



JACK HIGH



September/October 2025

Dates for the season

Welcome back to indoor bowling. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

The club is open **7AM Monday 29th September**.

At Christmas we close Tuesday 23rd December at 10.30pm and re-open Friday 2nd January 2026, running until Friday 17th April 2026 culminating in the final evening of the season. The Summer Webber will commence from Monday 27th April 2026.

We are planning to do a one-day event over Christmas and also going to open for an additional day for social rollups, play a national or club competition on Monday 29th December (one day competition) and Tuesday 30th December (roll up/competitions). Timings to be confirmed closer to the time.

A full diary will be available in the new blue club handbooks; these will be available from the front desk and bar, this is also available on the club website.



We have now launched our new online booking system. To book rinks go to the WIBC website - www.whiteknightsibc.co.uk - and click on the BOWLR link. This is a private site where only WIBC members can log in. You should have received an email explaining how to log in. Anyone who has not received their details please email Andy or call the club to get your details.

We are not using the BOWLR system to full capacity in year one, we want to try and make this a gradual process for our members and not overwhelm them with functions in the first year.

We have created our own user guide and videos showing how to logon, change your password etc. These are all on the WIBC website, click on the BOWLR link to see them. If you need help we are holding sessions in the club, just bring along your device. The dates are; Mon 1/9 10:00-12:00, Wed 3/9 10:00-12:00, Thurs 11/9 10:00-12:00, Fri 12/9 10:00-12:00, Mon 29/9 18:30-19:30 and Tues 30/9 18:30-19:30.

Taster Days

We will be having three Taster Days this season.

- Sunday 5th October 9.30am - 4.30pm
- Sunday 12th October 10.00am - 2.30pm
- Sunday 4th January 2026. 2.30pm - 6.30pm

This is a great opportunity for you to bring a family member, friend, colleague from work or a neighbour. Recruitment to the club is crucial and has a significant impact on our future. If you could support on any of these days, please let Andy know. It is critical for the future of our club we continue to build our membership. Flyers and business cards are available to give out. If you could deliver flyers to your neighbours, it would be a great help.

We have worked hard on our advertising this year with improved marketing materials. We continue to strive to produce excellent marketing material and a big thank you to Alis Batten for her continued support in helping us produce such eye-catching materials.

WHITEKNIGHTS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

FREE TASTER SESSION

- ✓ Everyone Welcome
- ✓ No Experience Needed
- ✓ Junior Equipment Available
- ✓ Full Coaching Provided
- ✓ Limited Spaces Available

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER FROM 09:30 AM

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER FROM 10:00 AM

Please bring clean, flat soled shoes or trainers on the day

21 Beech Lane, Earley, RG6 5PT

TO BOOK CONTACT 0118 986 0759

More information: www.whiteknightsibc.co.uk
clubmanager@whiteknightsibc.co.uk

Summer Webber

A huge thank you to all those who have played in the Summer Webber, with **136** playing in the competition.

We start our Season Webber on Monday 29th September and will continue with the Weekend Webber which will run separately to the Season Webber. These Webber dates will be published in the club.

Summer League

We have had an excellent first season with our summer league on Thursdays at the club, this has been well received, and we hope to grow this once again for next summer.

Well done to the winners **Summer Jacks** and runners up **Summer Shockers**. We would encourage more to come and have a go. The last summer session is Friday 13th September. Thank you to all the captains, who have run teams and their players. We are now approaching the final games of the season.

Social Events



A huge thank you to **Julia** for organising a fantastic calendar of events for the 2025-26 season.

Please visit the WIBC website and click on "Social Options" to view.

PSA Testing Day

As a club we believe strongly in supporting the community and our members, therefore we will be hosting a PSA testing day on **Saturday 31st January 2026 from 10.00am - 4.00pm.**

If we have any members who would be keen on assisting on the day please let Andy Knapper know.

Scan the QR code to book a slot to be tested. This is £26.00. Alternativley email info@psatests.org.uk



For more information visit gfct.mypsatests.org.uk

League and Competitions



The Bowling group have been working on updating and simplifying the rules for the 25-26 season. These are now available on the website and noticeboards; Captains, please ensure that your team is aware of

the rules for leagues and competitions. Please be aware that we have made some improvements to the rules based on the members feedback.

All fixtures are now published on the website; Andy has sent out all the fixtures in Excel set up as team sheets for each team. If any Captains need any assistance, please contact Andy or Morgan. These are laid out slightly differently this season due to our move to the BOWLR system.

Maintenance

We have many projects currently being worked on within the club and by the time you return you will find the following will have been completed:



- Newly painted lines in the car
- Second phase of roof completed
- The carpet will have been stretched
- The front doors and inner doors have both been replaced
- Repairs to the kitchen extraction system
- Boiler Room control system upgrades
- The dining room has been repainted and updated
- Upgrades to the kitchen and equipment

In addition to the general maintenance carried out by Andy, many safety checks have been carried out including boilers and gas safety, electrical and fire safety, fire extinguishers, air handling and air conditioning systems.

Youtube

We now have our own YouTube channel, this will open us to a new audience and our members.

Subscribe to this channel for regular content on the club and events.



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Club Charity

This season our club charity will be Berkshire Vision. Find more info on their website berkshirevision.org.uk. We can help raise awareness and as much money as possible for them this season. We want to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their incredible support last season, with Daisy's Dream we raised just short of £4000.



Handbook and New Members Guide

We have improved the club handbook for the 2025-26 season. The blue booklet will be available for you to collect from the bar or front desk. We have made some small adjustments on the New Members guide for the 25-26 season. Please visit the WIBC website and click on Administration and then New Member's Guide.

We are delighted to announce that we will also be starting a new venture with Desborough, West Berks and Foxhill where we will have a New Bowlers competition where we will take a team of new bowlers to play against these clubs in a round robin style tournament.

Taster Sessions

Now available for potential new members to book with an experienced member. To book a 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday session, or to arrange another time by agreement, please contact John McKenzie on 07817729117. Additionally, thanks to John for creating the new "Helping to improve your bowling" booklet, which is available at the front desk or bar.

Competitions Survey Feedback

Thanks to everyone who completed the competitions feedback survey. The bowling group has analyzed the data and will be making the following adjustments for next season. We've discussed other competition formats, but want to see how the changes for next season work out before adding more to our busy schedule.

- **Super Sunday Pairs** will become a Mixed Pairs competition, played in line with EIBA rules. The winners will then go forward and represent WIBC in the London and Southern Counties Mixed Pairs competition for the 2026-27 season.
- **Over 70's pairs for Men and Ladies** will become Over 60's Pairs to bring in line with the EIBA age restricted competitions, we feel this will also have a positive effect on the entries to the competitions.
- Introducing a **New Bowlers Singles competition**, that will run in parallel to the New Bowlers league. This is likely to be a one-day competition run towards the end of the season.
- **Ladies and Men's Two Wood Singles** will be aimed at being played over 1 or 2 days to increase rink capacity and make events of the 2 competitions.
- **Ladies drawn triples** to be run as a one-day style event to try and help increase entries.
- A one day **Australian pairs** competition to be run by the bowling group.
- **Unbadged Singles**. While we found some anomalies in the competition entries, the overall number of participants is strong, so we're keeping the current format. We'll focus on promoting the events to increase ladies' entries.
- **Mixed ability competitions**. This year, we've introduced several popular mixed-ability competitions, such as the 'drawn triples' and 'fun triples', in response to survey feedback.
- **Afternoon League Cups competitions**. This year, we're offering finalists the option to play their matches in the afternoon instead of the evening. If this is a popular choice, we may make the change permanent for future competitions.
- **Start dates for competitions**. We'll aim to start competitions earlier in the season to avoid the usual end-of-season fixture congestion. We'll make every effort to schedule them to avoid clashes with national competitions.

A new list on the Noticeboard for members who

- are willing to mark a game of singles to assist newer members
- wish to enter some of the team competitions but may not have anyone to play with

Finances

We would greatly appreciate you paying by BACS. This saves in administration times and cost saving for the club. Payment of your Subscriptions (**Closing date: 16th October 2025**)

Annual Subscriptions

Annual Bowling Membership	£175.00
Social Membership	£50.00
Membership Summer Only (Webbers)	£50.00
Junior Annual Membership (under 16)	£0
Late Payment of Subs charge	£25.00
Locker Annual Rental	£5.00
Access Card/Locker Keys for New Members	£5.00
Replacement Access Card/Locker Key	£5.00

All green fees, match fees, coaching fees will remain the same as the 2024/25 season.

How to pay

By Internet banking (preferred)

The Club is offering members the option of paying via internet banking but it is essential the following action is taken:

1. Payment is made to Sort Code 40-38-04, Account No 91014641
2. The payment reference should contain your membership number (obtainable from the Club Manager) and your post code.
3. Please e-mail the Club Manager (clubmanager@whiteknightsibc.co.uk) when you have made the payment giving full details (date of payment, membership number and amount). This is to ensure we can tie up entries appearing on our bank statement.

By Credit or Debit Card

Please complete a payment form (available at bar and front desk) with full details (name, date, amounts) and hand it to the Club Manager or staff, at the Front Desk or Bar along with your card.

By Cheque

Made payable to: **Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club Ltd**. Please write Membership number and locker number (if applicable) on the back of the cheque and place in an envelope available from the front desk and leave in the box provided.

By Cash (preferably not)

To be paid to the Club Manager or bar staff in a sealed envelope. Name, membership number or postcode to be written on the envelope.

Notes

- Payment for locker rental must be submitted with the subscriptions
- Members are encouraged to use their membership cards, credit, or debit cards whenever possible
- Remember you get a 10% discount at the bar for using your membership card to pay. Extensive use of membership cards will ensure that we can minimise our taxes by keeping below the Corporation Tax limit. Using your card has a huge time saving to the cash counting and banking issues we now face, so please support the club by using your membership card as much as possible to pay for purchases