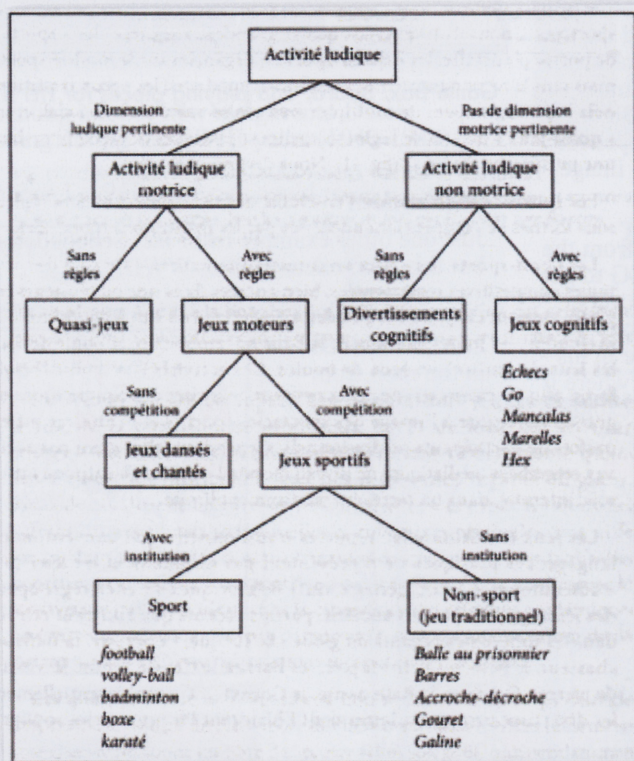


Jeux sportifs, jeux de société et classification

Two well-known French scholars, at least famous in the French speaking world, recently published a book aimed to classify Sports and Games. The first part is by Pierre Parlebas and concentrates on Sports as is indicated by the following picture (in the book Fig. 10 on page 67).



Though interesting, readers of the *AGPI Quarterly* may find and be more interested in the second part of the book written by games historian and collector Michel Boutin.

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It is really a pity that both authors were unable to write in English, and also that the publisher chose not (for what is nowadays common in Holland) to translate the text into English, and print the left pages in French and the right pages in English.



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Michel Boutin starts his part (A) of the book with an overview of known classifications published in the past from Cicéron up to Jean-Marie L'hôte. In his second part (B), we learn about the descriptions of his classifications based on his knowledge of thousands of games.

But again, it is mainly focused on the “French world” which is not altogether that bad, because it will give you more insight into what is out there apart from the Anglo-Saxon world!

Boutin's third part (C) gives some indication about the way the French deal with Patents, Marks, Designs, and Models.

My conclusion is that this book is worth adding to your library if you are a “game buff.” If you are not, the effort it needs to translate the text and to understand what is written down in the book will be probably hold you back from buying it.

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