

Stone game

Stone game (donakbozi) a children game involving stones from drupe is played during the summer by children of 8-12 years of age. This game is also called «dulbozi», «kandakbozi» and «kharakbozi». To play this game a small pit of 5-6 cm deep is dug with a diameter of 10 cm X 10 cm and this pit is called *dul*. The main game object is either four apricot stones or four small rocks of the apricot stone size. The players will draw a line in 1,5 meter distance from the pit and by standing behind the line they throw their stones into a pit. Whoever gets one stone into a pit get title of «donkey», whoever two «horse», whoever three «vizier» and whoever four «shah». Each of the player according to his title earned by throwing the stones than can demand certain things, for example «vizier» can ride on the back of a player who got «donkey»

title whereas «shah» can ride on the «horse». There can be five players in this game and the fifth player determines how long the others can reserve their titles.

If happens that the fifth player get only one or two stones into the pit than the «vizier» or «shah» will change their «donkey» or «horse» accordingly. In case when no stone is got to the pit by a player he get chance to repeat throwing and than the game restarts and those who in the first round got certain titles will also start playing again when «donkey» may attain «horse» title or «shah». It is a fun game when children playing it will share anecdotes or sing humorous songs about «donkey», «horse» or a «shah» who turned into a «donkey» by bringing grass and straw to the «donkey» and «horse» or bowing to the «shah» and «vizier».

