Instructions for 1641

SKIBBEREEN
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General

Patrol the "Rainbow - Brick - Wall"... protect it at all costs against brick-blasting shots being hurled by greedy Gremlins! Block their shots, and blast'em back. Fail to protect the wall and lose the prized treasure... the leprechaun's "Pot of Gold". But stay alert!! The Gremlins will unleash slithery green snakes trained to eat your brick-blaster ball before you can use it against them! You'll need the luck of the Irish to master Skibbereen... an exciting new paddle game chock-full of the most popular arcade action.

Game Requirements

To play Skibbereen you will need:

VIC-20 One set of paddles Television set or video monitor Skibbereen cartridge

To Load Program

With the VIC's power OFF, hold the cartridge, label side up and slide it into the VIC's memory port. The cartridge connector should seat firmly into the receptacle.

When all the parts of the systems are properly connected, turn power ON. Skibbereen starts automatically.

To Play

Press the button on either player paddle to begin play. The ball will appear in the center of the screen. Rotation of either paddle activates the movement of the ball right or left.

Each player must prevent the ball from hitting and knocking bricks out from his own wall, while attempting to break through the opponent's wall. Each player's goal is to reach the pot of gold behind the opponent's wall, then eliminate all of his bricks.

Be careful!! An evil snake appears randomly to devour the game ball and if successful, the game will end.

Selecting Skill Levels

To select one of the nine skill levels in Skibbereen, slowly rotate the left paddle during the title page display. You may choose any of the nine levels to start and climb up o level 14.

Scoring

Each block that is knocked out from your opponents wall represents 10 points.

The sooner you hit the pot of gold, the better. At the start of the game the pot of gold is worth 500 points, and decreases 100 points with each 12 bricks knocked out. The lowest point value for the pot of gold is 100.

When all the bricks on one side of the screen are depleted, Skibbereen's leprechaun is set free to reward the winner with an Irish jig and a new level of play.