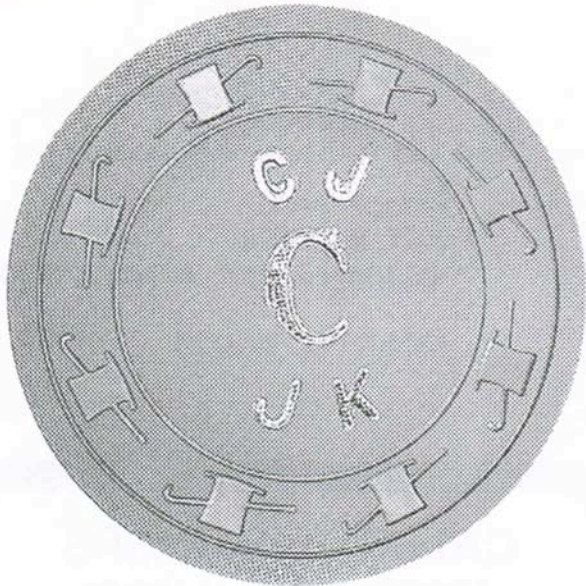# THE DUTCH - DUTCH - DUTCH CONNECTION
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It all began in the late 1950's when Jake Kozloff and Clifford Jones started casino gaming in Aruba and Curacao. The first casino they opening was the Aruba Caribbean on July 18, 1959.

I published my first article in the CC&GTCC quarterly journal in 1993 which described some of the casinos in Aruba. Subsequent articles in the Gaming Times Magazine and my first two books mention the initials 'C.J. J.K.' on the chips.
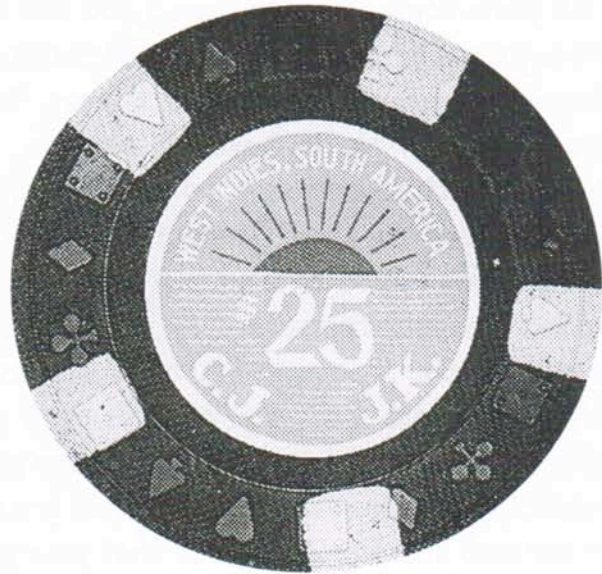
Several casino used chips that depict these initials and were noted on roulette chips from the Holiday Inn Casino of Aruba and bear Pollack's Reference Codes (PRC #) of HOL-C&J.3, figure 1.

Also, the chips from the Flamboyant Casino in Curacao also bear these same initials PRC #FLA - 1 C&J 1., figure 2. Both these varieties of chips have the Christy & Jones shiny Hat & Cane mold!

In my most recent book on The Casino Chips & Tokens of the DUTCH CARIBBEAN - Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao & St. Maarten, the first chapter is dedicated to both Jake Kozloff & Clifford Jones' presence in the Caribbean. The text and chips described in this chapter demonstrate the words 'WEST INDIES SOUTH AMERICA' in addition to the C.J. J.K. initials, PRC # WI-SA-25E.1, which is a $25.00 chip with the 'EWING' mold, figure 3.

A similar denomination and logo can be seen in the H.C. Edwards 'HCE' mold and the PRC # is WI-SA-25HCE.1 which is a $25.00 chip with the HCE mold, figure 4.

Both Jake and Cliff opened the Palace and Toraica casinos in Paramirabo, Suriname and these chips were used in these casino. If you are wondering where Suriname is, please refer to your world geography book and look at South America. You may remember the country of Dutch Guiana if so, then you are on the right track. Dutch Guiana became Suriname and the Republic of Suriname obtained it's independence from The Netherlands in November 1975. This country is located just north of Brazil between Guyana and French Guiana and its northern border is the

Atlantic Ocean. The principal language is Dutch.

The Dutch Connection means that the Dutch language is currently being spoken in Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St Maarten and in Suriname! In 1966, the Franklin Mint issued a proof and uncirculated casino tokens for the Suriname Torarica Casino and the Palace Casino and Pollack's reference codes are **TOR - 1.1, PAL - 1.1** for the collector's proof edition and **TOR - 1.2, PAL - 1.2** for the uncirculated variety (which was the token used for the slot machines). Figure 5 depicts the Palace Casino $1.00 token.