

## GENERAL INFORMATION

A player whose tolley is knocked off the ring by someone else is "killed" and out of the game.

When a player scores his team's 25<sup>th</sup> marble the game is won but it will continue until the end of his turn.

Knocking more than 1 target marble out in one go is called a break.

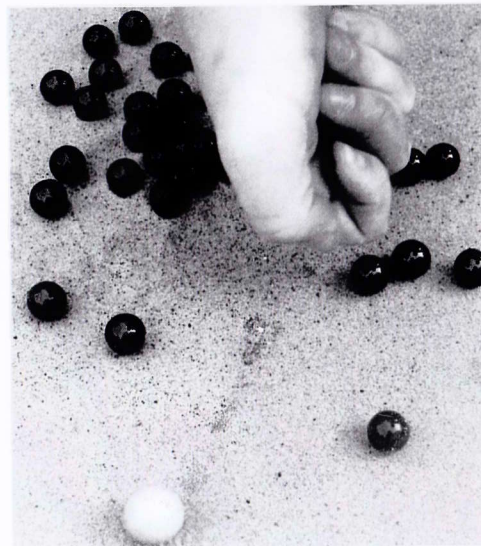
Knocked out target marbles are collected for the referee by the nobbler.

## THINGS NOT TO DO WHEN PLAYING

Have the knuckle in from the edge of the ring.



Move the hand forward when shooting.



Shoot from above the ring when the tolley is picked up. The knuckle must go where the tolley stopped.

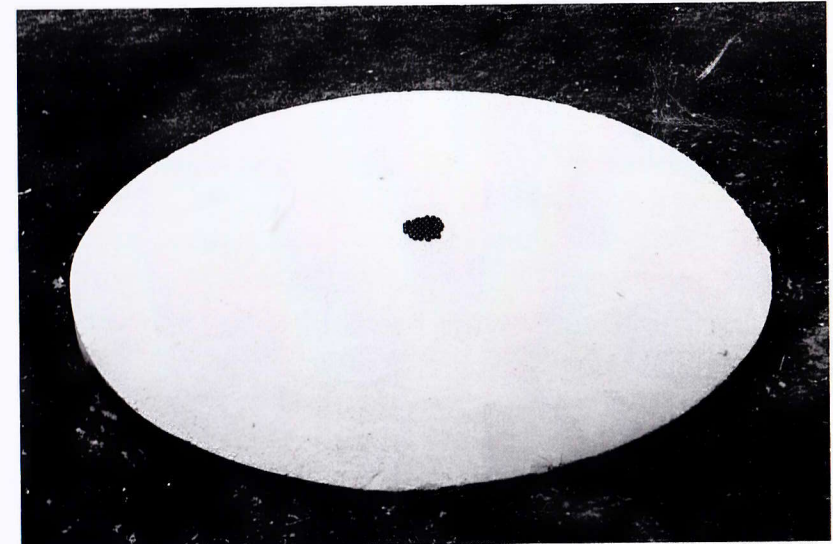
**SPILL BEER ON THE RING!**

## A QUICK GUIDE TO THE BRITISH AND WORLD MARBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The game of marbles is played between 2 teams of 6 players.

The tournament is a knockout competition. A draw was made in advance and the teams for each match are called to the ring on the PA system.

### THE RING AND THE MARBLES



The ring measures 6 feet across and is slightly raised so that there is no question of whether a marble is in or out! The ring is covered in fine sand so that the marbles do not skid or bounce.

There are 49 marbles in the centre of the ring at the start of the game – 4 marbles per player plus an odd one so there cannot be a draw. These are called the target marbles.

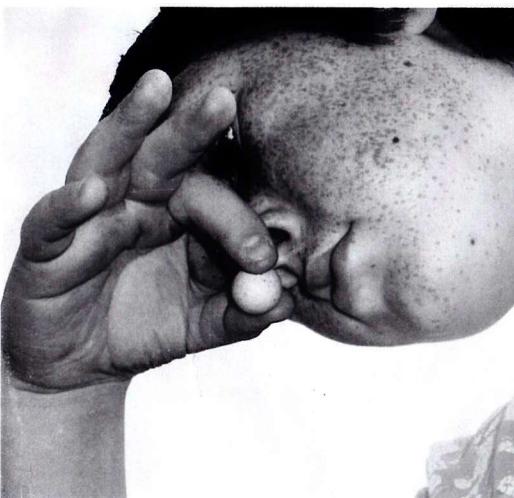


The object of the game is to break up the pack of target marbles and then knock them out of the ring.

### THE NOSE DROP



The referee draws a line in the sand.



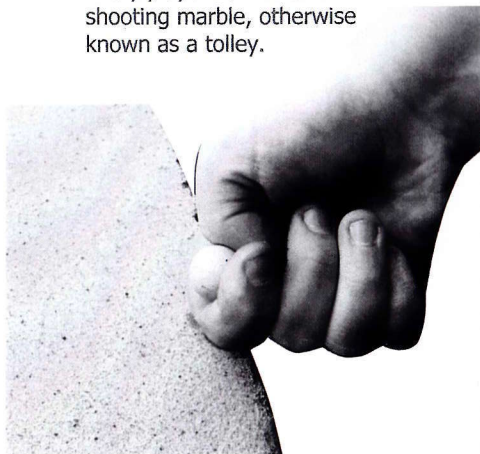
The team captians stand over the line and each drop their toley from the end of their nose.

The player whose toley lands closest to the line can choose which team shoots first.



### SHOOTING A MARBLE

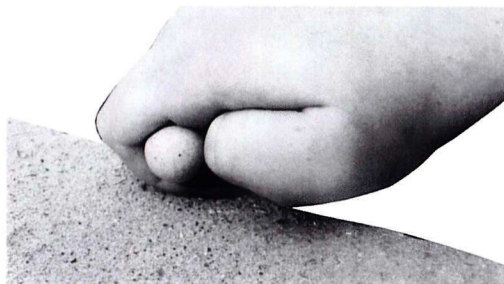
Every player has his own shooting marble, otherwise known as a toley.



There are different styles of shooting the toley.



Whenever the player shoots he must "knuckle down", which means that one of the knuckles of his thumb or index finger must be touching the ring.



### STARTING THE GAME

Before the game starts the referee writes down the names of the players in the order of play.

A player from team A shoots first, then one from Team B, then Team A etc.

At the start of his first go the player knuckles down anywhere at the edge of the ring.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

If the toley goes out of the ring the player starts from the edge again on his next go. If it has knocked out 1 or more target marbles these count towards the team score.

If the player does not score but his toley stays on the ring, the next time he shoots from where it stopped.

If a target marble is knocked out and the toley stays on the ring the player shoots again straight away, from exactly where the toley stopped.

