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? If you like extreme sports and are picky about wearing neatly pressed clothes, then extreme ironing may be the hobby for you. Extreme ironers iron their clothes on mountain tops and at the bottom of lakes – and even on surfboards!

? Insect fighting is a popular pastime in parts of Asia. Cricket fighting is the thing in China, while the Japanese prefer to fight beetles.

? Quidditch is a real-life game/sport that was taken from the fictional Harry Potter franchise. Real quidditch was first played in 2005 in Middlebury, Vermont.

? A bibliophile is a person who loves to read and collect books. The book is derived from the Greek words biblio “book” and phile “love.”

? The ancient Assyrians loved to hunt lions. Some sculpture reliefs from the palace of King Ashurbanipal (669-631 BCE) depict the king hunting lions, even with his bare hands.

? Geocaching is where people use GPS to locate a small prize buried somewhere outdoors. The first geocaching event took place on May 3, 2000, in Beavercreek, Oregon.

? The sport of wife-carrying is big in Finland. In this activity, men race through an obstacle course while carrying a female teammate.

? More than three million chess boards are sold every year in the US alone, making it the best-selling board game of all time. Not bad for a game that dates back to 1200!

? Noodling is catfish fishing with your bare hands. Due to dangers, such as drowning, noodling is illegal in most US states.

? Playing with mudballs is considered an artform in Japan. Hikaru dorodango is a Japanese art form in which earth and water are molded, and then carefully polished to create a delicate shiny sphere, resembling a billiard ball

? J.C. Payne took knitting to a whole new level by creating the Guinness Book of World Record's largest ball of twine. It measures 41.5 feet in circumference. There are multiple claims to the world's biggest ball of twine record in the United States. As of 2014, the ball of twine with the largest circumference is located in Cawker City, Kansas

? The residents of Castrillo de Murcia, Spain celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi by jumping over babies. The festival, which is to ward off the devil, began in 1620.

? You have to be a nerd and a jock to chessbox. As the name indicates, the sport involves playing chess and boxing. Chessboxers must have competed in 50 amateur boxing matches and have an Elo (chess) rating of 1600.

? When North Carolina dermatologist Manfred Rothstein wasn't working, he was collecting back scratchers. In 2008 he became the world record holder with 675 back scratchers from 71 different countries.

? The largest ice fishing contest in the world is held on Gull Lake in Minnesota every January. The contest attracts more than 15,000 people every year.

? The world's first board game was the ancient Egyptian game of senet. Although several senet boards have been discovered, none of them came with directions!

? The most expensive board game ever sold was a 23-carat gold Monopoly game made by the jeweler, Sidney Mobell. The gold Monopoly board sold for a cool \$2 million!

? Frenchman David Belle is considered the father of the sport/activity, parkour. Parkour involves a variety of athletic skills and is heavily influenced by military obstacle course running.

? "Randonautica" is an app that supposedly randomly generates local coordinates for users to check out their area. In late 2020, the coordinates sent one group to the location of two corpses. The app's founder claims it was purely a coincidence.

? American trophy hunters took nearly 43% of their trophies from Canada from 2005 to 2014. The second most popular trophy origin country was South Africa, with 32%.

? In 2021, a new "hobby" started on TikTok called "devious licks." It consisted of crimes being committed and then posted on TikTok. Yes, plenty of arrests were made!