

of 5 ply lumber (it comes out in just that size) put a coat of shellac on it, rub it down and then put on the green paint and finally the white lines. You have a fine table for about \$9. This table can be set up in the recreation room, the basement or attic and many winter evenings of pleasure will be spent there. Then in the summer move it out of doors in the shade and cool breezes.

Hoover Yes, and many social ping pong clubs composed of husbands and wives have been formed. And I can imagine it is more fun than spending every evening playing bridge.

Byrn How does badminton compare in popularity with ping pong?

Hoover Badminton has become extremely popular since the movies have shown pictures of the outstanding players in action. It is particularly popular on the western coast as an all year game. Badminton originated in India centuries ago when it was known as "Poona". The English officers learned the game there and brought it back to England as early as 1870. In 1887 English badminton rules were standardized and tournament play started. The game came to Canada and the United States in the nineties, but was not particularly popular until 1935. Today it threatens to surpass indoor tennis in popularity.

Byrn Is badminton a particularly expensive game?

Hoover No, the rackets can be purchased for as little as \$1.25 and the shuttlecocks cost about the same as tennis balls.

Byrn Is badminton played indoors only?

Hoover No, it may be played either indoors or outdoors, and as you know, the space needed for a court is small in comparison with a tennis court. It is only 44' by 20'. This court can easily be put in the back yard and any kind of ground surface can be used since the shuttlecock does not have to bounce from it.

Byrn How does the game of aerial darts differ from badminton?

Hoover It is similar to badminton except that paddles are used for hitting the "birdie" or shuttlecock over the net instead of a racket. The net is higher and the birdies are a little heavier. I enjoy darts really as much as badminton. Darts has one advantage over badminton - it is even less expensive. Manual training classes can easily make the paddles and small sponge balls may be used instead of birdies. Beginners can learn darts a little more easily than badminton and they are fascinated with it.

Byrn What do you think of deck tennis?

Hoover Deck tennis, ring tennis or tennis quoits, which are all really one and the same, is great fun. The name deck tennis was first given to the game because it was played on the deck of the ship. As you know, the game is similar to tennis, except that a rope or rubber ring is thrown back and forth over a net instead of batting a ball with a racket. Again the space for a court is small - only 40' by 20'. This is really the best out of doors game because the ring is heavy enough that the wind does not bother play. The entire family can enjoy this game, and even make a community tournament with it. But one warning before you