

GAMES

In 1843 there was a Test Your Strength game in Tivoli, decorated with a bull's head where strong men could demonstrate their might in front of admiring spectators. There were also billiards and shooting ranges. So the tradition of gaming and competing is just as old as Tivoli itself. There are different types of games:

Amusement and test your skill games, that test the speed of your reactions, your aim and your patience, because it is not easy to get the ball in the net or hit the bears with an air rifle.

Roulette games are usually games where you bet an amount on a number or a symbol and win if the arrow ends on that number or symbol when the wheel stops.

Finally there are the one-armed bandits and the arcade games which are found together in the big arcades whilst the other types of game are found in separate booths. The arcade games are exercises in pure dexterity. You can drive a racing car in a competition or hurtle down a snow covered piste at high speeds on the video screen. The simulator machines give the feeling of movement as the seat moves through the bends and swings.

The one-armed bandit games are based exclusively on luck and coincidence just like the roulette games. The player wins a large or small amount by getting a certain combination of symbols to appear in the three windows. Three stripes causes game tokens to pour out of the machine. The game tokens can be used for another game or exchanged for prizes or rides in Tivoli.

The gaming arcades came to Tivoli from the USA in the 1920's at the request of the Tivoli Director Knud Arne-Petersen who probably never dreamt that they would become so widely popular in the amusement world.



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