

The Etiquette of Bowls

It's much nicer to be known
for the courtesy you've shown;
whilst out bowling on the green
and let etiquette be seen

If a player's "on the mat",
keep your voice down low,
as we know it for a fact
concentration can surely go.

Stand well behind whose turn it is
way out of their eye-line;
then they can focus on the "biz"
with everything just fine.

Never move within the head
when a bowler's about to bowl
as it's not good to have it said
that cheating was your goal.

If you're bowling second last
a good gesture is to learn
to pick the mat up off the grass
once the opponent's had their turn.

Never clap a lucky wood
that's wicked its way to "shot",
as in a match it's understood
that a good shot it was not

Congratulate a good shot
although it's not your own;
you may not like it a lot
but good sportsmanship you've shown.

If you've lost the match you've played
do not show your despair
and do not let your keenness fade
your next game could be there.

Attending special functions
dress code comes into being;
at some prize-giving luncheon,
your club you're representing.

Try and keep these things in mind
on or off the green
then I'm sure that you will find
a nicer game it's been.