

Beecher Lions Club “Queen of Hearts”
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The "Queen of Hearts" is a game of chance where a successful player wins a portion of the money held in a Jackpot and, at the same time, a portion of the Jackpot is awarded to Beecher Lions Club, a non-for-profit organization.

Overview of Raffle:

The Queen of Hearts board (the “board”) is purchased by the Beecher Lions Club from an outside vendor. The board contains 52 standard playing cards and two “Jokers”. The cards are face down on the board and the entire board is sealed with a heavy plastic. The front of the cards can NOT be seen until they are “cut” away from the plastic seal. The back of each card is numbered from 1 to 54. The board is then placed inside a locked display cabinet and the cabinet is only opened to choose a number on game day OR to replace a game board that has ended. The object of the game is for a player to have their ticket chosen from a raffle drum to receive an opportunity to select any ONE card from the board with the goal to find the Queen of Hearts.

Because the sealed board is purchased from an outside vendor, NO ONE (including Lions Club members) knows the location of the Queen of Hearts on the board.

The game begins with a player buying one or more tickets for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5, or 30 for \$20. The tickets sold during any given week will all be placed in the ticket return drum. Each week, at the time and place shown on the schedule, one ticket will be drawn from the drum. On the spot, the owner of the chosen ticket will have the opportunity to try to draw the Queen of Hearts from the board. If the owner of the chosen ticket is not present to select the Queen of Hearts, a card will be drawn on their behalf.

If the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the Jackpot will be paid out as described in the Rules. If not, the game will continue weekly, until the Queen of Hearts is drawn.

In addition, there are smaller prizes if the player does not draw the Queen of Hearts but instead draws any “2”, “7” or “Ace” of any suit or one of the two jokers. In that case, a smaller amount is paid to the successful player, and the game continues to the next week. Payouts: \$50 will be paid for a “2” of any suit; \$100 will be paid for an “Ace” or “7” of any suit and \$250 will be paid for any joker. *A joker will RESET the board. (See Official Rules #11 for details.)*

Review the "Official Rules" below for a description in more detail on the method of play.

Definitions

- **Board** - The Queen of Hearts board (the “board”) is purchased by the Beecher Lions Club from an outside vendor. The board contains 52 standard playing cards and two “Jokers”. The cards are face down on the board and the entire board is sealed with a heavy plastic. The front of the cards can NOT be seen until they are “cut” away from the plastic seal. The back of each card is numbered from 1 to 54.
- **Jackpot** - means the total amount of funds available for distribution when a player selects the Queen of Hearts card from the Raffle Board.
- **Ticket** - means a numbered paper or cardstock representing the player’s entry(s) into a drawing for an opportunity to select one card from the board.
- **Player** - means an individual, who purchased at least one ticket for the drawing and at the time of the drawing meets all requirements as set forth by the “Official Rules”.
- **Drawing** – means the act of selecting a ticket from the raffle drum at the given time and location.
- **Winner** - means the “Player”, who if present is properly verified by the Gamemaster. If the player is not present, the player must show proof of identification before any prize is paid.
- **Verification** - means the process by which a player establishes they are the owner of the selected ticket drawn from the ticket drum during a weekly drawing.
- **Prize(s)** - means the amount of money to which a player is entitled based upon a player’s chosen card.
- **Queen of Hearts card** - means the face card of the Queen in the suit of hearts from the deck of cards being used for the Raffle.
- **Gamemaster** – or their designee, means the member of the Beecher Lions Club chosen to oversee the weekly drawing. The gamemaster is responsible for removing the players selected card from the game board, overseeing the verification of the prize winner, paying non-cash and cash payouts of up to \$250, documenting the card and payout (if any) of each drawing and ensuring all non-winning weekly tickets in the raffle drum after the winner’s card has been drawn have been removed from the raffle drum and destroyed immediately following the end of that week’s game.
- **Queen of Hearts Committee** - means the **selected** members of Beecher Lions Club to oversee the Queen of Hearts raffle. The committee must include the current President of the Beecher Lions Club, Gamemaster and one other member approved by club membership. **The committee members, including the Gamemaster or their designee will be prohibited from purchasing tickets for the Queen of Hearts raffle.**

Beecher Lions Club "Queen of Hearts" Official Rules

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ELIGIBILITY - All players must be 18 years of age or older and have a government issued photo ID to participate in the raffle.

1. The Queen of Hearts raffle will take place at Sit-N-Bull Saloon, 614 Gould Street, Beecher, IL as per the "Official Rules". Tickets may be purchased at Sit-N-Bull Saloon during regular business hours.
2. The Queen of Hearts game board will be displayed at Sit-N-Bull Saloon, in a secure, locked shadow box that is affixed to the wall. It will be maintained by the Gamemaster from week to week.
3. The purchase of a raffle ticket is evidence of the player's agreement with, and willingness to conform to, all Rules, as described below and agree to these rules to be binding arbitration.
4. Drawings will not be held on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. If the drawing falls on one of the aforementioned holidays, the drawing will be held on the first available day before the holiday at the same time and location of all other weekly drawings.
5. Deadline: Ticket sales end at 6:55 PM on drawing days.
6. Each NEW game will begin with a NEW Queen of Hearts Board.
7. The Queen of Hearts raffle will continue weekly until one of two options occur: 1) The Queen of Hearts is drawn, effectively ending the game, 2) the Jackpot reaches \$1,000,000. If option 2 should happen, the game will be terminated on the following weekly drawing at which time the Gamemaster will continue to select one ticket, and each time a ticket is selected, the owner of each chosen ticket will select a card from the remainder of the board. This will continue until someone selects the Queen of Hearts, ending the game. *WHEN (or if) the Jackpot reaches \$1,000,000, the game will not end when a "JOKER" is drawn. The drawing will continue weekly until the Queen of Hearts is chosen and then the game will end.*
8. Queen of Hearts tickets will cost \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or 30 for \$20 with no limit on the number of tickets that may be purchased by a player. Tickets may be purchased prior to the first drawing and any time following a weekly drawing until the next drawing (The Beecher Lions Club reserves the right to stop sales up to 30 minutes prior to any drawing to ensure drawing happens on time and a notice must be given).
9. Each week will feature new ticket colors and sequences.
10. All players **MUST** write their phone number **AND** first and last name **OR** initials on tickets! Winners will be verified by using player's government / state issued photo ID. If there are two or more players names on a ticket, the first name listed will be responsible for signing the required tax documents, if required. Players may write a card number on the back of their ticket. The player will then place their ticket in the raffle ticket drum. If the player is not present and their ticket is chosen, the card having the number written on the back of the ticket will be drawn for the player. If there is no number written on the ticket or if the card listed is not available, then the lowest numbered available card will be drawn on behalf of the absent player.

11. One ticket is drawn every Thursday at 7:00 pm at Sit-N-Bull Saloon, 614 Gould Street, Beecher, IL. The ticket will be chosen from the ticket drum by the Gamemaster or their designee, who has NOT purchased a ticket for that week's drawing. The name on the chosen ticket will be announced three times. If the winning player does not report to the Gamemaster within five minutes, the card number on the ticket (or the lowest numbered available card if no number was placed on the ticket) will be drawn.
12. A player whose ticket has been chosen and is present at the drawing may choose any card available on the game board. If the card chosen is the QUEEN OF HEARTS, the player will win 65% of the jackpot. If the player is not present, a card will be chosen for them. If the QUEEN OF HEARTS is drawn for an absent player, he or she will receive 55% of the Jackpot. Payouts for ALL other selected cards are as per the "Queen of Hearts" Payout Schedule" listed below. If the winning player is present or not, 10% of the jackpot will be contributed to the next game, so long as another game is scheduled to follow. The amount left in the Jackpot (after the award to the winner and after any amount placed in the Jackpot for the next game) will be awarded to Beecher Lions Club, the sponsor of the game and a non-profit organization in Beecher, IL. All payouts up to and including \$250 will be paid by cash by the Gamemaster. All payouts over \$250 will be paid by a check from the Beecher Lions Club.

Queen of Hearts Payout Schedule			
Card Drawn	Winner Present	Winner Not Present	Next Jackpot
Queen of Hearts	65% of Jackpot	55% of Jackpot	10% of Jackpot
Joker	\$250	No prize	N/A
7 or Ace (Any suit)	\$100	No prize	N/A
2 of (Any suit)	\$50	No prize	N/A
Any other card	30 free tickets	No prize	N/A

13. If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the game continues each week until the Queen of Hearts or a joker is drawn. NOTE: If the FIRST Joker is drawn BEFORE 15 other cards have been selected from the board, the board will NOT RESET and the game will continue until either the SECOND joker is drawn, which will RESET the board OR the Queen of Hearts is drawn, and the game is OVER. The board will RESET if the FIRST joker is drawn after 15 OTHER cards have been selected from the board. ***There is no limit to the number of times that the board will be reset due to the drawing of a Joker and the game will continue as outlined in Official Rule #7.*** (The Beecher Lions Club reserves the right to delay the start of a new game if necessary.)
14. The Jackpot will continue to accumulate weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. The Jackpot amount, based on ticket sales, will be updated weekly and prominently displayed in the location of the drawing and on the Beecher Lions Club's website.
15. Once a card is selected, it will be removed from play for the remainder of each game and will be shown face up on the board.
16. Each week after the drawing, the Gamemaster or their designee will ensure that all non-winning tickets for that week's drawing are removed from the drum and destroyed immediately following the end of that week's game.

17. All winning players are responsible for any and all taxes that relate to their winnings. The Beecher Lions Club will issue a W-2G form for winners receiving over \$1500. Winners must provide all necessary details, including their Social Security Number, to complete the W-2G form before any payout is executed. If a player is unwilling or unable to provide the necessary W-2G information within 6 days, the successful player's award will remain as part of the Jackpot.
18. Should there be any disagreement regarding the procedure or the results of the game, the disagreement or results will be resolved in a timely manner by way of a determination from the Gamemaster, IF there is still a disagreement regarding the results, the Queen of Hearts Committee will make the final binding decision.
19. The Official Rules of the Queen of Hearts can ONLY be modified during a current game IF it is necessary to ensure the safety of the participants, including severe weather or crowd control AND / OR to ensure the drawing is conducted at the scheduled time. Any other updates to the rules can only take affect after the current game ends and before a new game begins. All rule changes must be approved by the Beecher Lions Club. The Beecher Lions Club reserves the right to adjust sales dates and times and postpone drawings as needed.
20. After a Queen of Hearts games has officially ended, the Beecher Lions Club reserves the right to delay the start of a next new game as necessary OR stop the game completely.

NOTICE:

This game is intended to conform to all City, State and other requirements, including, but not limited to the Beecher, Illinois, ordinance-governing games of chance. Should the game itself, or any of the Rules of the game, violate any law, rule or regulation, then the game shall be played, and the Rules shall be enforced, so as to not violate such law, rule or regulation.