular match should go ahead due to adverse weather conditions. After a discussion it was decided that common sense should prevail with no further action required.

b) The season has to be completed on the last fixture date published. Any unplayed games outstanding at that time should be forfeited (Geoff Hollis).

It was decided after discussion to keep the flexibility of playing after seasons end due to the possibility of adverse weather at back end of the season and agreed not to take the proposal to the AGM.

c) No registrations of new players after the midpoint of the season (Geoff Hollis).

Again after discussion it was agreed to have no cut off date for new registrations due the possibility of teams increasing the need to play team members twice and denying people who are not eligible to register at season start. Again not to be taken to the AGM.

Secretary Report

Derek Tudor had nothing out of the ordinary to report and that the season had gone well with no current rules being violated.

Treasurer Report

Phil Hood reported an overall loss of £114.10p which was due in main to reduced numbers of competition entries and the current £1 entry fee. Although the fund is in a healthy state and the funds in the saving account had yielded £53 interest, he noted that this interest would decrease due to the banks reduction of interest rates.

Phil recommended that we put to AGM for an increase to £2 for competition entry fee. All this is in anticipation of Stan Robinson continuing to sponsor the league which Derek Tudor will confirm in the new year.

Competitions Report

Carol Westwood asked if there was any objection to moving the date of The Borough Shield to an earlier date as it was felt that the present date always falls on a Bank Holiday which may account for reduced entry. After discussion it was agreed that Carol would look at an alternative date and report back at the next meeting in January.

Roll of Honour

See appendix A

Constitution and Rules

No changes are being considered to bring to the attention of the members at the AGM. Dave Thorp has agreed to look over the current constitution for rephrasing of some paragraphs that need updating to better reflect current practices.

Teams and Greens 2026

Rugeley Progressive and Victoria Park A both raised concerns on their ability to field teams for the 2026 season. A definitive decision will be made by both teams at the January pre season meeting.

Stafford A will be hosting their Home matches at Riverway with Stafford B & C teams sharing the Stafford Bowling Club green.

Fieldhouse reported that a decision is yet to be made if green 3 will be used for Home matches for the D and X teams with green 1 being rested, with the A team utilising green 2. Again a definitive decision required at the January meeting to enable fixtures to be produced,

Officers 2026

All present officers indicated their willingness to continue in their roles to be ratified at the AGM.

Future Meetings

Pre AGM Captains Meeting: 2pm Wednesday 14th January 2026 at Stafford BC

AGM: 2pm Wednesday 11th February 2026 at Stafford Rangers

Paperwork Collection: 10.30am Friday 6th March 2026 at Fieldhouse BC.

AOB

A proposal was put to the room by Steve Parsons about changing the present blind draw of singles players and replacing it with a seeded system based on league averages.

The proposal was not met with any enthusiasm by the room and it was agreed to not pursue it any further.

Dave Thorp proposed the idea of altering the starting time of matches from 2pm to 1.30pm as Lea Hall had changed many of their games to a 1.30pm start last season with great success.

However it was agreed to keep the present 2pm start with all captains having the right to alter start times between themselves to take into account weather and traffic conditions of the day.

A Further proposal was put forward from the room to change the present scoring system of 2 points for a win & 1 point for a draw to adopt other leagues scoring system of awarding points for each game won. It was agreed the present system had been in place for a number of years and there was no need to change.

Finally Colin Pownall stood up and apologised for the poor condition of the Amasal green last season which was down to Foxes digging up the green followed by the adverse weather, they are hopeful that it will be fully back up to standard by next season, Colin recieved a round of applause from the room.

With nothing further to add John Kerwin thanked everybody for attending and the meeting was closed at 15.00.

Appendix A

Roll of Honour

DIVISION 1

Champions : Amasal

Runners up : Fieldhouse A

Singles Averages Winner : Roger Lees (Lea Hall)

Singles Averages Runner up : Tony Gill (Amasal)

Pairs Averages Winner : David Haidorovic (Victoria Park B)

Pairs Averages Runner up : Steve Whitton (Brewood)

DIVISION 2

Champions : Silkmore B

Runners Up : Stafford B

Singles Averages Winner : Mike Thompson (Silkmore B)

Singles Averages Runner up : John Matthews (Stafford B)

Pairs Averages Winner : Robin Yates (Victoria Park A)

Pairs Averages Runner up : Nigel Phillips (Victoria Park A)

Competitions

BOROUGH SHIELD

Winner : Brian Smith

Runner up : Pam Ewan

TRIPLES DRAWN PARTNER

Winners : Sid Kelly/Pam Ewan/Ian Pattyson

Runners up : Helen Williams/Brian Belfield/Des Westwood

INDIVIDUAL MERIT

Winner : Paul Johnson

Runner up : Pam Ewan

DRAWN DOUBLES

Winners : Roberto Harbridge/Brian Hickman

Runners up : Howard Jones/Phil Hood

DOUBLES OWN PARTNER

Winners : Stan Hugill/James Stuart

Runners up : Brian Hickman/John Smith

TRIPLES OWN PARTNER

Winners : Geoff Hollis/Martyn Kick/Robert Fenton

Runners up : Alan Palmer/Barry Roden/Marg Archibald