

Questions Are Revealing

How often do I get asked questions on bowls from bowlers?

I am going to learn as much from your questions as you are from my responses.

Why do I say that?

In whatever situation I am in, when someone poses a bowls' question to me, I invariably start my internal computer to consider the person posing the question.

From their question I might be able to gauge any of the following traits in the person:

- Their level of anxiety or self doubt,
- The need for reassurance (of them as good bowlers),
- Their unwillingness to heed my view anyway,
- An innate sense of curiosity,
- Simply wanting conversation with me,
- Their keenness to test my knowledge,
- Their wanting to abide by someone providing 'expert' advice,
- Searching for a formula for success,
- Their degree of personal challenge, of having a go.

Often the questioner is wanting comfort to have a go, but is reluctant to do so without 'permission' that trying might mean falling, failure.

Know the answer even before you ask the question so as not to be surprised when the reply is at times honest.

Trust your own instinct and pursue what it is you want from bowls, not what I might say as the one you asked the question of.

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