A putt-cue device is used with a game of skill which combines the technique required in putting a golf ball with the technique required in playing billiards or pool on a conventional billiard or pool table of conventional height. The putt-cue device is a specially constructed and proportioned double-padded-tipped, relatively short handled putt-cue-stick for striking a billiard or pool ball. One of the padded tips of the device is substantially smaller in diameter than the other padded tip for use with close cushion and ball shots with the larger tip being used for clear shots at the ball.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Figures
PUTT-CUE DEVICE WITH TWO DIFFERENT SIZED STRIKING HEADS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention
This invention relates to games and more particularly to games utilizing billiard and pool balls and conventional billiard and pool tables.

2. Description of the Prior Art
In the prior art, it would appear that specifically constructed playing tables have been proposed to be used in billiard games along with golf-like driving clubs to simulate driving a golf ball. Because of the bulky arrangement of the proposed clubs, it was necessary to propose the use of a table or court having inclined outside edges so that the ball would roll by gravitation away from the edges of the court or table to enable the ball to be hit by the heavy, bulky driving club. It is well known that conventional billiard or pool tables, which are elevated to substantially waist height from the floor, do not have inclined outside surfaces adjacent the rebound cushions, but are absolutely flat throughout their length and breadth, rendering the proposed use of the prior art driving club unsuitable for use with conventional billiard or pool tables.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Our invention overcomes the above mentioned deficiencies and inadequacies of the prior art by providing a unique putt-cue club which is arranged and adapted to enable the player to hit a billiard or pool ball easily and effectively when the ball stops adjacent or against a table cushion or adjacent or against another ball. Our putt-cue club is convenient to handle on a billiard or pool table because we have provided a handle substantially shorter than the regulation cue in the form of a golf putter handle, and a mini-length cue attached to said handle having oppositely disposed multi-sized pads or ball striking tips.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a pictorial view of our putt-pool game showing a conventional billiard or pool table with a player using our special putt-pool club about to take a "shot" or a "putt" at a billiard or pool ball.

FIG. 2 is a sectional view of the billiard or pool table taken along line 2—2 of FIG. 1, showing the construction of the table.

FIG. 3 is an elevational view of our special club showing structural details thereof.

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of our unique cue head taken along lines 4—4 of FIG. 3, showing the construction of the putt-cue head and the attachment of the special cue tips.

FIG. 5 shows a sectional view of our putt-cue head disclosing a modified attachment feature.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring now in detail to the drawing and in particular to FIG. 1, the numeral 10 denotes our putt-pool billiard game constructed in accordance with our invention, and including a conventional billiard or pool table denoted by the numeral 11. Billiard and pool tables vary somewhat in size, but not enough to alter our game, either table being suitable for use with our invention, the pool tables having pockets in which to drop a ball when playing, billiard tables not having pockets.

Both billiard and pool tables have rebound cushions and flat top tables. The subject table 11 has a flat top 11a mounted on legs 12, and is arranged at generally waist height for playing conventional billiards or pool.

Billiard or pocket billiard or pool balls 13 are placed on said table 11 in the position desired for playing a game of billiards or pool.

The player now grasps our putt-cue club 14 by the golf club outlined grip 16 attached to putter-like shaft 15 by either one hand or two hands and prepares to "shoot" or "putt" ball 13. An adjacent ball 13a is easily avoided by our putt-cue head 17 enabling the player to strike ball 13 in the direction desired.

It may now be readily seen that our putt-cue club is arranged and adapted to facilitate its use in a pool game and combines the features of a golf club putter and a cue. The relatively short putter like shaft 15 of our club is preferably constructed of a straight piece or section of % inch diameter low carbon steel tubing substantially 20 inches long, and our club has a golf-club style tapered, elongated, generally conical, non-metal grip 16, covering the grip end 16a of said shaft 15. Said mini-length cue member 17 or cue-head is fixedly mounted transversely on the head end 18 of said shaft 15 opposite said grip 16 by means of socket 17a formed immediately or centrally in said cue head 17. Said cue head 17 has a generally elongated annular outline and is preferably constructed of solid steel or other heavy metal. The cue head 17 further includes generally equally proportioned oppositely disposed ball striking arm portions 19 and 20 located generally symmetrically on each side of said socket and shank 15. The diameters of said ball striking portions being substantially smaller than the diameter of a conventional billiard ball which is 2% inches in diameter or a conventional pool ball which is 2% inches in diameter, in the manner of a conventional cue. Said ball striking portions preferably taper slightly from the shank portion 15a to smaller end portions 21 and 21a. Said end portions 21 and 21a are adapted to receive a rubber or other elastic solid material tip 22 and 23 in sockets 24 and 25 provided in socket end 24a of said tips 22 and 23. The tips 22 and 23 are generally cylindrical in outline, have a substantial ball striking cushion portion 27 between said end portions 21 and 21a and striking faces 23a thereof, and are generally smaller in diameter than a billiard or pool ball. One of said tips 22 is preferably a degree smaller in diameter than the other tip 23 so that the larger tip 23 can be used in general play and the smaller tip 22 used when the ball is stopped adjacent or against the cushion 25a of said table 11. The generally small diameter or cross section 26 of said cue-head enables the player to get close to said cushions and in between the billiard balls 13, 13a, when they come to rest close together, much in the same manner as is permissible with the conventional cue, but with a putter effect, rendering the game more versatile, and enhancing the enjoyment of the game because the player is playing billiards or pool, enjoyable in themselves, and at the same time training his putting eye to better hit or putt a golf ball on a putting green.

We have found that the size, contour, and weight of our putt-cue club are critical to efficient playing or our putt-pool game, in other words the handle needn't be too long or it interferes with the player's body, and the cue head to large or one cannot properly hit between balls or adjacent the cushion of the billiard or pool table 11,
and for this reason we have been explicit in defining the size and contour of our putt-cue club in the foregoing disclosure.

As shown in FIG. 4, the rubber or elastic non-metal tips 22a and 23a may be fastened internally to said cue-head 17 by means of snap-in bulbous sockets 26a formed in the free ends 21 and 21a of said cue-head 17, which sockets 26a releasably engage oversize matching protrusions 27 of said tips. Annular wall portions 28 of said modified tips 22a and 23a may overlap said ends 21 and 21a or be formed flush with face 29 of end 21.

While there is shown and described specific embodiments of this invention, the latter is not limited to the exact details of construction set forth, and the invention embraces such changes, modifications and equivalents of the parts and their formation and arrangement as come within the purviews of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a club for striking a conventional billiard and pool ball positioned on a conventional waist high pool table, the combination of, a handle having a straight annular, slender, mini-length shaft for conveniently striking said ball while in play in all positions of said ball on said table, an elongated grip formed at one end of said shaft for gripping by the player, and a slender, rod-like, mini-length heavy metal putt-cue head fixedly mounted to said handle opposite said grip, said putt-cue head having oppositely disposed billiard ball striking portions extended outwardly from said handle in cantilevered relationship thereto, and a pair of rubber, generally cylindrical, billiard ball striking pads, one of such pads fixedly fastened to the face portion of each of said cue head ball striking portions, said cue head and pads having an annular outline substantially less in diameter than said ball, and one of said cue head pads being substantially smaller in diameter than the other head pad for use with close cushion and ball shots, and the other pad being larger for the clear shots at the ball.

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