

# **West Pennant Hills Men's Bowling Section**



## **Annual Report 2007 - 2008**

**President  
Micheal Schwarcz**

### **Management Committee**

**Senior Vice President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Bowls Secretary  
Committee**

**Les Watkins  
Don Couch  
Tony Boughton  
Eric Hilton  
Steve Dalgairns  
Peter Eagle  
Mal Horner  
Dallas Palm  
Geoff McIntosh**

**Chairman of Selectors**

**Alan Bowry**

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**Doug Gunton, Barry Walker, Wilf Morschel**

### **Life Members**

**Noel Crane, Doug Gunton, Phil Nancarrow  
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**Permanent Committees/Panels**

*Match Committee*

Chairman  
Committee

Mal Horner  
Steve Dalgairns  
Alan Bowry  
Don Couch

*Selectors Committee*

Chairman  
Committee

Alan Bowry  
Alan Cotton  
Mal Horner  
Col Johnston  
Les Watkins

*Events Committee*

Chairman  
Committee

Steve Dalgairns  
Don Couch  
P. Eagle  
Mal Horner  
Dallas Palm  
Geoff McIntosh

*Greens Committee*

Committee

Micheal Schwarcz  
Alan Bowry  
Don Stubbin

*Coaches Panel*

Chairman  
Coaches

Bill Arnott  
Bevan Crossman  
Thompson Lee  
Robert Mitchell  
Barrie Stuart  
Keith Robinson  
Micheal Schwarcz  
Ken Wighton  
Bill Woodman  
Don Yeates

*Umpires Panel*

Chairman  
Umpires

Don Couch  
Bill Arnott  
Tony Boughton  
Bevan Crossman  
Dallas Palm  
Rod Roberts  
Micheal Schwarcz  
Les Watkins  
Geoff Williams  
Don Yeates

## *Sub-Committees*

### *Communications*

Chairman

Dallas Palm  
John Bennett  
Geoff McIntosh  
David Wilson

### *Membership*

Chairman

Les Watkins  
Terry Barnett  
Steve Brady  
Peter Eagle  
Allan Meaker  
Kevin Tuckerman

### *Koala*

Chairman

Micheal Schwarcz  
Steve Dalgairns  
Mal Horner  
Keith Robinson  
Les Watkins  
Jeanette Egan  
Pat Jones  
Betty Lamb  
Judy McCreadie

Auditor

Don Stubbin

*President's Report*  
*Micheal Schwarcz*

**Reflections on 2007-2008**

Well, we have come the end of another bowling season, my second as your president. Recently I heard some comments that the past year was not a very good one. This annoyed me as we have a very hard working and innovative management committee. But I suppose we all see things in a different ways. People, whom I have coached, know that I don't like negativity: one needs to look for the positives not dwell on the negative. As the old adage says,

“You can please some of the people some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time”

Enough of that, lets us reflect on the year gone by. The year started with the Annual General Meeting and the management committee was charged .with the things to do.

Review the Koala Carnival  
Declining number of Friday bowlers.  
Communication of information.  
Information on the change on the Laws of Bowls  
Training of markers

The management committee took on these charges and resolved all but one.

**Koala Carnival**

The committee looked at renovating the Carnival, as it had become tired, people didn't really want to participate, and also it was not financially viable. With the help of the Board and the Women's Bowling Section, we reformatted the carnival. We decided that we would hold the ladies and men's section tournaments in July and the mixed in September where our long standing sponsor Homeway Real Estate will be joined with a new sponsor (Victoria Basement) in the only dedicated mixed tournaments in the Zone or district. The first part has been achieved with great success.

**Friday Bowlers**

We tried many different approaches to entice bowlers to play Friday nominated bowls. We found that it didn't make any difference what we did, the numbers didn't increase. So we reverted to what it was some years ago and most bowlers are happy with this.

**Communication**

A communications committee was formed and it was headed by Dallas Palm. He has enhanced our web site and this has become the main part of dissemination of information to the club members. It is very satisfying to know that if you can't attend bowls for a while you can find out the following:

- 1 Have you been selected in a pennant team?
- 2 Where is the club coming in the pennant competition?
- 3 Who has won in a round of the club competitions, and who is to play next?
- 4 What is in the events and functions calendar for the year?
- 5 The Club directory, which has a password so that non-members cannot get information on our members.
- 6 Conditions of play and Policies of the Men's Bowling Section.

As we need to provide for the “computer illiterate”, the committee set about creating a newsletter for them. David Wilson was asked to take on the project, and turned out to be editor extraordinaire. The result was the most professional newsletter that I have seen for years: the information was fantastic and informative. Thanks to Dallas and David and their committees in making sure all members are kept informed.

**The Laws**

We held two seminars on the Laws of the Sport of Bowls:

- 1 The Zone umpires committee came to the club and explained the laws and took questions on the Laws
- 2 In a seminar run by our Level 2 Umpire, we again explained the Laws and the conditions of play pertaining to the Pennant Season.

### **Markers**

We ran a markers course for interested bowlers. In this course, Don Couch instructed bowlers on the ways to mark correctly.

That completed what we had been charged to do by the members at the last AGM.

Then our innovative committee came to the fore and started to arrange new events and old events in a new way.

One of the first things improvements was the changes to the presentation night. From past experience, we realized that basically about 20 members attend: these were mainly people who were winners of awards. So it was decided to have the presentation of awards on a Saturday and have a sit down lunch. This was very successful with over 60 members attending. It was also realised that a lot of our members don't like to go out at night, so we decided, in conjunction with the Women's Bowling Section, to have the Christmas party on a Sunday at lunchtime, where we could maximize the number of members attending. This was a resounding success with over 120 members attending the luncheon and this was greatest number we have ever had. We also continued the Pennant/Appreciation/ Singles Finals luncheon, which once again proved very successful.

January was one of our down times, when we lost 20 members for numerous reasons. To date, this calendar year, we have had an increase of 14 members. It is interesting that although we have lost considerable number of members, the numbers playing on Saturdays and Wednesday have increased to be consistently over 40 players reaching a high of 52 players.

We have not had Open Day this year but it is intended to join in with the Sports Club on their Open Day and make a great big day including bowls.

One of my passions, which has not been successful in this club, is the setting up of something for juniors. Unfortunately, we have had to finish our association with schools who come on Thursdays to play bowls, because we have no one to look after them. However at the zone level, we can build for the future through the formation of a Junior Academy for Zone 10 young Bowlers which will cover both male and female under 18 junior bowlers and older players up to under 25. Through the Academy, we hope these young people are not lost to bowls. At West Pennant Hills, we may not have had success juniors but I must thank Don Yeates, who is such a dedicated person working with juniors and has spent years looking after the schools but, alas, he is not able to continue. Another thing this club has to thank Don for is the introduction to this club of Martin Rogers who has to be our most successful representative bowler junior or senior this club has seen. Martin has won a Minor Singles Championship, a Triples Championship at Club level and represented at Zone 10 Junior Level many times. By the time this meeting is commenced he will have represented Zone 10 in the State 7-A-Side Championship in the pairs. He has also represented the Zone at senior level. But that's not all; Don also introduced to the Club our reigning editor (not a bad bowler). So we have lot to thank Don for.

Our successes this year in pennant/ mid week pennant/triples has been the best in years; this is has been reported elsewhere by the Chairman of Selectors

During the year it was noticed that bowls on holidays or special days didn't seem to be happening. There was a disagreement with the ladies over the arrangements for these days, so a meeting was arranged with Sports Club Board, the Men's Management committee and representatives from the Women's Bowling Section. Out of this has arisen a Joint Mixed Bowls Committee, headed by Board Member Keith Robinson, to arrange events during Public Holidays. Already we see the intuitiveness of this idea with a Tournament being arranged for the long weekend in October which I hope that all men bowlers will try and attend. Sadly I will not be able to as will be in Europe at that period.

I think you can see that your management committee has created a year which could be enjoyed by all

members.

I would like to thank the management committee for their dedication to West Pennant Hills and to those that are not standing again, thanks, we could not have operated without your support and efforts. At the last AGM we had a new Secretary who I found to be the most efficient and loyal secretary I have seen for many years. He is not standing this year but he has answered a call of help from the Zone. It will be difficult to fill his shoes but I am sure that the new secretary will try to emulate him, with help from Tony who may not be lost to the committee. I would like to thank my right hand man, Les Watkins, for his shoulder of support and the effort put into the Men's Bowling section.

It is with pride that I announce that Tony has been elected as Zone Secretary and Les Watkins has been re-elected to the Zone Match Committee. This enhances the standing of West Pennant Hills Bowling Club in NSW as was the tradition first started by the Women's Section who have had District Presidents, District Secretaries and, I am not sure that a lot members know, one member of our Club is the State President of Women's Bowls.

Enough of the past and let us look to the future it is intended to continue the events we have had this year. We intended to augment these with some new events and functions. It is intended to commence the year with Past Presidents and past members luncheon and a Presidents Day. We will also have a new tournament added to the calendar it will be a 4 to 7 Tournament with 5 a side: the tournament will include matches of Singles, Fours and Pairs, Triples. It is hoped that we can create a joint web site with the ladies. I think that we also have our new shirts this year. I am sure it will not stop there, as your management committee seeks more for the members of this club.

I commend the reports of the other Management Committee Members.

To finish, I would like to thank Jason Read (CEO), Keryn Smith, Jeanette Egan President, Women's; Bowling Section and last, also a breath fresh air (food) for the Club, our caterer.

Last but not least, I thank the Members of this club because without them there would be no club, especially such a friendly place to play bowls at.

## *Senior Vice President's Report*

*Les Watkins*

**Zone:** Over the past year the greens at West Pennant Hills have been used in playing various Zone competitions such as Reserve Singles and Reserve Pairs and even the playing of an inter-Zone Senior's representative game. Also, members of our bowling club have served in many capacities in Zone 10. This has involved services such as umpires, side managers, controlling bodies and even in the teaching of umpires' training courses. Our umpires have been used in umpiring in ladies championships, both in the club and in the District. We have members serving in senior positions within the Zone, such as president, selector, secretary in the Umpires Committee and in more recent times as the Zone secretary.

**Membership:** This has increased; however, more opportunities for membership and growth could have occurred by having open day programmes. The heavy bowls programme has reduced the available dates to have this type of activity.

The best method of introducing members to the bowling scene is through personal contact: you and I asking our acquaintances, friends and relatives to join the bowls phenomena.

## *Vice President's Report*

*Don Couch*

**Markers** - A course document was designed for bowlers who indicated willingness and were selected to act as markers for club singles. A training session was held in March.

**Corporate Events** - A concerted effort was made during the year to identify income raised from Corporate Events. Corporate Events are those held by outside organisations or persons to celebrate birthday parties, employment enjoyment and the like. In the period 9th March to 31st July 2008 \$1030 was received from 7 events. Added to this amount income was also received from a local Probus group. A number of groups could not be accommodated either because of the times required but mainly because the green was required in the evening when lighting would be needed.

My special thanks go to those bowlers who assisted in the organisation of these events.

## *Umpires Committee*

*Don Couch*

Highlights during the past year include:

- Umpire involvement for all men's section events, women's pennants & club championships, Grade 5 Pennant Post Sectional final, State Events and school competitions.
- Representatives from Zone 10 Umpires Panel attended the club to address bowlers on the changes in laws and conditions of play for 2008.
- Les Watkins, our Level 2 Umpire, has been assisting in the accreditation of Level 1 umpires at zone.
- The club has 10 Umpires. Regrettably David King did not seek re-accreditation as a measurer and we thank him for his contribution over the years.
- The maintenance of the Umpires kit has been a concern to me with some equipment requiring repairs. My thanks to John O'Reilly for his time and assistance in this latest repair task. *It is obvious that much more care is need by all bowlers & specifically the umpires to keep our equipment in good working order.* The benefit is for the whole club.

The management committee resolved that new umpires can only be trained if invited, that umpires seeking re-accreditation must be endorsed by the management committee with the right of appeal & a written

report for candidates not so endorsed.



## *Events Committee*

*Steve Dalgairns — Bowls Coordinator*

The 2008 bowls calendar events have been running per schedule despite a wet start to the winter period. We entered three grades in Pennants and three more in the Mid Week Triples competition. For those not participating in pennants, the “Joe Bedford Trophy” was re-introduced and ran for the pennant season duration. This competition appeared to be well accepted and created an interest for those who competed.

We are working our way through the Club Championship events with entry numbers generally showing a small increase from last year. The “Cock-of-the-Walk” competition, introduced last year, will be run over the daylight savings period. The “Over 70’s” was held mid week using a round robin type format. This format was hard to coordinate, from a selector’s perspective, and will be reviewed before next year. Friday pairs still struggles for numbers, despite several different concepts being tried.

The Koala Carnival has just successfully concluded. We hosted a full field of 28 men’s teams and 26 ladies teams, who, by all appearance, had an enjoyable day. The Koala “Mixed” event will be held in September. We also hosted events for Zone 10 which included “State Senior Singles” and “State Senior Pairs” plus a round of Zone playoffs. Thanks to all who helped, in any way, to make these events a success. Our focus now shifts to “Turn around Triples” where hopefully we can attract another large field.

There are several more championship events still to be run this year and I encourage all members to “have a go”.

With my rookie year in the saddle coming to an end, I would like to thank the executive committee for their guidance, Don Couch and his umpires for their assistance, Mal Horner, who picks up the slack when I’m missing in action and most importantly the bowling membership for their encouragement and patience.

## *Selection Committee*

*Alan Bowry*

The past 12 months has seen a genuine improvement in the standard of play from many of our bowlers. Firstly with the introduction of our skills program has proven highly successful in the development of our new bowlers and also enhanced the ability and confidence of several of our senior players.

The results from our Pennant season and mid-week triple experience clearly identifies that we as a club are now becoming very competitive and our future in Pennants is very positive.

Our current club events and social games are proving very interesting with impressive performances from many of our bowlers in both club champions and social games.

With our social games we select teams for all our bowlers to enjoy our great game together. It is pleasing to note the continual improvement and development of our younger players (the future of our club).

Finally a very warm welcome to all our new bowlers and to those experienced players who have recently joined our club.

Please note to all Bowlers a skills program will again be available for those bowlers wishing to improve their game. Details of date of commencement to be advised shortly.

## *Match Committee*

*Mal Horner*

During the year we addressed a number of issues including, a revision of sections of the “Conditions of Play” policy and the introduction of a Marker’s Course for the club’s Major and Minor Singles Championships.

One of the areas in the Conditions of Play Policy we revised concerned rescheduling of club championship matches. This year we found that a number of the minor singles and minor pair’s games were rescheduled by certain players for the weakest of reasons without consulting the Match Committee.

It is important that all members wishing to enter into future club competitions be aware that the Club’s “Conditions of Play” states that anyone wishing to have a match rescheduled must make an application to the Match Committee to consider such rescheduling. Members are further advised that any reason, other than the Dispensation Clause covering players and officials at Zone 10 events, will need to be exceptional otherwise the player in question will be requested to appoint a substitute or forfeit.

In regard to the Markers’ Course, this course was put in place to rectify a number of problems that emerged in relation to the standard of marking in some of the 2007 Major and Minor Singles matches. Our aim by creating this course was to provide the players’ with markers that could provide accurate and consistent information.

The Markers Course was attended by about ten (10) invited members and was run by Don Couch and Micheal Schwarcz. It consisted of a short conference to determine what we needed to do to achieve consistency by all of those chosen to attend. Markers were then allocated to games and at the completion of those matches, they were provided with feedback by their peers.

We presently have other initiatives in our work in progress file that we hope will come to fruition and be of benefit to all members.

## *Coaches Committee*

*Bill Arnott*

Of the ten coaches on the books at the beginning of the 2007-2008 year, one has resigned due to other commitments within the Club, while six of the remaining nine have been actively engaged in coaching new bowlers during this period. A total of 13 new bowlers (11 men and 2 ladies) have completed the coaching course and all but one of these is playing regularly. One lady and one man are still to complete the course.

A five-stage standardised coaching format has been introduced for new bowlers. This was designed to ensure that (1) all necessary points are covered regardless of who is providing the coaching, and (2) a record is kept of the coaching activities undertaken by each of our coaches for re-accreditation purposes.

This form is currently being revised to incorporate a number of handouts which will be given out progressively to new bowlers throughout their coaching period. It is felt that this will greatly enhance their learning as well as providing a handy reference for future use.

Special thanks should be given to Don Yeates, and his helpers, for their work on Thursday afternoons in coaching juniors from some of our local schools.

## *Treasurer's Report*

*Eric Hilton*

### **2007 - 2008 Statement of Income and Expenditure for the WPH Men's Bowling Section.**

It is pleasing to report the section enjoyed a very successful financial year and my sincere thanks go to the members of the MBC for their assistance and cooperation during the past 12 months:

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
	30.06.08	30.06.08	30.06.07
Raffle Takings	\$13,715	\$14,000	\$16,156
Green Fees	\$32,799	\$36,000	\$34,624
Sports Fees.	\$ 8,419	\$ 8,700	\$ 6,763
Carnival Income	\$ 5,489	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,905
Sponsors	\$ 1,432	\$ 3,000	\$ 682
Club Shirt Sales.	\$ 431	\$ 600	\$ 501
Mufti / Turn Triples	\$ 857	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,747
Other Income	\$ 2,617	\$ 700	\$ 2,573
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$65,759</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$69,951</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>ACTUAL.</b>	<b>BUDGET.</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
	30.06.08	30.06.08	30.06.07
Affiliation Fees	\$ 6,286	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,865
Raffle Costs	\$ 8,748	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,748
Green Maintenance	\$43,220	\$43,500	\$40,864
Sports Promotions	\$ 6,833	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,130
Club Shirt Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,649
Other Expenses	\$ 3,436	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,746
Advertising	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Carnival Expenses	\$ 4,090	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,089
Members Functions	\$ 1,360	\$ 3,000	\$ 0
Exception Items	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,639
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$73,973</b>	<b>\$78,500</b>	<b>\$79,730</b>

**Gross Profit (Loss) (\$8,214) (\$8,500) (\$9,779)**

**Petty Cash Balance \$300.00**

Notes: 1. The MBC lost approximately \$2500.00 income from green fees and approximately \$600.00 profit from raffle takings due to the prolonged inclement weather experienced during the 2007 - 2008 financial year.

2. Turn Around Triples: The MBC did not hold a turn around triples event at The West Pennant Hills Sports Club during the 2007 - 2008 financial year. This cost the MBC a profit of approximately \$800.00.

3. Advertising & Other Expenses: The MBC did not conduct an "open day" at The West Pennant Hills Sports Club during the 2007 - 2008 financial year.

4. Membership Fee's and Green fee's for the 2008 - 2009 financial year should remain at the current level. The MBC will continue to hold a raffle each Wednesday and Saturday.

5. It should be noted that the Gross (Profit) Loss has been reduced from \$18,962 for the YE 30.06.05, to \$12,572 for the YE 30.06.06, to \$9,779 for YE 30.06.07 and to \$8,214 for YE 30.06.08.

6. The approved Gross (Profit) Loss budget for the 2008 - 2009 financial year is \$9,400.

**WEST PENNANT HILLS MEN'S BOWLING SECTION BUDGET 2008 - 2009**

<b>INCOME.</b>	<b>ACTUAL 31.03.08</b>	<b>BUDGET 30.06.08</b>	<b>FORECAST YE 30.06.08</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008/2009</b>
RAFFLE TAKINGS	\$10,105	\$14,000	\$13,500	\$14,500
GREEN FEES	\$24,070	\$36,000	\$32,500	\$34,000
SPORTS FEES	\$ 7,928	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,144	\$ 8,700
CARNIVAL INCOME	\$ 5,489	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,489	\$ 3,000
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 0	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000
CLUB SHIRT SALES	\$ 408	\$ 600	\$ 458	\$ 500
OTHER INCOME	\$ 2,042	\$ 700	\$ 2,209	\$ 2,000
CORPORATE / MUFTI	\$ 1,292	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$51,334</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$65,700</b>	<b>\$67,700</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>ACTUAL 31.03.08</b>	<b>BUDGET YE. 30.06.08</b>	<b>FORECAST YE 30.06.08</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008 - 2009</b>
AFFILIATION FEES	\$ 6,286	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,454	\$ 6,100
RAFFLE COSTS	\$ 6,053	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000
GREEN MAINTENANCE	\$31,524	\$43,500	\$42,500	\$44,500
SPORTS PROMOTIONS	\$ 5,481	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,606	\$ 5,000
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 820	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
SHIRT PURCHASES	\$ NIL	\$ Nil,	\$ NIL	\$ 1,500
CARNIVAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,090	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,090	\$ 2,000
MEMBERS FUNCTIONS	\$ 1,360	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,000
ADVERTISING	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$55,614</b>	<b>\$78,500</b>	<b>\$74,600</b>	<b>\$77,100</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>(\$4,280)</b>	<b>(\$8,500)</b>	<b>(\$8,900)</b>	<b>(\$9,400)</b>

**EXCEPTION ITEMS**

**\$ 1,247**

**\$ NIL**

**\$ 1,247**

## SUGGESTIONS AND ETIQUETTE FOR ENJOYING THE GAME

Bowls is a friendly game. Here are a few tips which may help you, and those with whom you play, enjoy the game to the utmost:

- All bowlers should have an understanding of the **LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS**. Copies are available from the Secretary.
- Bowls is a friendly sport and should be played in a good spirit (so be a good sport). Remember that your attitude can often be a reflection on the Club.
- Always conform to correct attire for play.
  - Club shirts are essential for play in Pennants competitions and Association events such as Club Championships (these shirts are available from the club).
  - Club shirts, cream or white shirts can be worn for social play.
  - Mufti can be worn when “rolling up” or when Conditions of Play allow.
  - No Mufti allowed if players on the green are in regular bowling uniform.
- Rolling up is encouraged, but must not be undertaken on a green where there is regular play in progress or if there is a sign on the notice board such as “**No play on green No. 1** as it has been sprayed”.
- Only bowling club members or members of the Royal and their guests may roll up.
- Be punctual for all games. Cards are called 15 minutes before play commences.
- Turn off mobile phones and pagers before the game.
- The greens are our most valuable asset.
  - Do not drop bowls on the green or stand on the edges of the green.
  - Step sideways when getting on or off the green, keep your feet at least 150cm (6 inches) away from the plinth.
  - NEVER put your foot into or near the ditch when retrieving bowls from the ditch. Take care to protect and conserve the greens at all times.
- Players of each team not in the act of delivering a bowl or in control of the head, should stand a minimum of 1 metre behind the mat or clear of the head behind the jack, as the case may be, or on the bank.
- At the finish of an end, bowlers not involved in measuring must stay away from the head until the measurements have been made and the head declared.
- Immediately the end has been declared, the lead of the team which has won an end should, (unless the skip has ordered that the mat be given to the opponent):
  - place the mat ready to deliver the jack, and
  - assist the other bowlers at the head in moving the bowls back behind the mat. Always take care to move the bowls so as not to scuff the green.
- Don't delay the game. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Before delivering a bowl, look to see if the skip wants a particular shot.
- Don't argue with the skip on the shot to play.
- Give full support to the skip and other members of your team by picking up their bowl and handing to the players ready to bowl.
- Keep still and silent whilst other members of your team, or your opponents, are on the mat.
- If you are at the head, don't wander around or move about the head when a player is about to deliver a bowl, and particularly do not stand:
  - on the centre line, or
  - in line with a boundary peg.
- Don't offer directions to the skip unless the position in the head has changed since he has left it.
- If you are in control of the head, make sure you know which bowls belong to your team.
  
- Applaud good shots by both your own team and your opponents – it displays good sportsmanship and makes for a pleasant game.
- Always watch the play. Take an interest without interfering.
- Play always for the team and not for individual success.
- When watching a match always observe strict neutrality. Advice or criticism must not be

- given.
- Advise the Match Committee, Bowls Coordinator, your skip (or opponent in singles) if you are unable to keep an appointment for any championship game.
  - Don't develop mannerisms which indicate displeasure at indifferent play by your team members (such as a skip sitting on the seat). Remember no-one deliberately puts down a bad bowl.
  - Do not stray onto an adjoining rink after delivering a bowl.
  - Don't follow a bowl up the rink further than the rules allow.
  - You must return to a position behind the mat by the time your bowl stops.
  - If your opponent has possession of the mat, do not walk past the mat when changing ends until your opponent's bowl has come to rest.
  - When changing ends, walk as a group to the other end without delay, staying as close as possible to the centre line of your rink, so that you do not interfere with play on adjoining rinks.
  - If an end is declared dead and the game restarts at the other end carry the bowls back to the start, don't roll them
  - Don't have excuses for bad play, and readily accept praise for success.
  - Don't dispute the umpire's decision.
  - If the umpire is called to make a measurement, please stand well back, preferably on the bank.
  - At the end of a match, it is expected that the leads will put the mats and jack away.
  - Don't abuse the privileges of the Club.
  - Don't wear your hat in the Club.
  - If time permits, stay and have a drink with your team mates and opponents.

**Finally enjoy the game and the fellowship**