



JACK HIGH

March 2026



TASTER DAYS/MEMBERSHIP

We currently sit at a membership of 961 total members of which 682 are 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 - 61 joined.

Total new members - 160 (69 full and 91 social)

COMPETITION RULE

Did you know that if a game is mathematically impossible to win, you must concede the game in a club or national competition.



LADIES DRAWN TRIPLES

Thank you to all those ladies who took part, we had a great day. Our two finalists for finals week are - Diane Fagg, Susie Mew and Rosanna Brown vs Lynn Watkins, Karen Hayhoe and Clare Ware.



WILL VIZER ALLEN

Congratulations to Will on reaching the final of the National Under 25's singles, Will played superbly all weekend, losing narrowly in the final.



MOTOWN NIGHT

Thank you for your incredible support once again, the Motown night 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.

SPONSORS DAY

On Monday 16th March, from 10.00am - 2.00pm, we will be holding a day for our sponsors in the club.

They will have a table each in the lounge and be on site for you to talk to them.

This is a great opportunity to meet the sponsors that support our club.

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 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.



One Club. One Vision. Together Moving Forward.

Heritage Club Shirt	Leisure Shirt	Official Club Shirt From 2026 onwards	Club Windproof, Hoody, Tracksuit and Gilet
Approved for Roll Ups, Webber, Leagues & Club Comps. Reminder of where we came from.	New for all members. Suitable for Roll Ups, League, Webber and supporting National fixtures.	Our Primary Club Shirt. Worn for Roll Ups, Webber, League, Friendlies, Club and National events.	Stay Warm and and show your colours.

Samples in a Range of Sizes in Stock to Try!

Get Ready for Next Season!

Order with Andy Now
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Introducing Our New Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club Apparel Range.

RACE NIGHT

And they're off...what a great night at the club on Saturday as we held our race night. A big thank you to Mike and Chris for running the evening! A brilliant time was had by all.



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 31,795 views** since we launched at the start of the season. We have 184 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.



- Don't stand directly behind the jack as this can hide the jack as it blends in with white shoes
- When checking if a wood is out of play the person at the furthest end should be the main checker, not the person at the head end
- Remain still at the end of the rink when players are bowling
- Keep an eye on woods on the outer side of rinks to lift if needed - this should only be done by the players in the rink those woods are in

SLIC EVENT

We had the great pleasure of hosting the SLIC group, Social, learning and ideas club, a group of professionals of south Asian heritage.

We had a fantastic night at the club, a presentation from the group, followed by a two-course hot meal and then the group learning how to play bowls in a fun, relaxed environment.

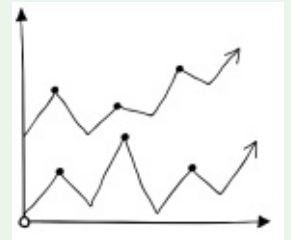
Thank you to all involved for a brilliant night.



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%



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.

WESSEX LEAGUE



We are going to run a second Wessex league team, and this will be managed by John Wilson. We have contacted the Wessex league to confirm this.

NEW BOWLERS EVENT

Last year 4 managers/officials from Whiteknights, Desborough, West Berks and Foxhill got together and formed a group to share ideas best practices, and how we can work together to not only develop our own clubs but to try and drive the game of bowls forward.

In October we started planning a new event aimed at year 1 and 2 bowlers for 12 players from each club to play in a one-day event against each other. On Saturday 31st Jan that came together and wow what a day.

All four teams did their clubs proud, many of them playing at a new club and on a new surface for the first time. The atmosphere, spirit, friendship and competitiveness were quite incredible. The whole tournament coming down to the last bowl of the match!!

A huge thank you to Desborough for hosting the first event and thank you to the Food Fairies for sponsoring the trophy.

West Berks took the title by 2 points, from Whiteknights in second, Desborough in third and Foxhill in fourth.

As the Club Manager of Whiteknights, I have to say this was one of the most exhilarating days I've had. I cannot tell you how proud I was of our team. They played brilliantly all day and showed the future of the club is in good shape. Thank you team for a great day!!



Dates for your diary for March

Sunday 1st 10.00am - Berks Men County EGM in Dining room
Wednesday 4th 5.30pm - Sponsor Drop in. Andrew Street Financial adviser
Friday 6th 12 pm - Fish and Chip Friday
Saturday 7th 8.30am - One Day Triples
Saturday 14th 8.30am - Men's Two Wood Plate Competition
Sunday 15th 12 pm - Sunday lunch. Book in advance via Andy Knapper
Monday 16th 10.00am - Club Sponsors Day. Stalls from our sponsors in the lounge
Wednesday 18th 10.30am - Cotswold Bowls Roadshow
Thursday 19th 7.00pm - Lower Earley Scouts Group to play bowls
Saturday 28th 8.30am - New Bowlers One Day Competition



Knights Update

In January we held our first PSA Testing day at the club with 150 people - 100 of which were not members! A number of Knights helped with the running of this very successful day. Having members who help our club like this is fantastic. Thank you to all those involved.

In February we had 11 new suggestions put forward. To date this season we have had a total of 34 suggestions. Please use the pink slips and write your suggestions down - each one gets read.

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.

