

M is for...

MIDNIGHT POKER

Q♥ 10♠ 8♥ 10♠ Q♠ K♥ A♥ 10♥ A♠ J♠

This is not so much a puzzle as a chance to interact with other teams (and steal away their Puzzle Points). At exactly midnight (by the clocks in my house) I will expect one player from each team to be at my house so that they can participate in a two hour game of Texas Hold 'em Poker. Instead of playing for money, however, you will be wagering with Points that have been earned by your team at the Party. Here are the "house rules" of the game:

1. Initial buy-in is 1000 Puzzle Points (poker chips will be used on-site).
2. Minimum raise: amount of last raise.
3. No limit on number of raises; "check-raise" allowed.
4. If a player, at the end of a hand, is out of chips, he/she may rebuy for another 1000 Points. This may be done multiple times throughout a game, but only 1000 Points per rebuy.
5. Small/Big blinds will be 10/20 Points throughout the game.
6. A player may "cash out" at any point, but only those players who were present for all hands dealt (from the first to the last) will earn the Meta-Puzzle "M-piece" (and this will be earned regardless of how well the player has done in the poker game).
7. The same single player must represent their team throughout the poker game, and only one player per team is allowed to play. I start at midnight, be sure you have a representative there for the first hand dealt!
8. Bonus Points will be earned by players who have accumulated the most Points during the game. 1st place: +2000 points, 2nd place: +1000 points, 3rd place: +500 points.

At 2am Sunday morning I will deal the last hand, and all players will cash out immediately there after. M-pieces will be given to those who played the whole time, and I will adjust your teams total Puzzle Party score based on how many Points won or lost during the game (including bonus Points for win/place/show).