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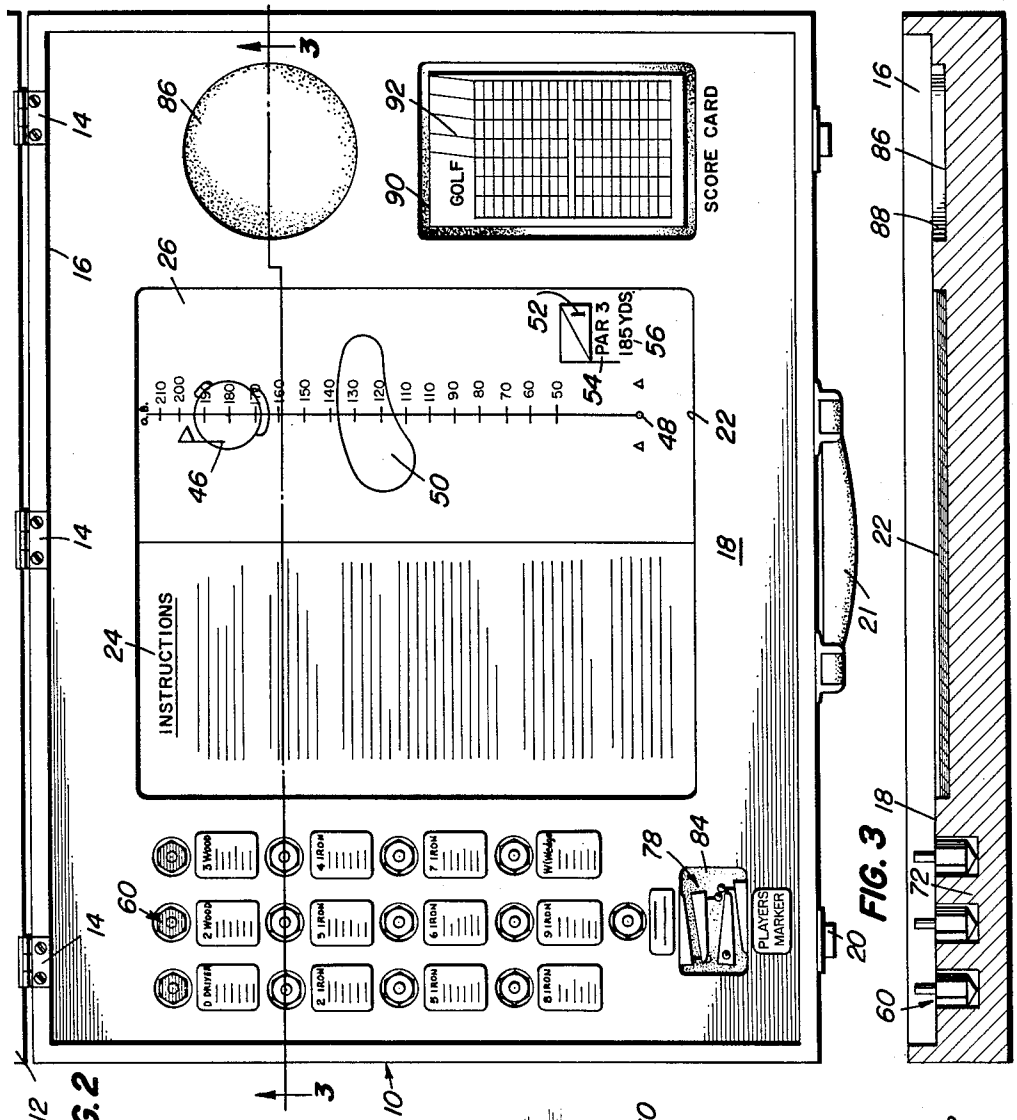


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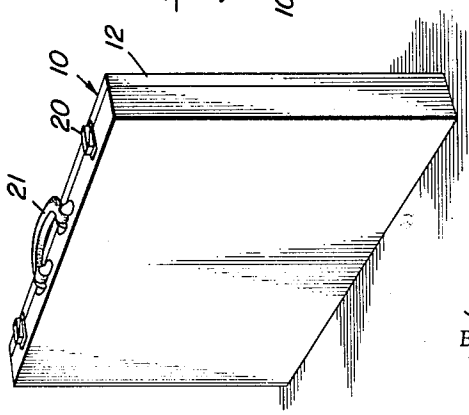


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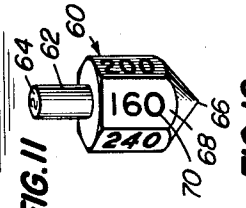


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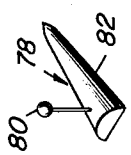


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FIG. 3

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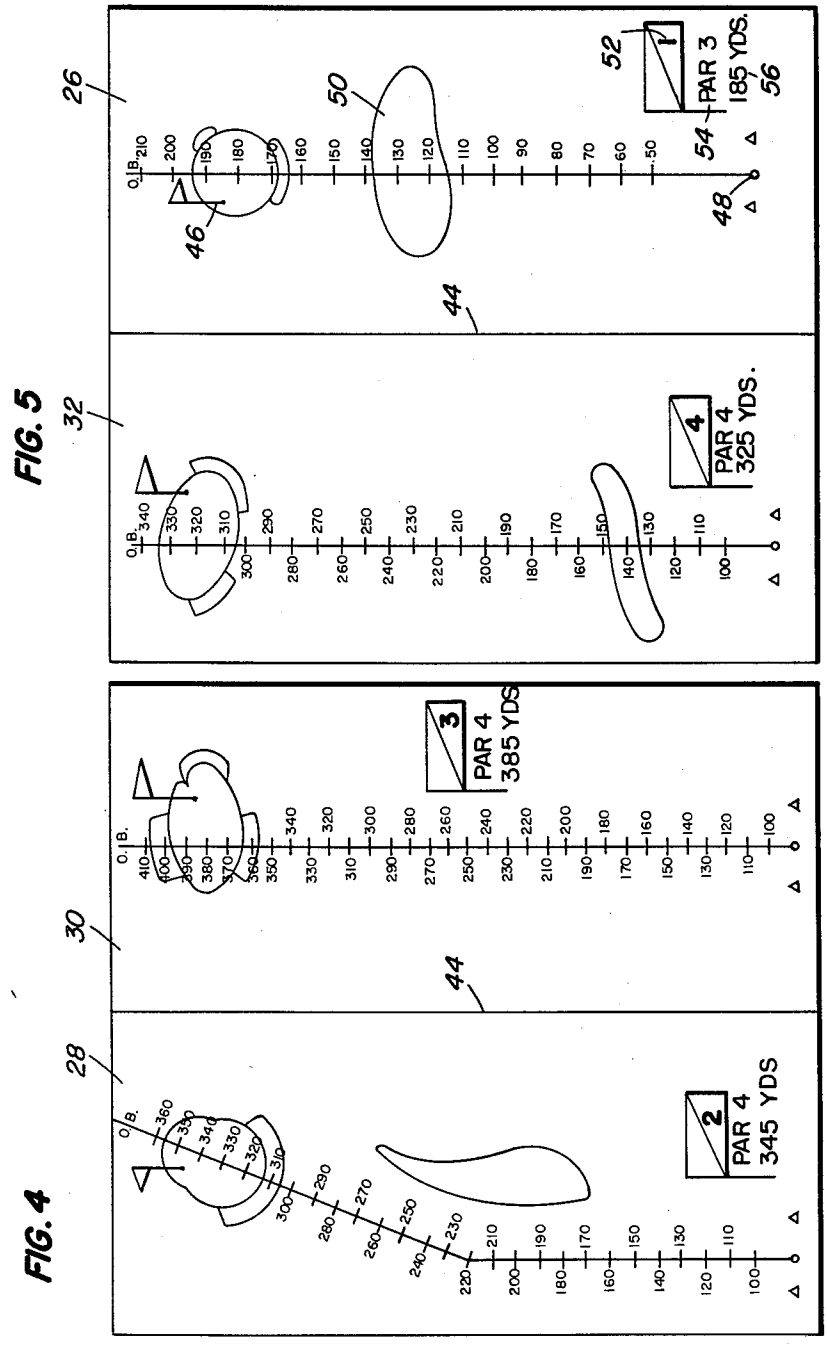
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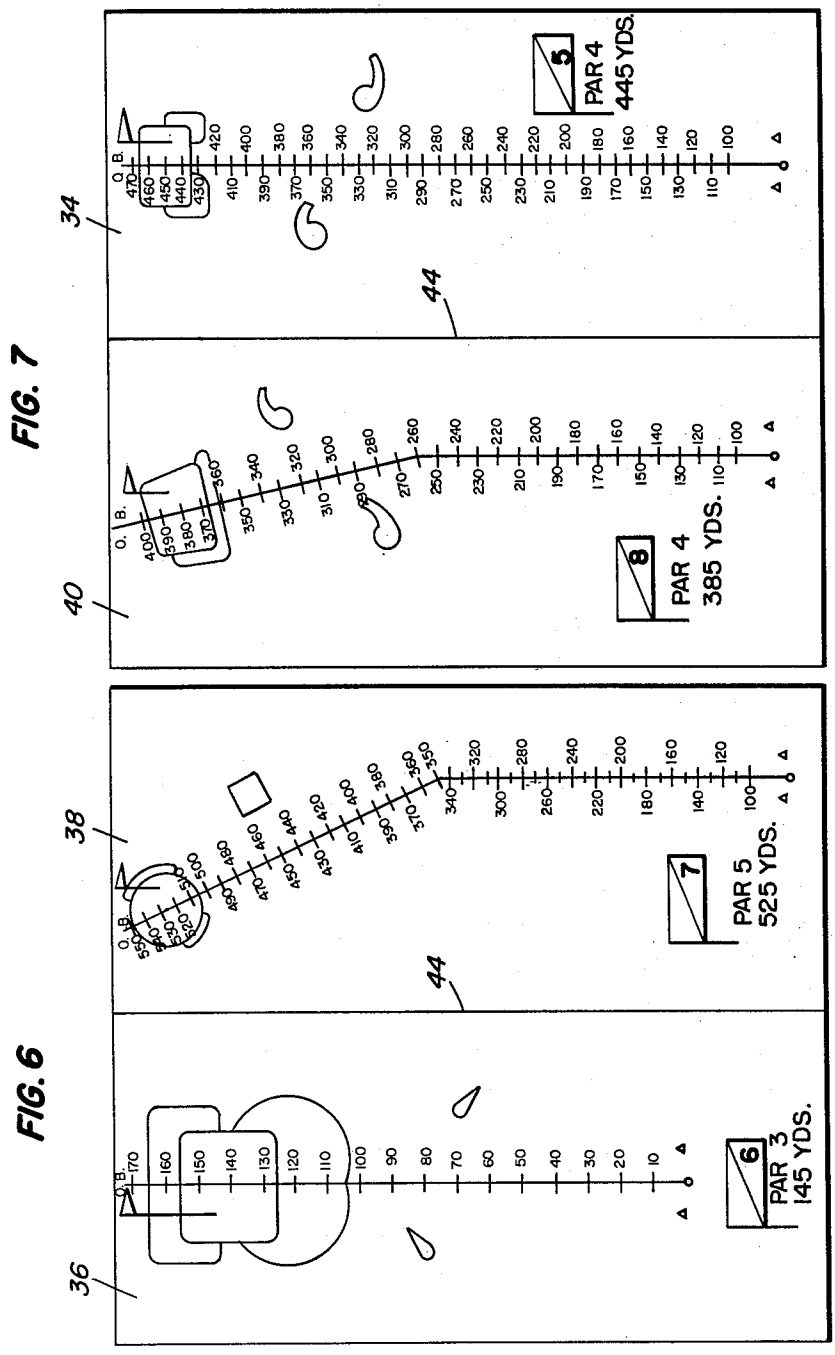
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FIG. 8

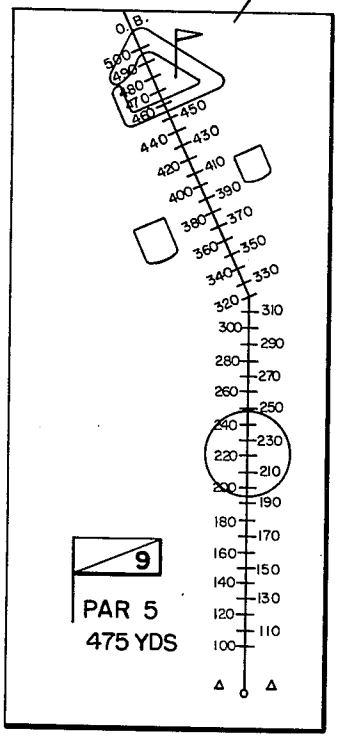
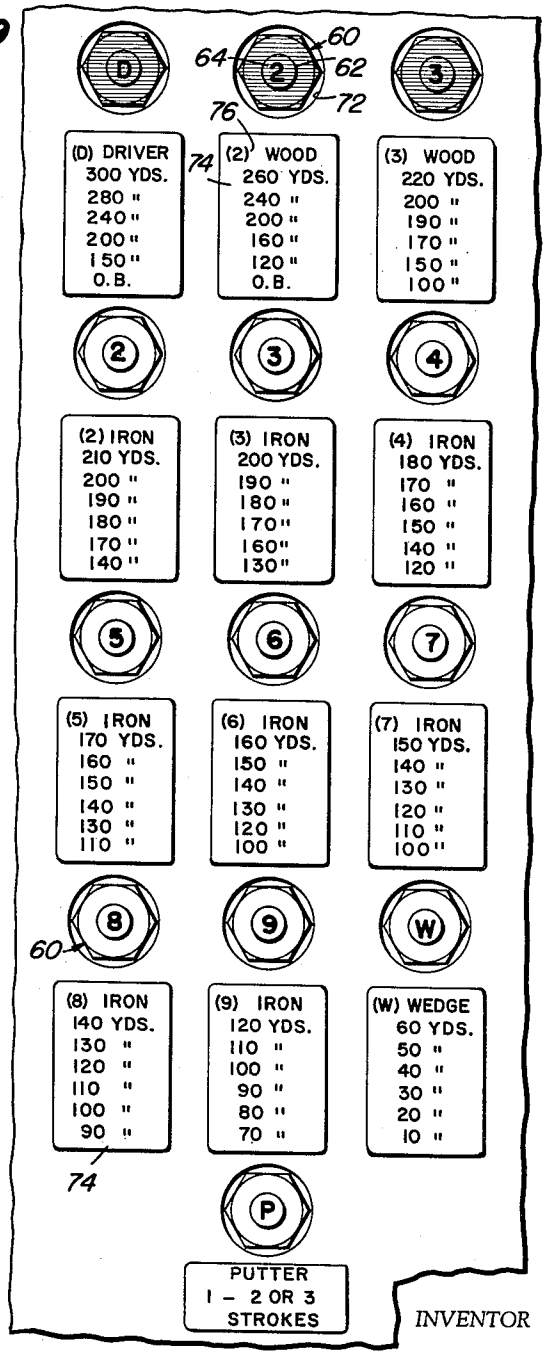


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FIG. 10

GOLF

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HOLE	YDS.	PAR				
1	185	3				
2	345	4				
3	385	4				
4	325	4				
5	445	4				
6	145	3				
7	525	5				
8	385	4				
9	475	5				
OUT	3215	36				
10	355	4				
11	205	3				
12	425	4				
13	385	4				
14	585	5				
15	445	4				
16	205	3				
17	375	4				
18	535	5				
IN	3515	36				
OUT	3215	36				
TOTAL	6730	72				

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This invention relates to a simulated golf game apparatus and has for an object to provide an improved simulated golf game apparatus wherein the player may use judgment and discretion in deciding which is the best simulated golf club to use for the particular selected fairway and golf hole so as to reach the putting green in the minimum number of strokes.

A further object of this invention is to provide a simulated golf game apparatus wherein there are a number of simulated golf clubs in the form of spinner tops, each golf club spinner top having certain golf club results thereon, and wherein there is provided a gameboard having a plurality of pockets, one for each golf club spinner top, and wherein there is a table of data and golf club results associated with each pocket for the particular spinner top housed in each pocket so that the player may readily observe the data on the gameboard and the data on a selected golf hole placed on the gameboard when deciding what particular club to use for the particular golf hole being played.

A further object of this invention is to provide a gameboard having a recessed central area wherein a selected simulated golf course fairway hole may be placed for playing the same, along with a recessed playing surface in the gameboard wherein the selected golf club spinner top is played and further wherein a score card is kept for recording the results of the play, and further, in addition, a plurality of markers, one for each of the various players, housed in the recess in the gameboard and adapted to be placed on the simulated golf board field or hole when playing the game.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide a simulated golf game apparatus wherein the gameboard has a recessed surface for receiving and framing a golf course fairway and hole, wherein different golf course fairways and holes with their appropriate course, hazard, distance, and par data thereon, may be housed and framed, and wherein part of the same recessed surface has game instruction data permanently displayed thereon so that the player may have all the necessary data and playing apparatus conveniently and compactly located for playing the game.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a compact portable simulated golf game apparatus wherein a gameboard houses and receives the various parts of the game, and the gameboard itsef forms part of a compact carrying case, the gameboard being provided with a suitable framing border and a cover hinged and latched thereto with a handle member secured to the latched side of the border for conveniently carrying the gameboard with all the apparatus and data housed therein.

With the above and related objects in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts, as will be more fully understood from the following description, when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the simulated golf game apparatus of this invention in the form of a compact carrying case.

FIG. 2 is a top plan view in open position illustrating the gameboard and the various component parts.

FIG. 3 is a sectional view through the gameboard on line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

FIGS. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are views illustrating the various golf course fairways of the game.

FIG. 9 is an enlarged fragmentary view of that portion of the gameboard with the simulated golf club spinner tops housed in their respective pockets and their appropriate tables of club results adjacent thereto.

FIG. 10 is a plan view of the score card.

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a typical golf club simulating spinner top.

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of a player marker.

There is shown at **10** the simulated golf game apparatus as embodied in a compact portable carrying case, including a top **12** hinged at **14** to a border **16** providing a frame for the gameboard **18**, as will be observed in FIG. 3, the border **16** extending above the gameboard surface **18**. On the side of the border opposite the hinged side, there is provided cooperating latch means **20** for holding the cover **12** in closed position over the border **16** and over the gameboard **18** and all components housed therein or thereon and a carrying handle **21** providing means for readily carrying the compact game apparatus.

As will be observed, the gameboard **18** is substantially rectangular, and centrally of this rectangular gameboard **18**, there is provided a recessed fairway receiving area **22** on a part of which game instruction data **24** may be permanently displayed. The remaining part of the recessed area **22** provides a housing for receiving a selected golf course fairway and hole **26**, others being illustrated in FIGS. 4 to 8, inclusive.

It will be noted that each one of the fairways **26**, **28**, **30**, **32**, **34**, **36**, **38**, **40** and **42** are different in length of fairway, in the hazards illustrated thereon and each one has its own par value thus simulating a real fairway on a real golf course. In addition, other suitable data may be present on each representation of a fairway, including the length of the distance between the tee at one end and the representation of the hole at the other end, with each fairway suitably marked to represent distance not only to the hole but somewhat beyond. Nine different fairways and holes have been represented hereon, but it is obvious that other particular fairways and golf holes may be provided so as to increase the entire golf course from nine holes to 18 holes, or more if desired.

These fairways are preferably represented on somewhat stiff cardboard or plastic that will just fit within the space provided by the framed recessed area **22** and may be in the individual size, as shown at **42** in FIG. 8, or may be a pair of fairways divided by a folded line as at **44**. In actual practice, four fairways, **26**, **28**, **30** and **32**, may be represented on the front and back of a single cardboard with a fold line **44**, two of the fairways, **26** and **32**, being on one side and the other two being on the opposite side of the same cardboard or other material used to represent the fairways and when folded along the fold line the selected fairway may be placed in the position occupied by the fairway, shown at **26** in the recess **22** in FIG. 2.

Each fairway may be made up to represent an existing actual fairway of any real golf course and thus simulate playing on a real golf course and giving the player practice in selecting the most appropriate club for each particular fairway, depending on the distance of the hole **46** from the tee **48** and may be provided with a water hazard such as **50** and is also provided with a representation of the number of the particular hole as at **52**, the par for such hole at **54**, and an indication of the actual distance between the tee **48** and hole **44**, as at **56**. Obviously, more than one hazard **50** may be provided along each fairway, as desired, particularly when representing a real golf course fairway.

A golf club simulating spinner top **60**, as separately

illustrated in FIG. 11, has a handle 62, having club identification 64 on the end of the handle and axially aligned with the handle 62 is a spinner point 66 at the other end, the club 60 being hexagonal in cross section and thus is provided with six different faces at 68, each bearing a different golf club result as at 70.

Each golf club simulating spin top 60 is housed in its own particular pocket 72 recessed into the surface of the golf board 18, and, as illustrated, there are 13 different spinner tops 60, each with its own data of result on each of the six different faces thereof. Adjacent each pocket 72, there is provided a table of the data or results of the particular spinner top 60 housed therein, the table 74 having the same data and results thereon as shown on the particular spinner top 60 housed in the adjacent pocket 72, together with appropriate identifying data such as 76 corresponding to the data 64 at the end of the handle 62. There are 13 different clubs present, one of which is a driver simulating club, two of which are wood simulating clubs, eight of which are iron simulating clubs, one a wedge simulating club and one a putter simulating club, and each of them has appropriate data, the data on each club being different than the data on each other club.

In addition to the identification data at 64, the clubs which are preferably of aluminum and suitably anodized may have different colors for each different club or at least for each different type of club simulated thereby, and the background of each table 74 would be correspondingly covered according to the color of the club simulating spinner top housed adjacent thereto. A player marker 78 provided with a handle 80 representing a golf ball and provided with a supporting surface 82 is intended to be placed on the selected fairway at the appropriate distance marking thereon, according to the play of the club simulating spinner top. The player marker 78 will preferably be of a different color as to be more readily identified by each player and they are housed in the recess 84 in the gameboard surface.

Adjacent the opposite side of the recessed area 22 there is provided a recess spinner top playing area 86 which may be finished with a suitable smooth plastic so as to supply a good spinning surface for each spinner top 60. It will be observed that this playing surface area 86 is circular and when the top is spun on this surface, the sides 88 confine the top to the area 86 so when the top stops spinning, it is confined to the area and thus readily located.

A last recessed area 90 is provided for receiving score cards 92, suitable supply of which may be kept therein and provided for the various players.

In operation, the compact carrying game apparatus illustrated at 10 may be taken anywhere and then opened out. A selected fairway, usually hole No. 1, is placed in the recessed area 22 alongside the instructions. After observing the particular hazard fairway distance data, and par of the hole on the fairway, the player will observe the tables of data 74 for each of the golf clubs and select whichever club simulating spinner top 60, in his opinion, is best suited for the particular fairway. He then removes the particular selected club spinner top 60 from its pocket 72 and plays it on the recessed playing area 86 by spinning the handle between his thumb and one of the fingers. The spinner top 60 then comes to rest on the recessed area 86 and he moves his selected player marker 78 to the appropriate place on the fairway. Each player will play in turn just as on a real golf course until they hole out and keep the record on the golf score card at 92. Each player as he finishes with a spinner will return it to its pocket 72 and the next player similarly makes his own selection. Obviously, different players may disagree as to the most appropriate club for the particular fairway and may select different clubs simulating spinner tops for play.

After the first hole has been played, they merely pick up the fairway at 26 and turn it over to play on fairway 28 for hole No. 2 represented at 28, then when this hole is finished by everyone, they pick up the fairway representation, reverse the folding and continue first with fairway 30 for hole No. 3 and then fairway 32 for hole No. 4 and so on.

Thus, each player has the opportunity of exercising his own discretion as to which is the most appropriate club according to the fairway condition and the judgment of the various players reveals their skill in playing the golf course game. Real competition is thus provided between different players, thus providing skill in selection of clubs and convenience in the data on the clubs being readily available without actually reading the data on each spinner. The data on the table at 74 is viewed along with the data on the fairway in making the selection.

Although this invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as being illustrative rather than limiting, since the invention may be variously embodied, and the scope of the invention is to be determined as claimed.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A simulated golf game apparatus comprising a simulated golf course comprising a plurality of golf fairways, a gameboard, a recessed surface substantially centrally thereof for receiving and framing a selected fairway of said simulated golf course therein, each fairway of said course depicting a different golf course hole with appropriate course, hazard, distance and par data thereon, a plurality of individually identified multi-faced spinner tops, each representing a different golf club, each spinner top having a spinner handle, a spinner point axially aligned with said handle, and a plurality of flat side faces intermediate said handle and said point, each said face representing a different result for the said club, each handle having club identifying indicia thereon, said gameboard having a plurality of top receiving pockets therein, said gameboard having a table of club identification data and results adjacent each pocket duplicating that on the top to be housed therein, a plurality of player markers, said gameboard having a marker receiving recess therein, said spinner top pockets and marker recess being adjacent but spaced from said recessed central surface thereof, a recessed top playing surface located in said gameboard adjacent but spaced from said recessed central area thereof, and a score card receiving recess in said gameboard adjacent said spinner top playing surface.

2. The simulated golf game apparatus of claim 1, a frame border secured about said gameboard and extending above the surface thereof, a cover member hinged to said frame border at one side thereof, latch means on said cover and the opposite side of said frame border for securing said game apparatus parts therewithin, and a handle member secured to said latched side of said border thereby making a carrying case of said gameboard.

3. The simulated golf game apparatus of claim 1, and game instruction data permanently displayed on at least part of said central recessed surface.

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