



# JACK HIGH

February 2026



## TASTER DAYS/MEMBERSHIP

195 people tried bowls over our 3 days and taster sessions so far this season and this continues to grow.

153 new members recruited so far this season, 17 members re-joining. We now stand at 951 members of which we have 683 bowling members.

Thank you to all the coaches, volunteers and staff for all the hard work that has gone into organising these days. These numbers are unmatched anywhere in the country.

## LEAGUE CAPTAINS

The Bowling Group would like to **THANK** all the league captains for all their hard work this season. A huge amount of work goes into each league team and we really appreciate all of your efforts.

## PSA Testing Day review

On the 31st January we held our first PSA Testing day at the club. We had 150 people attend, 2/3rds of which were not existing members. Each person will be updated personally with their results.

The day ran really smoothly and we would like to say **THANK YOU** to the organisers and helpers.

We will share more information once we receive it from the charity. If anyone would like further support from their results please contact Andy.

## CLUB AGM

**THANK YOU** to all the members that came to the AGM on Saturday 17th January. Minutes of the meeting will be published in the forthcoming weeks.



## Jean Pound - Life Membership Award

Jean joined Whiteknights IBC in 1987 and qualified as a bowls coach in 1989 reaching Level 3 Senior Coach status in 2004.

Jean has held various roles within the club, from Welfare Officer to Ladies President, to which she was elected in 2003 for a term of 3 years.

She has given continuous service on various club committees and groups, until recently retiring as President of the Bowling Section.

Jean represented the club in national team competitions and at county level as a player; recently she has been an enthusiastic supporter of the club's representative teams in a non-playing capacity, which has been much appreciated by the players.

***Jean, for almost 40 years of outstanding loyal service and for your valuable contribution to Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club, the Board of Directors and members of the Club say Thank You. You have earned this Honourable Life Membership Award.***



## CHANGING ROOMS

If you are leaving your bowls bag in the changing room, **please do not leave it on top of the lockers, on seating or tables.** Please tuck it fully under the seating with all straps tucked away. We had an incident of a member tripping up recently and narrowly avoiding a serious injury.

## ONE CLUB & ONE VISION

We currently have two club shirts. The white club shirt used for friendly matches and all other bowling, alongside the red, white, and black national shirts. We now want to bring this all into line as part of our **One Club & One Vision** strategy.

Therefore, for the start of the 2026/27 season later this year, **the white club shirt will become obsolete for club friendly matches**, and the red shirt will take over. This will be worn with black shorts, trousers, or skirts. We will no longer wear whites for these matches.

**We will be selling off the old white shirt club stock for £15 per shirt.** These can still be used for Webbers, roll ups, and league games. If you wish to purchase one of these then please see a member of staff, we still have most sizes in stock.

To coincide with this, we are delighted to announce we will be adding 4 new items to our Whiteknights IBC range. The new black club leisure shirt which can be used for travel to matches, worn for all roll ups, leagues, competitions, and Webbers. The new Whiteknights tracksuit top, windproof top, and the new Whiteknights hoodie. We are now looking to take pre-orders to have this stock ready for you at the earliest possible opportunity.

If you wish to pre-order any items, please email [clubmanager@whiteknightsibc.co.uk](mailto:clubmanager@whiteknightsibc.co.uk) with your name and size.

We have sample stock in all sizes of the items. We also have ladies and mens versions of the shirts. Please pop into Andy's office at any point to view the items.

## PARKING

Please can we remind members of parking etiquette. We do have limited spaces; this is not being helped at times by poor parking outside of the lines.



Members using the disabled spaces **must** have a blue badge on display. We will be proactively monitoring parking and asking members to move cars when needed.

## QUIZ NIGHT/RACE NIGHT

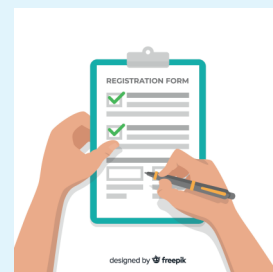


**Thank you** for your incredible support once again, the Quiz night is **SOLD OUT**, with 22 teams booked in. If you wish to join the reserve list, please let Andy know. **Thank you** to Julia and Mark for organising.

Again, **thank you** for your bookings for the **SOLD OUT** Race Night and to Chris and Mike for organising.

## LEAGUE TEAM REGISTRATIONS

We are now taking registrations for the 2026-27 season for all the leagues. These forms are available from the noticeboard outside the Manager's office and also include our Summer Triples league.



**A REMINDER - All teams are automatically entered for the League Knockouts.**

We need to get more teams into the leagues. If you need any assistance in setting up a new team in one of the main leagues, please see Andy who will be more than happy to help. There is a sheet up on the main noticeboard opposite the front desk, for those players looking to join a league team for next season, we will help you get into a team.

## 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 25,000 views** since we launched at the start of the season. 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**



## ADDITIONAL COACHING

We're offering one-off coaching sessions on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. These are available for individuals, pairs, groups, or teams and are designed around a specific topic you want to work on.

### How it works:

- You choose the focus for the session (for example: draw weight, line and length, head reading, shot selection, pre-shot routine, team roles, dealing with pressure, or any area you'd like help with).
- Sessions can be tailored to individuals or to a group/team, depending on what you book.

### Availability:

- We can accommodate a maximum of two bookings per Sunday, so please get in early.

To book contact **Kulwant Channa (Head Coach)** via his Email [kc@Panveeru.net](mailto:kc@Panveeru.net)

If you have a particular goal or an upcoming match you'd like to prepare for, include that in your message so the session can be planned around it.

## 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 - Measuring in matches

**Stick to your roles to keep play smooth!** Only the designated Measurers should be involved in scoring (unless someone else was nominated at the start). During changeovers, only the Skip and Measurer should stop to consult; the rest of the team should move through to avoid distracting those on adjacent rinks.



To help keep the game going, rather than spend time debating which bowl is closer than another please measure the bowls in question. This really helps maximise your playing time.

By ensuring we all follow the basic etiquette system we will all get more out of each game.

## 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.



October - 93.04%  
November - 92.56%  
December - 94.83%  
January - 97.22%!!

## World Bowls Championships

When watching on TV did you ever wonder how the bowling lengths on a number of the championships matches relate to our own green?



The green at WIBC is 36.5M end to end. Potters is approx 38-40M.

- T to spot 1 - 23M/25Y (Approx)
- T to spot 2 - 24.6M/27Y (Approx)
- T to spot 3 - 26.6M/29Y (Approx)
- T to spot 4 - 28.5M/31Y (Approx)
- T to spot 5 - 30.5M/33Y (Approx)
- T to T - 32.5M/35Y (Approx). At Potters this is approx 31M/34Y

## Dates for your diary for February

**Monday 2nd:** 10:00am County meeting

**Tuesday 3rd:** 4:30pm County meeting

**Friday 6th:** 7:00pm Corporate event for SLIC

**Saturday 7th:** 6:30pm Race Night

**Monday 9th:** 10:00am County meeting

**Tuesday 10th:** 6:00pm Knights meeting

**Wednesday 11th:** 6:30pm Bowling Group meeting

**Thursday 12th:** 10:00am MEBC Committee meeting

**Friday 13th:** 9:30am Finance group meeting

**Friday 20th:** 9:30am Board of Directors meeting

**Thursday 26th:** 4:30pm Corporate event for Tangent Ladies

**Saturday 28th:** 6:30pm Quiz Night



## Knights Update

Many of the Knights attended the New Members League kick-off meeting in January. Each team has at least 1 Knight that will mentor them and provide support by attending matches, helping with roll-ups and chatting on the team WhatsApp group. It's been encouraging to see quite a few play in the club Webbers - giving them a chance to learn in a competitive environment. Some have also joined League teams! Please help our new bowlers as much as you can by supporting them in a friendly manner.

Currently the Knights have 156 new members to be a contact for, a mentor in a team or a face in the crowd to chat with.

After getting some feedback from members, advising that it wasn't that easy to spot a Knight, we have now got larger badges that can more easily be seen. Also, as our Knights get involved in more club activities we are sure you will become aware of us more

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 have any feedback or ideas then please pop a suggestion into the Suggestions box - each one does get reviewed and it's your opportunity to be heard.

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

