**2025 July Library Newsletter**

( 1 )  The 2025 Australian Open singles and pairs final games are now available on Youtube channel. I enjoyed the Pairs games more.

In the men's pairs final, people had high hopes for the Nelson brothers as they had impressive performances all through the tournament. But when they faced such strong opponents as Corey Wedlock and Gary Kelly, they had to concede defeat. It is always a treat to watch all the good shots made by Wedlock and Kelly and how well they worked as a team.

2025 Australian Open Men's Pairs Final match - Kane Nelson and Jacob Nelson vs Corey Wedlock and Gary Kelly: [youtube.com/watch?v=D4EwcwYovf8](http://youtube.com/watch?v=D4EwcwYovf8)

Winning a pairs game needs the effort of two team members. You can see this also in the Women's Pairs. Selina Goddard (NSW) and Chloe Stewart (QLD) played well together. Yet the most impressive performance was focused on the Malaysian skip Emma Firyana Saroji who, without  much support from the lead player Nurul Jamil, played incredible conversion shots to lead the game in the first half. The last 2 ends are exciting to watch. Don't miss it.

Let me pick up a point for discussion. In the final end, Stewart was leading by one point and her lead was holding shots on the green. The opponent had good back bowls. She should be aware that Saroji is good at playing trailing shots. Yet she didn't try to put her bowls in the good back positions.  Anyway, she compensated with her brilliant last bowl to tie the score. Then, in the extra end, Goddard played beautiful drawing shots. They deserved to win the game.

[youtube.com/watch?v=Egn2FrI8M6M](http://youtube.com/watch?v=Egn2FrI8M6M)

( 2 )  Malaysia is a newer bowling country which picked up this sport after hosting the Commonwealth Games in 1998 and since then has fostered a lot of high-level players. The sport is supported by the government with sponsors, and they run very good coaching programmes. More importantly, competitive players especially the National Team members are well supported financially. Let's watch an interesting video - "Compilation of beautiful shots " by coach Zuraidi Puteh and Team Lawn Bowls Malaysia: [youtube.com/watch?v=yRmkH7sXdNQ](http://youtube.com/watch?v=yRmkH7sXdNQ)

Actually, everyone has the potential to play a good shot - not always, but at least sometimes. When you step on the mat, remember, it is your show. The spotlight is on you. Relax, focus, smoothly send out your bowl. Yes, you make it. You too can play a beautiful shot.

( 3 )  In 2024 World Bowls established the World Bowl Series - the world rankings are determined by the results of these events over a 24-month period. The purpose is to build the profile and brand of bowls, showcase the best players in the game, accelerate the legitimacy of the sport on the global stage and launch world rankings that will create clarity and interest in the sport of bowls.

This year, the lawn bowl Lion City Cup in Singapore held from July 6 - 12 is included in the World Bowl Series. This is a pairs tournament. Together with other 10 countries, for the first time, Australia sent a team there which included all the hot shots such as Corey Wedlock, Lee Schraner, Dawn Hayman and Jack McShane playing in the men's pairs, women's pairs and U25 pairs.

For a change of scene, let's watch the bowling environment in Singapore. The artificial green is probably built on the rooftop of the club house surrounded by high-rise buildings.

The men's pairs final between Corey Wedlock and Lee Schraner vs Dinesh Kumar and Putul Sonewal from India is a good game to watch. Though the Australian bowlers dominated the game, the Indian players managed to delight the spectators with some brilliant shots especially in the second set: [facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\_permalink&v=738729545199878](http://facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=738729545199878)

( 4 )  July is the peak month in the year of summer outdoor bowling activities. I hope that you haven't missed the live streaming of the 2025 Hong Kong Summer National Championships and also the Bowls BC Provincial games. We are thankful that Bowls BC has done a great job streaming the matches. It's more exciting and fun to watch in person or live broadcast of people you know playing in those big games. To remind you, the BC Provincial Singles game will take place in 2 weeks' time.

Lastly, my congratulations to all those winners and I wish them best of luck and good bowling in the Canadian Championships.

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