



A visual look at Saint Louis' favorite summertime

BACKYARD GAMES

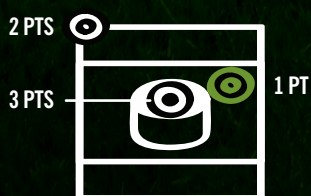
(that involve people throwing something at something whilst drinking something)



Washers

DRINK PAIRING
Schlafly's
Summer Lager

- **GOAL** •
Underhand toss 3 2-inch metal washers (one at a time, as of all these games are played) into a custom wooden box placed 25 feet away. The box has a 4-inch PVC pipe or coffee can attached dead center. The game is played to 15 points — unless no one can seem to score — then you might shorten it and slow down on the beer.
- **TRIVIA!** •
In Hong Kong, North American expats created a variation of washers known as Holeyboard. The rules (and boxes) are different and it's usually played on the rooftop terrace of someone's home.



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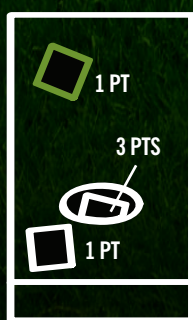
3 pts in the cup,
2 pts edge of box,
1 pt in the box.



Cornhole

DRINK PAIRING
Six Row's
Pre-Prohibition Pilsner

- **GOAL** •
Underhand toss your 4 beanbags through a 6-inch hole in an angled wooden box located 37 feet away. You also can score simply by landing the bags on the box. Games are played to 21 points — and the thrower of a bull's-eye should be referred to as "The Great Cornholio."
- **TRIVIA!** •
It's said the game may have started in 14th century Germany, although respected cornhole scholars confirm that a similar game was played by Midwestern Native Americans (using pig bladders filled with dried beans).



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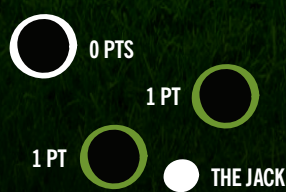
3 pts in the hole,
1 pt on box — but the bag cannot touch the ground. Points are differential.



Bocce ball

DRINK PAIRING
Urban Chestnut's
Winged Nut

- **GOAL** •
Underhand toss a small ball (called the "Jack") into a zone at the far end of a 90-foot-long court, then try to toss one of 4 larger balls close to it. The other player also tosses 1 of their larger balls. The player *not* closest to the Jack then throws the rest of their balls, followed by the opponent. The closer team scores and games can be played to 7 or 13 points.
- **TRIVIA!** •
It's said that English Admiral Sir Francis Drake refused to stop a game of bocce when told his country was being invaded by the Spanish Armada. "First we will finish the game," he said, "then we will worry about the Spanish."



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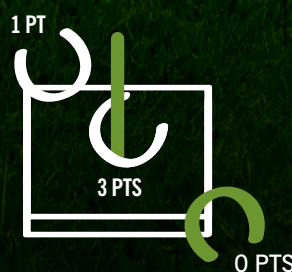
Team closest to the Jack scores 1 pt for every ball closer than the other team's best.



Horseshoes

DRINK PAIRING
Civil Life's
Milk Stout

- **GOAL** •
Underhand toss 2 horseshoes, trying to ring them around a metal pole in a sand pit 40 feet away. Players on opposite sides alternate throws and games usually are played to 21 points. You must win by 2.
- **TRIVIA!** •
Historians believe bent horseshoes were thrown for distance by ancient redneck Greeks who couldn't afford a discus. Roman soldiers spread the game across Europe and it became a contest of accuracy. It evolved into "quoits" then today's horseshoes. What's quoits? I bet you're the kind of person who asks questions like that instead of just Googling things, huh?



SCORING

3 pts for ringers and 1 pt for leaners, or within 6 inches of the spike (normally 1 person scores — like above — but you can play "count all" too)



Jarts

DRINK PAIRING
A cold bottle
of Fitz's Root Beer

- **GOAL** •
Try to underhand toss a few oversized, weighted, *completely insane* metal darts 35 feet through the air and into a 2-foot wide ring. You get 3 points for each Jart in the target and 1 point for the Jart nearest the circle but not in it. Play to *exactly* 21 (not over) and try to avoid impaling anyone.
- **TRIVIA!** •
Lawn darts — or Jarts — were introduced in the 1950s and became popular as American suburbs flourished. Sadly, but not surprisingly, the game was linked to injuries and deaths and Jarts were banned in 1988. Plastic versions still can be found.



SCORING

3 pts inside the ring,
1 pt if within a dart length of the ring,
-3 pts if someone gets blinded or killed.



Hillbilly golf

DRINK PAIRING
4 Hands'
Prunus Saison

- **GOAL** •
Underhand toss a bola (two golf balls attached to each end of a short rope) at a ladder-like structure about 15 feet away (the game is also known as Ladder golf). Teams throw 3 bolas each, trying to get them to hang on the rungs. Like Jarts, the winner must score exactly 21 points.
- **TRIVIA!** •
Some think American cowboys in the old west used to play a similar game by throwing live snakes at fences. It's more likely the game evolved in the decidedly less hardcore environment of recreational campgrounds in the late 20th century.



SCORING

3 pts top rung,
2 pts middle rung,
1 pt bottom rung.



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