

2023 February Library Newsletter

(A) The February 2023 edition of Inside Bowls magazine is now online and ready to read free of charge, click here <https://www.insidebowlsmag.com/feb23/index.html> for all the latest news and information from around the world.

(B) Bowling videos

(1) How do you like a bowling green surrounded by beautiful flowers? Please enjoy this short clip of Stanley Park LBC garden.

Ageless Gardens #401 "The World in a Garden" (clip1)

You would agree with what the lady said, "Garden keeps me young and bowling keeps me young."

https://youtu.be/wUmq7m_wp90

(2) Let's watch some good Pairs bowling videos.

BVTV 2022 Henselite Victoria Open Grand Final/ Mixed Pairs

Shortis and Inderberg vs Collier and Ryan

This was a Three-bowl Pairs with 15 ends. Four quality bowlers played a good game.

<m.youtube.com/watch?v=fcxwoJ4HLzo>

(3) Compared to three-bowl Pairs, the Australia Pairs with the format of 2-2-2-2, 21 ends is a much longer game, usually lasting for 3 hours. The more I watch such games, the more I appreciate such a format. It means two players play the roles of those in the Fours game. The lead also plays the role of the vice and the skip plays the role of the second. Both players must be equipped with more skills and strategy plans. Isn't it more interesting?

Let's watch the 2022 BQ State Championships Mixed Pairs Semi-final.

Bolivia Millerick and Sean Ingham vs Kelsey Cottrell and Nick Cahill

These four young excellent bowlers come from the same club. Windy and raining weather did not affect their performance. They demonstrated various kinds of skills from draw shots to yard-on, conversion or firing shots.

<m.youtube.com/watch?v=Js1nOWclj6M&t=1518>

Maybe you are curious to know who were the winners in the Final. Nick and Kelsey played against two very strong and experienced bowlers Sue Brady and John Balzarold.

Heavy rain came half way through the game which changed the tide. Kelsey was the one unaffected by the weather and played her best, taking advantage of the situation to outbowl her opponent.

This reminds me of the good advice from Tony Allcock - "To control the controllable".

In outdoor bowling games, there are lots of uncontrollable things such as the weather or the condition of the green. But there is one thing we can control. We can control our mind-set.

Don't dwell on negative thoughts. "I can't play under such bad weather". "Oh, I don't know how to adjust to such tricky greens."

Say to yourself - "I can". Having a positive attitude is something you can control. Remember: To be negative only to Covid 19 and be positive to all the difficulties facing you. Positive thinking can change things.

<m.youtube.com/watch?v=PBOIKQyUqAY>

(C) Quotable Quotes

(1) "If both hands are equally true, choose the tighter hand, because in percentage terms, it should be easier to play."

(2) " That shot your opponents don't want you to play is usually the shot you're looking for. Put yourself in their shoes and think from their point of view."

(3) "An open mind is a balanced mind. Don't close your eyes to your weaknesses, but go after them when someone points them out to you."

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