



# Tournament Of Players



*Come home to TOP Meet some great people  
and enjoy a good game of Hearts*

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## Halloween Fun Facts

Carving Jack-o-lanterns is a tradition that came from the Celts. The legend of the Jack-o-lantern starts with a man named Jack, who was a notorious drunk and practical joker. Jack was said to have tricked the devil into climbing into a tree. He then carved an image of a cross into the tree's trunk, trapping the devil in the highest branches of the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that said if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down. Legend says that after Jack died he was denied entrance into heaven because of his evil ways. Jack was then denied entrance into hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the cold, dark winter. Jack placed the light into a hallowed-out turnip to keep it lit longer. When the Irish came to America, they found pumpkins to be a lot more plentiful, making the pumpkin the official Jack-o-lantern.

## August EOM Results

Lots of close games... jbs ended with 40 points going in after winning all 4 debra was next with 37, ReallyClang 34 & Crypt 28.. no tiebreakers this time.  
1st xxCryptKeeperXx 2nd ReallyClang

3rd debra122 4th jbs48

Final was somewhat a blowout with Crypt(chip) being the Untouchable one.

Our LeaderBoard Champ for September Was Drunkie (Lee) Congratulations to all for some TOP notch card playing.

## welcome to new players

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new players. (By the way we've been seeing some old familiar faces showing up and would like to welcome you back as well.) This is a People Friendly Zone so come with a sense of humor, come prepared to tease and be teased, prepared to be laughed with and laughed at and come prepared to make some new friends while playing against some of the greatest players around. Lobby starts to fill about 8:45 pm EST and games commence @ 9:00 pm EST daily except for Saturday. Prize Tee Shirts are awarded to Leader Board champ and EOM winner. EOM's are End Of Month Tournaments in which the TOP 16 Leader Board players participate in an elimination competition. Sounds scary don't it ....

## Congrats to Dana

Congratulations are due to Dana for being the most recent recipient of our MVP award. This award from your fellow players represents recognition of your good sportsmanship, sense of humor, and a dedication to making TOP's the best place to play Hearts. By the way a little birdie ( am I the only one here with a little birdie? ) told me Dana gets another year older on October 24th , ( let's see ... that would make her about 22 wouldn't it? ... practically jail bait) I'm only trusting you people with this information because I know you wouldn't dream of teasing her or anything. Hint Hint ....

## New Co Hosts

Due to the terrific attendance we are assigning Co Host to assist with crowd control. (Sagi ( Diane ) and Drunkie ( Lee ) are still looking for more volunteers.

## Player of month nominations

Don't forget to vote for the player of the month You will find them and the rules for nominations on the message board. You also must be registered on message board to vote. If for any reason you have trouble registering Sagi will be glad to assist.

## Heart Tips of the month

Hearts is as much a game of personalities and bluffing as is poker. It requires skill and intuition to determine how opponents will react to certain styles of play. For example, a player who tries and fails to run frequently will be watched so closely in subsequent play that his or her prospects of any deceptive plays become impossible. Also, inexperienced players tend to shy away from running, so they usually need not be played closely. This means that when passing to such a player, you do not have to worry so much about making certain they have a middling heart or that by passing them three low hearts you are sending a clear signal of your intention to run. There are so many possibilities of different hands that it is impossible to make provision or comment on every circumstance. The key to remember is that Hearts is only a game. Play it well, but play it to have fun.

## Attention

Sagi has requested Birth Dates and E-mail Addresses from those of you who want to receive this newsletter in their E-Mailboxes send to Sagi at [Doublesagi@aol.com](mailto:Doublesagi@aol.com)