

The Query of the Leisure Class:

Two Packets on Hobbies, Crafts,
and Recreations

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PACKET #1

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Note to players: In this set, there are two questions using the pronoun “these people.” In both cases, the answer is the most common name for a group of enthusiasts. Enjoy!

- Ivan Abadjiev originated an intense cyclic approach to this activity now called the Bulgarian Method. Louie Simmons, a “godfather” of this activity, invented his “Westside” method that emphasizes the “good morning” maneuver. Simmons also endorses using Converse Chuck Taylors as a popular shoe to wear on certain days in this activity. A popular phrase in this non-crypto hobby, “We’re all gonna make it,” is closely associated with Aziz Shavershian, commonly known as (*) Zyzz, whose death at 23 made him an internet martyr for hobbyists. Hobbyists in this activity wear large belts to keep proper form and stabilize the spine, especially while performing the Olympic maneuvers - the clean and jerk and the snatch. For 10 points, do you even do this hobby?**

ANS: weightlifting [accept body-building, powerlifting, squatting, deadlift, or other equivalents. Prompt on generic answers like “fitness” or “working out”]
- Nathan Pieplow’s 2017 publishing of this type of text radically included spectrograms. The influential 90’s Macmillan version of one of these texts is uniquely arranged by difficulty. Despite color misprints in the first edition, the Sibley version of these texts is known for its attention to color. The mobile app Merlin functions as one of these texts and was developed by a noted Cornell lab. The popular Peterson’s version of these texts is published in (*) Western and Eastern halves. Common mnemonics in these texts include phrases like “Who cooks for you” and “Sweet Sweet, I’m so so Sweet.” Due to the clarity of field marks, hobbyists differ on using the photographic or the illustrated variety of these texts, with many made in the spirit of John Audobon. For 10 points, give this type of text that could help identify a cardinal.**

ANS: bird field guides [accept bird guides or birding guides; prompt on things like “animal field guides” by asking “for what creatures?”]
- Although its popularity as a gathering spot has declined since allowing cars, the pedestrian bridge Jingubashi is nicknamed after this activity. The “doller” or “kigu” (kee-goo) type of this activity commonly uses zentais. Members take names in the format of “TK-421” in the 501st Legion, a worldwide volunteer organization dedicated to this activity. After successful feminist activism, major popular gatherings for this activity now sport signs with the phrase “[this activity] Is Not (*) Consent.” The 4chan board for this activity is paired with EGL, or Elegant Gothic Lolita. One of the largest competitions of this activity is hosted annually in San Diego and is named Masquerade. *Homestuck* fans who do this activity use a lot of gray paint. For 10 points, name this dress-up activity popular at anime conventions.**

ANS: cosplay [accept costume play, accept Star Wars cosplay, accept “fashion” or “Harajuku” for buzzes on the first clue but not after, prompt on any descriptions of cosplay like “dressing up as fictional characters” or “costuming”]

4. **Bouldering on buildings, or buildering, originated from the unharnessed night climbs at this country's top universities. The late Sid Waddell was from this country, known as "the voice of" a popular hobby due to his witty commentary. The Ramblers are an organization that maintains and promotes the pastime of walking on this country's many protected footpaths. Gongoozlers are people in this country who enjoy watching its canals. Phil (*) Taylor is from this country, who was the highest profile athlete to split from the World Darts Council to form this country's own darts organization. Pub trivia was invented in this country, later developing into popular celebrity broadcasts like the annual Big Fat Quiz of the Year. This country's Cooper Hill hosts the world's premiere cheese rolling event. For 10 points, name this country whose quizzing culture extends to TV shows like *University Challenge*, featuring schools like Oxford and Cambridge.**

ANS: the UK [accept the United Kingdom, accept England or any other constituent country]

5. **After Claire Muscat resigned from this organization in 2020, over 600 hobbyists including Anna Shechtman and Natan Last signed a letter to this organization about the lack of gender and racial diversity in their body and in their work. The mock deity Ooxteplernon along with the "Natick principle" was invented in Rex Parker's daily blog that rates this organization's work. The Eugene Maleska Era of this organization ended in 1993 and in 1996 professor Jeremiah Farrell created a "Schrodinger" work for this organization that was based on (*) Election Day. A department of this organization is headed by a man who graduated from Indiana University with the unique degree in "enigmatology." This organization produces a hexagonal "Spelling Bee" as well as a daily 5 by 5 called the Mini. For 10 points, name this cruciverbalist publication that Will Shortz edits for.**

ANS: The New York Times [accept the New York Times Crossword team, or the New York Times Games section]

6. **The Oberoni Fallacy occurs when one makes a certain counter-argument concerning this position evoking "Rule Zero." A popular story from the early 70's recounts an exasperated person in this position, Ed, dealing with the title "Eric and the Dread Gazebo." A phenomenon in which people are disappointed by their popularly conceived standards for this role is named the eponymous (*) Mercer effect. When people in this role are aggressive and create TPKs, they can be described as Gygaxian. Currently on its 5th edition, a guide for this position forms the Core Rules along with texts like *The Player's Handbook*. For 10 points, name this position that is traditionally separated from the PCs by a screen that hides their dice-rolls as they narrate a DnD campaign**

ANS: Dungeon Master [accept game master, accept DM or GM]

7. Note to players: description acceptable. **Because of nationwide threats like ALB, it's recommended American hobbyists buying material to do this task buy locally within a 50 mile radius. The *fomes fomentarius* species is the main ingredient of amadou, a fungal substance nicknamed for its use in doing this action. The 5th LNT principle provides guidelines for doing this action and recommends the mound approach. One method to help with this action uses feather (*) sticks created after batoning. The "lean-to" approach for this action creates a better windbreak compared to the standard teepee. A hand powered bow drill is an old tool to do this task. The ingredients needed for this action are commonly modeled as a triangle with "fuel" as one side. For 10 points, give this action that campers have an easy time doing with a Zippo.**

ANS: firelighting [accept descriptions similar to kindling, starting a fire, building a campfire, or even collecting firewood] (the first clue is about how invasive insects can be introduced to new forests via firewood - buy it where you burn it!)

8. **An influential one of these locations, credited for ushering a DIY movement, was founded underneath a bridge in Burnside, Oregon. The makeshift Hubba's Hideout in San Francisco names the hubbas that you can find at these places. Funboxes are standard features of these places. "Snakes" are people who cut in line in these places. These locations can earn the dishonorable "Certified Piece Of Suck" award in the reviews of them by (*) Thrasher magazine. Spines are popular features of these locations to do "rock to fakies." The modern era of a hobby was born out of an iconic one of these places in Venice Beach and the earliest examples of these places were made out of emptied swimming pools. For 10 points, name these locations that contain half-pipes and rails to grind on.**

ANS: skateparks

9. **In 2017, instagram user iceman13 started a namesake, oft-maligned, trend on how to take pictures industry's products. This industry uses the plainly named Standard Reference Method or SRM number to categorize the appearance of products. Experts in this industry are trained and certified through the Cicerone program. Saaz, one of the four designated "noble" ingredients, is used in a prominent Czech export in this industry. A growing consumer trend in this industry is the New England variety of products that are known for their apparent haziness and lower IBUs. Only eleven companies in this industry have the authentic (*) Trappist label, which requires they are supervised by Trappist monks who historically pioneered this industry in Belgium. Products in this industry have better head retention when they are "hoppy." For 10 points, Pilsners and IPAs are types of what beverage made by microbreweries?**

ANS: beer [prompt on alcohol or related words, prompt on an answer like "brewing" by asking "brewing what drink?"] (the "iceman pour" is when you pour a beer so it has no head)

10. **Gardener Louise Riotte's most popular book is the oft-recommended guide to companion gardening named *Carrots Love [this food]*. This food is the standard subject of the French cooking term meaning to crush or grind: "concasse." This crop can come in determinate or indeterminate varieties depending on its harvesting pattern. YouTube cook Adam Ragusea argues this is the only crop that cost-effectively justifies homegrown over store bought. For cooks using cast-iron pans, it's a common myth you should never cook this crop on them due to their high (*) acidity. The largest of this crop is its beefsteak variety. In a simple and common Chinese meal, this crop is stir fried with scrambled eggs. For 10 points, name this popular, high-umami garden crop that has heirloom and cherry varieties.**

ANS: tomatoes

11. **Iva Honyestewa is a contemporary artist of this practice who combined sifter techniques into the pootsaya and innovated on Hopi tradition. The company Gahaya Links revitalized the peacebuilding "Agaseke" form of this practice in Rwanda, employing both Hutu and Tutsi women after the genocide. Due to the large amounts of an artifact found at Mesa Verde, ancestral Puebloan tribes were named after this practice. Three of the four main types of this practice are plaiting, twining, and (*) coiling. An idiomatic phrase about a type of this craft was popular during the Vietnam War to describe the courses men would take to avoid the draft. Wicker is a popular variety of - for 10 Points - what practice in which the soaking of reeds to make them flexible may have given rise to an idiom about its "underwater" variety?**

ANSWER: basket weaving [accept underwater basket making, basketry, Basketmakers, or similar, prompt on weaving by asking "what are they weaving?"]

12. In the US, “challenges” in this activity are often resolved with the software **NASPA ZYZZYVA** (“nas-pah zi-zi-vuh”). Quackle is the standard AI software to analyze this activity. SATINE, SATIRE, and RETINA are three beginner level mnemonics in this activity. Globally, this game is played in the SOWPODS format, more formally called the Collins or CSW. ESPN journalist Stephen Fatsis’ hit 2001 book covering this game scored a brief interview with its reclusive GOAT player, Nigel (*) Richards, who made headlines after winning national tournaments in France. In response to 2020 BLM protests, Hasbro officially banned the use of slurs in this board game. For 10 Points, name this game where most competitive strategies revolve around getting 50 bonus points by bingoing, or playing a full rack of letters.
ANSWER: **Scrabble**
13. Magic linking another user on this site sends an earburn to their inbox. Sociologist Robert Bartholomew claimed it was mass hysteria when many of this site’s users complained its June 2020 redesign was triggering migraines and epileptic seizures. An adult centered community group on this site is aimed for hobbyists who are LSG, or Lazy, Stupid, and Godless. The Advanced Search on this website has filters for finding an LYS (“L - Y - S”) and filters for Brands, such as Red Heart and Bernat. This site made headlines in 2019 when it universally banned all (*) pro-Trump sentiment. This is the most popular site for people to sell patterns, like the viral 2016 election pattern for pink “pussyhats.” For 10 points, name this popular networking site for the fiber arts.
ANS: **Ravelry**.com (LYS is Local Yarn Shop)
14. Note to players: specific term required **The Marcel the Monkey system was developed in this discipline by oft-cited scholar TangoTiger who also co-published a popular text simply named The Book. It’s not biology or poker related but the book *Full House* republished one of Stephen Jay Gould’s many papers within this field. BP is the go-to publication for developments in this field, such as the recent and backronymically named PECOTA. This discipline was first developed by Henry Chadwick following his invention of the (*) box score. The Pythagorean expectation is a tool invented for this field by Bill James, who named this field after his institution’s acronym. OBP was a main metric that Billy Beane focused on when he applied this practice as detailed in the Michael Lewis book, *Moneyball*. For 10 points, name this empirical discipline that analyzes metrics like WAR, defensive runs saved, and home runs.**
ANSWER: **sabermetrics** [prompt on baseball or sport statistics]
15. **This chess player’s namesake method includes activities like PEChess and is a pedagogical tool for kids to learn critical thinking through chess. After being down 2 knights by move 14, this player’s hyper aggressive style was on full display in a 1999 win against Vishy Anand. This player’s book *How I Beat Fischer’s Record* recounts the road this player took to overtake Fischer’s record for youngest grandmaster. This player is the highest rated among their (*) siblings, including Sofia and Susan, who were all homeschooled by their father László in his experiment on the creation of geniuses. At age 17, at this player’s first high profile tournament, Gary Kasparov infamously violated touch-move rules against this player and went unpunished despite video evidence. For 10 points, name this Hungarian chess player considered the best woman chess player of all time.**
ANS: Judit **Polgár**

16. Note to players: description acceptable. **This hobby utilizes Whyte (“white”) notation to classify objects like the iconic 4-8-4. Access to an ATCS monitor helps people in this hobby go on bashes. Rabid, often law-breaking people in this hobby are pejoratively called foamers. Fan favorites in this hobby include “The Living Legend,” a name for the historic UP844, or the Super Chief, which exemplified the warbonnet color scheme. Francis Bourgeois has become a micro (*) Tiktok celebrity in this hobby noted for his front-facing fish-eyed GoPro footage. Following deregulation in the 1980’s, the American industry for this hobby is now dominated by giants like CSX and Norfolk Southern. For 10 points, name this ferroequinologist activity where fans might watch Amtrak vehicles.**

ANS: trainspotting [accept railfanning, accept ferroequinology before mention, accept any similar answers to “liking locomotives”]

17. **Sporting a face tattoo copying comic character Spawn, Daylyt (“day-lit”) is remembered for his outrageous costumes and gimmicks at these events. The tag team format of these events was popularized by the UK league Don’t Flop while the biggest North American leagues that organizes them are King of the Dot and URL. Legendarily, Kool Moe Dee spontaneously began the first ever example of these events which can culturally be traced back to the adolescent game The Dozens. The man Tantrum was the first one of these events to go viral on Youtube and usher in the modern era, which also put the Korean-American (*) “Dumbfoundead” on the map. “Biting” at these competitions is to steal someone else’s previously recorded works. The popularity of these events was promoted after a 2002 film about the white man B-Rabbit participating in them in Detroit. The film *8 Mile* depicted, for 10 points, what events where MCs rhyme disses to each other?**

ANS: rap battles

18. **Harry Pearson’s influential journalism for these people was published in his magazine partly named for his concept of “The Absolute.” J. Gordon Holt, the founder of these people, has a namesake “law” that dictates the tradeoff between different qualities. A guide from these people’s namesake subreddit includes a detailed intro to how to use the Dirac 2 as a form of creating EQ and room correction. Brands coveted by these people include Grado and Bowers & Wilkins. Walter Becker’s and Donald Fagen’s 1977 work, (*) *Aja*, is commonly used as a test by these people, who, by definition, seek HiFi. A beginner’s guide for these people might suggest you get some Sennheisers over some Skull Candies. For 10 points, name these enthusiasts for high-end subwoofers, amps, and headphones.**

ANS: audiophiles (Holt’s law: the better a song’s performance is, the worse the recording quality will be)

19. **“Grabbing a goat” is a technique in this sport in which one player is swarmed and isolated. A pillow fight was among the penalties implemented in the Austin Texas league that revived this sport in 2001 instead of the 30-second penalty box used today. Bonnie Thunder is known as the LeBron James of this sport, many players of which take time off due to a non-injurious event dubbed a “9 month injury.” Bouts of this sport are divided into two minute periods called jams. In this sport, both teams form “the pack” out of 4 (*) blockers. The Elliot Page film, *Whip It*, brought wider attention to this sport, in which a team aims to avoid being lapped by the opposing jammer, who is designated by the star on her helmet. For 10 points, name this women dominated contact sport on roller skates.**

ANS: Roller derby (a “9 month injury” is derby slang for getting pregnant)

20. **The tahtib is an ancient stick martial art in this country that has evolved into a mock combat dance set to music. In 2021, the record for most expensive coin sale was shattered by a 1933 US Gold specimen named after a numismatic ruler of this country who previously owned it. This country has the eastern half of the Great Sand Sea, a popular destination for sandboarding. At 45 years old, a football goalie from this country nicknamed “The High Dam” became the oldest player at a World Cup in 2018. This country is the home of Ali Farag, who is currently ranked number 1 in the world in men’s (*) squash. Though its rules are lost today, a board game with a name meaning “passing” originated from this modern day country. That game is Senet. For 10 points, name this country whose national soccer club is called the Pharaohs.**
ANS: **Egypt** (the goalie is Essam El Hadary)
21. **Banjees are tough, urban people who participate in these events. A subculture surrounding these events that focuses on younger people is called the “kiki” scene. Will Ninja is the “godfather” of one activity at these events that consists of elements like the duckwalk and the crowd-pleasing spins and dips. With prominent examples like Xtravaganza and LaBeija, the groups that participate in these events are called (*) houses and are run by a “mother.” Because of their lack of expertise, Jameela Jamil and Megan Thee Stallion have been criticized for being judges on HBO’s reality competition show *Legendary*, based on these events. A dance that evolved from these events sees dancers strike dynamic poses as if they’re on the cover of a magazine. The documentary *Paris is Burning* and the FX show *Pose* focus on, for 10 points, what competitions central to an NYC Black and Latinx queer culture that originated “throwing shade” and voguing.**
ANS: **balls** [accept drag **balls**, or house **balls**, do not accept or prompt on “drag shows,” prompt on things like “**dance battles**”]
22. **A blogger in this hobby, Jonah Be Gone, popularized an origin story of a slang word claiming it originated from a hobbyist’s fake German insult based on the word for “color.” Journalist Tony Horowitz used a picture of “hardcore” member in this hobby in his book titled *[a certain group] in the Attic*. The largest gathering for this hobby occurs every summer near Cemetery Ridge in Pennsylvania. Usually referring to this specific hobby, people who do not take it seriously enough are called (*) farbs. People in this hobby were cast as extras for the 1989 Denzel Washington film *Glory*. Along with the work of Shelbey Foote, the popularity of this hobby increased after the release of a 1990 documentary by Ken Burns. For 10 points, name this form of living history that annually draws thousands of hobbyists to Gettysburg.**
ANS: American **Civil War Re-enactment** [prompt on living **history**, prompt on **reenactment** with “of what event?”]
23. **In the type of these activities that enable assists, “Happy Birthdays” are moments when calling an assist backfires. The term “cheese” meaning cheap and unconventional strategies, originates from one of these activities. The disabled, top-ranking BrolyLegs is a celebrity among these activities, noted for his use of his face to participate. Dominique Mclean received an award for their skill in these activities with a speech that ended with “I’m gay, Black, a (*) furry and the best in the world.” The Shotokan is a standard stock character in these activities, many of which are dominated by Mclean’s alias SonicFox. Moment 37, or the Daigo Parry, is a legendary moment in these activities. The “platform” type of these activities is exemplified by a work created by Sakurai. EVO is a major tournament centering on, for 10 points, what activities that originally were played in arcades that had *Mortal Kombat* and *Street Fighter*?**
ANS: **fighting games** [prompt on **video games**, accept any specific fighting game series]

24. **A 1991 text named after this location introduced hobbyists to “basic scrubbing,” “the flatland model,” and the “pin column model.” That text, written by the pseudonymous Ted the Tool, is a seminal work to locksport and named “The [this location] Guide To Lockpicking.” During MLK holiday, a prized “coin” is hidden in this place and searched for by puzzlers during a “Mystery Hunt” that is widely considered the longest-running and most complicated puzzle hunt. People in this place developed a subfield of urban exploration called “roof and tunnel (*) hacking.” In the 1960’s, this place’s model railroad club pioneered a “hacker culture” that has, over time, pulled stunts like playing Tetris on the windows of the Green Tower and putting a police car on the Great Dome. For 10 points, recreational pranksters at what university have run “hacks” against their rivals at Caltech?**
ANS: **MIT** [accept **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, prompt on **Boston** or **Cambridge**, by asking “what university?”]
25. **Sheck Exley was a pioneer and guide-author of a sub-hobby within this hobby, who also standardized using a back-up regulator called “the Octopus.” Americans in this hobby frequent the multistate TAG Corner, consisting of Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. The Mossdale and Nutty Putty disasters are recent tragedies involving this activity. It’s not chicken-related, but the CDC warns that this outdoor hobby puts one at risk of (*) histoplasmosis. Some governments have actively discouraged this activity to prevent the ongoing spread of white nose syndrome. Americans do this hobby in groups called “grottos,” which are organized by the National Speleological Society. Headlamps are frequently worn in - for 10 points - what hobby of exploring karst topography?**
ANS: **caving** or **spelunking** [accept **cave diving**]
26. **High end manufacturers of these devices include the Wisconsin based St. Croix brand. The Wirecutter endorsed model of these devices is the Shakespeare Ugly Stik GX2. The tenkara form of these devices are used without a signature attachment. These devices can be classified by IM6 through IM8 depending on their weight when they are made with graphite. It’s recommended to use heavier power types of these objects when jigging. These devices are classified from slow to fast (*) action depending on the location of their bend. These devices have mountable handles when they’re designed for use in trolling. For 10 points, name this form of tackle that the reel is attached to.**
ANS: fishing **rods** [accept fishing **pole**, prompt on **tackle**]
27. **When people in this hobby die, they are honored and referred to as “silent keys.” A magazine for this activity, 73, is named for the shorthand used by hobbyists to mean “best regards.” People in this hobby exchange QSL cards through the mail to each other. Astrophysicist and Nobel prize laureate Joseph Taylor Jr.’s contributions to this hobby include his software package WSJT that is commonly used for meteor burst or (*) moonbouncing techniques. This activity has three categories as a sport: contesting, “DXing,” and the form of orienteering, ARDF. A 35 question multiple choice test is required for the three official licensing classes to do this activity in the US, with the Technician level required to access VHF and UHF. People in this hobby refer to each other by their alphanumeric call signs that resemble forms like “KI6NAZ.” For 10 points, name this hobby practiced by hams.**
ANS: HAM **radio** [accept **ham** before mention, accept **DXing**, **ARDF**, and **contesting** before mention]