

Good to Great, bowls!

I was referred to a book titled 'Good to Great' by Jim Collins, which I then read.

It seems to me we are still at the 'good' level and need to aspire to the 'great' level of bowls performance and overall elite management, starting from club level and beyond.

Our barrier? Ourselves. Our colleagues with the responsibility, especially at the development levels of controlling the sport, who are (still), yet to take the competitive aspect of bowls into the elite and then 'great' international level.

Basically, many of these colleagues do not comprehend the package that is elite sport, in this case bowls, as an elite sport. They have little comprehension of their role and responsibility in the rung of the elite ladder. It will come, ultimately!

In that book there were a few catchcries / clichés that represent that intuitive feeling which propels you / me / us / bowls from the level of being 'good' to that level we all know to be 'great' such as:

- Transform by disciplined people, disciplined thought, disciplined action from good to great.
- First WHO, then what to have the right people on the bus in the right seats THEN figure out where to drive it.
- Sometimes people are on the bus because they see who already is aboard and therefore motivation is not a problem.
- Unwavering faith regardless of the difficulties...is discipline.
- Inspired standards - don't stand for mediocrity, be intolerant of those who do (I regret to say I have trod on too many toes because of my outbursts and adherence to this one).
- Letting the wrong people hang around is unfair to all the right people as they compensate for the inadequacies of the wrong people...that can drive away the right / best / great people.
- Doing what you are good at will only make you good...focusing solely on what you CAN do potentially better than anyone else is the path to great.
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- To do with goals and plans – set your annual goals and objectives, ensure they are written and set in stone; you can change your plans but not the objectives you are measured against; never focus on what you accomplish...focus on what was accomplished relative to the goals / objectives you set.

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