

Shakespeare & Company

A famous bookshop in the heart of Paris alongside the River Seine established by Sylvia Beach with a fabulous creed:

Take as much as you need
Give as much as you want.

Here in 2020 we are all in the midst of this fatalistic CoronaVirus and we are witnessing the opposite of Beach's creed among fellow human beings, unfortunately.

However, the creed spells out a message for me as a coach of a squad of select bowlers, all of whom are people with character.

Beach would see our squad members as practicing her creed as we give and take in various proportions, at differing times for our own needs, at other times to enable others to benefit from our bowls wisdom, experience, doubts.

In all my years in bowls with experiences vastly wider than most other bowlers, I cannot say I have witnessed a model anywhere near the squad(s) I have coached in the member willingness to amplify the creed (Beach) to our mutual advancement.

Too much self interest, envy, petulance, small mindedness is more what I observe from within bowls.

Pity, because our squad members love the vibe they gain instinctively practising the Shakespearian / Beach creed.

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