

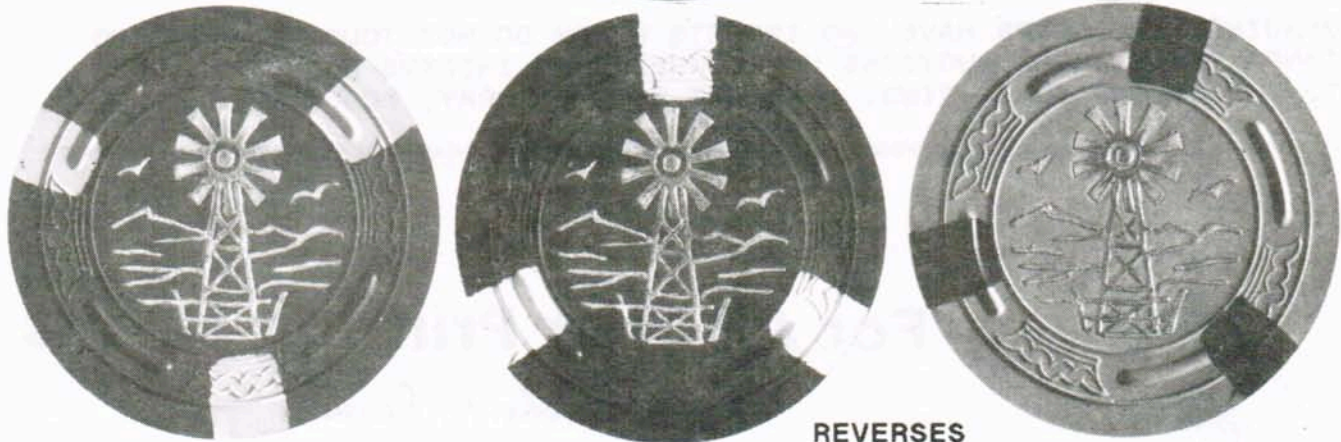
# **BOGUS EL RANCHO VEGAS CHIPS SURFACE**

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The club has learned through an authoritative source that phoney El Rancho Vegas chips have been re-produced recently, presumably in an attempt to mislead chip collectors into thinking they are purchasing the real thing. In my opinion, this action clearly amounts to fraud and violates the Federal Hobby Protection Act. I hope those who are responsible for the manufacturing and distribution of this deception are nailed good and that they get some jail time if convicted. It's very difficult for me to believe that there are a few among us who are so stupid that they would risk going to jail for the sake of making a few easy bucks. Federal prisons are not a nice place to do a few years "time" in. If any of our club members have purchased this bogus material, I hope you remember from whom you purchased it. I don't have to spell out to you what your recourse is!

The following illustrations are intended to educate CC&GTCC members, (and members of other casino collectible organizations) and to advise the honest folks to stay away from these reproductions. YOU/WE have the power to stop this abuse by not purchasing this garbage ..... not even as fake curiosities.

OBVERSES



REVERSES

WANT TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE FAKES FROM THE GENUINE?  
TURN THE PAGE!

THE CHIPS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE ARE "QUESTIONABLE" AS HOWARD HERZ PUT IT IN HIS MOST RECENT AUCTION CATALOG. IN MY OPINION, THEY ARE BOGUS! THE \$100 EL RANCHO VEGAS CHIPS ILLUSTRATED BELOW ARE GENUINE.



EL RANCHO VEGAS OPENED IN 1941. BURNED TO THE GROUND IN 1960. THE CHIP ON THE RIGHT HAS EVIDENCE OF INTENSE HEAT AND WATER DAMAGE FROM 1960 FIRE. THE GENUINE CHIP ON THE LEFT IS IN CHOICE CONDITION.

GENUINE \$100 CHIPS HAVE TWO INSERTS WHICH DO NOT TOUCH THE SECOND INNER RING. REPRODUCTIONS HAVE THREE EDGE INSERTS WHICH PROTRUDE TO THE SECOND INNER RING. GENUINE \$100 IS GRAY, BOGUS IS GRAY-BLUE.



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