**Grant Otago - Coaches Report**

**2013 President’s Shield Girl’s Team**

**Both boys and girls teams were formed from 2 roll-offs this year. First roll off at Garden City Lanes in Toowoomba and the second roll off at AMF Kedron in Brisbane. All bowlers who participated gave it their all and it was great to see yet again the up and coming talent in the ranks!**

**Looking at the girl’s team I was pretty happy with the mix of talent as each girl bought something to the team with different aspects of their games.**

**From the first training session to the last it was apparent we were not going to have 100% turn out at each session. This was a concern of mine however with other commitments in each of their lives, it was what it was! Preparation is the key to any successful team and it was evident from the results in Sydney this year. To say I was disappointed is an understatement. This team had a massive chance on paper to win convincingly this year but was never going to happen with what will follow…**

**There were some internal issues with the girl’s team that if not extinguished upon our arrival, had to be dealt with in camp. From personality clashes, bitching and good old back stabbing each other to the point of total and utter dismay. It took several verbal sprays from both Donna and myself to try and redirect their heads and get them in the game.**

**First day of Shield saw the girl’s open 90 plus frames out of 300 for the day…YOU CAN’T WIN ANY COMPETITION WITH THOSE DAMNING STATS!!!!!!!!!!**

**Day 2 was a little better but still there were internal issues to be dealt with at the end of the day!**

**Day 3 was the best of all 3 days and must say the girl’s showed glimpses of what they were capable of doing.**

**The food, drink and day to day nutrition was still good however good diet does not solve personality issues.**

**I had my concerns that these issues would flow onto the boy’s however they were in a world of their own when it came to competition and for that I sincerely congratulate Donna and her team, they were fantastic!**

**The winning formula for SA was this…**

**Excellent preparation and 100 sparing shots every session and WOW…**

**IT WORKED!!!**

**Sparing is the key to success…cliché as it sounds…PRACTICE YOUR SPARES!!!**

**Whether this report is read by bowlers, parents or other coaches I say this…**

**If you commit to a State, Territory or even a National team you MUST commit to training sessions and leave the chips on shoulders at home…No questions at all!**

**I do not apologise if I offend anyone!**

**I would like to thank Wendy, Alice, Donna, Greg, Karen, Josh, Wade and anyone else who helped with the daily choirs of keeping both teams going!**

**Regards**

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**Level 2 Coach**