

ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

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As our hobby grows, more collectors are taking interest in old clay poker chips and ivory chips for the first time. With the help of the internet, new ivory finds are more frequent than ever. In contrast to ivory finds, previously unidentified clay poker chips are rarely found. This article will feature new chip design finds found between April 1997 and July 1998. The code numbers assigned are compatible with the code system used in *Antique Gambling Chips* by Seymour, et.al.

Of the 150 antique gambling chip "new finds" this past year, 135 of them were ivory designs. This continues to confirm our conjecture that most of the manufacturers (maybe all) of ivory chips purposely made each set different from any previously produced sets.

Ivory chip collectors continue to find sets or parts of sets which contain very slight variations. Sometimes there was probably more than one engraver working on a set and the two engravers styles differed just as two artists or cartoonists styles would differ. Chips of this type are considered variations of one code and are not assigned separate codes. If, however, a chip is found that is identical in design to an existing code but is significantly smaller or larger, then the assumption is that it was from a different set and it is assigned a different code. An example of this is chip IP-KN (40.6 mm) and new code IP-Km (44.6 mm).



IP-KN
40.6 mm diameter



IP-KM
44.6 mm diameter

A few chips submitted for assignment of new codes are not included in this list because the photocopy was very poor quality. Chip values assigned to the new codes were made to compare to previously assigned values given in the book. It is assumed that the values have increased in the past year by 10-15%. Every effort has been made to avoid adding a 5th letter to the code system, but it was necessary on chip IP-EEa. There should be very few of these 5th letter codes for the next several years.

We are very appreciative of those collectors who submitted clean, clear photocopies of their new finds: John Benedict, Joe Benon, Steve Bowling, Phil Flanagan, Tom French, Henry Garrett, Robert Golden, Len Gratteri, Bill Hamilton, Allan Myers, Bud Meyer, Ralph Strandwold and David Woody. Apologies to any who may have been overlooked.

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Antique Chips Value Rating Code*

a: 50¢ b: \$1 c: \$2-3 d: \$4-5 e: \$6-7
f: \$8-9 g: \$10-14 h: \$15-19 i: \$20-29
j: \$30-39 k: \$40-49 l: \$50-69 m: \$70-89
n: \$90-109 o: \$110-149 p: \$150-199
q: \$200-299 r: \$300-399 s: \$400-499
t: \$500-699 u: \$700-999 v: \$1000-1999
w: \$2000-2900 x: \$3000-3900
y: \$4000-4999 z: \$5000 and up

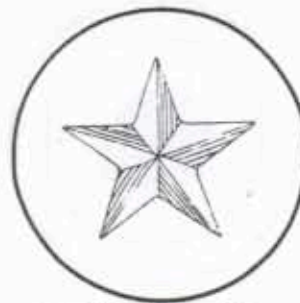
* It is important to remember that the unit value of a single chip find will have a much higher value than the unit value of a set of chips.



Recent ivory chip find
of John Benedict
assigned code IP-LB (v:o)



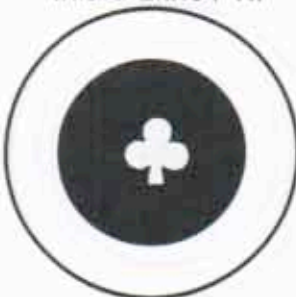
PD-JU 6 Pt Star
 Inlaid Litho / v:f



PD-LQ New Star
 Engraved / v:g



PT-FT Train Engine
 Inlaid Litho / v:i



PW-CE Club
 Inlaid (black) / v:f



PW-DN Club in C
 Inlaid / v:f



PW-NX Maze Cross
 Inlaid / v:f



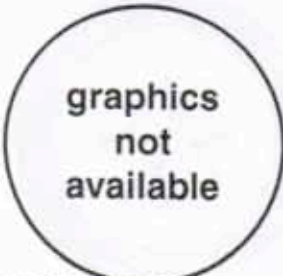
PY-GP Jackson Sq Tobacco
 Embossed / v:h



PY-GP reverse



PY-MC Marathon
 Engraved / v:h



PY-PX Plastics Ind. Ins.
 v:f



PY-SS Squeezers
 Paste On / v:h

IVORY DESIGN



ID-BU
Boar's Head / v:n



ID-CJ
Lion's Head / v:r



ID-CS
Tiger / v:r



ID-FU
Spade / v:l



ID-FV
Spade / v:l



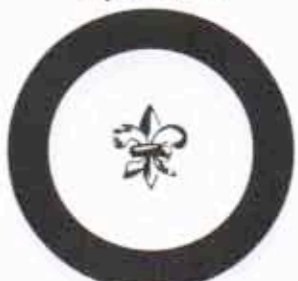
ID-GA
Horseshoe / v:k



ID-GB
Horseshoe / v:k



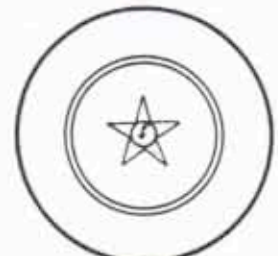
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Horseshoe & Whip / v:l



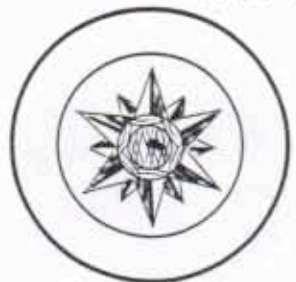
ID-JY
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



ID-NE
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



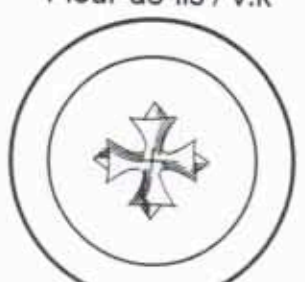
ID-OU
Star / v:l



ID-QB
Star / v:m



ID-QN
Shield on Star / v:q



ID-SD
Cross / v:k



ID-SE
Cross / v:k



ID-SM
Cross / v:l



ID-VC
Four Petals / v:k



ID-WS
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-WT
Four Leaves / v:k

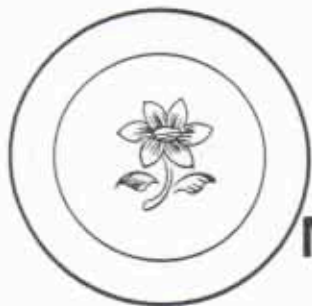
1998 New Codes
**IVORY
 DESIGN
 &
 MONOGRAM**



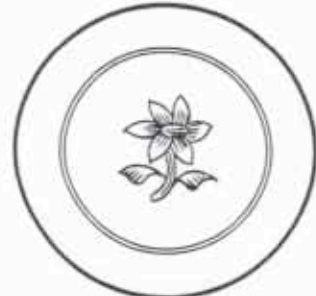
IE-QC
 Blossom / v:l



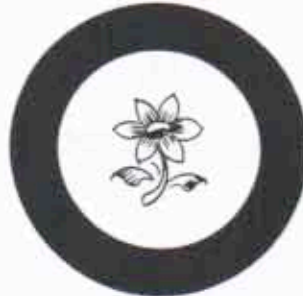
IE-QE
 Blossom / v:l



IE-TA
 Flower / v:l



IE-TB
 Flower / v:l



IE-TC
 Flower / v:l



IE-UC
 Flower / v:m



IE-UC
 reverse



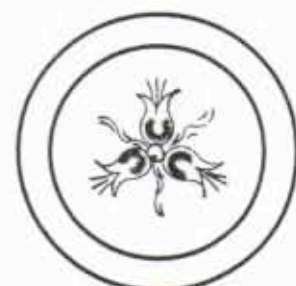
IE-VV
 Tulip / v:l



IE-WD
 Tulip / v:l



IE-YE
 Tulip / v:l



IE-YH
 Tulip Blossoms / v:o



IE-YI
 Tulip Blossoms / v:o



IF-BA
 Eight Web / v:m



IF-BC
 Eight Web / v:m



IF-EE
 Floral Border / v:l



IM-AM.
 A / v:n



IM-AN
 A / v:n



IM-GE
 L / v:n



IM-HE
 M / v:k

IVORY DESIGN



ID-WU
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-XG
Four Leaves / v:k



ID=YB
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-YD
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-YG
Four Leaves / v:l



IE-EU
Mirror Leaves / v:l



IE-EV
Rotated Leaves / v:l



IE-GQ
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-GR
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-GU
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-JB
Three Leaves / v:k



IE-JF
Three Leaves / v:k



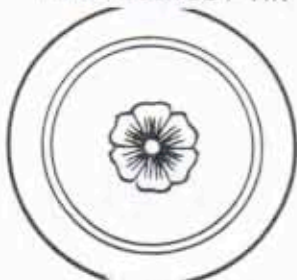
IE-JH
Three Leaves / v:k



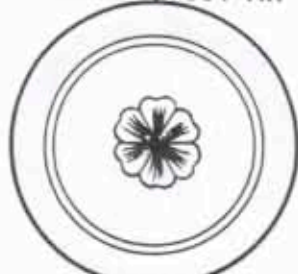
IE-LF
3 Leaves & Star / v:p



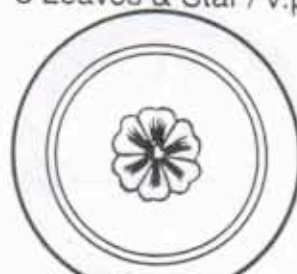
IE-LF
reverse



IE-OZ
Blossom / v:k



IE-PA
Blossom / v:k

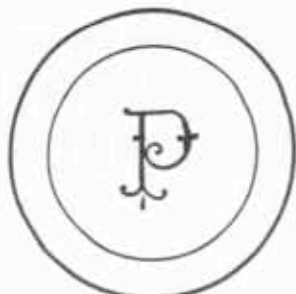


IE-PB
Blossom / v:k



IE-PE
Blossom / v:m

IVORY MONOGRAMS



IM-IC
P / v:l



IM-ID
P / v:l



IM-JB
T / v:l

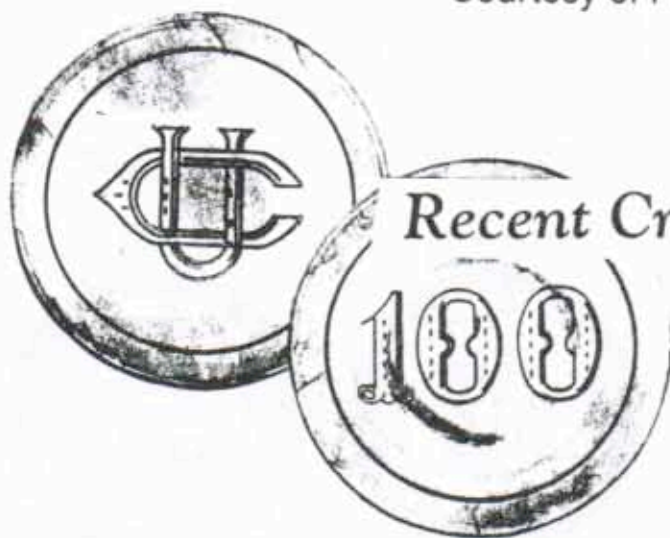


IM-FK
I / v:l

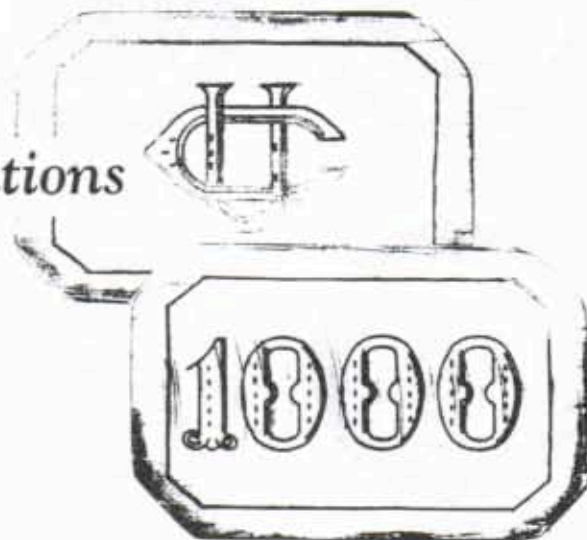


1998 Finds from Cuba
See page 155 in *Antique Gambling Chips*
(revised edition)

Courtesy of Phil Flannigan



Recent Creations



Courtesy of Henry Garrett

1998 New Codes
**IVORY
 NUMERALS**



IN-CE
 0/0/0 / v:l



IN-CI
 3/3/2 / v:l



IN-EF
 3/F/3 / v:l



IN-EI
 3/F/3 / v:l



IN-FC
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-FD
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-FG
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-GE
 6/U/3 / v:l



IN-GF
 6-8/U/2-3 / v:l

IN-KK on p. 162
 is actually F/U/F
 and should be
 IN-GX



IN-GY
 F/U/F / v:l



IN-GZ
 F/U/F / v:l



IN-JR
 U/U/U / v:l



IN-KQ
 U/U/U / v:l



IN-RB
 2/3/2/2 / v:l



IN-RR.
 3/2/F/2 / v:l



IN-UH
 3/F/3/2 / v:l



IN-UL
 3/F/3/2 / v:l



IN-WL
 4/F/3/2 / v:m

1998 New Codes
**IVORY
 NUMERALS**



IN-XN
 5/U/3/2 / v:l



IN-XZ
 F/F/3/3 / v:l



IO-AL
 U/U/U/3 / v:l



IO-CH
 8/3/S/2 / v:l



IO-DE
 S/S/S/5 / v:m



IO-DY
 U/U/3/2 / v:n



IO-ED
 U/U/3/4 / v:n



IO-EH
 U/U/4/4 / v:n



IO-GT
 v:n



IO-HQ
 v:m



IO-IK
 v:o



IO-KM
 v:o



IO-KM
 reverse



IO-KT
 v:m



IO-KX
 v:m



IO-LU
 v:m



IO-MD
 v:m



IO-MP
 v:m

1998 New Codes
**IVORY
 NUMERALS**



IO-OL
 v:o



IO-OL
 reverse



IO-OX
 v:m



IO-RB
 v:l



IO-RJ
 2/F/2 / v:m



correction of
 existing code

IO-TX
 4/F(2-3) v:m



IO-TY
 4/F/3 / v:m



IO-UA
 F/F/F / v:m



IO-UX
 F/U/F / v:m



IO-XS
 3/F/2-3 / v:m



IO-XS
 reverse



IO-ZR
 U/U/4 / v:n



IO-ZY
 U/U/U / v:m



IP-AD
 2/3/2/2 / v:m



IP-CO
 3/F/3/2 / v:m



IP-DY
 3/F/3/3 / v:m



IP-DZ
 3/F/3/4 / v:m



IP-EEa
 3/F/3/4 / v:n

1998 New Codes
**IVORY
 NUMERALS
 &
 CONCENTRIC**



IP-ET
 4/U/3/2 / v:m



IP-EV
 5/U/3/2 / v:m



IP-IB
 3/F/3/2 / v:m



IP-KD
 F/U/F/2 / v:m



IP-KM
 S/S/S/5 / v:o



IP-LE
 U/F/3/1 / v:q



IP-MT
 v:o



IP-MX
 v:n



IP-NE
 v:n



IP-NN
 v:q



IP-PU
 v:q



IP-PV
 v:q



IP-QP
 v:q



IP-RA
 v:o



IP-TJ
 v:m



IX-BI
 0B 1W (31/15) / v:i



IX-MG
 2B 2W (33/28) / v:i



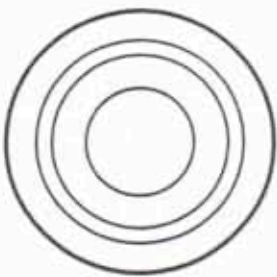
IX-PQ
 2B 2W (37/32) / v:i



IX-QL
 2B2W (38/32) / v:i

1998 New Codes

IVORY CONCENTRIC & LATE ADDITIONS



IX-XG
3B 3W (36/27) / v:i



IX-XH
3B 3W (36/27) / v:i



IY-EM
5B 5W (35/32) / v:j



IF-FA
Reflection / v:l



IR-EJ
Missouri / v:t



IR-EJ
reverse



IP-NJ
v:q



ID-DD
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IE-JD
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PB-EZ
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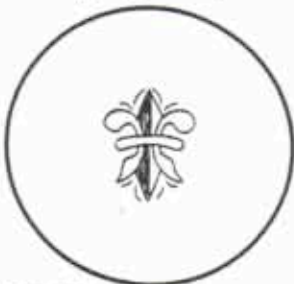
PM-MB My Break
Engraved / v:h



PY-ES Esslinger's
Stamped Plastic / v:f



PY-LK Lord Calvert
Stamped Plastic / v:f



PD-GL Fleur-de-lis
Engraved / v:f