

#11

Danys: 'Jebbie, that new games chair, Archive Thorn, just told me to go back to school!'

Jebbie: 'Whatever for? What school?'

Danys: 'He said I need to go back to novice school to learn how to keep score. Just because I put zeroes instead of dashes! What on earth is he talking about? Why wouldn't you put a zero if you don't score any point? Picky, picky, picky! It's bad enough that I broke my pretty pink fingernail trying to win that game!'

Jebbie: 'Well, Danys, the reason for the dashes is that it is easier for the scorekeeper to count the won and lost ends. With little zeroes it is hard to tell at a glance whether it is meant to be an actual score or not. See, this is the way the scorecard is meant to look.'

Danys: 'Well, I can see that your way is much easier to read but that scorecard is not meant to look like that!! It was supposed to have 15 on my side.'

SCORECARD				
Name			Name	
JEBBIE			DANYS	
Shots	Total		Shots	Total
3	3	1	-	-
-	3	2	1	1
2	5	3	-	1
-	5	4	2	3
-	5	5	0	3
1	6	6	-	3
2	8	7	-	6
4	12	8	-	6
-	12	9	4	9
-	12	10	2	11
2	14	11	-	11
-	14	12	1	12
-	14	13	1	13
-	14	14	1	14
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#10



Stan: "Oh Drat! I've accidentally dropped the bowl as I was starting my delivery, what should I do now?"

Harry: "Too bad, old Butterfingers, when you drop the bowl during delivery it is considered to be a dead bowl because it didn't travel at least 14 meters.

Stan: "But surely old Chap, that rule doesn't apply when the bowl is slippery from rain! Let's see what that Lovely Umpire Clare says about that."

Harry: "I'm beginning to wonder about you and Umpire Clare! I think you're dropping your bowls on purpose."

Umpire Clare: "Well me fine boyos, under rule 1.3.2 if the jack or bowl accidentally slips from a player's hand during delivery, the player can pick it up and start the delivery again.

#9



Danys: "What on earth is my skip on about? How far up is the mat?"

Jebbie: "Oh, that's Mandi, she is very particular about the placement of the mat. Makes sure that it is centered, the right distance between the front of the mat and the jack. A real stickler for the rules. It's all strategy with her!"

Danys: "But, but, but - 'up' from what? I mean what's she talking about?"

Jebbie: "That one I know, I had a seminar from Umpire Clare and she explained that you measure from the plinth, which is the wood strip that separates the green from the ditch. The front of the mat, the edge closest to the skip, must be at least 2 meters from the plinth. More is okay too, all the way out to the hog line, which is where that yummy Olivier likes to put the mat.

And, did you know, when she asks 'How far up is the mat?' she's trying to make sure that the jack has traveled at least 23 meters. She knows that the hog line is 25 meters from the plinth so if the front of the mat is 2 meters up the jack has to be at least at the hog line. For every pace or mat length up the front edge of the mat the jack must be that much distance past the hog line. For instance, if Olivier places the front of the mat at

our hog line the jack has to be on or past the 2 meter mark at the skips end. Not an easy place to put the jack unless you practice! If you are playing strategy, losing possession of the mat by having to have the other team throw the jack can be disastrous. Especially when the skip can't get to the long jacks on heavy greens."

Danys: "So, how am I supposed to answer this question?"

Jebbie: "If you will notice, Jack the Greenskeeper has placed red markers on the sideboards to mark the 2 meter mark. You step off from that mark, or you can pace 2 meters from the plinth, then you step to the front of the mat from that mark. And the front of the mat is the edge closest to the skip. So if you step 1 meter from the 2 meter mark, the jack has to be 1 meter over the hog line. Easy peasy."

#8



Jake: "Hey Girl, my Jack is in the ditch and I hate getting sand in my slippers, how am I supposed to figure out who is shot?"

Sam: "If you're going to the beach, don't forget your bucket and shovel! I'm not sure how to do that, let's ask Umpire Clare."

Umpire Clare: "The correct way is to measure from the bowl to the jack. First though you'll need to get something to sit your measuring tape up on so you are measuring from the part of the bowl nearest the jack. You can use that white jack-in-the-ditch-marker. You should also make sure the jack doesn't move while you are measuring, use a couple of wedges if necessary. Oh, and Jake, love your little red bucket!"

#7



Danys: "Call 911! Call 911!"

Jebbie: "What happened?"

Danys: "The leads didn't rake the bowls far enough behind the mat and Larry Beddpitt stepped on them after he delivered his bowl."

Jebbie: "Oh that is too bad. I have noticed that some of the leads haven't been raking the bowls behind and to the side of the mat far enough. Sure can tell that Oren Jones hasn't been around. That never happened when Oren was here. You were told just where and how to put your bowls!"

Danys: "That's for sure. If your pile of bowls wasn't 1 meter behind and 1 meter to the side of the mat your head was in the chopper!"

#6



Danys: "Oh! ah! oh! ooh! ahhh! awww, darn! darn! darn!"

Jebbie: "Danys, whatever is the matter? What did you do?"

Danys: "Oh, I broke my nail when I delivered my bowl! (sob) It was so nice and long and I just painted it pink to match my pretty new bowls and now, look!"

Jebbie: "Ohh, too bad. But look what happened to your bowl. It didn't make it over the hog line. Do you get it back or is it dead?"

Ta da! To the rescue comes Deputy Dave: "Well, Danys, your fingernail is definitely a dead issue but as long as your bowl is 14 meters from the front of the mat, it is a live bowl and stays on the green."

#5



Possession of the Rink (Law35)

Stan: "Oh Harry, I do so wish you'd have your team meetings before or after the game not in the middle of the rink during an end!"

Harry: "Whatever are you rattling on about, you old mona?"

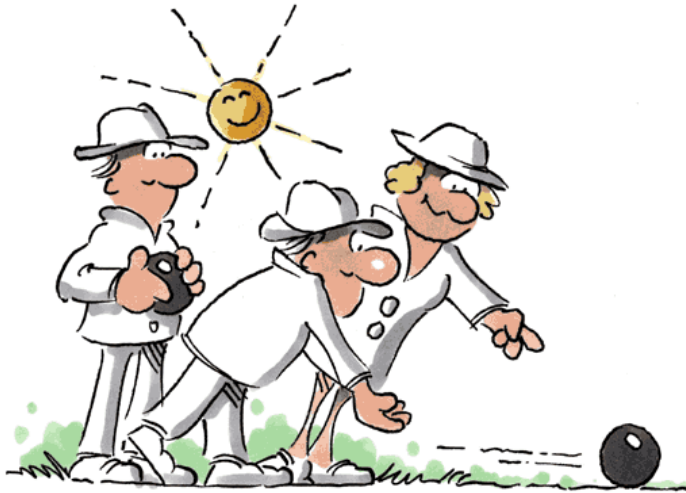
Stan: "You constantly stop and chat with your Third as you pass on the green and it's not even your mat old chum."

Harry: "It's just casual conversation, old cobber, relaxayvous."

Stan: "I'd like to hear what Umpire Clare would say about your Casual conversations."

Umpire Clare: Harry, Naughty, naughty! **Possession of the rink** belongs to the player or team whose **bowl is being played**. Your little meetings are not only annoying and distracting charming Stan and his team; they are interfering with the game! You don't want me to have to declare your last bowl dead, do you?

#4



It's early in the season, the thirds are delivering their bowls and the leads are talking:

Jebbie: "Oh, I am so-o tired. Throwing bowls on heavy greens is very wearing."

Danys: "You have got to get in shape! I'm not tired at all! You gotta get to the gym! Take some vitamins!"

The thirds have finished delivering their bowls and...

Jebbie: "Well, it's no wonder you're feeling like the energizer bunny! You didn't throw all your bowls! You forgot to throw one. Now what happens?"

Enter Dapper Dave the Deputy Umpire:

Umpire Dave: "No wonder you're pooped, planting all those flowers in the morning is enough to tire even Mandi Sitch. The bad news, Danys, is that once a player from each team has delivered a bowl you can't deliver the one you missed. Maybe you should get some pink bowls then you would notice when one of them is left over."

#3



Harry: "Stan, old Lemonrind, scan the outfit on that new bowler!"

Stan: "What old dinosaur, the bloke in the pedal pushers or the twister in the tank top?"

Harry: "Eggsactery, what's the game coming to, no jackets, no ties, hell in a hand basket!"

Stan: "Wonder what the rule book says about short pants and tank tops? Let's see what Umpire Clare has to say."

Umpire Clare: "Well old dinosaurs, the rule book is quite clear, flat-soled shoes and **approved** colours and types of clothing.

Other than that it's up to the clubs to say yea or nay. Our club says ixnay to short shorts and tank tops for men and skimpy tops for women. But they do allow men to wear pink- go figure!"

#2

Further adventures of Harry and Stan, the curmudgeonly couple of codgers from Clarksville.



Stan: "What is the matter Harry?"

Harry: "Oh it seems my lead, Jebbie, has thrown your lead's bowl. And it's shot! And a toucher! One of those women should get coloured bowls so they can tell them apart!"

Stan: "Well, I sure don't mind seeing Danys' bowl in the head."

Harry: "You don't get to leave it there, you great git! Remember what Umpire Clare told you the last time... we just have to replace Danys' bowl with Jebbie's and as it was a toucher we will have to mark Jebbie's bowl after it has been placed in the correct place."

#1

Further adventures of Harry and Stan, the curmudgeonly couple of codgers from Clarksville



Harry: "That's what I like about our club, old boyo, **there's a job for everyone**, even you."

Stan: "What are you gobbin' on about now, Mona?"

Harry: "Don't get all coy on me now, I saw you pushing the lawn mower around the green Monday morning on me way home from Timmies'."

Stan: "You got me! Fresh air, exercise and one of Ellen's muffins and coffee. Doesn't get much better than that!"

Harry: "No muffins and mowers for me old chowder head, I'm in for Cousin Clare's Catering Crew. Head busboy this year! And I look a fair treat in her aprons!"

Stan: "Good on ya mate! I'll be lookin' for ya in the kitchen."