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Currently we have only 11 supporters, out of a Club of several hundreds!

Thank you for your support.

Daisy's Dream-Club Charity

I was honoured to be invited to the opening of the new Daisy's Dream HQ in Earley.



I was blown away talking to the staff about the work that is going on there. They are an incredible charity that need our support this season. As members are aware we have chosen Daisy's Dream as our club charity this season, we will be doing a number of events to support, and we are giving all our books and puzzle sales in the club to the charity. If any members would like to make a donation, then please dig deep and leave in the collection boxes and buckets in the club, if this is a more substantial donation, please come and see me and we can get this into the safe for collection from Daisy's Dream.

Sky Sports presenter Simon Thomas came and gave an incredibly moving speech talking about the impact of losing his wife suddenly to a rare blood disorder just 3 days after diagnosis and how Daisy's Dream worked with his 8-year-old son through now to his 15th birthday just two days ago. This is an incredible local charity that needs our support.

Meet The Team

Our next round of Meet the Team will take place on Tuesday 26th November at 11.30am-1.00pm with a chance to meet our Marketing and Membership director Martin Beeching and Director of Coaching John McKenzie, please pop in to meet them and have a chat about the club.

Webber and Weekend Webber

Our Webber competition is now underway and being really well supported, this is a reminder this is open to all members, it is a great way to meet people in the club in a relaxed environment. We will also be trialling a Weekend Webber this season, which will run separately to the main Webber- please refer to the Webber noticeboard for the dates of this. This has got off to a great start and thank you to all those attending both sessions.

Bar

We would like to encourage as many members as possible to load money on to their membership cards. This card can be used for all club payments. Members paying with their membership card will receive a 10% discount on drinks from the bar. This will enable us to continue to comply fully with the rules for being a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). CASC status gives us exemption from paying VAT on all our bowling activities including membership subscriptions and green fees.

New Bowlers Roll ups

To bring the new bowlers together we will run structured social/practise sessions. This is open to anyone who has joined in the last 2 seasons.

We will then have a practise together, with formats to suit our new members. (Non-members restricted to a maximum of 6 practise sessions). Cost £4 to bowl.

Cotswold Bowls Roadshow

On Wednesday 20th November between 10.30am and 3.00pm, Robert Newman from Cotswold Bowls Shop will be running a roadshow in the club. If you have any specific requests for items, please contact Robert in advance of the day on 01189 332916.

Club Competitions

Draws will be published shortly on the relevant noticeboards, please keep a close eye on dates and times. This is a reminder if you are the first named player in the singles, it is your responsibility to sort a marker out for the game.

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 16th November- We are having a Christmas bazaar at our club and would like you to pass this on to as many people as you know. We have worked to attract a variety of stalls for the day. Please pass this on to family and friends, we would love to see as many of you bring in new people into the club on this day.

One Day events

We will be running several one-day competitions this year, played in varying formats. The first two are played as triples, both will be drawn in advance of the day. The entry sheets are now displayed in the club for you to add your names to.

Sponsorship

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 13 sponsors to the club for this season, this is an incredible achievement and one that separates us from many other clubs.

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.

Door Cards/ Front Doors

We are finding several members are not using their door cards and forcing the doors open, this is leading to issues with the doors. If you have an issue with your card or have lost it, please see us about a replacement.

National Competitions

Please keep an eye on the tv in the lounge and the main noticeboard as you enter the club, you will see all the upcoming games advertised in these areas.

Competition Survey

Watch out this month for a survey regarding club competitions- we need your opinion....

Improving our member's experience

As a club we all need to support and encourage each other. There are a few small areas that members can help with that will make everyone's experience a more enjoyable one. Please can members wait behind the white walls at the end of the rinks for people to vacate the rinks off the previous session, crowding the rinks and putting bowls on the rink does not help people clear off quickly. On the flip side, when your game is concluded please can members vacate the rink as quickly and safely as possible. When people are stood on the mat waiting to bowl, do not step on to the mat on an adjoining rink and bowl, this often leads to collisions of bowls and can easily be avoided. When players are crossing over and moving to the opposite end of the green, walk down the middle of the rink, this again keeps games flowing. Please also do not leave items on the floor in between rinks as this is a trip hazard for members and guests.

We are also seeing a number of members with coughs and cold recently, as we approach the winter months, if you have any doubt about whether you should attend the club, please take the cautious approach, we have a number of vulnerable people in the club we need to protect.

Music in the bowls arena

We have now been playing music in the bowls arena for over 6 months and the general consensus is that it has been a positive experience for our members and visitors. We would like to enhance that experience and get members involved in the choices for music. So, if you have a genre or song that you would like us to add to the playlist then please send it to Andy on email so this can be dropped into the playlist.

Events in November

Sat	14:30	02-Nov-2024	Whiteknights vs London Scottish BA	Whiteknights
Sun	14:30	03-Nov-2024	Whiteknights vs Berkshire Ladies BA	Whiteknights
Wed	14:30	06-Nov-2024	Whiteknights vs Berkshire Masonic BA	Whiteknights
Thu	14:00	07-Nov-2024	Recreation Afternoon	Whiteknights
Fri	09:30	08-Nov-2024	Finance Meeting	Whiteknights
Fri	12:00	08-Nov-2024	Fish and Chip Friday	Whiteknights
Sat	09:00	09-Nov-2024	One Day Drawn Triples Competition	Whiteknights
Sat	18:30	09-Nov-2024	Three Mile Cross Dinner	Whiteknights
Sun	14:30	10-Nov-2024	Berkshire Vp's vs Vp's Chairman BA	Whiteknights
Fri	09:30	15-Nov-2024	Board Meeting	Whiteknights
Sat	08:30	16-Nov-2024	Christmas Bazaar	Whiteknights
Sun	14:30	17-Nov-2024	Whiteknights vs Maiden Erlegh BC	Whiteknights
Tue	10:00	19-Nov-2024	H Slimm- Craft Group	Whiteknights
Wed	14:30	20-Nov-2024	Berkshire Men vs Berkshire Ladies BA	Whiteknights
Thu	14:00	21-Nov-2024	Recreation Afternoon	Whiteknights
Fri	19:30	22-Nov-2024	Abba Tribute Act	Whiteknights
Sat	14:30	23-Nov-2024	Berkshire VP's vs Berkshire Ladies BA	Whiteknights
Sun	09:00	24-Nov-2024	K Sawdon Markers Course	Whiteknights
Tue	14:30	26-Nov-2024	Whiteknights vs Camberley	Whiteknights
Tue	18:30	26-Nov-2024	Emmbrook Scouts	Whiteknights
Wed	18:30	27-Nov-2024	Bowling Group Meeting	Whiteknights
Sat	09:00	30-Nov-2024	One Day Fun Triples Competition-PROV	Whiteknights
Sun	10:30	01-Dec-2024	NEW MEMBERS NEXT STEPS MEETING	Whiteknights