



# Newsletter

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## Meole set early pace

Meole Brace have set the early pace in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowling League by winning 4 out of their first 5 games. Two derbies against their nearest rivals were negotiated successfully as they beat Castlefields 9-5 and then Hanwood 12-2 before getting 4 at Wem, 10 at home to Bowring and then winning away 9-5 at Hanmer. Wem USC are just behind in 2nd after winning 3 of their 5 home games, including a 13-1 hammering of Hanmer. They also got a good 5 at Ifton after an indifferent start when they only beat Chester Road 8-6 at home and then got 3 at St Georges. Burway are level with Wem after an incredible whitewash over the reigning champions Sir John Bayley, the first ever given to a defending champion. They also won their first two home games 10-4 against Wrockwardine Wood and Chester Road to give them a good start at home. St Georges are also locked on 39 points in 2nd after overcoming a slow start from tough trips to Hanwood and Newport. They won 9-5 at Chester Road and then thrashed Wrockwardine Wood at home 13-1. Castlefields and Bowring are just behind on 38 points, with the Fields earning a fine 8-6 win at Hanmer as well as good home results against Ifton and Burway 10-4 and 11-3 respectively. Bowring have had a solid start with a couple of 10-4 home wins and a 9-5 against the Bayley on the opening night. They also got a good 5 at Chester Road and 4 at Meole Brace. Hanwood have earned three good 11-3 wins at home but only scoring 3 away has restricted them to just 38 points to.

Despite their whitewash, the Bayley are on 37 points after a great win at Ifton 10-4 and two 11-3 wins at home to Newport and Hanwood. Ifton did earn two wins in their other home games with a 11-3 win over Newport and a 9-5 against Wem USC. They also got a good 4 at Castlefields and 5 at Bylet. Newport pushed on from only getting 3 in their first two away matches to have good home wins over St Georges and Chester Road, as well as 4 at Wrockwardine Wood. Wrockwardine also had a good 12-2 win against Hanmer at home but only 1 at St Georges and 3 at Hanwood has kept them near the bottom end. Chester Road have had a slow start with a home defeat to St Georges and only beating Bowring 9-5 at home. Hanmer have had a tough start in their debut season after beating Bylet 12-2 first game, losing at home to Castlefields and Meole Brace and only getting 3 points in total from their first two away games, so find themselves bottom. Bylet recovered from those 2 winners to defeat Burway 12-2 and Ifton 9-5 at home to have a good start.



## Roden first SJB Winner

Tom Roden (pictured above) won the 2017 No Bull Apparel Shropshire Premier Bowling League Merit at Craven Arms to become the first Sir John Bayley bowler to do so. He beat former home player Wayne Rogers of Burway in the final 21-9 after a day where he utilised one straight mark effectively in all of his games, as well as being equal to whatever his opponent threw at him. He was always comfortable despite an early 3-0 deficit as a 12 break in the corners helped him to a 12-3 lead and he never looked back after as he beat some good bowls of Wayne's when he had the block. Wayne had recovered from 12-3 down against Hanmer's Gary Whitehall in the Semi Finals in the corners to run 13 on him and win 15. Tom had a good run himself in the corners from 6 across to lead 14-6 and maintain that advantage till the end, getting out 12 against Hanwood's Ash Wellings, who was very impressive all day.

## Alan Mayhew 1st Round Draw

The draw was made at the March Meeting for this season's Barlows Security Alan Mayhew Trophy Draw. The competition is being played later on in the season when there are less games to play. The 1st round is on Wednesday 26th July and features non Premier League sides Donnington Wood and Hadley USC. Newport against Castlefields is the pick of the 1st round ties.

### Draw

Hanmer v Sir John Bayley, Donnington Wood v Meole Brace, Ifton v Chester Road, Hadley USC v Wrockwardine Wood, Wem USC v Hanwood, Bylet v St Georges, Newport v Castlefields, Burway v Bowring.

## April Stats

### Wednesday 5th April

Burway (10) Wrockwardine Wood (4) Burway won by 60  
 Hanmer (12) Bylet (2) Hanmer won by 70  
 Bowring (9) Sir John Bayley (5) Bowring won by 22  
 Hanwood (11) St Georges (3) Hanwood won by 66  
 Meole Brace (9) Castlefields (5) Meole Brace won by 14  
 Wem USC (8) Chester Road (6) Wem USC won by 10  
 Ifton (11) Newport (3) Ifton won by 66

### Friday 7th April

Chester Road (9) Bowring (5) Chester Road won by 16  
 Meole Brace (12) Hanwood (2) Meole Brace won by 53  
 Castlefields (10) Ifton (4) Castlefields won by 36  
 Sir John Bayley (11) Newport (3) Sir J Bayley won by 59  
 St Georges (11) Wem USC (3) St Georges won by 60  
 Bylet (12) Burway (2) Bylet won by 55  
 Wrock Wood (12) Hanmer (2) Wrock Wood won by 92

### Friday 14th April

Ifton (4) Sir John Bayley (10) Sir John Bayley won by 38  
 Bowring (10) Bylet (4) Bowring won by 27  
 Hanmer (6) Castlefields (8) Castlefields won by 19  
 Newport (11) St Georges (3) Newport won by 67  
 Wem USC (10) Meole Brace (4) Wem USC won by 41  
 Hanwood (11) Wrock Wood (3) Hanwood won by 54  
 Burway (10) Chester Road (4) Burway won by 38

### Friday 21st April

Wrock Wood (10) Newport (4) Wrock Wood won by 32  
 Chester Road (5) St Georges (9) St Georges won by 7  
 Bylet (9) Ifton (5) Bylet won by 40  
 Wem USC (13) Hanmer (1) Wem USC won by 92  
 Sir John Bayley (11) Hanwood (3) Sir J Bayley won by 71  
 Castlefields (11) Burway (3) Castlefields won by 41  
 Meole Brace (10) Bowring (4) Meole Brace won by 42

### Friday 28th April

Newport (10) Chester Road (4) Newport won by 43  
 Hanwood (11) Bylet (3) Hanwood won by 61  
 Ifton (9) Wem USC (5) Ifton won by 36  
 St Georges (13) Wrock Wood (1) St Georges won by 75  
 Hanmer (5) Meole Brace (9) Meole Brace won by 9  
 Bowring (10) Castlefields (4) Bowring won by 22  
 Burway (14) Sir John Bayley (0) Burway won by 103

### League Averages:

Pos.	Name	Team	P	W	Agg
1.	Andy Wigginton	Meole Brace	5	5	41
2.	Phil Emery	Newport	5	5	34
3.	Nicky Jones	Ifton	5	5	31
4.	Pete Grimston	St Georges	5	5	30
5.	Tony Rhodes	St Georges	5	5	29

### Most Consecutive Wins:

The 5 players above have won 5 consecutive games.

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 5th May:** Week 6 Fixtures

**Friday 12th May:** Week 7 Fixtures

**Friday 19th May:** Week 8 Fixtures

**Friday 26th May:** Week 9 Fixtures

Pos	Team	Play	Won	Lost	GW	Agg	Points
1	Meole Brace	5	4	1	36	77	44
2	Burway	5	3	2	33	105	39
3	Wem USC	5	3	2	33	47	39
4	St Georges	5	3	2	33	9	39
5	Castlefields	5	3	2	32	60	38
6	Hanwood	5	3	2	32	57	38
7	Bowring	5	3	2	32	13	38
8	Sir John Bayley	5	3	2	31	43	37
9	Ifton	5	2	3	29	-12	33
10	Newport	5	2	3	27	-47	31
11	Bylet	5	2	3	26	-63	30
12	Wrockwardine Wood	5	2	3	26	-65	30
13	Chester Road	5	1	4	26	-82	28
14	Hanmer	5	1	4	24	-142	26