

THE DEER TOE BONE GAME

The deer toe bone game is one of dexterity. This game was widely played among the Ojibwe and tribes of the Great Lakes.

The game consists of a leather pad punched with holes, a leather thong strung with deer toe bones attached to a wooden needle. This needle is sometimes made from bone or metal.

The manner of play is as follows : A player holds the needle between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand, he extends this right arm, the needle pointing upward, and the bones falling below his thumb. With a quick motion of his hand he swings the string of bones forward, and catches one or more of the bones on the needle, the object being to hold a series of bones in an erect position on the needle.

You can score in many ways, just make sure all agree before the game begins.

To catch the bone next to the needle and hold the bones erect on the needle counts 10.

To catch a hole in the leather counts corresponds to the number of holes in the leather.

The number of points in the game is frequently 100, though any number may constitute a game.

