

Contributing to bowls

“Don't take it personally!”

A senior bowls association manager made the comment to me recently when I said how pissed off, frustrated, I get when no one in official capacity has responded to my written proposals on things, bowling.

Happened again, twice, this past week when I submitted ideas on a bowls handbook and on membership recruitment opportunities.

And of course I always have something to offer on coaching, no surprise there.

So following the deafening silence (once again) I thought bugger this, I am going to scribble a column on “Why I, read that as we, contribute to our sport bowls’, and do so, if only as a cathartic release for me from the lack of courtesy shown to any of us who offer something, knowing our comment may have no merit or priority or possibility of action.

It is simply a lack of courtesy (manners) in not replying.

Why do I do it, contribute to our sport, bowls?

Let's zone in on two aspects - my practice of actually coaching, and writing for this website as my contribution.

I contribute because it nourishes my soul, my feel good factor.

I contribute as it helps me process my crazy knowledge storage.

I contribute because I then interrogate what I plan, what I did, and, others can then do an ‘interrogation’ of my stuff.

I contribute to discover and understand more about the approach to bowls coaching.

I contribute with my columns to connect with that majority who I shall never meet, but who have an interest in their bowls, like me.

I contribute with my columns to connect with my views that might provoke readers, or evoke some new insights, or even to delight some of you, and great if I can encourage you to do more with your bowls or if you also coach to do more for others in their bowls.

In my life, certainly in my life within bowls, I have been enriched, improved and humbled by my meeting fellow travellers worldwide as we bowlers are.

And from many those feelings came because they made contact, wrote, called and the personal impact was all my benefit.

My book is out of stock with all 3,000 gone off to those readers who might have valued my contribution. And the privilege I gain knowing people were prepared to spend \$\$\$ to read my thoughts and approach to our sport, bowls.

Guess in writing this column I have realized the plus side outweighs the negative 'deafening silence'.

Hope others who feel similar at times about the absence of courtesy of responses take heart, we do good for our sport.

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