***Hexham Elvaston Bowling Club***

**Tips for Playing in Triples Matches**

**Being Lead**

1/ Get the mat and the jack ready if it’s your shot – the bowls are not your responsibility.

2/ Bowl the jack to the length you want – unless the skip is waving their arms about or standing in the way, then bowl the jack to where they want. Don’t move; make sure the jack is lined up then get your wood.

3/ Bowl your wood to as near the jack as possible, or at least within a dustbin lid area around the jack. Do this 2 more times. Try not to be short. Do not fire – that’s not your job.

4/ Relax and stand behind the seconds.

5/ Do not interfere with the head, or give advice or get involved after you have bowled your woods.

**Being Second**

1/ Look at the skip and take advice – if none forthcoming play your wood.

2/ Try and get as near to the jack as possible or push out an opponent’s wood. Preferably both.

3/ Do this 2 more times. Do not be short.

4/ Swap places with the skip and assess the head – do not tell the skip what the head looks like first shot – they know.

5/ If in doubt, measure – agree the score, mark the board up and leave the lead to bowl the jack.

**Being Skip**

1/ Don’t interfere with the lead and unless they need encouragement.

2/ Be positive – even if the others bowl like Muppets. Give clear advice to your second.

3/ Try your best to find a way past the wall of woods in your way.

4/ Listen to your second if the head changes; then do what you want.

5/ Mark the score on the card.