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## SCORE MATCHING CONTROL CARD

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The present invention relates to game equipment, and more particularly to a control and scoring unit used in the game.

It is an object of the present invention to provide game equipment comprising a control and scoring unit having thereon a plurality of movable tabs shaped and positioned normally to conceal a suggested score, said unit including means exposed by movement of said tabs providing a space for recording the actual score made by a contestant.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide game equipment comprising a control and scoring unit in the form of a card having a plurality of individually movable tabs spaced along one edge and adapted to be folded so as to overlie portions of the card, sealing means retaining the tabs in folded position and adapted to be released by a contestant, the card being provided with game indicia concealed by said tabs when in folded position and exposed thereby when said tabs are released and unfolded to expose the inner surface thereof.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide game equipment comprising apparatus with which a contestant may establish a score of a particular numerical value between certain limiting values, a control and scoring unit having a plurality of individually movable tabs normally sealed in position to conceal different portions of said card, different suggested scores on said card in position to be concealed by said tabs, said card including areas exposed by movement of said tabs for entry of the actual score established by the contestant upon each operation of said apparatus.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a game based upon bowling comprising a control and score card including a plurality of movable tabs, a number on the score card under each of said tabs adapted when exposed by movement of the tab to advise the contestant of the particular number of pins which he is expected to score by rolling a single ball, said card including areas exposed by movement of said tabs in which the contestant may enter the actual score which he attains by bowling a single ball, said card preferably including accumulated totals of suggested scores for comparison with actual accumulated totals established by a contestant.

Other objects and features of the invention will become apparent as the description proceeds, especially when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of the control and score card used in the game.

FIGURE 2 is a view of the card shown in FIGURE 1, with the movable tabs unfolded.

The present invention relates to a game and in its specific embodiment, is based upon the conventional bowling in which normally two balls are rolled in each frame in an endeavor to knock down the total of ten pins. In the present game however, the contestant in each frame bowls a single ball and it is the object of the game to knock down a specific number of the ten pins in accordance with a number exposed by movement of a tab on a control and score card. A perfect game is bowled when the contestant in each frame duplicates the score suggested to him by the successive movement of concealing tabs to expose the number of pins to be scored.

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In general, the contestant moves a concealing tab to expose a number of pins to be knocked down prior to rolling the single ball. However, one or more of the frames are blind, in that the contestant is required to bowl the ball before exposing the number of pins required in that frame.

Accordingly, the equipment necessary for playing the game comprises apparatus for enabling a contestant to establish a numerical score between certain numerical values, together with a control and score card which instructs the contestant in general what the score upon each operation of the apparatus should be.

The control and score card used in the present game is illustrated in the figures. In FIGURE 1 the card 10, which is preferably formed of cardboard or the like, has along one edge 11 thereof a plurality of tabs herein designated 12-23 inclusive. The tabs are separated along lines indicated at 24 and each is folded back at the edge to conceal a substantial area of the card 10. Each of the tabs in the folded condition illustrated in FIGURE 1 is sealed to the card so as to prevent exposure of the material beneath the tabs. Conveniently, each of the tabs may be adhered to the body of the card by a single dot of adhesive such as indicated at 26.

On the body of the card and in the zone normally concealed by the plurality of tabs are a plurality of numbers indicated at 28, each of which indicates the score which the contestant should endeavor to make by bowling a single ball at the ten pins set up in the alley. In an area concealed by the tabs when in folded condition, there is also provided space on which the contestant may enter the particular score which he actually achieves as well as the accumulated total as the game progresses. In the particular form illustrated herein, the areas for entering the contestant's individual and accumulated scores is on the backs of these tabs 12-22, and it will be observed that the back of these tabs also are provided with accumulated sub-totals of the required score as determined by the numbers 28 on the score card.

To play the game, the contestant first unfolds the tab 12, which in the present instance, will expose the number nine. This is the number of pins which the contestant is required to make by bowling a single ball at the ten pins set up in the alley. The contestant then bowls the ball and enters the actual score achieved. The entry of the score may be on the usual score sheet provided in bowling alleys, in which case if he makes the required number of pins, he marks an X or a check mark in the strike and square box. Alternatively, or in addition, the contestant may enter the score in the space shown generally at 30 on tab 12. Thereafter, he successively moves tabs 13-17 to the exposed position shown in FIGURE 2, and after each tab has been moved to expose the required number of pins, he bowls a single ball in an endeavor to match the required score.

To add an element of chance to the game, one of the tabs, such for example as the tab 18, is a blind tab and the contestant upon reaching this tab is required to bowl the ball before moving the tab to expose the required number of pins. Thereafter, the contestant continues to move the tabs successively through the tab 21, which exposes the tenth number in the last frame. The tab 22 is then moved to expose the required total pin fall and the actual pin fall is entered in the space at the back of tab 22.

The tab 23 is provided, and preferably, this tab together with the area 32 of the card 10 may be detached by separating it along the line of perforations indicated at 34 so that this detached portion of the card may if desired, be forwarded to a central agency or otherwise used to enter the contestant in a sweepstake or the like.

While there may be variations in the rules of the game, it is suggested that after completing the blind frame, which as seen in FIGURE 1 is frame 7, it is the privilege of the player whose score is farthest from the accumulated total at this point of the game, to call for, or to reject, the pulling of tab 22 which is designated the bonus score tab. If this tab is moved, it reveals the total score of the game, for example in the illustrated embodiment an accumulated total of 72. It will be noted that it does not give any indication as to the individual scores to be made in frames 8, 9 and 10.

The drawing and the foregoing specification constitute a description of the improved game equipment in such full, clear, concise and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to practice the invention, the scope of which is indicated by the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. Game equipment comprising in combination game apparatus enabling a contestant to establish a numerical score between certain numerical values, a control card having a multiplicity of separate tab portions integral with said card at one edge thereof and folded to overlie portions of the face of the card, said tab portions being permanently connected to the main portion of said card solely by the folded junction therewith so that when opened said tab portions will be flat and coplanar with the main portion of said card, separate seal means connecting each of said tab portions to the face of said card and being breakable to release said tab portions individually for unfolding and to indicate when broken that said tab portions have been moved to expose material previously concealed thereby, said tab portions being sequentially releasable, first numerical indicia on said card exposed by lifting said tab portions in sequence to indicate the successive numerical scores to be made by the contestant by operation of the said apparatus, and additional numerical indicia on said card exposed by sequential lifting of said tab portions to indicate the accumulated total of the first numerical indicia exposed by lifting all of the tab portions up to and including the last tab portion of the sequence.

2. Game equipment as defined in claim 1 in which the apparatus comprises a conventional bowling alley, in which the limits of numbers on the card are between one and ten, and in which the contestant attempts to match the number on the card by rolling a single ball at ten pins set up in the usual manner on the bowling alley.

3. A control card for use with game apparatus for establishing a numerical score between certain numerical values, said card being elongated and having along one of its long edges a multiplicity of separate folded tab portions overlying its front face, said tab portions being permanently connected to the main portion of said card solely by their folded junction therewith so that when unfolded they are movable into a flat coplanar position with respect to the main portion of the card, separate seal means connecting each of said tab portions to the face of said card and being breakable to release said tab portions for unfolding, a first series of numbers each between said certain numerical values, one of said numbers being exposed by lifting each of said tab portions and movement thereof into a coplanar condition with respect to the main portion of said card, a second series of numbers exposed by sequential lifting of said tab portions from one end of said card to the other, the number of said second series exposed by lifting each tab portion representing a summation of the numbers of said first series exposed by lifting all of said tab portions up to and including the tab portion exposing the last number of said last mentioned numbers.

4. A control card as defined in claim 3 in which the numbers of one of said series of numbers are on the front face of the main portion of said card in position to be each covered and concealed by one of said tab portions, and the numbers of said second series of numbers are on the surfaces of said tab portions which are exposed when said tab portions are lifted and moved into coplanar condition with respect to the main portion of said card.

5. A control card as defined in claim 4 in which said card includes plain unprinted areas exposed by movement of said tab portions into coplanar condition with respect to the main portion of said card for entry of the particular score achieved by the contestant upon operation of the game apparatus.

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