

OUR STORY

The card game Spades has been around for almost 100 years best known to derive from the classic card game Bid Whist. For many generations Spades has brought friends and families together for uninterrupted fun and enjoyment. A game popularly known as a way for U.S. military soldiers past and present to bond and stay alert while on post.

In some settings, Spades is a way of life and a rite of passage. A skill both celebrated at its finest, and openly ridiculed at its weakest. It's the playing card equivalent to a two-on-two gladiator death match where anything goes. Some would even say Spades is the most competitive and intimidating card game in the world.

With all that being said, a very important question arose on Thanksgiving of 2018 during a smack talking, card flying, "BOSTON" running night of playing this infamous game in the "Queen City" Buffalo, NY...

"WHY DOESN'T SPADES HAVE ITS OWN DECK!?!..."

It was at this moment **The Game of Spades®** was born.

Over the next few months **The GOS** creator and owner Aaron "AP" Parker began working on bringing this idea from concept to reality. After hundreds of hours of R&D the first **GOS** deck hit tables in April of 2019 finally solving the conventional problems that come with using a traditional deck of cards to play Spades.

The first problem solved was the need to argue over Joker rank, which usually results in writing on, and damaging cards. This was

done by designing clearly dominated custom Jokers for our decks which feature the late Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Next, unlike Bid Whist where any suit can be "trump", when playing Spades, the Spades suit is always "trump". Because of this we gave our Spades pips a distinctive gold hue vs. the traditional black which often clashes with the clubs suit.

Another deliberate change we made from the status quo was designing our court cards to represent people of color. In an industry dominated by a traditional European personification of royalty, we felt shifting this representation for a game played primarily by people of color was very important.

In addition to improving the way the game is played, **GOS** is equally committed to developing our '**SPADES 101**' educational platform to provide resources for learning how to play Spades such as e-books, video modules, learning events and much more.

The Game of Spades® is the first official deck of cards designed for playing Spades. We are giving this game a true identity players can trust by providing quality, innovative products to play the game with for the first time in almost 100 years.

So from here on, if you're playing Spades and it's not with an official **The Game of Spades®** deck, YOU'RE PLAYING WRONG!

