

THE SPORT OF BOWLS SOME DEFINITIONS



"BEFORE WE START LET'S GET THINGS STRAIGHT —
AS MY LEAD YOU KNOW NOTHING, AND YOU SAY NOTHING!"

Kitty and Jack

My husband took up bowling
and he bragged upon the phone
about some girl called Kitty
whom he couldn't leave alone

He played with Kitty,
he stayed with Kitty,
he picked her up without a hitch

He missed Kitty,
he kissed Kitty,
he even lay beside her in the ditch

So I took up bowling
to win my hubby back
and found that what he could do with Kitty,
I could do with Jack

Positions in a bowling team:

1. The lead—this is the person who rolls the jack and bowls first. His job is to get as close to the jack as possible
2. The second—this is the person who bowls second. His job is to draw a close bowl
3. The third—this is the person who plays third. His job is to add shots, or to save by knocking out opponents' shots
4. The skip—this is the person who bowls last. He is the team boss, and gives instructions to the others. See picture.

Equipment:

1. The kitty—this is the name given to the white (or yellow) ball which is rolled along the green to be the target for bowlers to reach. Shots scored are based on how close they are to the jack.
2. The jack—another name for kitty
3. The mat—a rectangular rubber mat on which you must stand to deliver the bowl.
4. Bowls—use two of these in a fours game, four of these in a pairs game and also in a singles game, and two of these in 2 bowl triples, or three of these in 3 bowl triples.

Terms:

A toucher—a bowl that touches the jack before it comes to a stop. It is marked with chalk because if it is afterwards hit into the ditch, a toucher is still "live". Any non-touchers are "dead" if they enter the ditch.

A wick—a bowl that slides off another bowl before coming to rest. When your team does it, it is skill: when the opponent does it, it is luck.



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