

# STEVE'S MAT CHAT

*Seeing as every member is happy, and has nothing to say. I take it you all wish not to add anything to the club's fortnightly Mat Chat. In other words, everything is hunky-dory. I am pleased because it means the club is in a good place. The President and committee are performing well.*

*The Tourist matches are going well and it is great that you are all supporting them. Many thanks to all those members who make it happen. We have had a thank you letter from the City & County of Bristol B.A. I will let you read it later in this edition.*

*As mentioned in the last edition, how the one's, two's and three's perform. It appears I have made a booboo concerning the two's and three's. A correction will follow. It appears that asking the opposition to stand back when measuring is in progress, could cause some conflict.*

*I have also noticed when I have had the privilege of playing on our green, that it is being damaged by the dreaded divots. Please can you try and get down when you bowl to avoid this. Once the damage is done it is very hard to repair. What is worrying is this normally happens when the season ends, when we are all getting tired, not 6 weeks in from when the green opened.*

*Another thing that bugs me is when the ones collect the bowls in. There appears a lot of faffing about. You should be aware*

*of what is happening. When it is your mat, pick the jack up and then place the mat. Everyone should help kick the bowls in. Making it easier for the one's to collect them up and allow the game to move on.*

*Everything I chat about is my view. You are all welcome to put in your two pennyworth.*

## **The Correction.**

The 2's can only hold the score cards under the following conditions. The Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark edition 3.2 states the duties of the Skip as....

40.1.7 The skip **must**:

**40.1.7.1 be responsible for the score card supplied by the Controlling Body while play is in progress;**

40.1.7.2 make sure that the names of all players of both teams are correctly entered on the score card;

40.1.7.3 record, on the score card, all shots scored for and against both teams as each end is completed;

40.1.7.4 compare and agree the score card with that of the opposing skip as each end is completed; and

40.1.7.5 at the end of the game, record on the score card the time that the game

finished and then sign their own and the opposing skip's score cards.

40.1.8 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can decide the procedures for using a scoreboard instead of one of the score cards.

**40.1.9 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can transfer the skip's duties described in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team.**

**However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team.**

**40.1.10 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties (except those described in law 40.1.7) to any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately.**

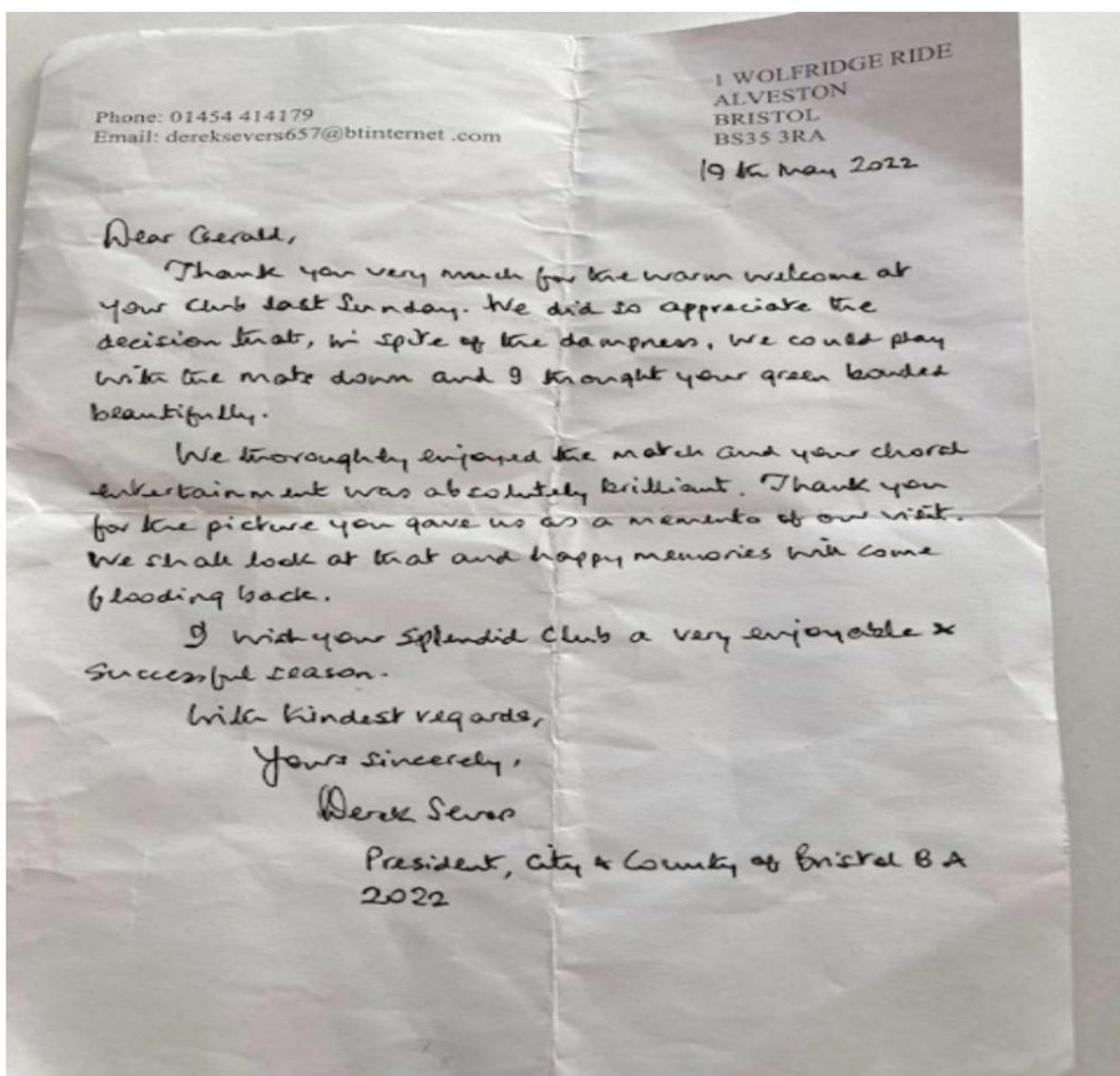
2. Also, any or all Members of the team may have an input into the decision of the number of shots. It doesn't have to be the third. The Laws say....

## 40.2 The third

40.2.1 The third **can** measure any and all disputed shots.

40.2.2 The third can tell the skip the number of shots scored for or against their team as each end is completed.

## The Dear Gerald Letter.



## **FROM THE PRESIDENTS PERCH**

**Can I say a big thank you to all of you who have played a part in making our first few tourist matches such a great success? I know that it has meant a very hectic start to the season but when you read a letter such as that from the President of our visitors from Bristol, published elsewhere in this edition, it makes our efforts worthwhile. The comments from our other visitors have been equally complimentary with references not only to the friendly welcome we extended, the quality of our green but also and quite remarkably to the Bembridge song which sent them on their way. Please continue to sign up for future tourist matches so that we can spread the load among bowlers and maintain our reputation for hospitality. Secondly, a reminder that at 2 pm on Monday the 6th June we will be marking the Queen's Jubilee Celebration with a mixed drawn Australian pair's competition. Will those who signed up or gave me their details please be at the green no later than 1.30pm. We will be playing in red, white and blue and there will be a small prize for the most elegant outfit.**

# THE BOWLER'S PRAYER

Bowling's my pleasure, I'll not want.  
It takes me down, to play.  
To bowling greens, it leadeth me  
That first week-end in May.

My soul it dost restore again  
And me to skip doth make,  
Within the path of Willie Wood  
Even for my rink's own sake.

Yea, though I bowl in wind and rain,  
Yet will I feel no chill,  
For my skins are with me and  
My chalk, and strings me comfort still.

A rink thou hast prepared for me  
Where grass doth evenly grow.  
My bowls I dost with grippo anoint  
So that they will smoothly go.

Good luck and rubs then all my life,  
Shall surely come to me,  
And on that green for ever more  
My dwelling place shall be.



# CLUB RESULTS

## **MENS A TEAM**

Shanklin A v Bembridge A. 0 Points

Bembridge A v Ventnor A. 8 Points

## **MENS B TEAM**

Sandown E v Bembridge B. 10 Points.

Ryde C v Bembridge B. 0 Points

## **MENS E TEAM**

Camp Hill C v Bembridge E. 8/2 Points. 74/46 Shots

Bembridge E v Newport D. 0/10 Points. 45/61 Shots

## **LADIES A TEAM**

Bembridge v Shanklin. Bembridge WIN 6 Points

Bembridge v Plessey. Bembridge WIN 6 Points

Bembridge v Ryde D Bembridge LOST 2 Points

## **LADIES B TEAM**

Bembridge v Totland. Bembridge lost 0 Points

Bembridge v Shanklin. Bembridge win 6 Points

Bembridge v Ryde A Bembridge lost 0 Points

## **LADIES EVENING LEAGUE**

Bembridge v Cowes. Bembridge

WIN 6pts

Bembridge v Shanklin Bembridge

WIN 6 pts

## **TOP CLUB**

Bembridge Ladies v Shanklin Bembridge WIN

Bembridge Men v Ventnor Bembridge LOST

## **LADIES COUNTY COMPS**

**Jane, Annie & Maggie won preliminary round triples comp**



# Bowls

MY HUSBAND TOOK UP BOWLING  
AND HE BRAGGED UPON THE PHONE  
ABOUT SOME WENCH CALLED KITTY  
WHOM HE COULDN'T LEAVE ALONE  
HE PLAYED WITH KITTY  
HE STAYED WITH KITTY  
HE PICKED HER UP WITHOUT A HITCH  
HE MISSED KITTY  
HE KISSED KITTY  
HE EVEN LAY BESIDE HER  
IN THE DITCH



SO I TOOK UP BOWLING TO  
WIN MY HUBBY BACK  
AND FOUND WHAT HE COULD  
DO WITH KITTY  
I COULD DO WITH JACK