Bowls

The game of Bowls refers to a popular Elizabethan game in which a small “bowl,” or ball (called a “jack”) was used as a mark at the end of a green lawn. The players rolled their bowls toward the jack, and the one coming closest to it would be the winner. When a bowl touched a jack, it was said to “kiss” it. The bowl was not perfectly round—rather lopsided to make the ball curve in a haphazard way.