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*'This is the kind of fire that would've consumed the building.'*

—Tom Donnelly, Reno battalion chief

## Fire chars Eldorado

### No one injured; casino and restaurant evacuated

■ **Electric short blamed:** Outside plastic panels burn, fall to streets below.

By Jennifer Crowe  
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Fifty-foot orange flames that billowed up the south wall of the Eldorado Hotel Casino were sparked by an electrical circuit Tuesday evening, Reno fire officials said.

Large pieces of the building's plastic facade fell onto the corner of Virginia and Plaza streets.

"There were chunks falling off the side of the building," said Martin Mast of Reno. "It looked like lava pouring down."

The 6:40 p.m. 3-alarm fire forced evacuation of hundreds of workers and customers from the casino and restaurant levels of the downtown hotel, but other neighboring downtown casinos remained open. No general announcement was made in the hotel, and guest rooms were not evacuated.

Despite flames that charred the illuminated wall decoration facing Plaza Street and falling debris, no injuries were reported. Guests and employees returned to the hotel at 9:15 p.m.

Battalion Chief Tom Donnelly said firefighters feared flames would move inside the building. But fast work by ladder crews confined the blaze to the outside, with only minor smoke damage to the interior, he said.

"That exterior plastic creates quite a fireball," he said of the petroleum-based facade material. "We've had other sign fires, but nothing this large."

Reno police closed Virginia Street from First to Fifth streets and access on those streets was blocked between Sierra and Center. Reno fire officials also notified Union Pacific officials to halt train traffic because firehoses were strewn across the tracks.

Reno resident Theresa Walker was walking across the railroad tracks when she looked up and saw the beginnings of the flames. "They were only about three feet high and I ran inside and reported it to the security guard and they started evacuating people."

Within minutes, flames were leaping 50 feet in the air, engulfing a 30- by 200-foot section of the outside facade. Donnelly said it took 44 Reno firefighters about 40 minutes to contain the fire.



David B. Parker/Reno Gazette-Journal

**ON THE SCENE:** A Reno firefighter prepares to attack the fire at the Eldorado Hotel Casino Tuesday evening.

checking for any hot spots in or outside the hotel.

No interior alarms or sprinkler systems triggered, because the fire was outside. Officials said that helped casino employees keep visitors calm during evacuation.

Nancee McCorkle had been gambling at an Eldorado quarter slot machine just inside a door surrounded by flames.

"I looked out the door and all I could see was the fire and the falling debris," said the Phoenix, Ariz., woman. "Everybody was trying to get their money out of the machines, but the security people were telling everybody to leave it."

Victor Vasquez, a chef in the Tivoli Gardens Restaurant on the second floor, was cooking fettuccini when security guards told employees to evacuate.

The restaurant was not affected by the fire, he said, but he turned the stove off, walked down the escalator and out of the building and joined the awestruck crowd at the corner of Virginia and Fourth streets.

"Everybody was relaxed and moved slowly. There was no problem," he said. "There was no fear, everybody is fine. This is no big problem, it's a little fire."

Salem, Ore., tourists Bob Hamlin and Peggy Daczewitz were eating dinner at the Eldorado's Choice's Restaurant when security told them to evacuate.

They casually finished their dinners on a bench outside.

"We took one look at our lobster tails and said 'we're taking this with us,'" Daczewitz said.



Marilyn Newton/Reno Gazette-Journal

**ASSESSING THE DAMAGE:** Gary Carano, left, and Reno Fire Chief Chuck Lowden, at scene of Tuesday blaze.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Archie A. Black

What a marvelous convention Chairman Skelton put on for the membership in Las Vegas back in June. I'm sure I am not the only one who still has not had time to put away all my treasures purchased at the Aladdin. It will take some doing to top the efforts put forth by all the various committees and helpers behind the scenes.... but top it we will ( I am certain) when our 10th anniversary event rolls around next June! Want to help out next year? Convention Chairman would be thrilled to hear from you!

The 1997 convention was not without controversy however, some of it still rages on the electronic bulletin boards in cyber space; even at this late date. The club officers vow not to repeat the same mistakes made last year regarding proposed Constitution & Bylaws changes not being published in the club magazine, prior to bringing them before the membership for a vote. We will do it all over again in '98 the right way.... with proper notification next time in the club's publication.

We've heard and read many of your comments and suggestions and we plan to address many of those concerns which are important to all of us. Having said that, I would remind the membership that it is the ELECTED Board which makes many decisions relative to club matters. As the old adage goes; "show me a man or woman who makes no decisions and I'll show you a person who make no mistakes." It's nice to sit back and criticize, quite a different matter to offer solutions... or to offer to pitch in and help out. Sure, we would like to know how you feel we are doing.... or NOT doing. We would also like to publish your comments in the club magazine. Do you have a question? Letters to the Editor, or the the President, are always welcome. There is nothing wrong with sharing your thoughts with the ENTIRE membership... not just on the electronic bulletin boards where a very small percentage of our membership gets the opportunity to read them and to comment. All I request is that you have your facts straight before writing and have the courage to sign your name. Unsigned letters get tossed in the "round file".

The Board will be meeting soon in the near future; probably before the year is out. The site and date has yet to be determined. Our Constitution and Bylaws will be thoroughly reviewed during our planned dull day's session and Board recommendations will be made and brought up for membership debate and approval or rejection. All proposed Constitutional changes will be published in the magazine well in advance of our next annual meeting in Las Vegas, at which time they will be voted upon... requiring a 2/3 majority vote by those members in attendance for approval...AS PER WHAT OUR CURRENT CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR. There is/has been NO attempt on any officers part to stifle any Constitutional change proposal(s) that any individual member wishes to put forth with respect to the way CC&GTCC will be governed in the future. (See my open letter to the membership) However, there is a proper procedure to follow which will be strictly adhered to.

I'm happy to report that I have appointed an Audit Committee who will be meeting on September 14th. This important committee will be headed up by CPA Mitch Smith of

Delaware, as Chairman. Other appointed Audit Committee members are; Tom Hitzelberger of Virginia, and Tom Duffy of New Jersey who is an AT&T Employee and who also holds the post of Treasurer in our Atlantic City Chapter, CC&GTCC Treasurer Chuck Tomarchio and President Black will also be in attendance. I doubt if their report will be submitted in time for publication in this issue of the club magazine. If not; the next issue for sure.

The club is currently seeking a volunteer to establish a club librarian, which the Board has unanimously voted in favor of. (See Librarian announcement details published elsewhere). If interested in the Librarian's position, I would be most happy to hear from you.

'Till next issue..... happy collecting!

## CC&GTCC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

The club is looking for a few members in good standing who would be interested in serving on a committee to explore the possibility of developing and establishing guidelines and criteria to select our annual CC&GTCC scholarship winner(s).

This potential scholarship would be open to all members of CC&GTCC, their children and grandchildren. Initial "seed money" to fund this program was donated by club member Gordon Hall via an auction lot in our 1997 auction sale of which the entire proceeds went towards establishing this fund. Mr. Hall's donation was matched by the club Treasury and we now have a significant amount of "seed money" that has been set aside in a separate account available for distribution if and when approved guidelines are accepted by the board.

If interested in serving on this important committee, please send your name, resume, and qualifications, to P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723 outlining why you would like to be appointed to this important position. The committee's choice of person(s) selected as award recipients, BASED ON MERIT, would be final, with no interference from the elected Board.

## **CLUB SEEKING VOLUNTEER AS "LIBRARIAN"**

Would anyone out there be interested in serving as the new club Librarian?

Our intentions are to establish a lending library where members could request the free loan of reference books, catalogs, manuals, video's, and pamphlets relative to casino chip and token collecting, and/or the casino collectibles hobby. The books, etc..., would be either supplied or purchased by CC&GTCC (or donated by various authors/sources), which would then need to be cataloged and listed and stored at a central location for distribution by the appointed club Librarian upon request by any CC&GTCC member in good standing. The only cost to the individual member making the request would be the RETURN postage of the materials out on loan. The club treasury would pay for the mailing out of all materials requested. I don't believe that this would be a very time consuming, nor difficult task, (after the initial start up) for someone who would like to offer their assistance.

If interested, please contact the club President, who will make the appointment. Write to CC&GTCC, P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

We wish to use this means as a way to thank the many, many friends who extended their congratulations and best wished on our 55th Wedding Anniversary.

The vast number of signatures was accomplished by Vern and Alice Blanck with the help of Brenda Black and Ann Skelton during the Convention, and we didn't know a thing about it.

Thank you all again!

Art and Muriel Sanderson

**THE FOLLOWING ARE LETTERS WRITTEN IN RESPONSE TO THE ARTICLE "SECRETS AND LIES" BY MEL JUNG. THE LETTERS WERE SUBMITTED BY MEL JUNG.**

Dear Mel:

Kudos for your courage, insight and enlightenment. Anyone who quarrels with your straightforward presentation obviously has something to hide. Let's get all of the skeletons out of the closet and move forward with our hobby.

There is a discount clothier in the New York area whose motto is "An educated consumer is our best customer." This hobby should adopt a similar philosophy. An educated collector is the best asset this club can have if it is to continue its growth. There is no room for charlatans and snake oil salesmen in our organization.

Continue your good work.

Sincerely,  
Joseph A. Fiore, #2451

Dear Mel:

As both a customer and chip collector, I must congratulate you on your recent article, "Secrets and Lies" in the summer issue of the Casino Chip and Token News. (Incidentally, it follows my article on the Dupont Plaza Tragedy.)

I know it took a lot of guts to write that article, what with you being a major dealer, but I can only anticipate that your stature as both collector and dealer will only increase as time passes. You said only what needed to be said, but you had the intestinal fortitude to say it first!

God bless you and yours, and I look forward to seeing you again in Las Vegas.

Regards,  
George T. Davis

Ed. Note: I welcome any other comments on this issue, please send them!

## "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH OF THIS CHIP NONSENSE"

by Richard Hagopian

I am writing this letter out of concern I have for our hobby. I am sending it to all three publications that I belong or subscribe to. Hopefully, one of the three will have the courage to print it.

My name is Richard Hagopian from Brighton, Michigan, and although I am a relatively new member to the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, I have been collecting chips for over five years now. My wife and I travel frequently and enjoy the challenge of the "21" tables and slot machines while gathering any new chips.

Prior to chip collecting, I collected U.S. beer cans from 1972-1986. As the beer can hobby grew, and it did grow immensely, a few of the smaller struggling breweries (this is prior to the now famous micro breweries) started running limited production beer, usually 1000 cases. For who or whatever day or event they chose to commemorate. The brewery benefited from this because those cases were gobbled up by collectors. The collectors didn't even care what the beer tasted like, most of the time the cans were opened from the bottom with a church key, emptied, washed and then taken to shows to trade or sell. Well, it finally got to the point where these cans were inundating the hobby. This practice eventually ruined it. People became disinterested, like myself, and just quit collecting. I still have my collection of 4000 plus cans holding up the walls in my basement.

Over the past year to year and a half, too many chips have been made strictly for some dealer to obtain. (I am not sure if they get them from the casino or directly from the chip manufacturer). These dealers sell them for anywhere from a marginal profit to a substantial profit. If this pace keeps up, chip collecting as it is known today is going to have the same fate as my last hobby. It may not be in one or two years, but it will indeed happen.

People should concentrate on older chips and special event chips that have been and will continue to come out yearly. I look forward to Laughlin River Days, Harrah's Hot August Nights, and John Ascuaga's Rib Cook Off Days chips. These chips all have class and should always be desired by us collectors. But those chips by 4 Queens, Fiesta, Opera House, Boomtown, Arizona Charlies, and now Lady Luck and Tropicana should all be banned by the intelligent collector. I finally got smart and just right out quit buying those chips. Its not that I can't afford them but I just finally got wise. These so called dealers or brokers are the only ones having the opportunity to purchase them and everyone else (the average collector) gets short changed while the dealers get rich.

Its high time we collectors all wise up., We need to band together and not buy anymore of those damn things and maybe the chip companies will get the drift and stop making them. In the mean time there should be a way in the magazines columns under "new issues" to designate if a chip is able to be purchased at a casino cashier cage or gaming table, example: CC for casino chip or if it can't be purchased easily or not at all (which is in most cases) should be labeled as DC for dealer chip.

On one of my earlier trips to Vegas, my wife and I took a side trip to Death Valley. On the way we stopped at Stateline



Saloon, after having a couple drinks and playing video poker, we introduced ourselves to Doris. After conversing with her, she took the time to go through her chip racks and pick out some nice one and five dollar chips which I then purchased. Those were some good older chips from a really nice place out in no man's land and it really sickened us to see all those so called "commemorative chips" coming from that small establishment.

There are enough anniversary chips and headliner promotional chips already available. Lets do away with those "dealer chips" before they ruin our hobby.

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**CHINESE PROVERB:** The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

**CHIP PROVERB:** (with apologies to Confucius): The best time to form a chip collection was 20 years ago. The second time is now.

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## HERE COMES THAT TRIMBLE GUY AGAIN

by Gene Trimble

Here comes that Trimble guy again. It appears that he always has something to say. He just does not know when to dummy up.

The CC&GTCC summer edition just arrived and was read cover to cover. Good job Gregg. He took particular interest in the presidents report and Mel Jung's column. He thought a few comments were in order, so take it away Trimble.

I think Archie's use of the adjective "superb" in reference to the quality of the annual convention was quite inadequate. Terrific, grandiose, and monumental might have been better choices. I might have come up with better words, but I have not yet learned to use the Thesaurus on this stupid computer. I feel a standing ovation is in order. By the way Archie, I received four E-mails since the convention, suggesting that our leader be immortalized on a Limited Edition chip. These misinformed club members seem to think I have something to do with the issuance of LE's. If you are interested, I could probably put you in touch with somebody that could get the job done.

I think the club should take a stronger position against the slap in the face to collectors, from the Lady Luck. There was not one good reason to cancel their early LE's. My guess is, not more that 100 of them were coming and going from the cage in the last year. I read where Tom Pleau redeemed his supply in protest to the recall. If i were a dealer, I would have done the same. I gave serious thought to redeeming the single chip I have, of each one. Then the thought hit me, what if every other chipper redeems their chips. I would have the only one. I must admit, the green eyed monster won this one. I have it when that happens. I guess I will learn to cope with the guilt.

I also feel, a stronger stance should be taken in regards to the re-issuing of Grand Opening chips, or any other LE, for that matter. Again, there is no logical reason for it. There was only two casinos mentioned but we all know there were four re-issues of Grand Openings. Chippers that paid a premium for these chips are hurt the most and dealers are put in a bad position because of it. I paid face for mine, so I guess I did not get hurt, but I still do not like it. I have decided to leave these four casinos off my collecting list. If other collectors would do the same, we might see this practice stop. If I was a dealer I would be afraid to handle chips from casinos that cancel and re-issue LE's. Since most chippers think there are too many chips, re-issues and canceled LE's might be the place to cut down our cost of collecting. Is it possible to live without a few tainted chips? I was unaware of the petition you mentioned, maybe someone could pencil in my name.

Moving right along to secrets and lies by brother Jung. Nice article Mel. Negative impact on collecting? I did not think so. Six out of eight against? You should have asked for a recount of the votes. Secrets and lies have been going on since Adam and Eve, it is not unique to the chip world. There are no secrets in America the minute two people are aware of it. I will tell you a big secret but you must promise not to tell anyone else, as long as you live. Yeah - Right! In my opinion, if a chipper gets a bad deal because of a secret or a lie, he neglected to do his homework. If the urge to have a certain chip hits you, the best thing to do is ask questions of other dealers. Someone will spill the big secret or

is not necessarily a secret or a lie. It could be, just a bad break. Not too long ago I was offered a chip at a certain price and was told by the dealer "I have all of them." Within thirty minutes I found two other dealers that had them and at different prices. Hardly comes under the definition of a secret. Was it a lie? As it turned out, it was and was not. The person that sold the chips to the dealers, told each one, they were getting all of them. The dealers told the truth as they knew it. This type of situation will happen as long as we collect chips. Dealers and collectors that tell lies, knowing they are lies, will not last in the business for very long. I think it is good for chipping, to expose the secrets and lies. Just keep in mind there are thousands of honorable deals made each day, and no one writes about them. When you compare honorable deals to secrets and lies, I'll bet the honorable deals will be the bigger number by a large percentage. One secret that becomes a lie is when replicas are displayed and are not marked replicas. Yours truly was nailed with a couple of these little gems. The cheerful dealer offered to refund my money but being a true chipper I kept them. It made a good story for my chip archives. My grandson will get a good laugh someday, at my expense.

By the way, I missed that chip from the Low Life casino, you mentioned in your column. Send me one and I will get a check to you right away. I hate it when I miss a Las Vegas chip.

The re-issuing of LE's comes under the guise of secrets and lies. I feel certain they were meant to be a secret and I am satisfied someone lied about it when they were asked. The problem is two people knew about it. I am constantly amazed at how fast news travels in the chip world. A number of times I have had what I thought as 1st hand information and passed it on to one chipper. Within two hours I would have a call from the east coast to let me in on some hot information. Chippers that have secrets and lies, or casinos that re-issue and cancel chips should be aware of the camaraderie and network we call chipping.

Most negativity in chip collecting can be turned into a positive if we all hang together. You do not have to like what I like and you do not have to collect what I collect, but the last time I checked there was only one chip club. All of us should go about our business and keep in mind that someone will expose the secrets and lies. I hate it when I am embarrassed. How about you?

## OFF ROAD ENCOUNTER

by Art Sanderson R-0171

Mr. Hy Rowler passed on recently. He hovered for awhile, to see that his wife Lois ("Lo" for short) got the insurance, and away he went.

Beyond the pearly entrance was the largest casino Hy had ever seen. Using complimentary tokens, given him by a pretty girl at the door, he played the first slot machine he came to. Wild bells rang - whistles blew - red lights flashed - he had hit the multibillion dollar progressive jack pot.

With credit beyond belief he was tempted to play other games. Blackjack every deal - Royal flush every hand - A winner at every spin of the wheel - He quit, after making numerous consecutive passes and called it a day.

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Enduring this lavish treatment for less than a week - he asked the early shift hostess for an appointment with the Pit-Boss in management.

In a flash he was standing before the same man that had held the door open upon his arrival. Only now he sat like a king on a throne.

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ENTIRE CLUB MEMBERSHIP by Archie A. Black, President

There seems to be some confusion on the part of some factions within this organization as to what the club's present Constitution calls for in order to amend. Article FIVE "Alterations & Amendments", clearly states the following:

Section 1. "This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President (not posted on an electronic bulletin board... but "shall be presented in writing to the President") who shall cause presentation of same to the membership in the next issue of the official club publication. Amendments or alterations shall not be voted upon until the next scheduled annual meeting of the club. When voted upon, a two-thirds majority of the club members present shall be required to amend."

Be advised that I've neglected to see to it that my proposed amendments, which were submitted by me, and which were approved by the board, were not published in the club magazine prior to our annual meeting. That is the only violation which I pleaded guilty to in the letter from myself that was inserted separately into each copy of the last magazine issue. My proposed amendments were read (the present language and the proposed language) at our annual meeting in Las Vegas. A 2/3 majority in attendance did vote in favor of most of the proposals. However, when it was brought to our attention after the convention was over, that most of the proposals were not previously published in the magazine and could be challenged, we did the responsible thing to do and rescinded the votes taken in Las Vegas.

Section 2. of the same Constitution states: "The Officers shall have the power to make such prudent bylaws and regulations as they deem proper for the management and control of the business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with these Constitutions, with the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States."

That, my friends, is what our current Constitution says.... and has always said. Now some club members are saying that there should be a mail cote taken..., that one should not have to be in attendance at the annual meeting in order to vote..., that it should be a simple majority vote, not 2.3 majority, etc. MEMBERS; Please listen up! We can't have it both ways. If you don't like what the CC&GTCC Constitution says, submit an alteration or an amendment "in writing to the President", which is what is called for in the Constitution.

Now, I know that most club members... that most of you simply want to buy, sell, and trade chips and tokens and enjoy your hobby. We, as club officers, want to do and enjoy the same things. However, club officers have the additional responsibility of running the club and enforcing the rules and regulations. We are not opposed to change. Don't like the way some of the rules are written? That's fine. Follow the rules to change it then. If it happens to affect the C&BL, then you must "present your alterations or amendments in writing to the President"; not post them on an electronic bulletin board. That exercise changes nothing. After receiving, in writing, and after publication in the club magazine, and if 2/3rds of the membership present at the annual meeting vote in favor of your proposal, it will be changed or amended. Oh, I've heard and read all the arguments about Archie "muzzling free speech" and all those smoke screens.... but the bottom line is that "alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President...."

Oh, by the way, in closing; In Volume 9, #4 on page 23, third paragraph, there WAS published a proposed change to "eliminated the title of "Recording Secretary" (Jim Steffner) and substitute the title of "Membership Officer" (Jim Steffner) in it's place." "At the same time, a Board proposal to change the title of "Corresponding Secretary" (Michael Knapp) to simply "Secretary" (Michael Knapp) will be voted on as well." "Both new titles will remain as elected Board seats and not change any current Board status."

This proposed change WAS published in the magazine prior to the convention and WAS voted upon by 2/3 majority present at our 1997 annual convention in Las Vegas, and IS now in effect. We did not drop the number of officers position from five to four. There were five elected officers before this change... and presently there are the same five elected officers. Now, as Doctor Laura always says at the end of her radio programs; "Go out and take on the day."

### THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION:

The first change is to Article V-Section I which currently is written as follows:

This constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the president who shall cause presentation of same to the membership in the next issue of the official club publication. Amendments or alterations shall not be voted upon until the next scheduled annual meeting of the club. When voted upon, a two-thirds majority of the club members present shall be required to amend.

The proposed change to Article V-Section I is:

This constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the president who shall cause presentation of same to the membership in the next issue of the official club publication. **The amendments or alterations will be voted upon by the entire membership. Each member will be provided a ballot detailing the proposed change. The ballot will be included in the official club magazine following the issue of publication. When voted upon a two-thirds majority of club members voting shall be required to amend.**

The second constitution change is to Article V-Section II:

The officers shall have the power to make such prudential bylaws and regulations as they deem proper for the management and control of business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with these constitutions, with the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States.

The proposed change to Article V-Section II is:

The officers shall have the power to make such prudential bylaws and regulations as they deem proper for the management and control of business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with these constitutions, with the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States. **The membership maintains the right to make null and void any bylaw and/or regulation it believes not to be in the best interests of the club. Any petition protesting any bylaw or regulation presented to the President in writing with 100 or more member signatures shall be published in the official club magazine. A vote, by ballot will be put to the membership, with two-thirds of members voting needed to override. The ballot will be included in the next official club magazine following the issue of publication.**

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It is not too early to start making plans to be in attendance at the Club's 6th Annual Convention and help us celebrate our organizations 10th Anniversary. The 1998 edition of our show promises to be bigger and better than you have experienced in the past! If you have not attended one of the Club's Conventions in the past, this is definitely the one you want to start with.

Just like Las Vegas, our Club has experienced tremendous growth and that growth is reflected in the fact that the Club has evolved and prospered to the point that we will be in our 19th year as an organization. The 1998 Convention will reflect our tremendous growth and should have something for every member. Chips, tokens, casino memorabilia, educational exhibits, seminars, trading sessions and more!

We will once again be holding our Convention at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino and would urge everyone to reserve your room at the Aladdin. The hotel has announced plans to renovate and expand the property in the coming months and year. The work should not have major impact on our Convention, so please do let any "rumors" about the impending doom of the property stop you from booking your room at the Aladdin.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Hotel reservation cards are located in this issue of the magazine. The room rate of \$45.00 Sun - Thur & \$55.00 Fri & Sat per night is the best "rack rate" you will find any where on the Strip and is the same as last year. I am sure there are members who receive a better rate than this, based on their casino action or some one may find a better price as part of "package", but you have to come and go on the the dates specified in the package. But the vast majority of Club members can not individually arrange a better rate than this on the Strip. And the last fact is the Club uses the number of rooms booked as a negotiating tool for show space and sleeping rooms for future shows. The Club is allocated only so many rooms in our block and we have oversold that block each of the last two years. We would encourage each member to make your reservations as early as possible. So please support YOUR CLUB by booking your room at the Aladdin. Mail your card in by May 15th or call 1-800-634-3424 and use the Q-name "Chips98" for the reservation code.

**DEALER TABLES**

Any member who had a dealer table last year, should have received information about the 1998 Convention in the mail by now. If you had a table in 1997 and have not received your information yet, please contact the 1998 Convention Chairman, Mike Skelton, at once.

Any member in good standing may request a dealer table contract for the 1998 Convention. We will strive to accommodate all requests for dealer tables at the '98 Convention, but all application deadlines will be strictly adhered to for anyone requesting a dealer table. It is each member's responsibility to insure that the

payment and the contract is received by the Convention Chairman. Any contracts and payments received after the deadline, will be returned to the member via certified mail. The show floor will be expanded and reconfigured from last year, past dealers will be placed as close as possible to their location from 1997, but there are no guarantees on location on the floor for any member. There will be a limit of three(3) tables sold to any one member or members sharing table space.

**VOLUNTEERS**

The Convention Chairman is now actively soliciting for volunteers for the 1998 Convention. We have a need for a volunteer or volunteers in the Las Vegas area to handle the show publicity. I would call upon all members of the Las Vegas Chapter to consider taking on this position, of course with help from all of your fellow chapter members. We are also in need of someone to act as our Seminar Chairperson. To schedule all the education seminars during the convention and to enlist the speakers to present each seminar. Please, if you would like to volunteer for any purpose, let us know.

**EARLY BIRD RECEPTION AND SWAP MEET**

To be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 5:30pm, this is our most popular function of the week. You should make plans to attend this fine gathering. Sponsored by the Club and contributing dealers, the reception this year will be bigger than ever. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, with socializing being the mainstay until 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring their traders and duplicated for the intense trading session that will begin at 7:00pm. We strongly encourage everyone to refrain from trading until this time. No one person or company may monopolize an entire table. With the number of expected attendees, there is simply not enough room on the tables for the food, drinks, and chip and token books, so please restrain yourself until 7:00pm.

**AUCTION**

Auction chairman Bruce Landau will have gathered another fine assortment of lots for our Friday night auction. The auction will begin at 6:30pm and we ask that everyone be on time. In the interest of time, this year you will be able to register for your Auction number during the normal show hours, instead of everyone trying to get their number at 6:15pm Friday night. Hopefully, this will help speed up the start of the auction. On Thursday and Friday during show hours, stop by Bruce Landau's table (table number to be published at a later date) and have your Club membership number and you can pick up your auction number then. You will still be able to register the night of the auction, but why wait until the last minute. Should be another fine auction.

**LAST DANCE SWAP MEET**

On Saturday, June 20th, after the conclusion of the convention, the Club will sponsor another swap session for any interested members. The session will begin at 7:00pm and last until midnight or until all traders throw in the towel, whichever comes first. There will be refreshments and light snacks provided. So,

if you have to get in another few hours of face to face trading before heading home, here is your chance to dance the Last Dance. Bring traders and have a good time!

### **SHOW FLOOR ACCESS**

All dealers will be notified by mail of their access to the show floor. There will be NO variation to this time schedule. Members who are attending the show, will be allowed onto the show floor ONLY during the normal show hours. Volunteers who are assisting with the production of the show will be notified by the Convention Chairman of their access times. Beginning at 1:30pm on Wednesday, June 17th thru Saturday, June 20th at 7:00pm, the show floor entrances will be manned by Security Unlimited and NO ONE will be allowed in with out the proper credentials.

### **CLUB BUSINESS MEETING**

Over the past several year, members have complained about the meeting being held at 8:00am on Saturday. This year, in an effort to improve attendance, we are moving the business meeting to Thursday evening. Why is it that 350 people can show up for free food and drinks, with chip/token swapping thrown in, but only 70 folks show up to conduct the business of this Club?

Make plans now to attend the annual Club Business meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 7:30pm. This is the one opportunity each year that members and the officers have a chance to gather face to face to discuss the business and direction of our organization. This is YOUR Club, make a point to attend.

### **EXHIBITS**

Ms. Janice O'Neal has graciously volunteered to chair the exhibit committee for the 1998 Convention. The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit. An Exhibitor application is located elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. If you have any questions regarding exhibits, please contact Janice O'Neal, 8122 W. Flamingo #66, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

### **TOKEN COLLECTORS MEETING**

Once again, there will be a meeting of token collectors, headed by Norma Jean King. The date and time of this event will be announce in the upcoming issue of the Club Magazine.

### **SLOT TOURNAMENT**

The Aladdin Hotel & Casino has offered to host a slot tournament for our attendees in 1998, on Friday, June 19th. There will be a nominal entry fee of \$10 or \$20, with all entry fees returned in the form of prize money. We must have some kind of idea of how many members and guests would play in such a tournament. If you would be interested in participating in a slot tournament during the convention, please contact Mike Skelton. Write to him at 112 Simmons Drive, Coppell, TX 75019. E-Mail at Bugsy46@aol.com or at Bugsy46@prodigy.com. Fax number is (972) 304-5805. Please let us know as soon as possible.

### **CAR RENTAL**

We have negotiated some very good car rental rates for all attendees who will need a car while in Las Vegas. The agreement is with Budget Rent A Car and you must call Lisa Webber at 1-800-922-2899, ext. 237, to receive our convention rate. There is an ad located elsewhere in the magazine and an insert included in this issue. The car can be picked up at several locations around Las Vegas and the rates are very good. Example: Midsize car: \$139.00 for the weekly rate, free unlimited mileage.

### **1997 CC&GTCC CONVENTION AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It's hard to believe that we are talking about our 1998 Convention Auction this early. Those who attended this year's auction were very well pleased with the selection of lots and the hectic competitive bidding activity. Even without the \$2000 and \$3000 lots, we out did last year. In general, we are repeating the same words which appeared in our Oct, Nov, Dec issue last year. The timetable and rules (with one small exception) remain the same. This year, any reserve will in effect be the opening bid. This will serve two purposes. First, it will speed up the auction and the event that the reserve is not met, the consignor will be charged 20% rather than 10%. One final not to all consignors: Our annual auction almost guarantees the highest possible price you can get for your chips and tokens. Keep this in mind when consigning your lots. The time frame and procedures for 1998 will be basically the same. Here is the summary:

**DATE:** Friday, June 19, 1998 6:30pm to 11:00pm

**SUBMISSIONS:** All lots should be shipped First Class & insured for full value to: GAMING ARCHAEOLOGY, P.O. BOX 1000, MINDEN, NV 89423. The auction will be limited to 225-250 lots. **ALL LOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 31, 1997.** Each member may submit up to three lot only until the 250 lot limit reached. First come, first served.

**COMMITTEE RIGHTS:** The auction committee reserves the right to refuse any lots. We are seeking all different values, scarce to rare chips and tokens; please no current or very common material. Lots without minimums or reserves are preferred. (see "commissions").

**COMMISSIONS:** Consignors will be charged a 10% fee on all sold lots. On any unsold lot which carries a reserve a 20% fee of the reserve will be charged to the consignor. Unsold lots without minimums or reserves will not be charged any commission fees to the consignor. However, a 10% buyers fee will be assessed by the club to all winning bidders.

**CATALOG CHARGE:** As in 1997, there will be a \$10 charge for the bound and illustrated catalog, which should be ordered in advance. A non-illustrated catalog listing of auction lots will be available, at no charge, to those who request one.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact the CC&GTCC 1998 Auction Chairman, Bruce Landau at 44 West Gate Rd, Suffern, NY 10901. Phone during the day is (201) 818-9500 ext.#225, Evenings; (914) 357-0837.

The chart below will provide you with all the deadlines that will be strictly adhered to..... no exceptions.

## **1997 CC&GTCC CONVENTION AUCTION** **FRIDAY JUNE 19, 1998**

**CONSIGN LOTS:** Max 3 per member

**SEND TO:** Gaming Archaeology

**NO LATER THAN:** December 31, 1997

**REQUEST CATALOG FORM:** Order form will be in January 1998 Club magazine. Illustrated \$10/ppd. Non-illustrated/FREE

**ORDER DEADLINE:** March 31, 1998

**CATALOG MAILINGS:** Approximately May 15, 1998 only to those who paid for the catalog

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**NO LATER THAN:** June 10, 1998

**LOTS ON DISPLAY:** Thursday/Friday; June 17 - 18, 1998 Aladdin Hotel & Casino

**AUCTION BEGINS:** June 19, 1998; 6:30pm

As we were getting ready to go to press the following article from the Las Vegas Review Journal was sent over our fax. At this point everything that has been written about the 1998 Convention stays the same except the location of the convention. You will be advised by separate mailing on the location of the convention.

### **ALADDIN CLOSING ITS DOORS**

**A Strip landmark will be demolished and replaced with a \$700 million project, which could open in 1999.**

**By Adam Steinhauer and Mike Zapler**

The Aladdin will close Nov. 25, its owners planning to demolish the 31-year old Strip landmark to make way for a modern, up scale and much larger "new Aladdin".

The hotel's 1,485 employees received on Thursday the federally required 60 days notice of the pending shutdown.

The new property will be three times as large as the Aladdin and employ more than 7,000 people, according to Aladdin Gaming LLC, the gaming company owned by New York real estate developer Jack Sommer and his Sigman Sommer Family Trust.

Not all plans for the new property are complete, with

financing and construction details still to be worked out, said Richard Goeglien, president and chief executive officer of Aladdin Gaming. He said the price tag is about \$700 million.

But the main elements of the redevelopment of the Aladdin's 35-acre site, north of Harmon Avenue, were put forward Thursday, as Goeglien confirmed recent reports that the old Aladdin will be demolished. It was not clear if the resort and its 17-story tower would be turned to dust in an implosion.

"What I can tell you is that our property is a total redevelopment," said Goeglein. "The only thing that will be left is the (Aladdin) Theater for the Performing Arts, which will be renovated and brought up to a modern standard."

Along with a renovation of the 7,000-seat theater, the new Aladdin will feature a develop the \$210 million Middle Eastern-themed Desert Passage shopping center.

And a second hotel and casino, with 1,000 rooms and featuring a music and entertainment theme, is to be built at Harmon Avenue and Audrey Street. It will cater to a middle-market crowd than the main tower, Goeglein said.

Construction of the new property will take 24 to 26 months, according to Goeglein. It is not known how soon work will begin, but it is hoped that the new property will open in late 1999 or early 2000, Goeglein said.

The timing of the closure was worked out between Aladdin Gaming and JMJ Inc., the company that currently leases and operates the Aladdin, according to JMJ Vice President Tom Guth.

JMJ is not expected to be involved in the new development, according to Goeglein.

Aladdin Gaming has previously announced a letter of intent for London Clubs International PLC, to invest in a renovated Aladdin property.

JMJ's Guth said he did not know if current Aladdin employees would receive a severance package.

Aladdin Gaming expressed hope that current Aladdin employees will work at the new property. Hotel employees said they know the closing was coming, but were still disappointed by Thursday's announcement.

"We were expecting it, to tell the truth," said Bert Shugart, a 30-year-old bar back who is studying biology while working at the Aladdin. "But everyone is still devastated and depressed, even the supervisors. I think they should have waited until after Christmas.

One Aladdin patron waxed sentimental about the hotel's closing. "I've been coming here since it was the Tally-Ho," in the early 1960's said Mike Corda, a composer and record producer for entertainer Mickey Rooney.

"It's a very pleasant place where middle-of-the-road people feel comfortable. I fee sad about all the changes because this town's growth doesn't necessarily mean a better life."

The Aladdin opened in 1963 as the nongaming Tally-Ho Motel, closing a short time later and then reopening as the Aladdin in 1966. In its day, the Aladdin was regarded as one of the more luxurious properties on the Strip, although it mostly operated in the red.





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**INCOME:**

AUCTION CATALOG '97 SALES	833
AUCTION '97	17980
CONVENTION '95 AUCTION (FERRARA)	1026
CONVENTION '97 (SEE CONVENTION REPORT)	4910
DIRECTORY SALES	181
DUES	20400
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	145
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MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 10, NO 2)	600
(VOL 10, NO 3)	2328

**TOTAL:** **\$51138**

**EXPENDITURES:**

A.N.A. (DUES - 3 YEARS)	99
AUCTION '97 (LOT PAYMENTS)	14412
AUCTION CATALOG (PRINTING/MAILING)	2592
AWARDS (ANNUAL/DESIGN)	825
CHECK FEES	29
CONVENTION '95 AUCTION (BIRL/LANDAU)	581
CONVENTION '97 (SEE CONVENTION REPORT)	10684
LOGO MATERIALS	314
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 10, NO 2)	2433
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 10, NO 2)	7488
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	1269
PRINTING/COPYING	125
PUBLICITY	35
REFUNDS (LOGO SALES)	31
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TELEPHONE	185

**TOTAL:** **\$41143**

**CHECKBOOK BALANCE JUNE 30, 1997:** **\$35186**

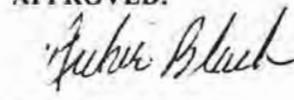
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**INCOME:**

ADMISSION REVENUE	1580
AUCTION CATALOG SALES	2933
AUCTION LOTS DONATIONS	789
AUCTION PROCEEDS	9219
CONVENTION BRONZE MEDAL SALES	280
CONVENTION CHIP SALES	1456
CONVENTION MEDAL SETS SALES	1562
CONVENTION T-SHIRT SALES	1104
CONVENTION WOODEN DOLLAR SALES	75
PROGRAM ADS	907
RECEPTION DONATIONS	663
TABLE FEES	17900
TOTAL INCOME:	<b>\$38468</b>

**EXPENSES:**

ADVERTISEMENT	2693
ANNUAL AWARDS	910
AUCTION CATALOG LAYOUT/SCREENING/ PRINTING/MAILING	2699
CONVENTION CHIP	401
CONVENTION CHIP/TOKEN DESIGN PRIZE	100
CONVENTION FLOOR SPACE	2000
CONVENTION MEDALS (SILVER AND BRONZE)	987
CONVENTION MEDAL SILVER BULLION	1208
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CONVENTION WOOD CHIP	245
COUNTY AGENT FEE	15
HOTEL EXPENSES	1082
HOTEL BANQUET SERVICES	8574
HOTEL LABOR (PORTER TIPS)	170
LOGO MATERIALS /DEALER GIFTS	2264
MEDAL HOLDERS	216
POSTAGE (GENERAL MAILING/SHIPPING)	980
PRINTING/COPYING (INCLUDES TABLE AND CONVENTION EVENTS SIGNAGE)	3179
RAFFLE	150
SECURITY	1818
STATIONERY	241
TABLE REFUNDS	1000
TELEPHONE/RADIOS	<u>302</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<b>\$34626</b>
NET GAIN:	<b>\$ 3842</b>

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## Itemized Categories Report

1/1/97 Through 6/30/97

Cat/Sub	Date	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>_IntInc</b>						
	2/28/97		(SJS&LA)			69.04
	4/1/97		(SJS&LA)			102.15
	4/30/97		(SJS&LA)			99.19
	5/31/97		(SJS&LA)			102.84
	6/30/97		(SJS&LA)			99.86
<b>TOTAL _IntInc</b>						<b>473.08</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>						<b>473.08</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>						<b>473.08</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>						
Casino ...						
	2/28/97		S.J.S.&L. ASSOC.			5,000.00
<b>TOTAL FROM Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens</b>						<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>						<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Balance Forward</b>						
C.C.&G.T.C.C. MM ACCT-113460010559						
	2/4/97		Opening Balance		R	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL C.C.&amp;G.T.C.C. MM ACCT-113460010559</b>						<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Balance Forward</b>						<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>						<b>30,473.08</b>

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Enclosed is a copy of our Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report with attached report on our Money Market Savings Account. Also enclosed is a "For Information Only" Financial Report on the 1997 Convention. With the exception of one account, I am pleased to report that all Convention Auction accounts were settled by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997. I want to thank all auction participants for their cooperation and assistance. A special thanks to our catalogers Howard and Gregg Herz who made our job easy with their invoicing program which allowed us to process all transactions in such a short period. During this period, thanks to member Eric Rosenblum, the Club and 2 members retrieved \$1026 from ex-member Ronald Ferrara for bad checks he wrote during the Club's 1995 Convention. It was only through Eric's tenacity that that individual was forced to make restitution to the aggrieved parties. Again, thank you Eric for your help! Chuck Tomarchio

# New Members Since Last Issue

R-3241	Heydon	Duane	NV	R-3324	Lindley	Bob	IN
R-3243	Hauptmann	Derryl	WA	R-3326	Field	Kurt	NV
R-3244	Solie	Leonard	FL	R-3327	Plumber	Randy	CA
R-3245	Atencio	Gil	CO	R-3327-A	Plumber	Penny	CA
R-3246	Widell	Christopher	NJ	R-3328	Pokrywiecki	Stan	IL
R-3247	Smick	Glenn	WA	R-3329	Damron	Robert	TX
R-3248	Howard	Bob	NV	R-3330	Lucas	Guy	CA
R-3249	Miller	Thomas	NC	R-3331	Caldwell	Kathleen	TX
R-3251	Becht	Bill	WA	R-3333	Culligan	John	NV
R-3252	Averill	Richard	NV	R-3336	Fiori	Joe	FL
R-3253	Hayes	Ron	OK	R-3342	Clay	Bob	CO
R-3254	Galiano	Charles	NV	R-3344	Hogan	Lae	AR
R-3258	Turner	Ida	NM	R-3345	Jagodzinski	Bernie	IL
R-3259	Baffa	Bob	NV	R-3346	Hector	Rick	CO
R-3261	Sugai	Edwin	HI	R-3347	Johnston	Vance	CO
R-3262	Waterbury	Clayton	NE	R-3348	Watson	Bill	NV
R-3262-A	Waterbury	Mary Lou	NE	R-3350	Waldron	David	NE
R-3264	Judge	Bill	NV	R-3350-A	Waldron	Linda	NE
R-3265	Anderson	Burtis	NJ	R-3353	Baucom	Wesley	KS
R-3266	Nielsen	Brad	CA	R-3356	Trott	Steven	CO
R-3267	Pagano	Alberta	CO	R-3357	Dart	Merrill	CO
R-3269	Korb	Daryl	NV	R-3358	Brdiar	John	CO
R-3270	Clem	Norman	NV	R-3359	Hagopian	Richard	MI
R-3272	Gillier	Tim	CA	R-3361	Nurenberg	Maurice	TX
R-3273	Hayama	Henry	NV	R-3363	Kirby	Gary	TX
R-3274	Cline	Gwen	NV	R-3369	Rutberg	Morrine	NV
R-3275	Molberg	Beth	NV	R-3369-A	Rutberg	Fred	NV
R-3276	Lilly	Celeste	PA	R-3370	Plourde	James	NV
R-3278	Ickes	Marilyn	CA	R-3373	Deisnger	Jim	NV
R-3279	Maciech	Bo	NV	R-3376	McGregor	Dave	CA
R-3280	Andon	George	NV	R-3377	Vest	Dave	MO
R-3284	Muchow	Don	CO	R-3378	Hileman	Norman	NV
R-3285	Wellington	Edward	CA	R-3379	Fruchtman	David	AZ
R-3286	Wellington	Sheena	CA	R-3380	Alltovnian	Howard	NV
R-3291	Piccolo	Christine	NJ	R-3382	Perlowski	Rena	NV
R-3292	Lucci	Lou	NV	R-3383	Smith	Charles	CA
R-3295	Gare	Gerald	FL	R-3384	Russo	Andy	OH
R-3297	Ginsburg	Sandy	FL	R-3385	Verali	John	NV
R-3298	Medchill	Dudley	NV	R-3386	Veres	Jeff	CO
R-3304	Schmidt	Bill	NV	R-3387	Ritchie	Guy	NV
R-3306	Gilger	Arden	NV	R-3388	Engle	Wanda	OH
R-3307	McNeal	Lauren	FL	R-3389	Dingman	Kenny	CA
R-3308	Stavros	Aristotle	NV	R-3390	Chamberlain	John	NV
R-3312	Stella	Terry	NJ	R-3391	Henderson	Tom	NV
R-3314	Cutler	Ruth	NV	R-3392	Dell	Paul	CA
R-3315	Cole	Barry	OH	R-3393	Blade	T.	CAN
R-3316	Rieman	Philip	OK	R-3394	Marshall	Jim	CA
R-3318	Weiss	Jeannette	TX	R-3396	Serold	Ross	MN
R-3319	Blacketer	Mary	TX	R-3397	Claseman	David	WY
R-3321	Swiderski	Ed	FL	R-3398	Kerbey	David	CA
R-3323	Coryall	Betty	AZ	R-3399	Nordstrom	Robert	VA
R-3323-A	Coryall	Mike	AZ	R-3401	Spomer	Dick	CO

R-3402	FORD	JoANN	IL
R-3404	Vitkauskas	John	PA
R-3406	McDaniel	Charles	TX
R-3407	Simmons	Doug	NC
R-3408	Whitaker	Ronnie	NC
R-3409	Saunoris	Sandra	IL
R-3410	Reichl	Mark	PA
R-3411	Britt	Richard	AZ
R-3412	Pinkosz	Gordon	NY
R-3413	Quackenbush	Robert	NY
R-3414	Saunders	Eric	NV
R-3415	Colavecchio	Louis	RI
R-3416	Mason	William	PA
R-3417	Mahoney	Kevin	NV
R-3420	Silverstein	Steven	AZ
R-3420-A	Silverstein	Myra	AZ
R-3421	Jones	Ralph	VA
R-3422	Bettley	Steve	TX
R-3423	Zunica	Richard	IN
R-3424	Middleton	Jerry	MI
R-3425	Freedman	Val	CA
R-3426	Jassmann	Bernard	AZ
R-3427	Locey	Phil	TX
R-3431	Cross	Matt	FL
R-3433	Chandler	Jennifer	ME
R-3435	Rodina	Don	CO
R-3436	Washam	Robert	TX
R-3438	Robison	Michael	OR
R-3439	Cleary	Charlotte	IL
R-3440	Cazull	Michael	NY
R-3440-A	Cazull	Danielle	NY
R-3441	Mercier	Charles	IL
R-3442	Amadeo	Anthony	LA
R-3444	Lipman	Robert	MA
R-3445	Kriv	Arthur	NY
R-3447	Jacobson	Marvin	NV
R-3448	Kruesel	Beth	WI
R-3450	Knight	Douglas	CO
R-3450-A	Knight	Rose Marie	CO
R-3453	Voorhies	James	CO
R-3455	Polansky	Calvin	FL
R-3456	Gefrich	Harold	CA

Missing numbers are those members who do not wish their information published.

## Membership Directory Available

Directory lists name, address, phone and collecting interests, and are updated each quarter. The current issue contains over 1500 entries. Members who have designated that their information not be published are not included.

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1993 "Six Wooden Dollars" Commem. Club wooden dollar..Baltimore, Md.....	75c ea.
1994 "Seven Wooden Dollars" Commem. Club wooden dollar..Detroit, Mi.....	75c ea.
1995 "Eight Wooden Dollars" Commem. Club wooden dollar..Anaheim, Ca.....	75c ea.
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1994 "F.U.N. Chip" Club meeting during 94 F.U.N. convention.....	75c ea.
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6. MONTE CARLO, FRANCE CHIPCO ROULETTE, RED, BUILDING ON HILLSIDE \$39.00
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THE CONVENTION IN JUNE WAS ONCE AGAIN THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR ALL CERTIFIED CHIPAHOLICS, YOURS TRULY INCLUDED. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE ALL MY OLD FRIENDS AND TO MAKE NEW ONES. I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SPEND SOME REAL QUALITY TIME WITH MY OLD PAL FROM KENTUCKY, BILL MILLER, WHO WAS RECOVERING FROM RECENT HEART SURGERY.

EVERY DAY MORE AND MORE CHIP HUNTERS ARE GETTING INTERESTED IN MY SPECIALTY - **ROULETTE CHIPS** -. IF YOU NEED ANY ROULETTE CHIPS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY ROULETTE CHIPS TO SELL OR TRADE, PLEASE CONTACT ME, I HAVE THOUSANDS FROM ALL OVER, BUT I CAN ALWAYS USE MORE. **BOY AM I SICK !!!!**

I AM STILL WORKING ON MY REVISED, ENLARGED, EXPANDED, AND ENHANCED ATLANTIC CITY ROULETTE CATALOG, BUT EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND THERE ARE NEW ROULETTES BEING ISSUED OR PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN OBSOLETE ROULETTES ARE SURFACING. I HOPE TO HAVE THE NEW CATALOG COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ( NOW I KNOW HOW HOWDY HERZ AND DALE SEYMOUR FELT ).

TILL NEXT TIME, HAPPY HUNTING AND **REMEMBER** TO HUG A **ROULETTE CHIP**. I GUARANTEE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.

# CC&GTCC CHAPTER NEWS

MICHAEL KNAPP

This issue marks a new feature for our club and our magazine. This page will appear in each issue, and will let everyone know where our chapter clubs are, who the membership contact for each chapter is, and what each chapter's latest activities are.

For this first column, I'll bring everyone up to date by listing each of the CC&GTCC chapters and their officers. The person to contact in each chapter will be highlighted.

## ATLANTIC CITY CHAPTER

The AC Chapter presently has about 225 members. Officers are:

*President: Dick Brach, 32 Olson Drive, Warren, NJ 07059; 908-647-0814*

Vice-President: Russell Diaz

Secretary: Jerry Birl

Treasurer: Tom Duffy

## CC&GTCC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This chapter serves all of southern California. Its officers are:

President: Armin Pfaender

Vice-President: Scott Hartman

*Secretary: Estelle Hartman, P. O. Box 387, Agoura Hills, CA; 800-582-5707*

Treasurer: Lynn Brooks

Director at large/Sergeant at arms: Gene Grossblatt

## COLORADO CHAPTER

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

## FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Florida Chapter has begun with a core of 25 members. Officers are:

*President: Mark Lighterman, 9230 SW 59<sup>th</sup> St., Miami, FL 33173; 305-595-7086*

Vice-President: John Benedict

Secretary: Nancy Casey

Treasurer: Bob Ginsburg

## GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Based in Michigan, the Great Lakes Chapter is the club's newest. Officers are:

President: Jim Smith

Vice-President: Don Conrad

*Secretary: Albert Scalzo, 7229 Flamingo, Algonac, MI 48001; 810-794-3378*

## GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER

18 members are currently active in this relatively new chapter.

President: Frank Chalfant

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

## LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

The Las Vegas chapter currently has more than 55 members. Officers are:

President: Gerald O'Neal

Vice-President: Bill Akeman

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

Treasurer: Nancy Clark

Director at Large: Bettye Mowery

## NOR-CAL-NEV CHAPTER

Serving northern California and northern Nevada, the chapter officers are:

*President: Todd Dingley, 6 Sandpointe Ct., Sacramento, CA 95831; 916-393-6464*

Vice President: Dan DiRe

## CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

by Janice O'Neal, V.P. / Club Historian

The award for outstanding chip of the year 1996 was split evenly between both sides of the country. Since the point scores were exactly even, dual awards were given. The Hohegan Sun, and Indian casino, in Uncasville, CT received the award for the one dollar table chip with the silhouette of a deer standing in front of a sun rise. The award was accepted by Chris Block at the convention. The second half of the award went to Stratosphere, Las Vegas for the five dollar "Grand Opening" chip that has the tower logo in front of a fireworks display. The award was presented to Keith Williams, Director, Slot Operations in the Stratosphere Casino. The 1996 token of the year award went to the Sahara Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV for the one dollar NCM color center token. The award was presented to Linda Heptner, Director, Slot Operations in the Sahara Casino.



**KEITH WILLIAMS**  
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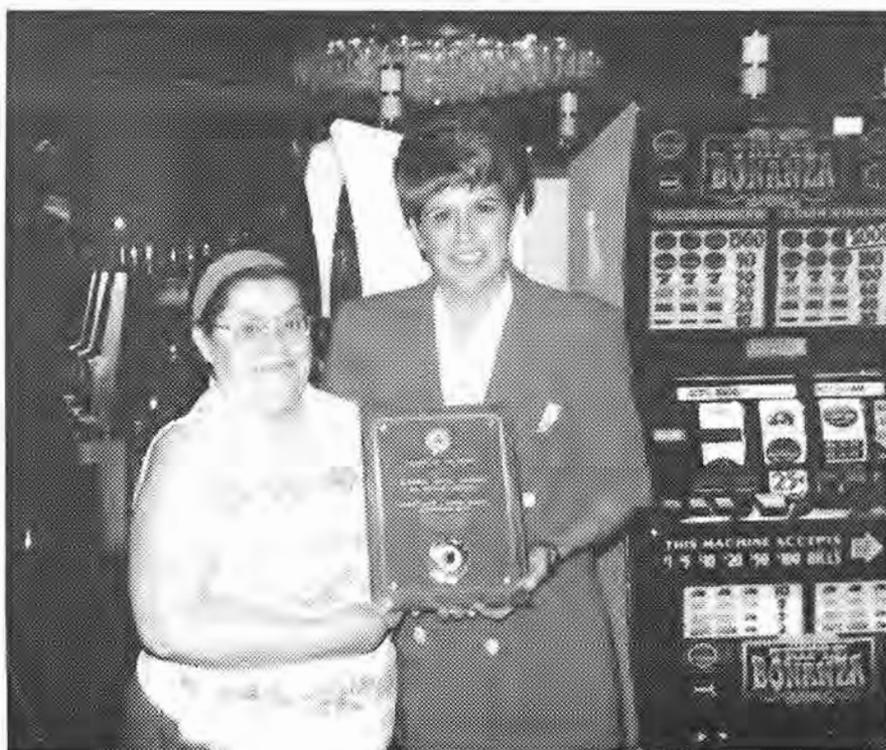
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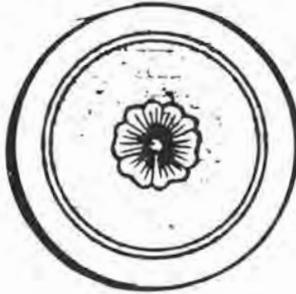
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 HARRAH'S TRUMP PLAZA (HTP-5) \$100  
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 Auction No. 13 & 21 for photos and a fabulous  
 commentary on the Cal-Neva by Howdy Herz.

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- J. \$1 LA CONCHA bg SMKEY.....\$100.00
- K. \$1 DUPONT PLAZA Yel w/ 3 blk. BJ.....\$20.00
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- Q.
- R.
- S. \$5 DORADO RIVIERA Rd. w/ 3-1/2 gry. SMKE...\$20.00
- T. \$25 DORADO RIV. Lt-grn. w/ 3-1/2 bge. SMKEY\$30.00
- U. \$1 SHERATON Maroon w gold HS "S" + wreath..\$90.00
- V. \$100 (BACCARAT) AMERICANA OF SAN JUAN  
 Black w/ 3- 1/2 pink, H&C. Presentation piece set in epoxy ball. This was once a "live chip" as examples are known in collections.....\$400.00

**ILLEGALS & UNKNOWNNS**

- HOLLYWOOD CLUB \$1 TOLEDO-OHIO "UNUSED" .....\$ 7.50
- 20715 VAN DYKE \$1 DETROIT-MI "USE".....\$ 3.00
- KENTUCKY CLUB - COVINGTON: RED, DIE-GUT METAL INLAY, SMKEY.....\$70.00
- MECCA CLUB - NEWPORT, KY: RED, SMKEY, H.S.  
 BAD RIM NICKS (RARE).....\$130.00
- SOUTHERN CLUB - HOT SPRINGS, AR, \$1 Gry w/ 4-1/4 blk DIAMND mold, H.S. ....\$10.00
- \$5, org w/ 3-1/2 yel (DIAMND) \$15.00
- THE VAPORS - HOT SPRINGS, AR, \$5 Blu w/ 3-1/4 gry (SQINCR) H.S. ....\$10.00
- \$1, gry w/ 3-1/4 yel (DIAMND) HS \$ 6.00
- BLACK DIAMOND [BD] JEFFERSONVILLE, IN grn, SM-KEY  
 Hot Stamp BD.....\$10.00
- LAKEWOOD SUPPER CLUB (?) \$25 Yel (HRGLAS) HS \$10.00
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# Collecting Annual Reports from Casino Gaming Companies

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*Note: For a more complete description of each public gaming company, and illustrations of some of the companies' annual report covers, an expanded report has been donated to and is available for purchase from CC&GTCC. Proceeds from the sale of the report benefit the club.*

In the past decade, the number of casino operators and properties has exploded. Much of the expansion in the gaming industry has been fueled by publicly-held companies whose stocks trade on one of the domestic stock markets. As recently as 1990, only about a dozen gaming companies were publicly traded. Today, stocks for nearly 60 gaming companies are available on the market. An investor/collector could own a single share of each of these companies, representing ownership in over 180 casinos worldwide, for just over \$600 [excluding transaction costs -- approx. \$15-\$30 for each stock purchased]. On average, the typical gaming company owns or manages 3 or 4 properties, although there are a number of single-property public companies. A few major operators, such as Hilton, Harrah's, Circus Circus and Boyd Gaming, manage a dozen or more properties each. Gaming stock prices range from under \$1 per share, up to the \$50-\$60 range, with a median price in the \$10-\$15 range per share.

The purpose of this article is not to advocate the ownership of gaming stocks, as they are subject to the same market turbulence and risks of loss as other stocks. Instead, it is a review of gaming industry information and collectible publications which are available through stock ownership.

After some introductory remarks, a list of approx. 75 publicly-held gaming companies, past and present, is attached at the end of this article. These companies are classified as "Operators" [meaning casino/hotel owners and operators] or "Suppliers" [manufacturers of slot machines, chips and tokens, etc.]. Only companies with a presence in the casino-sector of the gaming industry are included. Gaming companies involved in lottery operations, horseracing and other gaming businesses are beyond the focus of this article.

## **Reporting Requirements and Annual Reports for Publicly-Held Gaming Companies**

Each publicly-traded company must issue periodic information on its financial performance. Companies issue annual and quarterly filings with the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) called "10-K" annual reports and "10-Q" quarterly reports, which must be made available to public shareholders on request. Public companies also issue an annual proxy letter, inviting shareholders to the annual meeting for purposes of voting their shares in person or by mail. Proxy reports include information on board of directors' backgrounds, executive compensation, company stock performance in comparison to a peer group of stocks, and various issues for shareholder voting. Most companies mail the 10-K or a substitute "Annual Report" to shareholders. These Annual Reports contain basic information and financial results at a minimum. Some reports are elaborate communication pieces with photos of existing properties, architectural renderings of properties under development, and detailed facts and figures about the company's future plans.

## **Sources of Information on Gaming Companies**

The majority of casinos operate on a calendar year, and annual reports are typically issued 4 to 5 months after close of the year's business -- around April of May. Some companies have other fiscal year ends, so if you're interested in a particular report, it's best to contact the headquarters location (Investor Relations department), after allowing time for the report to be compiled and printed. Public gaming companies vary in the number of shareholders, and accordingly, in the number of reports printed. Large companies -- ITT, Hilton, etc. have many thousands of shareholders, while small or closely-held companies may only have a few hundred "shareholders of record" [although this may still represent thousands of actual shareholders, since many investors hold stock in "street name" through their broker]. Annual reports are provided to current shareholders, and are usually available to prospective investors upon request. For additional company

information, business libraries maintain directories listing facts and financial performance on major companies. Also, check relevant Internet sites for information on individual gaming companies or check the SEC's site: [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Two business magazines focus on the gaming industry and are a good source of current news: *International Gaming & Wagering Business* ("IGWB") and *Casino Journal*. *Casino Journal's* companion magazine, *Casino Player*, covers casino events from a gaming patron's perspective. Newsletters covering segments of the industry [Nevada, Atlantic City, Riverboats, etc.] are also available. A few books have been written about individual gaming companies or their founders. The Las Vegas specialty gambling book stores stock some of these titles if you're interested.

### **Why should casino memorabilia collectors be interested in gaming industry publications?**

Publicly-held gaming companies are a relatively recent phenomena. Until 1970, ownership of Nevada casinos required individual licensing of all owners from the Nevada Casino Control Commission (NCCC). Approval of thousands of stockholders in a public company was impractical, so casinos remained privately owned. A change in regulations allowed public companies to be licensed through approval of key executives, directors and key stockholders without requiring additional approvals for stockholders in the general public. This paved the way for public companies such as Hilton to enter the casino business and for Harrah's and other privately-held casino-hotels to offer their stock to the general public. This change in policy paralleled the increasing "respectability" that the casino business was earning around the time of Howard Hughes' presence in the Nevada casino industry through his privately-held Summa Corporation. The NCCC policy change also created a "clean" source of funds for new casino development and expansion.

For the casino collectibles historian or enthusiast, published Annual Reports and other communications contain valuable information on opening and closing dates, marketing strategies, acquisitions and future plans. Unique pictures or architectural renderings of casino properties are included in some reports. Even specific details on casino square footage, number of table games and slots, and other such information is often included. During the rapid expansion of gaming into new state jurisdictions, many public companies launched plans for riverboat, dockside or land-based casinos. The history and chain of ownership and joint ventures in these properties is explained in company annual reports. Over time, these reports add to the body of casino history and information available to collectors. In addition, public gaming companies have been responsible for much of the change in ownership of existing casino properties, as industry expansion and consolidation occurs. As all casino collectors know, change of ownership often triggers new chips and tokens for our collections!

As noted above, annual reports vary from the very simple and plain 10-K style publications to elaborate and colorful reports costing several dollars each to produce. Currently, some of the most colorful reports featuring gaming properties are produced by the following companies:

Ameristar Casinos	Casino Magic Corp	Mirage Resorts Inc.
Argosy Gaming Co.	Circus Circus Enterprises	Players International Inc.
Aztar Corporation	Grand Casinos Inc.	Primadonna Resorts Inc.
Boomtown Inc.	Harrah's Entertainment Inc.	Rio Hotel & Casino Inc.
Boyd Gaming Corp.	Harveys Casino Resorts	Station Casinos Inc.
Casino America Inc.	MGM Grand Inc.	Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts

For potential collectible value, some of the early annual reports issued by public gaming companies from the 1970's and 1980's have historical significance as a record of the origin of the trend toward public casino ownership. Examples: early Harrah's, Hilton and Bally Manufacturing reports. Other gaming companies have disappeared through acquisition, merger or name change so their reports have become historical markers of gaming's recent past. Examples: Bally Manufacturing / Entertainment, Caesars World, Resorts International, Golden Nugget (now Mirage), Promus (now Harrah's) and Sahara Gaming (now Santa Fe). At least three Nevada-based companies have featured a milestone retrospective of their hotel and casino operations: Harveys-1994 report (50 years); Showboat-1994 report (40 years); and Mirage Resorts-1995 report (50 years from Golden Nugget origins). MGM collectors will be interested in the MGM Grand, Inc. reports from the 1990-95 era which show the evolution of the new MGM, from construction to grand opening to redesign. Investor information kits and stock prospectus documents sometimes are out-of-the-ordinary references with special historical or entertainment value. Examples: Boardwalk Casinos-1994 IPO investor kit; Grand Casinos-1992 investor kit; Stratosphere Corporation-1995 prospectus and kit.

## Current Trends for Companies in the Gaming Industry

After a proliferation of new public gaming companies in the past few years, the current trend is toward consolidation and merger. Recently, Hilton acquired Bally Entertainment, and has made an offer for ITT Corporation [owner of Sheraton hotels, the Desert Inn and the Caesars properties]. Joint ventures and alliances between two or more gaming companies is an ongoing trend, too. For example, New York-New York is a joint venture between Primadonna Resorts and MGM Grand; Monte Carlo is a Mirage Resorts and Circus Circus Enterprises joint venture. In Reno, the Silver Legacy is jointly owned by Circus Circus and the privately-held Eldorado.

In southern Nevada, a recent count of casinos (excluding slots-only operations) revealed that 57 casinos were owned/managed by public companies while 54 properties were privately owned. In northwestern Nevada, 13 properties are public while 26 are private. However, the typically larger publicly-owned properties accounts for 80%+ of Nevada's gaming revenues. The dominance of public over private ownership/management is even more apparent in Atlantic City and in the newer jurisdictions.

Current market dynamics seem to favor the larger, well-managed and -capitalized companies, but there's still room for the right "niche" player with a successful, well-executed formula. The ups and downs in gaming stocks are not for the timid, however, and this article makes no recommendations on buying, holding or selling any stock.

## Gaming Stock Symbols

Stock exchanges use a 3- or 4-letter symbol to designate each public company to facilitate quick and accurate trading. Often, these symbols are just an abbreviation of the company name [Circus Circus Enterprises = CIR; International Game Technology = IGT]. However, some of the symbols reveal the company's connection to the gaming industry. Some examples:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
American Casino Enterprises, Inc.	ACES
Anchor Gaming	SLOT
Casino America, Inc.	CSNO
Crown Casino Corp	DICE
Florida Gaming Corp	BETS [off-track betting]
Lady Luck Corporation	LUCK
Royal Casino Group	WINZ
Stratosphere Corporation	TOWV [Tower-Vegas]
Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts	DJT ["The Donald's" initials]

## Publicly-held casinos aren't the only game in town

While the majority of U. S. casino properties are operated by public companies, there are still many privately held casinos, too. In Las Vegas, Michael Gaughan's Coast Resorts operates the Barbary Coast, Gold Coast and The Orleans casinos. The Las Vegas Strip's Sahara, Frontier, Imperial Palace, Aladdin and Sands (site) are privately owned. Downtown, Jackie Gaughan runs the Plaza, the El Cortez, the Gold Spike and controls the Las Vegas Club, while the Binion family privately owns the landmark Horseshoe casino along with the new Horseshoes in Louisiana and Mississippi. Don Laughlin still privately owns the Riverside Casino Resort in the Colorado River town named for him. Reno's casinos are a mix of public and private ownership, with the Peppermill, Eldorado, Fitzgerald's and Sparks Nugget of considerable size and success. Many single-property casinos are privately owned, particularly the smaller properties in small Nevada towns.

Hopefully, the gaming industry will always have room for the individual entrepreneur who is willing to risk his capital in a very competitive market. After all, some of today's largest public gaming companies began as private operations. Still, the future of the gaming likely will be dominated by the public companies operating multiple properties with a wide variety of highly-themed, market-segmented casino-hotels.



## List of Publicly-Held Gaming Companies - - - Past and Present

Each company, listed alphabetically below, uses the following format: Official company name; stock symbol and principal stock exchange \*\*: active or obsolete status; headquarters location; year first publicly traded (if known); Supplier or Operator sector; number of casino properties (for active companies in the gaming industry only). Note that some companies were privately owned before going public at a later date.

\*\*The following stock markets trade gaming stocks (and lots of other stocks!) in the United States: NYSE=New York Stock Exchange [the "big board" where the largest companies are often listed]; AMEX=American Stock Exchange; Nasdaq=National Assoc. of Stock Dealers Automated Quotations [where multiple stock trading firms make markets in individual stocks -- both large and small. The main Nasdaq market is sometimes referred to as "NMS", or National Market System; Nasdaq "Small Cap" denotes a company with a smaller capitalization than regular Nasdaq stocks; Nasdaq BB or OTC BB refers to the smallest tier of "over the counter" [OTC] small stocks, traded on bulletin boards [BB], on pink sheets, or through other potentially less liquid trading forums. [Additional gaming companies are traded on foreign stock markets in London, Canada, Australia and elsewhere, but they are beyond the scope of this article.]

### Gaming Industry - List of Public Stock Companies

Company Name	Stock Symbol	Stock Exchange	Active or Obsolete	Headquarters Location	Year(s) Public	Supplier/ Operator	#Properties Active only
Acres Gaming Incorporated	AGAM	Nasdaq-sc	Active	Corvallis, OR	93	S	0
Alliance Gaming Corporation	ALLY	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	94	S + O	2
American Casino Enterprises, Inc.	ACES	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	S	0
American Gaming & Entertainment, Ltd.	AGEL	OTC-BB	Active	W. Atl. City, NJ	94	O	0
Ameristar Casinos, Inc.	ASCA	Nasdaq	Active	Henderson, NV	94	O	5
Anchor Gaming	SLOT	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	94	S + O	2
Argosy Gaming Company	AGY	NYSE	Active	Alton, IL	93	O	5
Aztec Corporation	AZR	NYSE	Active	Phoenix, AZ	89	O	5
Bally Manufacturing Corporation	BLY	NYSE	Obsolete	Chicago, IL	69 to 94	n/a	n/a
Bally Gaming International, Inc.	BGII	Nasdaq	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	91 to 96	n/a	n/a
Bally Entertainment Corporation	BLY	NYSE	Obsolete	Chicago, IL	94 to 96	n/a	n/a
Bally's Grand, Inc. (Las Vegas)	BGLV	Nasdaq	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	91 to 96	n/a	n/a
Black Hawk Gaming & Development, Inc.	BHWK	Nasdaq	Active	Boulder, CO	93	O	1
Boardwalk Casino, Inc.	BWLK	Nasdaq-sc	Active	Las Vegas, NV	94	O	1
Boomtown, Inc.	BMTN	Nasdaq	Active**	Verdi, NV	92 to 97	O	4
Boyd Gaming Corporation	BYD	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	O	12
Caesars World, Inc.	CAW	NYSE	Obsolete	Los Angeles, CA	72 to 94	n/a	n/a
Carnival Corporation	CCL	NYSE	Active	Miami Beach, FL	94	O	1
Casino America, Inc.	CSNO	Nasdaq	Active	Biloxi, MS	90	O	4
Casino Data Systems	CSDS	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	S	0
Casino Magic Corp.	CMAG	Nasdaq	Active	Bay St. Louis, MS	92	O	4
Casino Resource Corporation	CSNR	Nasdaq	Active	Biloxi, MS	95	S + O	0
Century Casinos, Inc.	CNTY	Nasdaq-sc	Active	Denver, CO	93	O	1
Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc.	CIR	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	83	O	16
Colorado Casino Resorts, Inc.	CGME	Nasdaq-bb	Active	Denver, CO	96	O	3
Crown Casino Corp	DICE	OTC-bb	EXITED	Dallas, TX	93 to 96	n/a	n/a
Elsinore Corporation (New)	ELS	AMEX	Active	Las Vegas, NV	96**	O	3
Full House Resorts, Inc.	FHRI	Nasdaq	Active	Deadwood, SD	92	O	2
Game Financial Corporation	GFIN	Nasdaq	Active	Minneapolis, MN	92	S	0
Global Casinos, Inc.	GBCS	Nasdaq-SC	Active	Denver, CO	93	O	4
Golden Nugget, Inc.	GNG	NYSE	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	72 ?	n/a	n/a
Grand Casinos, Inc.	GND	NYSE	Active	Minneapolis, MN	92	O	7
Griffin Gaming and Entertainment	GGE	AMEX	OBS	Hollywood, FL	94 to 96	n/a	n/a
Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.	HET	NYSE	Active	Memphis, TN	95 **	O	15
Harrah's Inc.	HAR	NYSE	Obsolete	Memphis, TN	71 to 80	n/a	n/a
Harveys Casino Resorts	HVY	NYSE	Active	Lake Tahoe, NV	94	O	4
Hilton Hotels Corporation	HLT	NYSE	Active	Beverly Hills, CA	46 (70)	O	18
Hollywood Casino Corporation	HWCC	Nasdaq	Active	Dallas, TX	93	O	3
Hollywood Park, Inc.	HPRK	Nasdaq	Active	Inglewood, CA	92	O	2
Innovative Gaming Corp. of America	IGCA	Nasdaq	Active	Reno, NV	93	S	0

International Game Technology	IGT	NYSE	Active	Reno, NV	80	S	0
ITT Corporation	ITT	NYSE	Active	New York, NY	20 (95)	O	10
Jackpot Enterprises, Inc.	J	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	87	O	0
Lady Luck Gaming Corporation	LUCK	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	O	6
Las Vegas Entertainment Network	LVEN	Nasdaq-sc	EXITED	Los Angeles, CA	92	n/a	n/a
Latin American Casinos, Inc.	LACI	Nasdaq-sc	Active	Miami, FL	94	S	0
Lone Star Casino Corp	LONE	OTC-bb	Active	Houston, TX	93	O	2
MGM Grand, Inc.	MGG	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	89	O	3
Mikohn Gaming Corporation	MIKN	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	S	0
Mirage Resorts, Incorporated	MIR	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	72 (91)	O	5
Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc.	MCRI	Nasdaq	Active	Reno, NV	93	O	1
Paul-Son Gaming Corporation	PERSON	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	94	S	0
Players International, Inc.	PLAY	Nasdaq	Active	Atlantic City, NJ	85	O	4
President Riverboat Casinos, Inc.	PREZ	Nasdaq	Active	St. Louis, MO	92	O	3
Primadonna Resorts, Inc.	PRMA	NYSE	Active	Primm, NV	93	O	4
Promus Companies Incorporated, The	PRI	NYSE	Obsolete	Memphis, TN	90 to 95	n/a	n/a
Resorts International, Inc.	RT	AMEX	Obsolete	Atlantic City, NJ	68 to 95	n/a	n/a
Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc.	RHC	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	92	O	1
Riviera Holdings Corporation	RIV	AMEX	Active	Las Vegas, NV	96	O	1
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	RCL	NYSE	Active	Miami, FL	93	O	0
Royal Casino Group Inc.	WINZ	Nasdaq-BB	Active	Deadwood, SD	94	O	1
Sahara Gaming Corporation	SGM	AMEX	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	93 to 96	n/a	n/a
Sahara Gaming Partners, L. P.	SAH	NYSE	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	87 to 93	n/a	n/a
Sahara Resorts and Subsidiaries	SHRE	Nasdaq	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	93	n/a	n/a
Sands Regent, The	SNDS	Nasdaq	Active	Reno, NV	85	O	2
Santa Fe Gaming Corporation	SGM	AMEX	Active	Las Vegas, NV	96	O	2
Showboat, Inc.	SBO	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	73	O	4
Shuffle Master, Inc	SHFL	Nasdaq	Active	Minneapolis, MN	92	S	0
Sodak Gaming, Inc.	SODK	Nasdaq	Active	Rapid City, SD	93	S	1
Sonesta International Hotels Corporation	SNSTA	Nasdaq	Active	Boston, MA	70	O	1
Station Casinos, Inc.	STN	NYSE	Active	Las Vegas, NV	93	O	7
Stratosphere Corporation	TOWV	Nasdaq	Active	Las Vegas, NV	94	O	1
Sun International Hotels Limited	SIH	NYSE	Active	Paradise Is, Bah.	95	O	6
Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts	DJT	NYSE	Active	New York, NY	95	O	4
United Gaming, Inc.	UGAM	Nasdaq	Obsolete	Las Vegas, NV	88 to 94	n/a	n/a
Webb, Del Corporation	WBB	NYSE	EXITED	Phoenix, AZ	70 to 88	n/a	n/a
WHG Resorts & Casinos, Inc.	WHG	NYSE	Active	Chicago, IL	97	O	3
WMS Industries Inc.	WMS	NYSE	Active	Chicago, IL	74 ?	S	0



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## BARS-PUBS-TAVERNS & SALOONS

BY: Norma Jean King R-190

Most Bars, Pubs, Taverns and Saloons in Nevada use what is termed a "**Route Gaming Token**". These are the smaller local establishments with 15 or less slot machines. Since most are smaller neighborhood businesses, many come and go faster than they can be tracked. Collecting route tokens is presently the most exciting, facinating, and challenging area of Gaming Token Collecting.

Bar and Saloon tokens are not new to Nevada or the exonumist. These tokens have been used for gaming or trade in Nevada since the early mining and pioneer days. You are familiar with the brass, nickel, and aluminium tokens of the past, properly termed "saloon tokens" by today's collector.

Gaming tokens are a totally new area of collecting, somewhere in between numismatics and exonumia. They came about with the Federal change from silver to clad coinage in 1964-65.

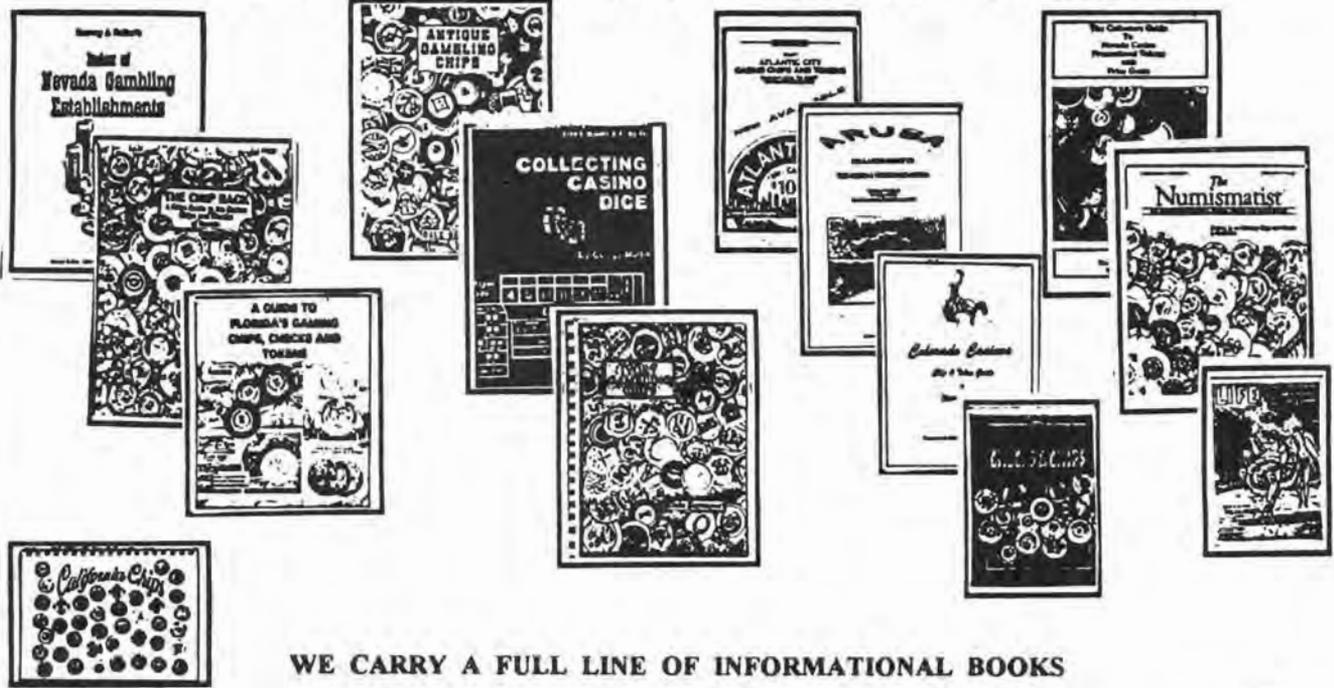
Non-existent prior to 1986, the route token is a new breed of gaming token that has caught many a collector off guard. There have been over 1,000 different issues within the past 11 years, and 92 new issues within the past 12 months. Why are these different from the early saloon tokens? Simply because their size, metal, and wording is regulated by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Division of Mints and the Nevada State gaming control act and regulations.

Unlike the casino slot token, which has the name of the establishment on both sides, the route token has the name of the business on the obverse and the name of a servicing company on the reverse. This is required by the Nevada Gaming Authorities for accountability purposes, and the route company must share in the gaming profits at each location. If a business owns the machines it may choose to pay a premium and purchase IKE Dollars instead of sharing the gaming revenue with a Route Company. Of course, this means the business also must carry the bank for pay-offs.

Not all bars and saloons use route tokens. Some have a different license which permits more games, and these locations use a regular **Casino Gaming Token**. Probably the most easily recognized name is Sam's Town Gambling Hall and Saloon in Las Vegas. Then there is the Big Dog Bar & Grill, Charlie's Bar Down Under, P.T.'s Pub - Rancho, R-Bar, Skinny Dugan's Pub, Silver Saddle Saloon, and the Sahara Saloon, also in Las Vegas. There is the Village Pub and Casino - Henderson, Cotton Pickin' Bar - Parhump, Golden West Gambling Hall & Saloon - Mesquite, Headquarters Bar & Casino - Fallon, Peanut House Saloon - Carson City, and the Delta Saloon in Virginia City.

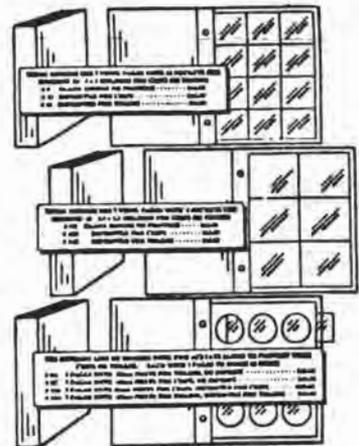
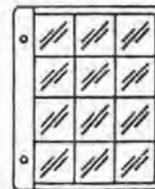
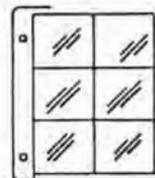
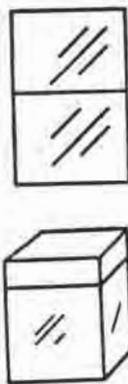
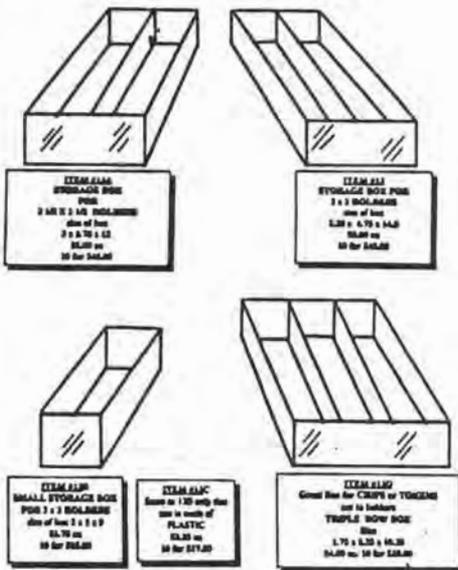
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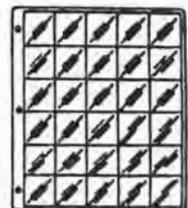
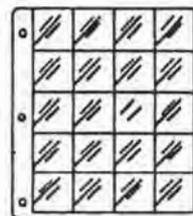
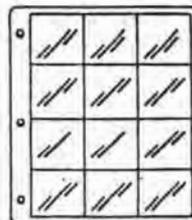


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<b>CLEANER FOR CHIPS AND TOKENS</b>				
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**PLAYBOY CHIPS AND TOKENS**  
**The Rise and Fall of the Bunny Chip**  
**Tom Stroh, R-3021**

Most collectors have, at some time, seen one of the Playboy Casino chips or tokens go by with its familiar rabbit logo. No matter what your opinion is of Playboy Magazine or the Playboy Philosophy, the Playboy Casino story is an interesting tale. The Playboy Casinos played a very important role in the rise and fall of Playboy Enterprises during the 1960's through the early 1980's.

The first casino was actually a Playboy Club and Casino, opened in London June 28, 1966. It was a new, seven story building located at 45 Park Lane, overlooking Hyde Park. Managed by Victor Lownes, a confidant of Hefners, it boasted 27 tables offering Blackjack, Baccarat, and Roulette. Gambling was provided on six floors, as well as rooms, restaurants, and a disco. It was a money maker from the start and remained a golden goose until closing in 1981.

In the 1970's, as Playboy Magazine matured and encountered competition, profits dropped, at the same time gaming profits from the London casino kept rising, making future expansion into casinos very attractive. In 1972 the Clermont Club in Berkely Square, famous for its high rollers and celebrity clientele, was purchased. Also added to the organization in 1972 was Stocks House, a 42 room Georgian Mansion located outside Aldbury in Hertfordshire, that was used for training new bunny croupiers (as well as Victor Lowners residence). In 1978, the new Bahamas Playboy Casino located in the Ambassador Beach Hotel in Nassau was added. 1979 was a busy year. Playboy celebrated their 25th successful year. In Britain, three casinos, the Manchester and Portsmouth Casinos and in London, the Victoria Sporting Club were acquired. In addition, work was started on the future Atlantic City Casino building.

1980 was a banner year for Playboy's Gaming Organization. \$31 million of the \$32 million in profit reported by Playboy Enterprises that year was from gaming. Unfortunately, it was their last. The British had always been uneasy with a foreign administrative snafus, combined with some mud-slinging in London referred to as the "Casino Wars", Playboy lost their operating license in Britain. The timing couldn't have been worse, it was April 1981 and they had just opened the new Atlantic City Casino. The repercussions from London reached the New Jersey shores in no time. The problems found in Britain along with a reported bribe paid to the New York State Liquor Board 20 years earlier to secure a liquor license for the New York Playboy Club, tipped the scale. The New Jersey Casino Control Commission would not renew Playboy's license to operate a casino in Atlantic City with Hefner in charge.

All Playboy properties in the UK were sold in November 1981 to Trident Television. The new Atlantic City Casino closed in 1982 along with the Nassau Club and Casino. Playboy Enterprises, Inc. reported a 1982 loss of more than \$51 million. The next couple of years would see the sale of the Playboy Clubs and Hotels, the DC-9 "Bunny Jet" and the sale of publishing and recording assets in an effort to regain profitability.

**COLLECTING PLAYBOY CASINO CHIPS AND TOKENS.**

Chips and tokens of lower denominations from the Atlantic City Casino are relatively common and well documented. The Bahamas chips and tokens are similar in style and denomination with the Atlantic City series. Both use a Bud Jones Co. nickel-silver inlay surrounded by the colored collar with Playboy rabbit head logos and various inserts. The lowest denominations, like the Bahamas 50 cent and the training school chips are hotstamped. The lower denomination Bahamas pieces are also reasonably available.

Playboy Casino Chips used in the UK were of the classic clay or composition style. A few common pieces from the London Park Lane and Clermont Casinos and the London Training School, or Stocks House, also can be found at various prices. We may never know all the varieties of chips produced for the fifteen years the London clubs were in operation. Chips as high as L100,000 were used by the high rollers attracted to the London Playboy Casinos. Chips and tokens from the short-lived Manchester, Portsmouth and Victoria Sports Club Casinos are rarely seen.

In 1979, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Playboy, all keyholders were given keychains containing a "\$25 International" chip good at any of the casinos. Typical of the chip style, it was white with six black rabbit head logos, encircling a nickel-silver inlay.

The fun of collecting is in the hunt and collecting Bunnys will provide a long term challenge. I would welcome hearing from anyone who owns or is interested in these chips and tokens.

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by Lou Dolinar  
Newsday

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More than half the people who own personal computers don't bother with the Internet - even though they own modems and can, with minimal effort, step out into cyberspace at any time.

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## CHIPPER MEL'S MEMO'S by Mel Jung

### HARRAH'S 1990 CHIPCO SAILBOAT - A MILESTONE IN CHIPPING!

In 1990 chippers had experienced only 2-3 years of exposure to the network of chip collectors. Established through the birth of the CC&GTCC., there were less than 300 members and mailing the "news" cost around \$50 for 230 pieces. Our faithful Archie did most of the work to keep the "hobby" alive. I joined as member #291...

Most of us had collected and played with chips that were fairly plain, some looked like unbaked cookies and a crest and seal was considered "ornate". Casinos that put pictures of their sign or marquee were "works of art" and it so much as a trout was depicted; it was a very different collectible. Then along came the name "Chipco".

After some spurts and starts, failures and successes; the company, located in that "hotbed of gaming", Windham, Main; made the first "different" gaming cheque for Nevada. Before and after gaming was legalized in Nevada, gamblers were using chips made by a very few companies that usually were out of state, and generally of the same materials...basically clays and plastics. This new chip was different in that it had a full face of colors, design and a plastic that reflected modern times were coming. Under the registered Pro-Tech name, the idea of promoting a high quality, long lasting, gaming chip was not unique; except that this was the first chip to become a collectible designed to leave with players at a profit.

Our chipping Guru, Howdy Herz, had just published an article "Untangling the Mystery of Gaming Checks" in the Casino Chip and Token News in early 1990 when we were all discussing this new "collectible". The term commemorative was hardly in our chipping lingo yet. Little did Howard or any of us realize that this new style and marketing ploy would change the world of chip collecting forever. He had just untangled the first 40 years of chip definition and I am still waiting for him to untangle everything since the Sailboat from Harrahs floated into Lake Tahoe.

Harrah's Tahoe ordered 100,000 of these with the face value of \$500,000. That was quite a bold move in those days. Their inventory of brass core chips from Reliable were still very popular and destined for at least 20 more years of use. Since I was involved with their brass core chips, I was very concerned about why they ordered these new "pretty" chips and, to this day, have never had a clear answer. The chip collecting world responded with a wave of buying a current issue that had not preciously been experienced. Our club voted it the "Chip of the Year" for 1990. Everyone seemed to want it for their collection even if they did not collect Tahoe. I even bought 10 to trade and try to keep two or three for future collectors. I even had the audacity to charge \$2 over the face value!!

Within, two years, other Northern Nevada casinos followed suit with a few New Years chips and then National Air Races chips in Reno. They all sold fairly well, but the casino controllers never considered the extra income being significant, compared to their main focus of gaming profits. I took a summer vacation in 1992 to visit the Chipco plant and also meet the last Burt of the predecessor Burt Company in Maine. By then, even the Indians in Minn. and midwest had Chipcos. Deadwood loved

them and produced some of the prettiest chips we had ever seen. They were here to stay.

In early 1993, I was attending a meeting at Harrah's concerning chips and it was mentioned that a load of Bill Harrah's old stuff had been sent to the incinerators and not only all the old chips, but their entire inventory of Sailboat Chipcos were destroyed. It seems the bean counters did not feel the requirements of keeping almost a half million in cash on hand for the Bailboats was worth the profits of some \$4.20 + per chip... They had destroyed \$496,000 worth of "collectibles" and I really did not know how to react. That means some 800 chips had been sold off the tables and cage, or were unaccountable. I did go down to the cage and get four that had not been on the flatbed trucks to the burners.

The cage personnel realized I coveted any more that might be redeemed, since Harrah's had always the standing operating procedure of honoring any Harrah's chip from the past. A few moths went by and I got a call that they had missed a box found in a vault and did not foresee another chip burning festival in the near future and "would I be interested in buying the box?" I drove up in four hours and since then have sold over 70 from the last box.

Its only been seven years since, and most of us do not realize the impact this innovation has had on the hobby. By creating a "collectors series", the idea that people would buy the chip and keep it as a souvenir etc.;compelled other casinos to consider the market. Most of the casinos did not consider the profit per chip as significant, but the added advertising value was more seriously taken as a valuable consideration.

From 1990 until the next milestone of collecting, we have seen other chip manufacturers produce chips that celebrate *almost* everything imaginable. Some don't celebrate anything, but are similar to the Sailboat in being different and pleasing to the collector. Up until the last two years of new issue deluge, most chippers were pleased with just about nay new chip that came on the tables. I can recall being forced to visit the Franklin Bros. Casino, LV; by my table partner in 1989 and cursing him for having me look at the ugliest chip with a blurred cabin that looked like it was burning down. They would not sell the chip at the cage so we spent \$80 to get \$20 worth of \$5 chips that confirmed to me he could buy *any* chip, no matter how ugly. They closed within a year and now we all think that *pretty* chip worth \$45 is very collectible. Times change.

So try to remember the Sailboat as you see all those commemoratives, limited editions, and collectible series. The turning point was 1990 and the Chipco that really celebrated nothing, but changed the chipping world was the Harrah's Sailboat \$5 chip.

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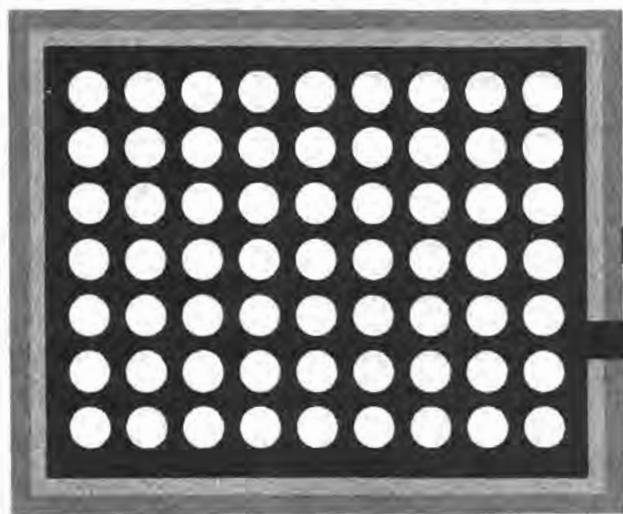
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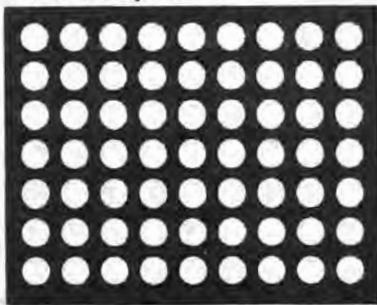
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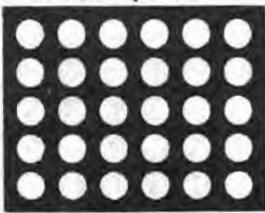
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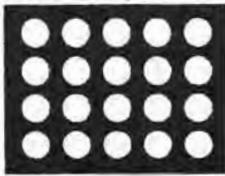
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## **“THE GOLD BAR” Deadwood SD 1940-1947**

**By Steve Brock  
(CC&GTCC #R 3200)**

The west was still wild and pretty much wide open when Jack Phillips came to Deadwood, South Dakota in 1939 from Iowa. He turned a former basement storeroom in the Franklin Hotel into the “Gold Bar.” The Gold Bar opened its doors May 14, 1940. The establishment was an instant hit in this former mining town tucked in the Black Hills where Wild Bill Hickock was shot in the back while gambling years before.

The military base in nearby Rapid City supplied a steady stream of young men looking for three things, whiskey, gambling, and girls. “and we had all of them!” said Jack. Busses would bring them up, we would cash their paychecks, and everyone had a good time.

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**“The young men were looking for three things Whiskey, Gambling and Girls.” “and we had them all!” said Jack.**

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We would kind of look out for the boy’s, try to let them know when they had lost enough money and when they had drank enough whiskey.

Jacks wife was the cigarette girl. To the best of her recollection there was a blackjack table and a craps table, and a poker game on occasion. The place was considered nicely decorated and equipped. “It was not the fanciest place in the country, but we thought it was nice” Mrs. Phillips commented. “We were one of 4 casino’s in town at that time and the competition for the business was keen.”

In the old days, illegal gambling in Deadwood was “obvious and there was no question about it” Jack said. “The local people wanted it, and the state tolerated it.” “We had a pleasant relationship with the local law enforcement” Jack commented with a twinkle in his eye, “they pretty much ignored us.” In his words “Nobody got molested or bothered here, and everyone had a good time!”



He says the list of dignitaries, officials, and celebrities that visited the Gold Bar was quite lengthy, but his “lips are sealed!”

Gaming operators knew that State officials would shut them down. They had been warned in writing, but they didn’t know when. That question of when was answered on a busy Saturday night, June 28, 1947. The raid was engineered by then State Attorney Sigurd Anderson. “Authorities chased the people out, and started carrying out the gambling equipment and that was the end of it” said Phillips. He was fined \$250 for operating an illegal gaming operation.

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Jack left deadwood in 1949, returning to Iowa. Battles with the I.R.S. concerning the Gold Bar continued for years. Jack retired from his motel business in the early 80's.

In 1989 when he heard on TV that Deadwood wanted to bring gambling back, this time legally Phillips vowed, "I'll be there for the Grand Opening." He had no doubt that voters would approve the idea.

So on Wednesday November 1, 1989 the 81 year old man that doesn't drink, smoke, or gamble felt right at home in his surroundings at the Grand Opening of the new "Durdy Nellies" in the basement of the Franklin. Jack was back in the location that he had spent so many hours in almost 50 years ago. "See that back bar, the paneling and the cashiers cage?" "I put them in," he said proudly.

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### **On Wednesday Nov 1, 1989 Jack felt right at home at the Grand Opening of Durdy Nellies, in the basement of the Franklin.**

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Jack Phillips died a few years later, but can say that he lived to see Deadwood alive with gambling again!

*Authors Note: This story was developed from information gathered from interviews with Mrs. Jack Phillips and Jack's daughter and son-in-law. The information is believed to be accurate but is based in part on the recollections of an elderly woman about events that happened over 50 years ago. Other information has been passed down from Jack Phillips to his daughter and son-in-law. My thanks to the family of Jack Phillips. Thanks also to the Rapid City Journal for additional information.*



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*by*  
**Howard W. Herz (Ch-85)**

My friend comes up to me with more enthusiasm than I can stand. He has just acquired a hand full of the latest Limited Editions (LE's) and has all of the sparkle of a Leprechan that stumbled into the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "Here they are and they only made 2,000 pieces." My joy is muted. Only another 2,000 "limited" edition checks in a market place with around 300 serious collectors. Some how the equation does not compute. I do the math and I can not see any serious profits marching around in the future. But do not get me wrong, the only checks from Nevada that I collect are special issues including "Limited Editions" or "Commemoratives".

I started collecting gaming checks in 1963 and over the years I have seen my share of the gaming check market as a collector, a dealer and author. I still love it. Let me act as a referee (with an attitude) in the continuing debate on the value of LE's and "Commems" that are flooding the market today.

If you think that commemorative gaming chips are a recent innovation, history is not on your side. On January 12, 1932 the first Nevada commemorative "chip" was ordered from the United States Playing Card Co. - the primary manufacturer of chips in the country at that time. This chip could not have been more explicit in its intent to advertise Reno's newest activity (or rather recently legalized wide open activity). The chip features good luck symbols and touts the states support of enjoyment of natural rights. Commem's therefore are not a recent innovation.



Special issues seem to have taken a back seat to regular issues in the years from 1932 to around 1968 when the Sahara Hotel issued special chips for the 1968 World Airlines Christmas Party. This issue might be the first of the modern era and was created for a special event long before collectors were stampeding to the cashier's cages. the underlying concept of the issue was promotional and the party was probably a great success. Today the checks are considered scarce and are quite collectible.



The United States Bicentennial was of sufficient import to cause a number of casinos to notice and slightly less than two dozen houses issued commemorative checks to celebrate the event. Today the Bicentennial checks are one of the most difficult issues to round up and a complete group is truly a prize for any collector.



HARRAH'S - known for their innovations should probably be credited with the first issue of the present era of Commemoratives when they issued the 1989 commemorative featuring a sailboat \$5 check manufactured by CHIPCO. In fact it was CHIPCO that first aggressively market "collectible" checks to Nevada casinos and should probably get the credit or blame for starting the epidemic that seems to grieve some collectors. Harrah's, by their own admission, did not make a killing and ended up destroying a majority of the 1889 issue when they did not succeed in "floating" the issue.



Despite the initial failure of the Harrah's issue, the idea continued to survive, no doubt due to the persistence of CHIPCO. Slowly, but surely, other casinos began to try out the idea of special issues, to celebrate events, holidays or their own history. Harvey's created a series that celebrated their 50th anniversary. Other clubs began to get into the fray and before we knew it, commemorative checks were finally an accepted issue for any casino. Collector's seemed to rejoice.



At about the same time the Nevada Gaming Control Board began to take a long over due look at gaming checks in general and Commem's in particular. Approval for issues began to be a serious undertaking administer by the Board. Official regulation of gaming checks was becoming a reality and the industry was beginning to respect the economic power of the collecting community. Other individuals, experienced in parallel collectible fields, entered the hobby and before we knew it we had the phenomom of instant rarities in the form of numbered Limited Edition checks (LE's) - we had arrived!



To referee the present situation, give some thought to some facts.

As a collector you do not have to collect the special issues of any gaming house.

Special issues are not arbitrarily issued by casinos but have to be approved by the state.

Special issues do have to be redeemable by the casino during the circulation period.

Special issues reflect the taste of the issuing casino and not the opinion of the State of Nevada.

Rarity: With around 2,000 active members in the CC&GTCC, probably around 300 are serious collectors who actively seek every issue in Nevada. With "limited" issues of 500 to 2,000, the number of checks issued still out numbers the collectors - so the collectors are rarer than the checks!

Collectibility: Part of the underlying drive of collecting is the concept of uniformity and of obtaining all of the pieces of "sets". Unfortunately, many of today's LE's have not been well thought out with regard to the projected purchasers. They lack uniformity as a series and tend to make a fragmented collection. They are quite similar to the "Non-Circulating Legal Tender" issued coins that were popular with collectors in the 1970's. These NCLT issues were sanctioned by governments, but never were intended to be circulating coins of the realm. LE's that do not serve a purpose in the issuing gaming house and are produced solely for collector purchase have the same questionable status with collectors.

Economics: Gaming Houses have the same economic rights and privileges as the companies that issue baseball cards and collector plates. They are private issues that are primarily governed by the economics of collecting. As long as people buy checks for their collections, casinos will issue them to satisfy that demand. After years of demanding recognition from the gaming industry, collectors are getting it in the form of LE's - the choice of an industry that has not been known for its charity, nor historically for its fairness and honor. Economics? We showed them the money and they provided the product.

The Future: Collector's will determine the future of LE's. Buy what you like and the casinos will probably respond. We see a lot more regulation of LE's by the State of Nevada and other gaming jurisdictions. Colors and technical qualification will predominate regulation, but taste of issue material will probably continue to be at the mercy of the industry. Expect to have the same abuse of "rar-ity" that we have seen in other collectible areas and assume that private individuals will try to apply every form of false economics that they can to squeeze the collector's wallets in the name of free enterprise.

The Conclusion: LE's are probably here to stay as long the regulating gaming authorities agree with the issues. Collector's will continue to respond to the issues and both collectors and casinos will determine what is acceptable and what will be rejected. We are thankful for the number of collectors that these new colorful issues have brought into the hobby. We are sad that they have also discouraged a number of collectors who have found that keeping up with the Jones, Paul-son and CHIPCO to be an economic burden they chose to abandon. We encourage every collector to define and enjoy the hobby as he chooses - with or without LE's, "Commem's" or whatever the Casino industry will think up next. - Trick or Treat.

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**CASINO CHIP COLLECTORS SHOW:** The president of a not for profit organization called AnyWay is putting together a chip show with several other chip collectors from the Bellmore, NY area. The show is scheduled for December 7, 1997. They are looking for people who would like to buy space to sell or trade their chips. Cost of the spot is \$50.00 and is a deductible expense. Any questions call Carole Frieder at 516-785-9356 or E-Mail her at CAR311@AOL or Carole8@ix.netcom





# 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 published. 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 and 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.

Also, please realize that if you recognize a chip published here as a UFC, you have information that your fellow collectors do not have. Please share. That’s the whole point of this column. What is common knowledge in one area of collecting is completely unknown in 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 have quite a few answers this time to previously-published UFC’s. Following the UFC number are the volume and issue number in which the illustration of the chip originally appeared.

**UFC 32 (2/3):** This is one of the earliest chips we have had occasion to mention recently. The chip bears the initials **FB** and the address 150 North Main Street, but no city or state. Last year the chip was attributed to Frank’s Bavarian, Salinas, CA. In Howard Herz’s most recent auction catalog (No. 23), he attributes the chip to Fresno, CA.

**UFC 143 (3/3):** Another oldie—according to Howard Herz’s auction 23, the **Savoia Club** was located in Stockton, CA in the 1940’s.

**UFC 179 (3/4): Club OK** was a card club in Gilroy, CA.

**UFC 517 (5/4):** This chip bears only the initial **R**. The majority of these chips were found in Ohio, and Herz Auction 23 has now attributed the chip to the Riviera, W. Palm Beach, FL. The fact that the chip was used in Florida and found in quantity in Ohio is not inconsistent. Many club operators and dealers from Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio went south for the winter season, along with many of their regular customers, and set up illegal clubs along Florida’s “gold coast” while temporarily shutting down many of the clubs in the north. The exchange between the midwest and Florida may explain the finding of these chips in Ohio.

**UFC 614 (6/3):** The **Fortune Cookie** card room was

located at 1354 East Avenue L, Chico, CA. It's now closed.

**UFC 645 (7/1):** Steve Piccolo wonders whether perhaps this chip, which says **Penthouse** and has a representation of a key, might have been a prototype or promotional chip for the planned Penthouse Casino in Atlantic City. The Penthouse never opened.

**UFC 775 (8/4):** The **Florida Casino** chip was denominated in Shillings, and Bob Quackenbush tells us that there is a Florida Casino in Mombasa, Kenya, where the British monetary system is still in use. Sounds right to us!

**UFC 781 (8/4):** In Auction 23, Howard Herz identifies this **CCC** chip as having come from the Coin Castle Casino in Las Vegas.

**UFC 904 (9/2):** Bob Quackenbush tells us that this chip, bearing the legend **C-C**, was used at the Chicago Club in Saratoga Springs, NY.

**UFC 1035 (10/2):** The **RHC** chip was made for Jim Contratto, 2800 Firestone Blvd., South Gate, CA, in 1944. We have no definitive word as to where it was used, however.

**UFC 1047 (10/3):** **Maggie's** is a card room in San Diego, CA.

**UFC 1050 (10/3):** Again, Howard Herz's latest auction catalog gives us the details on the **Pat Sullivan** chip. His research indicates that Sullivan was a chip distributor, then a salesman for Christy & Jones. The chip pictured in this column was a "calling card" sample which he used when he was with Christy & Jones.

**UFC 1062 (10/3):** Ernie Wheelden recalls that the **Mani-Carlo** is/was a club in Alberta, Canada, but he can't recall the city in which it was used or the circumstances.

**UFC 1063 (10/3):** Allan Myers tells us that the U. S. Playing Card Co. records show that this **GC** chip was shipped to distributor H. E. Mason Co. in Chicago in 1927, but there is no record of the ultimate customer. The initials might stand for "Garden Club," but we have no confirmation of that at this time.

**UFC 1066 (10/3):** The **9-11 Club** was a card club in Concord, CA.

**UFC 1067 (10/3):** Commerce, CA was the site of the **A.B.C. Club** card room.

**UFC 1071 (10/3):** Rick Meyer, who has done extensive research into the card rooms in and around San Diego, tells us that **Club 36** was located at 3628

Union Avenue. It opened in 1974 and is now closed.  
**UFC 1073 (10/3):** The **101 Club** may have been located in Turlock, CA, but we're not sure of that attribution. Does anyone from the area know for sure?

Some of the chips submitted for this issue can be identified, and others guessed at. As always, if you recognize a chip and can provide authoritative information about its origin, please drop me a note so that I can include your identification in the next issue of the magazine.

**UFC 1080:** The **Crystal Lounge** was located in Bozeman, MT at 123 East Main Street.



**UFC 1081:** I received a letter from Doc Finstuen, a serious student of chipology, who wrote "I am sending you what may be a 'first.' The issue of attribution is always a 'sticky' one, as you well know. I have found what may be the first check to ever appear in a national magazine . . . in an issue of *LIFE* magazine, dated June 19, 1950." The magazine article is entitled "Gambling In The U.S.: Life presents the low-down on nation's biggest racket" and pictures this **J.P.C.** chip prominently, with the caption "a 50¢ chip used in a dice game in Illinois."

The article itself is hardly a major exposé, but it discusses the Kefauver Committee hearings and tells some good stories about gamblers. It seems likely that this chip was used in an illegal casino in the Chicago area, but unfortunately the article never identifies the club from which the chip came.

**UFC 1082:** The **Cheerio Lounge** was located in Laurel, Montana. The initials **RFG** stand for Rudy F. Grochelle, who apparently owned the club.

**UFC 1083:** Allan Myers thinks that this chip with the initials **BP** was made for Ben Paris in Seattle, WA.

**UFC 1084:** This **Bel Air Club** chip was probably used at the card room of that name in Concord, CA. Can

someone from the area confirm this?

1082



1083



1084



1085



**UFC 1085:** It's difficult to show what this chip really looks like, so I'll have to make do with describing it. It's a red acrylic chip made to look like mother of pearl, with the engraved initials **P.C.** Al Zaika, who sent us this chip for identification, says that the person he got it from represented it as a Playboy Casino chip. Al's skepticism is well-deserved, we think! The Playboy chips were all of more recent manufacture than the pictured chip, and none, to my knowledge, lacked the little bunny head that is Playboy's trademark. This is a pretty chip, though—does anyone recognize it?

1086



1087



**UFC 1086 and 1087:** Barry Shoepf tells us that the following two chips were found together in Memphis, TN. The fact that the chips were found in Memphis doesn't necessarily mean that they were used there, of course, but it doesn't rule out the possibility that they were used there in an illegal club. Does anyone know of a "**WSR Casino**" in Memphis or elsewhere? Barry, by the way, also wins the eagle-eye contest of this quarter, having noticed that in the last issue I referred to the Beverly Hills Club as located in

Southpoint, KY rather than in Southgate, KY. Thanks, Barry!

**UFC 1088 and 1089:** These two chips are extremely interesting because they are virtually identical, except for the mold design and the lettering on one of the chips, and because they come from two different members: Rick Meyer in San Diego, and John Zoesch in Tennessee. Were it not for Rick's chip, which seems to be from a place called **The Anchor Club**, I would have suggested to John that he was looking at a generic roulette design chip. Given the similarity between the two chips, though, I'm hesitant to draw that conclusion. Can anyone help with these?

1088



1089



1090



1091



**UFC 1090:** This **RF** chip was shipped to Ross Fenton Farms in Asbury Park, NJ in 1934. Does anyone know anything about it?

1092



1093



**UFC 1091:** Allan Myers found this **G** chip in Louisville, KY, which is across the Ohio River from Jeffersonville, IN, home to a number of illegal clubs in the 1930's and 1940's. He thinks it's possible that it's

a previously-unknown style of chip used at the Greyhound Club, especially since the rectangle-heart mold was used in other clubs in the area, but he isn't certain of the attribution.

**UFC 1092, 1093 and 1094:** I love chips with a story! Bob Bickford sent these chips: **JB**, **JGH** and **9857**, and says "I drove all the way from Cleveland to New Jersey to buy the two pictured chips from a dealer from Toledo, Ohio." Now *that* we can all identify with! Unfortunately, I can't identify the chips for Bob. Does anyone recognize them?



**UFC 1095:** I am occasionally asked why I bother to publish illustrations of chips bearing only initials. Aren't they usually unidentifiable? If they bear no denominations, aren't they usually private issue chips, made for home use or given as executive gifts? The answers are that yes, they *are* difficult to identify, but therein lies the challenge, and the value of this column to the collector—the hope that someone will be able to authenticate a chip and share that knowledge with other collectors so that these "initial" or "monogram" chips will be connected with their true gaming history. This **MPM** chip is an excellent example of just this principle, as are the next several chips.

Club member Jim Myers showed me the **MPM** chip several years ago, and I sent one to Howard Herz. When he had the opportunity to do so, Herz had the foresight and ability to preserve much of the history of the H. E. Mason Company, a major distributor of chips, many of which were made for casinos and illegal

clubs.

Fortunately, using those records Howard was eventually able to identify the chip as having been shipped to a Pat Murnan in Columbus, Ohio, not a town usually associated with illegal gambling. Coincidentally, I read an article in the local paper not too long afterwards, recounting the story of Pat Murnan and his illegal club at 13½ West Broad Street, above a storefront at the corner of Broad and High Streets, the main intersection in downtown Columbus. Apparently from the 1920's through the 1940's, Pat Murnan was known as a "sportsman," whose casino was well known in Columbus. He also owned a horse farm which is now the site of a major suburban shopping center. As was the case with most illegal clubs, Murnan knew and was friendly with much of the Columbus police department, who turned a blind eye to his operation. His generosity and the fact that he never let his customers wager more than they could truly afford to lose, made him a very popular figure. Just a few weeks ago, Howard came across another record from his H. E. Mason Co. files, identifying yet another chip shipped in quantity and in different colors to Pat Murnan in 1935.

**UFC 1096** is that chip, which bears only the address of Murnan's club: 13½. Although I have tried to do so, I have not been able to determine that Murnan's casino had a particular name, although that is not unusual for illegal clubs of the era. It was simply known as "Pat's" or "Pat Murnan's," and hotel bellman and cab drivers all knew where it was if asked.



**UFC 1097** is another chip from Columbus which Howard Herz was able to identify from the H. E. Mason Co. records. **VSN** are the initials of Viaduct Sporting News, a large newsstand in the now-demolished Union Station, the railroad depot in Columbus. Despite inquiries, I have been unable to confirm that there was any sort of illegal gambling associated with the Viaduct Sporting News, and it may be that the chip was more a calling card than a gaming

check.

The next two chips are similar examples of chips which have been identified only because Herz was foresighted enough to preserve the records of the H. E. Mason Company. Without those records, it is unlikely that we would ever have known the true origin of these chips.

**UFC 1098** bears the ornate initials **KD**. According to the Mason records, the chip was shipped to Keith Duckworth at the Glenn Hotel in Newport, KY. The colors and quantities indicate that these were more than mere private game chips. My research has not revealed who Keith Duckworth was, and it may be that the chips were not used at the Glenn Hotel (which was an illicit casino in the town across the Ohio River from Cincinnati), but rather in one of the many other illegal clubs in the Newport/Covington area.

**UFC 1099** is similar: club member Gene Trimble, who actually worked in several of the illegal clubs in Newport, tells us that this chip was also shipped to Keith Duckworth at the Glenn Hotel. The meaning of the initials **HOD** (or, more likely, **HDO**) is not clear, and we aren't certain where the chips were used, but their presence in the area indicates that they may well have been used in one of the northern Kentucky clubs.

The remaining chips illustrated here are unidentified, and if you recognize them and can provide authoritative information about them, we'd like to hear from you!



In addition to those whose names have been mentioned above, members Kathi Lee and Michael Richter contributed to this issue's column.

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In late July, Claridge issued a Bat Masterson chip, the second in their series of "Gambling Legends"; the first issue being "Doc Holiday". The 3rd issue should be out by the time you read this report.



Trump's Castle has completely re-named/re-themed their marina property and has issued a \$5 commemorative only with their new name, "Trump Marina". No word out yet on when they will change over their regular Trump Castle table chips.



Caesars has issued new headliner chips in the 1997 series. The first issue featured the Righteous Brothers, the second chip in the series was of Gladys Knight. It would appear that Air Supply will be next and I've seen artwork on about four or five more.



The eight piece Trump Plaza "Worlds Fairs" tapestry series begins with the 1851 Crystal Palace, London. Then in chronological order are; 1876 Philadelphia Centennial; 1889 Universal Expo, Paris; 1893 Columbian Expo, Chicago; 1904 Louisiana Purchase Expo, St. Louis; 1915 Panama Pacific Expo, San Francisco (sic); 1939 New York World's Fair, Flushing Meadows; and 1964 New York World's Fair, Flushing Meadows.





ROULETTE NEWS: Showboat has introduced three new "auto-sort" roulette tables. These specially equipped tables automatically sort chips by color, electronically, after the dealer pushed losing wagers into a hole through the table top. No need for a second dealer to "muck" and makes it much easier to "acquire" roulette chips. Caesars tried the same system sometime ago, but gave it up. Harrah's has pulled all their red CHIPCO roulettes from all 12 roulette tables and had replaced them with a bone color CHIPCO. Reason given for pulling all the reds was because of the confusion with their regular \$5 chips. The dolphin is no longer the tough chip to get.... that honor now goes to the small conch shell which is now Harrah's single "O", \$25 minimum bet table. Bally's Wild Wild West has four roulette tables. Same chips as Bally's Park Place except WWWC tables are #18, 19, 20, 21. New roulette chip design at Claridge.... 3 diamonds.

Finally, by the time you read this report, a Miss America chip will have been issued by only eight of Atlantic City's twelve casinos. All eight chips will have identical designs with the exception of the reverse which will show the individual casino that has issued each chip. All will be \$5 denominations in quantities ranging from 2500 issued (Harrah's); 3000 (Trump Marina & Claridge); 3500 (Hilton); 5000 CHIPCO issues (Caesars & Trump Plaza); and only FIVE HUNDRED \$20 CHIPCO Miss America chips from Sands. One needs not be a rocket scientist to figure out which chips will be the most in demand and the toughest to obtain in any quantity!! Of course, \$5 chip collectors will need not worry about filling in this hole!!

Happy hunting,

*Archie*

## The following was submitted by President Archie Black

COINS DISAPPEAR FROM TABLE: Five coins valued at \$16,500 disappeared somehow from the Spink & Son table at the American Numismatic Association convention in New York City.

The loss was discovered as the firm's staff packed up Aug. 3 to head back to London.

Missing were an Aravian Ziyamid Dynasty two dinars, undated; a Brazilian 4,000 reis of 1825; a Chilean eight escudos of 1751; a Colombian eight escudos of 1861; and a French Louis d'or of 1641.

Anybody with information about these missing coins is asked to contact either M. Louis Teller at telephone number \*818) 783-8454; Spink & Son in London at 011-44-171-930-7888; or Detective G. Boefer at the Mid-Town North Precinct of the New York police at (212) 374-6850.

A few of our unfortunate chips & tokens dealers, who suffered significant losses due to blatant thefts from their tables of whole three ring binders during our 1997 Las Vegas convention, also learned the hard way, as did more than a few coin dealers at the recently concluded A.N.A. convention in New York City, that not everyone is honest in the collecting community.

It's a sad sign of the times we are living in today, which must put all of us on guard against those scummy people among us who are less than honest.

With our ever increasing membership roles... where everyone no longer knows everyone else in the club anymore; coupled with the fact that our annual conventions are open to the public, we must be ever mindful and even more vigilant to take added precautionary steps to protect our property... not just at shows and conventions, but in our homes as well.

I would strongly urge those dealers who are planning to book table space at our 1998 event, or at other casino collectibles shows that are held around the country, to take additional steps to secure your inventory. A closer watch **MUST BE** taken of your cases, albums, chip boxes, etc. It may even be prudent to consider cabling your 3-ring binders to a leg of your table so they cannot be removed from table(s). A drastic cumbersome measure I'll admit, but a measure that will prevent these type of thefts from occurring in the future.



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**Chips 'N Tokens update**  
**by Janice O'Neal CH-008**  
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As the 1997 holidays are upon us, we wonder if we will be able to make it through the "holiday chip season" all the way to Superbowl football in January 1998. Or will we be buried under an avalanche of new issues!! Things SEEM to be a mite slower recently, but maybe that's only because there is a slow season for holidays right now. We have heard of several "race car" chips to be issued in October for an Indy 500 type race in Las Vegas and some Halloween have already been mentioned also. Never fear more chips are on the way.

Now I have to get out my soap box to stand on and comment on "Chipper Mel's Memos" by Mel Jung, page 51, volume 10, issue #3 of Casino Chip and Token News. Granted we would all like to have things sail along smoothly and never have anyone say anything bad about what is happening to our hobby, BUT when collectors are being taken advantage of, SOONER or LATER they ARE going to learn the truth no matter how deeply someone tries to bury it. When that happens at a LATER time, that collector throws up his hands saying, "If that's the kind of people that are in this hobby, I am going elsewhere" and quits the hobby. If this "bad" stuff is brought to light as soon as possible, this same collector may just say, "boy, these people are really trying to make a good hobby by letting the collectors know what's happening, I think I'll stay"!

My firm belief in this hobby, that I love dearly, is that each of us has to let people know exactly what is happening from day to day and if one of the "get-rich-quick" people gets hurt in the process, I'm sorry, but THEY are the ones that should go elsewhere.

This hobby was started for a bunch of people to have FUN together. Even tho its grown far beyond the founders expectations, there is no real reason for everyone not to still have fun collecting, just as long as the good guys outnumber the bad guys. The "white hats" just have to keep handing out the "black hats" so new players can identify the good from the bad. The only way that can happen is if the "bad stuff" gets published when it is known to exist.. Then just maybe someday we can get back to there being only good stuff to report again.

Enough, enough---now on to the really good stuff!!! New chips and tokens---

**NEVADA CASINO CHIPS:**

First, as promised, and with a very big "thank you" to new club member Joe Galliano and some of his associates, following is a listing of the airplanes on the U.S. Air Force 50th anniversary chips: Bally's (LV), (1) B-2 Stealth bomber, (2) Apache helicopter, (3) A-20 Havoc-WWII, (4) B-52 bomber, & (5) F-16 fighter. Arizona Charlie's (LV) T-38 Thunderbird. Fiesta (NLV) Stearman. Imperial Palace (LV) P-51 Mustang. Las Vegas Hilton (LV) P-40 Warhawk-Flying Tigers. And Sahara (LV) F-15 fighter.

Main Street Station (LV) continues the pretty lady series with \$5 H&C picture chip (#4) pretty lady with long hair, (#5) pretty lady holding pink flower, (#6) to be issued any day, and (#7) already has approval.



Lady Luck (LV) \$5 Chipco "Father's Day Fishing Derby June 15, 1997" The description of this chip is only on the side edge and the design is only on one side.



Bally's (LV) \$10 BJ for Tejano Super Weekend June 27-28, 1997, Texas Talent Association concert. Bally building obverse/design reverse.



MGM Grand (LV) \$10-\$25-\$100 H&C picture chips for Holyfield-Tyson II fight. "The Sound and the Fury June 28, 1997"



July 4th, 1997 issues: Mahoney's Silver Nugget (NLV) \$5 BJ red 4 wht/blu/wht/blu/wht, multi CI and Opera House (NLV) \$5 BJ red ALSO 4 wht/blu/wht/blu/wht, multi CI. How is it two different casinos can have the same edge color AND exactly the same color for inserts??



Boomtown (LV) \$5 BJ red 4 lrg wht, multi CI.



Hard Rock Hotel (LV) \$5 H&C picture chip.



Gold Strike (BC) \$5 BJ blu 8 wht/red/wht, multi wht CI. It seems this casino has deleted part of the name. It was always known as "Gold Strike Inn" before.



Edgewater (Laughlin) \$5 Chipco multi red.



Fiesta (NLV) another three-chip issue for "Sports Edition". All are \$5 BJ red 4 tan/yel/tan, multi CI. New York Yankee baseball player-Tommy Henrich and two more negro league superstars, Mahlon Duckett & Sam Jethroe. Fiesta (NLV) also continues the royal flush series with, ace of hearts, royal flush hand of hearts.

Ten, jack, queen and king of clubs. Next issue will be ace of clubs and club royal flush hand.



Silver Saddle Saloon, 2501 E Charleston (LV) \$5 H&C picture chip, "Grand Opening 1997". Silver Dollar Saloon changed owner and name on July 1, 1996. The Silver Saddle Saloon has now been open for a full year and is now undergoing extensive remodeling inside and out. It appears this "Grand Opening" chip was meant to be a commemorative for the planned "re-opening" when construction is finished.





Latest issues in the Bally's (LV) entertainer series are for Barbara Mandrell and the magician team of Penn & Teller.



In May we reported the new type surface finish Chipco at Las Vegas Hilton (LV) for the Starlite Express, with only four to report. The fifth (Electra) has now been found. Will this set disappear at the end of the year when this show closes for good?? Mirage (LV) has all new \$5 table chips mixed in with the old. New issue is \$5 house mold red 4 sets of 3 split wht with palm trees obverse that are almost same as original issue, but reverse has inlay picture of Siegfried & Roy with a white tiger.



Santa Fe (LV) new promotion has No Cash Value chips available that can be used as a \$5 bet. Chips are BJ 8 suit encused, light lav-HS "5 No Cash Value".



Texas Hotel & Gambling Hall (NLV) has changed name to Texas Station. The following chip is first issue to reflect the new name. \$5 BJ red 8 blu/yel/blu, multi center for 2nd anniversary July 1997.



Fiesta (NLV) \$5 H&C picture chip for 59th anniversary "Wrong Way Corrigan July 1938" PLUS "BoPo"!!



Orleans (LV) \$5 house mold picture chip, First Annual Orleans Poker Tournament, July 12-27, 1997. Poker playing at Orleans has become so popular the poker room at Gold Coast (LV) has been permanently closed.



Mahoney's Silver Nugget (NLV) adds to the continuing dice terms series with, \$5 BJ bge 4 blk/red/blk/red/blk, multi wht CI "Hard 8" and \$5 BJ dk lav 8 org, multi CI "Snake Eyes".



Barcelona, 5021 Craig Rd (LV) \$5 BJ dk blu 4 org, multi CI U.S. Air Force 50th anniversary 1947-1997.



Tropicana (LV) \$5 H&C picture chip, "Jade Palace", chinese letter character obverse/dragon reverse. Tropicana (LV) \$5 H&C picture chip for magician, Rick Thomas. Thomas & white tiger one side/ building other side.



Hard Rock Hotel (LV) \$5 H&C picture chip, Neville Brothers Aug 16-17, 1997 "Fiyo on the Bayou".



The latest addition to Binion's Horseshoe (LV) Poker Hall of Fame series was issued in conjunction with Hall of Fame Poker Classic tournament. This is a \$5 H&C brt org 4 grn/brn, multi blk center, oversize chip for Roger Moore, who is the Poker Hall of Fame inductee for 1997.



There is now a redemption notice in the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper that states, Sahara Hotel and Casino (LV) will no longer accept the \$5 U.S. Air Force 50th anniversary chips back after November 15, 1997. This chip was just issued this year

in May. Looks like Lady Luck (LV) really started something with their recent redemption notice on early limited edition chip. Now Lady Luck (LV) has issued a \$10 Chipco multi gray "Puttin' on the Ritz". This chip is an oversize measuring 45MM in diameter. Also a \$25 H&C picture chip for casino host-Gary Garrison. How long will it be before these "special issue" chips go for redemption??



Key Largo, 377 E Flamingo (LV) open 8-29-97. \$5 BJ red 8 spt wht, multi CI, \$25 BJ grn 4 sets of 3 split wht, multi wht CI, & \$5 BJ red 8 spt wht, multi wide CI "Grand Opening Sept 1997". This address has quite a history: Ambassador Casino 1983-1985, LaMirage Casino 1986-1989, Anthony's 1989-1993, Quality Inn 1993-1997 (tables closed Oct 1995), and Key Largo 1997.



CBS Sports World, 3049 LV Blvd S (LV) open 8-30-97. \$1 BJ wht 3 lrg blu, \$5 BJ red 3 spt yel, & \$25 grn 4 spt lt grn. All have red blk wht CI, all are same design. No grand opening chip here. Another small place with a long history. Mr. Sy's Casino 1962-1980, Big Red's 1980-1982, Peppermill 1982-1989, Dan's Royal Flush 1991-1996 and CBS Sports World 1997.



Gold Coast (LV) has retired all older \$1-\$5-\$25 chips. New \$1-\$5-\$25 are in play, house mold with horse & rider picture on CI. Also new .25 house mold with horse & rider on CI has been added

in with older .25 chips on dice tables.



GOLD SPIKE, downtown (LV) at 4th & Ogden. New \$5 H&C red 3 yel/blk, red blk yel wht CI has "Las Vegas, Nevada" on chip. Previous chip was same except did not have "Las Vegas, Nevada" on chip. All older \$5 chips are retired.



Treasure Island (LV) \$5 house mold red 4 spt wht, multi blk CI. Pirate skull one side/ "Mystere" face other side. These are mixed right in with the original \$5 chips.



For the Nevada "souvenir chip" collectors, there is a chip at the Marine Corps League Bar & Recreation Center at 4360 W Spring Mountain Rd (LV). The center is known as the "Leatherneck Club" and is a gathering place for retired United States Marines. The center has been there for some time, but has been a private club until slot machines were installed. Now it must remain open to the public. The entire building is furnished with U.S. Marine memorabilia. A great place for seeing Marine Corps military collectibles. The chips are an oversize 49MM Paulson plain red edge with multi color center.



Also for the advertising chip collectors, Carlino's Fremont Coin Company of Las Vegas has added a fourth chip to the original set of three. The latest \$5 redeemable H&C picture chip has a picture of the company's store manager, with the same reverse as before.



In conjunction with the Grand Opening of Sunset Station (Henderson) Station Casinos organization decided to RE-ISSUE the Grand Opening chips from Boulder Station (LV) and Texas (NLV). A plaque was made with one grand opening chip from each-Boulder Station, Texas, & Sunset Station, along with a \$5 BJ metal center chip from Bingo Palace. (Bingo Palace was original name of Palace Station, Las Vegas) This plaque is still available in the Sunset Station gift shop.

The area at the California border on the way south-west from Las Vegas has been known un-officially for some time as "Stateline". Address on chips and tokens has been Jean, Nevada. In recent developments the area has now been officially designated as the town of "PRIMM, Nev". Buffalo Bill's, Primadonna (also a name change here to Primm Valley Resort), & Whiskey Pete's will now all have "Primm, Nev" addresses. Buffalo Bill's has all new chips in play, added right in with the old chips, so there is nothing obsolete or retired there. Chips have same colors as original set--\$1 H&C lt blu 1-each yel lt grn dk pnk, \$5 H&C red 4 yel/grn, & \$25 H&C grn 4 lav/dk brn. The center inlay design is all new with a small buffalo logo over the name on each design. Original set has all white background center inlay color. New set has \$1 blue CI, \$5 red CI, & \$25 grn CI, each with a light yellow area at the top around the buffalo figure. So far there is no change in chips at Primm Valley Resort or Whiskey Pete's. Although chip approvals have been published.



Railroad Pass (Henderson) \$5 BJ red 4 blk, multi CI "66 Years, Founded July 1931".



Colorado Belle (Laughlin) \$2.50 BJ yel 4 sets of 3 spt blu, brass metal center inlay. Also at Colorado Belle \$5 BJ red 4 sets of 3 split yel, multi blk CI, "Happy 10th Birthday 1987-1997".



A new variety discovered at Ramada Express (Laughlin) \$5 BJ red 4 spt wht, metal center inlay. Type I-large "\$5" & Half moons, Type II-small "\$5" and half moons.



Flamingo Hilton (Laughlin) \$5 H&C picture chip red 3 pnk/turq, multi center. "Labor Day, Sept 1, 1997" obverse, "Casino Collectible Expo, Sept 5-6-7, 1997" reverse.



Players Island (Mesquite) has new owner and new name as of 7-1-97. Casa Blanca (spelled as two words) Resort. Chips are .50 H&C dk brt pnk--HS, \$1 H&C wht 2-lt mus 2-dk blu, multi yel red CI, \$5 H&C red 2-yel 2-grn, multi blk CI, and \$25 H&C dk grn 3 pnk/grn, multi org CI. All chips for Players Island are obsolete.



Reno Hilton Resort (Reno) has opened a new production show called "Aireus". To commemorate this opening there is a set of six \$5 Chipco, all are multi colors red, (1) dancers, (2) male dancer, no shirt, (3) female dancers with feathers, (4) dancing jester, (5) male dancers with pointed hats, & (6) dancers with multi colors. This is definitely NOT one of our favorite sets of chips, as the colors and designs are just not clearly defined.



Harrah's (Reno) \$5 BJ red 4 sets of 3 split dk turq, multi CI for Reno Rodeo 1997. Bill Harrah opened his first Bingo Parlor in Reno in 1937, thus this years "60 year anniversary" of the Harrah's organization, 1937-1997.



Reno Hilton Resort (Reno) \$5 Chipco multi red "Pot of Gold Tournament (poker) June 20-28, 1997".



Virginian Hotel Casino, 140 N Virginia Street (Reno) closed 7-13-97, all chips are retired. Atlantis (Reno) \$5 BJ red 8 blu, multi CI "1997 Hot August Nights" one side, "Every Players Paradise" other side.



Harrah's (Reno) \$5 Chipco multi red, "1997 Hot August Nights".



Circus Circus (Reno) .50 Unicorns mold dk blu--HS. This chip was not on the Nevada gaming approval list.



Boomtown (Verdi) \$5 BJ "Mothers Day May 11, 1997" \$5 BJ "Reno Rodeo June 1997", and \$5 BJ "1997 Hot August Nights".



Plantation Station Casino (Sparks) changed name to Rail City Casino July 1997. New chips are .25 H&C dk pch--HS, \$5 H&C red 3-org 3-olv, red blk wht org CI, & \$25 H&C grn 4 wht/org/dk prp, red blk wht grn CI.



Harvey's LT (Stln) \$10 H&C picture chip, casino name & amount obverse/ picture of Bill Cosby reverse (there is no name of this personality on the chip).



Artichoke Joe's Peanut House Saloon (Carson City) changed name to Artichoke's Poker Palace July 1997 and has all new chips. .25 H&C lt red (this chip is on the gaming approval list as \$25), \$1 H&C lt blu 4 yel, \$5 H&C red 4 prp, & \$10 H&C dk tan 3-brt pnk 3-dk blu. All have blk red grn wht CI with a small green artichoke on each chip. There are no new \$25 chips here. All older

chips are now obsolete. There has been approval for new penny (.01) and nickel (.05) chips, but as far as we know these are not available to be bought from the casino.



Bonanza Inn (Fallon) a set of new table chips, similar to the ones released for Fallon Nugget (Fallon) recently. This set is .10-.25-\$1-\$2.50-\$5-\$25-\$100, but most are not available at the casino, and only one chip dealer has control of them. Designs are all the same and depict a pony express rider. Stockmen's Motor Hotel (Elko) all new chips, \$1 H& C picture chip lt blu, multi center with steer head logo, \$5 H&C red 2-brt pnk 2-dk olv, multi CI, steer head logo, & \$25 H&C dk grn 4-blu 4-prp, multi CI, steer head logo.



**NEVADA CASINO TOKENS:**

Mirage (LV) \$2 (1997) GDC brass, same design as other Mirage tokens. Riviera (LV) \$2 (1997) GDC brass. In going through some older Riviera one dollar slot tokens, three (3) distinct varieties have been found, where I only listed two before. Riviera (LV) 1990 NCM, Type I-NCM under "R", close to "V" in Vegas, Type II-NCM under "R", above "V" in Vegas, & Type III- NCM on rim.



Aladdin (LV) all new \$5 & \$25 OPM mint, both dated 1997.



Desert Inn (LV) no longer using the "Sheraton" name, all new tokens \$1-\$5, & \$25 (1997) GDC with new "DI" logo.

Palace Station (LV), in an unusual move for a casino slot token, has issued a new \$25 dated 1997 OC brass token, with the casino name only on the rim. Center obverse is initials only, reverse is the Palace Station hotel tower.



New York New York (LV) \$2 dated 1997 OC brass.



Lady Luck (LV) \$2 dated 1997 GDC brass.



Key Largo, 377 E Flamingo (LV) was Quality Inn, \$1 NCM 1997 brass & \$1 NCM 1997 brass "Grand Opening" There are no \$5

machines & no \$5 tokens at this time. See history under Nevada Casino Chips. CBS Sports World Casino, 3049 LV Blvd S (LV) open 8-30-97, was Dan's Royal Flush. \$1 (1997) NCM brass. No \$5 machines or \$5 tokens. Also see history under Nevada Casino Chips.



Primadonna (Jean, Nev) has changed name to Primm Valley Resort and area known as "Stateline" is now officially "Primm, Nevada". Primm Valley Resort (Primm) has all new tokens, BUT they have been added right in with all the old ones!! \$1 (1997) GDC, golfer in swinging stance, \$5 (1997) GDC, golfer in driving stance, & \$25 (haven't seen this one yet).



Eldorado (Henderson) \$1 (1997) GDC. This token has been in play for some time, but was never on the approval list so has gone undetected.



Harrah's (Laughlin) set of five \$1 (1997) NCM color center tokens. All have Harrah's logo one side and (1) parrot playing slot machine, (2) parrot on jet ski, (3) parrot playing golf, (4) casino

building, & (5) 60 years anniversary other side.



Player's Island (Mesquite), new owner, new name. Casa Blanca (spelled as two words) Resort, \$1 & \$5 (1997) GDC, both have same design.



Reno Airport (Reno) new \$1 token in play. Only difference is the mint mark. Original (1992) CT, new (1997) GDC. Riverboat Casino (Reno) \$2 (1997) GDC brass. Virginian Hotel, 140 N Virginia (Reno) closed 7-13-97, all tokens are retired. Plantation Station (Sparks) changed name to Rail City Casino 7-97. New token \$1 (1997) GDC, no \$5 at this time. All Plantation Station token varieties are obsolete.



Barton's Club 93 Casino (Jackpot, Nev) has issued a set of twelve \$5 (1997) GDC tokens with signs of the zodiac on reverse. These are (1) aquarius, (2) pisces, (3) aries, (4) taurus, (5) gemini, (6) cancer, (7) leo, (8) virgo, (9) libra, (10) scorpio, (11) sagittar-

ius, and (12) capricorn.



State line (Wendover) \$5 (1997) GDC, same cowboy design as other tokens.

**NEVADA TOKENS-BARS & STORES**

Triple Bar Bar Bar, 4420 N Decatur (LV) \$1 (1997) OC brass, Southwest Gaming.



Sammy's California Woodfired Pizza, 6500 W Sahara (LV) \$1 (1997) OC brass, Southwest Gaming.



Nite Owls, 4885 E Lake Mead (LV) was Tigers Pub. \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin. All Tigers Pub token varieties are obsolete.



Bob's Paradise Bar & Grille, 2210 S Paradise (LV) changed route company. New token is \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin. \$1 (1995) NCM, C.D.F. Slots is obsolete.



Venetian Restaurant, 3713 W Sahara (LV) had dollar machine and tokens in 1995. Machine was removed and (1995) CT, E-T-T, Inc tokens became obsolete. Now machines have returned and, not only new dollar tokens, but two dollar and five dollar also. \$1 (1997) CT, \$5 (1997) CT, & \$2 (1997) GDC brass. All are Southwest Gaming route company. All have same design.



The Sports Pub, 4821 Spring Mountain (faces Decatur), Las Vegas, \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan. Was P.J.'s Escape Lounge and those tokens are obsolete.



Rob Roy's, 2797 S Maryland Pkwy (LV) was Jerome's. \$1 (1997) GDC, Leo DiCandilo Slots is route company. Jerome's \$1 (1995) Ct is obsolete.



Pool Sharks, Lou Butera's, 3650 S Decatur (LV) \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc.



Chris's Place, 1725 E Warm Springs (LV) changed route company. \$1 (1997) OC, Southwest Gaming. \$1 (1992) CT, DiCandilo is obsolete.





Go's west, 208 E Sahara (LV) \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan.



Caboose Saloon, 3175 E Tropicana (LV) has added \$2 slot tokens, (1997) OC brass, Southwest Gaming.



The Pub, 3790 Cambridge (LV), once known as PT's Pub/Twain has again changed name. This time back to PT's Pub with correct Cambridge address. This token is a little different design than other PT's Pub tokens. \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin. The Pub (1993) CT, United Coin tokens are obsolete.



Butch Cassidy's, 5225 E Tropicana \$1 (1997) OC brass, Southwest gaming.



Decatur Express, 2650 S Decatur (LV) \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc. Changed route company, \$1 (1995) CT, B.W.Corp is obsolete. Token is same design as before. Jackpot Jackson's, 9457 LV Blvd S (LV) \$1 (1997) OC brass, Southwest Gaming. This was The Spa. \$1 (1989) NCM, P&M tokens are obsolete. Street number on old token does not match street number on new token.



Maxx's Lounge (yes,2-x's!) 39 S Water St (Henderson) \$1 (1997)/1989 "G", Anchor Coin. This token has a shiny chrome-like finish,



Bogey's Casino (Bar), 921 S Hwy 160 (Pahrump) \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin.



Muddy Rudder, 1955 Casino Dr-Horizon Shopping Center (Laughlin) \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc. This is same owner as Beside the Pointe & Gnat's Landing, both in Laughlin.



The Glass Turtle, 102 E Grove St (Reno) \$1 (1997) CT, Cardivan.



Colombo's, 2323 S Virginia (Reno) \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin. This token shows a different address than previous tokens.



Pipers, 1190 W Hwy 50 (Silver Springs, Nev) \$1 (1997)/1989 NCM, P&M Coin. This is an old P&M Coin reverse die.



**NEVADA TOKENS-STORES**

7-11 Store #29995, 7771 W Flamingo (LV) \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin and 7-11 Store #21895, 4589 Russell (LV) \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin. Both same design as other 7-11 tokens with store numbers. Sparkles deli & mini Mart, 2405 N Rainbow (LV) \$1 (1997) GDC, United Coin.



Longs Drugs, several locations in Las Vegas, \$1 (1997) GDC, TGC. TGC is Templeton Gaming Corp. This is the first token from this new route company.



Sak 'N Save Stores (Reno) \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin. \$1 (1993) Cardivan is obsolete.



Scolari's Food and Drug Company Stores (Reno area), \$1 (1997) CT, United Coin. All previous Scolari's tokens are obsolete. Same token is used at all Scolari's stores all over northern Nevada. **SILVER STRIKE TOKENS**

The biggest news in Silver Strike tokens is the odd find at Sam's Town (LV). Are these great error tokens or what?? To try to explain is difficult. First-at Fremont Hotel downtown Las Vegas there are two \$10 with bust of Sam Boyd & "Fremont Las Vegas" on silver center. Reverse is (1) front of Fremont Hotel building, & (2) large heart with "Fremont Hotel & Casino, Heart of Downtown". Second- at Sam's town on Boulder Hwy (LV) there are three \$10 with bust of Sam Boyd, the dates "1910-1993", and "Sam's Town" on silver center. Reverse is (1) panner, (2) pony

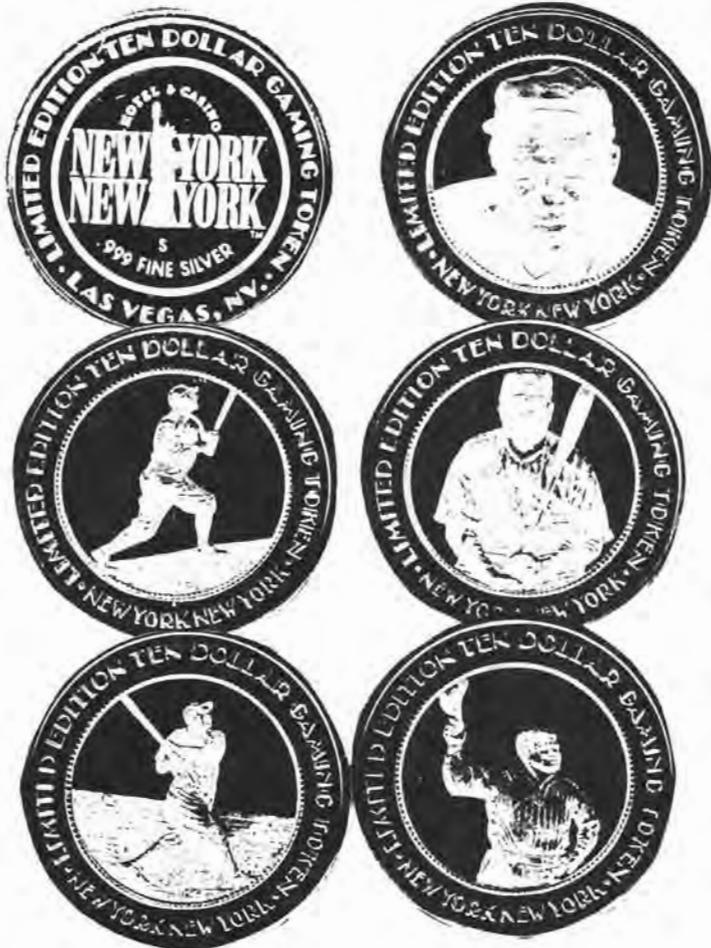
express, & (3) stagecoach. Now it has been found there are (or were) tokens at Sam's Town with panner-pony express-stagecoach reverse, with "Sam's Town" on rim that have the bust of Sam Boyd, NO DATES, and "Fremont Las Vegas" on the front. Since there never were any panner-pony express-stagecoach at downtown Fremont Hotel, it appears the Fremont obverse die was used with the Sam's Town reverse die. This exists on all three designs, panner-pony express-stagecoach.

Sahara (LV) has three \$10 (1997) "G", (1) genie standing, (2) genie on flying carpet, & (3) genie above lamp, this one not on gaming approval list.



New York New York (LV) opened Jan 3, 1997 without Silver Strike machines. They have now made up for that by issuing two sets of five tokens each. Machine #1, set #1 are New York related, (1) Miss Liberty, (2) Manhattan Express (roller coaster), (3) Grand Opening Jan 3, 1997 (building and fireworks), (4) I love New York New York (I heart NYNY), & (5) Hamilton's (George Hamilton's Cigar lounge). Machine #2, set #2 all Babe Ruth related, (1) Babe Ruth face portrait, (2) Ruth swinging bat, (3) Ruth waving hat, (4) Ruth running, & (5) Ruth sitting..





California Hotel (LV) all five revised .999 inside on silver \$10 tokens approved 3-19-97 are now in play, (1) year of the dragon, (2) year of the ox, (3) year of the sheep, (4) year of the rabbit, & (5) year of the boar. El Cortez Hotel (LV) all five revised .999 inside on silver \$10 tokens approved 3-17-97 are now in play, (1) J.Gaughan & 1941 building, (2) J.Gaughan & 1996 building, (3) J.Gaughan 75th birthday, (4) Mr. & Mrs Gaughan, & (5) J.Gaughan & dog. MGM Grand (LV) has removed Silver Strike machine which cancels the rumor about a new \$10 EFX-David Cassidy token.

Buffalo Bill's (Primm) both Wild West & Indians series are in play with .999 revised inside on silver. Whiskey Pete's (Primm) \*\*Town name has been changed from Jean to Primm. \$10 Bonnie & Clyde car and \$10 Dutch Schultz car both in play with revised .999 inside on silver. All Silver Strike machines at Gold Stike Hotel (Jean) and Nevada Landing (Jean) have been removed and all tokens are obsolete. This is not surprising since these are both Circus Circus properties and almost all Circus Circus owned casinos have canceled the Silver Strike program.

Rancho Mesquite Casino (Mesquite), was Players Island, has two \$10 (1997) "S" mint, (1) Rancho Mesquite logo obverse/"Wild Cactus Bar" reverse, (2) Rancho Mesquite logo obverse/small logo & cactus plant in frame reverse.



Eldorado (Reno) \$10 (1997) "S" mint, Brew Bros with revised .999 inside on silver now in play. Flamingo Hilton (Reno) \$10 dated 1997 "G" mint, American Superstars series-Michael Jackson. Circus Circus (Reno) all Silver Strike machines are gone. Sierra Sids (Sparks) new \$10 dated 1997 "G" mint, "Jackalope" now in play. On this token next to the animal portrait is "JN 97", our guess--this is the artist signature. There is an approval for \$10 "Jake" (was Jake's Brake) with revised .99 inside, but has not been found yet.

Harvey's Resort LT (Stln) \$10 dated 1997 "G" mint for Bill Cosby. Gold Country (Elko) \$10 mountain cougar & \$10 big horn sheep, same designs as Sierra Sids are now in play. Carson valley Inn (Minden) \$10 with golfer/skier/airplane/ hot air balloon now in play, and yes, all four designs are on one token.

**CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS:**

Garlic City Club opened July 1997 in Gilroy. \$1-\$2-\$5 H&C picture chips.



L A Casino opened July 1997, 6611 S Alameda St. Huntington Park, between Gage & Florence. \$1-\$2-\$5 H&C chips with inlay.



New chips at Oaks Club, Emeryville. .50 BJ red 4 yel & \$5 BJ yel 8 grn. Both have blk gld wht CI with "Play it Smart" on one side only.



**COLORADO CASINOS:**

Imperial Hotel (CRCK) issued 2 sets of Chipco. One set for 5th anniversary and one set for 50th anniversary of the Melodrama. Sets are each--\$1 multi wht, \$2.50 multi pnk, \$5 multi red, & \$25

multi grn.



Bronco Billy's (Crck) \$5 Chipco multi red for July 4th.



The Gold Mine (BLHK) \$2.50 Chipco multi pnk, same ore car logo as other Gold Mine chips.



Famous Bonanza Casino (CNCY) \$5 chipco multi red for Harley Fest 1997 (motorcycle rally).



Central Palace (CNCY) set of three \$5 BJ red 4 spt yel, multi CI for baseball, Tommy Henrich and negro league players-Mahlon Duckett & Sam Jethroe.



Another oddity in Colorado. J.P. McGills Hotel Casino being built and not due to open until November or December 1997. Yet chips and tokens for this casino are already being sold on the open market. \$1-\$5-\$25 Chipco and \$1 tokens by NCM. All chips and tokens are dated 1997. My best guess for classification would have to be just souvenir chips for the souvenir chip collectors. They can't be considered "casino chips" when the casino isn't even open. Rumors say when (and if) it does open there will be all new un-dated chips. If this starts asanother new trend, we will have to start a new catagory for "pre-opening chips"!!



**FLORIDA NEWS:**

New one day cruise ship (boat?) at Fort Manatee, just south of Tampa, called Imperial Empress. Tokens are .25 (1997) GDC, \$1 & \$5 Chipco Pro Tech-II with color picture centers. Chips are .50-\$1-\$5 Chipco.



Regency Cruises "Chances Casino", St. Augustine \$1 H&C wht 1-each pch lav lt turq & \$5 H&C red 1-each lt grn brt org bge, both have blu lav wht CI.



Prosperity 1 Cruises as "Vegas in Venice", Venice, Florida began sailing 6-97. "Vegas in Venice" is name of boat, "Prosperity 1 Cruises" is name of management company, and is the name on the chips & tokens. Chips are .50 H&C lt mus--HS, \$1 H&C wht--HS, & \$5 H&C red 2-dk blu 2-blk, multi CI with picture of boat. Tokens are .25-\$1-\$5 (1997) OC.



Palm Beach Princess Casino, Palm Beach started new one day cruise to nowhere 8-97. Tokens are .25 & \$1 (1997) GDC. Chips are BJ new grooved rims--\$1 wht 4 spt prp, \$2.50 dk turq 6

wht/org/wht & \$5 red 6 yel, all have same colorful inlay.



A piece of missing history has been discovered in the Ginsburg/Lighterman "Guide to Florida Gaming, Volume I" More information on the "Gold Star Casino"--this ship was first reported as the "Star of Texas" at Galveston, Texas, 1993-1994. It next showed up in New York City, New York as Bay Cruises, "Liberty 1" in 1996. In the meantime this ship spent time in Miami, Florida as Lucky Star Cruises, L.C. and the casino was the Lucky Star using same Gold Star Casino chips and tokens. It opened there in April 1994 and lasted only seven months before filing for bankruptcy and leaving for the Bahamas. So another piece of the puzzle falls into place.

Four Jai-Alai places have opened poker rooms, Ft. Pierce, Miami, Tampa, & Ocala. All four use same set of chips that say only "Florida gaming" with all four cities listed on each chip. Chips are .25 Unicorns dk blu--silver HS, .50 unicorns dk yel-silver HS, \$1 & \$5 are Chipco.



Flagler Kennel Club (greyhound racing) opened poker room in Miami 7-1-97. .25-.50- & \$1 chips are same HS unicorn mold chips used at Hollywood Greyhound Track, Hallandale, Florida. \$5 "Flagler" is a Chipco, multi red with greyhound & diamond royal flush card hand.

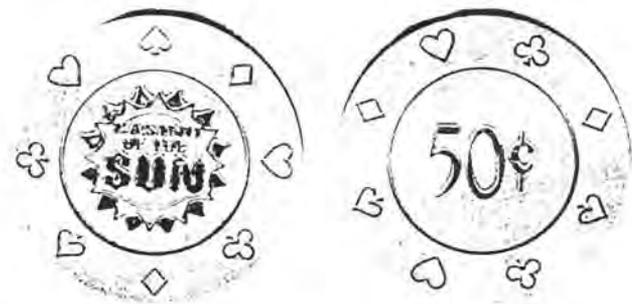


**INDIAN CASINOS:**

Bucky's Casino, Prescott, Ariz \$5 BJ red 8 spt blk, multi blk CI for 4th of July 1997. Also at Buckey's rumor is another chip shark has snatched the entire supply of .50 chips. Someone has now cornered the market on a supply of 500 or so .50 chips, so look for an inflated price on this issue.



Casino of the Sun, Tucson, Ariz added .25 BJ 8 suit wht--HS & .50 BJ 8 suit turq--HS chips. Also at Casino of the Sun there is a mint mark variety on the \$1 token. Since we have no way of determining what the issue date is, it will be listed as (1994) CT, Type I- CT is mini and (1994) CT, Type II-CT is small.



It has been discovered there is a \$3 Chipco to go with the \$1 & \$5 at Hon-Dah Casino, Hon-Dah, Ariz. Same design both sides as other chips. There is also a \$5 Chipco Pro Tech-II token with same designs as chips.



Crystal Mountain Casino, Shingle Springs Rancheria, Placerville, Calif is now open again using same chips as when originally open.

Pit River Casino, Burney, Calif open 5-96. Chips are .25 -A- mold blu, \$1 -A- mold gry 3 dk blu, & \$5 -A- mold dk red 3 wht. All have same center design on red blk wht CI.



Mono Winds Casino, Auberry, Calif open 10-96 with \$1 & \$5 Chipco. Sure took us awhile to get this one!!



Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, Colo \$1-\$5-\$25 Chipco "Four Corners Iron Horse 1997 Motorcycle Rally". There were only 100 each of the \$1 & \$25, so these undoubtedly will show up with high premium prices on them. Also coming to Sky Ute Casino \$1-\$5-\$25 Chipco for 4th anniversary, with same number quantities made as the rally chips.



Sac & Fox Casino, Hiawatha, Kansas added .25 unicorns mold yel--blu HS chips.



Kewadin Casinos, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich \$1.00 (with zeros) Chipco multi red "Kewadin Casinos" both sides. \$5.00 (with zeros) multi gry, "Kewadin Casinos" obverse, picture of Kenny Rogers reverse.



obsolete. New 7-97 are \$2.50 BJ dk yel 8 spt blu, multi dk red CI, & \$5 BJ red 4 spt wht, multi dk red CI chips. New tokens with no amounts on token are being used for .50 & \$1 chips. Tokens are (1997) RWM brass.



Apache Nugget, Dulce, New Mexico. The story here goes that a large amount of chips "disappeared" from the casino overnight, so the entire supply was canceled out and all new chips are now in play. Same center designs as before, but all new RT Plastics edges. \$1 RTP wht 4 dk blu, & \$5 dk mrn 4 dk blu. Also possible this casino may close before long due to continued disagreement with state over taxing.



Muckleshoot Indian Casino, Auburn, Wash has retired all \$2.50 chips. Menominee Casino, Keshena, Wisc \$5 Chipco for 10th anniversary. Had "Menominee Nation Casino" on previous chips.



RIVERBOAT CASINOS:

Harrah's, Joliet, Ill \$5 H&C picture chip for 60 years anniversary of Harrah's organization.



Taos Mountain Casino, Taos, New Mexico open 7-97. Chipco \$1 multi wht, \$5 multi red, & \$25 multi grn. \$1 token (1997) GDC.



Empress Casino, Hammond, Ind has added \$2.50 chips, H&C pnk 1-lrg turq 1-lrg gld--blu gld wht CI. Seems strange Empress, Joliet, Ill discontinued use of \$2.50 chips recently, Now Empress, Hammond, Ind has added them! Also at Empress, Hammond, Ind \$5 H&C picture chip red 3 lav/dk blu--multi center for 1st anniversary June 26, 1997.



Isleta Gaming Palace, Albuquerque, New Mexico closed poker tables 7-97. .50, \$1, \$3 chips are now retired. Santa Ana star Casino, Bernalillo, New Mexico all \$2 Chipco have been retired. San Felipe Casino, San Felipe, New Mexico. \$2 Chipco was discontinued after very short time. Dark pink was too close to \$5 red.

A special Thank You to Robert Feeney of Los Lunas, New Mexico for the special Indian casino updates from New Mexico. Speaking Rock Casino, El Paso, Texas. All 1994 BJ chips are

Blue Chip Casino Riverboat, Michigan City, Ind opened 8-24-97. Chips are \$1 H&C wht 1-lrg dk prp 1-lrg dk turq-- blu blk org wht center, 6 point star design. \$2.50 pnk 1-red 1-grn--blu blk wht wht pnk center, 12 point star design, \$5 H&C dk red 4 org/dk blu--blu blk wht red center with yellow strip between center and outside of chip. Also \$5 H&C picture chip dk red 4 org/dk blu--multi center, "Grand Opening, Fall 1997". Each side of grand opening chip has a different design. Tokens are .25-.50-\$1-\$5 (1997) GDC, all have same designs.



Grand Casino, Biloxi, Miss new .25 H&C brt lt org--Hs chips.



Boomtown Casino, Biloxi, Miss \$5 Chipco multi wht red for "3rd Birthday Bonanza, July 22, 1997".



Isle of Capri, Biloxi, Miss \$5 H&C picture chip, "August 1997 celebrating five years".



Circus Circus, Casino Center, Robinsonville, Miss has completely remodeled inside and out and has changed name to Gold Strike Casino Resort, Robinsonville, Miss. New chips are .50 unicorns dk blu--HS, \$1 Chipco multi wht, \$5 Chipco multi red & \$25 Chipco multi grn. Tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1997) OC.



Harrah's, N. Kansas City, Missouri \$5 Chipco multi red for Harrah's 60 years anniversary. On one side of this chip are initials "CI" standing for Chipco International. Harrah's, Maryland Heights, Missouri has discontinued use of .05 tokens. Leave it to Greg Susong to find something completely new!





Check out Flamingo Casino Riverboat, Kansas City, Missouri .50 Bud Jones pink 4 spt grey with "Kool Bird" on center inlay. A new chip appeared that is the same as original, BUT there are 24 evenly spaced tiny grooves across the pink rim face of the chip. In checking with Bud Jones Company we find this is indeed a new feature that has been added to Bud Jones chips. This is the new "Series S" and there is a choice of eight different edge designs in this series, each with the grooved rim. (Also look for these new chips in Florida on the Palm Beach Princess boat at Palm Beach, Florida). We will try to picture this, but you will have to look very closely to see the small grooves around the rim.



And so we finally come to the end of this report. It seems like it gets longer everytime. Look for another big one next time from Nevada especially. We hear lots of rumors on things to come. We hope everyone had a great time at the 1997 CC&GTCC Aladdin Convention and are already planning for next year. After a great time was had by all, we have only one downside that has to be reported. It seems there was someone (or several someones) with very sticky fingers this convention. There have been reports of several thefts during the show. Even to the fact that whole notebooks full of items were made off with. It seems no one is immune to these rotten individuals now days and with a crowd that large it is almost humanly impossible to watch everyone. New measures are being sought to afford better protection against this happening again next year.

As always a very big "THANK YOU" to everyone that sends me the information to keep all this stuff together and up to date. We only have one problem developing, it seems like all the members in the state of California have gone on permanent vacation!! I know there is new stuff all over the state, but info is not coming in. Wake up guys or your state may be blank next time!!

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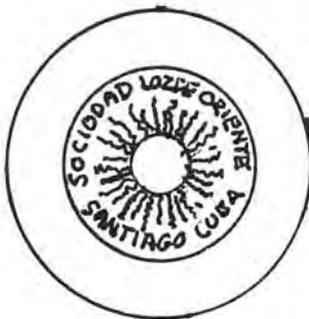
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### STRAY ANTLERS Mc Gill, Nevada 1927

The 1909 session of the Nevada Legislature bowed to the wishes of civic leaders and outlawed gambling beginning at midnight, September 30, 1910. A train full of gamblers left the city of Reno on October 1, 1910 and thus ended Nevada's days of wide open gambling in the tradition of the mining days. Despite public pressure, those in favor of gambling continued to lobby for its re-instatement and looked for loopholes in the law that did allow card playing as long as the "House" did not have a stake in the games.

During the 1910-1917 period in Nevada, pressure continued to legalize some gaming. By 1917 slot machines were being licensed and poker continued to be hotly debated. Finally in 1919, Nevada Attorney-General, Leonard B. Fowler, issued an opinion:

1. *That poker, stud-horse poker, five hundred, solo, and whist may be lawfully played for money, with no limit as to stakes or amounts wagered, where the deal alternates and no percentage is taken.*

2. *That a flat rate or charge for chairs, tables, cards, lights, etc. having no reference or relationship to the stakes, wagers, or amounts in play, is lawful, and does not constitute taking a percentage.*

In an additional opinion the A.G. also cleared the way for government entities to license and regulate the legal card games. By virtue of this ruling, the legal card games constituted legalized gaming in Nevada from when gaming statutes were changed in 1915!

Although full gaming was not allowed until March 21, 1931, Nevada did have legalized games as early as 1915. As was the case with most "unlicensed gaming" in the early teens and twenties, many of the gaming chips did not have values and rarely stated the club name.

The *Stray Antlers* poker chips were produced on February 21, 1927 by the U.S. Playing Card Co. and sent to the McGill Drug Co. in McGill, Nevada. They are the first gambling chip produced for a Nevada club that would have the Club Name, City and State! This historical set of poker chips were produced in four colors; white, yellow, red and blue. Although earlier chips were produced for Nevada clubs, this group has great historical significance by being the first chips that fully identify the club for which they were made.

A limited number of these chips have been found and are available to collectors. Many of the chips do have some nicotine (cigarette stains) on them. We consider the chips to be in average used condition.



Off-white .....	\$125.00
Yellow.....	\$150.00
Red.....	\$200.00
Blue.....	\$250.00
Set of 4 colors.....	\$650.00





## BAL TABARIN

### Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada

### June 6, 1960 to September 22, 1960

This smaller North Lake Tahoe casino catered to the summer crowd from San Francisco and the Bay area. In early June of 1960 the club was purchased by Lincoln Fitzgerald. After the 1960 season, the club was closed and used for storage. The old and hazzardous building was recently torn down.

\$1 black w/ 3-1/4 red inserts w/ a (R) pink inlay.....Slightly Used .....\$8.00



## CAL-VADA LODGE

### Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, Nevada

### 1930's to September 15, 1955

This casino was located just North of the Bal Tabarin. It last operated in 1955 and was later sold to Lincoln Fitzgerald. Local rumor has it that there was an arson attempt on the building at one time. In the mid-1980's, the building still reeked of the smell of fuel oil from the attempt. The building is a classic of early Lake Tahoe and has recently been turned into a Brew Pub.

\$1 black w/ 3-1/4 red inserts w/ a (R) blue inlay.....Slightly Used .....\$8.00



## HUNTER'S LODGE

### Carson City, Nevada

### September 15, 1955 to June 1, 1966

This small Carson City gaming operation was located in at 400 S. Carson Street and licensed for a single blackjack table.

\$20 maroon w/ a gold hot stamp.....Slightly Used ....\$80.00



## PLAYERS HOTEL CASINO

### (Reno, Nevada - Never Opened 1980's - formerly - Money Tree)

These gaming checks were made for a casino that never opened. The primary stockholder for the proposed operation applied for a license, but was never approved.

\$100 black w/ 4-1/2 sxssp white/yellow/white inserts .....Never Used.....\$70.00

## PONY EXPRESS

### Minden, Nevada

### November 7, 1955 to July 29, 1959 (Bernard)

### July 30, 1959 to June 30, 1965 (McVeety)

We received a set of these checks from McVeety in around 1965 and also have had them identified by Mr. Bernard. Apparently Bernard's checks were used by the new owners and thus this set constitutes the only checks used in this small operation.

\$5 yellow w/ a gold hot stamp	Slightly Used ....\$55.00
\$1 blue w/ a gold hot stamp	Slightly Used.....\$25.00
25¢ red w/ a gold hot stamp	Slightly Used.....\$80.00
5¢ cream w/ a gold hot stamp	Slightly Used.....\$80.00
Set of 4 pieces	.....\$225.00



**BANK CLUB**  
**Reno, Nevada**  
**1940's (management for Graham & McKay)**

We attribute this check to the 1940's. The Bank Club was operating the the late 1920's in the basement of the Golden Hotel. Despite Bill Graham and Jim McKay's friendship with George Wingfield, the Bank Club did not fully anticipate the legalization of gaming and had to take several weeks to remodel the street level area for their new operation. The Bank Club was possibly the most famous and infamous operation in Reno. The owners once used Baby Face Nelson as a body guard and were almost constantly plagued by federal investigations. In the late-1930's the Fed's won a legal action that imprisoned both Graham and McKay for a period of 9 years. We attribute this check to the period of time when Birdie Graham was operating the Club.

\$25 orange w/ a gold hot stamp .....Slightly Used ....\$50.00



**GOLDEN BANK CLUB**  
**Reno, Nevada**  
**March 11, 1952 to December 1, 1955**

The Bank Club was formed when the Golden Hotel was sold to Texas oil man Frank Hofues. The new operation included the gaming area of the Golden and the adjacent Bank Club. The combined operation was called the Golden Bank and was operated by Bill Graham until December 1, 1955. The Bank Club continued to prosper, but its former glory was diminished and competition from other operations was intense.

\$25 red w/ 3-1/2 yellow w/ a (R) yellow inlay.....Slightly Used.....\$65.00  
 \$100 tan w/ 3-1/2 yellow w/ a (R) yellow inlay.....Slightly Used....\$110.00



**GOLDEN BANK CLUB**  
**Reno, Nevada**  
**March 11, 1952 to December 1, 1955**

roulette 3 orange w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$15.00  
 roulette 4 orange w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$15.00



**GOLDEN HOTEL**  
**Reno, Nevada**  
**December 7, 1955 to April 3, 1962**

From December 1, to December 7th, 1955 brothers Jim and Bill Tomerlin punched a hole in the wall between the Golden Hotel lobby and the Bank Club. It was the Tomerlin's first try at gambling and they will admit that it was an experience for them both. The operation continued to grow under the management of the Tomerlins, experienced hotel operators. They were the first to put slot machines into the bar so that patrons could sit and play at the bar. They also modified the Bank Club area and featured floor shows in the hotel dining room. On April 3, 1962 a fire destroyed the hotel and the casino.

(roulette) orange w/ a gold hot stamp.....Never Used.....\$10.00  
 (roulette) black w/ a gold hot stamp.....Never Used.....\$10.00



# GOLDEN HOTEL

Reno, Nevada

June 18, 1963 to April 31, 1966

Recovering from the devastating fire was not simple, but the Tomerlin's prevailed and the new casino opened June 18, 1963. A hotel tower was proposed for the property and was in the plans when Bill Harrah made an offer for the property. On the last day of April in 1966 the Tomerlin's ownership of the property ended and the Golden became a memory. One of the hotel's classic checks was the host check issued by Jim Tomerlin.



\$1 red w/ a (R) red inlay w/ "Jim Tomerlin" .....Slightly Used....\$50.00



\$1 brown w/ 3-5/8 green inserts w/ a (R) brown inlay.....Slightly Used....\$25.00  
 \$5 orange w/ 3-5/8 brown inserts w/ a (R) red inlay .....Slightly Used....\$50.00  
 \$100 cream w/ 3-5/8 orange inserts w/ a (R) brown inlay .....Slightly Used....\$100.00

\$5 black w/ a gold hot stamp .....Slightly Used....\$30.00  
 \$25 tan w/ 3-1/4 green inserts w/ a gold hot stamp.....Slightly Used....\$35.00  
 \$1 cream w/ a gold hot stamp "Good only at the Golden in Reno" Slightly Used....\$10.00

## 24845 GRATIOT AVE. Detroit, Michigan (area) 1930's-1940's

Lincoln Fitzgerald operated gaming in the Detroit area starting in the early 1920's. His operations were primarily located slightly beyond the city limits of Detroit in the St. Clair Shores area. Detroit was a wide open city in the 1930's. Fitzgerald's gaming checks from this era are some of the only artifacts remaining of these wild times.



\$5 blue w/ a gold hot stamp (smkey mold).....Slightly Used....\$25.00  
 \$20 rose w/ a (R) white inlay (Mason "hub" mold).....Slightly Used....\$35.00

## Detroit Area chips 1920's-1930's



These four chips were ordered for the B.C. Wills Co. in Detroit between 1927 and 1934. They are from the estate of Lincoln Fitzgerald, thus we conclude that they were used in one of his numerous operations in the North Detroit area, but they can not be attributed to a specific club location. As is typical of the era, no name - no blame!

25 blue crest & seal w/ a gold numeral in a white inlay (1927)...Slightly Used....\$50.00  
 5 red crest & seal w/ a black numeral in a white inlay (1934).....Used.....\$10.00  
 1 off-white crest & seal w/ a red numeral in a white inlay (1934).Used.....\$5.00  
 20 blue crest & seal w/ a gold numeral in a white inlay(1934) ....Slightly Used....\$35.00



**CHESTERFIELD CLUB  
Detroit, Michigan (area)  
1920's-1940's**



Lincoln Fitzgerald operated gaming in the Detroit area starting in the early 1920'S. He had traveled from St. Louis with friends George Weinbrenner and Dan Sullivan to "wide open Michigan". All of them loved gaming and when they started a partnership in a club the only question was what to name it. Weinbrenner smoked Chesterfields and thus the name of the club. The "CC" chips would eventually end up at the Nevada Lodge in Nevada, pressed into service when the silver dollars evaporated in 1964.

- CC white crest & seal w/ a black "CC" in a white inlay (1934) ...Used .....\$2.00
- 5 red crest & seal w/ a black numeral in a white inlay (1934) .....Used.....\$12.00
- 10 green crest & seal w/ a black numeral in a white inlay (1934).Used.....\$15.00
- 20 blue crest & seal w/ a yellow numeral in a white inlay (1934).Slightly Used....\$18.00
- 50 yellow crest & seal w/ a black numeral in a white inlay (1934)Slightly Used....\$25.00

**Detroit Area chips  
1930's-1940's**



These five chips are from the estate of Lincoln Fitzgerald, thus we conclude that they were also used in one of his numerous operations in the North Detroit area, but as the earlier offering they can not be attributed to a specific club location. Fitzgerald left the Detroit area in the early 1940's and moved to Florida. From there he went West to Nevada and in 1946 he purchased Robin's Nevada Club along with some partners.

- 1 purple crest & seal w/ a green numeral in a white inlay (30's) ..Used .....\$2.00
- 1 blue crest & seal w/ a red numeral in a white inlay (30's) .....Used.....\$2.00
- 10 Yellow crest & seal w/ a bluer numeral in a white inlay (30's).Used.....\$25.00
- 5 blue (H.E. Mason) w/ a black numeral in a white inlay (30's) ..Slightly Used....\$15.00
- 10 black (H.E. Mason) w/ a blue numeral in a white inlay (30's).Slightly Used....\$20.00

**Newport, Kentucky  
1930's-1950's**

With the downfall of prohibition, gambling became one of the biggest income sources for a number of former bootleggers. Others with expertise in gambling flocked to the few areas of the country where gaming was illegal, but tolerated. Covington and Newport were the hot spots opposite Cincinnati, Ohio. The two small towns across the river in Kentucky became a tourist destination for conventioners form Ohio. In 1952 the action came to an end, but by then, Kentucky had been the training ground for those who would take their talents to Las Vegas and build a gaming empire in a state that welcomed gambling action.

## 633 CLUB (Flamingo Club)



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- 50¢ mold - green w/ a gold hot stamp (sm 50¢).....Used.....\$8.00
- \$1 mold - red w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$8.00
- \$5 mold - black w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$30.00
- 50¢ mold - yellow w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$15.00
- \$1 mold - red w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$10.00
- \$5 mold - blue w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$15.00
- \$1 mold - red w/ a gold hot stamp (lg. \$1 blank rev.)..Used.....\$25.00
- N.D. red w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$10.00
- N.D. tan w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$10.00
- N.D. blue w/ 3-1/4 yellow w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$10.00
- N.D. purple w/ 3-1/4 yellow w/ a gold hot stamp.....Used.....\$10.00



**LQ (Latin Quarter)**  
 N.D. yellow w/ a gold hot stamp  
 Used.....\$10.00



### MERCHANTS CLUB

- 50¢ yellow w/ a gold hot stamp  
 Used....\$12.00
- \$1.00 red w/ a gold hot stamp  
 Used....\$12.00



### GS (Glenn Schmidt Club)

50¢ purple w/ 3-1/4 black w/ a gold hot stamp  
 Used.....\$12.00



### H (Unknown)

N.D. blue crest & seal w/ an inlaid "H"  
 Used.....\$5.00



#### GETTING WATER ON THE BLAZE:

Flames consume the exterior of the Eldorado early Tuesday evening. Flames were estimated to be shooting over 50 feet into the air.

Mark Studyvin  
Reno Gazette-Journal

# Smoky fire goes 3 alarms

Brian Henderson of Sparks was one of the first passersby to spot the flames and he ran in to alert hotel security and help evacuate gamblers.

"I kept telling people the building was on fire and they looked at me like I was crazy," he said. "I went downstairs to look for my friend and when I came back to the casino floor there were so many people gambling. I guess they thought their odds might improve."



Paul Blomquist of Portland was attending a Travelers Insurance convention and was eating hors d'oeuvres in the convention center in the basement right below the sign when the fire broke out.

"A young man came running down into the room. 'There's a fire. I'm not kidding. You have to leave,'" Blomquist remembered him saying.

Blomquist took him seriously. "Just from his facial expression you could tell (he was serious) was very convincing," Blomquist said.

He and some of his conventioners wondered when they would get back into the Eldorado, but otherwise had no concerns about going back into the casino.



Carolyn and Frank Perry of Creston, B.C., Canada, were staying in a seventh-floor room at the Eldorado that directly looked down on the area that burned. They were walking back to the casino when it happened.

"We just walked up to the room and smoke was pouring out there," Frank Perry said. "Then all of a sudden, there were flames."

Carolyn Perry had some reservations about going back to the Eldorado, but Frank Perry did not.

"Every time I come to Reno, this is like the fourth time — fire bells have gone off," Carolyn Perry said, noting that's happened at other places than the Eldorado. She had that in mind when she booked the room.

"The lowest they could get to was the seventh floor."



Workers and guests at the Eldorado agreed that there were no alarms and no announcements about the fire, but there was also no hysteria as security alerted people to the nearest exits.

"All the workers and everyone was saying was saying there was a fire, but I thought, there could be a fire, there's no panic," said undercover tourist Kim Jang.

## Damage minimal to casino

By Steve Timko  
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Eldorado General Manager Gregg Carano had no immediate estimates on the cost of damage done by Tuesday night's fire.

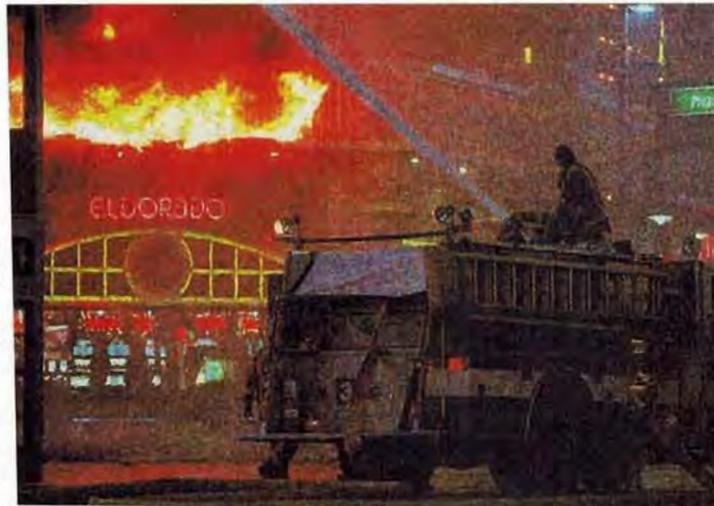
But the damage from what he believed was an electrical fire was limited to the sign and decorative panels on the outside of the building.

And the casino's security and safety devices worked as designed, he said.

The concrete wall behind the year-old sign and plastic foam decorative panels was built to resist fire and it worked. Also, the proper alarms in that part of the building went off, he said.

The Eldorado casino and three restaurants were evacuated. All indications are that the evacuation went smoothly, Carano said, although he had no estimates of how many people were evacuated.

When Carano first looked at downtown Reno, it looked grim. He credited the Reno Fire Department with quickly bringing the



David B. Parker/Reno Gazette-Journal

flames under control. All things considered, the damage was minimal.

"We are extremely happy with the Reno Fire Department and the job they did," Carano said.

The timing was right as far as the impact on tourists.

"It's a Tuesday night in October, which is a pretty darn good night," Carano said.



"They put the lids on our games first and then they got us all out," said Eldorado black jack dealer.



"We just told everybody that we have to get out and we had no problems," Eldorado games host T.J. Lee said.



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