

Technical Jargon

The game of lawn bowls is rife with technical jargon. So, in an attempt to clarify communication between Lead and Skip, I offer the following brief primer:

“Good Try” means you missed the shot. “Bad luck!” means “good try”. Occasionally, you will hear “close” or “almost”. These terms generally mean “good try”.

“Good weight” could mean that your bowl ended up on an adjacent rink’s jack. A similar term, “good line”, often means that your bowl is fifteen feet in front of the jack.

“Take a little more grass” means that your last bowl was narrow by at least ten feet.

“Perfect shot” usually means “I wish I could bowl like that!”

Sometimes a Skip will say “good back bowl” or “we needed a back bowl”. What the Skip means is that he wanted your bowl to be just behind the jack, but your bowl might come in handy later on.