

*‘Since I started playing I have received a great deal of encouragement from members. However, I have reached the conclusion that all may not be as it seems Therefore, I have compiled a list of such comments revealing their possible interpretation’ (Trevor Deadman-Spall 2023)*

Bowls terminology and meaning

What they say		What they mean
Good length	-----	Hopelessly off target
A bit more weight	-----	Hopelessly short
Come the other way	-----	You obviously can't play that hand
A bit heavy	-----	Nearly in the ditch
Good green	-----	Nowhere near
Good try	-----	Hopeless
Good place	-----	Hopeless
We came up	-----	Lucky
They came up	-----	Idiot
Same again	-----	Fat chance
Jack high	-----	Pitifully wide
So close	-----	Miles away
Unlucky	-----	Hopeless
We were two up	-----	Idiot
Shot wood	-----	Never heard that; no idea what it means
No change	-----	Why did you bother?
More green	-----	Hopeless
Nice delivery	-----	Otherwise hopeless
Nearly did it	-----	Hopeless
Just two yards short	-----	Nowhere near
Consistent	-----	Same as previous pitiful attempt
Been playing long?	-----	You're playing like a beginner
Are they your own woods?	---	Maybe try another set
It's only a game	-----	Maybe try another game
Next time	-----	Rubbish
Good blocker	-----	Of no use whatsoever
The jack's here	-----	You've obviously forgotten or can't see it
Never mind	-----	Hopeless
Well you bowled	-----	Aspirational comment not in my experience