

Bowls Bias

The following are my thoughts on bowling at Auriol, with a brief guide to the Bowls available to a newcomer to the game, and using them.

The Four Marks Bowls Club web site (see www.fourmarksbowls.co.uk/what-bowl-does-what) gives a good a set of Bowls Bias charts as any I have seen. It has the three main manufacturers, Taylor, Drakes Pride, Henselite, and their own Bias Charts for most of the currently manufactured Bowls. Another site: <http://www.newportharborlbc.com/bias-chart.html> "Bias Chart", actually compares a number of these Bowls in one chart, which is handy; however, it does include a number of discontinued Bowls and can be a little confusing to a newcomer.

It's worth remembering that these charts are really for comparison purposes, one model with another, and should be used with care. What I mean by this, is that it helps to know your own green first when deciding on a set of Bowls, especially if that is mainly where you would be playing your games. This is because Council Greens are well known for inconsistencies, with unevenness, wide swings, narrow lines, tracking and Bowls holding out; strong winds are a feature at Auriol. To cope with this when choosing Bowls, I would advise the heaviest possible of your chosen model. Remember, medium weights are the same weight as the lower heavy Bowl; viz 2H/3Medium.

Furthermore, the Bowler should also consider a bowl with a bias that is more positive towards the end of its travel, or sweeps across to the Jack, rather than the more continuous arc of some models which are all very well on the more even greens.

(These Bowls Bias notes provided by Brian Russell)