Dorks Gone Wild Guide to Cockroach Poker

We here at DorksGoneWild headquarters are giving away this in-depth guide for a limited time. The limited time is forever. Dorks have played Cockroach Poker an estimated 3 million times. We are also very bad at estimating.

Cockroach Poker is a very deep bluffing game, one that might be considered the greatest bluffing game of all time. The idea is that you give a card to another player and either lie what it is, or tell the truth. Does it sound easy? Well, you couldn't be farther from the truth! Unless you said it was not easy, then you were correct and we apologize.

There are 8 different kinds of animals in the game, and how you play them really does matter. This is to help you master the art of...Cockroach Poker.

Stink Bugs

Playing a Stink Bug is tricky because they are hard to tell based on the art, you really have to study the cards before the game starts and make sure you are picking the right animal. I suggest buying a second game and writing Stink Bug on the cards, use them as flash cards like you did in High School and after a few months you will be ready to go. Try playing the game with a mirror, if you are able to fool yourself, you can fool anyone.

Receiving a Sting Bug – You can always tell when someone is playing a stink bug against you based on one key factor, do they take a second look at the card. When this happens it will be a Stink Bug 100% of the time 30% of the time. Never pass a Stink Bug along, these are a stinky time bomb waiting to happen.

Scorpions

Playing a Scorpion is difficult because you might have a tendency to start singing "Rock Me Like a Hurricane", especially if a hurricane is happening in real life. Those that play this game along the path of a hurricane should never pick a scorpion as it may bring unwanted anxiety and sadness.

Receiving a Scorpion is actually pretty easy as the person that will be playing the card will be head-banging along to "Rock Me Like a Hurricane", unless they were born after 1980, but then they will most likely have horrible taste in music so who really cares if they win a game. Passing a scorpion is a little tricky as they are poisonous in real life, but I believe they removed this from the game as we have not been poisoned very often.

Spiders

Spiders are tough to play because sometimes you forget and you are all like "OMG there is a spider" and drop the card, but don't! Unless a real spider is also on the card, but really he is just there to put the moves on the other spider, so why ruin the fun? Maybe they met on SDate (The BEST spider dating website) and that poor spider got "Spiderfished" and found out that the spider on the card and was just pretending to be a different spider. How does that feel to be Manti Te'oed? Our point, when you surf online looking for other spiders, please be safe. If the spider seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Receiving a spider is tough if the person is not afraid of spiders, but there are still a few way to tell. First, look around...is there water spout? The person playing the spider may look up the water spout and if they do, the rain may come down and BAM! Spider. The good news is that soon the sun will come up and the rain will dry it up.

Toads

Playing a toad is simple, as long as you don't say ribbit, because that's a frog and you would sound silly. When you play a toad you always want to give it to the player across from you, but do not look them in the eye. Toads in real life how the power to trap your soul, not many people know that, so make sure you avoid eye contact. We suggest that you look up, then look down, look all around, now your pants are falling down...get a belt as well.

Receiving a toad is the easiest part of the game. Warts! If they have warts it's a toad, if they don't, it's not. Common sense people!

Rats

Rats are scary yo! These rats were filmed poorly so they do suffer from Red Eye, but do not let that get confusing. Poor choice in lighting aside; these little critters are tough to play. First, you might want to say bat because they rhyme with rat, but so does Matt, but he isn't probably playing this game because he doesn't like anything but Euros. Also, rats carry diseases, don't you remember the plague? It killed like a billion people! So for the love of humanity, please wear a glove when passing a rat to another player!

When receiving a rat, take notice if they are wearing gloves, if so, it's a rat.

Bats

Bats are easy, because they can fly. When you give someone a rat, try and distract them. Talk about your favorite movie, unless it is Batman. Resist the urge to chant...Dun-na-na-na-na-na-na BATMAN! Tell them your favorite movie is Repo! The Genetic Opera, if you have not seen it, try it. Pretty good... Pretty good. You can try and tell them your real favorite movie, but this is a bluffing game, so you might fool yourself.

Receiving a bat is so very easy that we might not tell you. Ok, we will, but you are going to smack yourself in the forehead and yell Holy Batman! Bats can fly so when they slide the card over, notice if there is a slight movement upwards as the card approaches you. Do make sure you cover the card with your hand quickly because if the bat does get away, it will be very hard to pass to the next person.

Flies

Flies are almost too easy when you are playing with an old lady because she will swallow the card. I have no idea why she swallows the card, but perhaps will have some medical issues that cause a premature expiration. (Sorry, trying not to get sued by those greedy nursery rhyme jerks in Hollywood). If there is not an old lady at the table, just wait. It will happen, might take some time.

Receiving a fly is tough, but it is not because they can fly. I assume you are asking "Hey Honey Badgers, you said Bats can fly, that's how you can tell it's a bat, it's almost as if you forgot the game had flies and are too lazy to go back and change the bat strategy." Well our answer to that is simple. Suitcase. The way that you can tell if it a fly is by the buzzing card the sound makes, so listen closely, make sure your ear is next to the card ask the table politely to shut up. There is a rare chance that you hear the buzzing sound but it is not a fly, which simply means there is a swarm of killer bees and mostly likely everyone will die.

Cockroaches

The mighty cockroaches, the game is named after these delightful creatures so how important are they really? Just like any game that has part of the game in the title of the game, the answer is somewhat. What would Ticket to Ride be without the ticket? The Ride? Who would play that? We would, it sounds great. The ride would be about a game where you take a ride, a pleasant ride. The game should be on kickstarter soon. Now, when you have a cockroach, pass the card to the player on the left because cockroaches are left handed probably.

Receiving a cockroach requires just this simple test to prove it is one. Take out the knife from under the table and stab the card as hard as you can, if the card does not die, it is a cockroach. Now remember, if you see blood after you performed this test then you did it too quickly and they still had their hand on the card. Quickly remove the knife and let them know you were wrong, this should make things better.

Thank you for reading and becoming a better Cockroach Poker player. Make sure you print these helpful tools out so you can have them at your next gathering and we kinda guarantee that you will never lose again.