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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF WHITEKNIGHTS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

11th

**BERKSHIRE IBA
6 MIXED RINKS 2:30PM**

31st

**LONDON SCOTTISH BA
6 MIXED TRIPLES 2:30PM**

DATES FOR THE SEASON

The club is open for play from Monday 28th September 2026 from 7.00am for early bird roll ups.

At Christmas we close on Wednesday 23rd December 2026 at 10.30pm and re-open Saturday 2nd January 2027 at 7.00am and run through until Friday 16th April 2027 at 11.00pm, the culmination of Finals Week. The Summer Webber will commence on Monday 26th April 2027 at 9.30am.

Over Christmas we are planning to run a one-day event on Monday 28th December and to open for an additional day on Tuesday 29th December for members to have a social roll up or play a national or club competition. Timings will be confirmed closer to the time. A full diary will be available in the new yellow club handbook; these will be available from the front desk and bar, and available on the club website

CLUB VIDEO

We are going to be creating a club video this season, during the season we will have 2 students Nathan and Alexandra working with us and they will be filming in the club.

If you have any concerns over being filmed or would not like to appear in the final video, please let us know.

Please dont forget to like and subscribe to the youtube channel.



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KNAPPERS NOTES

We are also delighted to confirm we are planning on adding Sky tv into the club on a trial basis, we will therefore be able to increase the amount of top-level sport you can watch in the club. This will be assessed as of the success of this trial.



We are also going to be trialling a self-serve coffee machine in the evenings once the Food Fairies shut, you will be able to purchase pods from the bar and then self-serve next to the bar. We will also be trialling serving a small amount of food items from the Food Fairies off the bar in the evening once they shut, these will be cash only purchases.

I am delighted to announce we will have a visit from Yuan Yang on Friday 2nd October, she is our local MP for Earley and Woodley. This will be a great chance to showcase our facilities to her.

UPDATE

TASTER DAYS / MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to our wonderful members, we had a fantastic season 25/26.

Taster Day Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 4th October 2026. 9.30am - 4.30pm
- Sunday 11th October 2026. 10.00am - 2.30pm
- Sunday 17th 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.

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 Butten for her continued support in helping us produce such eye-catching materials.



LEAGUES AND KO

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 assistance, please contact Andy or Morgan.

All League KO competitions are now drawn and available on the website and published on the noticeboard in the club. Please be aware that this season we will only have 1 Ladies KO and not 2. This will be handicapped to fall in line with all the other KO competitions.

GOVERNANCE

The Governance group has been working hard on risk assessments in the summer season. Ensuring the safety of our members and visitors. Each corner of the green now has wheelchair access to enter and exit the green. In the event of an emergency the green wheelchairs can exit all fire doors. The black wheelchair can exit via the double doors in the lounge or main entrance/exit.

LEAGUE / COMP RULES

The Bowling group have been working on updating and simplifying the rules for the 26-27 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 member's feedback.

We now would like all members to use spray chalk and avoid using chalk sticks, we have seen a number of instances with bowls being inadvertently moved by using chalk sticks. Chalk spray will be available to purchase over the bar and from the front desk.

Good etiquette and knowledge of the rules creates a better experience for all bowlers.



THE CLUB



TASTER SESSIONS

To supplement the Taster Days this season we will be running Taster Sessions, which potential new members will be able to book and have a short session with an experienced member.

These must be booked through John McKenzie and will be available every Thursday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm. They may be organised outside of these slots by agreement. To book call John on 07817729117.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank John for developing a booklet available to members called "Helping to Improve your Bowling" and "Choosing your bowls" for this season. This will be available from the front desk or bar.

THANK YOU



Thank you to Julia and Mark Hiley for all their incredible work with the social events at the club. They sent us this image from their day at Ascot Races.



A big thank you to Andy Franklin for all his hard work and dedication, we wish him well in his retirement. Thank you to all the members who donated to his collection and gifts.

Andy had a great day and has sent us these images.

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 and pay a discounted £2.00 for the session.



RINK BOOKINGS / BOWLR

This season when booking a rink for a roll up, if you are happy to share your rink with other members, then please type in **"happy to share"** in the line below your name and time slot.

To ensure fair access to all members, we will also now be charging any members who book rinks and do not turn up for their booking, members will receive one warning and will then be charged on the second occasion. Rinks are of a premium and will give as much opportunity for play.



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FINANCE / SUBS

We would greatly appreciate you paying by BACS.
This saves the club both bank handling charges
and administration time.

Payment of your Subscriptions
(Closing date: 1st October 2026)

NOTE NEW DATE FOR CUT OFF

Annual Bowling Membership £180

Social Membership £50

Membership Summer £50

Junior Annual Membership (under 18) £0

Late Payment of Subs -additional £25

Locker Annual Rental £5

Access/Locker Keys for new members £10

Replacement of access/locker cards £5

How to pay your annual subs:

By Internet Banking

The Club is offering members, the option of paying via internet banking (**this is our preferred method of payment**), 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 (i.e. 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.

NEXT MONTH...

NOVEMBER

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

Please support these by getting your names down for selection.

1st

**BERKSHIRE LADIES IBA
5 LADIES TRIPLES 2:30PM**

8th

**BERKS VPS V CHAIRMAN VPS
6 MIXED RINKS 2:30PM**

15th

**Maiden Erlegh BC
6 MIXED RINKS 2:30PM**

18th

**BERKS IBA V BERKS WIBA
6 RINKS 2:30PM**

21st

**BERKS VPS V BERKS WIBA
6 MIXED RINKS 2:30PM**

29th

**LONDON WELSH
6 MIXED RINKS 2:30PM**

Cash and Cheque Handling

With the closure of local bank branches cash and cheque handling is an increasing nightmare. There are no local business bank branches that will accept cash so all cash and cheques must be paid into the Post Office. This incurs considerable bank charges and there is a limit on the amount that can be paid in each month.

**WELCOME BACK
KEEPING YOU UPTO DATE**