

## **The Tahoe Mariner (North Shore Club)**

North Shore of Lake Tahoe, Nevada

### *Cappy Rix's*

It began in 1948 under the name Cappy Rix's. Walter Melrose and Cappy Rix applied for a gaming license in June of 1948. The small operation included 2 craps tables 2-21 tables a single roulette and 26 slot machines. For a single summer season the operation went by the name Cappy Rix's.

### *North Shore Club*

In 1949 Walter Melrose bought out his partner's interest and changed the name to the North Shore Club. Using the same game combination, the club opened for the 1949 summer season. The club's seasonal operation would begin in the spring and end shortly after Labor Day.

In 1955 the ownership of the North Shore Club was listed under James Hume, Gerald Cooper and Clarence Harris.

### *Smith's North Shore Club*

In 1971 George Smith (son of Pappy Smith of Harolds Club) purchased the club and operated until 1978 when financial problems caused it to be closed.

### *Tahoe Mariner*

In the summer of 1979 Ray Plunkett opened the property under the name Tahoe Mariner. Plunkett planned to build a high rise hotel complex but his efforts were opposed by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency who brought suit to stop construction. Plunkett continued to maintain a gaming license as he fought the TRPA suits, but his efforts finally failed in 1986 and the club was closed. From 1986 on the owners of the property made a token effort to maintain its gaming status in hopes of preserving its value as a potential gaming property. In several instances the property was opened for a day to preserve its status. In September of 1997 the property finally reached the end of its days.

