

North Dakota Charity Casino Chips 2005 World Junior Hockey Championship

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If I ever meet that fellow Murphy who seems to have a lot of laws named after him, I intend to have a very long talk with him! It seems that just when you think you have things figured out, then life throws you a curve ball. No sooner had the ink dried on my last article on North Dakota Charity Casino Chips where I remunerated on Limited Edition Chips, or more precisely the lack there of, that the number of known chips increased greatly.

After many false starts and numerous delays, I finally made my way to Grand Forks North Dakota. Crossing over from East Grand Forks in

Minnesota across the Red River into North Dakota, the first establishment that I stopped at was just in the process of opening the gaming tables for the evening. With no players present, it presented the opportunity to chat and find out a little bit more about these chips. The Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau was the organization that sponsored this particular charity casino and they produced 10 different \$5.00 and one \$25 chip in association with the 2005 World Junior Hockey Championship held both in Grand Forks and Thief River Falls Minnesota. Apparently they even tried to sell sets housed in a Lucite holder during the games, with little success.

With these chip, the total number of limited edition chips for charity casinos in North Dakota increases from a mere 2 to a total of 13! A \$5.00 chip for each country that participated with the flag and name of the country was produced along with a single \$25.00 chip. The countries were, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, United States, Canada, Belarus, Russia, Sweden, Slovakia, Czech Republic.

One never knows what adventure lies out on the road when one goes chip hunting. But I plan to find out once again, real soon!

