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[54] **PUTTING BOARD FOR A BASEBALL GAME**

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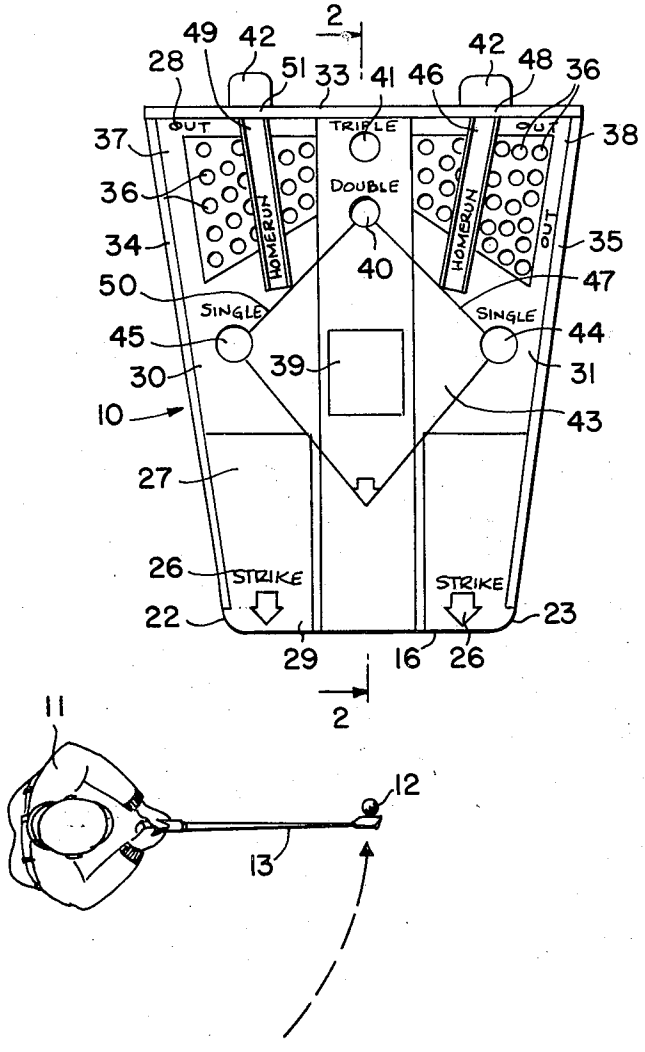
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A putting board is used to play a simulated game of baseball, wherein a player putts a golf ball onto a sloped playing surface of the putting board. A pair of homerun ramps are provided on the playing surface and a ramp having a double and a triple hole therethrough is mounted onto the top playing surface. The top playing surface has a pair of single openings therethrough, as well as a plurality of out apertures. A nine inning game of baseball is played by putting the golf ball onto the sloped playing surface.

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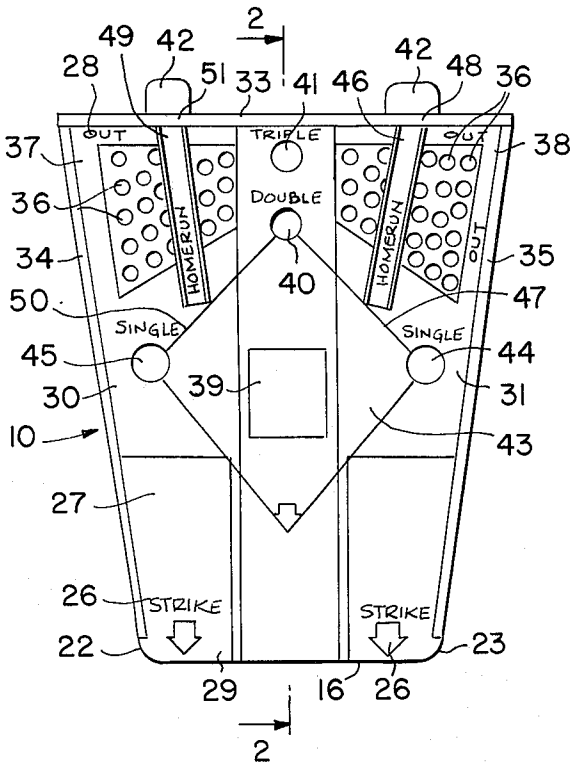

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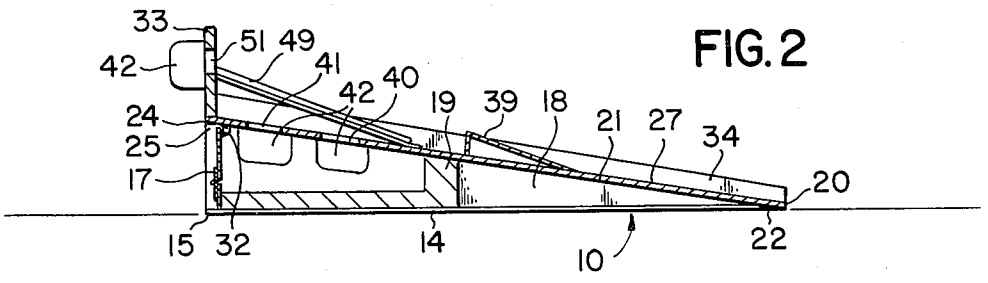

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FIG. 2

PUTTING BOARD FOR A BASEBALL GAME

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My invention relates to a unique and novel putting board used to play a simulated baseball game.

A number of U.S. Pat. Nos.: 2,014,992; 3,054,615; 3,343,843; 3,399,899; and 3,427,030 have been employed as golf games, but these aforementioned patents are non-applicable to my present invention.

Accordingly, it is an object of my present invention to provide a putting board used to play a simulated game of baseball, wherein a pair of homerun ramps are provided on the top playing surface of the putting board, as well as a ramp for a double or triple. Single holes, as well as out apertures are contained in the top playing surface of the putting board.

Another object of my present invention is to provide a putting board, wherein a player can improve his putting game.

A still further object of my present invention is to provide a putting board of simple design and relatively low manufacturing cost.

Briefly, my present invention comprises a putting board having a sloped playing surface. A pair of homerun ramps are provided on the playing surface, as well as a ramp having a double and triple hole therethrough is mounted onto the top playing surface. The top playing surface has a pair of single openings therethrough, as well as a plurality of out apertures. A nine inning game of simulated baseball is played by putting a golf ball onto the sloped playing surface.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The objects and features of the invention may be understood with reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, taken together with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a top planar view of a player putting a golf ball onto a putting board; and

FIG. 2 illustrates a cross sectional view of FIG. 1 taken along line 2—2 of the putting board.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, FIGS. 1–2 show a putting board **10** for a game of simulated baseball, wherein a nine inning game of baseball is played by two players **11** who putt a golf ball **12** with a putter **13** onto the putting board **10.** The putting board **10** consist of a trapezodial shaped planar bottom base **14,** wherein the rear edge **15** is wider than the parallel front edge **16.** The bottom base **14** has an upward extending rear wall **17** and a pair of vertically upward extending triangular shaped side-walls **18, 19.** A bottom forward corner **20** of the top edge **21** of each sidewall **18, 19** is joined to each front corner **22, 23** of the front edge **16** of base **14.** The top edge **21** of each sidewall **18, 19** extends upwardly to be joined at its top rear corner **24** to a top corner **25** of the rear wall **17.** A trapezodial shaped planar playing surface **27** of the same dimensions as base **14** has a rear **28** and front **29** parallel sides, as well as two side edges **30, 31.** The front side **29** of surface **27** is joined to the front edge **16** of base **14.** The playing surface **27** slopes upward towards the rear wall **17,**

wherein the rear side **28** of playing surface **27** is joined onto the top horizontal edge **32** of the rear wall **17.** The side edges **30, 31** of the playing surface **27** are joined onto the top edges **21** of each sidewall **18, 19.** An upward extending vertical backboard member **33** is joined onto the top of the rear side **28** of the playing surface **27.** Upward extending flange members **34, 35** are joined onto the top of the side edges **30, 31** of the playing surface **27,** wherein each flange members **34, 35** extend forward from the backboard member **33** to the front side **29** of the playing surface **27.** A plurality of apertures **36** of a smaller diameter than the golf ball **12** are contained in the left rear **37** and right rear **38** corners of the playing surface **27,** wherein the apertures **36** are of a sufficient diameter to engage the golf ball **12.** The openings **36** are representative of outs in a baseball game. A ramp **39** extends rearwardly in an upward direction from the center of the playing surface **27** to the center of the backboard member **33.** A rearward portion of the ramp **39** has a double hole **40** and a triple hole **41** therethrough, wherein the double hole **40** is forward of the triple hole **41.** A cup receiving member **42** is contained under each hole **40, 41,** wherein each hole **40, 41** is of a sufficient diameter to allow the golf ball **12** to fall through each hole **40, 41** into each cup receiving member **42.** A baseball diamond **43** is printed on the playing surface **27,** wherein second base coincides with the double hole **40.** The playing surface has a pair of single holes **44, 45** therethrough, wherein the holes **44, 45** coincide with first and third base of the baseball diamond **43.** A cup receiving member **42** is contained under each hole **44, 45** wherein each hole **44, 45** is of a sufficient diameter to allow the golf ball **12** to fall through each hole **44, 45** into each cup receiving member **42.** A first narrow channel bar shaped ramp **46** extends rearwardly in an upward direction from the center of the second base line **47** of the baseball diamond **43** to the right center of the backboard member **33,** wherein the backboard member **33** has a first passageway **48** therethrough. A cup receiving member **42** is affixed to the rear face of backboard **33** around the first passageway **48,** wherein passageway **48** is of sufficient diameter to allow a golf ball **12** traveling up the ramp **46** to fall through passageway **48** into the cup receiving member **42.** A second narrow channel bar shaped ramp **49** extends rearwardly in an upward direction from the center of the third base line **50** of the baseball diamond **43** to the left center of the backboard member **33,** wherein the backboard member **33** has a second passageway **51** therethrough. A cup receiving member **42** is affixed to the rear face of the backboard member **33** around the second passageway **51,** wherein passageway **51** is of sufficient diameter to allow a golf ball **12** traveling up the ramp **49** to fall through a passageway **51** into the cup receiving member **42.** If a golf ball **12** travels up either ramp **46, 49** and falls through passageways **48, 51,** the player has made a homerun. If the golf ball **12** falls through a single hole **44, 45,** the player **11** is considered to have made a single. If a golf ball **12** falls through a double opening **40,** the player **11** is considered to have made a double. If the golf ball **12** falls through a triple opening **41,** the player is considered to have made a triple. If a golf ball **12** rolls back off the front side **29** of the playing surface, the player **11** is considered to have made a strike **26** as printed on the playing surface **27.**

The player **11** stands in front of the putting board **10** and putts the golf ball **12** onto the playing surface **27**. A nine inning game of baseball is played by two players **11** putting the golf ball **12** onto the playing surface **27** of the putting board **10,** wherein singles, doubles, triples and homeruns are made resulting in scored runs.

Hence, obvious changes may be made in the specific embodiment of the invention described herein, such modifications being within the spirit and scope of the invention claimed, it is indicated that all matter contained herein is intended as an illustrative and not as limiting in scope.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A putting board for playing a game of baseball, which comprises:

a. a trapezodial shaped bottom base having a parallel front and rear end;

b. said bottom base having an upward extending rear wall and upward extending triangular shaped sidewalls, wherein said sidewalls extend rearwardly upward;

c. a trapezodial shaped planar playing surface affixed to a front edge of said bottom base, the top edges of said sidewalls and a top horizontal edge of said rear wall;

d. an upward extending backboard joined onto a top rear side of said playing surface;

e. upward extending flange members joined onto a top of each side edge of said playing surface, wherein said flanges communicate with said backboard and extend forwardly to said front edge of said bottom base;

f. a baseball diamond printed centrally on said playing surface;

g. said playing surface having a pair of single holes therethrough, wherein said holes coincide with a first base and a third base of said baseball diamond;

h. a ramp extending rearwardly in an upward direction from a center of said playing surface to a center of said backboard;

i. said ramp having a double opening therethrough, wherein said double opening coincides with a second base of said baseball diamond;

j. said ramp having a triple opening therethrough, and said triple hole rearward of said double hole;

k. two homerun ramps extending upwardly from said playing surface to said backboard, a homerun ramp being disposed adjacent each side of the first said ramp;

l. a plurality of apertures contained in a left rear and a right rear corner of said playing surface; and

m. a golf ball putted onto said playing surface.

2. A putting board as recited in claim **1,** wherein said holes representing said first base and said third base are of a larger diameter than said golf ball.

3. A putting board as recited in claim **2,** wherein said openings representing said second base and said third base are of a larger diameter than said golf ball.

4. A putting board as recited in claim **3,** wherein said plurality of apertures are of a smaller diameter than said golf ball.

5. A putting board as recited in claim **4,** wherein said first homerun ramp comprises:

a. a first channel bar shaped ramp extends rearwardly in an upward direction from a center of a first base line to a left center of said back board; and

b. said backboard having a first passageway therethrough, wherein said first channel bar shaped ramp aligns with said first passageway.

6. A putting board as recited in claim **5,** wherein said second homerun ramp comprises:

a. a second channel bar shaped ramp extends rearwardly in an upward direction from a center of a third base line to a right center of said backboard; and

b. said backboard having a second passageway therethrough, wherein said second channel bar shaped ramp aligns with said second passageway.

7. A putting board as recited in claim **6,** further comprises a plurality of cup receiving members communicating with said first passageway, with said second passageway, said double hole, said triple hole, and said pair of said single holes.

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