



THE INFORMATION BOOTH

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This is the inaugural column in what will be a new feature for the Club newsletter. Do you have chips you can't identify? Unidentified tokens? Are you missing vital information about a particular casino or gaming figure? Here, we hope, is where you can get the answers!

With the help of a panel of members, I'll try to provide answers to whatever questions you have relating to chips, tokens, and gaming history. The panel members will be introduced to you in the next issue: I'm still recruiting them!

Here's how The Information Booth will work: if you have a question, send it to the column editor (address below). If the panel can answer the question, we'll publish both the question and the answer in the next issue. Chances are that other members will be interested as well. (Remember, there are no stupid questions; only stupid answers.) If we can't answer your question, it will be published in the next issue and given its own number. Any member who has the answer is asked to send it to the column editor, referring to the question by number, and that answer will be published in the newsletter by number corresponding to the original question number.

For chips or tokens you can't identify, send a photocopy (if it can be made clearly enough) with as much descriptive information as possible (for example, main color, rim design, center insert colors, edge insert colors, etc.). If the chip or token will not photocopy well, send a drawing in as much detail and as accurately as you can. Examples of such drawings appear on the next page in Q4 and Q5.

This column will be most successful if members partici-

pate, both by sending in their questions and in helping to provide answers.

Here goes:

Q1: When did Howard Hughes start buying Las Vegas hotels, and what did he buy?

A1: Desert Inn - March, 1967; Sands - July, 1967; Castaways - October, 1967; Frontier - December, 1967; Silver Slipper - 1968; Landmark - 1969; Harold's Club, Reno - 1970.

Q2: What chip is this?



A2: St. James's Club, Antigua, British Virgin Islands.

Q3: Last time I went to Las Vegas The Mint was gone! What happened?

A3: The Mint, built by Milton Prell in 1951 in downtown Las Vegas, was purchased by the Del Webb Co. in 1965. Del Webb Co. has decided to get out of the gaming business, and sold the Mint to Binion's Horseshoe in May, 1988. The two hotels are now combined as Binion's Horseshoe.

Q4: What chip is this? The word "Elite" is molded into the center of this mustard-yellow chip, not embossed?

Q5: What chip is this? Color is ivory, embossed.



Q4



Q5



OBV.



REV.



OBV.



Q7

REV.



Q8



Q9

Please send answers to these questions (refer to previous question numbers) and your own questions to: Michael Knapp, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235.