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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF WHITEKNIGHTS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

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NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

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

SIGN UP FOR THE UPCOMING FRIENDLY FIXTURES!

KNAPPERS NOTES

CLUB BEST PRACTICE

As a club we are always looking for our members to have the best experience possible when bowling.

- Check when and where you are playing, arrive in good time to check in with your team or for the match.
- Follow the club dress code.
- Always get on to the green safely, please wait behind the white bowls racks until your rink is free.
- When matches are complete, all players leave the rink promptly so the next match can start.
- Do not disturb other players, refrain from moving around or talking while players are on the mat. Remain behind the mat at the bowling end, and at the skips end, respect the laws on possession of the rink rules.
- Avoid standing in front of rink markers or numbers.
- Wait for the last bowl to be played before you start walking down the rink and when you do, keep to the middle of the rink, this allows games on adjacent rinks to flow.
- Don't stop for mid-rink chats, these stop the games flowing.
- Don't criticise players on the rink, be supportive and encouraging.
- Be aware of adjacent rinks, jacks get moved and if re-spotted bowls will cross into your rink, be aware and ready to lift bowls if required to avoid collisions.
- When firing, please let others know, it can cause bowls and jacks to move at speed.
- Try to learn the rules of each league, competition and match you play, it will enhance your experience and improve your game.
- Always shake hands at the start and end of the game.
- When it comes to measuring, if in doubt measure, decide promptly, again this helps the game to flow.
- Ensure mobile phones are switched off as this can disturb matches.

UPDATE



JUNIOR BOWLS SUPPORT

Croudace Homes supports next generation at Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club
Croudace Homes is helping to introduce a new generation to bowls, following a £300 donation to Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club.



The donation from Croudace Homes has been used to purchase new junior bowls for young members. It will give them access to the specialist equipment they need, making it easier to participate and develop their interest in the sport.
The funding comes as Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club looks to grow the junior team and encourage more young people to take part in the sport.

Simon Halfhide, Sales and Marketing Director at Croudace Homes South Thames, said:
"This was a great opportunity to support Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club to see the club invest in the future of the sport and create more opportunities for the next generation to get involved."

Local clubs play such an important role in bringing communities together, and we hope this donation will allow younger members to meet new people, learn new skills and enjoy being part of a club.
Andy Knapper, Club Manager at Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club, said:
"We are very grateful to Croudace Homes for this donation. We are really keen to develop the junior side of Whiteknights Indoor Bowls Club and encourage more young people to get involved in bowls; however, purchasing the right equipment can be costly. The funds from Croudace Homes will help us to continue making the sport more accessible to the next generation."

The donation forms part of Croudace Homes' ongoing commitment to supporting organisations and initiatives within the communities in which it builds. Located nearby is Croudace Homes' Ochre Meadows development, offering a collection of three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. Also nearby is The Brooks, a selection of two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom homes.

To find out more about Ochre Meadows and The Brooks, visit **www.croudacehomes.co.uk.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

We cannot thank you enough for the incredible support on our social media channels. We really want members to use these platforms so they can enhance their experience of being a Whiteknights member. We are posting regular information on all these platforms so please check us out on the following channels.

www.facebook.com/whiteknights.ibc

https://x.com/WhiteknightsIBC

YouTube
www.youtube.com/@WhiteknightsIndoorBowlsClub

We have had just over 40000 views since the launch of our YouTube channel. We now have over 3500 followers on our social media accounts, so thank you for spreading the word. I would really encourage members to share our posts; this helps the message go far and wide!

THANKYOU!

CLUB RULES

GRIPPO

Please do not use grippo on your bowls, this is very detrimental to the carpet.

BRINGING IN FOOD AND DRINK

Please **do not** bring food and drink into the club when the bar and kitchen are open. If there is a specific drink you would like and we do not stock it, let us know and we can take a look at it for you.

CHALK

REMINDER to 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 is 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 DAYS / MEMBERSHIP

A huge thank you to all our coaching team, and all our brilliant volunteers who have supported at our taster days and taster sessions so far this season. We have had 103 people through the door and 82 of those have joined the club. 30 bowling members and 52 social members.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 14th November 9.00am - 2.00pm

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. We do still have some tables available to book. 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.







SOCIAL EVENT BOOKINGS

We have seen an incredible surge over the last year in the bookings for social events in the club. We are delighted with the responses we are receiving but we also understand how disappointed members are in missing out.

Therefore, the following steps are now in place. We will give a one week notice on the start date and time for booking for the event, an email will follow from Andy and booking can then start.

Anyone who misses out and goes on the reserve list will then get a first offer for the next social event before the tickets are released.

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.



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.

When booking a roll up slot, please add the time required if you are not booking the full slot please. e.g Andy Smith 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

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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.
(Social members restricted to a maximum of 6 practise sessions). Cost £5 to bowl.
All dates are listed in the handbook and on the main noticeboard.
You must book into these slots in advance via Andy Knapper.

Role of a Lead and Two, Three and Skip	03/11 /2026	6.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	24/11 /2026	2.30pm
Reading a Head and calling shots	26/11 /2026	6.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	07/12 /2026	6.30pm
Reading a Head and calling shots	17/12 /2026	6.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	15/01 /2027	4.30pm
Rules and Regulations	22/01 /2027	6.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	18/02 /2027	6.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	02/03 /2027	4.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	16/03 /2027	8.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	30/03 /2027	4.30pm
New Bowlers Roll up	06/04 /2027	4.30pm



NATIONALS IN NOVEMBER

COME AND SUPPORT

Get behind the teams and come to watch excellent bowls as they battle for national success.

- 1st — Egham Trophy v West Berks 10am
- 14th — Yetton Trophy & Denny Cup 10am TBC AFTER SAT
- 20th — Mason Trophy v West Berks 10am
- 26th — Vivienne Trophy v West Berks 10am
- 22nd 29th — Wessex League

BAR



We would like to encourage as many members as possible to load money on to their membership cards. This card can 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.

GOVERNANCE

KEEPING YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE

If you have any changes to your address, phone contacts, or medical information, please let us know so we can update your information on our systems.
This will mean that in the unlikely event of anything untoward happening we can provide information that will help to keep you safe.

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