

A PORTABLE NET POLE BASE  
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This portable net pole base takes up little space, weighs less than a pound and is easily assembled in 60 seconds.

It can be used on ground that is hard or soft, even or uneven - and under water (for shore birds) if desired. An added advantage is that by moving this portable base (with net and net pole in place) the tension of a slack or stretched net can be increased quickly and easily.

The following materials are required to make one portable net pole base:

1. 4 pieces - 1" wooden dowels, 12" to 18" long. (Get them at any hardware or lumber store - they come in 36" lengths.)
2. 1 piece - 1" O.D. (outer dimension) pipe 5" or 6" long. (Get a length of old pipe from your plumber and cut it to size.)
3. 1 piece - #106 Rackmaster Fitting, Double S.O. Cross 3/4" X 3/4". These fittings are made by The Hollaender Mfg. Co., 3841 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45223 - your local materials handling distributor may have them in stock, or I can get them for anyone who wants them.

The above materials can be carried loose or in a burlap bag (burlap bags are useful, filled with sand or earth, for weighing down the base - see illustrations). The base can also be weighted down with stones, logs, or anything else that's handy.

I have used these portable net pole bases at my home station for over a year, and in other places when I wish to set up nets elsewhere. Six were used most successfully in my net lane at Island Beach Operation Recovery during the past September and October.

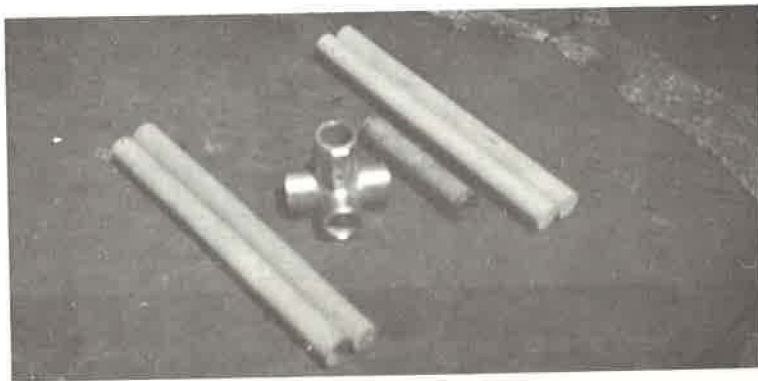


Fig. 1. The materials for Portable Net Pole Base.



Fig. 2. Portable base on stone terrace -- held firmly in place by bags filled with dirt.



Fig. 3. On sand -- weighted down by a sand bag.



Fig. 4. Island Beach net lane with portable bases in use -- showing how net tension may be maintained without removing nets from poles.