

Hello everyone

Firstly, what a great outcome for Gary and Terry winning the Champ of Champ pairs. Congratulations and well done to you both, and for putting Papamoa Bowls up there,



Finalists: Harry, Gary, Terry and Ben from Tauranga Domain

We are all behind you for a win at the National Pairs finals in Dunedin! In July. One game at a time.

New members:

Welcome to all the new members who have joined our club. We are sure you will enjoy the whole club environment. For the very new players who work through our wonderful coach Bill Brown you could not be in better hands.

Championships: All the championship events have now taken place, well done to everyone. It is good to see such a positive response to all the various tournaments that have taken place recently, including the North Harbour Masters and Nationals and for our upcoming junior events this weekend. Good luck to you all, enjoy your games. Our inter club teams did exceptionally well last week, with all six teams winning, a great achievement.



Our monthly BBQ after Wednesday roll up is proving to be a delightful social event, and the weather has been very obliging. Thanks go to Bob for his barbecue skills. Why is it that sausages always taste so much better when cooked on a barbie? Our next one is Wednesday 25 March.

A couple more reminder dates, St Patrick's Day Tuesday 17 March, don't forget to come dressed in green for a fun afternoon! Our next open optional triples tournament is Tuesday 24 March, President's Trophy is Sunday 5 April, followed by a BBQ (bring your own wine or beer), April's open optional triples tournament is Tuesday 21, closing day is Sunday 26 April followed by BYO and nibbles. Our AGM is Sunday 24 May, all nominations to be in by 9 May.



Nationals Umpiring.

Congratulations to Robert England for being appointed the umpire on finals day at the Summerset National Fours held at Mount Maunganui greens. Well done.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Do any members have any educational DVDs (ie David Attenborough/science/space etc) or family movies that maybe you used to watch with your children but are now just sitting gathering dust in the bookcase? If you do have any that you no longer watch, these would be wonderful gifts for school children living on one of the smaller Fijian islands. A local Papamoa man makes regular yearly visits on a voluntary basis to help set up educational needs for the children and give lessons to adults to become self-sufficient. He has



recently helped to build and install a technology room and has also instructed the adult islanders on bone carving and artwork. They have become very proficient and are now selling their work to visitors from the cruise ships. His latest project has been to install a library and the next stage is to introduce DVDs suitable for educational and family viewing, so if you have one, or two or more, these would be gratefully received. Please just bring them to the Club and we will make sure he receives them.

Thank you from Carol Strutt.

Umpires Corner - 4

Touchers are the subject (laws 14 & 15) but first a few definitions.

A bowl or jack can be in one of three states. On its original course / at rest / in motion. The 'state' of the bowl or jack will determine what action is taken.

Original course

A bowl or jack, from its delivery until it comes to rest, no matter how many times (for a bowl) it comes into contact with the jack or other bowls before it comes to rest or becomes dead.

At rest

Not moving after it has completed its original course.

In motion

A bowl or jack, which is moving during play after it has been at rest as part of the head.

Toucher

A bowl which touches the jack between the time it was delivered and comes to rest is a **toucher**. No matter how many other bowls it touches en-route.

Right, now some questions, no peeping at the answers.

Q1 A bowl from team A comes to rest close to the jack. Team B delivers their next bowl and whilst it is on its way, the bowl of team A falls over and touches the jack. Does the team A bowl become a toucher?

Q2 Under what circumstances is a bowl which has touched the jack in its original course no longer a toucher?

Q3 If a toucher is knocked into a ditch by a non-toucher what action do you take?

If a toucher goes into the ditch it remains a live bowl.

A toucher in the ditch can be moved by another toucher or a jack in play. Also it can be moved by a non-toucher that is partly on the rink and partly overhanging the ditch. (A very unlikely occurrence).

If a toucher in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher then it must be put back to its former position by an opponent or marker (singles match) and the non-toucher removed from the ditch. **This also applies to the jack**

ONCE THE JACK IS IN THE DITCH THERE CAN BE NO MORE TOUCHERS.


Answers

Q1 No. A bowl is only a toucher if, after having come to rest it falls and touches the jack before the next bowl is delivered (i.e. left the players hand).

Q2 If it is neither marked nor nominated before the next delivered bowl comes to rest.

Q3 None, as it is a valid action.



Let's leave you with a grin on your face  - oops sorry I thought it said gin on your face here are a couple of corny 'one liners' but quite amusing!

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him about it he reckoned he could stop at any time!

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. 3 hours later and they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, . . . they've lost the plot!

6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy!



I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown!"

Happy Bowling from the Team.

