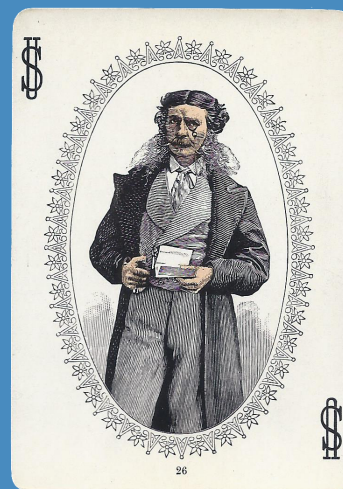
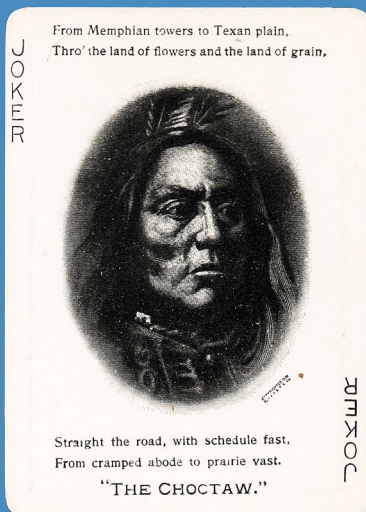
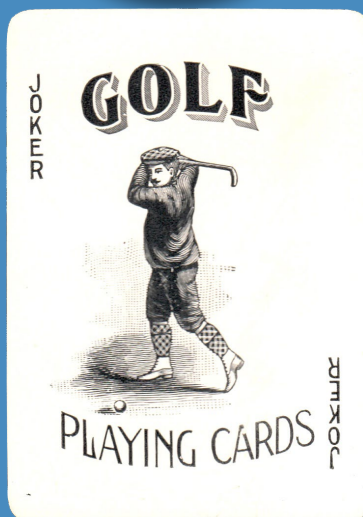


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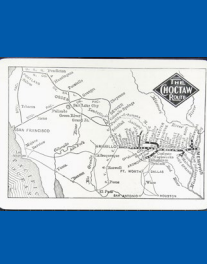




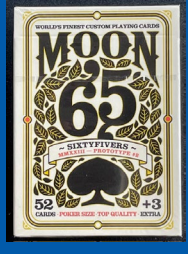


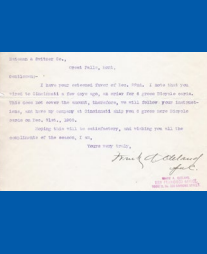


We have endeavored to describe all lots carefully so that members can be comfortable when placing their bids that they will receive items in at least as good condition as described. Any lots that are not as described can be returned for refund. Remember all lots are pictured in color on the auction webpage. For each deck listed we have indicated the lot number, its date of manufacture, maker, country of origin, number of cards, condition, condition of the box (if applicable, with OB1 being mint or near mint, OB2 being average with some use or wear and OB3 indicating considerable wear and quite possibly some damage), minimum bid, reference if found and a short description. Most references are to specific listings in the Dawson Hochman Encyclopedia. **NOTE: "Mint Sealed" refers to the deck, box may have been opened. "As Issued" means nothing has been opened.**

Lot 1	2015 Club Deck	2015	USA	
52+2J As Issued OB1	No. 50 of 1000, Sold Out. Paul Carpenter was the club's 2nd Artist to design a Club Deck. Card photos from an open deck. This one is tough to find - and it is signed by Paul.			
Expert Playing Card Co.		Minimum 90		
Lot 2	Kalamazoo 7 - 11 Steamboat Deck	1910	USA	
52+J As Issued OB1	We seldom see mint sealed Steamboat decks. Likely the only one you will ever see from this small maker.			
Kalamazoo Playing Card Co.		RU13	Minimum 160	
Lot 3	Ripley's Believe It or Not Deck	1963	USA	
52+2J Mint OB2	Very interesting deck has a different fact on each card. Box is a plain Redi-slip box.			
Brown & Bigelow		N26	Minimum 20	
Lot 4	Elaine Lewis Tarot Deck	2005		
22+EC As Issued OB1	Beautiful hand-drawn deck, number 27 of 30 produced.			
Elaine Lewis		Minimum 190		
Lot 5	Adams' League Baseball Deck	1925	USA	
52+J G/VG No Box	Nice baseball theme deck with dramatic devil joker. Deck has uniform bending and cards have ink transfer of border and indices.			
S. S. Adams		N6	Minimum 20	
Lot 6	M. Parrish Night is Fled Deck	1918	USA	
52+J+2EC NM OB1	One of the rarest backs in the series of decks promoting Edison Mazda Lamps with back design by Maxfield Parrish. Narrow.			
USPC		AB6	Minimum 75	
Lot 7	Sportsman's Deck	1881	USA	
52+J EX OB1	The Sportsman's deck was one of R&M's first decks, produced with several different ace of spades and jokers; this one has the US2a joker. Cards have soiled edges and minor euchring, and two have slight creases, but overall are excellent.			
Russell & Morgan Co.		US2	Minimum 150	

Lot 8	Dougherty Triplicate Deck	1878	USA	
52+J VG/EX No Box	The colorful animal backs are the most desirable of the Triplicate brand. Gold edges have some wear and a few cards have light crease, vertical line. A beauty.			
Andrew Dougherty		AD11	Minimum 220	
Lot 9	Magicians Convention 2008 Decks	2008	USA	
52+2J x2 As Issued OB1	Set was produced for the 2008 joint convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians in Louisville. Both decks wrapped in cello.			
Kardwell Intl/Gemaco			Minimum 35	
Lot 10	Hawaiian Souvenir Deck	1910	USA	
52+J+EC Mint OB1	Pristine scenic souvenir deck with images of Hawaii on every card and surfing legend Duke Kahanamoku on JS which drives value up for surfing collectors. Bright gold edges.			
USPC		S29	Minimum 60	
Lot 11	Molson's Brewery Limited Deck	c1916	Canada	
52+J Mint OB1	This is a beautiful wide deck for Molsons Brewery which was established in 1786. The box reads Brewed Over 130 Years, which ages the deck to publication of circa 1916. A great addition to those beer decks. The AS & Joker (variant) are listed under Hochman CDN30a.			
Montreal Litho Company		AB3	Minimum 35	
Lot 12	Erte DD Set	1983	Belgium	
52+2J x2 As Issued OB1	Romain de Tiroff, "Erte," was a Russian-born French artist. Exquisite set with booklet produced by Sobranie of London. One deck has white background, the other black. Each gilt-edged deck comes in its own lacquered case, inside a larger lacquered box.			
Cartamundi			Minimum 130	
Lot 13	Hart's Squeezer & Trip Deck	1927	USA	
52+J VG/EX OB3	Popular back design originally issued in 1877. Cards have light edge soil; joker is bright white, maybe from different deck. Nice Hart's box has split seams, tears and burn mark.			
NYCC		NY57	Minimum 15	
Lot 14	Mystic Shriners Deck	1898	USA	
52+J VG/EX RMBBox	One of five variations in this very scarce series of decks featuring fraternal orders. Cards bright and clean except for 4 cards with light red stain and edge waviness, AD and 2D have more staining across top edge. Housed in generic Russell Morgan slipcase.			
USPC		US22	Minimum 260	

Lot 15	2021 Club Deck	2021	USA	
52+J As Issued OB1	This mint sealed deck is #71 of 999, and was designed by Lorenzo Gaggiotti, (Stockholm17). He has won club awards multiple times. Card photos from an open deck. Sold out almost immediately.			
Expert Playing Card Co.		Minimum 150		
Lot 16	American PCC Steamboats Deck	1890	USA	
52+J Good Wrong Box OB3	Great joker in well used euchred deck with heavy edge soil and face soil; 9D has corner off. Cards housed in a worn NYCC steamboat box with split seams.			
American Playing Card Co.		L53	Minimum 45	
Lot 17	TAI Airlines Deck	c1955		
52+2J+BC NM OB2	Obsolete airline cards from the 1950s. Cards have nice gold corners. Beautiful courts were designed by Henri Favre. Plain box may not be original. Nowhere to be found online, could be rare.			
		Minimum 20		
Lot 18	Texan #45 Joker	1890	USA	
Joker VG	Texan decks are not easy to find. The back design is named "Palmetto". This very attractive joker has edge wear and soil and a couple of light wrinkles (not creases).			
USPC		US13-1	Minimum 40	
Lot 19	National Crescent #44 Deck	1885	USA	
52+J+EC VG OB2	Hard to find 140-year-old 'Pug Dog' deck with great joker. Edge soil, euchred gold edges, slight damage to 5D, 2S & 4C.			
National Card Co.		NU11	Minimum 100	
Lot 20	Grimaud Deck	1920s	France	
52+J Mint OB2	Unused deck, in all original wrappings. Gold-tipped corners.			
Grimaud		Minimum 20		
Lot 21	American PCC Golf #98 Deck	c1898	USA	
52+J Mint OB2-	This deck has got shiny gold edges which are rarely found on APCC decks. The great golfer joker (see front cover) is less common than the humorous version. The box is complete with split sides but the top flap is a partial. The blue back features golf balls and clubs.			
American PCC		L57	Minimum 140	


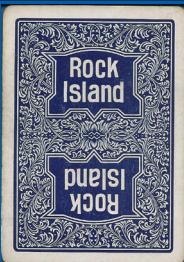


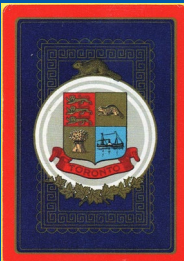

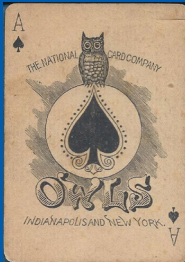



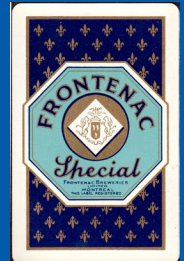
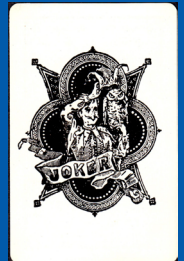
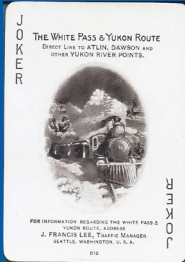
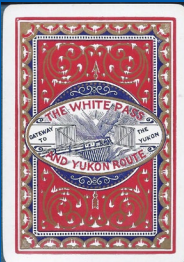
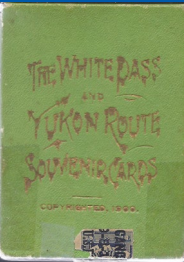



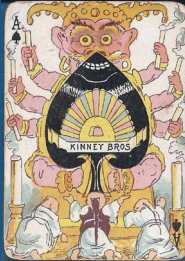


Lot 22	2014 Club Deck	2014	USA			
52+2J As Issued OB1	Number 10 of 500, 2014 club deck designed by Jackson Robinson. Images are from opened deck.					
Expert Playing Card Co.		Minimum 140				
Lot 23	Bicycle Joker Deck	2014	USA			
52+2J As Issued OB1	5,000 were made for Club 808 members, and they went quickly. Today it's a hot item on the collectible Bicycle deck market. It's rarely seen, even on eBay.					
USPC		Minimum 50				
Lot 24	Amerikanische Gaigel Deck	1895	USA			
48+J VG- OB3	Rare German style pinocle deck; 2 x Ace - 10 plus two 7 cards (not 9). Well used, edge soil, rare joker has edge tear, soil and light creases, JD has crease, one JC has corner crease and other JC has small paper scrape. Very worn box missing the top flap.					
USPC	US17	Minimum 30				
Lot 25	Art Deco Deck	1950	USA			
52+J+EC VG No Box	Cute narrow art deco deck. Cards are solid but have uniform soil on the faces and edges. No Box					
		Minimum 10				
Lot 26	Congress Berenice Deck	1900	USA			
52+J NM OB3	Elegant and much sought after Congress #606 deck with named joker. Cards are near mint with shining gold edges. Damaged box.					
USPC	US6c	Minimum 75				
Lot 27	Worshipful DD Set/Thorpe	1990	England			
52+2Jx2 Leaflet Mint Sealed OB1	The 1990 Master, John Thorpe, wrote the book about this company. Two sealed decks with brilliant gold edges and four page leaflet. Plastic box, embossed in gold with the livery of the company. Back commemorates the Office of Sheriff of City of London.					
Waddingtons or Goodall		Minimum 45				
Lot 28	Bicycle MS League Deck	1925	USA			
52+J As Issued OB1	We sometimes see mint sealed Rider and Racer #2 decks but finding the League back in as issued condition is rare.					
USPC	US8e	Minimum 100				

Lot 29	Choctaw Railroad Deck	1899	USA	  
52+J+Map NM OB1-	Rare near mint 120-year-old railroad deck, CHOC-1 (Bollhagen), with shining gold edges. See great joker on front cover, the Native American is the back design, very similar to Congress Rookwood back. Faded gold print on box. A must for railroad collectors.			
USPC		Minimum 500		
Lot 30	Strigiformes Owl Deck	2018	USA	  
52+2J As Issued OB1	Designed by Renee LeCompte and produced by PlayingCardDecks.com. Quickly sold out. Now highly sought by Bicycle deck collectors and bird lovers. Photo of joker from website.			
USPC		Minimum 50		
Lot 31	Russell's Mogul #100 Deck	c1915	USA	  
52+J Mint OB2	Rarely issued with gold edges. There are several different jokers for the Mogul deck - this is a nice one. The box is complete but missing the two small tabs at the top. Aristocrat quality. The joker is shown as part of the Hochman RU6 listing.			
Russell PCC	RU18	Minimum 90		
Lot 32	Three Moon Decks	2022	Belgium, USA	  
52+2J+ECx3 As Issued, Mint OB1x3	The Moon Old School deck is #18 of 200 by Cartamundi; it is open and Mint. The mint sealed Moon 65 set was made by MPC in the USA, only 30 of each were printed. There is small print below the 65, in red on one deck, blue on the other.			
Cartamundi, MPC		Minimum 50		
Lot 33	Danish Tarot Deck	c1870	Denmark	  
78 NM Wood Box	This 78 card tarot deck features views of Copenhagen. Courts are stenciled with gold corners. Trump cards II to XXI are illustrated with views of historical buildings. Beautiful wooden box with Chinese figures is slightly bowed, probably not original.			
Laurits Peter Holmblad		Minimum 350		
Lot 34	USPC Letterhead	1900	USA	  
VG/EX	USPC letter to gambling dealer, Bateman & Switzer, in Montana discussing sale of Bicycle decks.			
USPC		Minimum 35		
Lot 35	Dougherty Excelsior Deck	1872	USA	  
52 VG Period Box	Nice early Dougherty faro deck with one-way courts. Cards are euchred and have light soil to edges, backs and faces; 8S has small corner crease. Housed in a worn but attractive two part box from the period.			
Andrew Dougherty	AD7	Minimum 60		

Lot 36	Elaine Lewis Old Testament Deck	2022	England	
52+J+EC As Issued OB1	A hand-drawn beauty from Elaine Lewis, only 50 "Epic Scenes from the Old Testament" were produced; this is number 28. Some bible scenes are spread across two or three cards. See AS on front cover.			
Elaine Lewis		Minimum 150		
Lot 37	Air Force One/Camp David DD Set	1970s	USA	
52+2J x2 As Issued No Box	These decks were given to VIPs and dignitaries visiting Camp David or flying aboard Air Force One. They likely were made in the 1970s or 80s, and are not associated with a specific administration. Both are sealed in a small red case that is not original.			
USPC		Minimum 50		
Lot 38	NYCC Squeezers #35 Deck	1880	USA	
52+J VG/EX No Box	Early NYCC deck with great Gold Medal joker. Cards are euchred and have light edge wear and soil. No box.			
NYCC	NY49d	Minimum 60		
Lot 39	Perfection Winner Deck	1890	USA	
52+J G/VG OB3-	We seldom see a Winner brand deck. Nice horseracing back. Cards have heavy edge soil, very worn gold edges. Joker has edge scrape as shown; partial box missing top.			
Perfection Playing Card Co.	PU4	Minimum 60		
Lot 40	Hamburg Amerika Line Deck	1905	Germany	
32 VG OB3	Beautiful courts. Designed by Otto Tragy. Ace of hearts has Deutsches Reich Dreissig PF tax stamp. Cards have soiled edges and bottom panel of box is detached.			
Vereinigte Stralsunder-Spielkartenfabriken		Minimum 50		
Lot 41	Outing Owl Deck	1915	USA	
52+J EX/NM OB1	This Owl back is tough to find. Beautiful condition. A must have if you collect the Outing series.			
Andrew Dougherty	AD31	Minimum 100		
Lot 42	2018 National Playing Card Day Set	2018	USA	
52+2Jx3 As Issued OB1x3	Alex Chin designed six decks for 2018 National Playing Card Collection Day; this lot includes three of them in a carat case. Alex said he was inspired by the works of Escher, a Dutch artist known for his woodcuts and lithographs. Only 500 of each deck were produced.			
Seasons Playing Cards/USPC		Minimum 100		

Lot 43	Congress Lacquer Back Deck	1897	USA			
52+J VG OB2	Beautiful deck in the lacquer back series named Storm. Cards have light edge wear (gold edges now about 25%), 9D has two creases, QC light edge stain. Rarest Dundreary Joker, see front cover.					
USPC	US6cc	Minimum 350				
Lot 44	Alex Chin Primavera, Seronda DD Set	2012	USA			
52+2Jx2 As Issued OB1x2	Two sealed decks designed in 2012 by Alex Chin with Black Seronda representing the fall season, and White Primavera, spring. The tuck boxes feature elegant gold or silver foiling and embossing. Sold out for some time. A beautiful addition to any collection.					
USPC		Minimum 45				
Lot 45	Treasury #89 Deck	1910	USA			
52+J VG OB1-	USPC occasionally issued "Seconds" decks but we seldom see one. It is always identified on the AC. This deck has soiling consistent with age, and two cards have damaged corners.					
USPC	US18e	Minimum 40				
Lot 46	2006 Club Deck	2006	USA			
52+2J As Issued OB1	Unopened 2006 Montreal Convention Deck (images shown are from an opened deck).					
CartaMundi (for U.S. Games Systems)		Minimum 60				
Lot 47	Duke of Edinburgh Marriage Deck	1874	England			
31+Extra KS VG- No Box	Celebrates marriage of Duke of Edinburgh to Maria Alexandrovna daughter of Alexander II of Russia. Aces, Kings and Queens honor leaders attending. See AH on front cover. Has copy of the missing JS plus an extra KS. Cards soiled; backs very worn. Very rare.					
De La Rue		Minimum 60				
Lot 48	Society Contentment Deck	1900	USA			
52+J VG/EX OB1	Nice wide named deck with the Standard "I've Got Him" joker. Deck has uniform vertical bending; 2C has corner off. Box has Contentment card on reverse side but the deck does not have gold edges as stated on the box.					
Standard Playing Card Co.		SU4	Minimum 25			
Lot 49	Sels de Potasse (Potash Salts) Deck	c1915	USA			
52+J+2EC Mint- OB1	With Compliments from Societe Commerciale Des Potasses D'Alsace! How unique to see a deck for a French company located in New York City! Cute colored Joker with little French girls dancing. Shiny gold edges.					
Dougherty		Minimum 75				

Lot 50	Caterson & Brotz League Deck	1880	USA			
52+J EX No Box	Rare deck from this small maker with fabulous baseball joker. Cards clean and bright. No Box. Don't miss this one.					
Caterson & Brotz		L32	Minimum 325			
Lot 51	Salon Deck	c1916	England			
52+J NM OB3	This quality deck features a colorful scene of a couple dancing. It is near mint with very lightly euchred gold edges. The inner box is not original and the outer box is missing the top.					
Goodall			Minimum 25			
Lot 52	5 Bicycle Singles	Various	USA			
EX	Shades of blue and brown are highlighted in this grouping of five scarce Bicycle singles. The backs include the early Cupid, early League and Saddle (pictured) plus a brown Safety and brown-blue Chain.					
USPC			Minimum 40			
Lot 53	Victors #79 Deck	1900	USA			
52+J Mint OB1	Unusual deck, published after the Spanish-American War, was issued in a tuck box inside a slip case. Along the sides of the mint tuck case, there are different Bicycle ads. Plain red slipcase has rubbing along the edges. The backs feature a black and red design.					
USPC		US31	Minimum 100			
Lot 54	Surge DD Set	1980s	USA			
52+2Jx2 As Issued Plastic Case	Advertising set made for Surge Milkers, a popular brand of milking machines invented in 1922 and produced until 1999. The logo on the deck is from 1983. The joker is hilarious and the two identical decks are sealed in original plastic case.					
Unknown			Minimum 25			
Lot 55	Smart Set Deck	1912	USA			
52+J+EC EX- OB1	Wide named Fan Tan Girl deck with Smart Set joker. Cards generally clean and bright with sparkling gold edges. AS has stains, 4S has edge stain, EC has small stain and 10C has darker tone. Perfect Smart Set slipcase.					
Russell Playing Card Co.		RU18	Minimum 20			
Lot 56	Cine Manual Deck	1927	Spain			
48 As Issued No Box	Spanish deck, numbered 1-12 in each of 4 Spanish suits (coins, cups, swords, batons). Art deco style illustrations of famous athletes, aviators and movie stars such as Charlie Chaplin, Charles Lindbergh. Held in plastic case. Designed by Antonio Vercher Coll.					
Reclamos Cimadevilla			Minimum 150			

Lot 57	Rock Island Railroad Deck	c1900	USA			
52+J VG- No Box	Rock Island Railroad deck with great joker. CRIP10 in Bollhagen's book. Cards have edge wear and soil, 5H corner off, KD and 5C with crease and JS has corner ding. No Box.					
Standard Playing Card Co.				AB7	Minimum 120	
Lot 58	2009 Club Deck	2009	USA			
52+2J As Issued OB1	Unopened 2009 joint convention (with IPCS) club deck. Reprint of 1909 Toronto Souvenir deck by Goodall & Son. Images from opened deck.					
Reprint of 1909 Chas Goodall & Son deck				Minimum 70		
Lot 59	National Owls Deck	1885	USA			
52 Good No Box	Scarce National deck. Well used condition with general soil; 2 cards torn, 1 almost torn, 4 creased and 6C with corner off. No joker or box.					
National Playing Card Co.				NU4	Minimum 30	
Lot 60	Frontenac Special (Beer) Deck	c1920	Canada			
52+J+EC Mint No Box	A mint brewery deck published for the Frontenac Breweries Limited, Montreal. It has a strikingly vivid blue back featuring fleur-de-lys in gold as well as on their motto. The AS is Hochman CDN9 and the joker is Hochman CDN8. A nice collectible for beer aficionados!					
Canadian PCC				AB3	Minimum 35	
Lot 61	White Pass & Yukon Souvenir Deck	1900	USA			
52+J+3EC EX OB3	Lightly used railroad souvenir deck with sparkling gold edges. Three extra cards include a route map, schedule and average times over the full line (18 days end to end). Nice box is taped.					
USPC				SR28	Minimum 40	
Lot 62	Alex Chin Verana, Inverno Decks	2015	USA			
52+2Jx2 Mint Sealed OB1	A pair of sealed decks designed by Alex Chin as companions in 2015, Verana (white) represents the summer season, and Inverno (black), winter. The beautiful backs display blooming flowers accented with metallic ink. Sold out for some time.					
USPC				Minimum 45		
Lot 63	Kinney Transformation Deck	1889	USA			
52+J EX Leather Case	Wonderful full size deck offered as premium to collectors of the complete tobacco insert deck. Same transformations; see next page for additional cards. Nice leather slipcase has Gene Hochman collection number. Special.					
Kinney Brothers				T8	Minimum 900	

LOT #63 - Kinney Transformation Deck by Kinney Brothers

