

NEVADA UPDATE

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Time again to record all of the many changes we've seen or have been told about since the last newsletter issue.

Bourbon Street, LV has closed their poker room. The \$1 blue Bud Jones chip is now obsolete. They have since issued a new \$1 chip for use on their 21 tables. Chip is \$1 BJ 8 suit white/gray black embossed.

San Remo Hotel opened their new casino on Feb. 16, 1990. Chips are white \$1 H&C, w/red; yel, gol, blk on wht C.I. The \$5 red H&C has 3 pnk/blk; red, yel, gol, blk on wht hub C.I.

Ellis Island, 4178 Koval Lane, has added a \$5 slot token.

Rio Suites Hotel opened on January 15th. Chips are peach .50 H&C; red, blk on wht CI. \$1 white chips w/4 gray; red, blk, on wht CI. Red \$5 H&C w/8 pink; red, blk on wht hub CI. Designated slots pay out blue aluminum "Club Rio" tokens which are accumulated for extra prize incentives.

Royal Casino, 99 Convention Center Drive, has re-opened on January 25th. Chips are \$1 BJ 8 suit white/gray w/gold embossing. The BJ \$5 red/white chips have metal centers.

M-G-M Marina changed names (from Marina) on January 5th. New chips issued are \$1 H&C white; blk on wht CI, lion head logo. \$5 red H&C chip has 3 green edge spots w/a blk on wht hub CI, lion head logo.

Palace Station has a new .25 chip. Light blue H&C gold embossing.

Riviera has new chips with a new style house rim. \$1 lite blue w/3 org; maroon "R", gold "1", black "\$" on white CI. A red \$5 house w/3 yel/grn, maroon "R", gold "5", black "\$" on wht hub CI.

Sam's Town has 2 varieties of \$5 chips in play. One has "Sam's Town", the other has "Las Vegas, NV" just above the word "Town".

Tropicana has once again changed their match play chips. The Non-Negotiable chip is now dark blue with 8 orange; clover inserts, gold embossing. This makes the 4th type of match play chips since this promotion was begun. The first three were all H&C rim, all gold embossed. The chips are divided in half with two colors; dark blue & white, brite green & white, and pink & gray.

Silver Nugget NLV was re-opened by Gary Mahoney, owner of Opera House NLV on 12-31-89 at 12:00 midnight. \$1 lite blue H&C chips w/4 lavender; blk, red on wht CI. \$5 red chips with 4/yel/grn; blk, red on wht hub CI.



Joe's Bar in North Las Vegas has been expanded and re-modeled and is now known as Joe's Longhorn Bar & Casino (no connection with Longhorn Casino on Boulder Hwy). Now has live gaming with yellow H&C .50 chips and gold embossing. Red \$5 H&C chips 4 yel/blue; brwn red on wht hub CI and half spoked wagon wheel logo.

Eldorado, Henderson, has re-opened with new chips. A .25 orange H&C gold embossed. A \$1 H&C brite blue w/4 orange; gold embossing. A \$5 red H&C 3 pnk/orng; blu, blk, red on wht hub CI.

There are now \$5 tokens at Rio Suites, at San Remo, and at Silver Nugget.

We have two unusual new \$1 tokens. Bobby's Lounge, 2329 N. Jones LV, and The Trap House, 8119 Clarice Ave, LV. They are dated 1990 on the obverse and 1989 on the reverse. They were minted by NCM and distributed by Sunset Coin.

New in Laughlin: Golden Nugget lite brown, w/gold embossing, .25 chip. Riverside has added a separate \$1 chip for poker room use only which is a blue H&C gold embossed chip.

From Reno; Bally's has a new lite blue \$1 house mold, 2 org 2 purp; prpl, blk on wht CI. Paco's has added a .25 brown H&C gold embossed chip. We have been informed that Cheers, Reno does have a \$1 token only in the hotel bar and tokens are purchased from the bar tender.

To correct an error in the last newsletter: Gold Club in Sparks still has live 21 games with \$5 red BJ chip, brass metal center. Only the .25 chips from dice tables were discontinued.

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We would also like to ask any members planning a trip to anywhere in Nevada and finding new chips or tokens to drop a line to us at 1836 Fisk Road Howell, MI 48843 so that everyone can be aware of where to find new things on their trips.

In the next newsletter issue (July) we will be expanding. STEVE GOODRICH from Moscow, Idaho has offered his research on clubs in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California for publication. Watch for new information on where to find chips for your collections. Until next time..... let us hear from you!!



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