

'CHIPS VS. TOKENS'
PART 3

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In years past, several states (Mississippi, South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado) have authorized casino gambling by using historic themes; (i.e.) Riverboat, Old Mining Town, etc. Many of these casinos carry the historical theme to their current tokens.

Photo #1 is the portrait of Doc Holliday from Central City, Colorado. The reverse, photo #2, shows the OK Corral Gate. Of course the OK Corral was in Kansas, not Colorado, but what the heck..it's Western history!

Photo #3: In keeping with the Las Vegas tradition, the El Dorado Casino in Blackhawk, Colorado has a very well detailed engraving of their building. The reverse of the El Dorado tokens (they have a series) as shown in photo's #4, #5, #6, continues the historical theme. Scenes this time are from historic Colorado. Again, just excellent examples of the engravers art.

Photo #7: The Mesquiki Bingo/Casino in Tama, Iowa. A beautiful portrait of an authentic looking plains Indian. The detail on this token I'm certain is lost after only a short time through the slot machines. However, we collectors can preserve these fine examples of art on tokens for posterity.



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7

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The Chip Of The Year (1992) as voted by the CCGTCC members is the CHIPCO from Lilly Belle's in Blackhawk, Colorado. Photo #8 is the outstanding Lilly Belle's token. A token which NCM should be extremely proud of.

Chips 27.... Tokens 27.... end of game.

When I started this series, it was kind of tongue in cheek to make it a chip and token competition. I would like to continue the series, but under a different title. With the help of Archie and Janice.. or any other club member, maybe we can find a more suitable title. Also, I can only photograph what is in my personal collection. If any club members (or private mints) have any tokens, old or new, which they would like to see featured, please send them to me and I'll take a photo and return your tokens promptly. Please don't send any tokens until October, 1993 as we have enough material for future articles until then. It would be nice to do a profile on some of these artistic private mint engravers. How about it NCM, CT, etc.? Send us some information!!



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