



Knurr And Spell Golf Game

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REF: 28993

Height: 36 cm (14.2")

Width: 61 cm (24")

Depth: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Knurr & Spell Game.

A late 19th early 20th century Knurr & Spell game ball launcher. The Wooden trap is made from a wooden board with four iron ground spikes and a sprung loaded ball launching mechanism. The sport originated in the moors of Yorkshire, then spread throughout the north of England and was once second only to cricket in popularity across Yorkshire. It was popular in the 18th and 19th centuries but was virtually unknown by the 21st century.

The game play consists of launching a ball (the knurr) into the air using the wooden trap. The objective is then to hit the kunrr whilst in mid-air as far as possible using a club or bat (the spell). Players compete individually during a match, and there can be any number of players. Before the match starts the number of strikes is determined and the winner is the player who hits the Kunrr the farthest. A good full swing can drive the ball as far as 200 yards. The Kunrr is made of hardwood and is about the size of a walnut. The wooden trap has a thumb screw so the player can adjust the spring of the trap, thus ensuring regularity of the velocity of release of the ball.

Knurr and spell used to attract huge crowds in the 18th and 19th centuries, with winners awarded big cash prizes.

The size includes the metal ground spikes.