

Comments from the Skip

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There's lots of chat on bowling greens,
From many bowlers lips,
There's also lots of comments,
Often used by skips,

It's something that they all do,
To spur their team morale,
Like, "Good one mate, well done",
And "That's a beauty pal".

Some say "That's a good line",
"It's really just your weight",
When what they really mean is,
(You're nowhere near it mate),

Some say "Take a bit more grass",
Or, "Bowl it to my feet",
And when it's done successfully,
"That'll do a treat",

Sometimes when the game is tight,
Directions will be said,
Like, "I really want one up here,
I need one in the head!",

And when the bowl is nicely placed,
And destined for the jack,
The skip will promptly comment,
"Well you won't want this one back!",

Other comments come to mind,
Like "You need another metre",
And when the bowler does it,
The skip says "Ripper Rita!",

Or when a bowl is 10 feet short,
"That'll be a blocker",
When what they really mean is,
(You've bowled a bloody shocker),

So when you hear a comment,
That your skip has said to you,
Take it with a pinch of salt,
Don't try to think it through,

Unless, of course the words you hear,
Makes you dance the Cha Cha,
When your skip announces,
"It's a flaming resting toucher!".