

It is, it is something with about an inch in diameter. It's a very small ball. It's leather sewn. And within the leather sewn, it's, it's a nerve. It's a root in other words made and placed in there by your medicine man. And you have to play with. And it don't look like very much. But I mean, there's no more than one or two people who ever really touch that ball within a crowd of a hundred. And that's how sacred we try to keep it. It's more likely your medicine man and the one that was helped sewing it on. But actually your little ball probably never been touched by no more than one or two people.

(Do the herbs on the inside have special significance?)

Yes, it has, somethings we like to talk about and some things we don't. And like I say it is our own belief.

(Well, now, how many people play the game?)

All depends on how many wants to, got no guts to get out there. And want to be part of the team.

(Is it an equal number on each side?)

Not necessarily. It all depends on how many clan relatives comes in. How many clan relatives there are to participate. How many bird, how many Wind, how many Tigers, how many Beavers, how many Bears, how many Wolves, how many Ti-Fox, what have you, how many Horses, how many this. And the separate them and place them on sides. It's, and, they put them in east and west. So no amount limited. It's just whoever wants to come out. Whoever feels free that they can take it. It's very interesting.

(Well, we were talking a little there about the medicine man, you mentioned that. Now this is, something you hear about a lot and all. Yet most people I think, think that this doesn't go on so much today, that you've indicated this is still very much a part of your custom. Do you have many medicine men around this area?)