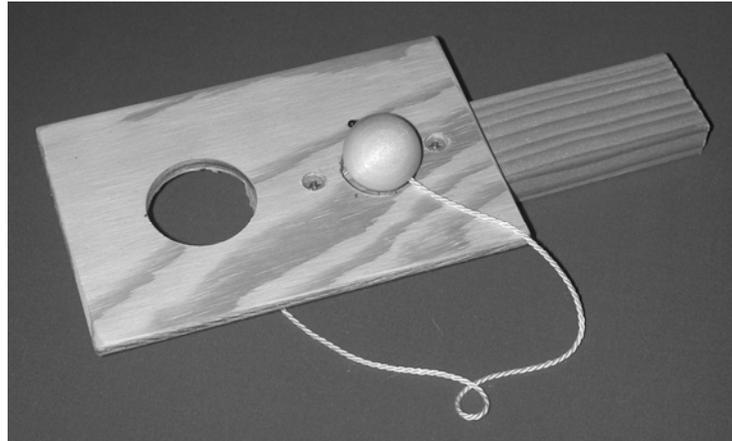


## Paddle Ball Games

Paddle Ball is good little craft that the kids can take home and play. Much of the woodworking must be done before the meeting, but the kids love to use a battery powered screwdriver to put in the screws.

### Materials needed:

1. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" x 1/4" plywood (AC) for paddle.
2. 6" 1 x 2 pine/spruce for handle.
3. 3/4" diameter wood ball (bead) with 1/8" hole ([woodnshop.com](http://woodnshop.com)) item 101623.
4. 2 #6 x 3/4" wood screws, white glue if desired.
5. Nylon string, 14" long.
6. Electric screwdriver(s).

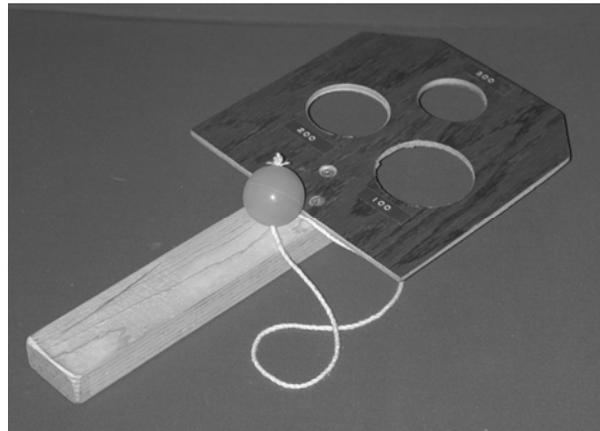


### Before the meeting:

1. Drill two holes in paddle (1 1/2" & 1" as shown in picture).
2. Clamp paddle to handle and counter sink two holes for #6 screws (be sure to keep this paddle with this handle, so the holes will match up)
3. Cut 14" string, thread through ball and knot end (with nylon cord, you can burn the knot with a match or torch to make a nice ball of melted nylon).

### Assembly:

1. Sand all parts if desired.
2. Attach handle to paddle making sure the string is between handle and paddle.
3. Have boys write their name and today's date on the backside.
4. (Option) Use a marker to designate 10 pts for the large hole and 100 pts for the small hole (or use a Dymo plastic labeler, they love these too!).
5. Use markers to decorate their paddle ball game during the meeting.



The boys will soon learn to get the ball in the large hole, but the small hole is rather difficult. Pair off the kids and have a contest.

Want to make it more difficult? Make the 3-hole paddle (photo above) with different scores, or create you own pattern. Boys could easily use a small drill press to cut the holes, but this will take some time! You might drill all but the smallest hole, and let them drill it.