



JACK HIGH



December 2025

Your Club, Your Voice: Complete the 2025 Member Survey!

A big thank you! We have already received 140 replies to our 2025 Member Satisfaction Survey!

If you haven't participated yet, please take a few minutes to share your views. Your input helps us measure the club's performance, guide continuous improvement, and plan for the future.

How to Access: The survey forms were previously sent by email. If you missed the email, yellow printed copies are available at the reception desk and the club bar.

How to Return: Complete the survey and email it back, or drop the physical copy at the bar, front desk, or manager's office.

Deadline: Friday, December 19, 2025.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of our club! Scan the QR code to watch a video about the survey



Parking and Speed Limit Reminder

We appreciate parking can be difficult when the club is busy, but we are seeing issues with cars parking across two spaces.



If this continues, we will begin making public announcements to have the vehicles moved. Also, please observe the **5mph speed limit** in the car park at all times.

Bowlr - Booking 1-Hour Slots

All members can easily book a 1-hour slot by typing the desired time directly into the slot below your name when making a reservation.

The only time you need to contact us is if you wish to book the first or second half of a rink that is already partially booked. We will handle that split booking for you.

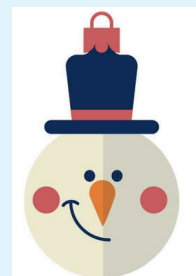
January Taster Day

We have our third taster day on **Sunday 4th January at 2.30pm-6.30pm**. If you are able to volunteer and support on the day, please let Andy know ASAP.

We have additional flyers on our new display stand next to the front desk, please take one and pass on to a friend, family member or colleague, this is a great chance to get people into our fantastic club.

Xmas Bowls: Two Days of Action!

Mark your calendars for our special Christmas bowls schedule!



Monday, December 29th: Join us for the Christmas Webber (9:30 AM) and Christmas Pairs. Namesheets will be available shortly on the main noticeboard.

Tuesday, December 30th: We've added an extra day this year! The club will be open from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM for roll-ups, club comps or nationals.

Poppies



Thank you, members, for purchasing crocheted poppies.

Eileen was able to donate £170.00 as a part of The Barkham Hookers £2,500 to the Royal British Legion.

We also raised over £140 for the Royal British Legion on the poppies

Visually Impaired (VI) Bowlers

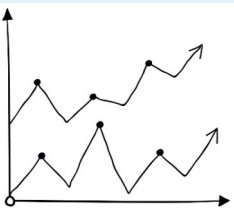
Thank you from the Visually Impaired bowlers from Caversham and Wokingham to all the Whiteknights for all your patience in supporting us on and off the green and manoeuvring around the club.



New Bowlers Roll-ups

Reminder for all New Bowlers Roll-ups that due to the high numbers we are only taking bookings in advance, please contact any member of staff to book you in.

Club Members Stats

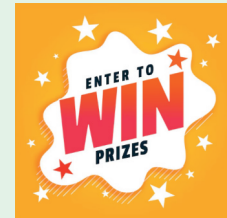


We have had very successful Taster days and Open days, bringing in new members. This is important to the club as we lose around **10%-15%** of our membership each year. Total new members to date is **127 (35 full and 92 social members)**. This number is ever changing as Social upgrade to Full.

At time of publication of this newsletter we have a membership of **927 total members (646 bowlers and 281 social)**

We wanted to share this information so it will hopefully allay any fears that we are getting too many members, which would mean not having sufficient rink availability.

Christmas Draw



The Christmas draw squares are now selling from the

kitchen. Please support this. £1 a square with various prizes up for grabs. All proceeds to go to Berkshire Vision.

We are looking for donations for prizes, please drop any

Rink Usage

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

September-97.95%
October- 93.04%
November-92.56%



Sponsorships

We are currently in negotiations with several sponsors, however this is an area we would love to grow in the club.


If you have any suggestions or contacts, please let us know and we will follow these up. We have managed to attract 15 sponsors to the club for this season, this is an incredible achievement and one that separates us from many other clubs.



YouTube

Our YouTube channel has surpassed **14,000** views since the start of the season! We're amazed at this reach.

We are currently featuring quickfire questions with top players, with more exciting content coming.

Please support us by Liking and Subscribing to  the channel!

Scan the QR code to visit.



Taster Sessions

To support the Taster Days this season we are running taster sessions. These are available for potential new members to book and have a short session with an experienced coach.

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

To book call John on 07817729117.

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.

Etiquette - Walking in the rinks



As the late, great Bing Crosby said "*Straight down the middle, It went straight down the middle, Then it started to hook just a wee, wee bit That's when my caddie lost sight of it*"

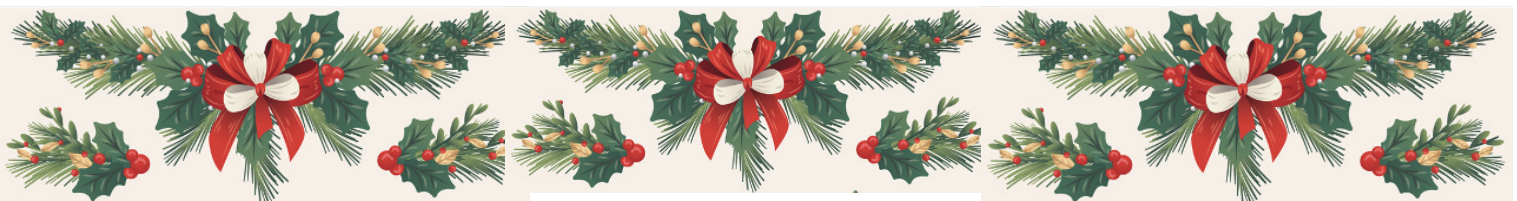
This is how we would like everyone to walk between ends when playing. Not in a group that blocks the view, or risks getting hit by a wood.

If we can all just try that little bit harder to adopt these practices we can all benefit and enjoy our

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Dr Peter Musgrove, one of our Whiteknights members.

Peter, a renewable energy pioneer, was honoured by the Prince of Wales after being made a CBE in the King's Birthday Honours.



Dates for your diary during December and New Year

Thursday 4th - NHS volunteers Christmas lunch in the dining room, *please be aware of parking*



Tuesday 9th - Sold out Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 10th - Sold out Christmas dinner

Thursday 11th - Caversham and Wokingham Visually impaired Christmas lunch, *please be aware of parking*

Saturday 13th - One day Christmas Triples- thank you for the incredible support all 72 spaces taken.

Tuesday 16th - Ladies Christmas Bowls Party at 2.30pm all 56 spaces taken.

Wednesday 17th - New Members League Launch night - 6.30pm

Saturday 20th - Christmas Quiz Night at 6.30pm - SOLD OUT all 126 spaces taken

Monday 29th - Christmas Pairs and Webber

Tuesday 30th - Christmas roll ups, club comps and nationals.

Saturday 17th January - The AGM will be held in the lounge at 10AM. Come and meet the Board, hear about your Club and ask questions.

Club Closed - Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th, Wednesday 31st December and Thursday 1st January.

Reminder to use the easyfundraising app to raise funds for WIBC.



If you have already signed up, then please remember to choose your supplier through the easyfundraising app. Every purchase you make brings a donation into WIBC. It is possible to raise hundreds of pounds if enough people use it regularly. Most major companies (e.g.: Amazon, Body Shop, Travel companies, etc.) can be found.

If you have forgotten, or do not currently use the easyfundraising site, then please go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), or scan the QR Code here, sign up and select our cause (Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club). Bookmark the website, install the Donation Reminder and/or download the app and you're good to go!



Going forward, every single time you make an eligible purchase, we will receive a donation. Thank you for your support.

Knights Update

We have had **6 new Knights** join us in the past 2 weeks! This is great news as it means we can help our new members better, having more people to support this important initiative. Please welcome; **Andy Niker, Clare Ware, Neil Palmer, Vivian Harper, Karen Harding and John Wilson**. Once we get their photos we will update our Knights Board.



We had our most recent meeting on Tues 18th Nov where we reviewed 9 new suggestions. If you have an idea, or would like to share feedback, then please fill in one of the pink suggestion slips and pop it into the Suggestions Box. We look at every suggestion posted and, if you put your name down, will always get back to you with an update.

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