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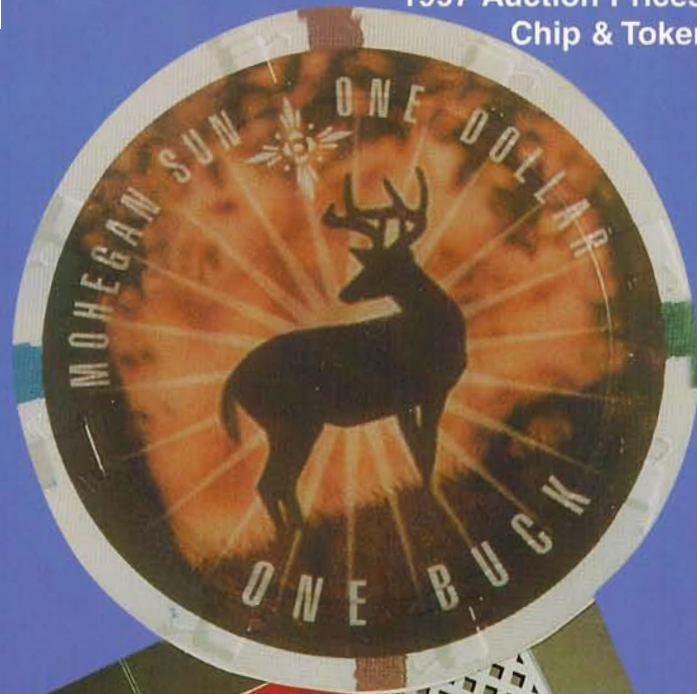
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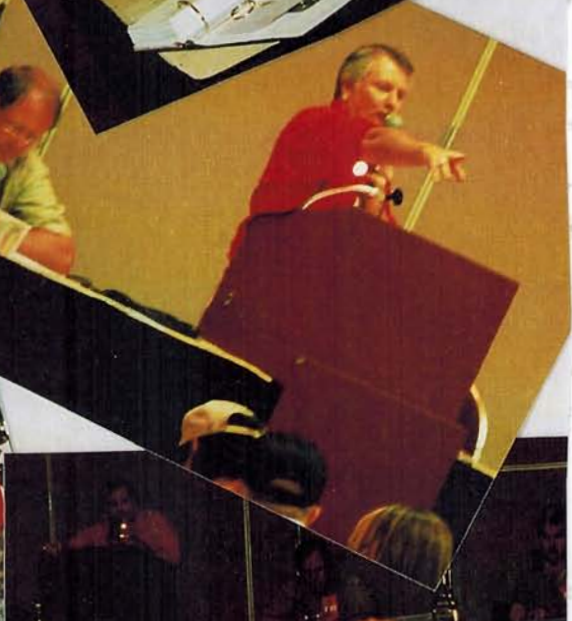
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MEMBER CLUB OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

5th Annual Convention

June 19, 20, 21, 1997

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July 4, 1997

To all CC>CC Members:

Subject: ByLaws/Constitution Changes:

Please be advised that the Bylaws/Constitution changes which were proposed and voted upon at our 1997 Annual Convention Meeting in Las Vegas have been rescinded due to an improper presentation by the club President. The proposed changes should have been published in the club magazine before being voted upon by those members present at the annual convention meeting, according to the current Constitution. I have taken steps to correct my error and will publish the current and proposed changes in a future issue of the club magazine. I apologize for wasting the membership's valuable time discussing these matters during our 1997 public meeting. The new changes will be properly submitted once again for adoption at our 1998 convention following publication.

Any members who have paid to convert to the new Life Membership classification (now rescinded) will have their Life Member dues refunded until/if the new classification is approved again in 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archie A. Black".

Archie A. Black
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Did you know that the "CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB" is presently the largest specialty club in the American Numismatic Association? That's right! We've blown right past E.A.C. (Early American Coopers) who have just over 1600 active members on their rolls compared to close to 1900 members in CC>CC.

The explosion in our hobby is even more evident when looking through the classified ads in hobby newspapers such as "NUMISMATIC NEWS". The number of classified advertisements offering casino chips and gaming tokens under the (#633) "Gambling/Casino" heading in recent issues of this weekly publication surpass most other specific topics or categories. With the opening of Steve Cutler's impressive Nevada Gold Museum at the Flamingo Hilton in Laughlin, the club membership rolls should really get a big boost over the course of the remainder of this year as more non-collectors are exposed to this wonderful hobby.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
by Archie A. Black

Where does the time go so quickly? I hope our Editor will forgive me since I'm a bit late with this quarter's report on the eve of our national convention. So much to do.... so little time to do it.

I spent the first week in June on vacation in Orlando's Disney World with my daughter and two grandchildren for four days and stayed over three additional days to attend a "Pin Fest" at the Hard Rock Cafe. Both activities were extremely enjoyable. Just one week later, upon my return from Florida, Brenda and I left on the following Sunday for Las Vegas and the national CC>CC convention.

In August, we'll be attending, and exhibiting A.C. Silver Strikes, at the American Numismatic Association's annual convention in New York City. Unfortunately, the ANA is not offering tables to individual member clubs this year due to tight space limitations. However, the club will be having our usual in-formal meeting at New York Marriott Marquis Hotel on Saturday August 2nd at 9:00 am in the O'Neill Room (seriously..... no kidding, "O'Neill Room"). Bring traders!! We may even have a small auction.

I'm happy to see that our CC>CC Chapters are flourishing and doing so well. Several of them have sent me complimentary copies of their informative newsletters. Colorado, Las Vegas, NorCalNev, Atlantic City all have active groups. You may want to consider joining these local chapters for more "bang" and excitement from your hobby.

Speaking of "Bang"..... some chip shockers out of Las Vegas casinos are worth commenting upon here. It would appear that Lady Luck has filed notice that they will not be redeeming certain commemorative chips after a certain date..... and Texas Station and Boulder Station have announced that they will be reissuing their "Grand Opening" chips in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the new Sunset Station Casino. This practice would not be so objectionable if the reissue chips differed slightly from the original Grand Openings so that we could tell the difference between the two. However, I understand that the reissues will be identical to the originals. Look for a petition to be circulated at the convention, registering our opposition to the Nevada Gaming Board, to prohibit such practices.

In this issue of our superb magazine, Editor Kregg Herz will be covering some of the exciting happenings during our 1997 National Convention. For those of you who were not there, you missed a superb show. Our 1998 convention site, and dates, have not been announced as of this time. Hopefully, both will have been decided by the time our '97 event has concluded.

Hope to see some of you in New York in August. Till then.....

Happy Collecting,

Archie

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
Kregg Herz

Well, another convention here and gone. Whew! I don't know about you but these conventions just keep getting better and better. I hope that everyone enjoys the covers of this magazine. I thought that a collage of pictures would be spectacular!

There are some really great articles in this issue. Please take the time to read them and see if you agree. I'm still looking for more articles to publish. I would really like to see some of the Club chapters write articles about gaming in their states. I think that it's time to broaden our horizons.

I think it's time for me to shut up so that you can get on with reading. Hope you enjoy!

Kregg Herz
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Thank you Mr. Jim Perlowski



Thank you, Jim and the Las Vegas Chapter, for a very successful promotion of "Our Bar" chips. As a result of this promotion, more than 80 new members were signed up at the 1997 Annual Convention.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear CC>CC/Archie Black,

Thank you and all the officers & members for the many thoughts, prayers & kind wishes. They have all helped so much in my rapid recovery from knee surgery. I'll be dancing by the convention!

Janice O'Neal

Mr. Steffner:

Enclosed is my payment for member renewal for 1997. Thank you all for your time and hard work. We enjoy the club magazine so much! As "Novice Collectors" the vast information, humor, and insight has helped us greatly, the clubs last issue was a knock out - WOW.

Happy Collecting to all,
Sincerely, Don Hitchcock

My wife & I still have so much to learn, with your club help we are gaining knowledge of this fascinating hobby and enjoy it so much.

OBITUARIES

Paul Deith R-1886

Paul Deith, member 1886, died suddenly on April 10, 1997. He was active in the Atlantic City Chapter.

Your club magazine welcomes letters to the editor, obituaries and birth announcements concerning our fellow members. Please send them in to Kregg Herz, P.O. Box 1000, Minden, Nevada or fax them to (702) 782-8736.

**The following is a letter written to the Secretary
FTC by Archie Black:**

Dear Secretary:

I am writing to you on behalf of our 2000+ members of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club, a large International hobby organization of collectors who would like to see our hobby interests represented in the forthcoming review of the U.S. Hobby Protection Act. (16 CFR Part 304-Comment)

While the original scope of the Hobby Protection Act regulates the production of "numismatic replicas", we feel that casino chips and gaming tokens falls under the broad definition of "numismatics". With the explosion of legalized gaming jurisdictions being established around the country, our organization is of the opinion that casino chips and gaming tokens should be specifically identified and included as one of the hobby collectibles protected under the revised HPA review.

"Numismatics" is more than simply coins and paper money. Casino chips and gaming tokens are legitimate substitutes for money. Our growing organization, CC>CC, with currently more than 2000 active members, is the largest specialty member club in the American Numismatic Association.

There have been several "reproduction" abuses in our hobby... some problems of which have been taken care of previously between our organization and manufacturers of this material which causes much anguish and grief among our club members and their heirs. Many legitimately valuable obsolete casino chips currently trade in the four figure range, and equally as many chips are currently being produced as "casino" chips that have never seen the inside of a casino. These bogus chip issues do appear in the market place, at flea markets and yard sales from time to time, being offered as legitimate collectibles with the fraudulent intent to deceive collectors.

All we are requesting in your upcoming review of the Hobby Protection Act is to consider including casino chips and gaming tokens under the umbrella of "numismatics".... as specifically state so.

Sincerely,
Archie A. Black, President

FTC seeks comments on Hobby Protection Act

Law protecting collectors under routine review by commission

By Michele Orzane

COIN WORLD Staff

The Federal Trade Commission is seeking public comment on its rules and regulations regarding enforcement of the Hobby Protection Act.

The Hobby Protection Act regulates the production of numismatic replicas, including copies of such items as Colonial coins, pioneer gold coins and Confederate paper money.

Notice of the review was published in the March 25 *Federal Register*.

The review is an ongoing part of the FTC's oversight responsibilities "to seek information about their costs and benefits and their regulatory and economic impact" and their affect on small businesses. The information will assist the FTC in "identifying rules and guides that warrant modification or rescission."

Written comments will be accepted until May 27. Comments should be identified as "16 CFR Part 304 - Comment" and sent to: Secretary FTC, Room H-159, Sixth and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20580. For more information, contact Robert E. Easton, Special Assistant, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC, Washington, D.C. 20580, or call (202) 326-3029.

The FTC has reviewed compliance with the regulations and found "there is a high level of compliance" with respect to imitation political items and imitation numismatic items.

Congress approved the Hobby Protection Act on Nov. 29, 1973. The Act requires manufacturers and importers of "imitation political items," defined as "an item which purports to be, but in fact is not, an original numismatic item or which is a reproduction, copy, or counterfeit of an original numismatic item," to mark such items "plainly and permanently" with the calendar year they were made and the word "copy."

The Act designated the FTC develop regulations regarding how the marking would be carried out. The FTC issued its Rules and Regulations in 1975 under the Hobby Protection Act. Those rules established the sizes and dimensions of the letters and numerals to be used as well as the location of the markings.

The rule was amended in 1988 to provide additional guidance on the minimum size of letters for the word "copy" as a proportion of the diameter of the coin reproductions.

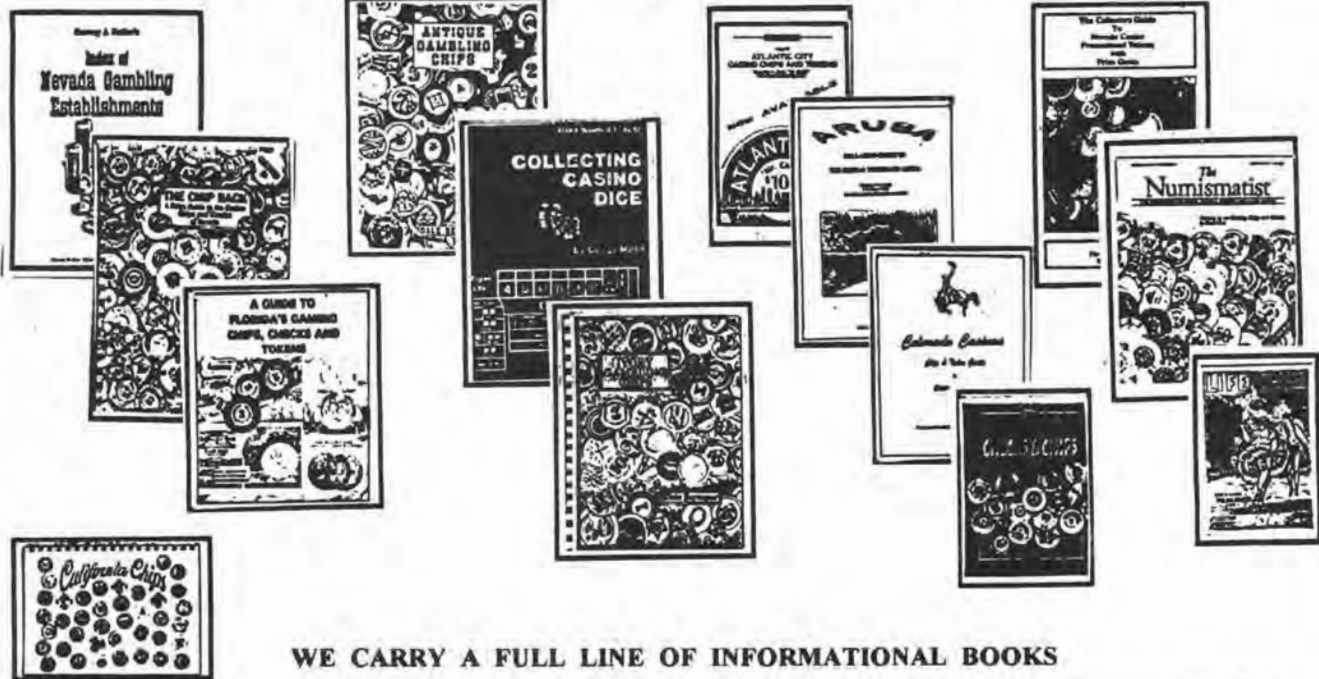
According to the FTC, before the 1988 amendment, "if the coin were too small to comply with the minimum letter size requirements, the manufacturer or importer had to individually request from the commission a

variance from those requirements." Because imitation miniature coins were becoming more common, the FTC decided to allow the word "copy" on miniature imitation coins "in sizes that could be reduced proportionally with the size of the item."

The Federal Trade Commission is seeking written comment on the following questions:

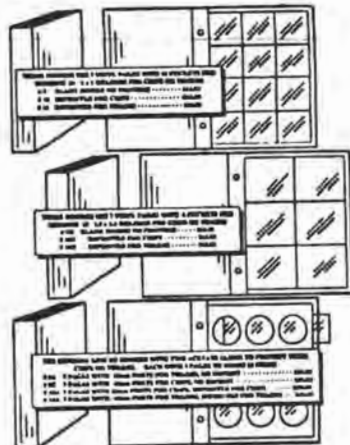
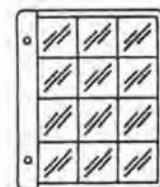
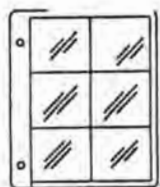
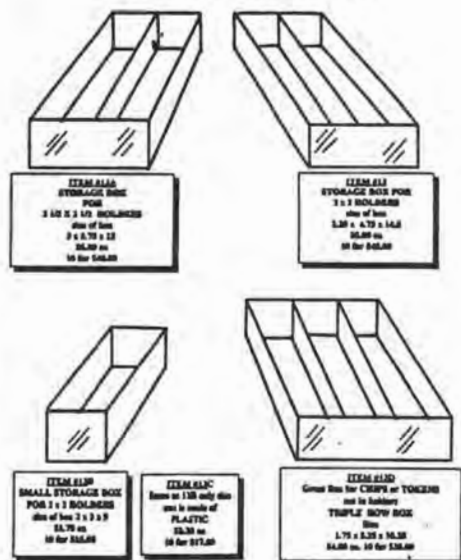
- 1) Do there continue to be reasons for legislative and regulatory intervention in the sale and marketing of imitation political items and imitation numismatic items, but not for other items collected by hobbyists (e.g., stamps)? If so, please explain.
 - a) What benefits has the rule provided to purchasers of the products or services affected by the rule?
 - b) Has the rule imposed costs on purchasers?
- 2) What changes, if any, should be made to the rule to increase the benefits of the rule to purchasers?
 - a) How would these changes affect the costs the rule imposes on firms subject to its requirements?
- 3) What significant burdens or costs, including costs of compliance, has the rule imposed on firms subject to its requirements?
 - a) Has the rule provided benefits to such firms?
- 4) What changes, if any, should be made to the rule to reduce the burdens or costs imposed on firms subject to its requirements?
 - a) How would these changes affect the benefits provided by the rule?
- 5) Does the rule overlap or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws or regulations?
- 6) Since the rule was issued, what effects, if any, have changes in relevant technology or economic conditions had on the rule?
- 7) What significant burdens or costs, including costs of compliance, has the rule imposed on small firms subject to its requirements?
 - a) How do these burdens or costs differ from those imposed on larger firms subject to the rule's requirements?
- 8) To what extent are the burdens or costs that the rule imposes on small firms similar to those small firms would incur under standard and prudent business practices?
- 9) What changes, if any, should be made to the rule to reduce the burdens or costs imposed on small firms?
 - a) How would these changes affect the benefits of the rule?
 - b) Would such changes adversely affect the competitive position of larger firms?
- 10) The rule currently mandates the minimum sizes for the calendar year to be marked on imitation political items and for the word "copy" to be marked on imitation numismatic items.
 - a) Should the commission amend the rule to replace the mandated minimum sizes with a performance based standard (e.g., clear and prominent disclosure)?
 - b) If so, what should the performance based standard be?
 - c) What would be the costs and benefits of the proposed performance

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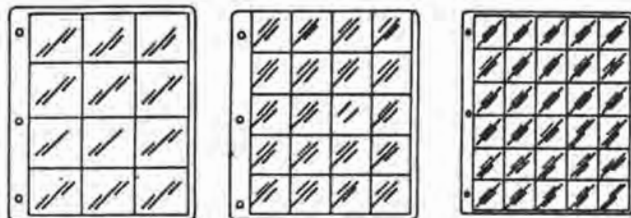


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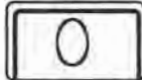
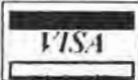
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14-A	Insert with 12 2 1/2 x 4 1/4 Spaces	\$6.00	
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15-1	Plan Tray	\$7.50	
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22	Chip or Token Wallet for 12 items	\$1.00	
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26A	Replacement Holder \$10 Silver Strikes	\$1.25	
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NEVADA GAMING TOKENS

by Paul Alexander

WHILE THE ADVICE "Go West, Young Man" may not have been specifically intended for coin collectors, many numismatists are currently heeding Horace Greeley's timely message. Remembering the good ol' days when there were not only silver coins in the West, but when silver dollars were the mainstay of the casinos in Nevada, a good many "young men" are directing their attention again to these casinos.

Silver dollars began disappearing in 1964 as a result of increasing silver prices and the resultant demand by coin collectors. It is hardly to be expected that a coin worth more than face value would long remain in circulation.

As a replacement for the fast-disappearing silver cartwheels, dollar gaming tokens were introduced in 1965 by The Franklin Mint of Yeadon, Pennsylvania. The first user was Harrah's of Reno and Lake Tahoe, Nevada. By the end of 1965, more than forty of Nevada's leading casinos were using dollar gaming tokens minted by private mints, the foremost of which is The Franklin Mint.

By 1966 silver dollars had completely disappeared from circulation and by the middle of that year every major casino in the Las Vegas area, as well as all the important casinos in other parts of Nevada, had ordered their own private dollar gaming tokens.

Of the 27 casinos which first issued tokens minted by The Franklin Mint in 1965, 23 modified and dated them in 1966. The most common alteration at this time was the change from a border with raised letters to a border with depressed letters, which made the tokens stack and handle better on the gaming tables.

Only a part of the 1965 tokens were dated, but since 1966 all coins issued by the Franklin Mint bear the year of their issue. With the exception of the change of date, tokens remain much the same from year to year for a particular club.

In 1967 three new denominations of coins were introduced—50c, \$2 and \$5, and in 1968 a \$2.50 token of 40 millimeters was struck, in bronze, for Reno's Horseshoe Club. Each denomination

millimeters in diameter; \$2, 40 millimeters; \$1, 37 millimeters; half dollar, 31 millimeters. There are some exceptions to these; for example the \$1 token issued in 1967 for Jim Kelley's Nugget in Reno is 39 millimeters instead of the standard size issued for the same casino in 1966. The Golden Nugget of Las Vegas \$1 token of 1965 is 40 millimeters, as is that of the Las Vegas Club in Las Vegas, although the latter was issued in the standard size in 1966. Likewise Harrah's in Reno and Lake Tahoe issued a 40 millimeter coin in 1965, but thereafter the standard size of 37 millimeters was minted.

Casinos continued to use older tokens, but as they run low new ones are ordered in various quantities. For collectors, The Franklin Mint strikes a limited number of special proof and proof-like specimens of each issue. Proof coins are individually multiple-struck with specially polished dies to produce a mirror-like finish as near perfect as is possible. In most cases, less than 1,000 such coins are struck. The proof-like issue is very close to the proofs in quality, but produced at a greater speed, with minor imperfections on the surface being acceptable. Usually about double the number of proof coins are struck in this manner. Both the proof and proof-like coins have been sold by subscription and are now available only from collectors who might care to sell their specimens. 1967 was the last year in which proof-like coins were issued, and in 1968 only proof specimens were minted, primarily for collectors, in addition to the regular mint run. This latter designation refers to the usual mint-quality tokens, generally called BU (Brilliant, Uncirculated), which range from a

thousand to as high as 387,000. These may be obtained from the casinos where they are used, or through coin dealers who may handle them.

Coins issued by The Franklin Mint for the most part are of an alloy designated Franklinium, although several clubs, including the Carson City Nugget, the South Tahoe Casino and the Silver Nugget of North Las Vegas, use solid brass coins. Brass is also the predominant metal used for the mint run of the half-dollar pieces, and in these cases proof coins are struck in bonded silverclad as well as brass. In one case, Jim Kelley's Nugget in Reno, coins are produced of nickel silver.

In 1965 all proof coins were .999 fine silver, and in the case of Harrah's of Reno, a single platinum coin was struck. In 1966 proofs of the \$1 tokens were silverclad. Exceptions to these were Harrah's, which in 1966 had a proof run of 500 coins in silver as well as 500 silverclad and Sahara Tahoe Hotel, which had proofs of a similar quantity minted in silver and silverclad. Since 1966 proofs of the \$1 tokens have been in the same metal as the regular mint run. The \$5 token was originally struck in sterling silver, but this was also discontinued due to the rising cost of silver, with silverclad substituted on later mintings.

Errors are always of interest to collectors, and the Nevada gaming tokens are not without theirs. In 1967 the Harold's Club \$5 token was issued reading "Harold's Club, Las Vegas" on the reverse rim. No proofs of the error were struck, but 1,551 proof-like coins were struck, and all but 110 of the mint run were replaced with a corrected run of 252 proof, 1010 sterling mint run and 10,025 silverclad mint run tokens.

The tokens of each casino have a different coded reeding pattern around the edge, a unique technique developed by The Franklin Mint to help casinos identify their tokens in a stack. In 1967 the United States Patent Office

issued patent number 3,350,802 to protect this system. To date, over a hundred different edge patterns have been issued—a collection in itself!

A visit to Nevada will no longer pay off with handsome cartwheels, but in their place collectors can pocket some of the handsome new coinage which has appeared on the scene. And, for the collector with eyes fixed on wider horizons, gaming tokens of a similar type have been minted for casinos in the Bahamas, Netherlands Antilles, Portuguese Macau, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Dutch Guiana. So, smooth sailing and good collecting. □



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Submitted by Scott Fawcett

Offering to Collectors . . .
The \$100 Players Check



\$70.⁰⁰ each - postage included.

The Players Hotel Casino was slated to open in the location of the Mapes Money Tree Casino at the corner of 2nd and Sierra streets in Reno, Nevada in the mid-1980's. All of the equipment was ordered, including the gaming checks. Although the operation was to be run by a group of experienced gaming executives, they lacked sufficient financial support and asked for the Nevada Gaming Control board to approve their financial backer. Just before the Casino was slated to open, the board refused to license the financial backer and the casino could not open. We are offering a limited number of the \$100 checks for sale to collectors at \$70 each.



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CHAPTER CLUB INFORMATION

ATLANTIC CITY CHAPTER: The club's first local chapter holds meetings every other month from September through May. Meetings are held at the Showboat Hotel Casino in the Mardi Gras room, on Sundays from noon to four p.m. The contact for official club business is Dick Brach, currently president of the chapter, and out-of-town visiting club members are welcome at chapter meetings. Guest speakers at the meetings have included representatives of CHIPCO International, Paul-Son Dice & Card Co., and the head of security for Trump's Castle Hotel Casino in Atlantic City. A member swap meet and auction are usual highlights of the meetings. The AC Chapter presently has about 225 members. Officers are:

President: Dick Brach, 32 Olson Dr., Warren, NJ 07059
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Vice-President: Russell Diaz

Secretary: Jerry Birl

Treasurer: Tom Duffy

COLORADO CHAPTER: The Colorado Chapter holds its meetings monthly on the third Sunday from 12:30 pm. Meeting locations vary. Casino Collectibles Club News is the monthly newsletter which is distributed to members, and in which details of each meeting can be found. Visiting chip collectors are welcome at chapter meetings and are welcome to contact President Lee Bruton for details. The chapter is presently working on a book of the history of gaming in Colorado, both past and present. Approximately 135 members are in good standing. Chapter officers are:

President: Lee Bruton, 176 Sagebrush St., Golden, CO 80401 (303) 279-1299

Vice-President: Dick Goudie

Secretary: Ralph Mancinelli

Treasurer/Editor: Ben Kriegh

Sergeant at Arms: Lindsey Stenneche

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER: The southern California Chapter holds its informal gatherings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Hollywood Park Casino, Century Blvd. & Prairie Ave., Inglewood, CA. The meeting is on the second floor across from the health club. For further information please call Scott Hartman (800) LUCK-707 or Armin Phaender (818) 893-2825

GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER: The Greater Houston Chapter is relatively small, with 18 members currently active, but is growing and active. Presently the chapter does not publish a newsletter, but postcard notices of meetings are sent to each member. Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month, from 7 to 9 pm, with member trading a significant portion of each meeting. Visiting collectors are welcome at the meetings and may contact Vern Blanck for details.

President: Grank Chalfant

Secretary/Treasurer: Vern Blanck, P.O. Box 90097,
Houston, TX 77290 (713) 587-0734

NOR-CAL-NEV CHAPTER: The Nor-Cal-Nev Chapter has been organized to serve the needs of collectors in the Northern California and Northern Nevada area. Meeting locations and dates vary. For more information contact Todd Dingley, 6 Sandpointe Ct., Sacramento, CA 95831

SOUTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER: The club's newest officially-recognized chapter is extremely active, and has more than 55 members. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Las Vegas Club, Downtown, new tower, 3rd floor. Visiting collectors are welcome at the meetings and details can be provided by mail by Debbie Harber, the official contact for the chapter. Officers are:

President: Gerald O'Neal

Vice-President: Bill Akeman

Secretary: Debbie Harber, 613 Mayfield St., Las Vegas, NV 89107

Treasurer: Nancy Clark

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GREAT LAKES CHAPTER: The first meeting was held on Saturday the 19th of April in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The 19 people attending enjoyed a 2 1/2 hour trade session, an outstanding lunch, served by Jim Smith. It was decided that monthly meetings would be held in Ann Arbor, as a central location, on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. For more information please contact Jim Smith (313)0662-4530 or Don Conrad (517) 694-3888.

John "Top" Newby #2377 is seeking other Florida members to start a Florida Chapter. Please contact him at: 5161 E. Triss St., Inverness, FL 34452

BRAND NEW COLLECTOR !

I live in Iowa and am brand new to chip collecting. My "Home" casinos are: The Belle of Sioux City, Casino Omaha, Winnavegas, Ameristar, Harveys, Jackpot Junction, Firefly Creek, Royal River, Dakota Sioux, and Meskwaki. I have \$1, \$5, Commemoratives, Silver Strikes, some Roulettes, and chips from many other Casinos to trade too. I am starting by only collecting \$1 chips (for now!), and am anxious to trade whatever I have for any \$1 chips that I do not have. Thanks to all of my friends on the internet that have traded with me to get me started. I look forward to hearing from you. Send me your trade lists, and want lists. Lets get a deal going!

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4	\$47.50	54	\$65.00	104	\$260.00	154	\$110.00	204	\$225.00
5	\$80.00	55	\$475.00	105	\$250.00	155	\$75.00	205	\$203.00
6	\$17.50	56	\$125.00	106	\$200.00	156	\$1,200.00	206	\$325.00
7	\$90.00	57	\$650.00	107	\$80.00	157	\$125.00	207	\$200.00
8	\$425.00	58	\$400.00	108	\$75.00	158	\$190.00	208	\$85.00
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10	\$42.50	60	\$250.00	110	\$125.00	160	\$140.00	210	\$325.00
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12	\$345.00	62	\$550.00	112	\$45.00	162	\$75.00	212	\$35.00
13	\$255.00	63	\$250.00	113	\$200.00	163	\$600.00	213	\$35.00
14	\$105.00	64	\$250.00	114	\$165.00	164	\$500.00	214	\$75.00
15	\$50.00	65	\$200.00	115	\$550.00	165	[\$300.00]	215	\$70.00
16	\$70.00	66	\$110.00	116	\$220.00	166	[\$600.00]	216	\$175.00
17	\$525.00	67	\$900.00	117	\$190.00	167	\$70.00	217	\$210.00
18	\$170.00	68.1	\$140.00	118	[\$750.00]	168	\$150.00	218	[\$500.00]
19	\$40.00	68.2	\$225.00	119	\$85.00	169	\$525.00	219	\$20.00
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22	\$55.00	71	\$750.00	122	\$130.00	172	\$35.00	222	\$650.00
23	\$200.00	72	\$325.00	123	\$225.00	173	\$30.00	223	\$130.00
24	\$120.00	73	\$225.00	124	\$350.00	174	\$8.00	224	\$110.00
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44	\$70.00	94	\$525.00	145	\$65.00	195	\$110.00		
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46	\$420.00	96	\$120.00	147	[\$105.00]	197	\$250.00		
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R-3221	Lonski	Rick	MI				
R-3221-A	Lonski	Terni	MI				
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10-1-96 TO 12-31-96

BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 1996: **\$42188**

INCOME:

AUCTION LOT PAYMENTS	63
AUCTION CATALOG '97	30
CONVENTION '97 TABLE FEES	5600
DIRECTORY SALES	18
DUES	7602
LOGO SALES	510
MAGAZINE ADS	2626
(INCOME ADJUSTMENT FROM 4/96 - AD REFUND)	12

TOTAL: **\$16461**

EXPENDITURES:

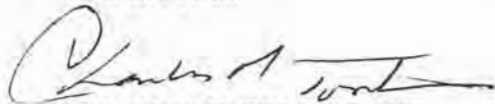
CHECK FEES	6
CLUB PUBLICITY	72
CONVENTION '97 (DEALERS GIFTS, PRINTING, ADVERTISEMENT)	851
CONVENTION '97 TABLE FEES (REFUND)	200
DUES (BAD CHECK)	20
LOGO MATERIALS	119
MAGAZINE (ENVELOPES)	972
MAGAZINE AD (REFUND)	12
MAGAZINE POSTAGE VOL 9, NO 4	2433
MAGAZINE PRINTING VOL 9, NO 4	6226
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TELEPHONE	21

TOTAL: **\$12260**

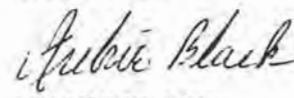
CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996: **\$46389**

NET DIFFERENCE: **+\$ 4201**

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CHARLES M. TOMARCHIO
TREASURER

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TREASURER'S REPORT

1-1-97 TO 3-31-97

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1997:

\$46389

INCOME:

AUCTION CATALOG '97 SALES	2090
CHECK FEES	6
CONVENTION '97	
EARLY BIRD DONATIONS	415
CONVENTION '97 TABLE FEES	12400
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SALES	88
MEMBERSHIP DUES	8362
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	137
LOGO SALES	396
MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 10, NO 2)	1975
VOIDED CHECK NO. 1541 ('96 AUCTION)	261

TOTAL:

\$26130

EXPENDITURES:

A.N.A.	25
AUCTION CATALOG REFUND	10
AWARDS	73
CHECK FEES (NEW CHECKS)	63
CONVENTION '97 TABLE FEES REFUND	800
CONVENTION '97	
ADVERTISEMENT	71
LOGO ITEMS	2070
MEDALS (SILVER BULLION)	1208
SHOW CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES	564
LEGAL FEES	40
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 10, NO 1)	2473
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 10, NO 1)	7541
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT DEPOSIT (SEE ATTACHED)	30000
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	965
PRINTING/COPYING	50
PUBLICATIONS, REFERENCE	19
PUBLICITY	556
REFUNDS (LOGO SALES)	20
STATIONERY	233
TELEPHONE	91
TRAVEL/LODGING (NEVADA GOLD MUSEUM G.O.)	456

TOTAL:

\$47328

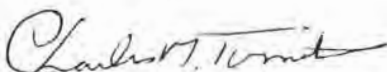
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\$25191

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Itemized Categories Report

1/1/97 Through 3/31/97

Cat/Sub	Date	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
INCOME						
_IntInc						
	2/28/97		(SJS&LA)			69.04
TOTAL _IntInc						<u>69.04</u>
TOTAL INCOME						<u>69.04</u>
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES						<u>69.04</u>
TRANSFERS						
Casino ...						
	2/28/97		S.J.S.&L. ASSOC.			5,000.00
TOTAL FROM Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens						<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS						<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance Forward						
C.C.&G.T.C.C. MM ACCT-113460010559						
	2/4/97		Opening Balance		R	25,000.00
TOTAL C.C.&G.T.C.C. MM ACCT-113460010559						<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL Balance Forward						<u>25,000.00</u>
OVERALL TOTAL						<u>30,069.04</u>

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

My apology for not including a quarterly financial report in the last issue of the Club magazine. I have been busy concentrating on getting the Club's checking account into an interest bearing account and transferring our excess funds into a Money Market Savings Account. The savings account report is attached to the First Quarter Treasurer's Report. With the help of Club member Mitch Smith of Wilmington, Delaware, the Club's Federal tax return has been completed and filed. Mitch is currently assisting the Club in getting its Federal return reporting period changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year period. I have changed our record keeping from "My Checkbook" program to "Quicken Deluxe 6" program. The Quicken program provides more in-depth record-keeping and report retrieval.

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CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Well the results are in and the winners were announced at the recently concluded Aladdin Convention. For those of you who were not present in Las Vegas the following are the final tabulations.

First of all, let me thank those 87 club members who served as judges for this annual club activity. Only those members who had submitted valid nominations for the 1996 Chip & Token of the Year were invited to serve on the judging committee and to receive an official election ballot for the 1996 Chip Of The Year and 1997 Token Of The Year.

Each first place vote received 5 points; each second place vote received 3 points; each third place vote received 2 points. As you can see, the judging was extremely close among the top four chip positions resulting in a tie for the top chip spot. One or two additional ballots received could have changed the standings considerably. The 87 responses received, which represents the views of the entire CC>CC membership, chose the following winners:

1996 CHIP OF THE YEAR

MOHEGAN SUN:	10 First Place votes	50 points
Uncasville, CT	16 Second Place votes	48 points
	10 Third Place votes	20 points
TOTAL POINTS:	118	
STRATOSPHERE:	14 First Place votes	70 points
Las Vegas, NV	8 Second Place votes	24 points
	12 Third Place votes	24 points
TOTAL POINTS:	118	
MAIN STREET STATION:	11 First Place votes	55 points
Las Vegas, NV	15 Second Place votes	45 points
	6 Third Place votes	12 points
TOTAL POINTS:	112	
LUXOR:	8 First Place votes	40 points
Las Vegas, NV	12 Second Place votes	36 points
	17 Third Place votes	34 points
TOTAL POINTS:	110	
OPERA HOUSE EASTER:	14 First Place votes	70 points
Las Vegas, NV	9 Second Place votes	27 points
	6 3rd Place votes	12 points
TOTAL POINTS:	109	
COLORADO CENTRAL STATION:	10 First Place votes	50 points
Blackhawk, CO	4 Second Place votes	12 points
	12 Third Place votes	24 points
TOTAL POINTS:	96	
PIONEER RIVER RUN:	6 First Place votes	30 points
Laughlin, NV	5 Second Place votes	15 points
	7 Third Place votes	14 points
TOTAL POINTS:	59	
HARD ROCK CHRISTMAS:	6 First Place votes	30 points
Las Vegas, NV	6 Second Place votes	18 points
	2 Third Place votes	4 points
TOTAL POINTS:	52	
SILVER DOLLAR SALOON	6 First Place votes	30 points
Las Vegas, NV	5 Second Place votes	15 points
	3 Third Place votes	6 points
TOTAL POINTS:	51	
TROPICANA HALLOWEEN:	2 First Place votes	10 points
Atlantic City, NJ	2 Second Place votes	6 points
	4 Third Place votes	8 points
TOTAL POINTS:	24	

TROPICANA NUMMERS:	1 First Place votes	5 points
Atlantic City, NJ	3 Second Place votes	9 points
	5 Third Place votes	10 points
TOTAL POINTS:		24
TAJ MAHAL HARD ROCK CAFE:	0 First Place votes	0 points
Atlantic City, NJ	1 Second Place vote	3 points
	3 Third Place votes	6 points
TOTAL POINTS:		9

1996 TOKEN OF THE YEAR

\$1 SAHARA	26 First Place votes	130 points
Las Vegas, NV	10 Second Place votes	30 points
	6 Third Place votes	12 points
TOTAL POINTS:		172
\$5 DOUBLE EAGLE	17 First Place votes	85 points
Cripple Creek, CO	13 Second Place votes	39 points
	9 Third Place votes	18 points
TOTAL POINTS:		142
\$1 FLAMINGO HILTON	6 First Place votes	30 points
Kansas City, MO	12 Second Place votes	36 points
	21 Third Place votes	42 points
TOTAL POINTS:		108
\$2 PALACE STATION	9 First Place votes	45 points
Las Vegas, NV	11 Second Place votes	33 points
	14 Third Place votes	28 points
TOTAL POINTS:		106
\$5 SILVER HAWK	13 First Place votes	65 points
Blackhawk, CO	7 Second Place votes	21 points
	5 Third Place votes	10 points
TOTAL POINTS:		96
\$1 STRATOSPHERE G.O.	6 First Place votes	30 points
Las Vegas, NV	8 Second Place votes	24 points
	11 Third Place votes	22 points
TOTAL POINTS:		76
\$1 FREMONT	6 First Place votes	30 points
Las Vegas, NV	5 Second Place votes	15 points
	8 Third Place votes	16 points
TOTAL POINTS:		61
\$1 MONTE CARLO	3 First Place votes	15 points
Las Vegas, NV	6 Second Place votes	18 points
	4 Third Place votes	8 points
TOTAL POINTS:		41
\$1 DOUBLE EAGLE G.O.	4 First Place votes	20 points
Cripple Creek, CO	3 Second Place votes	9 points
	4 Third Place votes	8 points
TOTAL POINTS:		37
\$1 MAIN STREET STATION	0 First Place votes	0 points
Las Vegas, NV	3 Second Place votes	9 points
	2 Third Place votes	4 points
TOTAL POINTS:		13

A blowout resulted in the token competition.... \$1 Sahara by a wide margin!

Perhaps next year we will see additional participation?

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TOKEN COLLECTORS MEET - A HUGE SUCCESS!

by Norma King & Don Siders

Jeff Connors, Anchor Gaming, and Brian Mays, formerly with Osborne Coinage Company, held a larger than expected group of gaming token collectors attention for over an hour, Thursday, June 19, 1997. This was the first ever Gaming Token Collectors meeting held in conjunction with the C.C. & G.T.C.C.'s 5th Annual National Convention. The meeting took place in Imperial Room 4 at 7:30 P.M.

The room was set with large round tables. The Club furnished soft drinks, pretzels, and potato chips (the only chips scheduled for the evening). Before the meeting began note pads, pencils, drawing tickets and meeting questionnaires were passed to all in attendance.

After a welcome, a few thank you's, and announcements Brian Mays was introduced as the first speaker. Mays discussed "Gaming Tokens from a Manufacturer's Point of View." He gave us many enlightening bits of information. Mays certainly held the collectors interest when he discussed the changes over the years in die cutting techniques and how die errors and variations have been minimized. Mays explained that regulations are different for every gaming area, and that the mints are responsible to the authorities for federal and jurisdiction regulation compliance.

We learned that tokens with a plain edge hold up better in the machines, thus the influx of plain edge tokens versus reeded or paired edges. Further, Mays explained that due to gaming regulations, the maximum number of allowable reed serrations on the larger than 37 mm dollar size tokens have the appearance of "railroad tracks", lack eye appeal,

and are not usually encouraged. He commented that special designs or edge marks are sometimes requested, as in the case of the Cal-Neva Lodge in Crystal Bay.

Jeff Connors was introduced next. His topic, "Silver Strikes, their Machines, and what's new from Anchor Games." Silver Strike collectors were given an abundance of information, along with comments on new series that are appearing in machines. Collectors were told of new tokens being added to the already popular Jimmy Dean and Marilyn Monroe series'. There is also a series of WWII fighter aircraft that is expected to become very popular with both silver strike and military collectors. New Silver Strike machines, more player friendly, are being installed at many new locations. Be sure to look for these. We were also advised that the slot machine on the Bourse floor, which dispensed Anchor Games calling card tokens, was one of the newly configured Silver Strike machines. Incidentally, this machine was a big hit with convention attendees.

Anchor Games introduced the new Wheel of Fortune, in house multiple progressive, game this year. It has already proven to be very popular and exciting. Every casino that has this game always appears to have as many spectators as players. Anchor has several additional new and unique games and machines being developed and we will see these on riverboats and in local casinos before the year-end. Connors showed us some of the new face plates from a Bill Cosby promotion in Reno and the new Totem Pole game currently at some of the larger casinos.

A lively question and answer session followed the two speakers. Both Mays and Connors fielded some very interesting questions. Some of which were: How do tokens get issued without mint marks; Why were some Silver Strikes issued without the silver content marked on them; Why are the early Osborne tokens so hard to obtain; What is the usual run of specimen or sample tokens; Why does Anchor Gaming use the 1989 date on the reverse of its route tokens; Why do some casinos refuse to sell or exchange Silver Strikes at the cage; and do all mints currently use a master hub for token issues? This part of the meeting had to be stopped before all questions were asked in order to allow time for the remainder of the program.

These knowledgeable guests from the industry, had the answers and more for collectors. The participation of those present certainly made the speakers aware of the collectors interest, and concerns, as well as feel appreciated and welcome at the meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the new issues from the Sunset Station, which opened on June 10th, along with the new medallion aligned \$2.00 tokens from the Rio and some very nice redesigned \$2.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 tokens from the MGM Grand. The release of a couple long awaited route tokens was announced.

Door prizes were donated by Brian Mays, Osborne Coinage, Jeff Connors, and Anchor Games. We drew over a dozen tickets for medallions, shirts, key rings, and tokens. All tickets were placed back in the container for the Grand Prize drawing, donated by Anchor Games.

Before the final drawing, the speakers were thanked once again and a temporary framed "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to both Mays and Connors for their educational participation. The Club will mail an official C.C.& G.T.C.C. certificate to both gentlemen in the near future.

The high-lite of the evening made one very lucky collector thrilled when his number was called to receive the Grand Prize. Everyone was hoping to win the beautifully crafted .999 Fine Silver Medallion, the size of the \$200.00 Silver Strike. Encased in a nice velvet presentation case, this medallion contained no less than One-Pound of Silver with hand applied 24 Kt. Gold overlays.

Collectors were then asked to complete the meeting questionnaire before leaving or starting the swap session. At about 9:15 the group broke for a lively token swap. This provided the opportunity not only for token collectors to get acquainted and trade some duplicates, but for those who also collect chips to concentrate on adding to their own token collections. (One chip collector told me he had come to the meeting with the intent of dumping his tokens, and after seeing and hearing the interest decided not only to keep his tokens, but to add some examples to this collection.) Before we knew it, midnight had arrived and there were collectors still busy making trades and talking tokens.

This first ever token collectors meeting was a huge success! Token collectors unanimously agreed to stay in touch this next year, contribute more to the Club Magazine, and plan for a second annual meeting at the 6th Annual C.C.& G.T.C.C. Convention. Mike

Skelton has agreed. He will ask the Club Board of Directors if we may have the same Thursday evening for another meeting next year, and program plans are already underway. Details will be announced later.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better gathering at the convention next year. So plan now, and save your Thursday evening for this event. By all means, do not forget your traders.

Looking forward to next year's meeting!

Happy Collecting
DON & JEAN G.T.C.

Some Thoughts About Auctions and Auction Price Records

Just what do they mean?

by Howard W. Herz - CH-85

How often have you been listening to a collector of checks or a dealer exclaim - "It brought \$500 in auction". Just what does an auction record mean? After several years of running auctions I would like to share some of my thoughts with collectors on prices and auction results.

A public live auction is probably an excellent way to determine the relative value of what collectors consider an item to be worth. So why do I say "relative" value when an exact price has been paid? An auction is a sales method that attempts to determine the maximum price that a buyer will pay. By pitting several buyers against each other, the highest "value" might be obtained. So is this the "value" of any similar item. Maybe and maybe not!!

An auction price reflects the highest value that one individual will pay. What about the opinion of the second highest bidder - and the third and fourth highest? When you try to determine what a market value should be from auction results, remember that the final sale price represents the top value of a range of values that the bidders offered to pay. Yes, the top bidder ended up with the item, but underbidders were also willing to pay a substantial, but slightly lower price also.

Consider the following bids for a single item that I recently received in a sale:

Bidder A	\$413.00
Bidder B	\$375.00
Bidder C	\$334.00
Bidder D	\$303.00

All of these bids were strong and represented the maximum that each bidder considered fair for the item. The bids average to \$356.25. If I were going to consider establishing a price for the item, I would consider it to be \$350.00. If I were going to price this item in a book, I would probably list it in a range of (\$325-\$375).

In any market I feel that you have to give consideration to what people are actually willing to pay if you want to determine a "value". An item offered at a price without a sale or counter offer does not constitute a transaction that establishes "value". In the above instance, if a second identical item were offered for \$413, the second bidder would pass, and the first would decline, having already obtained one.

I believe that a good consideration to make when determining "values" is to think of how many available buyers there are and what they will pay. If you are trying to establish the value of a large number of similar gaming checks, consider at what level your potential customers will be willing to buy. In our relatively small hobby, it is often the number of willing buyers that will determine the "value". Once all of the willing buyers have the chip, another buy may well be rarer than the chip!

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By Janice O'Neal CH-008

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California Rambling, Gambling, and Collecting by Michael Moore

The first thing I want to do is thank the people who purchased my book, CALIFORNIA CHIP PRICING GUIDE, your comments were very helpful and appreciated. The project was a grind and a lot more work than I had expected. It is a pleasure to know all my labor was understood and helpful to you. With your assistance future editions will be even better.

A Tale From The Trail

About six years ago when collecting chips was a fresh idea for me, I would jump at the chance to find new ways of getting a chips. While coming home from a poker tournament at the Peppermill in Reno I had to make a pit stop and eat. My normal routine is to find a card room, get in a game, eat at the table, use the facilities, and win some money in the interim. With luck, find a new chip.

I stopped at a small town in the foothills of the Sierra Mountains on the California side. Guber's Gas Station had a phone booth which yielded a telephone directory listing one card club. With the help of some locals who plotted the course for me, I found the bar with the card game off in the corner. As I opened the creaking door, the seven people in the place stopped everything for a long second to watch me enter. I nonchalantly moved my right hand over to check my fly. It was up. Through the haze an over weight man in his late sixties asked if there was anything he could do for me. I let it be known cards were of interest and he invited me to the five handed game in progress. A middle aged cowboy with a cloud of smoke from an unfiltered Lucky obscuring his face in the three seat pushed out a chair for me. The dealer, wearing a plaid shirt, dirty Levis looking very much like a welder told me the game was \$2-\$4 Texas Hold'em high low split.

Shorthanded split pot games are not too desirable to me so I asked if any other players might show. The over weight man, Norm who turned out to be the owner, barked at the bartender, "Bob!" Bob was picking his teeth with a matchbook cover and jumped off his stool, "What?" "You want to play some cards?" "I can't afford it."

The dealer immediately inquired about an amount of chips and told me to sit down. It seemed more of a task to back out than to play so I pulled a 'C' note out of my left front pocket without revealing my bankroll. "Forty," was my reply. Norm put the \$100 bill in his pocket and pushed forty blue chips from a closed club in Sacramento and my sixty dollars change to the middle of the table. Small clubs quite often use chips from other casinos. The dealer had the cards in the air as I pulled my chips into position and settled into the game feeling like a fish in a shark tank.

The little old lady on my left, looked to be somewhere between 90 and 100 years old, very thin, hunched over her chips, removed a lipstick stained cigarette from he mouth and informed me that this was the best place to play cards in town. When I showed interest in the other card room. Blithe, the big blond in the seven seat said, "You should come here on Sunday. We have a tournament." Seeing that this club used chips from other clubs and hearing "tournament" was like music to my ears. I told them about my exploits in Reno where some of the events had as many as 26 tables. The dealer chimed in, "We'll get seven or eight here on Sunday." I had to stop and re-evaluate the place. I surveyed the room trying to figure where seven or eight tables would fit and could only find space for three; four if they put the pool table outside. I determined there was an unseen tournament area. After a bowl of chili and the use of their wash room, I managed to pocket eleven \$1 chips and seven 50 cent chips. As I pushed away from the table I said, "See you Sunday." Blithe answered, "Noon." I gave the thumbs up and left.

The following Sunday I woke up a little late after an extended night in a lively \$15-\$30 game at the Oaks Card Club in Emeryville. I ran through the shower, brushed my teeth, grabbed my luck hat, jumped into my car and pushed the speed limit for two and a half hours in an attempt to get to the tournament before I was locked out.

At four minutes after twelve, I burst through the door to find Bob sitting on his stool behind the bar. He jumped to his feet and started wiping the counter. He was the only person in the room. "Where's the tournament?" I queried. He pointed to the empty table where I had played three nights earlier.

"Where is everyone?" He assured me they would show eventually.

About five minutes later Blithe walked in. She started unlocking cabinets and putting chips onto the table and said, "Hello." I asked to sign up and found the entry fee was only \$20 but no juice. Conservatively calculating 60 players times \$20 would make a \$1,200 prize pool. She informed me they paid three places with a fifty, thirty, twenty split. A shot at \$600 for first place was enough to justify the drive and besides, I saw some odd ball chips as I gave her my twenty dollars. My confidence was pretty high. These back woods honkies won't know what hit them. I asked about seat cards which is the usual way to randomly be given the seating arrangements in a multiple table tournament. She told me I could pick any seat I wanted. It seemed like a chaotic way to deal with it. "Where is the tournament area?" She put her index finger down on the poker table in front of me. "But, I was told you get seven or eight..." She jumped-in, "Sometimes we get a full table."

The cigar box lid closed on my twenty dollars and once again it appeared easier to stay than back out. At that time the word 'tournament' to me meant large numbers of players and big prize pools. It didn't occur to me that a club would design a tournament to draw an extra two players. My pie in the sky just turned into a ten year old Twinky.

By 12:30 eight players had arrived and the tournament started. As each player was eliminated, they just stayed in their seats and watched as Blithe dealt around them with nary a miss deal. Three 25 cent Brass Rail chips used as \$25 tournament chips managed to make their way to my pocket. I played heads up with 320 pound Dwayne who had one missing front tooth. I eventually beat him with a pair of nines against his ace high. I stood up, shook Dwayne's hand and thanked everyone for the game.

Blithe asked me how many chips I would like? I told her to give me the \$90 prize money in cash, I was going to leave. In a stern voice she said, "You can't do that!"

"Why not?" I shrugged.

"You won the tournament. You have to play for two hours."

My first reaction was to argue the issue, but the other eight faces told me, "You have our money and you aren't going anywhere." I sat down. "Forty in chips, please." I couldn't figure out if I had been kidnapped, blackmailed, or hornswoggled. She passed me the chips and \$50 in small bills. Dwayne gave \$10 as a tip and then all eyes watched me. I gave Blithe \$15 back as a tip for being so kind as to deal winning cards to me. I looked at my watch and it was 2:15 p.m. For the next two hours I played the best poker in years and was up an additional \$8. At 4:15 exactly, I decided to make a break for it. As I was cashing out the voices at the table could be heard, "He's a pro." "He makes a living going around like this." "Wasn't the guy that robbed Guber's Gas Station wearing a hat?"

I pulled my hat off as I headed for the door. The sound of chairs moving away from the table was not a blessing to my ears and I was out the door and gone without a wave good-bye.

I was home in bed by 7 p.m. and mentally went over the days profit. After eats, gas, (down the road from Guber's) tournament fees and tip, I was ahead \$44 in 10 hours. I've been told that a small win in cards was better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick. The experience made me wonder how it would feel to get a poke in the eye. I don't recall what I traded for the two extra Brass Rail 25 cent chips, but I am sure it wasn't enough.

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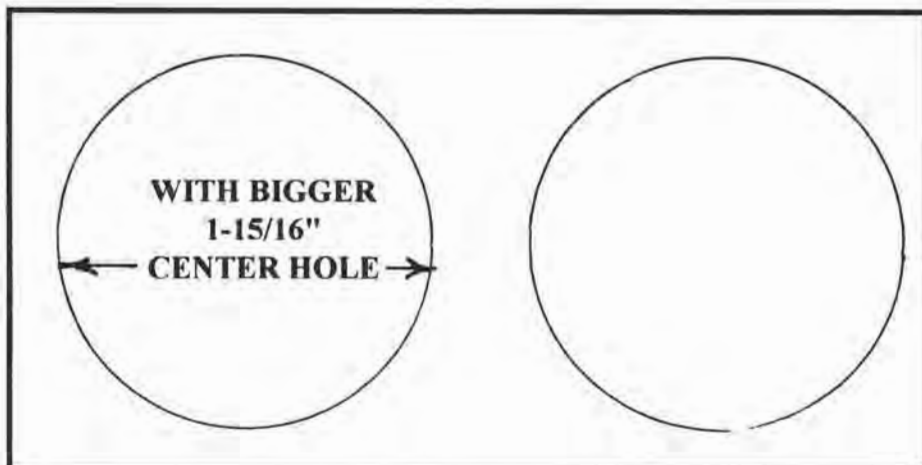
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A Midnight Chip Run with Dan Tanna and Vega\$

by Robert Pardue (CH-003)

[If you haven't seen Vega\$, check the Fox "FX" cable channel. Mostly formula detective plots, a few chase scenes then fisticuffs or gunfire before the bad guys are caught. But the background scenery is genuine late-70's Las Vegas, with some properties no longer in existence. The 1978-81 period that Vega\$ was in production and on location in Las Vegas was a transitional time for casinos in this gambling mecca ... a mix of private- and corporate-owned properties; a few mega-size resorts with high-rise towers, coexisting with smaller two-story operations; still plenty of undeveloped property on the Strip. However, the post-Mirage transformation of 1989 was still a decade in the future. A number of properties were building new wings, opening or closing, or changing owners. Business conditions and the nature of risk in the industry always created some turnover in properties, but intense competition was not yet a factor. Most properties focused on attracting high-rollers and junket action, as opposed to the increased interest in middle-income mass market slot play of the 1990's. With this setting, here's a fantasy that turns back the clock for one evening.]

You remember Dan Tanna, right? Star of the Vega\$ television show, a detective with a heart of gold who manages to prevent or solve numerous crimes in pre-megaresort Las Vegas. As one of a small group of lucky winners of CyberTransport's contest, you have been granted the ability to be transported into the set of any TV show of any era, for six hours. . . hang out with the stars and visit their electronically-stored set. Other lucky winners chose to revisit their youth by visiting with Kaptain Kangaroo (!) and one adolescent male chose the set of Baywatch. Your choice was clear and immediate: six hours -- between midnight and dawn -- on a chip run with Dan Tanna on the set of Vega\$, which includes the Strip, Downtown and various outlying areas around Las Vegas.

The Adventure Begins

You arrive at the McCarran airport just before midnight on a balmy late spring evening in 1980. It's a much smaller airport, before the late 1980's expansions necessary to funnel the millions of tourists into today's huge themed gaming properties. Benzer, Dan Tanna's good-natured assistant and "go-fer" has borrowed Dan's red convertible T-bird. He picks you up at the curb, exits the airport and heads toward Las Vegas Blvd. in the direction of the Hacienda, sitting all alone at the southern edge of the Strip. Cruising past the Hacienda, you head to the Desert Inn, Dan Tanna's main hangout. You recall that, in addition to being a free-lance private eye, Dan is retained by the Desert Inn for special security and surveillance projects. Robert Urich (er, that is, Dan Tanna) is wrapping a late scene with Burt Cohen, the real executive in charge of the Desert Inn. Cohen makes an occasional cameo appearance in the show, even though the show's DI executive is played by Tony Curtis, in the character of Roth.

It's now midnight, and Dan is ready to escort you around town to pick up chips for your collection. (Sorry, no hoarding for later resale, only one of each for your personal collection.) You jump in the passenger seat, riding shotgun beside Dan. As he heads north, he checks for messages, using his special car radio-telephone, complete with whip antenna. (Dan was a decade ahead of the ubiquitous cell-phones of the 1990's. Cool!!) Beatrice, his "girl Friday" answers. Beatrice, or Bea for short, runs the administrative aspects of Dan's business, after retiring from a career as a showgirl at the Tropicana's Folies Bergere production. "Tanna Investigations", Bea cheerily answers. After a brief conversation with Bea, Dan decides to make a quick stop at his home/office before we head downtown for our first chip run. Dan's "pad" is a converted Desert Inn storage building, located north of Circus Circus, which looms in the background. He has converted the drive-in garage so it opens directly into his living area -- bed, desk, kitchen area and one of those wicker basket chairs that hangs on a chain from the ceiling. Dan makes a quick change of clothes, then you're off to Downtown.

Chips from Dan Tanna's main hangout -- the Desert Inn -- circa 1980



Glitter Gulch Becons

Cruising up Fremont Street (before it was closed and converted to the Fremont Street Experience), you experience the raw energy and sensory stimuli that is the essence of the 1980-era "Glitter Gulch". Post-midnight weekend Vegas is in full swing, with the cooling night air breezing through the convertible. As you pass the heart of Glitter Gulch, with casinos on both sides and neon glowing brightly, you hear the muffled cacophony of slot machine bells and cheering bettors around the craps tables just beyond the open-air entrances to the familiar casinos.

Dan maneuvers the T-bird to the valet parking area in front of the **Union Plaza** and you both hop out. Looking up, you notice the big red-orange letters which spell out "P L A Z A" on top of the building. First you pick up chips at the Plaza, then you decide to cover the three-block Fremont Street casino center on foot. Stopping first in the **Golden Gate**, with its dancing-letters sign, you continue past the **Coin Castle**, then into the **Club Bingo**, and finally into the **Pioneer** with the familiar Vegas Vic waving above. Crossing the street to the second block of Glitter Gulch, you enter the **Friendly Club** and play a few hands of blackjack in order to pick up chips from one of their few tables. Next up is the **Golden Nugget**, with its neon facade and huge rooftop sign. With "G N" chips in hand, you cross the street into the block-long **Four Queens**, the last casino open on this side of Glitter Gulch. You pick up their Bud Jones-styled regular issue chips from a nearby craps table. Momentarily forgetting the date, you ask the cashier's cage about any new commemoratives. They respond, "What's a commemorative?" [The high-rise Sundance Hotel-Casino -- now Fitzgerald's -- is under construction and destined to open in July, 1980.]

Dodging the traffic, you head across the street and into the **Fremont Hotel & Casino** for their current chips, then head back up the street to **Binion's Horseshoe**. Occupying only half the block, the Horseshoe is jammed with slots, craps and blackjack tables, but no space for a poker room (except the temporary installation of tables each May for the World Series tournaments). The **Mint** is next, with its bright pink neon-embellished facade. Wrapping up Fremont Street, in the final block before returning to the Plaza, you find the **Sundance West** is still open (where the Sassy Sally now stands). The **Golden Goose** occupies the middle of the block, and the pre-modernized **Las Vegas Club** is on the northwest corner. Your last two downtown stops are the **Holiday International** (which closed in April, 1980) and **Sam Boyd's California Hotel & Casino**. Returning to the T-bird, Dan and you briefly stop by the locals-oriented **El Cortez** and **Western** casinos, then make a quick detour to the **Showboat**. Out by itself on the Boulder Highway since the 1950's, the Showboat carves out a distinct market, with only the competition of the newly-opened **Sam's Town** further down the road.

Representative Chips from a Downtown Las Vegas Chip Run -- circa 1980

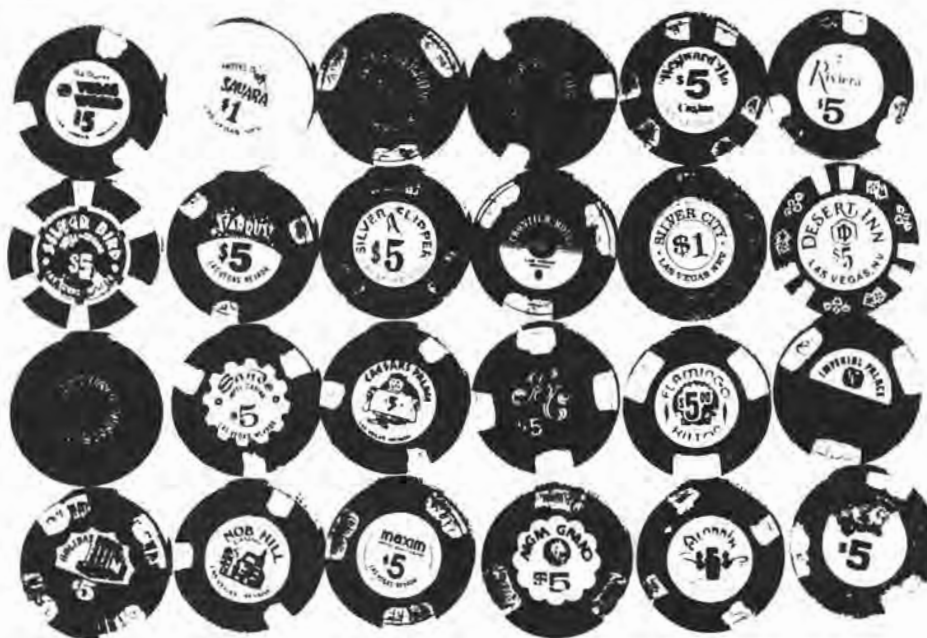


Cruising the Strip

With two hours of your adventure spent, you decide to reserve the rest of the time hunting chips on the famous Las Vegas Strip. Southbound on the Strip, you stop in Bob Stupak's small, new **Vegas World** property. Next stop is the African-desert themed **Sahara Hotel & Casino**, then its on to **Circus Circus** and the next door **Slots-a-Fun** and **Westward Ho** casinos. Across from Circus Circus is the **Riviera**, set back from the Strip, prior to its current neon "Splash" facade. Further down the Strip is the **Silverbird**, bathed in white light from its towering sign (later converted into the El Rancho property). The pre-hi-rise **Stardust** with its huge marquee/sign, and the western-themed **Silver Slipper** and the **Frontier** properties are the next stops. Across the street is the **Silver City Casino** and outdoor mall, near the **Desert Inn**. (The Frontier and the Silver City served as occasional backdrops for action in Vega\$, given their proximity to Dan Tanna's headquarters at the Desert Inn.) The next long block, where the Strip curves to the left, is inhabited by the low-rise **Castaways Hotel and Casino**, with the **Sands** across the street. You pause to reflect how much this section of the Strip has changed. The Sands -- "A Place in the Sun" and the former home of the Rat Pack -- was imploded in 1996, and the Castaways was torn down in 1987 to make way for The Mirage, and later, Treasure Island.

Making a grand entrance up the Italian cedar lined driveway and into the oversize front portico of **Caesars Palace**, you are reminded why Caesars has always been a favorite destination for gamblers and chip collectors alike. One of the first highly-themed properties, Caesars is majestically set far back from the Strip, an island of gaming and fantasy unto itself. After obtaining a few Caesars-holding-the-Scroll type chips, you cross the street to the new **Barbary Coast Hotel & Casino**. (You remind Dan Tanna that a 1978 episode featured the Barbary Coast property while still under construction...he caught the bad guys on one of the upper floors). Next door is a much smaller **Flamingo Hilton**, without all the high-rise buildings and build-out to street level. Further north, you enter the recently-opened **Imperial Palace**, which replaced the Flamingo Capri; still further north, you enter the (pre-Harrah's) **Holiday Casino**, with its original, smaller fantasy riverboat pointing toward the Strip, instead of the larger riverboat which was "docked" alongside the Strip. Finally, you dash in the small **Nob Hill Casino** (now the Casino Royale) for a few chips from their tables. Doubling back, you manage to swing into the **Maxim**, just off the Strip, behind the Barbary Coast.

Representative Chips from Las Vegas Strip casinos -- circa 1980



Now it's time to focus on the remaining 1980's Strip casinos south of Flamingo Blvd. The mammoth-sized (original) **MGM Grand** is next, and its cavernous casino, the size of a football field is still hopping on this late weekend night. Those MGM lion chips are attractive, so you pick one of each from the tables, then cross the street to the **Dunes**. The Dunes is a sprawling property, built and added to in stages, so it takes a while to complete your chip run inside the Dunes. Once accomplished, you return to the T-bird to drive to the remaining destinations. The distances between properties are just too great in this sparsely-populated 1980 south Strip. The mid-block **Aladdin** is going through one of its periodic ups-and-downs and changes in ownership, so you pause only briefly at this Arabian-themed property. Next is the **Marina**, then on to the **Tropicana**, a Las Vegas pioneer of the south Strip. Still further south is the **Hacienda**, so isolated it routinely ran special charter-flight junkets from other cities, in order to assure cutomers for its casino. You reflect on the irony that, when the Hacienda's new neighbors finally discovered the viability of the "new Four Corners", it was the Hacienda that met its demise by suddenly being on a too valuable piece of land!

The Off-Strip Casinos

Turning off the Strip, Dan drives past **The Treasury** (now the San Remo), then up Paradise Blvd. to the **Landmark**, with its tower and ground-floor casino. Last stop is reserved for the off-strip **Las Vegas Hilton** -- a hugely successful property with a large, active, high-roller oriented casino and hotel.

Other smaller and off-strip casinos exist in the 1980's Las Vegas of Dan Tanna's era, but time is running out, and your adventure is scheduled to end at 6:00 am. You return to the T-bird, and as Dan is chauffeuring you back to the airport, you look back at the Strip. Dawn is beginning to break over the mountains, and the night air has finally cooled to a slight chill. Some of the Strip casinos have turned off their neon lights and huge dancing signs. Another 1980's day in Las Vegas is about to begin.

Representative Chips from Off-Strip casinos -- circa 1980



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83. Tropicana	Poker Room	7/04/96	10,000
84. Trump's Castle	Jack of Clubs	7/09/96	1,000
85. Bally's Grand	Ty Cobb	7/09/96	5,000
86. Bally's Grand	Babe Ruth	7/09/96	5,000
87. Bally's Grand	Honus Wagner	7/09/96	5,000
88. Bally's Grand	Walter Johnson	7/09/96	5,000
89. Bally's Grand	Christy Mathewson	7/09/96	5,000
90. Trump's Castle	10 of Clubs	7/16/96	1,000
91. Bally's Grand	Greece 1996	10/18/96	2,500
92. Harrah's	Fantasea Reef	10/23/96	3,000
93. Tropicana	Halloween	10/25/96	2,500
94. Trump's Castle	Veterans Day	11/08/96	2,000
95. Taj Mahal	Poker Championship	11/14/96	10,000
96. Taj Mahal	Hard Rock Cafe	11/16/96	10,000
97. Harrah's	Holiday Greetings	12/24/96	2,500
98. Tropicana	Mummers 2	12/24/96	2,500
99. Resort Int'l	New Years Eve	12/29/96	3,000
100. Tropicana	Superbowl 31	01/22/97	2,500
101. Harrah's	Valentine's DAY	02/14/97	1,000
102. Harrah's	St.Patrick's Day	03/15/97	1,500
103. Hilton	Year Of The Ox	03/25/97	2,500

The above list is a collaboration of Mike Custodio and Wayne Burt. Much of the data has come through reliable sources and/or casino management. Some of the data may not be absolutely 100% correct. Please let Wayne or myself know if you have any factual documentation to support a correction on the above list. Thank you.

ATLANTIC CITY

By Archie A. Black CH-001

Atlantic City chip and token collectors got a welcomed breather this quarter. Hopefully, this lack of action will give them more available cash to spend at the Las Vegas national convention!

In early March, Claridge issued new \$5 & \$25 tokens and withdrew all their previous \$5 & \$25 tokens. The new tokens sport an "OPM" mintmark and have a bar across the center of the denominations.



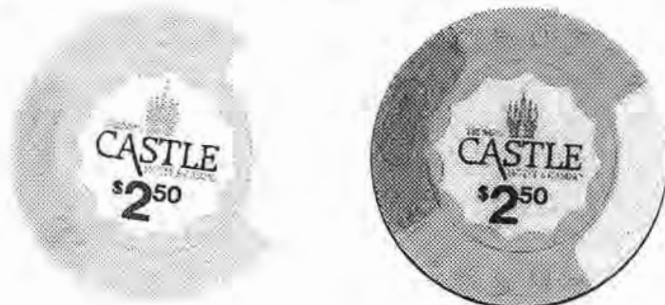
In mid-March, Harrah's issued a 1-1500 serially numbered issue of St. Patty's Day chips, which were extremely aggravating to acquire. Harrah's limited purchases to five per person per hour with a maximum purchase of \$100 per person over a four hour period! By 8 p.m. the policy had changed to one chip per person, but only after completing play and cashing out at the table. A complaint lodged with the Casino Control Commission stopped this unlawful practice at which time the five per person limit was once again imposed. By midnight, all the chips were gone.



In late March, Hilton's first commemorative chip was released... A Year Of The Ox issue to celebrate Chinese New Year. Not a very pretty chip for the first release from Hilton. Definitely not a "Chip of the Year" candidate! I hope their regular table chip designs are more attractive. 2500 were issued and were plentiful.



In early April, Trump Castle withdrew all of its original \$2.50 chips and replaced them with their \$2.50 backup chip. The property is to be re-themed later this summer and all of Castle's chips will be replaced with new "Trump Marina Casino" chips. New signage is already in place on the building.



The rest of April (and most all of May) was very quiet in "Las Vegas by the Sea" as far as new issues are concerned. On May 31st, the Claridge issued its first commemorative chip. "Doc Holiday" is the first in a series of six "Gambling Legends" chips that are to be released.... one issue per month. I'm told there will be 2000 issued of each. That leaved just the Showboat as the only Atlantic City casino which has not issued a commemorative chip.



Collectors are presently awaiting the new rack at Hilton to make its appearance any day now. The chips are in the cage, awaiting the go-ahead to be placed on the tables. Also pending is a Bally's "Wild West Casino" chip that should be out around July 1st. This "casino" is an extension of Bally Park Place, similar to the Trump Plaza/Trump World's Fair expansion. It remains to be seen if "Wild West" will have its own chips or just a Grand Opening chip like World's Fair. We'll know for sure shortly.

That's it from Atlantic City for this quarter. I hope those of you who attended the national convention had a great time and that you brought back a bag full of new chips to add to your collections.

Happy Collecting,

THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

Welcome to another installment of "The Information Booth." For those of you who are reading the column for the first time, it is here that I try to provide some information about unidentified flying chips (UFC's) submitted by members for identification and to answer questions about casino history, chip history, or related subjects.

As I always do, I'll begin with some answers to previous UFC questions. Also, I repeat my request for participation by club members. This column is only of value if you take time to write to me with identifications of chips you recognize here in the column, and if you send *legible* photocopies (full size is a must; black and white is preferred, and please *do not send enlarged copies*) or samples of chips you'd like identified. Please don't assume that if you recognize a chip, someone else will. Don't assume that "everyone knows what that chip is." If you have information which may be of help to other members, please share it through this column.

There are always far more unidentified chips than there are members who write to me with answers. The purpose of this column is to try to identify chips that our members ask about. If you'd like this column to continue, it's important to share your knowledge of chips that your fellow members may not know about. Come on, collectors, help!

You will notice that very few of the chips which appear in the column are simply photocopied. That's because many older chips do not have enough contrast to photocopy well, and if they will not photocopy once, they certainly will not photocopy a second time when the magazine is produced. As a result, I hand-illustrate most of the chips pictured here. It's a painstaking process, because I make every effort to make sure that each chip illustration is as close as possible to its original version. That way, recognition identification may be possible.

Please realize that *if you cannot read what is printed on a chip clearly after you photocopy it for the column, neither can I, and illustrating it will be*

impossible. In such a case, you may send the chip to me, *with return postage* if you would like the chip sent back to you after the illustration process is completed.

Also, please realize that if you recognize a chip published here as a UFC, you have information that other fellow collectors do not have. Please share it! That's the whole point of this column. What is common knowledge in one part of the country, or in one area of collecting is completely unknown to others. For those of you with answers or questions, please share your information by writing to me at: P. O. Box 340345, Columbus, Ohio 43234.

We begin with some identifications, and some error corrections. Apparently, after well over a thousand UFC's and a having written this column for more than eight years, I've become befuddled on occasion and actually published a chip I'd included in the column before.

UFC 160, for example (**GG**) was in this column recently as **UFC 991**. Unfortunately, it's still unidentified.

UFC 853 also appeared as **UFC 1015**, but Doc Finstuen has provided us with the answer on this one: the **KD** stands for Kemah Den. Kemah, TX is near Galveston, and the Kemah Den was an illegal club there in the 1930's and 1940's.

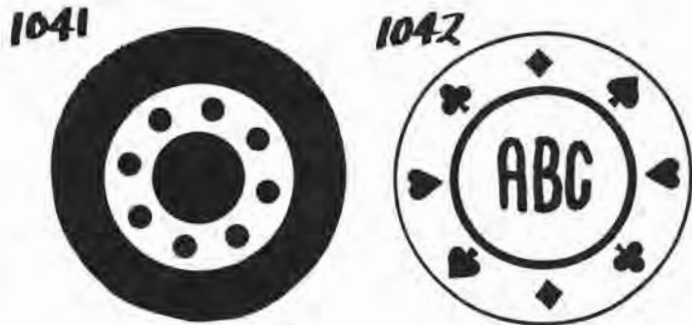
UFC 962, containing the initials **CB**, is from the Cocopah Casino/Bingo, an Indian casino in Yuma, AZ. Janice O'Neal, who probably has the most extensive record of Native American casinos in the hobby, was able to confirm the origin of the chip for us.

UFC 1020: the hotstamped **horsehead** chip with a denomination on the reverse was used in the Turf Athletic Club's Western Room in Galveston, TX.

UFC 1028, which contains the initials **MWR**, might be from TX as well. Gene Trimble tells us that it was found in Seguin, TX, and might be from Galveston, but he doesn't know of a specific club or location name.

We now move on to some new UFC's submitted by

our readers, some of which have partial identifications. **UFC 1041** is what is most often referred to as a poker chip. It is one of hundreds of designs produced by the U. S. Playing Card Co. in Cincinnati, OH when that company was manufacturing chips. The inlaid design consists of a diecut piece of heavy paper which is pressed into the chip during manufacture, then coated so the surface of the chip is completely smooth. While they were often used by casinos as roulette chips in different colors, they were also generally available for purchase for home games. Dale Seymour's *Antique Gambling Chips* identifies and gives catalog numbers to all known designs of this kind of poker chip, as well as others. This chip is identified as **CDK**. Although many of these chips were used in legal and illegal clubs, attributing them to any specific casino is impossible, because there's no way to distinguish a chip used in one casino or in a home game, from another.



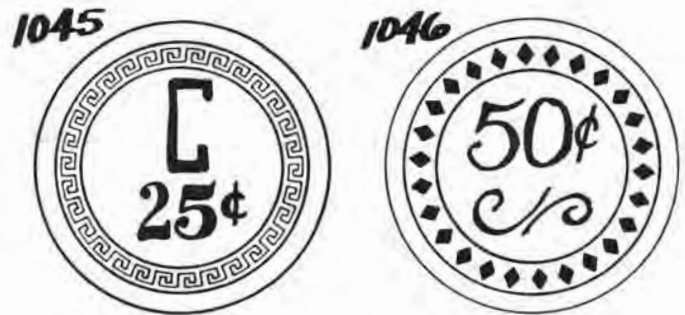
UFC 1042: This is a **sample** chip manufactured by the Bud Jones Co., Las Vegas, NV. This kind of hotstamped chip is advertised and available from Bud Jones for home and personal sets.



UFC 1043: Bob Reed sent a copy of this chip, which he indicated is "from Mobile, AL." I'm not sure whether that means that he found the chip in Mobile, or that it is associated with a particular illegal club in Mobile. If it is associated with a specific club, we

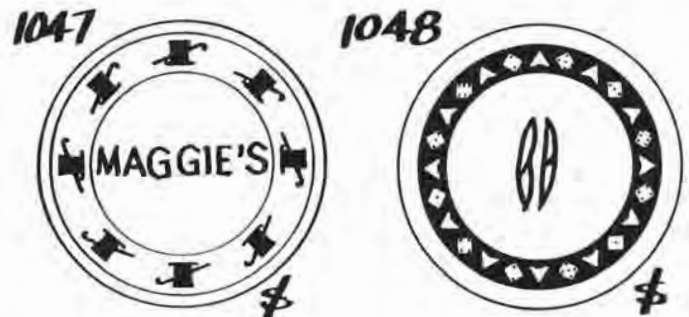
don't know the name of the club. I know of no illegal clubs in Mobile that would match the initials **BP**.

UFC 1044: We're told that the **Beaumont Club** was an illegal casino in Beaumont, TX.



UFC 1045: This chip, which carries only the letter **C** and a 25¢ denomination, reportedly was purchased after a fire at the Beverly Hills Country Club, the large, illegal casino in Southpoint, KY. There are similar chips in the same group that bear the letters **A** and **B**. Like **UFC 1041**, it's virtually impossible to attribute this kind of chip (which may well have been used as a roulette chip) to a specific casino, because no name, initials or other distinguishing identification appears on the chip.

UFC 1046: This 50¢ chip supposedly came from the Newport, KY area as well. Again, there really isn't a good way to attribute such a chip to a particular casino.



UFC 1047: **Maggie's** is, in all likelihood, a card room in California. Does anyone know anything about it?

UFC 1048: There were several denominations of this **BB** chip found near Galveston, TX, from 25¢ to \$100. Does one of our Texas members recognize the chip or know the club from which it came?

UFC 1049: Gene Trimble tells us that a group of these chips were found buried in a back yard near Steubenville, Ohio. At one time Steubenville had a

number of casinos, and the second edition of *The Gaming Table* will identify a number of them: Academy Billiard Parlor, Half Moon Nite Club, New York Club, Rex Cigar Store, and The Wheel. **Springtime Frolic** is not a club I've read about in my research, however. Does anyone recognize it?



UFC 1050: We don't know who **Pat Sullivan** is (was) but this chip appears to be a personal, business-card-type chip made for him. It seems very unlikely that it is a casino chip.



UFC's 1051-1055: We're told that all of these chips came from a collector in the Galveston, TX area, and may have been used in illegal clubs in the area. Does anyone recognize them?

This is a good opportunity to point out that chips, especially those from illegal clubs, are often found in areas completely unrelated to where they were used. Chips from northern Kentucky clubs, for example, have been found in groups in Florida and in the Las Vegas area. There's a very logical reason for this phenomenon.

When the illegal clubs of Newport, Covington and Southpoint, KY were operating regularly in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's, the operators of the clubs often went to Florida for the winter, because many of their regular customers went there to vacation. The northern clubs experienced a drop in attendance, and the operators often opened illegal gambling spots in the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area to give their customers something to do while they were on vacation. Usually, the dealers from the KY clubs would go with the club operators to FL.

In the mid to late 1950's, when the KY clubs began closing for good, a number of the dealers, pit bosses and club operators headed west to NV, where they could find steadier and less stressful employment. Many brought chips with them from the old clubs they worked for.

The fact that a group of chips may be found somewhere does not necessarily indicate that the chips were actually used in that location. I, for example, have found chips from Hollywood's Clover Club with a group of chips used in an illegal casino in Toledo, OH. Likely there was an ownership or personnel connection between the two clubs, but that is undocumented.

The following chips are not identified. If you recognize and can authenticate any of them, please drop me a note!





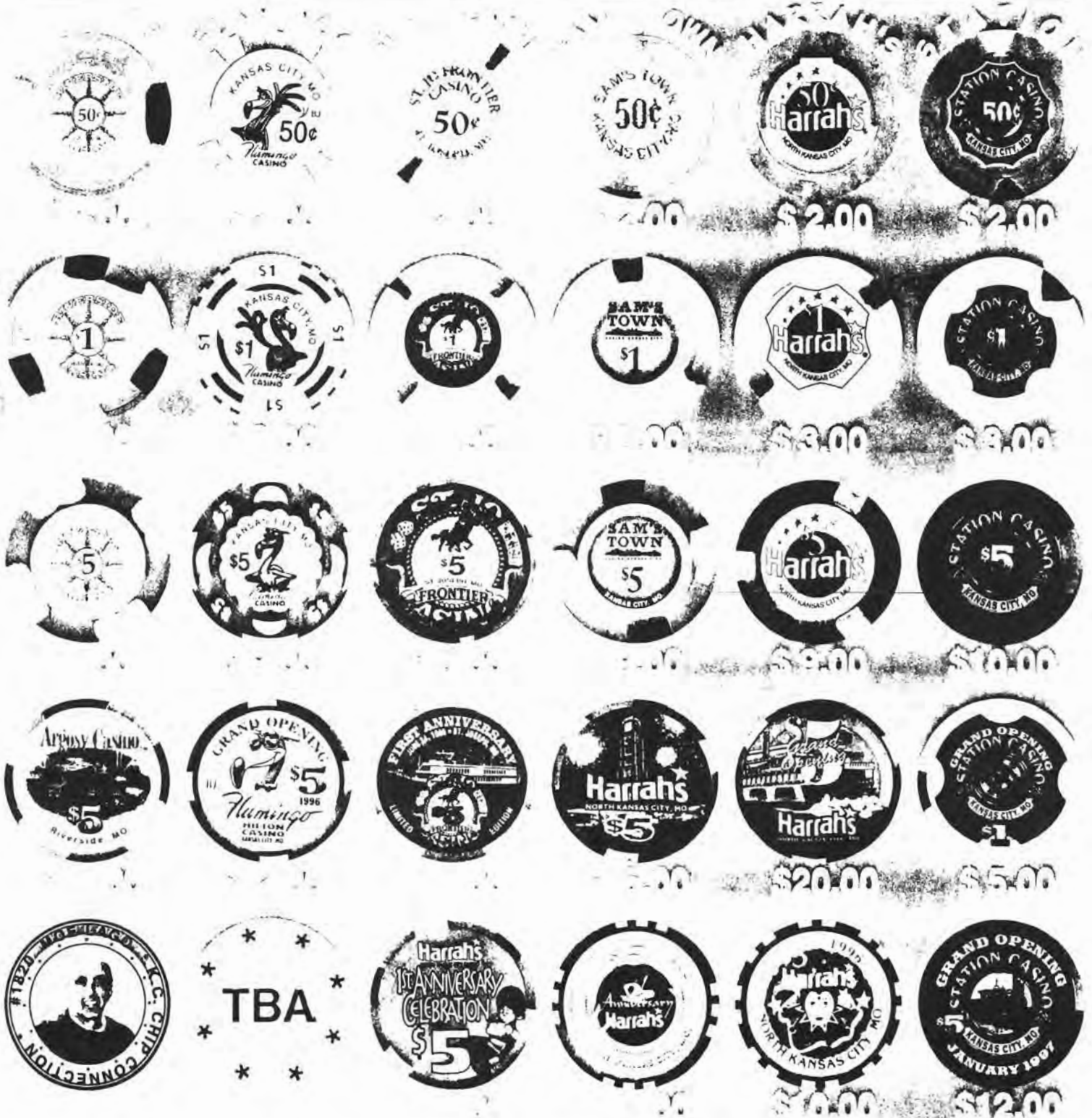
In addition to those mentioned in the body of this column, the following collectors have helped with information or questions for this issue: Archie Black, James Campiglia, Doc Finstuen, Rick Meyer, Jim Steffner, Gary Tucker and Ernie Wheelden.

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EARLY ENGLISH GAMING COUNTERS

By Colin Narbeth

There is very little information about the gaming counters used in Great Britain. Perhaps the most useful is "Tickets and Passes of Great Britain and Ireland" by W.J. Davis & A.W. Waters, published by Burt Franklin, New York, NY and reprinted in 1973. Equally important is the Catalogue of the Montague Guest Collection of Badges, Tokens and Passes presented in 1907 to the British Museum.

From these we learn that gambling was a major pastime in the 17th century. A reference in Pepys Diary for January 1st 1667-8 recalls a visit to one of the famous gambling clubs, Groom Porters in which he describes the play with dice and some of the players. It is believed the club was in St. James's Palace and one of the counters was pictured in the Illustrated London News of Jan. 24, 1863.

By 1792 gambling was under much stricter control and John Lister of Norris Street, Haymarket in London was fined £200 for running a Gambling House. It was in the 18th century that London became famous for its gambling with clubs like White's, Brooks's, Boodles and the Cocoa Tree. White's Club, in St. James's Street, Piccadilly was one of the most exclusive clubs in the world. Few of the "chips" have survived from its early days, but some coloured ivory and shaped pieces in guineas are known. A few have the initials "GR" on them and Davis notes 5 to 100 guinea counters so marked with the statement "probably used by George IV at Carlton House." Romantic as that sounds a much more plausible suggestion comes from the British Museum catalogue of the Montague Guest collection, "In this series of White's gambling counters GR are the initials of George Raggett, proprietor of the club from 1812 -44".

Members of White's had a reputation for betting on just about anything. A letter from Horace Walpole recalls an occasion when a man collapsed at the door of the club. He was taken inside and bets were immediately made as to whether he would die or not! Protests were made when someone proposed medical attention - it would affect the fairness of the bet. "He was therefore left to himself and presently died -to the great satisfaction of those who had bet for that event."

Beau Brummell was a gambler often seen at Brooks's Club and was the subject of a satirical gambling cartoon by the famous artist, George Cruickshank. Brummell who ended his life in a madhouse in 1840, would bet high. Not everyone liked him! When, having lost a 1000 guineas at White's Club he called for the waiter to bring him a pistol in joking fashion, a gambler sitting opposite him produced two pistols and laid them in front of Brummell. "I am happy to offer you the means without troubling the waiter" he said.

Perhaps the most famous club still in existence is Crockfords. William Crockford started his working life as a fishmonger in Fleet Street with a side-line in bookmaking and the three-card trick. His club, named after himself, was a late starter - 1816. He realised that success depended on attracting top people. He made his name

when the Duke of Wellington became a member followed by Lord Chesterfield who is reputed to have lost over \$100,000 at the game of hazard (the forerunner of craps). Its very selective membership included three Lords - Rivers, Sefton and Grenville who managed to lose half a million dollars a piece in a single evening - which well and truly put Crockfords on the map! Disraeli was also a member but was unable to protect Crockford from being summoned before the House of Commons Committee on Gaming Houses.

Crockford would not answer their questions saying: "I do not feel myself at liberty to divulge the pursuits of private gentlemen". In that year, 1844, the committee authorised police to enter gaming houses if requested to do so by two householders. Crockford died the same year. The absolute privacy of Britain's gambling clubs had come to an end. But Crockford's remains Britain's top gambling establishment - many of its modern day chips made by Franklin Mint.



White's Club. 1 Guinea. Founded 1730



White's Club. "GR" (George IV or George Raggett). All ivory. The 25 Gns (obv. & rev.) stained black. The 10 Gns. stained red and the 100 Gns. stained pink. Small white metal counter (Davis 71) showing the club building.



Boodles One Guinea. A famous club in Piccadilly in bygone times (all items from the author's collection)



A rare Cocoa Tree Club 25 Guineas unrecorded denomination for this club.

THE DUPONT PLAZA TRAGEDY REVISITED
By: George Davis

If there is one thing that excites a chip collector more than a chip that is old, rare and still in good condition, it is a chip that has been a witness to history and has a story to tell. Time, circumstances and disaster combined to make a cheque from the Dupont Plaza Hotel and Casino just such a chip. Each Dupont Plaza chip bears the scar of tragedy.

On December 31, 1986, on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico, the luxurious 22 story Dupont Plaza Hotel stood like a beacon on fashionable Ashford Avenue, washed by the warm and blue Caribbean waters over its sun drenched beach. The hotel's 420 rooms were filled with guests who fled their cold north habitats to ring in the New Year and enjoy a few days of Caribbean sun and relaxation. Perhaps a turn or two at the craps or blackjack tables would do to enliven the pre-holiday festivities before the witching hour of twelve o'clock that would usher in the New Year. All was in readiness for a gala holiday celebration, or was it?

What the hotel guests did not know was, an acrimonious labor dispute was ongoing at the Dupont Plaza. Long, drawn out contract negotiations were in progress between the hotel and a Teamsters Union Local. Earlier that day, the hotel had provided one of its meeting rooms to the Union membership in an effort to expedite a favorable vote by Union members to accept management's newest proposal. The ground floor ballroom in which that Union meeting was held was stockpiled with new furniture still wrapped in its protective plastic, intended for use by the hotel in a redecorating project. Several explosions were reportedly heard in the vicinity of the ballroom shortly after the Union meeting was adjourned. At approximately 3:30 in the afternoon, an odor of smoke was first noticed and then seen on the mezzanine level of the hotel which housed the casino.

Witness Kevin Condon, a guest from Connecticut, was playing blackjack at the time someone in the casino reported there was smoke in the area, "but nobody paid any attention and we continued playing." It was later reported to authorities that there were approximately 70 guests in the casino at the time. "Then there was a big burst of smoke and we went running toward the exits. When someone opened the door, we saw the whole hallway was covered with black smoke. Then the panic began." Condon said he broke one of the floor length windows with a chair and jumped fifteen feet below, fracturing his ankle. He was one of the lucky ones to escape the ensuing inferno. Other casino patrons used the window escape route and paid for their jump to safety with broken limbs or worse. Survivors state they could look up to the casino level and see people pounding on the glass windows desperately trying to escape the flames. Many never made it to safety.

Even though the fire was confined to the basement and mezzanine levels, smoke billowed throughout the remaining areas of the hotel and prevented guests from fleeing to safety through the main exits of the hotel. Many guests fled to the roof through the fire stairways. Others reported that there were no fire alarm signals or announcements and that the sprinkler system failed to operate.

Puerto Rican police officer Angel Rojas, a helicopter pilot, saw the smoke billowing from the hotel from his station at Isla Grande Airport, and immediately made a flight to the area. When he saw the people on the roof of the burning hotel, he and Lieutenant Julio Colon returned to Isla Grande where they removed the chopper's doors and then flew back to the hotel. At first, strong winds prevented the chopper from approaching the hotel, but later Rojas and others were able to make dozens of rescue landings on a narrow corner of the roof area while the fire escalated and raged for a total of six hours. Rojas was awarded the Medal of Honor for his part in the daring rescues.

A thorough investigation by the combined forces of the F.B.I., A.T.F. and the Puerto Rican police determined that the fire, causing 97 deaths and 140 injuries, was set. On January 5, 1987, Commonwealth Secretary of Justice Hector Rivera Cruz summed up the results of the investigation by declaring "this was a malicious fire; it was arson."

Years of litigation resulting from the deaths and injuries sustained in the Dupont Plaza fire realized the largest federal mass damages trial in U. S. history. In all, payments for the deaths and injuries totalled more than 230 million dollars and involved 2,411 plaintiffs and 230 attorneys. Photocopying and fees for expert consultation costs for the trial were put at \$110,400, and court records show that the case generated more than 3 million documents. "You need a scorecard to keep track of everything," stated presiding U. S. District Court Judge Raymond Acosta. While 96% of the settlement money was distributed in 1991, several aspects of the settlement are still not fully resolved.

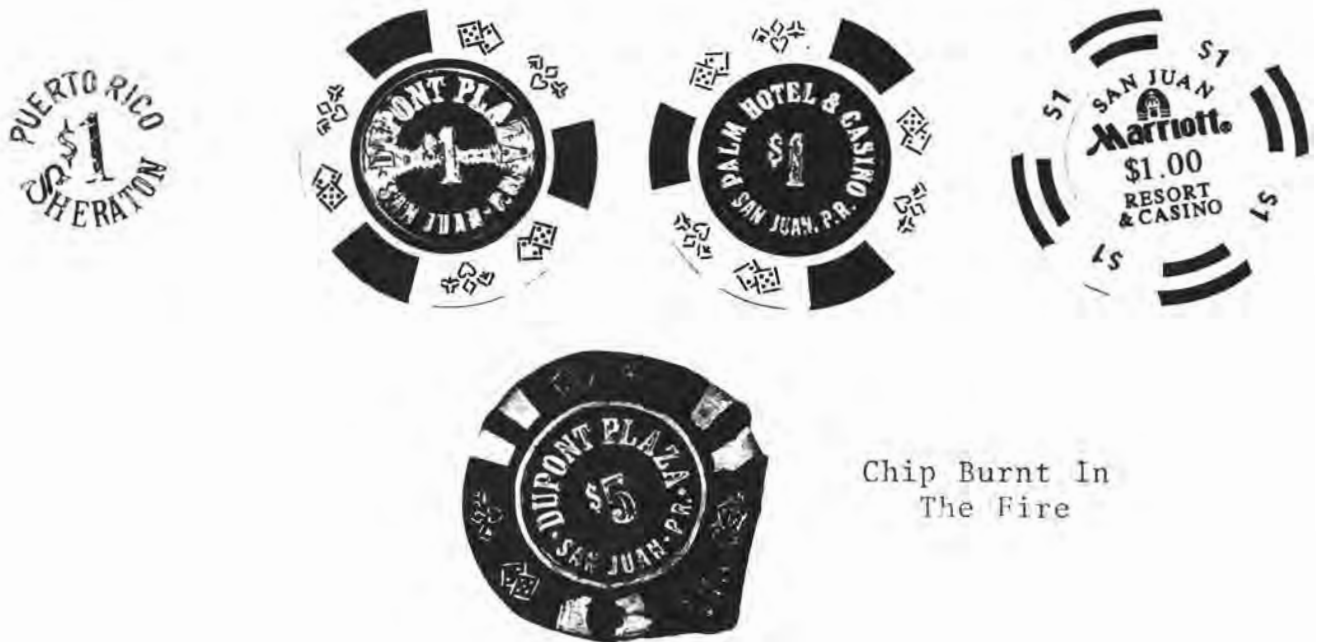
Of further interest to chip collectors is the prior and subsequent history of the Dupont Plaza property. Originally, the ITT Puerto Rico Sheraton occupied the premises, opening October 3, 1963 and closing in February, 1974. The Sheraton reopened briefly on January 7, 1977. From November of 1978, the hotel was operated as the Dupont Plaza until the fire gutted it on December 31, 1986. Sometime between December 31, 1986 and February 1, 1995, the Palm Hotel Syndicate took over the property and built a new hotel edifice in which a new casino, the "Palm," was to operate. A beautiful rack of Palm Hotel & Casino chips was ordered in anticipation of operating a casino. There are two variations of what then occurred. The first is that no casino license was ever obtained and hence the casino never officially opened. The second

is that a casino license was obtained (perhaps conditional) and pulled almost immediately after the casino opened. Not all of the Palm chips were destroyed and Palm chips that can still be found are much sought after by serious collectors. On February 1, 1995, the hotel reopened after extensive renovations as the San Juan Marriott and Stellaris Casino.

Because of the worldwide interest in the fire, its large death and injury toll and the long and tedious investigation and subsequent revelations of arson, the Dupont tragedy occupied the front page of the New York Times for seven consecutive days and continued news coverage chronicled the disaster for a total of thirty-one days. The Dupont Plaza tragedy brought about stringent changes to Puerto Rico's fire codes and enforcement policies so that today, more than ten years after the tragedy, the Island's continuing prosperity is reflected in part by the growing number of safe and successful casinos. At this writing, eighteen are in operation and more are on the drawing boards!

One of this writer's collection of Dupont Plaza chips was melted out of shape from the intense heat of the fire. Its appearance is grotesque and in a sense pitiful. It almost seems to be crying out in pain. Do you have a Dupont Plaza chip in your collection? If you do, I wonder what story it would tell, if it could only speak!

Sources: Caribbean Business, The Puerto Rican Tourist Bureau, The New York Times, The San Juan Star.



Chip Burnt In
The Fire

CHIPPER MEL'S MEMOS

by Mel Jung

Secrets and Lies, the life of a chip dealer.... There is no other hobby that can claim more deception than the relative short history of chip collecting. Considering that most of the dealers... most of us... are trying to be decent and trade or sell with integrity most of the time. The rest of the time, its all secrets and lies.

Chips that seem to have been attributed to Nevada casinos are later found to have been really used in a California cardroom.. another issue that is being used in a California cardroom, clearly states in gold hot stamp, Stateline, Nevada; and now it is accepted as a Nevada/Calif collectible. The chip itself is a lie.

A casino issues chips to a limited production of 1000 only to later re-issue the identical chip in another unspecified amount. Many well intentioned chip trader/seller has been asked "how many are there" and sincerely believes only 10 exist while somewhere in the Florida Everglades, another chipper is presented with 2 or 3 "new" boxes. Personally, I have been told by a defunct casino's controller that he is selling me 12 sets of a chip that is being scheduled for destruction and no more would exist. I also see the letter to Nevada Gaming which notifies their intent to destroy. I even check with Gaming which acknowledges the controllers intent. Two months later, boxes of then. in every denomination, show up in a mailing list from another dealer. Gaming still awaits the controllers final declaration of destruction. They have a long, long wait.

How does this all come about? Before the days of chip shows, the creation of a national chip club, and the catalog pricing of chips; there were many secrets, but hardly any necessity to lie. And the lies were less damaging to ones integrity because it seldom was done to cause financial gain, but occurred due to faulty memory, misinterpretation etc. In most cases when one was asked what a chip was worth or how many existed, the answer was taken with great latitude because it really did not matter that much in informal trading among the few chippers that had traders.

In 1997, secrets and lies can ruin a chippers reputation on a nation scale with a blink of a curser and the wonders of E-Mail.

Secrets are often a matter of the heart. I often have not had the heart to tell someone he paid way too much for a chip, or that someone's prices are way too high or drastically low. Don't get me wrong! I often do these things anyway, and too often make an enemy; so it is wiser to just keep it a secret. Casinos create secrets which have fostered the necessity to lie.

Recently, a major casino was badly hurt with counterfeit chips. After many meetings involving Nevada Gaming Control, numerous casino executives and security, the FBI and the U.S. Treasury Dept; a **casino** policy of secrecy was ordered to prevent bad publicity over their lack of internal auditing and earlier detection of the counterfeits. Altho, I was not a casino employee, I honored their request (regretfully) in order to continue to be even questionably welcome in their establishment. Now I have to lie if a chipper asks what happened in specific circumstances; because I really cannot tell the truth.... and to say I really do not know is another lie. Oh, I know, there is always a way to tactfully evade the issue; but most of the time; evasion is really taken as an affronting refusal to tell the truth. There is a good chance you have a counterfeit in your collection.

One of the most commonly asked questions in chipping is: "What's this chip worth". A huge percentage of the time the answer is a lie created through anyone's imperfect ability to know the exact answer. Whether one trades or sells one, or a thousand chips a year, that person is dealing in an arena that disallows exact pricing. I have ordered a specific number of chips for a casino or cardroom and know for sure that no more exist when I unpack the Chipco, Reliable, or Paul-Son boxes. If only 200 of one issue exist, the day those hit the public, someone will have charged their buddy an extra 32 cents to pick it up and mail it out, while another chipper has bought 20 and sets the price at \$2 over face. Within a year, the chip may be selling for \$10 over face, and because the gaming establishment playing the chip has decided they do not have enough for their table play; they pull them out of play.....or worse yet....decide to order 2000 more because they want to expand to 2 more tables. That chip can bounce around in price with lows of face value to highs of \$200 over face. Creates a lot of secrets and lies.

The chip is obsolete and "off the tables"!!! Boy, how many times have we heard that. What really happened was the following: Three active dealer/chippers go into the Low Life Casino in West LV and find their small 456 issue, commemorating the owners Bar Mitzvah has been pulled from all the tables. Upon asking, the pit boss (who has 354 of them in his locker), officially tells the chippers that they have all been sold and will never be in the casino again. Meanwhile, the owner (who gave away 100 at his daughters wedding last week) has ordered 3000 more and expects them in a week. The chippers raise their prices on the two they have to \$4609 each and sell all two to the first big spenders in chipping they call!!!!....."These are the last two Low Life's left" and if you don't buy them, they will be \$4610 to the next guy. Secrets and lies... again and again.

Addendum

This discussion of Secrets and Lies was previewed by 8 dealers and chippers prior to final editing. The majority (6of 8) told me how the candid discussion was not fit for public consideration due to the possibility it has a negative impact on collecting. These were people that, I know, had my personal interests in mind and had felt the responses would be condemnation and no one would ever buy another chip from me or any "dealer" (ugh)! The other two that encouraged its publication, were an attorney of great integrity, and a collector/dealer that enjoys collecting more than anyone I know and has a penchant for meeting issues head on. Both felt that any editorial responses that surface and question my intent or integrity will be from the biggest liars and secret keepers, because they don't like it when it gets too close to home. Which will prevail?? Will it ruin the industry? Will it create more caution? It already has been turned down by other publications that *will not* publish any negative analysis of the hobby. Let's see if this ever gets published.

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Chips 'N Tokens Update

by Janice O'Neal CH-008

V.P./Club Historian

As I write this WE look forward with much anticipation to the annual convention at the Aladdin Hotel.. As YOU read this, those of you that were able to attend, are thinking back over what a great time was had by all.. As you read the stories, those of you who could not attend will be making plans to do so next year.

And on to the latest three month check list of chips and tokens. Easter passed this year without a single chip issue, but then there was April Fool's Day close by! Opera House, NLV tried to be the most different by having an octagon shaped chip, but the Casino Control Commission would not give approval. Since part of the order had already been made up by Chipco, Opera House excepted them and then drilled all 500 chips for key chain holders and sold them as souvenirs.

NEVADA CHIPS:

Bally's, LV continues with the new Bud Jones \$5 chips for the entertainer series (2) Paul Anka, (3) Louie Anderson, & (3) Englebert Humperdinck. It has been two months now with no addition to this series.



Hard Rock Hotel LV trucked in mounds of sand to make a sand beach in the parking lot to hold a volley ball tournament, and of course, issued a \$5 H&C picture chip for "King of the Beach 1997".



At Main street Station, Downtown LV the \$5 H&C picture chip that has been mistakenly called a Grand Opening chip is, in fact, the first issue of a series of 'pretty lady' chips. These chips have 'Limited Edition Commemorative' on each issue, and the first one makes no mention of being a 'Grand Opening'. The original will be listed as (#1) red flowers in hair, (#2) lady in green shawl, (#3) lady picking grapes, & (#4) is being issued June 15.



Las Vegas Hilton LV has all new smooth finish Chipco (like Circus Circus, Reno) for the Starlight Express series of \$5 chips, (1) Greaseball (2) Pearl (3) Rusty (4) Poppa. So far a new Electra has not been found. Designs are same as before except face colorings are a little different.

For St. Patrick's Day 1997 (1) Nevada Palace LV \$5 BJ (2) Lady Luck LV \$5 BJ, & (3) Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco, which does not have the casino name on both sides.



Fiesta NLV a three chip series, all \$5 BJ, red 4 yel/tan/yel--multi. Chips are for 1997 Sports Edition. Boxing Hall of Fame-Carmen Basilio, Baseball Negro league superstars-Napoleon 'Nap' Gully & Ted 'Double Duty' Radcliff.



April Fool's Day 1997 chips at Lady Luck LV \$7.50 BJ. Note: compare Lady Luck \$5 St. Patrick's Day and \$7.50 April Fool's Day -SAME edge colors, SAME edge inserts! WHOOPS!!



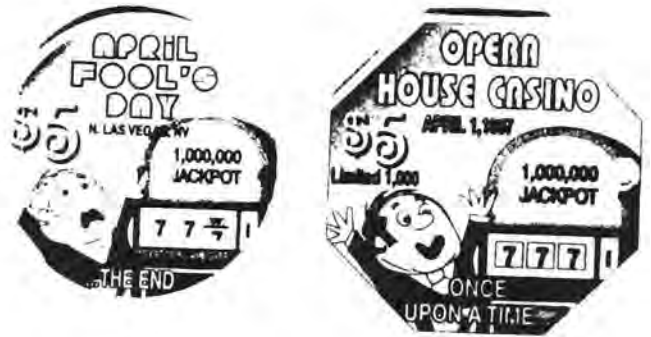
Fiesta NLV \$5 April Fool's Day H&C picture chip. This is the birth of Fiesta's visitor from outer space named, "BOPO". The purchaser of each chip receives a certificate with BoPo's story. Watch for more 'BoPo' chips in the future. *The travels and troubles of Bopo*

This chip chronicles a tale previously untold--the travels and troubles of Bopo, a Zavarian from the planet Mars.

Many years ago a young author named H. G. Wells accidentally picked up a short wave radio transmission from outer space. After much effort he was able to translate the message. To his shock he found that it was final instructions being relayed to an invasion armada leaving Mars to invade the Earth. Since Wells was already well known as a writer of fiction no one believed him when he tried to warn the authorities. Unable to get anyone to take him seriously, he wrote a story about a Martian invasion which he intended to be a warning to the general public--even though he knew it would be a number of years before the invaders actually arrived. Later Orson Wells, having been told the true story, discovered that October 31, 1938 was the day the Martian invasion would begin. His famous radio broadcast warned America so that Americans were ready to defend themselves--but the invaders never showed up. Making the best he could out of this situation Orson ad-libbed the rest of the broadcast and pretended it was all a gag. The Martian invasion force heading for Downer's Grove, Illinois, United States, Planet Earth, never showed up. Now we finally know what happened on that non-fateful day in 1938.

Martian command had appointed a Zavarian pilot named BoPo to lead the invasion. BoPo turns out to have been a poor choice since he is woefully inept. As you can see on the chip the invasion force was supposed to go east to Downer's Grove but BoPo turned west instead, the entire invasion force followed him, and the rest is non-history. The invasion force traveled west many years until reaching Nevada. The other Martian invaders were hired by the US Air Force as consultants on space travel and are currently working at Area 51. However, when BoPo's former employer was contacted for references, they were unable to recommend him based on his previous employment as head of the Martian invasion. Consequently BoPo was homeless and unemployed and wandered his way to Las Vegas. A hungry BoPo mistook the Fiesta sign for a Zavarian submarine sandwich and Fiesta security guards discovered him trying to take a bite out of the sign. When security questioned him the facts came out and now you know - THE REST OF THE STORY!

Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco, same design as the un-approved octagon keychain chip.



Boomtown LV \$10 Bud Jones--multi center inlay for April 1st, 1997 performance of Merle Haggard at Boomtown.



It has been discovered that both Orleans LV and New York New York LV have issued a new supply of Grand Opening chips. Also another issue at Boomtown LV that collectors can expect to pay a premium for in order to add it to a collection. There was a release of 500 only \$5 BJ chips for an event called 'Run For It, April 1997'. As before all calls and inquires were answered, 'chip will be released Friday' and again release and immediate total disappearance happened late Wednesday. So collectors were shut out on another new issue at Boomtown (sorry, no picture available).



Arizona Charlie's LV two chip \$5 H&C picture chip issue for 9th anniversary, (1) portrait of Arizona Charlie, & (2) Charlie and cowboy band.



Tropicana LV \$5 H&C picture chip 'Miss Hawaiian Tropic International' and \$5 H&C picture chip 'New Follies Bergere'.



Opera House NLV has put into play the long awaited new table chips designated as 'the fat lady sings'. These are \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips, with the addition of a \$100 that is 'the thin lady sings'.



The 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force was celebrated in Nevada by a huge air show at Nellis Air Force Base in North Las Vegas. To commemorate this there were a number of chip releases, all with a different air plane pictured. Bally LV had five different designs on \$5 H&C picture chips. Five other casinos had one chip each, also \$5 H&C picture chips with a different airplane design on each chip, Arizona

Charlie's, Imperial Palace, Las Vegas Hilton, Sahara, all LV and Fiesta NLV.



Boomtown LV issued a 'farewell' chip, being the last chip issued before changing ownership. \$5 BJ yel 8 grn--multi center. The only designation on the chip was the dates '1994-1997'. (At this writing the change has still not taken place). Stateline Saloon Amargosa Valley issued two \$5 H&C picture chips for Easter 1997 sometime after Easter. Also as a surprise to everyone there was a \$5 H&C picture chip for Valentine's Day 1997 that was issued at the same time as the Easter chips.



Mahoney's Silver Nugget NLV \$5 BJ for Mother's Day, May 11, 1997. Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco, Mother's Day, May 11, 1997.



May 1997 brought the beginning of the Fiesta NLV royal flush set. One card on each chip, two chips first of each month, starting off with ten and jack of hearts. There will also be four extra chips showing the total flush hand, one for each card suit.. In June we received the queen and king of hearts. Fiesta NLV also issued a \$5 H&C picture chip to commemorate the 50,000th video poker royal flush jackpot being hit.

Tropicana LV a twelve (12) chip issue of 'Living Legends of Sports' honoring baseball, football, basketball, and ice hockey. All are \$5 H&C picture chips and have Tropicana tower obverse, player picture reverse. Baseball-Ernie Banks, Brooks Robinson, & Willie Stargel. Football-Dick Butkus, Deacon Jones, & Bob Lilly. Basketball-Rick Barry, Earl Monroe, & Bill Walton. Ice Hockey-Mike Bossy, Bobby Hull, & Stan Mikita.



Jerry's Nugget NLV \$5 BJ for Cinco de Mayo 1997.



Golden Gate Downtown LV \$5 H&C picture chip for 'World Famous Shrimp Cocktail' (and , NO, I'm not making these up!!)



Binion's Horseshoe LV \$2.50 H&C picture chip. This is the 1997 addition to the on-going series of 'World Series of Poker' tournament winners-1996 winner, Huck Seed.

Aladdin Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip for CC>CC 1997 Convention.



Boomtown LV \$5 BJ, Lady Luck LV \$5 Chipco, and Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco, all three for Memorial Day 1997.

Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip 'World Premier, Con Air June 2, 1997'. This is the movie about an airplane crashing into the Sands Hotel on the Las Vegas strip, filmed just before the Sands was torn down.



At Klondike Inn LV there are definitely two different letter sizes on both the \$5 and \$25 Langworthy hot stamp chips, (1) 'Las Vegas, Nv' in small letters, & (2) 'Las Vegas, Nv' in very small letters. Also varieties at Jerry's Nugget NLV \$1 Bud Jones light orange 6 white inserts, metal center inlay. Type I lines around edge are thin, Type II is a little darker orange and lines around edge are thick.. On the \$25 H&C chips also at Jerry's Nugget, Type I-has small numbers & letters, Type II-has large numbers & letters. Royal Hotel Casino LV has discontinued live gaming, chips are retired. Casino will continue as slots only.

Sunset Station Henderson opened 6-10-97. Chips are \$1-\$5-\$25 H&C wide graphic center inlay. \$5 H&C picture chip "Grand Opening June 10, 1997"



The 'Biker Babes' are back in Laughlin, at Colorado Belle \$5 Bud Jones 'Spring '97 Run' and Edgewater \$10 H&C picture chip 'Spring '97 Laughlin Run'.



Also at Pioneer Lau \$5 H&C picture chip, '15th Annual River Run' with flying eagle logo.



Harrah's Lau \$5 H&C picture chip 'Harrah's 60 years 1997'.



Riverside Resort Lau another variety. The 1996 River Run, \$5 RTP center inlay. Original rim color was red 4 white, new variety found rim color is brown 4 white. It is reported there are far more brown than red on the tables. Pioneer Lau has a second issue \$25 H&C center inlay chip. (1) medium green 4-wht 4-pnk inserts, (2) very dark green still with 4-white 4-pnk inserts. Colors on second issue center inlay seem to be a little lighter also.

Club Cal-Neva Reno \$5 Chipco '1997 Collector Series for Women's International Bowling Congress' tournaments.



Reno Hilton Resort Reno \$5 Chipco 'WIBC' Bowling 1997.



Eldorado Hotel Reno \$25 BJ for 'Pavarotti April 26, 1997'.



Pioneer Inn Reno new \$5 table chips that are H&C picture chips. All older \$5 chips at Pioneer are retired. Also at Pioneer all .25 chips are retired.



The Nugget Reno removed black jack table, and all chips here have been retired. And at the Riverboat Reno all .25 chips are retired.

Caesars Tahoe, Stateline has all new table chips, \$5 H&C red 2- It blu 2-blu--multi & \$25 H&C dk green 4 crm/lav/crm--multi. Both have Caesars head obverse/view of Lake Tahoe reverse.



Alamo Travel Center Sparks has now opened live gaming and has \$5 H&C red 3-dk pnk 3-lav--multi center inlay, with Davy Crockett on one side, \$25 has David Bowie, & \$100 has Wm Barrett Travis. All have outline of Alamo building in Texas & casino name on other side. Boomtown Verdi \$5 BJ 'Buck-A-Roo Bonus Video Poker Bonanza Jan 15, 1997'.



NEVADA CASINO TOKENS:

Monte Carlo LV added \$10 slot token for regular play, same design as other tokens. MGM Grand LV \$10 'The City of Entertainment' & lion head logo obverse/ large '10' reverse, also for regular slot play. MGM Grand also issued a \$2 token 1997 GDC brass, with a new lion head design obverse. There are two varieties of this token, (1) coin align & (2) medal align.



Desert Inn LV (now minus the Sheraton part of the name) \$10 regular play token.



Sunset Station Henderson opened 6-10-97. Tokens are \$1-sailing ship reverse, \$1-train reverse, \$2, \$5-Don Quixote reverse and \$10-matador reverse. All are 1997 OC brass. Also a \$5-Don Quixote reverse with "Grand Opening" obverse.



Ed's Topaz Nugget, Topaz Lake opened slots only casino April 1997, with \$1 token 1997 OC brass.



Jake's Lounge 2301 S Eastern LV \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc. Previous Jake's (1994) CT, Cardivan is obsolete.



NEVADA TOKENS-BARS & STORES:

Max Betts Fun Hog Ranch (and I didn't make this one up either!) 495 E Twain LV (was Nite Twain) \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin. Nite Twain 1988 token is obsolete.



Interstate Grille & Bar NLV opened 3-97, \$1 (1997) OC brass, South West Gaming. This token has both 'North Las Vegas' and 'Las Vegas' on obverse!



Inferno 3340 S Highland LV (was Hobnob) \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T Inc. Hobnob 1992 token is obsolete.



Finnegan's 6000 S Eastern LV now using U.S. Ike dollars, route tokens for this address are obsolete. Hennessey's 3025 LV Blvd S, LV closed 3-97, tokens obsolete. Carollo's 2301 E Sunset LV changed route company. Obsolete-\$1 (1991) CT, United Coin. New-\$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc. Same design as before. Crown Billiards 3360 E Flamingo LV changed route company. Obsolete-\$1 (1996)/1989 LM, Anchor Coin. New-\$1 (1997) NCM, C.D.F. Slots. Same design as before. Office Bar #2, 953 E Desert Inn LV changed route company. Obsolete-\$1 (1989) USM, C&R Coin. New-\$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan. Same design as before.

In mid 1990 at 6138 W Charleston, LV Porkey's Bar & Grill opened. The original Porkey's \$1 token had a completely incorrect address on it (3220 N Jones), but Porkey's continued to use the tokens anyway. In 1995 this became Jimmy Murphy's Pub & Grub. It is now back to porkey's Bar & Grill with new dollar tokens, this time with correct address and is (1997) NCM, Sunset Coin.

Doc Holliday's has taken over Loose Caboose 3685 S Rainbow LV \$1 is same generic token used at other Doc Holliday's locations. Rainbow location does have \$5 (1997) OC brass token, same design as \$1. Loose Caboose 3685 Rainbow \$1 & \$5 tokens are obsolete. Risky Business 4801 S Eastern is also now a Doc Holliday's with same generic \$1 token and Risky Business tokens are obsolete.

Terry's Hideway 7907 S Giles LV (near Belz Mall) \$1 (1997) GDC, Westronics.



Manhattan of Las Vegas 2600 E Flamingo LV \$1 (1997) GDC, Westronics.



Sugar Daddy's Lounge 4020 Boulder Hwy LV (was Sal's). Sal's (1994) token obsolete. New \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan..



Sonny's Saloon 2358 Spring Mountain, LV, building demolished due to road expansion. New address is 3440 S Industrial. Sonny's \$1 (1994) token is obsolete. New \$1 (1997) GDC, B.W.Corp. An oddity here, the B.W.Corp side still has the CT mint mark.



Meatheads Tenaya LLC, 3250 N Tenaya Way (1997) GDC, SES is route company. Same design as original Meatheads Bar.

Woody's Bar & Grill 3101 W Sahara LV \$1 (1997)/1989 G, Anchor Coin Kiefer's 15 E lake Mead Henderson (was Nick's Supper Club) Nick's token is obsolete. New \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan.



Coachman's Inn Sahara 1000 E Sahara LV (was Mooney's Sports Bar & Grill). Mooney's token already obsolete as dollar machine was pulled after vert short time. New Coachman's \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan. Note: original Coachman's Inn still at 3240 S Eastern LV.



Tee Shots Bar & Grill 2200 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Hend \$1 (1997) OC brass, Sunset Coin.



Another PT's Pub opened at 3470 E Sunset LV \$1 (1997) GDC, US Coin. Token is same design as all other PT's. Village Pub 3455 E Flamingo LV \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin..



Matheny's Short Branch Saloon & Casino, Crystal Star route, Pahrump, Nev \$1 (1997) GDC, Corral Country Coin. Note: the town of Crystal does not have a post office, so nearest post office must be used as address on token, in this case, Pahrump. Pat's Fine Food & Cocktails, Moapa, Nev is closed, 1996 token is obsolete.



Alamo Truck Plaza, Sparks has changed name to Alamo Travel Center. Alamo Truck Plaza 1991 token is obsolete. New Alamo Travel Center \$1 (1997) GDC and \$5 (1997) GDC. Tokens do not have route company reverse. Both have same design.



Time Out Lounge, 902 S Virginia, Reno \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan.



Ual Come Back Saloon 12000 Hwy 50, Moundhouse, Nev \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan.



TJ's Quik Mart 3655 S Durango LV changed route company. Obsolete-\$1 (1996)/1989 G, Anchor Coin. New-\$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan. Same design as before. Another change in Rainbow Drug tokens. The last issue had the address of 1725 S rainbow, but was only available at the Sun City store, 9430 Del Webb Blvd, which is the only Rainbow Drug store with dollar slots. The 1725 Rainbow token is now obsolete. New-\$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan has been issued without a location address. Address on both sides of new token is Cardivan route company address. New token is still available only in Sun City store and is same design as before.

7-11, #13703A, 5891 E Lake Mead LV (1997) CT, United Coin.



Albertsons Stores Reno \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan, same generic design as all Albertsons Stores. (1993) & (1997) have same obverse. Reverse (1993) CT mint mark is mini, Cardivan logo is small, (1997) CT mint mark and Cardivan logo are both large. Safeway Stores, Reno \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan. Same generic design as other Reno Safeway Stores. (1993) & (1997) have same obverse, for reverse description see Albertsons above.

SILVER STRIKE TOKENS:

The new \$3 Aladdin LV is in play. Same design as before, the only difference being the token size has been greatly increased. It is now larger than a regular \$10 Silver Strike token.



The \$10 Monte Carlo, MGM Grand 'The City of Entertainment', and the Desert Inn all LV, approved in March 1997, are all regular play tokens, not Silver Strikes.

Flamingo Hilton LV three \$10 for 50th anniversary. 50th anniversary obverse/ (1) 1946 building reverse, (2) 1996 building reverse, & (3) Bugsy Siegel picture reverse. All three are (1997) GDC and in play 4-97.



MGM Grand LV \$10 (1995) EFX-Michael Crawford is obsolete. New (1997) EFX-David Cassidy will be in machines soon. Caesars Palace LV has three new \$10 in play, all dated 1997, (1) chariot, (2) bearded head, & (3) Magical Empire.

Opera House NLV two new \$10 'S' mint mark, dated 1997, (1) James Dean, & (2) Marilyn Monroe, now in play.



Flamingo Hilton, Reno \$40 machine has been removed, all \$40 Silver Strikes are obsolete. Flamingo Hilton, Reno \$10 lady flamingo bowling, dated 1997 'G' mint mark with .999 inside on silver part now in play. It has been discovered there was a number of these tokens issued without the date '1997' and are in very short supply. These are allegedly not in the machines, BUT are still on display in the face plate of the machine.

Eldorado Reno \$10, 1997 'S' mint for performance of Pavarotti at the Eldorado April 26, 1997. This token was in play only a short time then pulled. A number of the tokens and \$25 chips, also with Pavarotti picture, were sold to Eldorado gift shops. These were put, one token and one chip, in a plastic holder and sold for \$39.95. Within a short time even these were sold out. Fitzgerald's Reno has discontinued the \$200 Silver Strikes. Silver Legacy Reno has re-issued the \$10 first anniversary with .999 moved inside onto the silver center. It has been reported the \$7 Silver Strike machine is still in play at Harrah's Reno.

Sierra Sids Sparks has three all new wildlife design \$10 now in play-(1) mountain cougar, (2) bighorn sheep, & (3) flying eagle. Delta Saloon Virginia City second \$10 now in play. 1997 'S' mint, St. Mary's Church.

CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS

Ocean's Eleven Casino, Oceanside has a \$3 H&C

org--HS chip, while all other chips here are H&C picture chips.



Artichoke Joe's, San Bruno has all new chips (again!) \$1 Chipco, multi yel, city skyline. \$2 Chicpo, multi lav, city buildings, & \$5 Chipco, multi blk, bridge in fog.



Crystal Park Casino, Crystal Park has new \$1 & \$5 chips. \$1 blu 1-each dkblu dkprp blk--multi blu CI, & \$5 yel 3 blk--multi blk CI. This is another odd variety Paul-Son mold. It looks like a full graphic picture chip mold that has a regular size inlay, leaving a ridge running around the chip right through the middle of the hats. Same center inlay design as previous chips.



Mirage Springs Casino, Desert Hot Springs closed Jan 1997. All Bud Jones chips are retired.

COLORADO CASINOS:

Jazz Alley, BLHK \$2.50 Chipco, same design as other chips. This dark pink chip maybe too close to the red of the \$5 and again cause security problems.



Harrah's, CNCY has returned to the Glory Hole name with all new chips and tokens. \$5 Chipco and \$1 (1997) OC & \$5 (1997) OC brass. Both tokens are same design. Both chips and tokens are very similiar to the original Glory Hole designs.



Colorado Central Station, BLHK had two new chips, (1) Year of the Ox, & (2) Chinese Lantern Festival. These two chips (after first receiving gaming control approval) were then judged by control as unacceptable, having too much orange and not enough red. All were taken out of circulation.



Richman, BLHK converted \$5 table play to a \$5 Chipco Pro Tech-II token so they may be used as table play or played in the \$5 slot machine. Regular \$5 chips are retired (for now!). Management is reported to be unsatisfied with metal rim color and it is possible the whole issue may be replaced.



Harrah's organization completely pulled out of Colorado gaming as of 4-1-97. Harrah's, BLHK is now Canyon Casino, BLHK with a \$5 Chipco and \$1 (1997) OC & \$5 (1997) OC brass tokens. Both tokens are same design.



Fitzgerald's, BLHK removed Silver Strike machines and all tokens are obsolete. Gold Mine, BLHK has removed all live game tables and chips are now retired. Aspen Mine & Casino, CRCK has closed permanently. Red Dolly, BLHK issued a five chip commemorative series for the 5th anniversary. There were only 200 of each chip produced and the distribution policy made it almost impossible for collectors across the country to obtain them.

FLORIDA NEWS:

New day cruise, 'Casino Miami' departing from Dupont Plaza Hotel, downtown Miami. Seems this is the Entertainer boat that closed in Palm Beach a few months ago. Entertainer Casino was managed by American Casino cruises, and so is the new Casino Miami, even using the same American Casino Cruises chips that were used on the Entertainer (even ship is still called the Entertainer. Casino Miami closed for a

short time, and has now re-opened under new management, with all new chips. .50 H&C brt org--HS, \$1 H&C wht 2 lrg blu--HS, & \$5 H&C red 2-pnk 2-lt grn--multi wht CI.



Diamond Royale 'Casino at he Port' open 1-25-97. Surprise! This is a riverboat from Dubuque Iowa that has been moved and refitted. Diamond Royale history: Boat was originally built in 1987 to provide scenic tours to the Statue of Liberty in New York. Moved to Iowa in 1991 to be made over into a riverboat casino. Opened as Diamond Jo at Dubuque, Iowa and was used until 1995, when a larger boat was brought in. Still used as a second boat for a time known as Little Jo. Moved to Florida in 1996 to be totally retrofitted and remodeled. Owned and operated by (Dubuque, Iowa based) Casino Canaveral Investor Company. New Diamond Royale chips are-.50 & \$1 -A- mold, \$2.50 & \$5 dice & swirl mold. All have same center inlay. Tokens are-.25, \$1, & \$5 (1997) GDC, all have same design.



The Sea Escape day cruise at Port Everglades, Ft. Lauderdale has again, for the umteenth time in ten years or so, changed chips and tokens. All now say, 'The New Sea Escape'. .50-\$1-\$5 Chipco, and .25-\$1 (1997) GDC tokens. No \$5 token at this time.



Entertainment (Casino) Cruises has a new boat at Marco Island called Royal Princess and has all new chips. .50 RTP dk pnk 4 org--multi blu CI. This chip has a small inlay compared to other chips. \$1 RTP org 4 split prp--multi blu CI, & \$5 RTP red 2 off wht --multi blu CI. All three chips show 'RTP-MP' under black light on center inlay.



Coastal Gaming, Inc acquired the closed 'Dixie Duck' ship at Key West and re-opened with the same name. Now chips say only 'Coastal Gaming' and are \$1 H&C wht 2-tan--multi wht CI, & \$5 red 2-yel 2-dk blu--multi wht CI.



NOTE: The Chipco sample at top of page 67, Volume 10 #1 Casino Chip & Token News is a no denomination souvenir chip for Pompano Park Racing, Pompano, Fla. These were put in key chains and given away or sold in gift shops. They were not gaming chips. Also found: Palm Beach Kennel Club did, in fact, have a \$5 Chipco for 'Inaugural 1997' opening.



Ebro Greyhound Park, Ebro, Fla west of Tallahassee opened poker room 2-26-97. The room is called 'Shuffles' and this name appears on all the chips. Chips are- .25 H&C yel--HS, .50 H&C red 4-wht 4pnk--HS, \$1 H&C bge 3 lav/blu--multi CI & \$5 H&C picture chip dk red 4 dkgrn/crm/dkgrn--multi center for Grand Opening Feb 26, 1997 (no regular \$5 chips at this time).



Dania Sports Casino, Dania, Fla which includes Jai-alai, horse racing, and now poker opened 4-17-97. Chips are- .25 H&C red--HS, \$1 H&C picture chip wht 3 red/yel/red--red blk wht center, & \$5 H&C picture chip red 3 crm--multi grn wht center. One side of \$5 chip has picture of two prominent Jai-alai players and we are told from time to time there will be new \$5 chips with different players pictures.



INDIAN CASINOS: Cliff Castle, Camp Verde, Az added .50 H&C yel--HS chips.



Paradise Casino, Yuma, Az \$1 slot token (1996) GDC, \$1 H&C picture chip wht 1-each pnk dk mrn dk grn--multi lt blu center, \$2 H&C picture chip lt org 1-very lrg red 1-very lrgdk org--multi lt org wht center, & \$5 red 3 lt blu/dk gry/dk grn--multi lt red wht center.



Gold Country Casino, Oroville, Calif does have a \$2 birds & suits mold, center inlay chip, but management is very testy about any of them leaving with player/collectors.



Sho-Ka-Wah Casino, Hopland, Calif has changed .25 chips, original birds & suits mold was dark green with center inlay. New .25 birds & suits mold is dull orange with same CI as before. Cher-Ae Heights Bingo & Casino, Trinidad, Calif has two .25 chips, (1) H&C yel--HS, & (2) small crown yel--HS.



Sky Ute casino, Ignacio, Colo a \$2 H&C lt blu 1-lrg lav 1-lrg grn--multi CI chip has surfaced. This chip was never put in play. Chips have a notch across center of inlay on one side like they were used in a display of some kind.



Turning Stone Casino, Verona, New York \$5 H&C picture chip, light orange--wht blk red center, 'Even Money Bets Only' 'Not Redeemable For Cash'.



Foxwoods Casino, Ledyard, Conn \$5 H&C picture chip for fifth anniversary 1992-1997.



Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon new \$1 H&C picture chip. 'Grand Ronde Indian Reservation, Grand Ronde, Or' much more prominate on new chip. Previous \$1 was RTP.



Sac & Fox Casinos, Hiawatha, Kansas opened 4-97. Chips are by Chipco- .50, \$1, & \$5, all are a very plain design. Tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1997) GDC. Both have same design obverse, (1) \$1 fox playing cards reverse, & (2) \$5 large maple leaf reverse.

Cow Creek Indian Gaming Center, Canyonville, Oregon changed name to Seven Feathers Hotel & Gaming Resort.. Cow Creek chips are obsolete. New are-\$1 H&C wht 1-each lav prp mnrn--multi blu CI & \$5 H&C red 3 lt blu/crm/lt grn--multi red CI.



Fond-Du-Luth Casino, Duluth, Minn. All new Chipco, .50 multi white, \$1 multi blue, & \$5 multi red. All previous horse head right mold chips are obsolete.



It has been discovered there is a \$5 GDC 1994 slot token at the Rosebud Casino, Mission, S.D. that was previously un-reported. Design is same as \$1 with one long stem rose thru middle of name on front of token. Red Wind casino, Nisqually Tribe, Olympia,

Wash opened may 2, 1997. Chips are \$1 BJ 8-suit encused wht--HS & \$5 BJ red 3 split wht--blk gry red wht CI.



Winnabago/Golden Nickel/Ho-Chunk at or near Baraboo, Wisc has finally settled (at least for this magazine issue) on Ho-Chunk Casino for it's name and issued all new chips by Bud Jones. All Golden Nickel H&C chips and Winnebago Golden Nickel H&C chips are obsolete. New issue- \$1 BJ wht 4 blu, \$2.50 BJ dk pnk 4 sets of 2 black dots for inserts, & \$5 BJ red 4 split wht. All have same center inlay--blk grn brn wht with flying eagle design.



RIVERBOAT CASINOS:

There has been some confusion on some past information that I did not make clear enough-so here is the full story. Following the riverboats is becoming more and more like the old child's game 'musical chairs'! ---

Harrah's 'Shreveport Rose' original boat opened in Shreveport, La 5-94 with a rose on each of the chips. In early 1995 the 'Shreveport Rose' boat was replaced by a newer, larger boat, the 'Shreve Star', still using the same rose chips. In early 1996 Harrah's applied for a new \$2.50 chip-but casino commission denied approval. By Oct 1996 a new \$2.50 chip had been approved and is the one now in play with the Harrah's stars logo. At this time \$1 & \$5 chips with rose are still in play. The original 'Shreveport Rose' boat sailed off to Joliet, Ill and became Harrah's 'Southern Star II'. Now all we have to find out is, where did 'Southern Star I' go from Illinois??

Players Riverboat casino, Metropolis ,Ill original \$1 BJ wht 4 split blue chip is obsolete. New \$1 BJ beige 4 split brown now in play, same center inlay on both chips. Alton Belle, Alton, Ill added .05 & .50 tokens (1997) GDC. Showboat, E Chicago, Ind

opened 4-97. Chips say 'Showboat Marina Casino Partnership' and are \$1 H&C picture chip wht 2-brt pnk 2-turq--multi blu center, & \$5 H&C picture chip lt red 2-turq 2-dk prp--multi dk red center. Both have same Mardi Gras mask design. Also a \$5 H&C picture chip for 'Grand Opening Spring '97'. Tokens say 'Showboat Mardi Gras casino' and are .25-.50-\$1-\$5 (1997) OC brass. All have same design obverse and each a different Mardi Gras party design reverse.



Miss Marquette , Marquette, Iowa has added .25 H&C dk blue--HS and \$2.50 H&C pnk 1-lrg olive 1-lrg gold--multi wht CI chips.



Diamond Jo, Dubuque, Iowa added .50 (1997) GDC token. Treasure Bay, Biloxi, Miss .25 unicorn mold chips are now obsolete. Casino has discontinued quarter craps and will not order new supply of twenty-five cent chips. Argoys Riverside Casino, Riverside, Mo added .05 token. More tokens at Station Casino Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo .05-.25-.50 & \$2, all (1997) GDC same design as .10-\$1 & \$5 reported before. Now that is a full range of tokens!! Casino St, Charles at St. Charles, Mo also belonging to the Station Casinos Company is changing the name to Station Casino St. Charles. There is a new .10 (1997)

GDC token that has the new name. At this time all other chips and tokens remain the same as before. This new .10 token is the same design as tokens at Station Casino Kansas City.

Harrah's-Players Island casino companies formed joint venture at Maryland Heights, Mo for a large riverboat casino complex. Harrah's has two boats and Players Island has two boats, all using the same docking area and shore side facilities. Harrah's boats are (1) Harrah's Mardi Gras Casino & (2) Harrahs Easy Street Casino. Players Island boats are (1) Players Grand Cayman Casino & (2) Players Kokomo Casino. These are by no means 'riverboats', they are the style of barge building pioneered in Mississippi. The casino barge floats on a land-locked body of water and there is no thought of them ever 'sailing' anywhere. Even though these 'boats' do not sail they are still under the restricted boarding times of Missouri Gaming law. The entire complex is known as 'Riverport Casino center'. The Grand Opening was held March 11, 1997. Harrah's St. Louis Riverport Casino & Hotel, Maryland heights, Mo (both Harrahs casinos have same set of chips and tokens) .50-\$1-\$5 H&C picture chips, \$5 H&C picture chip 'Grand Opening 1997". Tokens-.05-.25-.50-\$1-\$2-\$5 (1997) GDC, all with stars logo obverse/ each with seperate design on reverse.

Players Island casinos, Maryland Heights, Mo (both Players casinos have same set of chips and tokens) .50-\$1-\$5 H&C--multi center inlay, \$5 H&C picture chip '1997 Grand Opening Commemorative'. Tokens are .25-.50-\$1-\$5 (1997) GDC, all same Players Island logo obverse/ each with seperate design on reverse. At both Harrah's and Players Island there are special slot tokens by GDC that have color centers. These are mixed in with regular slot tokens in the machines. Harrah's has \$1, Players has both \$1 & \$5. These are great looking tokens and the black & white pictures will not begin to do them justice, as they are very colorful.



Emerald Queen Casino Riverboat, Tacoma , Wash \$5 H&C picture chip showing side of riverboat for 'Grand Opening 4-18-97'.



WOW!! I can hardly believe I have finally gotten through this one. It is really getting to be a chore trying to keep up with all the new issues!! As always a big, big thank you to all that take the time to send me the information needed to keep this column going. And also a thank you to those that drop us a line saying all the efforts put into this are useful and appreciated. Until next time-----Janice O'neal 8122 W Flamingo #66, Las Vegas, NV 89117 (702) 222-1889

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Unique or Distinct...Variation or Error???

Looking at Casino Chips with a Discerning Eye

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Casino Chip collectors find it challenging ...and sometimes frustrating ... to keep up with the various regular or commemorative chips issued by today's casinos. Even if the collector specializes in a certain type or geographic area of chips, the task of staying abreast of new issues and even new discoveries of obsolete chips can be daunting. Fortunately, specialty publications like the quarterly CC>CC *Casino Chip and Token News*, *Gaming Times*, *Casino Collectibles Magazine* and various other publications and dealer lists make the job somewhat easier. Specialty books, such as Herz' *Nevada Gaming Checks and Chips*, Black's *Atlantic City Casino Chips and Tokens* book and *The Chip Rack* directory are also excellent volumes for the serious collector. Dealer offerings at chip conventions are also a source of information and comparison of chips on the market.

The purpose of this article is to offer an additional method of classifying chips, or at least thinking about chips, in order to make the collector's quest for new items a bit easier. At the outset, let me be clear that I am not proposing an alternate way of listing or describing chips from the hobby/industry standards that have evolved (for example, the description of chips by casino name, mold type, color, inserts, hot-stamp or inlay shape and wording, etc.). Instead, this article describes how to look at chips with a discerning eye ... in published lists or in a dealer's/trader's notebook of chips ... to help you answer that perennial question: "Do I have this chip in my collection?"

Many collectors work from a "want list" of new chips (or rare older chips) that they want to obtain for their collection. Knowledge of the existence of a "wanted" chip may be as simple as knowing that a new casino has opened, and that you're interested in its regular-play chips (and also Grand Opening chips, etc. as available). Other times, a "wanted" chip is known to exist from its display in a book or list, an auction catalog or a dealer's display. However, some chips are very similar to each other, and small distinctions sometimes mean a considerable difference in scarcity and price. Knowing which chips have similar looking "cousins" can help in hunting for the specific chip you want. It also helps in communicating specifically with a dealer/trader, so a mix-up does not occur between the chip you're seeking and the chip available for sale.

Four Broad Categories for Classifying Casino Chips

All chips fit in exactly one of these categories (well, there is a bit of "gray area" as explained later). Briefly, the four categories are:

Category	Brief Definition	Example(s)
Unique	A specific chip which was made in only one distinct style. Either you have it or you don't. You can quickly scan this category of chips (in lists or dealer books) then keep moving. Note: NOT one-of-a-kind chips.	New York-New York \$5 chip Orleans-Las Vegas \$1 chip
Distinct	Two or more similar chips with minor, but distinct differences which can be definitively described.	Orleans \$5 regular issue vs. Orleans \$5 Grand Opening
Variation (or variant)	Slight differences in chip color, very minor differences in two hot-stamp dies or center inlay graphics. Also referred to as "variants" or multiple types (e.g. Type-1, Type-2, etc.)	Fitzgerald's-Las Vegas: 25c chips- 2 shades of green
Error	A design or manufacturing error which does not meet intended specifications. Usually available in only very limited quantities, but occasional larger-volume errors exist.	Imperial Palace-Las Vegas \$5 "20th Anniversary" chip with misspelling "Editon"

Let's look at each Category in more detail, with some additional examples.

Unique

This classification is reserved for any chip manufactured in only one style, even if thousands of copies exist. (Again, note that I am not defining unique as a one-of-a-kind chip, like the Holiday Inn-Atlantic City \$1 chip). Here's an example of a unique chip, using a narrative description:

Flamingo Hilton-Las Vegas \$5 chip picturing 3 flamingos in the newly remodeled Flamingo Hilton grounds. This Paul-son chip has a "Flamingo Hilton \$5" house mold (stamped twice in circular form), round full-graphic multi-colored center inlay, base color is red, with three 1/2 inch inserts, each in side-by-side (sxs) colors of pink and dark green. The actual writing on the chip says "\$5 ... Flamingo Hilton ... Las Vegas, NV". Standard size - 39mm diameter and round. Both the obverse and reverse sides are the same. Issue date: circa early 1996. Regular issue on tables. Thousands of chips in circulation (common).

The narrative describes all the typically noted features of a casino chip, but since this so-called "3 flamingos" chip was only issued in this one style, it is sufficient to remember it as the Flamingo Hilton-LV-\$5 3-flamingos/fg (full-graphic) chip ... or some similar shortcut method of noting this chip. Either you have it or you don't, but there aren't any discrete spellings, multiple mold types, or known variations or errors to be concerned with. In reviewing dealer books at a chip convention, for example, you can glance at this chip, know that there's only one "unique" version, and keep going.

Many chips fit in the "unique" category, whether regular-issue or commemorative style chips. Limited edition / commemorative chips, in particular, are manufactured with only one unique graphic or subject, so unless the limited edition is part of a set of chips, it usually can be classified as "unique". A chip classified as unique should not be easily confused with other similar chips. However, in this era of numbered limited edition chips, if the only difference is in the specific printed/stamped number, the chip can still be considered unique.

Distinct

Chips classified as "distinct" belong to a family of two or more chips which are similar in many respects, but can be distinguished from each other in at least one concrete way. Continuing to use Flamingo Hilton-Las Vegas chips to illustrate, let's look at the recently released \$5 "Bugsy Siegel / 50th Anniversary" chip. There are two distinct versions:

- Regular issue (without number)
- Numbered issue (001 - 5000) with number beside Bugsy Siegel's head.

Except for the addition of the printed number, these two chips are identical; hence, the distinct difference is unnumbered vs. numbered versions of the chips. The difference, though small, can be specified easily in a catalog of chips or in a dealer's chip inventory. You don't necessarily need the actual chip in hand (or a photocopy of it) in order to distinguish which chip is which -- a simple chip list which specifies regular/unnumbered or numbered is sufficient -- as long as the list preparer is accurate.

Differences in chips can be categorized according to one of the following distinctions in most cases:

Type of Distinction	Explanation for Differences	Examples
Regular vs. Numbered	Chip produced in limited quantities, with number; additional larger quantities produced without number for general use.	Flamingo Hilton-\$5 "Bugsy / 50th Anniv" chip. Numbered (5000) and unnumbered.
Mold design differences	Similar chip manufactured with two or more different molds, usually due to reorder at a later date. Original, older mold usually more valuable, but depends on supply and other factors.	Golden Nugget \$1 chips - produced in C&J, H&C, "GN"-House and "Golden Nugget"-House molds.
Inlay differences	Center inlay designs are updated from time to time, often when property is restyled or ownership changes.	Golden Gate designs: Cable car; Golden Gate bridge; name only/ no graphic, etc.
Denomination style	The denomination style in both hot-stamp and center inlay styles can change over time: \$1 ... \$1.00 ... \$1.00 ... \$100 (no period), etc. Also, 25c vs. 25 cents.	Circus Circus-Reno \$1 HS chips, available in both "\$1" and "\$100" styles.

Type of Distinction (con't)	Explanation for Differences	Examples
Location (state or city) spelling/abbreviations	Look for important distinctions in Nevada, and other, chips: "Nevada" ... "NV" ... "Nev" ... or no state; also "Las Vegas" vs. "LV"; also "Casino Center" distinctions at Las Vegas Club and "Boulder City" distinctions for Railroad Pass.	Las Vegas Hilton chips in "Las Vegas, NV" and also "Las Vegas" (only) styles
Insert differences	Number or color or size/shape of inserts may change over time; none vs. 3 or 4 sets of inserts; side-by-side vs inset type inserts; colors or alternating pattern changes.	Bally's-Las Vegas \$1 blue chips, in 2 insert styles: 4-1/8 alt. yellow & green vs. 4-1/8 purple.
Color differences (distinct)	Occasional distinct changes in base color of chips, over time. More often with lower denom. chips: 25c or \$1, where more than one common color is used (vs. \$5-red, \$25-green, \$100-black customary colors). Not applicable in Atlantic City.	Imperial Palace-Las Vegas \$1 chips, in 3 distinct colors: light blue, dark gray and blue.
Chips in series or groups (issued at same time)	In cases where chips are issued in sets or groups, the distinction is limited to the graphic subject. The chip's appearance is close enough to classify as "distinct". Often look for common reverse side.	Fremont Street Experience set of 10 chips (different casinos); Ariz. Charlie's and Four Queens sets of chips.
Special Events / Themes	Chip themes produced over time which have a similar look.	Bally's-Las Vegas \$5 celebrity "Entertainer Series"; MGM Grand \$25 Fight chips.
Distinction in actual wording	Similar chips may differ in presence or absence of key wording, even if minor; especially Grand Opening type chips.	Boardwalk Holiday Inn - LV: two \$5 Grand Opening chips: with date (1995) and no date.
Edge printing/ stackers	Chips manufactured for some Colorado and other casinos have been issued with edge printing which forms a picture when stacked. Difference in chips is in edge printing only. Not visible even when photocopying chips; must be specified.	Lucky Strike at Pete's Place - Colo. Stacker sets of \$1 and \$5 "Royal Flush" chips.

When reviewing a list or auction catalog of chips, or scanning a dealer's chip inventory, it is necessary to be more detail-oriented in hunting for a particular chip which is similar to other chips you may already have in your collection. The slight but distinct difference in two chips may account for a large difference in scarcity and price. In particular, an older obsolete chip which has been replaced by a similar chip -- except for a change in mold, or state abbreviation, or inserts -- may be much harder to find. Also, a newer or current chip which is mislabeled / mispriced as its obsolete "cousin" is frequently the reason why a chip may be returned after purchase by mail. Even if the mistake is inadvertent, the inconvenience of purchasing one chip, then receiving a different chip, can be a hassle to correct. [Tip: a Nevada chip with the obsolete "Nev." abbreviation for Nevada is almost always more valuable than a similar "NV" abbreviation chip.]

One of the reasons why chip conventions are so popular, besides being a great source for collectors, is that chip distinctions can be confirmed and the chip's condition also can be examined at the time of purchase. However, since it's impractical to bring your entire collection to a chip show (!), it is necessary to maintain a sufficiently detailed checklist to refer to, for purposes of comparison. Published checklists for certain geographic areas are available and very useful in this endeavor, even though such publications are only as timely and complete as the date of publication ... with all the changes and new issues across the country, an individually-maintained list is usually the preferred solution. Except for those collectors with a photographic memory, or with constant connection to chip inventories, it's easy to confuse two distinct chips without accurate and detailed records. [Speaking from experience, I have inadvertently purchased a duplicate chip when I trusted my memory!]

Variations

An even trickier area of chip collecting is keeping up with “variations” or “variants”. Variations are not as widely identified and reported, although many established geographic collecting regions (Nevada, Atlantic City, Colorado, and some “emerging market” areas) have enough collector-enthusiasts that variations are noticed and cataloged with an suggested designation for each variant. Variations are sometimes in the eye of the beholder, when the subtle color shading differences may only be color fading or natural manufacturing variances from the same production lot. Most often though, variations are the result of a new batch of chips with a slight, but real, difference in color. A change in hot-stamp mold or in a center inlay design, which results in a slightly updated chip may also create a new variant. Let’s look at a few examples:

- Fitzgerald’s-Las Vegas: series of 2 green 25c H&C hot-stamped chips, using same hot-stamp mold. Usually described as olive green and light/mint green, but the two colors are close. [Chips appear to have been ordered and manufactured at different times, then introduced on Fitzgerald’s craps tables as replacement chips were needed.]
- Fitzgerald’s-Reno: series of 2 lt. blue \$1 H&C center inlay chips (white-round) with 2-1/4 lt. orange inserts. One variant has \$1 centered in CI; other has \$1 lower than center in CI.
- Hotel Mapes Casino-Reno: series of 3 yellow \$1 small crown center inlay chips (black-round) with 4-1/4 inserts in 4 different colors: black, red green and blue. The three variants are due to a random assembly method in placing the 4 inserts in any order. The three variants can be described by noting opposite pairs of inserts: (a) black opposite red; (b) black opposite green; and (c) black opposite blue. [Even though this series of variants can be described concretely in writing, the difference is often overlooked; hence, classification of this group of chips as variants.]
- (As an aside, compare the random placement of the 4 inserts in the Hotel Mapes Casino chips above, with the new Mohegan Sun \$1 H&C chip manufactured by Paul-son. The Mohegan Sun chip also has 4 alternating-color inserts but all of the chips appear to alternate with purple opposite blue and brown opposite green. Current manufacturing techniques account for this regularity, I assume.)

Variations can be categorized into the following groups:

Type of Variations	Explanation for Differences	Examples
Slight color changes	Minor color variations, usually due to different manufacturing lots, although color update may be intentional. Color may be difficult/confusing for security camera, so chip is reissued in new shade.	Fitzgerald’s-Las Vegas 25c chips in olive green vs. light green.
Slight hot-stamp variants	Placement of graphic elements in hot-stamp may change over time. Requires precision in verbally describing; photocopy preferred.	Union Plaza Hotel & Casino - 25c chips: look at different placements of word “Union”.
Slight center inlay variants	Minor design or placement differences in center inlay graphic; sometimes relates to denomination style.	Palace Club-Reno \$1 C&J chips: two \$1 styles.
Insert placement variants	Minor differences in the color, placement or width of inserts.	Showboat \$1 gray w/ 3-red inserts: 5/8 inch vs. 1/2 inch.
Dovetail notch variants	Some H&C chips with two “pie” sections have dovetail joints in two different colors.	Fort Lucinda 50c red & green “pie” dovetails in both red and green.
Finish variants	Some Bud Jones metal inlay chips were issued in shiny finishes vs. buffed metal/concentric circle versions. Also some Chipcos have varieties of smooth vs. textured surfaces.	Desert Inn \$5 metal insert chips: shiny vs. buffed surfaces.
Invisibly marked variants	Chip suppliers stamp chips with invisible security codes, for collecting variety or for additional high-value chip security.	Luxor \$1 chips - 7 variants marked in ultraviolet ink.

When is a family of two or more chips considered “variations” rather than “distinct”? When a written description is somewhat subjective or ambiguous, or when the description uses terms such as “type 1 vs. type 2” to differentiate the chips. [Note: it is sometimes necessary and unavoidable to use such descriptions, unless a the actual chip(s) or a color photocopy is available. It’s just that a collector could not conclusively look at two chip variations and immediately determine which is “type 1” and which is “type 2”] In the absence of a hobby-wide agreement on how to designate such variations, some confusion and misinterpretation is bound to occur. Use care when collecting variants through mail purchases or trades. Make sure the seller sends the chip you want!

Errors

Errors occur when a chip is not manufactured to specifications. When a chip has different designs on its obverse and reverse, the potential exists for a chip with two obverse or two reverse sides. Due to manufacturing controls, these errors are rare, at least in the stacks of chips that are in play. More common errors occur when a misspelling or misdating occurs on a chip. [Note: some collectors would classify commonly available and mass-produced errors, such as spelling errors as "variants" and reserve the "errors" designation for rare chips.] Some examples:

- Goldberg Gaming-Colorado Chipcos- two sides "Big Jake's" and "Soda Fountain" -two obverses or two reverses.
- Little Caesars - two 25c white hot-stamped chips with spellings: "Little Caesars" and (misspelled) "Little Ceasars".
- Imperial Palace - 20th Anniversary chip issued with (misspelled) "Editon" then reissued with "Edition" spelling.
- Flamingo Hilton New Years Eve - \$5 Chipco issued as "New Years Eve 1991" to celebrate New Years Eve 1990/New Years Day 1991.

Classifications for error-type chips:

Type of Errors	Explanation for Origin of Error	Examples
2 Obverses or 2 Reverses	Manufacturing error in placing 2 "heads" or 2 "tails" on chip.	Goldberg Gaming Chipcos (described above)
Conflicts between Obverse & Reverse	Two different denominations may appear on chip, rare occurrence.	Showboat-Atlantic City chip \$5 obv/ \$25 rev error.
Error / omission in edge inserts	Insert omitted or wrong color (rare). Also, same chip color and inserts issued to two different casinos/clubs (error in security feature of non-duplicate chips).	Jim Kelly's Nugget-Tahoe \$5 red 3-1/2 sxs white/blue/white inserts -- previously issued to California club.
Errors in spelling	Proofreading error, resulting in misspelled word(s). Note that intentional changes in spelling sometimes occur-- ex: Harvey's to Harveys (no apostrophe).	Little Caesars and Imperial Palace chips described above
Errors in dating	Date for an event is in error (although, in some cases, the customer, not chip mfg. may be the source of error).	Aladdin \$5 H&C chip for 1995 CC>CC show-- wrong dates.
Errors in denominations	Occasionally, 25c chips or other less-than-\$1 chips may show redundant decimal <u>and</u> "c" sign: ".25c".	Horseshoe-LV brown HS chip stamped ".25c"

When is an error not an error? When the chip was manufactured to intended specifications, even if an apparent conflict exists. Example: Caesars Tahoe \$5 and \$20 baccarat chips (Oversize-44mm). Look closely and you will note that they used the "Caesars Palace" house mold for these chips, rather than create a specialized oversize "Caesars Tahoe" mold. Clearly, this mold could not have been used without Caesars Palace blessing; the incorrect mold was probably used simply because the cost of a new mold for a limited production run would have been rather expensive.

Eagle Eyes

I openly acknowledge and credit those "eagle eyed" collectors who notice and communicate the existence of chip distinctions, variations and errors. Chip collectors who have migrated to the hobby from coin or stamp collecting intuitively recognize the importance of cataloging distinctions in chips. Token collectors also are attuned to the slight differences in die variations and cracks and different methods of manufacturing tokens. In some respects, the detail with which token distinctions can be described exceeds current conventions in chip listings. As stated previously, distinctions aren't so important if the chip is "unique", or if a photocopy is available. However, accurate reporting is essential when two or more chip "cousins" can be confused with each other. A picture can be worth a thousand words -- if it illustrates a casino chip offered for sale or auction. In most cases, a photocopy of the actual chip (both sides if different, where possible) is preferable to a written list without illustrations. There's less confusion about the details, and it's sometimes easier and faster to review pictures of chips rather than written specifications only. The chip's condition, strength of hot-stamp, cancellation if any, etc. can be observed in a good-quality photocopy. Color photocopies are even better, but are usually reserved for more expensive chips in lists or auction catalogs, due to cost considerations.

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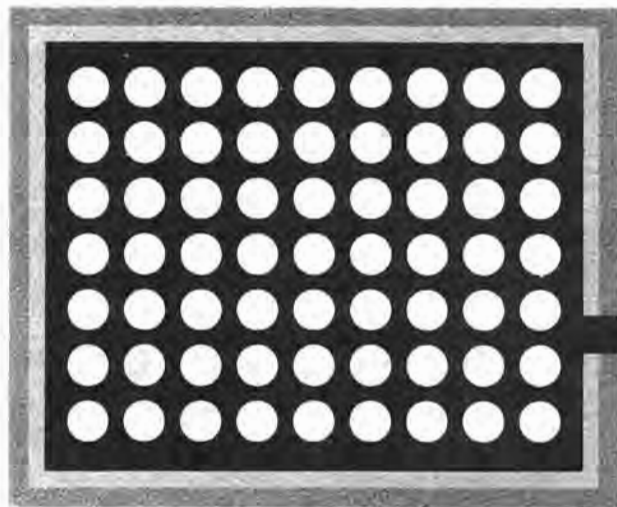
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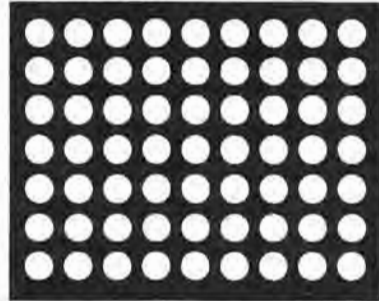
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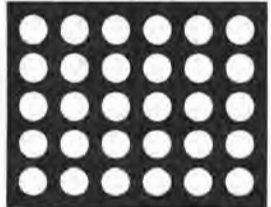
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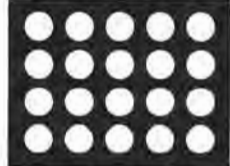
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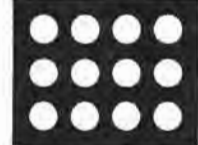
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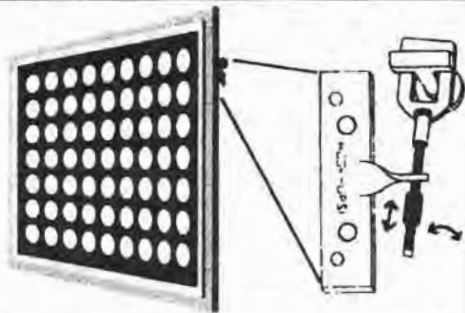
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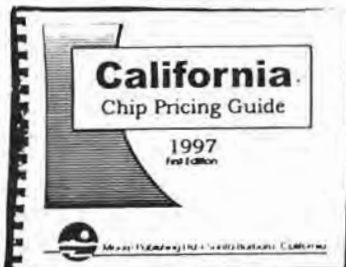


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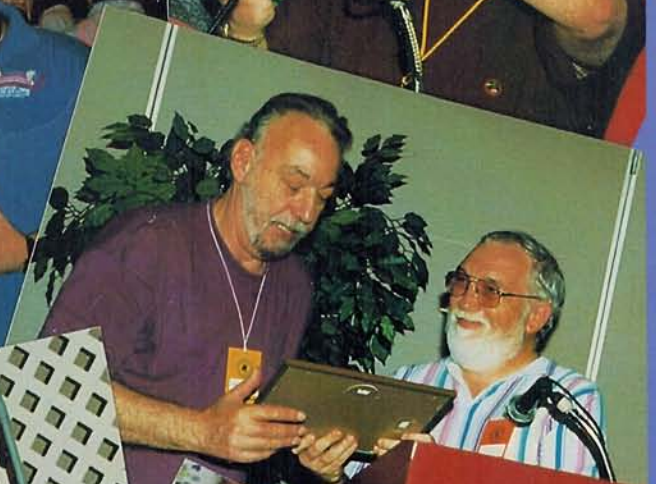
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