

Skips Are Unpleasant

Following on from my website columns on skip anecdotes and reactions, a bloke I knew from another sport (coaching) took up bowls in the 2020 season and at season end he contacted me, and in the course of our chat, he said he was surprised how many skips are ‘arseholes’ as people.

This bloke as a 32 year old has that insight in one season of bowls.

An indictment on our sport.

An indictment on the leadership (skips) of our playing group.

An indictment on the club leadership, selectors, for placing ‘arseholes’ in that role, skip.

What are we to do about it?

Challenge the behavior of skips when in such circumstances.

Reaction from many...we don't wanna create waves!

Well they do, these ‘arsehole’ skips.

We lose members because of them.

Lets show some guts, grit, character.

If anyone at your club who skips and carries on like an ‘arsehole’, stand up.

Challenge them.

Challenge the selectors who choose them.

(Guess what! Some of these unsavoury skips are selectors).

Just finished reading about the great Cameron Smith, Rugby league legend.

His words about his club, Melbourne Storm, their approach

“See something, say something.”

Borrow that everyone.

Now, apply it (to those horrid skips and weak kneed selectors).

I literally just finished typing this column then went to a local club to observe some video coaching they were doing with members.

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After the video conclusion I mingled and a delightful mature age lady introduced herself to me and said she has only bowled two months.

An intelligent pleasant lady who was quick to learn, she offered the comment that ...so many skips seem to be nasty, not nice people.

Nasty and not nice

An astute observation.

Might have been the female skips she encountered, but the male skips equally fit the label.

Lets ensure we don't have newcomers query the worth of staying in our game simply from experiencing these notorious skips.

Pleasant behavior is easy, really.

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