A tiered beer pong device is provided. The tiered beer pong device may include multiple leveled platforms to support beer pong cups. The device may include a base with at least a first platform and a second platform. The distance between the second platform and the base is greater than the distance between the first platform and the base. The platforms may include openings to fit beer pong cups.
TIRED BEER PONG DEVICE
CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. provisional application No. 61/676,780, filed Jul. 27, 2012, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to a tiered beer pong device and, more particularly, to a device that provides elevated beer pong cups on multiple levels.

[0003] Beer pong is a drinking game in which players throw a ping pong ball across a table with the intent of landing the ball in a cup of beer on the other end. The game typically consists of two teams of two players each with six or ten cups set up in a triangle formation on each side. Each team then takes turns attempting to shoot ping pong balls into the opponent’s cups. If a ball lands in a cup the contents of that cup are consumed by the other team and the cup is removed from the table. The first team to eliminate all of the opponent’s cups is the winner. The current game of beer pong is played on a flat surface and therefore is two dimensional.

[0004] As can be seen, there is a need for a multi-tiered beer pong device for enhanced play.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] In one aspect of the present invention, a tiered beer pong device comprises: at least one base having a substantially flat bottom to support the tiered beer pong device; at least a first tier and a second tier, wherein the first tier and the second tier are connected to and elevated above the at least one base by at least one riser, wherein the first tier comprises a first platform supported by the at least one riser and wherein the second tier comprises a second platform supported by the at least one riser, wherein a distance from the second platform to the base is greater than a distance from the first platform to the base.

[0006] These and other features, aspects and advantages of the present invention will become better understood with reference to the following drawings, description and claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the present invention;

[0008] FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the present invention;

[0009] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3-3 of FIG. 1; and

[0010] FIG. 4 is a perspective view similar to FIG. 1 showing the game ready to be played.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0011] The following detailed description is of the best currently contemplated modes of carrying out exemplary embodiments of the invention. The description is not to be taken in a limiting sense, but is made merely for the purpose of illustrating the general principles of the invention, since the scope of the invention is best defined by the appended claims.

[0012] Broadly, an embodiment of the present invention provides a tiered beer pong device. The tiered beer pong device may include multiple leveled platforms to support beer pong cups. The device may include a base with at least a first platform and a second platform. The distance between the second platform and the base is greater than the distance between the first platform and the base. The platforms may include openings to fit beer pong cups.

[0013] The present invention may include a three-dimensional device for placement of standard beer pong cups. The present invention may include elevated platforms for supporting cups in a three-dimensional representation of the triangular configuration used in traditional beer pong.

[0014] Referring to FIGS. 1 through 4, the present invention may include a tiered beer pong device 10 for playing beer pong with ping pong balls 32. The tiered beer pong device 10 may include at least two base 12. The base 12 may have a substantially flat bottom to support the tiered beer pong device 10. The tiered beer pong device 10 may include at least a first tier 14 and a second tier 16. The first tier 14 and the second tier 16 may be connected to and elevated above the base 12 by at least one riser 14b. In certain embodiments, the first tier 14 may include a first platform 14a and the second tier 16 may include a second platform 16a. The platforms 14a, 16a, may be supported by the riser 14b. The distance from the second platform 16a to the base 10 is greater than the distance from the first platform 14a to the base 10.

[0015] As illustrated in the figures, the first tier 14 may include a pair of risers 14b that support the first platform 14a. In certain embodiments, the first platform 14a may include an opening 14c to form a cup holder. The second tier 16 may also include a pair of risers 16b that support the second platform 16a. In certain embodiments, the second platform 14a may include two openings 16c to form two cup holders. The cup holders may fit standard beer pong cups 30.

[0016] In certain embodiments, the present invention may further include a third tier 18. The third tier 18 may include a pair of risers 18b that support a third platform 18a. In certain embodiments, the third platform 18a may include three openings 18c to form three cup holders. The cup holders may fit standard beer pong cups 30. The distance from the third platform 18a to the base 10 is greater than the distance from the second platform 16a to the base 10.

[0017] The present invention may include one attached unit including a single base 12. However, the present invention may further include multiple detached units that may be put together to form the tiered beer pong device 10. In such embodiments, there may be more than one base 12. As illustrated in the figures, the present invention may include a second base 13. The second base 13 of the present invention may be placed behind the first base 12 to form an extended tiered beer pong device 10. Each tier may include its own base 12, 13, may be part of the same base 12, or a combination thereof.

[0018] In certain embodiments, the exemplary second base 13 may include a fourth tier 20. The fourth tier 20 may include a pair of risers 20b that support a fourth platform 20a. In certain embodiments, the fourth platform 20a may include four openings 20c to form cup holders. The cup holders may fit standard beer pong cups 30. The distance from the fourth platform 20a to the base 10 is greater than the distance from the third platform 18a to the base 10.

[0019] The tiered beer pong device 10 may be molded as one unit or may include multiple pieces that are put together. The tiered beer pong device 10 may include parts that may snap together, screw together, are pre-assembled and expandable, and the like. The present invention may be made of
wood, plastic, metal, or any suitable material. As illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3, in certain embodiments, the platforms 14a, 16a, 18a, 20a may be mounted to the base 10 by risers 14b, 16b, 18b, 20b that include a threaded top portion 22 and base mounting pins 24. The base mounting pins 24 may fit within mounting holes 26 in the base 12, 13. The threaded top portions 22 may fit through platform mounting holes 27 in the platforms 14a, 16a, 18a, 20a. Wings nuts 28 may be secured to the threaded top portions 22 to secure the tiered beer pong unit together.

[0020] In certain embodiments, the platforms 14a, 16a, 18a, 20a of the present invention may include a trapezoidal shape. The overall device 10 may form a triangular shape. The platforms 14a, 16a, 18a, 20a may include one, two, and three holes respectively pre-cut to accept standard 16 oz. drinking cups 30. For example, the openings may be cut at 3.875 in. The pair of risers 14b, 16b, 18b may be about three inches tall for the first platform, five inches tall for the second platform and seven inches tall for the third platform. However, the risers 14b, 16b, 18b may be any desired height. The completed product supports the cups from a flat surface into an elevated state to create a new three-dimensional beer pong game. A fourth independent tray may be provided to accept four cups rendering a ten cup game.

[0021] It should be understood, of course, that the foregoing relates to exemplary embodiments of the invention and that modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A tiered beer pong device comprising:
   at least one base having a substantially flat bottom to support the tiered beer pong device;
   at least a first tier and a second tier, wherein the first tier and the second tier are connected to and elevated above the at least one base by at least one riser,
   wherein the first tier comprises a first platform supported by the at least one riser and wherein the second tier comprises a second platform supported by the at least one riser, wherein a distance from the second platform to the base is greater than a distance from the first platform to the base.

2. The tiered beer pong device of claim 1, further comprising a third tier connected to and elevated above the at least one base by at least one riser, wherein the third tier comprises a third platform, wherein the distance from the third platform to the base is greater than the distance from the third platform to the base.

3. The tiered beer pong device of claim 2, wherein the first tier, the second tier, and the third tier are each supported by a pair of risers.

4. The tiered beer pong device of claim 2, wherein each of the first platform, the second platform, and the third platform comprises at least one opening.

5. The tiered beer pong device of claim 4, wherein the first platform comprises one opening, the second platform comprises two openings, and the third platform comprises three openings.

6. The tiered beer pong device of claim 2, wherein the at least one base comprises a plurality of bases.

7. The tiered beer pong device of claim 6, further comprising a fourth tier comprising:
   a second base having a substantially flat bottom to support the fourth tier;
   at least one riser connected to and elevating the fourth tier above the second base;
   a fourth platform supported by the at least one riser, wherein a distance between the fourth platform and the second base is greater than the distance between the third platform and the at least one base.

8. The tiered beer pong device of claim 7, wherein the fourth platform comprises four openings.

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