



JACK HIGH

April 2026



TASTER DAYS/MEMBERSHIP

We currently sit at a membership of 960 total members (682 bowlers).

Updated taster day figures -

Taster day 1 - 69 attendees and 48 joined(70%)

Taster day 2 -51 attendees and 35 joined(69%)

Taster day 3 -23 attendees and 16 joined(70%)

Individual sessions- 64 joined.

Total new members -163 (70 full, 93 social)

LEAGUE STRUCTURES

The league structures for next season have been published via email, and a copy is on the Manager's noticeboard opposite the front desk.

MOTOWN NIGHT

Thank you for your incredible support once again, the Motown night is SOLD OUT, in one hour!! If you wish to join the reserve list, please let Andy know. Thank you to Julia and Mark for organising.

OPEN DAYS FOR OUTDOOR CLUBS

If you wish to display a flyer for your outdoor club, please add this to the noticeboard next to the bar.

QUIZ NIGHT

A huge thank you to Julia and Mark for organising another superb social evening at the club. A great night was had by all!



CONGRATULATIONS

We raised £1576 from both the raffle and donations! Thank you for your generous support! We can help Will, Morgan, Graham and Sally with their relevant competitions.



Morgan Merryweather on winning the International Series with England.

Will Vizer Allen on reaching the National Novice singles.



Simon Jones. In a nail biting final of the London and Southern Counties singles, Simon defeated Paul Smyth from Bounds Green 21-20!! Well done Simon.

Graham Arding and Sally Darby on their selection for the England Learning Disabilities team. They will be representing England at Leicester IBC in April. We are incredibly proud of them.



Morgan Merryweather on qualifying for the National Ladies singles finals.

ONE DAY TRIPLES

We held our penultimate ONE DAY competition on Saturday 7th March - the Open Triples; we had 54 entries which meant 18 teams.

The Final this year will be between **Dawn Lever, Neil Palmer and Susan Reid V Maggie Shepherd, Derek Parry and Colin Braham** ; it will be played over 18 ends in Finals week.

The Food Fairies provided an excellent buffet lunch and coffee to order throughout the day, and the event was well organised by Robin Harding, supported by Steve Gooding who did an excellent job keeping the scores, and Judith Chree who was on meet and greet making sure everyone found their teammates for the day.



SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNANCE

"*What is governance?*" you might ask, well the answer is simple. It is a tool to help the Club comply with all the rules and regulations that apply to us and believe me, and as many of you will know, there are quite a number.

"*Easy*" you might say, well let's see what you think a few months down the line. You might ask "*But this is a club, so why do we need to worry about these rules and regulations?*". Yes you are quite right we are a club but a club run by a business that is registered, as a company, at Companies House. In future issues we hope to give you a brief insight into the workings of governance and what it means to everyone, both members and management alike. Topics covering; *Accident and Incident reporting* and why it is necessary. Have you, or anyone you know, had an accident at the Club recently. If yes no matter how large or small was it reported? In answering that question please be honest with yourself. There is no shame if an accident is reported. A subsequent investigation might just prevent further accidents of a similar nature occurring. *Risk Assessments* and again why are these necessary and how you might help.

If you have any questions on the subject of governance please email companysecretary@whiteknightsibc.co.uk. Alternatively contact anyone of my team. Until the next edition carry on enjoying your bowling, be it indoors or outdoors. For those of you going on a great summer venture enjoy the experience.

Mike Jackman
Director and Head of Governance.

The Governance team consists of the following members; Mike Jackman (Director), Martin Beeching (Director), Chris Hopkins (Director), Edna Orchard, Jan Thomas, Tracey Brice and Richard Green

SUMMER LEAGUE & TIMES

Due to an overwhelming number of requests, we have made some amendments to the timings for the Summer League this season.

Matches will now be 2 hours instead of 90 minutes and will commence at 10.30am instead of 11.00am.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed a telephone number, address or your emergency contact number has changed, please can you let the club know as we need to keep up to date records.

TASTER SESSIONS

To support the Taster Days, we will be running taster sessions; these will be available for potential new members to book and have a short session with an experienced member on the green.

These must be booked through John McKenzie. These will be available every Thursday morning 9.30-12.30pm and can be organised outside of these slots by agreement.

To book call John on 07817729117.

YouTube

We continue to be amazed at the rate of views we are having on our YouTube channel; we have now had **over 36,000 views** since we launched at the start of the 25/26 season and **119** videos published. We have **192** subscribers! This is a great way of us getting lots of new content out to our members and further afield.

We have interviews with our board and club members on there, quick fire questions to professional players, acts taken place in the club and our weekly updates. Please click the like button and subscribe to our channel.

Scan the QR code to visit, or search for @WhiteknightsIndoorBowlsClub



Etiquette

Some more gentle reminders on what to do, or not do, to make sure we all have a good time when playing bowls.



- The lead on the team, who has at least 1 wood indicating a win, should start getting the mat ready where possible
- Don't play slower towards the end of the match if the score's close
- Discuss the match in the bar rather than on the rink
- No bowls should be touched or moved before the end has been declared

SPONSORS DAY

A big thank you to all our Sponsors who attended on Monday 16th March for the Sponsors Day. This was the first time we have held a one-day style event, but both feedback from the sponsors and members was incredibly well received. We will be hosting another event next season.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Raj Bhatnager**, **Len Cooke** and **Gordon Munns**, who have become level 3 Senior coaches after passing their assessments.



RULE REMINDER

All games shall be played in a two-hour session. Play will finish at the completion of the end in play on the sounding of the buzzer prior to the end of the session.

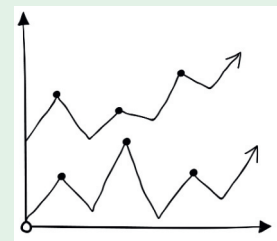


Once the final end buzzer has sounded the end should only be completed **IF THE JACK HAS BEEN CAST**. This means the jack only needs to be bowled, not set! It does **not** matter if it went in the ditch or off the rink, once it has been bowled the end is underway.

RINK USAGE

A huge thank you to the members for their superb support in using the rinks at the club. Figures for the season to date have been excellent.

September - 98%
October - 93%
November - 93%
December - 95%
January - 97%
February - 95%
March - 93%



EARLY BIRD ROLL UPS



This is a reminder that we run early bird roll ups from 7.00am-9.00am on a Monday - Friday, no need to book, just turn up. £2 for the session.

SUMMER FRIENDLY MATCH

We are looking at playing against Desborough in a summer friendly home and away this season. Watch out for more details in the forthcoming weeks on this.

SPONSORSHIP

As a club we are always looking to attract new sponsors to the club, we have recently struck deals with Spirit Energy, Dorset Bowls Resort and Barchester House. We welcome them to the club. Watch out for more exciting information.

FINALS WEEK

Please keep an eye out for the final's week schedule. We are aiming to have this out shortly to members. We still have some last-minute games to complete, so this may affect permutations. Please refer to the Manager's noticeboard for the schedule and this will also be emailed to you all.



We would urge as many of you as possible to come and support each evening and the one afternoon, there are some brilliant matches each day. The prize money and trophies for these matches will be presented at the end of each evening.

The last evening of the season, **Friday 17th April**, will culminate in some singles finals and then the presentations of these matches alongside all the leagues for the season. Please can any winning or runner up in the league have at least one representative at the final's night to collect your prize money.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Members of Whiteknights, as we wrap up another fantastic season, I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to every one of you.

From the competitive intensity of our league, club, and national matches to the laughs during casual roll-ups, it's your energy and enthusiasm that make this club such a special place to manage.

Whether you've been volunteering behind the scenes, competing on the rinks, or simply enjoying the atmosphere in the lounge, you've all contributed to a brilliant year. It's been a pleasure seeing the club so full of life, and I'm already looking forward to seeing everyone back on the green soon.

Enjoy the short break, we will see all those playing here in the summer and good luck to all those who are going to their outdoor clubs, thank you for being part of the Whiteknights community.

Dates for your diary for April

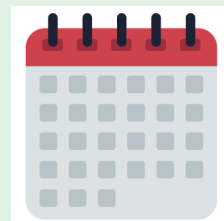
Friday 3rd to Monday 6th (inclusive) - CLUB CLOSED FOR EASTER

Wednesday 8th 12.30pm - Reading Parkinson's group on site

Friday 10th - Motown night-SOLD OUT

Sunday 12th - K Sawdon Markers course

Saturday 11th - Friday 17th - finals week



Knights Update

Another season has come to an end - they really do fly by. This is the very first full season that the Knights have been involved with. Since the start of the season we gained 8 new Knights! This is incredibly heart warming as it just goes to show how good a club we have that 8 people wanted to join to help other members.

I do hope the majority of our membership appreciate the time and effort these fellow members put in to our club as being part of the Knights group. This was merely an idea just over a year ago and now look at how it's developed. I personally wanted to say a big THANK YOU to each one of the Knights - you are each making a positive difference.

Please remember ***it's not just new members that the Knights are here to help***. We want to support and help all of our members so if you ever need help or advice with regards to the club or bowling then please speak with us.

If you would like to join the Knights then please contact Mark Barefoot or Andy Knapper.

