

BOWLS FOR BEGINNERS

*I've taken up bowls
I said to my friends,
A game that consists
Of a number of ends*

*With the aid of my coach
I got the hang of the game,
Where the players & bowls
Are not all the same.*

*The bowl can be heavy,
Medium or light
And the bias makes it come
From the left or the right.*

*The surface you play on
Is good quality grass
Surrounded by benches
Where you may park your a---.*

*It's known as the green
That is split into rinks
And its edges are ditches
Where my bowl sometime sinks.*

*For a match or a roll-up
The players are drawn*

*And for the occasion
White clothing is worn.*

*The team games are pairs,
Triples or fours
And one of the players
Will put up the scores.*

*The first player to bowl
Is called number one,
He then bowls the jack
And the game has begun.*

*Number two follows one
And aims for the jack,
Then three takes his turn
And aims at the pack.*

*The last player to go
Is known as the Skip,
If things get unstable
He steadies the ship.*

*There are three types of grip
Or possibly more,
The one that I use
Is known as the claw.*

There are three types of stance

*From which a bowl can be sent
And all three require
Knees and back to be bent.*

*Delivery is the art
Of dispatching the bowl,
The fun is the sight
Of watching its roll.*

*When will it turn,
Will it stay straight?
The sight of that wobble
Is the thing that I hate !*

*When all woods are bowled
And the head is complete,
The players assemble
Where all their feet meet.*

*The object of the group
Is to determine the score,
By examining the bowls
That lie on the floor.*

*The one nearest the jack
Counts as one for that team,*

*But what follows next
Isn't all it may seem !*

*The head is examined
For the next nearest shot
And another point's added
If it's one of your lot.*

*And so it continues
Till the other side scores,
Though a measure is needed
If you think it's still yours.*

*The game then resumes
From the opposite end,
But your delivery may take
A far different bend.*

*The winners are those
Who score the most points,
Not the young bowler
With no ache in his joints !*

*Now if you succeed
In this sport you partake,
You could be as famous
As Sir Francis drake !*