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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. David Harber's "Cheques in the Mail" reply in the winter issue to my letter published in the fall 1997 issue.

Without beating around the bush, the fact that I live in Michigan has no bearing whatsoever on the amount of money I spend on chips or the frequency that I can travel either by car or plane.

In all honesty, he is missing the point. I would have been miffed if no one responded to my letter. The fact that Mr. Harber did was inspiring. It's sad that others did not, or are they the many dealers unlike Mr. Harber who make a lot more than 60%? I am not a math major, but selling a \$5.00 special, limited, commemorative or what other adjective you like to use to describe the chip, for 15 to 20 dollars is a 200-300% markup respectively.

When the Hard Rock Casino comes up with the very limited car sets that dealers are buying for \$20.00 and selling them for \$50 to \$300. If you do not know what you can do with these chips, drop me a line and I will tell you.

My very point was not to show my preference, but to state that 50% of these so called commemorative chips are a bunch of garbage. That means 50% are attractive items for *our* hobby, not just for my collection but for everyone's. People can and will purchase what they like, but you would have to be foolish to spend that kind of money on chips just because a chip company and/or casino makes them in a very limited quantity. These kinds of chips will indeed ruin our hobby.

I know this is just a matter of opinion but I believe even though it may not be the most popular choice for the chip dealer, without a doubt it is for the chip collector.

Any more responses?

Richard Hagopian

(ed. note) Please see Gene Trimble's article on this subject elsewhere in this issue. Also, please accept my apologies for the typos in David Harber's letter to the editor in the last issue. My computer read his disk and translated it into gobbly gook.

Dear Editor:

I am writing regards to the majority of letters published in the Fall '97 and Winter issue '98 of our journal.

I would like to start by saying that our Executive is one of the very best I have served under in over 40 years of collecting coins, paper money, chips & tokens.

People like Archie Black, Mike Skelton, Janice O'Neal, Chuck Tomarchio and Michael Knapp are the best there is and this applies to all others on the board especially the editor, Kregg Herz.

I read with interest Mr. David Harber's letter to Mr. Richard Hagopian letters in the Fall issue. Mr. Hagopian unless you are a multi-millionaire with unlimited funds you will never get every chip ever issued and your comments re: LTD issues; being expensive, limited to "dealers and brokers" is not only misleading but insulting to dealers with great and honest reputations as Mr. David Harber has.

I am disappointed in the comments by member Rick Fowler, R-496.

The Aladdin had seen its better days but its gone now and the facts speak for themselves.

Would you, Mr. Fowler, be willing to pay the room rates which are accurate on the "Strip" hotels as quoted by Mike Skelton in his column. Can our organization afford the cost of bourse space at \$3,000 per day and up?

With a very low membership number I assume you are a dedicated collector and member and if you do some investigating you will see that what was done by the Executive was an excellent move in the short time they had.

The letters sent by Mr. Mark Freitag and Mr. Ralph Pollack is good constructive ideas. That's what we need more of, not whining.

I hope that Mike Skelton stays on as convention chairman because he is doing one hell of a job.

In closing, I wish to say what a pleasure it is to be a member and to the rest of the membership I say, if your President asks for volunteers or suggestions, be willing to help out if you can.

Yours Truly,

Al Bliman, R-1346

Past President - Canadian

Numismatic Association,

Canadian Paper Money Society



## SHOW CALENDAR

### MARCH, 1998

**18th-24th** Mid-Winter ANA, Cincinnati Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH . For more information call the ANA at (719) 632-2646.

**28th** Casinorama Collectible Sale and Show, Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Arcadia Masonic Hall, 50 West Duarte Rd. Arcadia CA \$4.00 admission. Show info: Jim Munding, P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, CA 91791 (626) 919-0603

### APRIL, 1998

**10th-11th** Gaming Times Collectibles Show, Arizona Charlie's located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information call Gaming Times at (702) 876-6020

### MAY, 1998

**9th** Gaming Archaeology presents A Carson Valley Chip and Token Dig. Carson Valley Inn's Shannon Room, Minden, NV 89423. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Auction 3:00 pm. Special room rates available. For show information call Howard or Gregg Herz at (702) 782-5681 or write to P.O. Box 1000, Minden, NV 89423

### JUNE, 1998

**26th-27th** Gaming Times Collectibles Show, Arizona Charlie's located at 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information call Gaming Times at (702) 876-6020

### AUGUST, 1998

**5th-9th** ANA World's Fair of Money, Portland, Oregon. Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. , Portland, Oregon. Show info: ANA, ATTN: Convention Dept., 818 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279 (719) 632-2646

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope that everyone has read and re-read Convention Chairman Mike Skelton's rebuttal to a Letter To The Editor which was published in the previous issue of "Casino Chip & Token News" (Volume 11, #1) regarding the Board's selection of the Orleans Hotel as our 1998 convention site. It just goes to prove that sometimes things just are not what they appear to be on the surface. Brenda and I have recently returned from a two day "Pin Rally" in March, which was sponsored by GPCS (Guitar Pin Collectors Club) held at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel. Would you like to take a guess at what *their* block of "convention rate" hotel rooms were priced at? How about \$155 per night.... "a non-strip property" and their block of rooms were all sold out by early February!! In addition, GPCS has a pre-registration fee of \$25 per member/\$30 per non-member! I don't think that CC&GTCC by comparison, is treating its members too poorly.

Along similar lines, the club has received other criticisms about the no minimum bid rule adopted for our 1998 convention. While we will have to wait until after our auction is over to judge whether this policy the officers adopted was effective or not, I can tell you that I attended a very successful, no minimum bid auction on January 31st that was conducted at Bob Mera's Gaming Emporium on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. The star of the sale was a \$100 Flamingo chip from the Bugsy Siegel era that is listed in "Chip Rack" at \$800. I guess most of you have heard by now that the high bid received for this chip was \$4,950, plus a 10% buyers fee, for a total cost to the bidder of \$5,445; a new record high price paid for a single casino chip! Many other chips at auction went for multiples of "Chip Rack" price guide valuations (see Joe Fiore's report on the A.C. sale published elsewhere in this issue). My point quite simply is this; quality, scarce to rare, auction material will

always be in demand and will usually fetch high prices and needs no artificial minimum bids. There are more potential buyers than sellers who must compete for a very limited supply of these tough chips and/or tokens against other serious highly competitive bidders when this type material is offered for sale. The result is that confident consignors are not going to have their lots "stolen" for a next to nothing bid. Keep in mind, the club allows only three lots per member to consign to our annual auctions. These sales are not intended for more common material of which some members are overloaded with and are unable to dispose of at retail via their regular outlets or price lists.

I was very pleased to see so many Letters To The Editor in the last issue of your club magazine. Please keep them coming. As long as they are signed, we'll keep publishing them. When the officers or committee chairpersons know about any controversial subject matters in advance of publication, we will attempt to respond in kind so that our readers get "both sides of the story". Regarding the "thievery by professionals" observation submitted by club member Calvin Polansky (R-3455); he is quite correct. Many of these thefts *are* by pros! However, we have a fairly good idea who the sneaky thief was at our 1997 CC&GTCC Convention .... and trust me, he is not a pro! He will be under close scrutiny this year! While allegations are difficult to prove, I still stand by my original statement of caution, "that not everyone is honest in the collecting community" and that dealers *and* collectors *must* be ever vigilant in protecting their valuable property.

"Ours is a great hobby! Protect it, improve upon it, expand it, criticize it and defend it; or surely it will wither on the vine and die". Archie

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**1998 CONVENTION AUCTION CATALOG**

Many of us are disappointed that we have to wait about 2 more months for our convention. Well, one event we're certain will be worth waiting for is our annual auction.

We are pleased that we have gotten a great selection of lots so far but we still could use more. The deadline for consignments has been extended to February 15, 1998, so if you haven't sent in your consignments you still have time.

The auction will be held on Friday, August 14th beginning at 6:30 pm at The Orleans Hotel. Now is the time to order your auction catalog.

As we have done in prior years, there is a \$10 cost for the bound and illustrated catalog prepared by Howdy and Gregg Herz. A non-illustrated, with brief description, is available at no cost. In either case, you must complete the form below.

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**Bruce Landau**  
**CC&GTCC Auction Chairman**

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Helms	Randy	R-3569	Nor-Cal-Nev
Lange	Rob	R-3570	Hartman
Paquette	Glenn	R-3571	Rodgers
Vondersaar	Thomas	R-3572	Steffner
Ortiz	Louis	R-3573	Shaw, Joe #2548
Dixon	Robert	R-3575	Richardson #2513
Orme	Bob	R-3576	
Christopher Jr	Robert	R-3577	Rodgers
Martin	Bob	R-3578	
Rahe	Tom	R-3579	Knapp
Ross	Bob	R-3580	Shaw, Joe #2548
Poort	Ed	R-3581	
Gerth	Mike	R-3582	Gaming Times
Graze	Eugene	R-3584	Black
Rosenberg	Barry	R-3585	
Byrnes	Philip	R-3586	Balck, Archie
Silva	Jim	R-3587	Weaver #1014
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Tencza	Joseph	R-3589	Steffner
Tencza	Alice	R-3589-A	Steffner
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Eaker	Paula	R-3595-A	Black, Archie
Smith	Ray	R-3596	Rodgers
Broadman	Stephen	R-3597	
Goudswaard	David	R-3599	Gaming Times
Phanvilay	Phuongkeo	R-3600	
Switzer	Neil	R-3601	Barnard, Gary
Cason	Edwin	R-3602	Richardson #2513
Beck	Edward	R-3603	Anthony, Don
Davis	Charles	R-3604	Black, Archie
Andrae	Amy	R-3605	Richardson 2513
Reilly	Jim	R-3606	
Biener	Si	R-3607	Matthews
Emke	Charles	R-3608	Mathews
Sellner	Jack	R-3609	Steffner
Scanlin	Terry	R-3610	Matthews
Derry	Wyn	R-3611	O'Neal
Werner	James	R-3612	O'Neal
Pyles	Kevin	R-3613	Weaver, Marv
Stoops	Bobby	R-3614	Knapp
Robillard	Rick	R-3615	Knapp
Lewis	Edward	R-3617	
Grande	Louis	R-3619	Hartman
Baker	Larry	R-3620	
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Pasternak	Chester	R-3623	Lueders
Vizzini	Joe	R-3624	Susong
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## CC&GTCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

As the Club has grown, and as the Board has attempted to provide more services to members, our original Constitution and Bylaws have become too restrictive. The Club has outgrown its original organizational structure.

Evidence of the need for revision of the Constitution and Bylaws has been noticed at the Club's annual convention meetings, and is reflected in the member proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws presented here in *Casino Chip and Token News* in the Fall, 1997 issue.

In order to respond adequately to the need for a revised operating structure, and to the member proposals, the Board met late in 1997 to discuss these, as well as other issues before it. At the meeting, the Board voted to present to the membership a revised Constitution for proposed adoption at the 1998 annual meeting, to revise the Bylaws, and to respond specifically to the member proposals for amendments.

Following this introduction is the Board's proposed First Amended and Restated Constitution, which the Board will present at the 1998 annual meeting in August at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. A positive vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members present and voting at the meeting is required to adopt the new Constitution.

At its meeting, the Board also adopted a First Amended and Restated Bylaws. The Bylaws do not require membership approval, because the current Constitution gives the Board power to adopt Bylaws for the management of the Club. These new Bylaws go into effect, therefore, with their publication here in *Casino Chip and Token News*.

The primary change in the Constitution which affects the membership is an expansion of the right of the membership to vote for Club officers and to vote on issues which must be

presented to the membership. Rather than the current procedure of permitting only those in attendance at the Club's annual meeting to vote, the proposed Constitution authorizes the mailing of ballots prior to the convention so that any interested member will be entitled to vote on the club's affairs, whether or not he can attend the convention.

That change, of course, will take effect only if the proposed Constitution is adopted at the 1998 convention, and will be effective for annual meetings taking place thereafter.

The Board also authorized publication of its responses to the member-proposed amendments published in the Fall, 1997 issue of the magazine, and those comments and counterproposals follow the proposed Constitution and new Bylaws.

The meeting of the Board late in 1997 to consider these as well as other matters needing its attention, took place over a two-day period, and all proposals then before the Board received full consideration and discussion. It is the Board's goal to provide adequately for the future of the Club in addition to governing the Club's activities on an ongoing basis.

The Board greatly appreciates the constructive suggestions and criticisms which members make from time to time. It is only through the consideration of such suggestions that the Board can remain responsive to the membership and can provide the type of Club and kinds of activities that the membership finds most valuable and enjoyable.

The Board will meet again in Las Vegas before the convention opens, but in order to provide members time to consider the proposed Amended Constitution and the Board's response to member-proposed amendments, advance publication of the proposals is required.



# FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

## ARTICLE ONE: NAME

The organization shall be known as "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club."

## ARTICLE TWO: PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as P. O. Box 63, Brick, New Jersey 08723.

## ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE

A) The purposes of this organization are to promote a closer relationship and good will among the members of the Club, to encourage the study of gaming chips and tokens by the acquisition and study of all types of gaming exonomia, to assist new collectors and to encourage others in the study of gaming exonomia, and to maintain close liaison with other historical and numismatic associations.

B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, the Club is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE FOUR

### Section 1

The Club shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Membership Officer.

### Section 2

A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) Club officers.

### Section 3

A) The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Officer will be elected for a two year term in each year ending in an odd number.

B) Nominations for officers shall be called for by written notification to all members in good standing not later than 180 days prior to the Club's next annual meeting in an election year.

C) Election ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing not later than 30 days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting.

D) Newly elected officers shall be installed every two years at the Club's odd numbered annual meeting.

E) The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.

F) Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the Club.

G) In the event of a vacancy in office, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold office until the next regularly scheduled election.

## ARTICLE FIVE: MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1

Membership shall consist of four types of members:

A. Charter Members: the first 100 persons applying for regular membership into the Club;

B. Regular Members: all members applying for membership after the Charter Membership period has closed;

C. Associate Members: spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Regular or Charter Member in good standing; and

D. Life Members: members in good standing who apply, after completion of their third full year of membership for permanent membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment of an amount equal to 15 years' dues. Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues.

### Section 2

All members shall have equal status and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Club, except that no quarterly club magazine will be sent to Associate Members.

### Section 3

Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid currently, and who have not been subject to any discipline by the Club.

## ARTICLE SIX: ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS

### Section 1

This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President who shall cause written notification to be provided to all members. Ballots containing any proposed alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be mailed to each member at least 30 days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend.

### Section 2

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

### Section 3

The Board of Directors is authorized to create regulations necessary for the organization to conduct its educational and other functions, to conduct annual conventions with exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature, and any other appropriate purposes.

## ARTICLE SEVEN: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

# FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

## I. PURPOSE

These Bylaws are intended to supplement the Club's Constitution, and to govern the operation and conduct of the Club's business.

## II. OFFICERS, APPOINTED POSITIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. PRESIDENT

1. Preside at all officially-called Club meetings;
2. Appoint all committees and chairmen, an A.N.A. Club Representative, Historian, Magazine Editor, Convention Chairman, Election Chairman, Advertising Manager, Publicity Chairman, Librarian, and such other positions and offices as shall from time to time become necessary; and
3. To conduct the business of the Club, with the advice and counsel of the Board of Directors.

### B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. Act in the absence of the President at all meetings;
2. Act as chairman for educational and special events, and
3. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

### C. SECRETARY

1. Conduct the Club's official correspondence and serve as the Club's prime contact on all inquiries;
2. Act as Secretary to the Board of Directors by taking and maintaining all official minutes of Board meetings and official Club meetings, and preparing official documents;
3. Serve as liaison between the Club and its Chapters; and
4. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

### D. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

1. Process new membership applications, assign membership numbers and issue membership cards;
2. Maintain the Club computer database and publish periodic membership directories;
3. Print mailing labels for the quarterly magazine and other Club mailings and provide sets of labels to the Editor;
4. Issue annual call for dues renewal and receive all payments of same;
5. Forward all dues payments received promptly to the Treasurer; and
6. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

### E. TREASURER

1. Record all income received. All payments made shall be evidenced by receipts, written certification of payment or canceled checks. All payments must be made by check when practical. Any disbursements in excess of \$500 must be approved by another officer;
2. Maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed \$100;
3. Prepare quarterly financial reports for publication in the official Club magazine, summarizing income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and submit an annual financial report to

be reviewed with the membership at the annual convention meeting each year;

4. To have all accounts and records available for auditing during the month of January each year. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three club members appointed by the President, plus the President and the Club Treasurer. The written report by the Audit Committee shall be presented to the membership in the Club magazine issue following the audit;

5. Establish and maintain a separate interest-bearing account for the deposit of Life Membership dues, to maintain Life Members' benefits. Funds deposited into such account shall not be used for any other purpose; and

6. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

7. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, or officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets upon the dissolution of the organization.

## III. CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS

The Club shall conduct an annual meeting and convention, and shall also meet annually during the American Numismatic Association summer conventions. The Board of Directors and officers shall correspond from time to time to prepare an advance agenda for the public meetings of the Club.

## IV. DUES

Current membership dues are:

- A. Regular member: \$20 per year
- B. Associate member: \$5 per year
- C. Foreign member: \$35 per year
- D. Life member: \$300 one-time payment.

The amount of annual dues is subject to change by the Board of Directors as increased costs and additional services may from time to time require.

## V. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member violating the bylaws of this organization, its Constitution, or its Code of Ethics, or who has been convicted of a criminal offense, engaged in conduct unbecoming to a member, or engaging in conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the organization, shall be subject to expulsion or other disciplinary action.

## VI. CHAPTERS

A. The purpose of Chapters of the Club is to promote the growth and good-will support of the Club and to promote the hobby of collecting casino chips and tokens.

B. Formation, Scope and Eligibility:

1. Any group of collectors of casino chips, tokens or



other gaming related collectibles may join to form a Chapter of the Club, based on such geographical boundaries or other criteria as may benefit the group. Chapters may be city-wide, region-wide, state-wide or multi state in scope.

2. Chapters may be organized by making application to the Club by addressing a proposal to the Secretary, with a copy to the President, along with payment of membership dues in the amount currently designated for individual members. Such proposals shall include at least the following information:

a. proposed chapter name (which must include the words "a Chapter of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club")

b. proposed chapter officers

c. geographical or other scope of the chapter

d. list of initial or charter members of the chapter

e. the name and address of an official contact person designated by the chapter to receive all correspondence from the Club and from prospective members, and responsible for replying to such correspondence

f. a schedule of proposed meetings and a description of any publication which the chapter intends to publish

g. a copy of the logo intended to be used by the chapter

h. a copy of such bylaws or other rules as the chapter proposes to guide its activities and those of its members

i. an affirmation that the Club's Code of Ethics will be adhered to by the chapter and its members, and that a copy will be given to each chapter member upon that member's joining the chapter.

3. Collectors who are members of the Club are eligible for Chapter membership. Collectors may apply for membership to both the Chapter and the Club at the same time, but collectors who are not members of the Club shall not be eligible to be members of Chapters.

#### C. Rights of Chapters

1. Club chapters shall have the right to use the name and logo of the Club in such similar form as shall be approved by the Club. Any proposal to use the Club logo for items other than stationery, business cards, publications, or banners or signs to be displayed at meetings, shall be submitted to the Club Secretary for approval by the Board of Directors. No chapter shall produce or influence the production of any chip bearing the name, initials or logo of the Club or of the chapter, without the prior approval of the Club Board.

2. Chapters may establish their own sources of funding and revenue by requiring dues or other payments to offset operating expenses. Any dues or other payments collected must be used only to further the legitimate purposes of the chapter, which shall be operated, as is the Club, on a not-for-profit, educational basis.

3. Chapters may request additional funding for specific projects from the Club, and each such request will be considered by the Board individually.

4. Each chapter shall file with the Club Secretary not later than 60 days prior to the Club's annual meeting each year, an annual report which shall include the following:

a. a current list of names and addresses of all chapter

members

b. a current list of names and addresses of all chapter officers

c. a summary of all chapter activities over the past year

d. a summary of all chapter activities planned for the coming year

e. a reaffirmation that the chapter adheres to the Club's code of ethics, and that all new chapter members have been provided with a copy of the code.

5. Chapters have the right to elect such officers as they deem necessary for the effective operation of each chapter. However, no officer (elected or appointed) of the Club shall be eligible for a position as an officer of a chapter.

6. The Secretary of the Club must be notified as soon as practicable, of any change in chapter officers or in any change of the person designated to receive official correspondence on behalf of the chapter.

7. Chapter dues shall be due and payable on the anniversary date of recognition of the Chapter by the Club, as is the case with individual members of the Club.

#### D. Services to be provided by the Club

The Club will provide to each chapter upon request:

a. a current application form for reproduction and use by chapter members

b. space in the Club's official magazine for articles written by a chapter member about the chapter's activities and schedule, provided that such articles are in camera-ready form and are submitted to the Editor in compliance with the publication schedule published in the magazine

c. time and space for a chapter meeting at the Club's annual convention at no cost to the chapter, provided that a request for such time and space is submitted to the Convention Chairman in ample time to make the necessary arrangements

d. such assistance and guidance as the Club's officers may provide, given the limitations of their duties and time constraints.

#### E. Chapter status

Chapter status is contingent upon compliance with the above rules and guidelines, and may be revoked by the Club at any time in the event that a chapter does not comply with such rules, or fails to maintain the principles upon which the Club has been founded.

### VII. POLICIES OF THE CLUB

A. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided for by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by participating in, or intervening in, including the publication or distribution of statements) or any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## BOARD RESPONSE TO MEMBER PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION

In the Fall, 1997 issue of *Casino Chip and Gaming Token News*, two proposals to amend the Club's Constitution were published. These proposals, submitted by member James Perlowski, were considered in detail by the Board at its recent meeting.

***The Board recommends that the membership vote against the proposals as published.*** The reasons are discussed below.

The first suggestion published in *Casino Chip and Token News* (Fall, 1997, Vol. 10, No. 4), was a proposed amendment to Article V, Section I to permit voting on Constitutional amendments by the entire membership rather than those present at the Club's annual meeting.

The Board considered and discussed the proposal at length and although the Board agrees with the concept of permitting voting by the entire membership, its conclusion was that the language of the proposed amendment was too restrictive. The Amended and Restated Constitution which the Board has recommended to the membership is structured so that there is less reliance on publication in *Casino Chip and Token News*, allowing for notification of members by mailings other than in the magazine itself when necessary.

Because first-class mailing of the magazine is presently a member option, and because bulk mailing can at times take 3 or 4 weeks to reach all members, continued reliance on publication as the only means for presenting issues to the membership is unwise.

However, the Board is in agreement with the proposal insofar as it suggests that all members should have the opportunity to vote on Club affairs, rather than only those members who are able to attend the Club's annual meeting and convention.

Article Four, Section 3(C) of the proposed First Amended and Restated Constitution (published in this issue), which pertains to the election of officers, and Article Six, Section 1, which pertains to amendment

of the Constitution, have been revised to reflect the spirit of the Perlowski proposal, without tying voting privileges to publication in the Club magazine.

Both provisions require ballots to be "mailed," which can include a separate mailing if necessary, or publication in *Casino Chip and Token News* if time permits. The Board believes that this procedure will allow the greatest number of Club members to vote on elections and issues if they choose to do so. The second of the Perlowski proposals would authorize referendum elections concerning individual provisions in the Club's Bylaws. The Board again gave lengthy consideration to this proposal. Ultimately, the Board voted unanimously to recommend against adoption of the proposed amendment.

Bylaws are rules for the normal conduct of Club business, which the Constitution authorizes the Board to adopt as needed. It is unlikely that any provision of the Bylaws adopted by the Board would be of such import as to require consideration by the entire membership. The Board is of the opinion that taking valuable annual meeting time to debate the Bylaws on a word-by-word basis would be counterproductive. As any member who has attended a convention is aware, time is limited and there is much business to be conducted. Expanding the number of issues to be debated at the annual meeting would require a significantly longer meeting, for which few members would have patience or interest.

Members who have constructive criticisms or proposals they feel should be adopted as part of the Club's governing rules always have the option of presenting those views by letter to the Board or to the President.

The Board wishes to thank Jim Perlowski for his thoughtful and constructive suggestions, which helped the Board focus on the issues he raised in his proposals.



CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

UNAUDITED

1-1-97 THRU 12-31-97

UNAUDITED

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 1-1-97 \$46389

INCOME:

AUCTION CATALOG '97 SALES	\$ 2933
AUCTION '97 INCOME	23850
BAD CHECK FEES	43
CONVENTION '95 AUCTION (FERRARA)	1026
CONVENTION '97	17932
DIRECTORY SALES	515
DONATION (LEWIN)	72
DUES	43054
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	577
LOGO SALES	3728
MAGAZINE ADS	9483
SHOWCASE RENTALS	75
VOIDED CHECK (NO. 1541 - '96 AUCTION)	261

TOTAL INCOME: \$103549

EXPENDITURES:

A.N.A.	124
AUCTION CATALOG EXPENSES	2602
AUCTION PAYMENTS/EXPENSES	14890
AWARDS/GIFTS	993
BANK CHECK FEES	148
CONVENTION '95 AUCTION PAYMENT (BIRL/LANDAU)	581
CONVENTION '97	27490
CONVENTION '98	3721
LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	1899
LEGAL FEES	55
LODGING (BD OF DIRECTORS MEETING)	394
LOGO MATERIALS	932
MAGAZINE POSTAGE	9434
MAGAZINE PRINTING	29747
MEAL ALLOWANCE (BD OF DIRECTORS MTG.)	275
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT TRANSFER	30000
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	4298
PRINTING/COPYING	2504
PUBLICATIONS	46
PUBLICITY	791
REFUNDS (LOGO SALES)	51
SHOWCASES (PURCHASE/EXPENSES)	516
STATIONERY	296
TELEPHONE	469
TRANSPORTATION (OFFICIAL CLUB BUSINESS)	1346

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$133602

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12-31-97 \$ 16336

GROSS DIFFERENCE: (\$ 30053)

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE 12-31-97: \$ 31091

NET DIFFERENCE BOTH ACCOUNTS COMBINED: \$ 1038

## Itemized Categories Report

1/1/97 Through 12/31/97

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
	7/31/97		(SJS&LA)			103.52
	8/31/97		(SJS&LA)			103.88
	9/30/97		(SJS&LA)			100.87
	10/31/97		(SJS&LA)			104.57
	11/29/97		(SJS&LA)			101.54
	12/31/97		(SJS&LA)			103.43
<b>TOTAL _IntInc</b>						<b>1,090.89</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>						<b>1,090.89</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>						<b>1,090.89</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						
	2/4/97		Opening Balance		R	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL C.C.&amp;G.T.C.C. MM ACCT</b>						<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Balance Forward</b>						<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>						<b>31,090.89</b>



## **CLUB SEEKS CHAIRMAN FOR 1999 CONVENTION**

As most of you have read in the last issue of the club magazine, Mike Skelton will be stepping down after several years of outstanding faithful service to CC&GTCC as our annual Convention Chairman. Mike's decision not to continue as our Chairman extraordinary, was not an abrupt one as he gave the club officers plenty of advance notice of his desire to "retire". The club is now faced with seeking out another dedicated (hopefully experienced) individual who is willing to take on this challenging task on behalf of the club.

We all know that Texan Mike's boots will be difficult to fill and that the job requires a lot of time and potential problem solving skills, dealing with all the personalities involved in putting such an event together. We can even live with some shortcoming in order to fill the huge void that Mike will be leaving in his wake following the '98 convention. I know that Mike had considerable help and assistance from several club members and I'm confident that same help will be offered to Mike's replacement. If anyone feels up to the challenge. I will enthusiastically welcome your offer to help out. Please write to me at CC&GTCC, P.O. Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723

## **ATTENTION CC&GTCC MEMBERS**

**As your New Publicity Director, I am asking for assistance from all to fill my ledger of places that I could possibly write to for placing Ads, Press Releases, News Articles, Etc., regarding our club ALL AROUND THE WORLD.**

**If you could just write down the name of a magazine, book, newspaper, and the editor with an address that you feel that we can benefit from, I Will Handle The Rest.**

**With just a few minutes of your time, you have contributed a lot to your club. Just think of the possibilities we can have with Your Help.**

**Dennis Zeller  
Publicity Director  
399 20th Ave.  
Brick, NJ 08724**

# PRESS RELEASE



The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club has just released their latest wooden dollar. This is the newest edition made for the 1998 F.U.N. Convention in Orlando Florida.

They are for sale for 75c each plus a 43c S.A.S.E.

The Club has also released a new wooden nickel announcing the clubs upcoming convention in August of 1998. They are for sale for 50c each plus a 43c S.A.S.E.

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# Collecting

## oversize Chips and Plaques

by Robert Pardue (CH-003)



**S**uper-size it!! That's what fast-food restaurants call it when you order a large drink or fries.

In the world of chip collecting, super-size (or oversize) checks or chips are those gaming disks which are larger than the regular 39mm diameter chips commonly found in chip trays in most casinos.

A collection of oversize checks and chips can be an interesting and visually impressive collection to assemble, even if the collection is limited to denominations of \$25 and less. A diverse collection is deceptively difficult to acquire however, due to the specialized use and limited quantities of oversize chips.

### Oversize chips – defined

Oversize chips are manufactured in 44mm to 46mm diameter versions, and sometimes even larger sizes and shapes. Oversize chips are visually impressive because the extra 5mm+ in diameter translates into a chip that is 27%+ bigger than standard size chips. (The new 50mm promotional chips are 65% bigger than regular chips!) Oversize chips are sometimes used in full-size baccarat games at major casinos. Recently, oversize chips have been issued for specialized "no cash value" or non-gaming uses as well.

There are two primary challenges in assembling a collection of oversize checks, chips and plaques:

1. locating these unusual chips in casinos;
2. limiting the collection to affordable denominations.

### Oversize casino chips – Baccarat

In the past two decades or so, it was fairly common to find specialized chips in use on Nevada baccarat tables. To add to the luxury ambiance of the game, the tuxedoed dealers would stock unique oversize chips in the specialized trays of full-size baccarat tables. These chips – exclusive to the baccarat area – added to the mystique surrounding the game.

In fact, when the Sahara opened its baccarat game in the 1970's, they used European style rectangular plaques in denominations of \$20 and above. Currently, oversize chips are relatively tough to find in the casinos. The number of full-size baccarat games is limited to a few "whale" oriented casinos that can handle the action of the highest of high-rollers ... casinos such as Caesars Palace, Las Vegas Hilton, MGM Grand, Mirage, and a few other mega-casinos. Some casinos with full-size baccarat tables use regular size chips in lower denominations, and the mini-baccarat tables found side-by-side with blackjack tables in many casinos also use regular issue chips.

Oversize baccarat chips sometimes are available in affordable \$5, \$20 or \$25 denominations. (The uncommon \$20 denomination chip is used in baccarat games due to the commission structure built into the game – when a 5% commission is charged on winning "banker" bets, an even \$1 commission results from bets in increments of \$20.)

Acquiring oversize baccarat chips can be challenging because, even in the limited number of casinos using such chips, they must be purchased directly from the baccarat pit – the casino cashiers cage does not routinely keep a supply in stock. (I have found that the best time to purchase baccarat chips from the tables is in the afternoon or early evening – after the room is open, but before you risk interrupting the flow of high roller action at night.)

The quantity of baccarat chips manufactured for the baccarat games is pretty limited, since only a few baccarat table racks in each casino need to be stocked. In most cases, obsolete baccarat chips are not readily available in quantity, as compared to availability of obsolete general issue chips of the same era. However, the demand for baccarat chips among collectors has not been as broad as the demand for regular issue chips, either.

Oversize baccarat chips in lower denominations are currently available in just four Las Vegas casinos: Caesars Palace (\$5 and \$20 - with horse and chariot logo); Golden



Current oversize baccarat chips from four Las Vegas casinos



Castaways - Sports Book (Bud Jones) and Harveys Baccarat (Brass) oversize chips

Nugget (\$20); MGM Grand (\$5 and \$25 - Paulson style); and Las Vegas Hilton (\$20).

Obsolete oversize baccarat chips have been in play at: Aladdin (\$5 and \$20); Caesars Palace (\$5 and \$20 - with Caesar/scroll logo); Caesars Tahoe (\$5 and \$20); Dunes (\$5 and \$20 - 2 versions); Harrah's Reno/Tahoe (\$5 and \$25); Harveys (\$5 and \$25); Las Vegas Hilton (\$20 -2 prior versions); MGM Grand (\$5 and \$20 Bud Jones style); MGM Sands (\$5 and \$20); Riviera (\$5 and \$25); Sands (\$5 and \$20); plus the Sahara plaques (\$20 and above).

### Oversize casino chips – other uses

Casinos have found additional uses for oversize chips in a few cases. The old Castaways Sports Book, operated by Sonny Reizner in the 1970s and '80s, was the home of some "major league" sports betting. The Castaways used oversize Bud Jones/metal center chips in large denominations (\$500 and \$1000) to facilitate sports book transactions. (These chips are occasionally available at chip shows for under \$100.) Binion's Horseshoe issued a set of oversize \$5 chips to commemorate nominees to its "Poker Hall of Fame". The original set of 20 chips has been augmented with an additional chip each year representing the new nominee. The Lady Luck Casino Hotel issued an oversize commemorative \$10 chip in 1997 for its "Puttin' on the Ritz" event. Another commemorative chip (that didn't pass Gaming Control approval, however) was the \$5 Opera House Casino "April Fool's Day" 1997 chip – an 8-sided Chipco that was cancelled (drilled) before distribution.

In California, Sonoma Joe's issued a \$5 8-sided chip for its Thanksgiving Tournament in 1995.

The MGM Grand in Darwin, Australia recently issued oversize Bud Jones chips in \$1 and \$5 denominations. These chips resemble the now-obsolete MGM Grand-Las Vegas chips made by Bud Jones. (The \$1 MGM Grand-Darwin chip is the only oversize chip of this low denomination that I'm aware of.)

### Oversize casino chips – No cash value

Oversize chips occasionally have been issued for non-monetary uses by casinos. Recently, the Palace Station issued an oversize 5-No Cash Value chip for the "It Pays to Play" locals promotion.

Harrah's Reno produced an 8-sided Chipco for use in its "100% Satisfaction Guaranteed" customer relations program last year. (The chip didn't last long, although Harrah's continues to emphasize excellent service.) Caesars Tahoe issued a "No Cash Value" plain mold oversize chip a few years ago, although samples of this chip have been drilled in the center. More recently, Caesars Tahoe has issued oversize high value (\$1000) no cash value chips with expiration dates for use in V. I. P. gaming programs.

In Atlantic City, oversize "no value" chips have been issued by three casinos. Resorts issued a "Poker Played Perfect" chip to commemorate the 1993 opening of its poker room. A rare oversize Caesars chip commemorates the 1993 opening of its Poker Parlor. Another rare oversize chip was produced for Trump Taj Mahal for a private "50th Birthday" for Wolf Lichten, a Taj executive.

A Riverboat casino – the President Casino on the Admiral, in St. Louis, MO – issued two oversize "no cash value" chips for a special promotion a few years ago. Also, two cruise



operations have issued special oversize chips: the Galveston, TX "Star of Texas" day cruise maiden voyage was commemorated with a 46mm Chipco dated Nov. 4, 1993. The Starlight Cruise – a Florida day cruise operation – issued a \$1000 chip with their seagull logo (but no name). Other than the miscellaneous chips noted above, oversize casino chips are virtually non-existent beyond a few baccarat games in Nevada.

## Oversize advertising chips (non-casino)

In recent years, several businesses have chosen to use oversize Chipco chips as "in trade" advertisements. These chips normally have a collectible value of at least the "in trade" stated amount. Often, these chips carry the phrase "Good for \$x off..."

The State Theatre in Portland, Maine, near Chipco's headquarters, issued an 8-sided chip good for \$5.00 toward admission or for refreshments in their restored theatre. (This may be the first 8-sided Chipco issued.)

The Palm Restaurant, in the Forum Shops complex at Caesars Palace, has oversize chips in several denominations labelled as gift certificates. The \$5 chip features a picture of a martini on the reverse side.

Four Colorado businesses have issued oversize Chipco chips: the Victorian Lady, a Cripple Creek bed & breakfast, has produced a set of 5 different "\$10 off" chips, plus additional "winker" chips with higher values. The Chateau L'Acadienne, a Central City B&B, issued two "\$10 off" chips last year. The Brewmasters U. in Westminster, CO has two different chips, good for "\$5 off" or "\$10 off your next brew". And finally, a Colorado chip and token dealer, Bob DeWitt has issued a set of "in trade" Chipcos which include oversize \$5 and \$10 trade chips and an 8-sided \$20 trade chip.

The most recent oversize advertising chip belongs to the "Greater Nevada Detachment" of the U. S. Marine Corps in Las Vegas – a colorful 50mm plain mold disk made by Paulson.

## Oversize chips - Chip manufacturers

Chipco has issued manufacturer's advertising chips in both round (46mm) and octagonal shapes.

Paulson recently issued several styles of 50mm advertising and promotional chips which were distributed at the 1997 gaming industry convention in Las Vegas.

(Also, watch for oversize – 50mm – chips to be issued by Brand One Marketing, a joint venture company owned by Paulson and DeBartolo Entertainment. These chips, designated as "trading disks" are to be targeted at the sports, travel and entertainment markets, according to a Paulson press release.)

## Oversize chips – Fantasy

On a cost per chip basis, it's hard to beat the oversize chips (44mm or 50mm) produced by Paulson and available at their retail store in Las Vegas. For about \$1 each, you can purchase fantasy chips from several fictitious casinos. Check with Paulson for current availability, but their previous issues include such names as "The Horseshoe Club-Gardena, CA" (a real club, now closed, but these were never in play); Capitol City Casino; Derby Gran Casino; and "NOP".



Oversize Paulson disks -- up to 50mm in diameter

## Plaques and Jetons

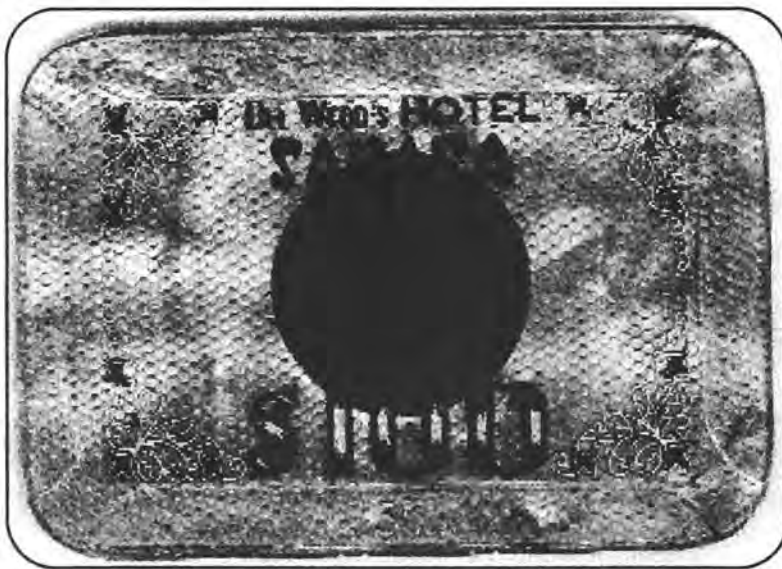
European style plaques and jetons have been made in larger sizes for a long time.

The now-obsolete Sahara baccarat plaques brought a style of elegance to baccarat as it was introduced to Las Vegas in the 1970's. These plaques are still available at collector shows, with the \$20 and \$100 plaques being more common than the \$50 or the larger sizes.

The Eldorado-Reno used a \$100 Chipco rectangular plaque for a while, although it is not in play currently.

Most plaques and oversize jetons have been manufactured by Bourgogne et Grasset (B&G) for use in European or other non-U. S. casinos. These composite layered counters often include a honeycomb-lattice structure and/or round translucent lunettes as part of the "chip". Shapes include round, oval and rectangular with rounded corners.

As examples, in Belgium, Casino Dinant issued a series of



*Sahara Baccarat plaque from the 1970's*

"flag" chips including a colorful 65mm x 95mm American flag plaque. The El San Juan in Puerto Rico once used a now-obsolete bright pink \$25 baccarat round European-styled jeton.

Some of my favorites include antique plaques from the Monte Carlo casino in Monaco. These intricate pieces reflect an elegance that's hard to replicate, even in today's posh high-roller baccarat pits.

### Final notes

This review of oversize chips is not a definitive list of such chips and plaques. In particular, there are many other high-denomination (\$100+) chips not listed, since these are beyond the means of most collectors. If I have overlooked other lower denomination chips, it's because I'm not aware of them. (If you have others, send me a photocopy or description and I'll include in a future update to this article, if possible.)

If you are looking for a challenging, but manageable alternative to keeping up with all the new issues, or if you want to expand your horizons into a specialty sub-collection within the field of chip collecting, try focusing on oversize chips. Just say, "super-size it!"



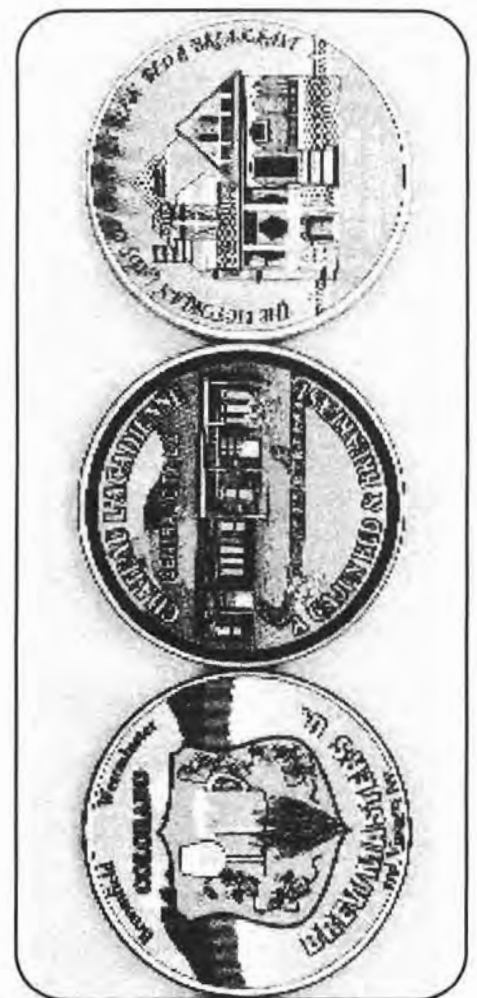
*Oversize chips are visually impressive -- a regular size chip (39mm) in center in comparison to various oversize chips*



Examples of Chipco oversize octagonal and round chips...used for gaming, no cash value and advertising purposes.

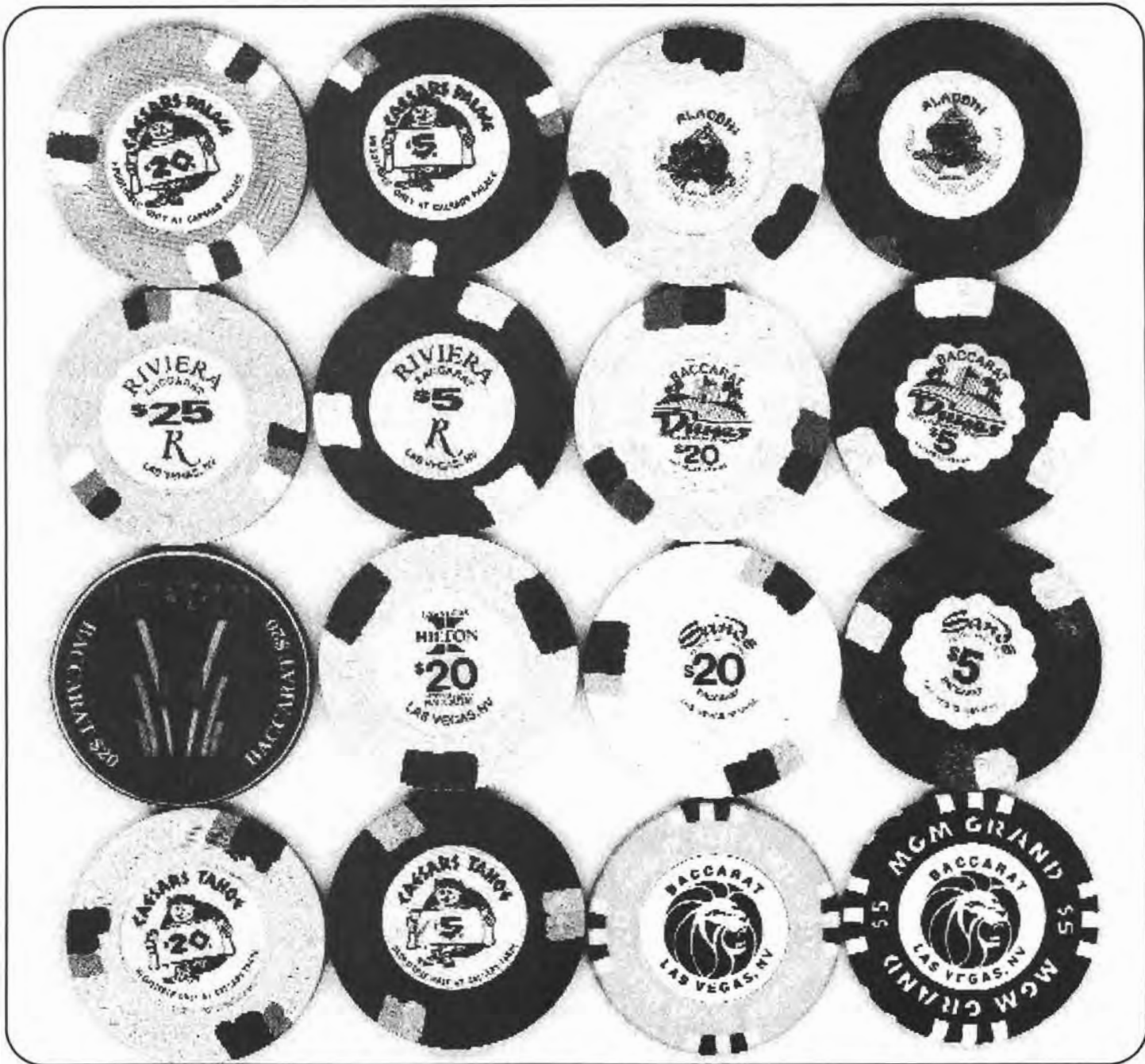


Oversize European style jetons (round disks) and plaque

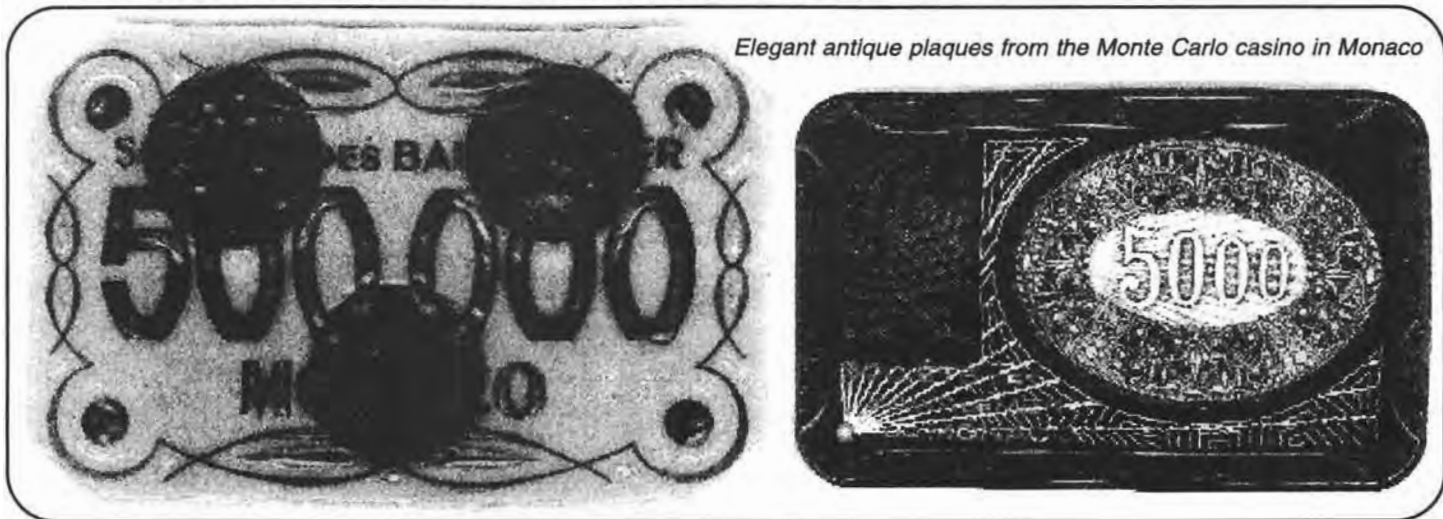


Colorado "in trade" oversize Chipcos





Obsolete or closed – examples of oversize baccarat chips from Nevada casinos



Elegant antique plaques from the Monte Carlo casino in Monaco

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# Collecting Adventures before CC&GTCC

*Including a brief memoir of chip runs and pioneer collectors and dealers*

by Robert Pardue (CH-003)

As we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the CC&GTCC (formed in 1988), we see that the chip and token collecting hobby has grown to support several quality publications, numerous books and lists, periodic chip auctions, regional chip meets, a phenomenal annual convention in Las Vegas, and a stable and growing number of chip and token collecting enthusiasts.

Today, the casual or serious collector has a wealth of information at hand on available chips and tokens, history and operating dates of casinos across the country – and around the world – and a solid foundation of material about chip manufacturing techniques, specifications and molds. The hobby may not be as widespread as coin and stamp collecting, or even sports card collecting, but we've come a long way in the past 10 years!! Many of the pioneers are still active in the hobby and most of the collectors and dealers I interact with seem to really enjoy the hobby – even if it's harder and more expensive to keep up with the expansion of new releases and the escalating prices required for higher quality and rare items.

This article looks back to the days before the CC&GTCC and gives credit to some of the pioneers who are responsible for the breadth of information available to today's collector. While the "old timer" collectors may find that they know this history already – (they've lived it!) – newer collectors may be interested in how we've progressed in the past decade.

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## Chip and Token Collecting: a Timetable

Chips and tokens originate from casinos that have operated over the past century in licensed or illegal clubs around the world. Some of the chips and tokens available to today's collector were picked up as collectibles from operating clubs. Other chips have become available from boxes of chips from closed casinos and from souvenirs taken home by casual casino patrons over the years.

Some pre-CC&GTCC key time periods and events are worth noting to collectors:

- pre 1931: Illegal and antique chips: Even before gambling was legalized (again) in Nevada in 1931, there were illegal clubs around the country. Antique and mother-of-pearl

type gaming counters have existed for many years as well. Enthusiasts with an interest in illegal or antique chips may trace their chips' origins to the pre-1931 period. This sector of the hobby remains rather specialized. The experts in these areas are some of the most knowledgeable chip collectors around. It requires a keen and diligent talent to locate collectibles in unlikely places (antique shops and sales, etc.)

- 1931: Nevada legal casinos: Some of the most sought-after collectibles today are from licensed clubs in Nevada after 1931. Older material in limited quantities is the toughest to obtain, since there is a strong demand and limited supply in many cases. Even before the creation of CC&GTCC, key Nevada chips commanded a great degree of interest in most collections. Today, a wealth of information is known about Nevada clubs and casinos, but a substantial collection is difficult and expensive to accumulate.

Also, chips from card clubs in various states (California, etc.) and chips from off-shore or foreign casinos (Puerto Rico, Caribbean, Cuba, Europe and around the world) have been available for some time, although collecting interest in these areas has not been as broad as for Nevada and mainland-USA licensed casinos.

- 1965-66: Token collecting: with the disappearance of silver dollars, slot tokens were born. Some token sets were minted specifically for collectors (e.g. Franklin Mint sets). This represents one of the early intentional links between token manufacturers, casino operators and the collecting public. The recent addition of silver strike and color tokens has created new categories for token collectors.

- 1978: Atlantic City casinos: Resorts International became the first legal mainland casino outside Nevada. The interest in casino chip and token collecting grew as a direct result of this east coast expansion in gaming ... and was strongly influenced by Atlantic City's strict chip destruction policies. [The only way to pick up an A. C. chip is to buy it at face value in an open and operating casino. No boxes of obsolete / closed casino chips are available, in contrast to more relaxed regulations in Nevada, California and elsewhere.]

- 1982-current: Dealer's chip lists: Until authoritative books and lists of chips and tokens were published, dealer's lists were an important source of information on current and obsolete materials, availability and prices. Pioneer chip dealers/ list compilers in the days before CC&GTCC include Bill Borland [Star Time, and later World-Wide Casino Exchange] lists since 1982; Howard Herz [High Sierra Numismatics, and

later The Coin Company / Gaming Archaeology] lists since 1985; Don E. Bestle [DEB's Casino Chips] lists since 1988 or earlier. [Note: some of these businesses dealt in chips before their first published chip lists.]



High Sierra Numismatics - List No. 1 - May 1985

Additional dealer-pioneers who were part of the early days of organized chip and token collecting include Charlie Rodgers [C.T. Coins]; Dean Richmond & Jodi Sones [Washoe Antiques, and now Casino Collectibles in Oregon]; Mel Jung and Armin Pfander; James Campiglia; Doug Saito; Frank Mantell, and of course Archie Black [specializing in Atlantic City chips] and Bruce Landau on the east coast. Collectors such as Jerry and Janice O'Neal also have generously shared their casino collectibles knowledge and lists with other collectors over the years.

In the 10 years since CC&GTCC's formation, many additional dealers have entered the market, sometimes with specialization in a geographic area or certain types of chips and tokens. [I apologize in advance if I failed to list other early dealers].

- 1985-current: Chip and token books: Published information on chips and tokens was scarce before CC&GTCC. The first books to be published include the Herz Harvey's Guide (1985) and Seymour's Antique Gambling Chips (1985). Since the club's formation, additional key books include Don & Jean's token books, Borland's Blue Book (1989), Black's Atlantic City Catalog (1990-first edition), Fuller's Index (1991), The Gaming Table (1991), the Chip Rack (1993-first edition) and Herz' Nevada Chips (1995). Various regional chip listings/books (Colorado, California, Riverboats, Florida, etc.) have recently been published, as well as magazines (Gaming Times; Coast to Coast's Gaming Collectibles; Saito's Chip Chat, etc.).

The information available to collectors today is exponentially greater than the limited, and sometimes erroneous information that pre-CC&GTCC collectors could access.

### Key events in the past decade

While the focus of this article is events prior to CC&GTCC, let me mention just three additional events that have shaped the hobby in recent years:

- Late 1988: Chipco produces a new type of gaming chip: In December 1988, Chipco's new chips were introduced at the El San Juan in Puerto Rico, with great success. Followed by U. S. introductions at the Lakeside Inn (Lake Tahoe) and at Harrah's Tahoe (the 1990 Chip of the Year), it can be argued that Chipco chips were instrumental in increasing the popularity of chip collecting. Chipco's revival of the Burt

Company facilities in Maine, and their successful marketing of colorful regular and commemorative chips, has also driven other manufacturers to respond with new chip innovations (e.g. Paulson's full graphic chips and Bud Jones collectible-designed chips.)



Cover from Don E. Bestle "DEB's" catalog-1988

- 1989: Casino Collectibles Conventions: Chip and token collectors and dealers had been meeting at coin or antique shows (and still do). The first casino collectibles-only show was in 1989 at Jim Munding's "Casino Collectibles Show" in Bellflower, California. Now called the Casinorama show in Arcadia, California, these semi-annual shows were the first opportunity for the casino collector community to meet exclusively. For many, it was the first time to meet other collectors in person, or to learn that there were others who pursued similar collecting interests at all!!

The Bellflower shows were followed by a fun one-time show at Harvey's - Lake Tahoe in June 1991, organized by The Coin Company and Washoe Antiques. The first CC&GTCC convention was held at the Aladdin in 1993, and other regional conventions are held throughout the year in various locations across the U. S.

- 1989: New gaming jurisdictions: As the interest in gaming collectibles increased, new legislation approved legalized gambling in Deadwood (November, 1989), and Iowa riverboats (April, 1991). These new jurisdictions were followed by a number of other riverboat/dockside casinos in the midwest and southern states, limited stakes gaming in Colorado mining towns, Indian Reservation gaming and even Cruise Ship, Canadian and foreign gaming venues. This proliferation of gaming introduced more collectors to gaming, and at the same time, created an opportunity for dealers and collectors to sell or trade chips and tokens from geographically dispersed areas.

***The information available to collectors today is exponentially greater than the limited, and sometimes erroneous information that pre-CC&GTCC collectors could access.***



## Chip Runs in the 1980's

Prior to Bill Borland's first published list of chips for sale in 1982 (see description below), I'm not aware of any widespread attempt to buy and sell casino chips and tokens. [I'd be interested in hearing about other 1982 and earlier published lists.] Based on informal discussions with other collectors, most started their collections of chips or tokens as a result of personally visiting casinos in Nevada and/or Atlantic City. Some collectors have been collecting chips and tokens since the 1960's, when dollar tokens were first issued (e.g. Harvey's collection), but I'll make an educated guess that less than 10-20% of current club members have been actively collecting prior to 1980. Casino collecting may have been a natural extension of coin collecting, or may have resulted informally as simple souvenirs from a trip to Las Vegas or elsewhere. Most collectors of this era did not know other chip and token collectors, and instead, thought that they were the only one doing it. The typical profile of an early collector (based on charter CC&GTCC counts) most likely was from California or the east coast.

Collecting in those days was both easier and more challenging than today. Easier, in that there were fewer casinos, and a 2 to 3 day stay was sufficient to make the rounds (also known as a "chip run") to all the Las Vegas clubs on the strip, downtown, and most other locations. Special commemorative or limited edition chips were rare, so it was fairly easy to obtain regular issue chips right from the tables, even though your funds were in play while chips were being acquired! [I didn't think of purchasing chips directly from the cashier's cage until much later. Besides, obtaining chips as a collectible was unheard of to casinos in those days - and still is at some casinos even today!] Specialty chips were more difficult, such as 10c or 25c chips (on the low-limit/graveyard Craps table only, sometimes); 50c chips (available to pay blackjacks only, but usually available as change for a drink tip) and baccarat chips (where the fancy baccarat tables were populated by high-rollers with bankrolls far in excess of my gambling budget.) With experience, and some trial and error, efficient methods for conducting a chip run were devised. Chip collecting also provided an opportunity to see the various casinos in action.

Chip collecting was more challenging in those days in that you had to visit each casino personally. Accompanied with a list of chips in your personal collection, it required some skill to determine if new chips had been issued in each casino. (The invaluable list of "new issues", as published by Janice O'Neal didn't exist at the time.) Canvassing a casino required a review of blackjack, craps, poker and baccarat tables, with an eye toward new colors or logos. Obvious changes, as a result of an ownership change were easy to spot,

but more subtle changes in a mold or center inlay could be easily overlooked. A chip run wasn't so difficult for an occasional trip to Las Vegas or Reno/Tahoe casinos, but other Nevada locations could be hard to manage. (In fact, I've visited the small Nevada towns only twice, so I'm appreciative of dealers who keep up with the locations I can't visit regularly.)

## Collecting Horizons Expanded

My knowledge of casino collectibles has expanded over the years through reading, trading, attendance at shows, gaming industry publicity and other sources. Without a collector's club, and the related magazines and books available today, I'd still be in the dark about all the casino collectibles out there! I've picked up information from the pioneers mentioned above, most of whom are still active in the hobby: Howard and Gregg Herz, Archie Black, Janice O'Neal, Charlie Rodgers, and many more collectors and dealers too numerous to list.

Other contributors have passed on, including Bill Borland and Starr Warrick, Don Bestle (DEB), and Bob Gaarder in Colorado. I'd like to single out one influence on my pre-CC&GTCC chip education - and that's Bill Borland's contributions to the hobby via his "Star Time, Inc.", "World-Wide Casino Exchange" and "The Gambler" operations.

I can trace my expanded awareness in chip collecting to a small advertisement that Bill Borland placed in Gambling Times magazine [not related to today's Gaming Times magazine]. Borland had acquired the stock of gaming chips from the closed Silverbird Hotel-Casino at a bankruptcy auction, and he was selling these chips, and other casino items. In addition to chips and tokens, Borland sold dice clocks, playing cards, and even personalized posters and portrait caricatures. Borland was a real entrepreneur!

Along with his companion, Starr Warrick, Borland offered chips for sale through a series of mail lists beginning in 1982. His first list (partially reproduced below) consisted of 160 chips from Las Vegas casinos. Borland offered obsolete chips as well, so collectors could expand their collections beyond the chips currently available on the tables. His first chip classification system was simple, excluding the colors, insets and other details in today's chip lists. A complete set of chips from Borland's first list could have been purchased for under \$1000, which is just twice the face value of the chips listed.

Nearly half of the list was obsolete when published, and virtually all the chips are obsolete today. That first list included chips from Caesars Palace, Dunes, Landmark, original MGM Grand and many others. While a precise valuation of these chips can't be calculated, it's safe to say that today, these chips would command a substantial premium over their original prices in the 1982 list!!

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*Harvey's was the site of a fun collectibles show in 1991*

Borland later published a series of five WorldWide Casino Exchange newsletters from 1983 to 1985 and continued his lists of chips and tokens through 1989. His Blue Book of Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens, published in 3-ring binder form in 1989, was the most comprehensive listing of its kind at the time, although it has been overtaken by more complete listings available today. The Blue Book included open and close dates, mold manufacturers and distributors, and other details which are standard descriptors today. I only met

Borland twice, during my chip runs to Las Vegas in the 1980's, but he was generous with his time and knowledge with me - an enthusiastic but novice chip collector.

## The New Challenge - Keeping Up with New Jurisdictions and New Releases

The CC&GTCC's founding coincided with the expansion of gaming into Deadwood, SD and then riverboat gaming. With a network of dealers and collectors across the U. S., and the evolution of casino collectibles shows, collecting was possible beyond nearby geographic areas. At the same time, however, the expansion in casinos in Nevada and the regular release of special-issue chips has made collecting as challenging as ever.

From my humble vantage point as a chip collector for over 15 years, and a CC&GTCC member from the beginning, I can state unequivocally that the last decade of collecting has been lots of fun!! It is my hope that the next 10 years will be just as exciting, as long as the issuers (Casinos) and collectors use some common sense in the pace of expansion of new issues. Hopefully, the pitfalls encountered by the rapid expansion of the sports card industry will not be repeated in the chip and token collectibles hobby. I look forward to collecting in CC&GTCC's second decade.

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C-4	\$5.00	ALABAMA HOTEL (Pic. of Mobile Landing)	DU	AU	\$10.		
C-5	\$1.00	BARBARA COAST	CU	AU	\$2.		
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C-8	\$5.00	BARBARA COAST	DU	AU	\$1.		
C-9	\$1.00	BIG BOY PALACE	CU	AU	\$2.		
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Borland's first chip list (composite) - 160 Las Vegas chips - 1982

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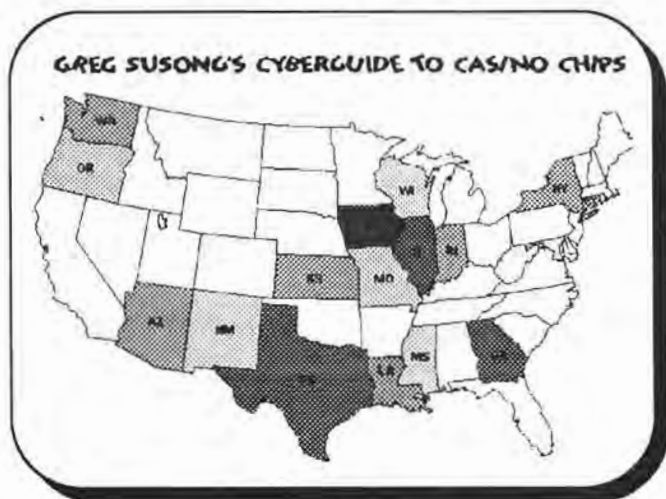
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by Art Sanderson R-171

**I've read articles, "How to win at Blackjack" - Watched videos, "How to win at Blackjack" - Listened to tapes, "How to win at Blackjack" - and read books, "How to win at Blackjack". As I know you have too.**

**How often has this happened - In the elevator, "How did you do? "I lost." - On the stairs, "Have any luck?" "I lost." - Along the hallways, "Did you win?" "I lost."**

**You can change all of the "I lost" answers to "I didn't lose." This may be the first and only article ever written on "I didn't lose." at Blackjack.**

**To start - Dress very casual. So as not to attract attention, act very nonchalant. Case the tables - You're looking for a game where the cut-card is out on the table, designating a shuffle before the next hand.**

**While the dealer is paying off and picking up the cards - elbow your way in and drop a hundred on the table, asking for all red. Keep standing and place a stack of chips on an empty spot. Just as the dealer sweeps the table to start a new deal - Pick up your bet and leave.**

**You didn't lose, and look at the fun you had. Placing that large bet - with all eyes on you. Then they're too busy with the new hand to notice you moved out.**

**Now, walk around looking for another downed cut-card and do a repeat performance.**

**The only danger is the chance of dropping the big handful of chips (you'll never find 'em all) and you'll probably be asked to leave the casino. Now you're in the elite group of undesirables - But, when someone asks "How'd you do?" you can say, "I didn't lose."**

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- (4) HOLIDAY CASINO (N4659)  
Uncanceled.
- (5) \$25 MGM GRAND "YELLOW" (N1906)
- (6) \$25 CAL-NEVA (N6194)  
Unused!
- (7) CAL-NEVA ROULETTE (N6316)  
BLUE WITH BLACK RING  
Only three chips known: One each  
in the Grossblatt and Benedict collections.  
SUPER RARE! Slightly used.
- (8) \$2.50 PONDEROSA (N8971)  
Unused!
- (9) \$1 OLD SOUTHPORT (UNLISTED)  
Matarie (New Orleans) LA. Circa: 1937  
SUPER RARE! Only two pieces known.  
Unused!
- (10) \$1 FLORIDIAN CASINO (UNLISTED)  
White with Red ring.  
SUPER RARE! Only four pieces known.  
Slightly used.
- (11) \$1 CARIBE HILTON (UNLISTED)  
San Juan, Puerto Rico.  
Mustard w/ 3-1/4 Black. EWING mold.  
Unknown to any Puerto Rico collection.
- (12) \$100 CURACAO HILTON (UNLISTED)  
RED with 4-1/4 Beige. C&J mold.  
Slightly used.
- (13) 50/500 NWSC ERROR  
New World Social Club - Emeryville, CA (Circa: 1930s)  
Yellow with white inlay.  
An error chip is rarely found on a Crest & Seal mold.
- (14) \$100 EL RANCHO VEGAS "WC" (N6716)  
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ILLEGAL - UNLICENSED - UNKNOWN



**Ms Brown said:** "I divorced my husband in '45 and kept his chips!" What Ms Brown was referring to is that her husband was with the Arkansas State Troopers when they used to raid Barney Livine's gambling joints during the late-1930s. "Though Barney never had a place of his own, he did operate at several locations outside of Little Rock during those days," says Ms Brown. Needless to say how Ms Brown's husband acquired the box of chips back then! Anyway, it was very nice of Ms Brown to sell me the box of 100 some 60-years later. Only one problem, though: about 50% of the chips are in excellent condition with a full, bright hot stamp on both sides, while the balance are worn on one side. I offered these chips about six months ago and only have twelve chips left that are full-blown!

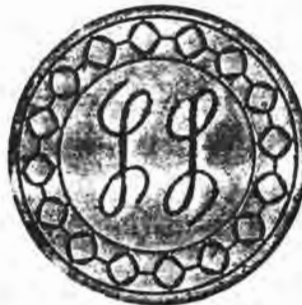
**DESCRIPTION:** Black (DIAMOND) mold. Both sides read: BARNEY - 25.00 within a gold circle..... **PRICE: \$22.00 each.**

Ms Brown is doing just fine these days. She recently bought a new Town Car and hits as many Riverboats as she can on the weekends! If you ever do run across Ms Brown, ask her to explain how her younger sister used to hide the cash box when the cops came by to visit!!!



TEXAS AND.....?

1. CEDAR OAKS CLUB - Dickinson, Texas (Mainland). Two-piece set: \$1 Beige and \$5 Red. "SSS" = Joe, Pete and Mike Salvato. **CONDITION:** Used. Full hot stamp with a square edge..... **PRICE: \$25 per set.**
2. WEN - All we know about these chips is that they keep popping up in Texas! Mustard w/ 3-1/4" Brown. DIAMOND mold. Used..... **PRICE: \$3 each.**
3. "HOB" = H.O. "Red" Berry. San Antonio, TX (Circa: 1930s) Gray w/ 3-1/4" red. SMALL KEY mold. (Only one piece available).....**PRICE: \$25**
4. "S" Unattributed. \$1 / S DIAMOND mold..... **PRICE: \$7.00 each.**
5. "LL" Unattributed. LL / LL SQINCR mold. Available in Red or Yel. **\$5.00 each.**



PJS - OR - PJs ???

(TABLE ONE AND TABLE TWO)

6. All we know about these chips is that they at least came from a "2-Table Joint!" Yellow with gold hot stamp. Slightly used..... **PRICE: \$20 per set.**



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The following was submitted by Cal Shorter:

## Houston Chronicle Friday, March 13, 1998 by Kevin Moran



The Balinese Room, built in the 1920's on a pier over the Gulf of Mexico, has a new owner.

### A revival of Galveston history

Legendary Balinese Room  
expected to reopen this summer

GALVESTON - The legendary Balinese Room - where Houston oil barons rubbed shoulders and gambled with Hollywood stars and gangsters decades ago - is slated to reopen this summer.

New owner Bob Greig said Thursday that he will operate a dinner and dance club at the Balinese Room, a familiar Galveston sight located on the end of a long pier extending over the Gulf of Mexico.

Greig, 53, a diner owner and real estate investor, said he bought the Balinese - considered one of the beachfront's most historic and endangered properties - from the estate of late owner Johnny Mitchell for \$160,000 on Wednesday.

The building, on a pier at 21st Street and Seawall Boulevard, has gone unused for about 10 years.

In a complex deal, Greig will donate the pier and building to the state and sign a 60-year lease with the Texas General Land Office to operate a business there. The state has long claimed ownership of the property that extends over the public beach and Gulf. Mitchell actually leased the building from the state for years even though he claimed ownership himself, Greig said.

Greig moved to Galveston from Houston about three years ago. He briefly operated the Moody Civic Center

under a lease with the city. He now owns and operated The Diner on 61st Street.

The Balinese started as a small restaurant in the 1920's and was later expanded by Galveston gambling kingpins Sam and Rose Maceo. It became a fashionable restaurant and nightclub and the most famous illegal gambling casino on the Texas coast.

Indeed, an illegal casino operated there until 1957, when reformers decided that it was time for wide-open gambling and prostitution to end in Galveston.

Stories about the casino, which operated with the blessings of Island politicians and police, abound.

Frequently related is a story of longtime Maceo ally and Galveston County Sheriff Frank Biagne.

Biagne, who was booted out of office in the 1957 reform movement, once told an Austin legislative committee that he never raided the Balinese casino because the place was a private club, he wasn't a member and he couldn't get in.

While the building has been occupied only by pigeons and vagrants in recent years, much of the art deco interior remains in good shape, and the pier is fairly sound structurally, Greig and real estate broker Kraig Lea said.

"All the Polynesian paintings and color sketches in what they called the private room are in excellent shape," said Lea, who with broker William Payne, put the deal together. "And in the main room, all the palm trees and the stage and beautiful beach scenes are in fantastic shape."

"It needs some piling work," Greig said. "It's got some leaks because of broken windows. But the thing is in amazingly good shape, considering what it's been through for the last 10 or 15 years."

"I'm looking forward to firing up the neon in there so I can see what it looks like," Greig said.

He hopes to have some semblance of a casino on the property but he's not sure yet what kind of activity he can conduct that would be legal.

Greig said his lease with the state allows construction of an extension of the pier that would more than double the size of usable space, but he said he doesn't have the money or the plans to do that. He said he would like to see someone build an extension under a sublease arrangement and operate a private club of some sort.

Greig said he must pay \$9,000 a year for the first 10 years of the state lease, with some credits for improvements he makes. The annual lease amount is to escalate 20 percent every 10 years thereafter, up to a maximum of \$22,300, he said.

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## Sold at last



Bob Greig stands in what used to be the casino inside the Balinese Room. Greig bought the property Wednesday. Greig plans to reopen the fabled island hot spot this summer  
(Photo by Kevin Bartram)

**GALVESTON** - It's for real this time, The Balinese Room sold.

Bob Greig, a local businessman, bought the legendary night club, restaurant and casino on Wednesday. By early summer he plans to restore the club's Polynesian motif, which included neon palm trees that line the dance floor.

Greig, who also owns The Diner on 61st Street, paid \$160,000 for the 22,000-square-foot space and plans to donate the property, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, to the state.

Greig, will then lease the property from the state for 60 years.

Willie Payne, owner of Re/Max in Galveston, brokered the deal.

"I'm thrilled to death," Payne said Wednesday.

"This will act like a spark plug and create a synergy for the people on the part of the Seawall."

George Mitchell, owner and chief executive officer of Mitchell Energy & Development, plans to renovate the Moody Civic Center into a conference center for the Hotel Galvez. Both

the hotel and civic center are across Seawall Boulevard from The Balinese Room.

Greig said those projects would help the club, which will offer fine dining, live music, dancing and even a casino.

"It will be legal to the absolute limit the state will allow," Greig said.

One of the possibilities is that visitors would gamble for chips.

Greig said he expected the club to open this summer after a renovation estimated at \$700,000.

Since The Balinese Room closed in the late 1980's, several potential buyers, including Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon, have made offers on the property.

The big reason the other offers fell through, Greig said, was because of a dispute over who owns the property.

The club was owned by Johnny Mitchell but has been tied up in bankruptcy court for years, Greig said.

And the club, which stretches 400 feet from shore, sits on state property.

"If something wasn't done soon, no one could have done anything," Greig said.

"Because some of the walls have opened up, letting in the salt air."



The Balinese Room stretches 400 feet in to the Gulf of Mexico from the 2100 block of Seawall Boulevard. Local restaurant owner Bob Greig bought the historic structure on Wednesday.  
(Photo by Kevin Bartram)







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# The Worldwide Standardization

## of Casino Chips, Plaques & Tokens

by Ralph Pollack R-749

We have a wonderful hobby that is growing by leaps and bounds. In 1992 when Rust Goe in Las Vegas suggested I join the CC&GTCC I was the 749th member not including the charter members. Today there are over 3500 members. Casino books, articles and references to chips, plaques \* tokens are part of our every day life. I feel it is important to standardize the language and codes of the tens of thousands of collectible table and slot casino gaming items. Many authors and fellow collectors are eager to promote a standardized system. The task is quite complex yet simple. The greatest challenge would be for the committee to agree upon a system.

Since the same name of a casino may be used in different states in the USA, likewise this same name of a casino can be found in different countries. For example the Concorde Casino was in Aruba and Curacao. The Casino Royale casino was in Las Vegas, Honduras and Curacao, The Hilton Casino was in Reno, NV, is in Las Vegas NV, and exists in Atlantic City, NJ etc. **We must be able to communicate with a common language to specifically identify a particular item!**

First of all, a country code needs to be established, then a city code, then the casino name, denominations, varieties, errors etc. Nowadays with computer program availability, a code system could be established. The major problem with establishing a system is what to do when a 'new' chip never previously seen or documented emerges. Can we easily incorporate it into our *new Standardized system*?

Bob Ginsburg of Connecticut may have a viable method. He devised a code that is expandable to enable us to add a recently discovered obsolete 'new' chip, plaque or token. I propose to have a World Workshop to standardize the chips, tokens and plaques of the world. I am sure Bob would be willing to present this system to our club if a time can be scheduled at our CC&GTCC meeting in the Orleans Hotel and Casino in August 1998.

Any comments would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at P.O. Box 79216, Dartmouth, MA 02747, or email @<rpollack@ma.ultranet.com>. Happy Chipping!

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## WORLD WORKSHOP TO STANDARDIZE CODES FOR CHIPS, PLAQUES & TOKENS

**Date: Friday August 14, 1998**

**Place: Orleans Hotel & Casino**

**Location: To be announced via sign**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Moderator/Chairman: Ralph P. Pollack**

**Objectives: To arrive at a consensus to standardize the worldwide codes of casino chips, plaques & tokens**

### Agenda

- 1. Call to order 1:00PM sharp**
- 2. The order of the presentations will be by drawings**
- 3. Maximum of 10 minutes per presenter**
- 4. Handouts of the ideas would be helpful**
- 5. Panel discussion of the presentations**

**We must vacate the room by 4:00PM**

**All active members are invited**

**All interested individuals should contact Ralph Pollack preferably by via fax: (508) 993-9115, if this is not possible, by phone after 6PM (508) 994-0442 no later than July 15, 1998**

# **GINSBURG'S UNIVERSAL CHIP NUMBERING SYSTEM**

**By ROBERT A. GINSBURG #1635**

With my recent acquisition of the entire collections of two of our members, my personal collection of casino chips went over the 10,000 chip marker and it became quickly apparent that I needed a better method of organizing my collection. I determined that to be successful, my system had to have several key elements.

First, it had to be comprehensive and allow for continuity between the numbering system utilized for each of the jurisdictions that I collected chips from. That was a major task in itself, since I have chips from all over the world. None of the numbering systems currently being used would appear to meet that criteria.

Second, it had to be able to be easily computerized and capable of being easily sorted by several different criteria such as location, casino, denomination, order of date of issue, regular issue or limited edition, non cash value, roulette, promotional, or any other relevant classification the user desired to identify.

Third, it had to allow for a quick and easy method of upgrading the data for newly acquired chips and new issues.

Fourth, it had to have a numbering sequence that allowed for the addition in sequence of newly discovered "old" chips without the necessity of renumbering all of the chips that followed the issuance the newly discovered chip.

Fifth, it had to be capable of selective printing. By that I mean the user could issue a simple command to the computer to print a select limited amount of data. An example would be to have the computer print a list that displayed only chips from Las Vegas having a denomination of \$2.50, that the user had an inventory of more than two copies of, and which were obsolete. The reason for such a list might be to develop a trade list to be given to another party who was only interested in such chips.

Sixth, the system had to be able to be expanded to include an unlimited number of data columns that could contain such data as the user desired. Examples of such data would include mold design, insert description, color, inlay, condition, date of acquisition, cost of acquisition, current estimated value, casino information such as opening and closing dates, location, special comments, or any other data the user wished to keep on file. An important item to be included should be a column or columns for cross-reference to the identification numbers being used by others for the particular chip.

Seventh, and most important, the system had to be easy to follow and extremely computer friendly to use.

**It is my intention that the new system be used to supplement and enhance the numbering systems currently being used by various authors, not replace them!!!** I would not have the audacity to be critical of the fine work previously done, and in many cases, continuing to be done by expert authors working on chip data in various areas. My comments are not intended to be critical of their work. The proposed new system is intended to build upon their work and to make their work compatible with the work of



others, without, in any way, modifying or plagiarizing it.

A perfect example of what I mean is Archie A. Black's excellent book, "Atlantic City Casino Chips And Tokens". In the event there is someone from Mars who has just landed on Earth and is not familiar with Archie's fine work, Archie's numbering system is as follows: Chips are organized alphabetically by casino and are "numbered by casino name abbreviation, denomination, and letters in sequence. Using Harrah's Marina as a example, the first four chips listed are as follows:

**C HAR-1**

**C HAR-1a**

**C HAR-2.5**

**C HAR-2.5a**

The "C" indicates that the item was a chip as contrasted to a token. The "HAR" identifies the casino, and "1" and "1a" identifies the order of issuance. The chips are listed in sequence and in ascending denominational order. Chipco chips are identified by a "CC", tokens by a "T", and tournament chips by a "CT". The system is clear, concise and extremely easy to use. It is a perfect system to use if one's interests are limited to Atlantic City.

However, Atlantic City is a unique situation. First, there is a fixed starting point of 1978 when the Resorts Casino opened. Secondly, there have been fewer than twenty casino names ever used for legal casinos. Finally, there are no unknown chips waiting to be discovered since the issuance of all chips has been strictly controlled by the Casino Control Commission, and every chip must be approved by the Commission prior to use, and records of all chips issued are diligently kept.

Imagine trying to use three casino initials to identify every casino that ever existed in Las Vegas, much less Nevada. There, at best, are only limited records of all the casinos that have existed in Nevada, and no complete records of all of the chips that have ever been used in Nevada casinos. Clearly, Archie's numbering system works excellently for the jurisdiction it was designed for, but does not have universal application.

Ralph P. Pollack uses a similar numbering system in his fine work on Aruba, "Pollack's Guide To The Chips & Tokens Of Aruba". Aruba is similar to Atlantic City in that there have been fewer than twenty legal casinos in its history. However, there is not a clear record of the casinos that have existed, and an even cloudier record of the chips that have been used.

The discovery of a previously "unknown" casino does not create much of a problem, as long as the total number of casinos being tracked does not get too large. However, the discovery of previously unlisted chips destroys the chronological sequence of the chip numbers and in some cases, destroys the grouping of the chips by rack or design.

While on a vacation\chip-seeking trip in Aruba last year, I personally discovered over a dozen chips that had not been previously identified. There was no room in Ralph's numbers to sequentially insert many of the chips. While it is nice to know that I possess the only known examples of several chips, it is disappointing to not be able to index them in sequence with the other chips of the same rack.

For those skeptics on the issue of undiscovered casinos, Ralph recently advised me that despite his previous diligent and scholarly research on the casinos of Aruba, he had just learned of a casino that operated in one of the major hotels in Aruba for a short period of time less than thirty years ago.

Unparalleled for data content with respect to Nevada casinos is "The Chip Rack" by Michael Knapp, Allan Meyers, and Ernest Wheelden. The very number of over 9,000 chips identified and described in the book is mind numbing. I probably spend more time researching chips in The Chip Rack than on any other activity related to my collection with the sole exception of time spent in casinos.

Despite the plethora of information contained The Chip Rack, the numbering system utilized does not meet the criteria set forth above for universal application. I do not have the early editions of the book, but it appears that a sequential numbering system was originally used. However, it appears that no provision was made for the introduction of new chips or the discovery of formerly unknown chips. An example of the problems of attempting to identify a chip by its number can be found in the most recent edition of the book is the listing of chips from Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. The sequence of numbers for the \$1.00 chips are as follows:

**N2891, N6624, N6623, N7426, N4769**

It is obvious that while the numbers have importance in identifying a particular chip, little additional information can be derived from it , and the system does have universal application.

Similarly, the equally scholarly work of Howard and Gregg Herz in their "A Collector's Guide To Nevada Gaming Checks & Chips" lacks a numbering system having universal application and adaptibility to easy computer organization. I must admit however, that the "location-logo#" and the numbering methodology utilized go a long way in the right direction. The location-logo numbers are based the Nevada Gaming Commission records and identify Commission location number and operator number. Other numbers identify the mold or chip number. The data is excellent, but probably not the method by which the average collector would care to organize his or her collection.

Many other examples of excellent research and reporting of chip data exist. There is the work of my Florida namesake Robert Ginsburg who, together with the Lightermans, has written "Florida's Chips & Tokens". Other good chip listings are found in "California Chips", compiled by Armin Pfaender and Mel Jung, ""Colorada Casinos, Chip & Token Guide" by Clyde Massaro. To avoid offending anyone, or if this article is not received well, to offend everyone, the works of Dale Seymour and of Donald Spencer, and the lists of Janice O'Neal should also be mentioned. My apologies to anyone I have failed to mention. However none of these works utilize a numbering system that meets my criteria.

The heart of my proposed numbering system is a **casino number** and a **denomination number**. There are other numbers for the city, state and/or country the chips casino is located in, but those will be discussed later. The basic columns would look as follows:

C	D	E
Casino #	Casino Name	Chip #
001	Aladdin	1.000100 1.000200

The 1.0000100 number is broken down as follows:

**1.00** indicates that the chip has a cash value of \$1.00.

001 indicates that this is the first known \$1.00 chip issued  
 00 is reserved to insert up to 99 additional later discovered chips  
 1.0000200 is the second known \$1.00 chip issued by the casino

In jurisdictions such as Atlantic City where there is little or no likelihood of having a later discovered chip, the last two digits can be omitted or left in to cover "error" chips or variations.

The 001 digits in the example allows for 999 variations of \$1.00 chips for the particular casino. However, since it is grossly unlikely that a casino would issue 999 chips of a particular denomination at anytime in the foreseeable future, I would suggest a better use for the three digits. Most of the current numbering system do not differentiate between regular chips and limited editions. I suggest that numbers be allocated as follows:

- 001 through 99 regular issues
- 100 through 399 limited editions
- 400 through 599 roulettes
- 600 through 699 no cash values
- 700 through 799 tokens
- 800 through 899 illegals
- 900 through 999 miscellaneous, fun night, training school, etc.

By adding the last two digits reserved for later discovered or error chips to the three digit numbers listed, you end up with 9,999 possible regular issues, 19,999 possible limited editions, 9,999 roulettes, 9,999 no cash values, 9,999 tokens, 9,999 illegals, and 9,999 miscellaneous chips. And those numbers are only for the \$1.00 chips. Each denomination of chips would have a similar number of varieties available to it. And that is for only one casino. I seriously doubt that the system will run out of numbers any time soon.

For those of you not familiar with computer spreadsheet programs or data base programs, it is an elementary task to have a computer sort a column of items by ascending numerical or alphabetical order.

An example would be the following situation. The collector desires to organize and computerize his or her collection. Having once identified each chip by its casino origin and chip number, the collector merely would have to enter that data into the computer program without regard to order. A few typical entries might be as follows:

C Casino #	D Casino Name	E Chip #
005	Boomtown	5.0000300
001	Aladdin	1.0000400
001	Aladdin	5.0000200
009	Casino Royale	0.5000100
001	Aladdin	1.0000100

In addition to the three items of data shown above, an almost unlimited number of addition columns of data could be added to the line. Examples of data that may be



beneficial to have available would be chip color, mold design, inlay description, insert description, whether the chip is current or obsolete, date of usage, condition, cost of acquisition, amount of units produced (important for limited editions), acquisition cost, current estimated value, chip # (if from numbered limited edition), quantity of chips owned, and any other data the collector desired to track.

Obviously, the example list is an abbreviated one, but it will serve to illustrate the point. Having completed the arbitrary listing of the collector's chip inventory in the computer program, the collector would then direct the computer to sort the list. The "sort" command is a basic spreadsheet or data base program command and can be accomplished with only a few key strokes.

The first sort can either be to sort column C by ascending numerical order, or column D by ascending alphabetical order. Initially it should not matter whether the sort is by C or D. However, with the passage of time, new casinos or old casinos with new names will appear, and the numerical sequence and the alphabetical sequence will begin to differ as a result. It would therefore appear to be best to sort using column D thus having the casinos listed in ascending alphabetical order.

The second sort would be of column E to put the chips of each casino in ascending numerical order starting with the first issue of the lowest denomination chip and ending with the last issue of the highest denomination chip. Although I have separated the two sorts, the computer can perform both operations simultaneously with a preprogrammed single command.

Running the sort on the example set forth above, the list would look as follows after the sorts:

<b>C</b> <b>Casino #</b>	<b>D</b> <b>Casino Name</b>	<b>E</b> <b>Chip #</b>
<b>001</b>	<b>Aladdin</b>	<b>1.0000100</b>
<b>001</b>	<b>Aladdin</b>	<b>1.0000400</b>
<b>001</b>	<b>Aladdin</b>	<b>5.0000200</b>
<b>005</b>	<b>Boomtown</b>	<b>5.0000300</b>
<b>009</b>	<b>Casino Royale</b>	<b>0.5000100</b>

The inventory list would show that the collector had the first issue of a \$1.00 Aladdin chip, the fourth issue of a \$1.00 Aladdin chip, and the second issue of a \$5.00 Aladdin chip. as the first three entries.

Although I have chosen not to do so in the example, it is possible to put a line or a space between the chip denomination portion of the entry and the number portion of the entry to make it easier to read. For example, the first entry for the Aladdin chip could be printed as follows:

**1.00 001 00**  
 or  
**1.00--001--00**  
 or  
**1.00\001\00**

An important computer fact that must be pointed out is that the term "column" is used for the vertical entries, and the proper term for horizontal entries is "rows".

Although the examples used up to here have only shown columns C, D, and E, the actual spreadsheet would contain many additional columns which would describe other important elements of the chip's discription or of the inventory of the collector. For example, the additional columns of the first issue \$1.00 Aladdin chip (1.0000100) could be as follows:

<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>
<b>Cross Ref #</b>	<b># Duplicates</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Mold</b>	<b>Price</b>

Any number of additional data columns could be added to meet the needs of each individual collector. The process for titling a column and making entries is quite simple and easily performed. Again, a preprogramed disk can be made to make the process performable by the most computer-illiterate collector.

It is important to note that when the computer is commanded to sort a column alphabetically or numerically or both, the entire row of data is also sorted by the computer to keep the data together with the appropriate chip.

For the more computer literate collectors, most spreadsheet and data base programs allow for easy relocation of entire rows, columns, and individual data. It is also possible to insert or delete entire rows or columns with a simple command. Corrections or changes in the data can also be made with a few simple key strokes.

Printing of the data contained in the chip list can easily be done in its entirety or on a selective basis. For instance, if the collector desired to print a trade or sell list, he or she might direct the computer to only print the following columns from the examples set forth above:

<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>J</b>
<b>Casino Name</b>	<b>Chip #</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Price</b>

When the collector acquires a new chip or two, he or she could execute a simple insert command, and insert the data on the chip into the appropriate place on the list and the computer will automatically adjust the spacing of the other entries. However, when a large number of new chips has to be added, there is an easier way to do it. The collector would merely enter the rows of data at the end of the list without any particular order being required. When all of the rows of data have been entered, the collector would merely run a new sort, and all of data on the new chips automatically would be inserted into their proper place in the sequence of chips.

The information set forth above display only the tip of the iceberg of things a computer proficient collector can do with a computer friendly chip numbering or cataloging system and a spreadsheet or data base program.

You may have noticed that the examples shown above started with COLUMN C, rather than A. There was a reason for that. One of the major criteria I set for a numbering system was that it had to be universally applicable. That is, it could be used for chips from all jurisdictions throughout the the world. COLUMN A and COLUMN B have been reserved for use by a multi-jurisdiction collector.

If the collection consists of chips from a state with casinos in several towns, **COLUMN A** would be used for the town's number, and **COLUMN B** would be used for the town's name in letter form. Just as each casino was assigned a number for **COLUMN C**, each town in a jurisdiction would be assigned a number. Similarly, the adjacent row, **COLUMN B**, would list the town's name. Just as chips were sorted by casino name in the previous examples, the chips could also be sorted by the town the casino was located in. All three sorts can be performed at the same time. This would provide order to collections that covered such states as Nevada or Mississippi which have casinos located in several towns. An example using Nevada as the state would be the following:

<b>A</b> Town #	<b>B</b> Town Name
001	Las Vegas
004	Laughlin
012	Mesquite
002	Reno

A multi-state or multi-national collection could be organized using four columns, or by two columns by eliminating the numbers and only showing the name in letter form. A four column example is as follows:

<b>A1</b> State\Country #	<b>A2</b> Name	<b>B1</b> Town #	<b>B2</b> Name
089	France	008	Nice
097	Germany	013	Hannover
001	Nevada	001	Las Vegas
001	Nevada	002	Reno
002	New Jersey	001	Atlantic City

This example is obviously condensed since there would probably be several entries for chips in each jurisdiction. Since most of our collectors are from the USA, I have chosen to reserve the first 60 numbers for States and US possessions or protectorates.

The reason for using numbers and letters for identification is to avoid confusion resulting from there being two different casinos having the same name, a casino changing its name, or a town changing its name.

The bottom line is that **by combining the numbering system with a computerized spreadsheet or data base program, a collector can have an easy to use method of organizing his or her collection with an unlimited number of ways to list data about a particular chip.**

To make the system truly universal, a **common numbering system is required.** If all informed collectors used the same chip, casino, town, state, country numbers, every chip could be easily identified and much of its history ascertained. Chips from all over the world could be easily cataloged and identified. Traders and seller\buyers would know exactly what chip they were negotiating on. Individual trade or sell lists would be capable of having a common format thereby facilitating transactions. As "experts" in various



jurisdictions commit their knowledge to writing, they would have a common format to organize their work under.

I suggest that the task of assigning numbers to the chips be given to a group of committees of CC&GTCC. This is a job that cannot be done in a few days for jurisdictions such as Nevada. Other jurisdictions with fewer chip variations could be done more easily.

If a jurisdiction has already had its chips organized using a different numbering system, a cross-index of the existing numbers and the new numbers should be made to protect the previous efforts and to allow them to coexist. The intent is not to replace existing work, but to build upon it and take it to the next level of organization.

Ultimately, I envision the work of current authors in the field of chip data reporting, and the work of future authors will be computerized. Wouldn't it be nice to have a uniform system in place and waiting for them.

Having left the responsibility of the assigning of numbers to an informed group of experts, hopefully derived from members of the Club, I am willing to be responsible for the preparation of the computer program necessary to fully utilize the system. This is a bit dishonest since I have already completed a spreadsheet program for the organization of my chip collection utilizing many of the items used in the examples noted above and using Lotus 123 97's spreadsheet program as the basis. It would be an easy task to have the program converted to operate on other prepackaged programs.

I am also in the process of completing programs to make data entry and sorting ultra user friendly by designing ways to have a particular sort or print or similar command triggered by a simple single key stroke. This would allow the program to be used by someone who's computer knowledge is confined to turning on the computer.

Within reach is a situation in which a collector could purchase, if it was not already owned, one of the currently available spreadsheet or data base programs from the local software store and install it in his or her computer. The collector would then run the chip cataloging program described above on the spreadsheet or data base program. Finally, the collector would enter the data desired to be listed.

The next level of development available would be make the existing chip collecting books available in a disk form that is compatible with the cataloging system. The collector would then merely buy the disk on the area of interest with all of the major data already installed. The only thing the collector would have to do is enter the data unique to his or her collection such as which chips it contained and how many units of each chip were owned. There would also be provisions for the collector to add any additional data desired to be stored, as well as the ability to delete any data that was prerecorded that the collector did not desire to have. This would be a win-win situation. The author could sell his or her work to a larger audience at the same or higher price with a substantially lower production cost thereby substantially increasing the profit margin. The collectors would obtain their data prerecorded with minimal time required to customize it to the collector's needs. Annual updates could be provided at minimal cost to the author for which the collector would be willing to pay a reason price to save the time of updating the collector's program. Everyone comes out ahead. The potential for profit might also inspire collectors of chips from jurisdictions not currently covered by data books to commit their knowledge to writing for the benefit of other collectors.

Although most of discussion so far has directed the use of the uniform numbering system to computers, there is no reason the system cannot be used manually. In fact, if the system is to be truly successful, I anticipate that it will be utilized in books, chip IDs on

flips, in advertising copy, and a multitude of other written material such as chip lists.

One area that has not been discussed is the cataloging of actual pictures of chips. With the price of color optical scanners and color printers falling to a few hundred dollars, the storage of actual pictures of our chip collections is within the reach of nearly all of us who own a computer. I have already scanned into my computer pictures of every chip I have in my primary collection. The chips are organized by casino and can be recalled in a few seconds. When I am trading with someone and there is a question as to which chip I am referring to, I can quickly run off a picture of the chip and either e-mail it to the other party or send a hard copy by regular mail.

It would be an easy task to have the pictures of the chips stored under its chip number . The next step would be to cross-reference the pictures and the spreadsheets. The collector would then be able to not only review the data on a particular chip, but would also be able to see a picture of it as well.

Although gambling and substitutes for money (chips) have existed for thousands of years, the development of the computer has brought us into a totally new world of information organization. With the explosion in the development of new gaming jurisdictions and the accompanying explosion in the number of chips, it is imperative that we as collectors do everything possible to take advantage of the new tools we have been bestowed. **At the very least, we should organize our hobby, (and business for many of us), in a uniform and comprehensive fashion.** Regardless of whether we computerize our chip numbering system or not, we must have a common numbering system.

There will be a meeting at the Convention in August in Las Vegas on Friday at 1PM for the purpose of discussing a common numbering system.. I hope that some consensus could be arrived at with respect to the issues presented above, and a recommendation be presented at the annual meeting for approval by the general membership.

Before the I am buried with critical notes from purists over my usage of the term "chips", I obviously have used the term in a generic sense to cover checks, chips, plaques, and any other gaming instrument used as a substitute for money in a casino.

I would greatly appreciate any comments and suggestions that anyone may have. I can be reached by e-mail at LNAX16A@prodigy.com or at P.O. Box 1007, Orange, CT 06477

## A Favorite Quote

Submitted by: Robert Pardue (CH-003)

An unknown coin collector remarked about the cost of acquiring his collection. These sentiments apply to chip and token collecting too --

***"The first 90% of your collection requires 90% of your budget. Unfortunately, the remaining 10% of your collection requires another 90% of your budget!!"***

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## Chip Auction

Lot #	Casino	Location	Value	Description
1	Bayou Caddy's Jubilee	Lakeshore MS	\$1.00	Tan, horseheads right
2	Bobby Ayoub's School of Dealing	Las Vegas	\$1.00	Tan, hats and canes
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**Thoughts From Gene Trimble**  
**by Gene Trimble R-2192**

Sometimes I come up with a good idea for a column and sometimes I sit around for hours trying to type the first line. I came up with this first line in a heartbeat. I wish they were all that easy. Now is the hard part, I do not know where to go from here.

I ran into Kregg at the Arizona Charlie's show in January, and she made the mistake of telling me she liked my columns. I also caught some guff about, not sending in a column for the last issue. So, if you do not like this column or me in particular, please address your rebuttals to Kregg. At this time I have been sitting for 45 minutes trying to start the next paragraph. OK, here goes.

Janice O'Neal called yesterday with some bad news. It seems our convention chairman, Michael Skelton is retiring. Mike has done an excellent job and will be difficult to replace. By the way Mike, you made a good pick on the Orleans. It is a nice hotel with nice rooms. The convention area is huge. There is a bus that runs to the Barbary Coast on a regular basis. Any member that thinks it is easy to deal with the marketing departments of big casinos, should give a few of them a call.

I intend to nominate the perfect club member to replace Mike. He appears to be a caring individual and seems to know a lot about Las Vegas. He knows the best times of the year and the best hotels. I feel quite sure he will do a good job for us. At this time I place in nomination for convention chairman fellow chipper Rick Fowler #R-496. When I can get a second on the nomination we will take a vote. Any seconds out there?

As everyone knows, I have appointed myself as a committee of one to defend limited editions to the death. I choose 44 caliber dueling chips at ten paces. I am a little bit upset that brother Cheques in the Mail beat me to a response on this one. No fair David!!! By the way David, I can not read French or whatever that was. Try English the next time you write. I just can not help myself, I have to respond anyhow.

Richard Hagopian in the fall issue of CC&GTCC makes some good points and of course is in-titled to his opinions. Point 1-- Chips made for a certain chip dealer, should be boycotted, I agree. Very few of these chips have been issued, but even one is too many. Point 2-- John Ascuaga's Rib Cook Off chip is a good chip but anniversary chips are bad? I have a

hard time seeing the point of this point. What is the difference? If there is a difference, anniversary chips would be more important than a rib cook off. At least the casino managed to survive one more year. I have a rib cook off in my back yard several times a year.

Point 3 -- We need to band together and not buy anymore of those damn things. This deserves a food response. I hope I am up to it. I wonder if Richard has noticed that membership in the CC&GTCC has doubled in the last few years. Is it possible that most of these new members just happened to pick up a souvenir while gambling. Did they wonder how this chip came to be in existence. Did they seek information about this stupid little piece of clay. It sounds to me as if Richard wants us to choose up sides and come out fighting. This could be a real wing ding. A three sided fight. Obsolete collectors, LE collectors, and those of us that collect both. Imagine history if there would have been 3 sides at Gettysburg. The Mexican army jumps in and wins. The headquarters of the CC&GTCC is now in Tijuana. The president is Archer Gonzalez. Chip pesos? Sorry, I did not mean to get too far off the issue. In our fight the winning side would dictate to the casinos what kind of chip could be issued. Headlines would read "**Obsolete's Win, LE Collectors Burned At the Stake, LE's Now Being Sold On The Black Market, Chip Burning 9PM Tonight.**"

I truly believe that every person in the world collects something. Expose them all to special chips and a small percentage of them will convert to collecting chips. Eight Billion people in the world, how many are a small percentage? By the way it takes a whole lot of special chips to expose eight billion people to the joys of chip collecting.

Are you a collector? The collect what you like. I firmly believe we should no knock the very thing that is pushing, **no it is leading**, the hobby into the 21st century. I am a collector. Do I care if a chip doubles or triples in value? The answer is no!!! I am a collector of chips and not a speculator.

On February 27th, I had a conversation with David Sarles and Jerry Wall. David told me that the prices on obsolete chips were going through the roof. Jerry agreed, he is paying more and asking higher prices for quality obsolete chips. We all agreed that the reason is, there are MORE COLLECTORS. Where the hell did they come from? Maybe they fell off the turnip truck. If you stand at the cashier cages when special chips are issued, you will find that most cus-

tomers getting only one chip are not members of the club. I believe they outnumber us by 100 or more times. I could point out 70 people that started collecting Fiesta chips because of the Royal Flush series. If 10% join the club that's a .003% increase in membership. Not much unless you multiply it by the number of special chips times the number of US casinos. I predict that the day will come when 99% of obsolete chips will be in private collection. I advise you to get them now while they are only a little bit higher. I implore all collectors to let the hobby grow. **"Cry Havoc, And Loose the Dogs Of War."** They have been unleashed in the hobby and they are hungry. They are following the scent of limited editions. Encourage them. The scent ends at the doorstep of the CC&GTCC. Last but not least, if we had intended to elect a **Chip GOD**, if should have done by popular vote of the membership.

Top that response Cheques In The Mail!!!

I only have one more thing to say before I get to work on designing my next 100 special chip issues. All of those rosy letters to the editor about brother Mel's columns are irritating me. How much praise should one column enjoy? When brother Mel becomes a big syndicated columnist, I hope he remembers I was the 1st to say something nice about his column. My career sure could use a boost.

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# 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 color 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. Believe it or not, it's actually more difficult to work with color photocopies than with black and white, even though

they look prettier when you copy them!

*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.

As usual, we'll begin with some identifications of previously-published UFC's. The volume and issue number of the magazine where the chip first appeared is shown in parentheses so you can see the illustration if you wish.

**UFC 112 (3/3)**: This chip was originally misidentified as a personal/illegal club chip belonging to "H. O. 'Red' Berry," of San Antonio, TX. That identification was partially correct, but incorrect enough to send Doc Finstuen to the library! Doc's done some fantastic digging, and we're glad to be able to pass on the true story behind these chips.

Berry's real name was Virgil E. Berry. Among other things, he ran some illegal clubs (including the Southern Club and the Turf Club) in San Antonio. He was also a Texas State Senator. The story Doc found about the initials on the chips is this: San Antonio has an annual fiesta in April. An event as large and significant to San Antonio as Mardi Gras is to New Orleans.

Private parties at which the attendees are costumed in elaborate and expensive clothes take place at various local homes, which for Fiesta adopt names such as

“House of Brook Hollow” or “House of Westminster.” Virgil Berry called his home “House of Berry,” appropriately enough. Hence the initials on his chips: **HOB**.

Many thanks to Doc Finstuen for his tenacious research and the copies of newspaper articles he sent to confirm the work he did.

**UFC 868 (9/1):** This is now a Paul-Son fantasy chip. Paul-Son employees could not remember why it was first produced, but the **NOP** chip picturing a crown is now one of the series of casino-quality chips mass-produced by Paul-Son for home use.

**UFC 870 (9/2):** Member Mike Provenzano wrote to say that the identification of this chip, published in Vol. 9, No. 4, was incorrect. The **BMCC** chip was *not* used in Reseda, CA. For one thing, the name of the country club there is Braemar, not Bryn Mawr. For another, the club opened in 1957, many years after the crest and seal chip was produced. Finally, several members of Mike’s family have been members of the Braemar Country Club in Reseda for many years, and can attest that there has never been gaming of any type at the club. BMCC is once again a UFC!

**UFC 872 (9/2):** Glenn D’Agostino confirms what we believed about the **Atlantic City** chip published here. The chip is seen frequently in Atlantic City souvenir shops, attached to refrigerator magnets and other doodads, but has never been used in a casino.

**UFC 933 (9/3):** We have another speculation that this chip, which shows only an address: **24845 Gratiot Ave.**, came from an illegal club in Detroit. Seems to me we have several members from the Detroit area. Can’t someone confirm what is located at this address, and spend a bit of time at the Detroit library checking past city directories and the like to find out what was at the address through the years?

**UFC 975 (9/4):** This **JFP** chip remains unidentified, although there is perhaps a lead from Jim Myers, who purchased the chip in Taos, NM. He tells us that the dealer had several of the chips, and recalled that he originally obtained them in CO. Of course, that doesn’t mean that the chip was used in CO, but at least it’s a starting place!

**UFC 1069 (10/3):** The **Diamond Wheel**, according to Gary Acquistapace, is from the Diamond Wheel Card Room in San Jose, CA.

**UFC 1081 (10/4):** Well, it seems you can’t even trust *LIFE* magazine! Doc Finstuen originally sent us a copy of this 1950 issue of *LIFE*, picturing the **JPC** chip, and the caption indicated that it was used in an illegal craps game in the Chicago area. Not so! In fact, the expert in chips of the Pacific Northwest, Steve Goodrich, has positively identified the origin of the chip as Jay’s Playmor Club, Cheyenne, WY, used in the 1940’s.

**UFC 1085 (10/4):** The **P.C.** on this chip stands for Playland Club, at the Playland Bar, Ridgecrest, CA.

**UFC 1098 and 1099 (10/4):** I got the name wrong! Both of these chips, **KD** and **hOd**, were shipped to Harry Duckham (not Keith Duckworth, which must have been a figment of my imagination!) at the Glenn Hotel in Newport, KY. Where, precisely, they were used, we don’t know at this point.

**UFC 1100 (10/4):** It’s believed that this **GOJ Club** chip was used in Washington State, but we still don’t know where.

**UFC 1104 (10/4):** **Vogels** was a card room in Sacramento, CA.

**UFC 1109 (10/4):** Another CA chip: the **526 Club** was located in Salinas, CA.

**UFC 1110 (10/4):** This chip was shipped to John A. Beecroft in Trenton, NJ in 1948, although his name certainly doesn’t match the initials **CAC**.

**UFC 1111 (10/4):** The **CW** card room was located in San Diego, CA.

**UFC 1113 (10/4):** Truckee, CA is near Lake Tahoe. The Five Circles card room was located there.

Our thanks to those members who took time to share what they know with the rest of us. The contributors not mentioned above are acknowledged at the end of this article. Now for some new submissions!



**UFC 1114:** Here's an example of how even apparently flawless identifications can be—well, wrong. "This is a copy of a chip that was sent to me by someone my mother met on a cruise recently after finding out about my hobby. He claims it comes from a short-lived casino that was opened in Jamaica several years ago. Apparently it was only opened for a few days before Jamaica banned all gambling on the island."

Member Richard Gold thought the story sounded "a little shaky," and sent us a copy of the chip for identification. He was right! The Jamaica story sounds romantic, but just isn't so. The **Arawak Hotel** was located in Gosier, on the island of Guadeloupe. It's a Caribbean island in the chain from Cuba to Venezuela, south and east of St. Maarten. Sometimes it pays to question what you're told!

**UFC 1115:** Here's one of three **CC** chips you'll see in this issue. This one was found in an antique shop in Pioche, NV, and the clerk said that the chip had been used long ago at the Alamo Club there. Ted Brown, who purchased the chip, asks whether perhaps it was used instead at the Caliente Club. Can someone answer Ted's question authoritatively?



**UFC 1116:** The initials **E.D.R.** on this chip stand for Embajador Dominican Republic. The Ambassador Hotel was located in Santo Domingo on this Caribbean island.



**UFC 1117:** **Pigg's Peak** is a casino in Swaziland, South Africa.



**UFC 1118:** This chip appears to be a roulette chip, used at Table One at **PJ's**. But I'm afraid I can't say where **PJ's** was! Does anyone know?

**UFC 1119:** **Ciro Casino**, according to *The Gaming Table*, was located in London, England.



**UFC 1120:** This chip surfaced recently, and as always, early speculation centered around Las Vegas. Seems every newfound chip is touted by some as being a great undiscovered Las Vegas find! Ted Brown sends us the proof, however, that the **B and B Club** was actually located in the back of the B and B Bar on Malvern Highway in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Although Hot Springs was a well-known and active illegal gambling center, Ted notes that this is one of the first identified "arodie" mold chips outside Nevada or California.



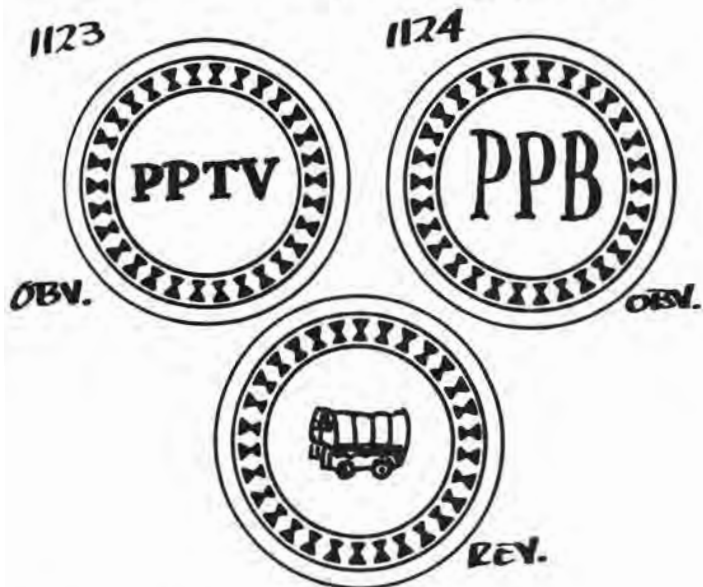
**UFC 1121:** Jim Myers tells us that this **LC** chip is from the Lima Club in Lima, OH. For those of you who don't live in the Buckeye State, I should point out that this illegal club was located in a city whose name is pronounced like the bean, not the city in Peru! (It's true! Would I lie to you?!)

**UFC 1122:** This chip may have come from Tipton County, TN. Does anyone recognize **Club Lake**?

**UFC 1123 and 1124:** Despite the different initials on the obverse, both of these chips, which were found together, have a common reverse. I have no further



information about their possible origin, however.



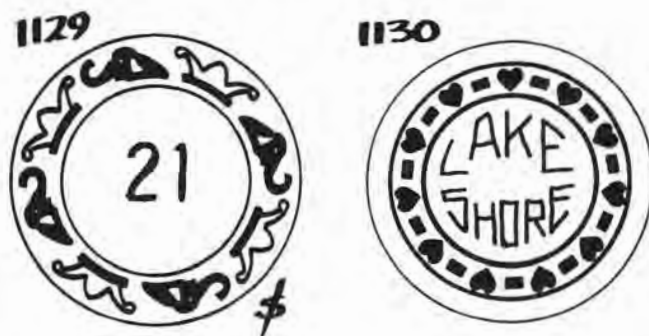
The next chips were sent to us by Bobby Stoops, who says that they are all reputedly from the Chicago area: the 1125 (WHC) from the White House Club in Lincolnshire; the 1126 (Bon Air) from Wheeling; 1127 was supposedly used at Highwood Recreation in Highwood; and the Dells Club (1128) may also have been in Highwood. It also seems possible that the Dells Club originated in Wisconsin, at the Dells resort area, not far from Chicago. Does anyone have further information on any of these chips?



UFC 1129: While not used in Nevada to my

knowledge, and scarce elsewhere in the U.S., the elephant/crown mold ("elfcrown") has been used in the Caribbean. I believe this chip, hotstamped 21 on one side, with a denomination on the reverse, was made as a sample or a home-use chip. Can anyone identify it?

UFC 1130: John Zoesch asks if this chip might be from Hot Springs, AK. Although I've done quite a bit of research on the Hot Springs area, I have yet to find reference to a Lake Shore club there. Until the recent find of the B and B Club chips, though, I'd never heard of such a club in Hot Springs either!



UFC 1131: This chip, Steve Goodrich tells us, was found in Carson City, NV. The initials CC seem to match the location, at least. Does anyone know where it might have been used?

UFC 1132: This chip is believed to be from the "original" Silver Slipper—the one in Newport, KY!



UFC 1133: The Agua Caliente Jockey Club was part of the famous Agua Caliente resort and casino in Tijuana, Mexico. According to *The Gaming Table*, it was open from 1928-1935. Agua Caliente was a playground for Southern California's rich and famous, especially the motion picture industry, during the period, until the Mexican government outlawed all forms of gaming in 1935.

UFC 1134: This is one of many "generic" horseshoe chips. This one has a printed center inlay, rather than

being hotstamped, but it is unlikely that it can ever be attributed to a specific casino.

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**UFC 1135:** One of the advantages of a book like *The Gaming Table* is that it helps to identify the origin of chips such as this one. **Casino de Dieppe** is in Dieppe, France.

**UFC 1136:** This next chip was sent to us by Doc Finstuen with the note "an idea whose time has not yet arrived." Frankly, we doubt that it ever will! Although we don't, unfortunately, have a date, we do know that the chip, a lightweight plastic chip, was called the "No Roll Poker Chip," and was made by Square Chip Inc. of Dallas, TX. It was simply too good not to share with everyone, although we doubt that you'll be finding too many of these in dealer displays!

The remaining chips illustrated are unidentified. If you recognize a chip, please share your knowledge with the collecting community by writing to me at the address at the beginning of this column. As always, my thanks to those who contributed to The Information Booth for this issue.

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5658 OBV.



5658 REV.

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(NOT SHOWN FULL SIZE)



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Thanks to those contributors mentioned above as well as: John Benedict, Jim Emery, Don Lueders, Allan Myers, Top Newby, Barney Rieffen and Ernie Wheelden.

# Mexico & Gambling Once Upon a Time

by Howard W. Herz

My first trip to Tijuana occurred in the 1960's when I visited San Diego and had a day of leisure. I took the trip to what so many had described as a "sight to see - but be prepared for a shock." A bus deposited me at the border and I walked along the causeway to the city. Card board shacks littered the area between the border and the city of Tijuana - slums of the worst condition. I was not prepared for some of the poverty that I saw on the way into the city. It seemed to be a wide open town. Hawkers littered each block and offered a variety of items from merchandise - to bars - to floor shows. As a beginning chip collector I did ask if there was gambling - the answer was NO!

When I returned to Lake Tahoe I asked some friends in the gaming business why Mexico did not have gaming. "Las Vegas takes care of that", they knowingly replied, "and they take care of Southern California too!" They did have gaming in the 1930's, I was told, but not now. For a number of years I gave little thought to Mexican gaming history - until I ran into some.



The initials AC have a great significance in the history of Baja California. Agua Caliente (translated literally Hot Water) was one of the hot spots of what we refer to today as the Mexican Riviera. Located in Tijuana, B.C. Mexico the operation included a race track and a casino. It drew heavily on the population of Southern California and was one of the spots where you could find movie stars and the rich and famous. The casino was not a public affair.

Mexican gaming was only for the rich and famous and the locals could not participate - unless they qualified as Special members of the upper class. Agua Caliente was built for those who could afford the luxury of the race track and the risk of the casino.



If the races at AC were not enough of an attraction for the patrons from Southern California - a new resort was just opening in 1930 in the town of Ensenada. The Playa Resort and Casino was built in 1930 in the port city of Ensenada. Built in the Spanish style with a tile roof and a number of grand rooms, the casino was located in a large octagon room complete with a massive chandelier. An ornate wood carved cashiers cage was off the main casino floor to one side and a bar was featured on the other side.

Operating until 1938, the casino played host to a number of Mexican and United States dignitaries. Desi Arnez, Lucille Ball, Marion Davies, William Randolph Hurst and Jack Dempsey are memorialized on tiles in the main hallway as patrons of the Playa Resort. Today this majestic building serves as a civic center and museum. Take a Carnival cruise down the Mexican Riviera and you can visit the Hotel Playa and stroll through this magnificent building.

Several year ago I purchased a single check from the Foreign Club - Tijuana, Mexico. This black check with a large crown mold is the only example that I have seen from this casino. Gambling in Mexico was in full swing until the late 1930's when a new president outlawed casino gambling. Baja California was beginning to be significant competition to Nevada in the 1930's and also offered liquor, a forbidden fruit of the prohibition era. I have not been able to find out exactly what influenced the Mexican government to outlaw casino gaming, but sources in the gaming industry indicate that American gamblers in Nevada did not cry when it happened.

So Mexico outlawed gaming - is that the end of the story? Not by a long shot. It seems that some enterprising brothers from La Jolla in California found the right formula for an enterprise in Rosarito Beach - for a short time! I often wondered where the Club Deportivo Panamericano was located. The check order card from the Mason Company files in Chicago suggested California - but 8,000 chips is a large order for a card room in La Jolla. Dr. Ken Craig called me one day after I had put a chip from the Deportivo in an auction and . . .





## The Raid at Rosarito Beach

Gambling in Mexico has always been an enigma to me. In a country that seems to tolerate almost anything in the minds of those who have seen Tijuana, why not gambling? For years I was told that the boys in Vegas took care to be sure that Tijuana did not prey upon the rich pool of players from the Southern California area and specifically San Diego.

I often wondered if the presence of the Navy and the Marine bases in the area kept a tight lid on the local action. Agua Caliente played to the crowds in the 1930's. The Casino at Ensenada also gained fame with the rich and famous as prohibition played on in the U.S. Sometime in the late 1930's it seems that Mexico decided not to expand the gaming industry and in fact proceeded to shut it down tight.

Southern California has always had its own crime families and they have been proud of their independence from the "Eastern" mob. In the early 1950's the boys from the east had their action in Vegas. The threat of competition from Mexico and the fact that it would probably be in the hands of the California boys did not excite the powers of Las Vegas. For several months the papers of San Diego were covering the investigation of the large amount of gaming equipment that seemed to be going over the border to Tijuana. Just what was going on down there in Old Mexico?

There is nothing quite as interesting as an up close and personal look at history - so let us be taken by the hand for a guided tour of an evening in 1959. Our hero, claims to have gained a few street smarts in bars that ranged from the California Coast to the Far East. "I always looked for an exit" from any joint that he went into. It seems that in some of the places that he had visited "it was never a question of IF there would be a fight, only WHEN" - and thus was the reason that our hero of the evening took the time to visit the bathroom of the Club Deportivo Panamericano in Rosarito Beach. Luck was also on his side as he and a friend had arrived later in the evening and had to park quite a long distance from the private club.

Having checked out that the bathroom did not have bars on the window that opened onto a court yard, our hero and friend ventured into the middle of the gaming activity. Craps, roulette and almost every type of gaming was flourishing in the middle of this private club located behind the Rosarito Beach Hotel.

Later in the evening of January 25, 1959 some uninvited guests arrived at the front door. They were the Mexican Federal police from Mexico City. "They came in with Thompson sub-machine guns and automatic carbines and it was clear from the start that they were not here for cocktails. My friend and I had a sudden need to go to the bathroom. We went out the window and into the court yard. Fortunately when the raid started the other police outside the club had not yet surrounded the hotel property and we were able to get to the beach and back to our car."

The rest of the evening is well described in the reports of the San Diego papers. A large number of Americans were held at the casino. Clearly the Federal Police wanted to sort things out and send out the message that gambling was not allowed in Mexico. After several days those arrested were released and the San Diego papers listed those who had been detained. The manager of the hotel, of course, did not know that there was gambling in the private house behind the hotel and appeared to be appropriately indignant.

Mexico may have its gaming operations today, but they continue to be closely guarded and are very "private" clubs. As for our friend - he probably still looks for an exit when he goes into a "joint"----

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# ATLANTIC CITY

By Archie Black CH-001

We left off in the last issue of my Atlantic City Report with the new \$10 Silver Strike classic autos tokens at Trump Marina. Well, you'll either be pleased, or disappointed, to know that those machines have been removed from the casino floor and the, "new", now obsolete, tokens are no longer available! Wow, they certainly didn't last long, I hope that all you "strikes" collectors picked up a set or two for your collections before they all disappeared. You'll also be interested in knowing that the two \$40 silver strike machines at Caesar's have been removed from the casino floor as well. The only silver strike machines presently in operation in A.C. are at Trump Plaza (\$10, \$40); Claridge (\$10); Caesar's (\$10, \$40); Hilton (\$40); Trump Marina (Castle \$40).

The arrival of the New Year brought with it several new chips and tokens from "Vegas By The Sea". A new \$5 regular table issue (TRO-5j) at Tropicana which replaced the TropWorld regular issue; followed by the popular New Year Mummies issue (TRO-5k) which keeps this traditional series up to date at Trop. A new \$100 slot token replaced the old "Bally's Champagne Slots" version at Park Place, which is now owned by Hilton.



Two different but similar New Year chips grace the gaming tables at Hilton during the first two months of 1998. A very plain looking \$10 serially numbered version (HAC-10) and an attractive \$10 (Year Of The Tiger) Chinese New Year chip, also serially numbered, (HAC-10a) made their appearances. While the numbers issued (1000) were quite large for a \$10 chip, the regular issue was on the Hilton tables for about 10-14 days when it was removed to make room for the Year Of The Tiger version.



Rumor has it that all future new commemorative chips at Hilton will be of the \$10 denominations. Hilton also replaced all their \$10 Grand slot tokens with Hilton \$10 tokens during this period as well. All denominations of The Grand tokens have now been replaced with Hilton slot tokens, making all of the Grand's slot tokens now obsolete.

Here are a couple of trivia questions for you: **DID YOU KNOW?** Five A.C. casinos each won an average of more than \$1 million per day from gamblers last year. They were Bally's Park Place, Caesars, Tropicana, Trump Plaza and Trump Taj Mahal. Showboat fell just shy of the mark. **DID YOU KNOW?** You can search the New Jersey Casino Control Act (as well as all state statutes) online at: [www.njleg.state.nj.us/folio.cgi/STATUTES.NFO?](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/folio.cgi/STATUTES.NFO?) Click on the "query" button to begin your search. An outstanding auction of primarily hi-denomination (\$100 up ) Nevada chips was held at Bob Mera's Gaming Emporium A.C. Boardwalk store on January 31st. While you've probably heard by now about the \$4,950, + a 10% buyers fee for a total

\$5,445.00 on Lot #68; a \$100 Flamingo Vegas chip..... what you probably did not hear about were lots #261 & #262. These two lots were notched samples of two A.C. \$5000 Harrah's Marina, Bud Jones metal center chips. One chip was the original \$5000 table chip, the other was the backup \$5000 chip. Lot #261 fetched a whopping \$770 + a 10% buyers fee; while Lot #262 brought \$775, plus the "juice", plus 6% NJ sales tax on the total to the same bidder. That's almost \$1800 for the pair! Did you hear me? I said, "notched" ... and to think there are those out there who believe there is no market interest for this scarce to rare material ? When it surfaces, it sells, and it sells big time!!

Resorts International has begun a unique 20th anniversary promotion involving a series of twenty different Atlantic City scenes illustrated on No Cash Value souvenir chips to be distributed at the casino promotions booth , one per person per week for 20 weeks, to those players who have accumulated a minimum of FIVE points in one day on their slot cards. (One point equals \$100 in coins recycled through the machine). When asked how does a table player obtain five points I was told that it equated to two hours play at a \$10 minimum bet per hand. Folks, these are potentially expensive "No Cash Value" chips, as you've got to put at risk a lot of cash to accumulate five points!! The promotion's "hook"states that there is ONE GOLD chip to be distributed each week that is worth \$5000. However, checking the prize board this past weekend, no winner was posted for week number one, or week number two! There should be considerable trading back and forth among collectors to complete this tough series! As this report is being written, the 3rd chip in the series has been released, It would appear that not as many chips are being distributed that was anticipated and Resorts is now allowing folks with 10 points on their players card, who did not get the previous week's chip, to be able to pick up last week's chips and the current week's chip, one of each per person which is recorded in the promo booth computer. Also, a note to my New Issues subscribers... don't look for these chips in your mailbox from me! I don't play \$10 tables for two hours... much less \$500 slot action... not even for my own chip. I have been able to purchase a few extra chips from other players that I plan to trade for chips I've not been able to obtain as the weeks go on into July.

Well that's it for this quarter. As predicted in my last column, the issuance of new commemorative chips in Atlantic City has all but dried up. Even Claridge has not come out with the last chip previously announced in their "Gaming Legends Series". So for those who decried the number of new chips being issued in A.C., you've gotten your wish. The first three months of 1998 provided relatively few new chips (or tokens) to collect from Atlantic City. We'll see what develops into the next quarter.

Happy Collecting, Archie

## OVERHEARD WHILE DEALING BLACKJACK

by Art Sanderson R-171

I like the "Old Las Vegas Way." When the dealer made a mistake the Pit Boss ordered - "Pay the board."

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Wife said, "Win all you want - just don't lose to much."

I can see it being called "21" - But I don't understand it being called Blackjack. Blackjack is latin for "21" - Oh!

I don't think your're supposed to split tens - See, now you've got two elevens.

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**1980** • The Superstar Theatre lives up to its name with a lineup that includes Diana Ross, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Cher!  
TO BE RELEASED MARCH 4, 1998



**1981** • Wayne Newton lends a hand to Resorts and leaves a permanent impression with The Entrance of the Stars!  
TO BE RELEASED MARCH 11, 1998



**1982** • Guests from near and far rub elbows with Rich the Robot, the high-tech mascot at Resorts!  
TO BE RELEASED MARCH 18, 1998



**1983** • The Superstar Club becomes the winning ticket for countless premium players!  
TO BE RELEASED MARCH 25, 1998



**1984** • A 2,000 pound, 80 foot tall replica of King Kong invites guests to "Go Bananas" at Resorts!  
TO BE RELEASED APRIL 1, 1998



**1985** • Hollywood comes to Resorts with the filming of "Wise Guys" starring Danny DeVito and Joe Piscopo!  
TO BE RELEASED APRIL 8, 1998



**1986** • It's a bird. It's a plane. It's the Resorts Chip, giving new meaning to the phrase "the sky's the limit!"  
TO BE RELEASED APRIL 15, 1998



**1987** • "See you at the Rendezvous" becomes a catch phrase for Atlantic City's best place to meet and greet!  
TO BE RELEASED APRIL 22, 1998



**1988** • Resorts turns ten under the new ownership of Merv Griffin, host of the town!  
TO BE RELEASED APRIL 29, 1998



**1989** • Atlantic City applauds the return of the revue show when Resorts presents Rip Roarin'!  
TO BE RELEASED MAY 6, 1998



**1990** • The Star Card becomes the key to a world of special benefits and bonuses at Resorts!  
TO BE RELEASED MAY 13, 1998



**1991** • The Beverly Hills Buffet, home of "The Best Buy of the Century" welcomes its millionth customer!  
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**1992** • Non-stop action is the name of the game when 24-hour gaming comes to Resorts and the rest of the city!  
TO BE RELEASED MAY 27, 1998



**1993** • Steve Lawrence proves Resorts is still on a roll after 15 incredible years!  
TO BE RELEASED JUNE 3, 1998



**1994** • Crowds of colossal proportions flock to join the free daily tournaments and sweepstakes at Resorts!  
TO BE RELEASED JUNE 10, 1998



**1995** • Le Palais receives top honors from the esteemed Zagat Survey for the third consecutive year!  
TO BE RELEASED JUNE 17, 1998



**1996** • World-renowned Sun International assumes ownership of Resorts Casino Hotel!  
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## **THE GREAT ATLANTIC CITY "BID OUT"**

By: Joseph A. Fiore  
R. 2451

*On January 31, 1998 what was alternately billed as the "Mother of all Auctions" and the "Chip Auction of the Century" was conducted at the premises of the Gaming Emporium on the boardwalk in beautiful Atlantic City.*

*After more than \$5,000 was spent over nearly five months to get out the word and pique the interest of collectors all over the United States, the big day finally arrived for Bob Mera, auctioneer. While most auctions function with "floor bids and mail bids" or "mail bids and phone bids," Mera ambitiously chose to incorporate "floor," "phone" and "mail" bids. Would that work in an auction comprised of 264 lots of predominantly obsolete \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Nevada chips and four dynamic pieces from Harrahs and Resorts International in Atlantic City?*

*The "Big, Big" auction received immediate cooperation from the weatherman who provided a delightful January day that resembled a sunny early Spring Saturday in Atlantic City. The auction was scheduled to close at 12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time, subject to a five minute rule for floor and phone bids.*

*The Gaming Emporium was furnished with rows of chairs facing a counter, behind which was a large board listing the lot number of each chip with a color photo and a slot to hold the bid status slip for each chip. The actual chips were on premises in a display case available for final inspection by floor bidders. Bob Mera was decked out in his black tuxedo and sporting his best auctioneer's smile. His five able assistants were ready to go. To this writer the scene took on the ambiance of an old Western Saloon jury trial with Bob Mera as the hanging judge and the seated floor bidders the hanging jury. But who was really on trial? Presumably the consignor of the chips! Not to worry; he was eventually acquitted!*

*When I arrived at 10:30 a.m., there were already mail and phone bids recorded for every chip on the board. The "usual suspects" were in attendance to bid and/or observe. George Davis, Dick Brach, Archie Black, Russ Diaz, Bruce Landau, Terry Lazarus, Jerry Birl and Wayne Burt were just a few of the many floor bidders who filled the room. Chuck Tomarchio made a cameo appearance en route to his duties at the Hilton Grand.*

*To the surprise of no one, the end of the auction proved to be just the beginning. When the noon hour arrived and the five minute rule went into effect, the queue of floor bidders was long and the phones were busy. Then came the delivery of trays of great deli sandwiches on french bread and hot Sicilian pizza. With well fed, contented bidders on hand, I knew we were in for a long afternoon and a potentially successful one for the auctioneer.*

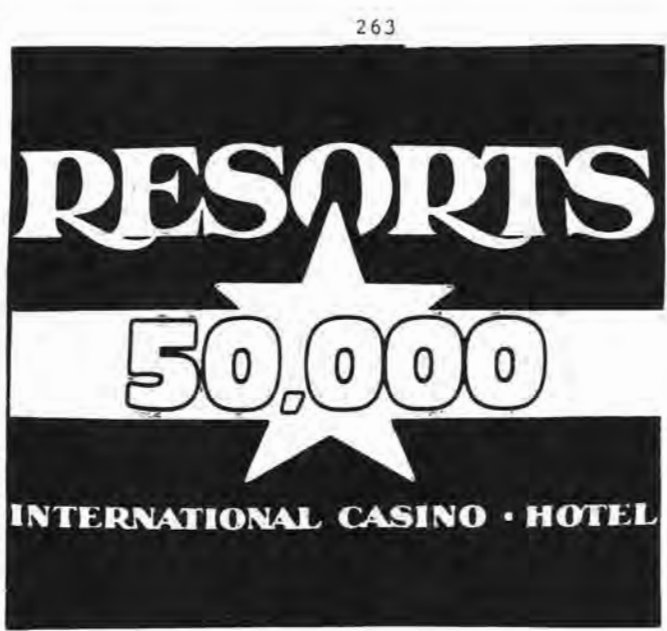
*The bidding was hotly contested among the floor bidders. But it was all in good spirit and good humor. The unflappable Bruce Landau never missed a bid as he made his*

way from the queue to the public phone and back to the queue with new bidding instructions from his clients. Each time the floor bidders were settled in, the phone rang and ten or twelve slips were taken down and the queue began anew. Jokes and chip "war stories" abounded. Each time it was thought the auction was over, there was one more telephone call to restart the countdown. Finally, and mercifully, four hours and fifty-six minutes after the auction ended, it really ended to the cheers of the diehards who hung in to the finale.

When the dust settled and the accounting was complete, some interesting details surfaced. Auction bids were received from thirty different states in the United States. The auction realized approximately \$57,000, of which 99% was paid for by check or credit card. There was no cash around. The vast majority of the chips sold well in excess of the range of values reported in the most commonly used references on chip values. In that regard, and before adding the 10% buyer's fee, five chips sold for in excess of \$1,000, twenty-five chips sold for \$500 or more, and thirty-three chips sold for \$400 or more. The five highest bids were for these chips that are also pictured below:

Lot #68	\$4,950	Flamingo, Las Vegas - \$100 - Black - Small key - 2 White - die cut - 1947
Lot #109	\$3,750	Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas - \$100 - Black - Arodie - 3 Off White - Red - White - 1951
Lot #78	\$1,200	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas - \$100 - Yellow - House - 6 Black - Sea - Yellow - 1970's
Lot #50	\$1,100	Desert Inn, Las Vegas - \$1,000 - Navy - H & C - 3 Grey/Blue/Red - Hub Center
Lot #263	\$1,029	Resorts, Atlantic City - \$50,000 - Red Plaque - Celebrity Star in Center - Gold

It was quite a day for chip collectors and quite an auction. As Archie Black opined during one of the many aborted countdowns: "It was important to be here because this is our Woodstock. Let's all come back in ten years and reminisce." It was truly a happening and this writer enjoyed being a part of it. Oh yes, I even bought a few chips. How about you?



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# COLLECTING PLAYBOY ROULETTE CHIPS

by Tom Stroh R-3021

Playboy (Atlantic City Casino) roulette chips have become more available due to a hoard recently found during renovation of the old Playboy Casino building in Atlantic City. This has both good and bad aspects for the collector. Good, in that there are now a number of new pieces at relatively low prices that can be added to your collection. Bad, in that this could drop the current value of any roulette chips that you previously purchased at a higher price. Since not much can be done about the bad, let's look at the positive aspects. First, the price is right to buy these roulette chips now if you ever plan to have them in your collection. Second, the variety of designs offered for sale is also better than at any other time in the past.

The Atlantic City Playboy Casino was operating for three years, from the spring of 1981 until the spring of 1984. It was built in the style of the European casinos, having three separate gambling floors, rather than one main floor, as common in American casinos. Spread among these three floors were ten roulette tables. Again, in the continental style, they were single zero wheels rather than double zero wheels as found in American casinos. The single zero wheel provided the player better odds.

Each table was stocked with seven different colored roulette chips all of the same design pattern. Each player was identified by the color chip he was provided at the table he was playing.

The roulette chips used were plastic, "Design Center, Style C", supplied by the Bud Jones Company, Inc. Looking at a catalog sheet from Bud Jones, there were eighteen designs and seven colors used by Playboy, providing 126 combinations or varieties. These varieties are all shown in the Table below.

While no one dealer or collector, that I know, has the full collection, I have been able to verify the existence of 112 of the 126 from combined dealer offerings, auction lots, and other private collections. This is a high enough percentage that it's probable all 126 did exist. The Table just reflects what probably exists, the rarity or population of individual pieces available today is something to be addressed in the future. In the Table, the left column lists and illustrates with a sketch, each of the Bud Jones designs using the Bud Jones design nomenclature. The top row lists each of the seven colors used. Use of this table makes an easy way for a collector or dealer to keep track of his collection or inventory.

While collecting all of the 126 varieties would be very difficult, if not impossible, it's quite easy to obtain one of each of the eighteen designs and among these eighteen, include a sample of all seven colors used. This, not only reduces frustration, but also, can save a lot of money.

Playboy Enterprises rivals companies like Coca-Cola and Budwieser with the variety of items on which they have placed their familiar rabbit head trademark over the past 44 years. Playboy roulette chips are one of the very few Playboy items that don't carry the familiar rabbit head icon, common on the other Playboy Casino chips.

## ATLANTIC CITY PLAYBOY CASINO ROULETTES

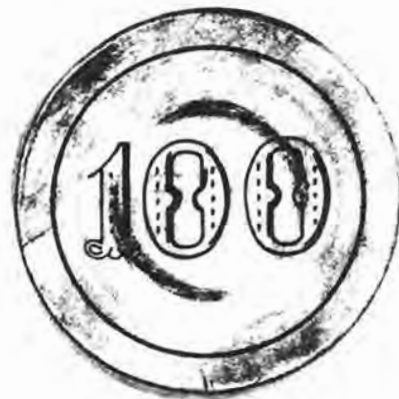
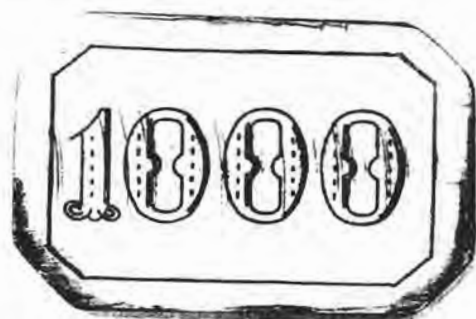
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## Dealers Suspect Counterfeit Cuban Ivory Gaming Checks

by Howard W. Herz

Several dealers and collectors have challenged the authenticity of a recent find of Cuban "ivory" checks. The checks surfaced in November of 1997. Three (3) 1000 and approximately twelve (12) 100 scrimshaw checks have been seen and offered for sale. The basic reasons that the checks are suspect are as follows:

- a) The color of the checks does not appear to be correct
- b) The scrimshaw work on the pieces appears to be too perfect and has the quality of being machined.
- c) The general feel of the checks does not correspond with genuine examples.





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## Need a chip? Just ask for it!

by Charles Kaplan, R-2558

I am assembling a collection of current United States \$1.00 casino chips (cheques). I collected many by visiting casinos, by trading with other collectors, from dealer purchases and even some through Internet auctions. But, there were chips from some casinos in out of the way places that I could not obtain. There are plenty of dealers who handle chips from Nevada, Atlantic City, Colorado, Deadwood, Riverboats and California, but not many for Indian reservation casinos in Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Arizona, or day cruise ships in Florida and Georgia. At some point a thought occurred to me. What if I simply wrote a letter to the casino requesting a chip and enclosing a dollar? I had to have some faith. The possibility existed that my request would be not be honored and my dollar not returned. But at worst, all I would be out is a dollar, stationary and a stamp.

First I drafted up the letter. Using my computer and a laser printer that also prints envelopes, I quickly turned out personalized requests. Steve Brourie's "1997 American Casino Guide" provided casino addresses. I addressed my letters to the Casino Manager at each of the casinos. I thought about including a self addressed stamped envelope, but decided not to in order to keep it simple.

I mailed out a test batch of letters to sixteen casinos. Out of the first sixteen, I got responses from all but four within 30 days. Of the 12 responses, I got: 9 chips, 1 token, 1 letter returned for incorrect address, and 1 returned dollar with a very nice apology letter stating that sending out chips was against casino policy but offering me a free dinner on my next visit. I eventually received responses from two of the outstanding four requests and both sent chips. I was thrilled at this success and decided to send out additional requests to other casinos.

In all I sent out 68 requests, 60 for \$1.00 chips and 8 for \$5.00 chips from casinos I knew did not currently use \$1.00 chips. The tables below show the results.

### **Request Results**

<b>Results</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Chip	24	5	29	41.43%
Token	12	0	12	17.14%
Returned Money	10	1	11	15.71%
Chip Stolen in Mail	2	0	2	2.86%
No Response	14	2	16	22.86%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### **Notes**

- 1) One casino returned my \$1.00 and also sent a chip.
- 2) Another casino sent both a chip and a token

### Response Time

Response	\$1.00	\$5.00	Total	Percent
1 Week	1	0	1	1.47%
2 Weeks	19	2	21	30.88%
3 Weeks	13	2	15	22.06%
4 Weeks	5	1	6	8.82%
4+ Weeks	8	1	9	13.24%
No Response	14	2	16	23.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The quickest response was 7 days and the longest 84 days. On some days I received as many as 5 chips in the mail. Twice an envelope arrived with a side cut and the chip removed. Also, some casinos taped the chip to a piece of paper and I hate scrubbing glue off a chip. I solved both these problems by including a mylar flip with my request along with instructions to place the chip in the flip and then to tape it to a piece of paper. Apparently some casino personnel did not read my request carefully and sent a token instead of a chip. Or perhaps, the casino did not use \$1.00 chips and thought I meant that I wanted a token. So I changed the wording of my letter to indicate that I really wanted a chip and not a token.

I found out later that two of the casinos that did not respond had closed, the Aspen Mine in Central City, Colorado and the Dixie Duck, a cruise ship leaving from Key West, Florida. I also got many nice return letters with the chips. Many casinos also sent Fun Books, coupons or brochures. On the whole, I would say that casino personnel were pretty nice bunch.

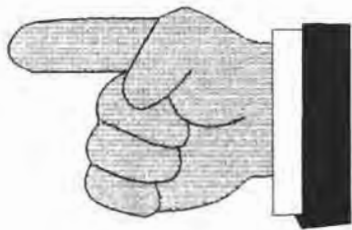
The 36 \$1.00 chips and tokens I received cost me \$69.20 or \$1.92 each. The 5 \$5.00 chips I received cost a total of \$37.56 or \$7.52 each. These prices are in line with the lowest dealer prices around for current chips. So, although it was disappointing not receiving responses from 16 of the casinos, I'd say the whole project was a success. For several reasons, I will not divulge the names of any of the casinos. If everyone starts requesting chips, I'm sure the casinos will become overwhelmed and no one will be able to get any chips. But, if you need a current chip for your collection from a certain casino, maybe you should just ask for it.





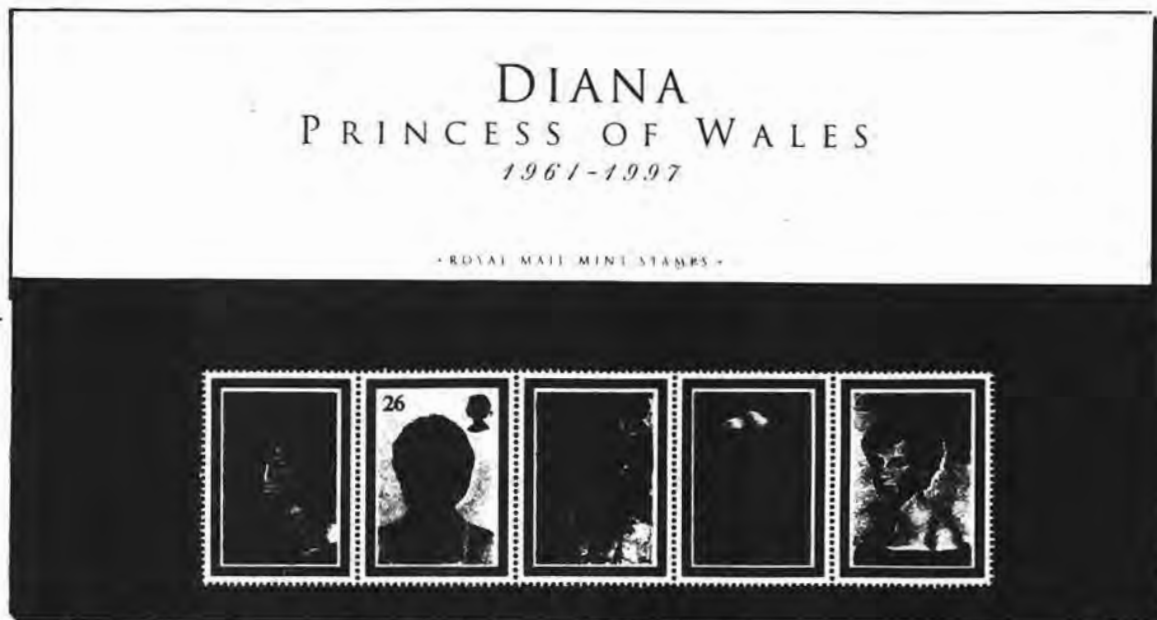
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# CALIFORNIA GOLD

## GOLD DUST & DOUBLE EAGLES

by Steve McLendon

The history of gaming in California for all intense and purposes began with the discovery of gold in the late 1840's. San Francisco was a sleepy little harbor town of less than 60 in 1846. Within two years time the population swelled to 56,000 and more as the argonauts made their way to the foothills of the Sierras. Between 1849 and 1855, Portsmouth Square was lined with "spectacular establishments" along Washington Ave. such as the Verandah, El Dorado, Palace, Empire, Dennison's Exchange, St. Charles, the Bella Union, Arcade, the Alhambra and the Parker House Hotel.

The El Dorado, like so many early gambling halls, started out as a 15 x 25 ft. canvas tent in which dealers of such games as three card monte, 21, dice, Faro and roulette would pay table rent of between \$1,800 up to \$2,400 per MONTH to run their games. With this type of income, it took little time to turn this small canvas tent into a distinguished 4-storey building decorated with flags and streamers. Inside 10 large chandeliers hung from above. At one end of the hall was a raised platform from which two alternating orchestras played.

These early gambling halls that bordered the Mexican Plaza in young San Francisco changed the nature of gambling forever. They made gambling more public and commercial by turning it into a "high volume" business. Like Las Vegas some 95 years later, these establishments looked more like palaces than gambling dens. Miners and mountain men rubbed elbows with bankers and lawyers. Food, drink and women were plentiful. Open 24 hours, the brilliant chandeliers kept the gamblers from knowing if it was day or night outside.

Gold dust and Double Eagles [\$20 gold], were the common medium of exchange. A pinch of dust between a patrons thumb and forefinger bought him a shot of whiskey. thus the phrase a "pinch of whiskey" or "How much can you raise in a pinch?". By 1855 the "rush" was over and San Francisco was starting to establish itself as a respectable city and settle down. Other forms of amusement such as theaters, private clubs, libraries and gymnasiums became popular. The "grand palaces" were starting to show their age.

In April of 1855, the citizens of this now prominent city outlawed commercial and public gambling altogether considering it an unwanted remnant of the "Old Frontier". In 1860 the state legislature passed a bill prohibiting all "banking games" thus ending the first era of "casino style" gambling in California. This open style of gaming would continue to flourish on riverboats on the Mississippi and later in Nevada.

At first, these new laws affected only the operator of such banking games and were only a misdemeanor, but by 1885,

dealers and players alike were just as liable and hangings were not uncommon. These changing laws did not effect ALL types of gambling, specifically exempting poker. Poker continued to flourish during the last half of the 19th century. [Ed note: Card clubs were not legal in any city over 50,000 in 1885 - thus Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles do not have card clubs today - they are in the suburbs of these cities] It remained legal as long as the game was not run by a "professional gambler". "Poker Dens" could be found all along the waterways that provided transportation from the Barbary Coast of San Francisco into the river city of Sacramento and then as far north as Marysville or south to Stockton.

California's gaming past set the tone with its fast paced, high volume games of chance. Though this period only lasted about 6 years (1849-1855), it left a legacy that remains today all across the United States. With rented tables, most of the chips used were the property of the table owner. One exception is know for a famous gaming house located in Sacramento. The El Do (El Dorado) ivory checks that have survived today are pedigreed to a Sacramento family that held the checks for several generations.



# WHAT I'LL MISS ABOUT THE ALADDIN

by Art Sanderson R-171

Arriving at nine and can't have my room key until three -  
What to do? - What to do?

The long walk from the motel part to the convention room -  
Canceled my daily gym workout.

The "Spam Sushie" at the little snack bar - The only place in the world that sold it.

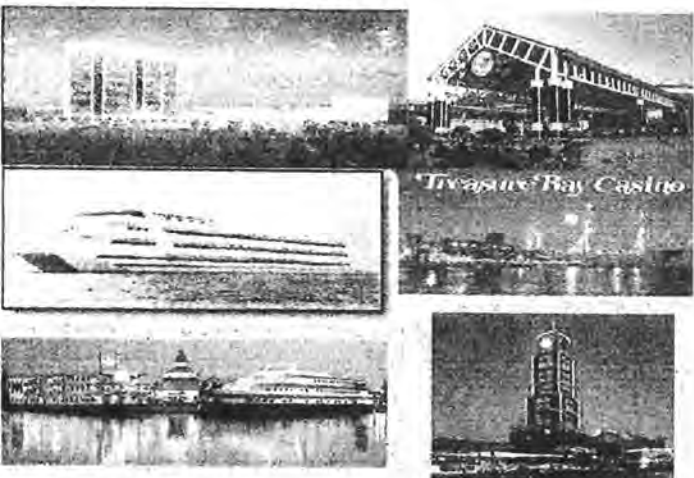
The little lounge by the showroom with all the tables and no waitress.  
The money I saved.

There's more but my eyes are tearing - Thoughts of the "Spam Sushie" I guess.



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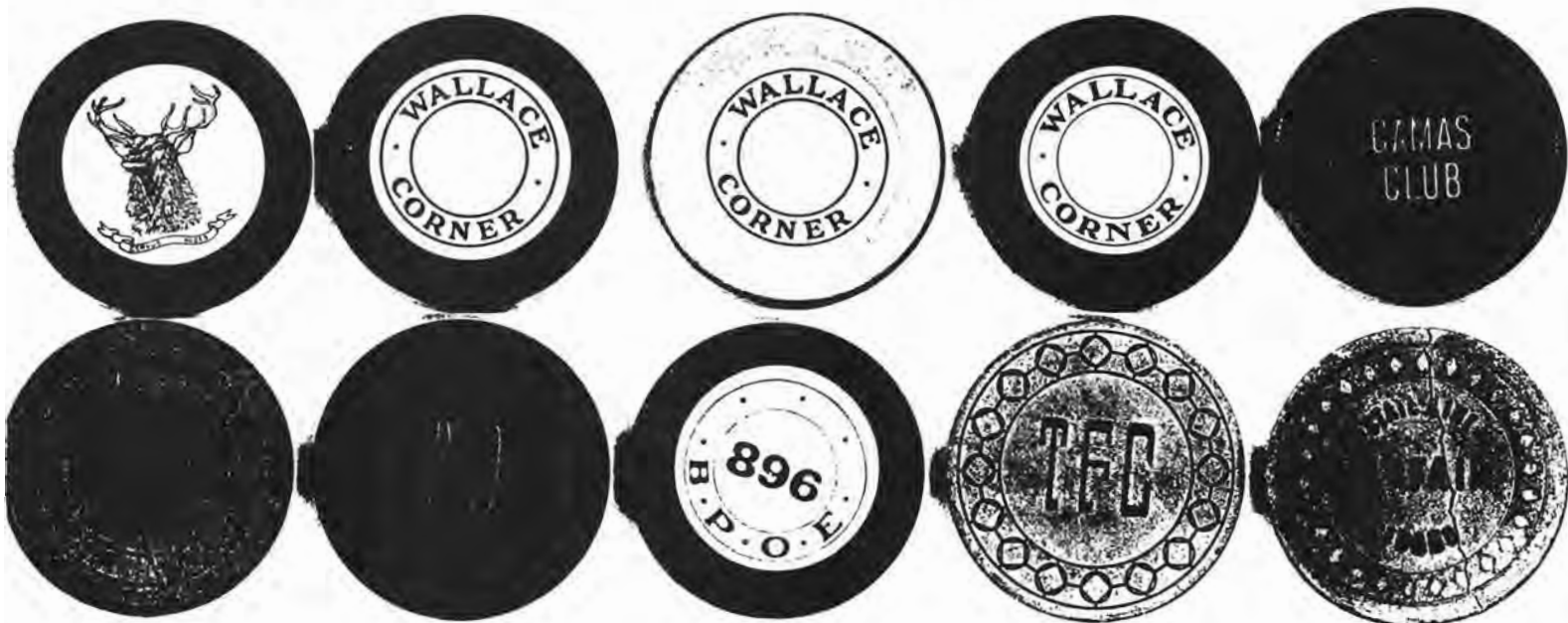
## STEVE GOODRICH R-306

Hello friends. While I have been writing my periodic columns I have been asked several times about the status of gambling in Idaho, my home state. I thought I would finally devote an entire piece to this interesting, and less well known, realm of western chip collecting.

Gambling, of course, has been taking place across the West for longer than history has been recorded. Beginning with the native Americans and continuing through today, gaming has been an important aspect of the western character and countless stories and myths have been woven regarding this one subject. The modern history of gambling in Idaho, like many of its western counterparts, begins with the mining rushes that brought a new breed of adventurers to this sparsely populated region. Countless casinos and houses of chance operated across the state from the late 19th century onward into recent times. Though gaming in Idaho has actually been illegal for years (the 1950 statute closed most of the loopholes which had allowed it to persevere in the past with local "tolerance") that did not completely stop it from occurring. Running a "new issue" service for Idaho would certainly be an easy task however; a new club has not opened for many years! Even Indian casinos, common now in most western states, have thus far been prevented from operating any gaming besides bingo.

As for chipping, Idaho continues to be one of the toughest areas to research and collect. Games existed across the state, yet finding attributable chips proves elusive. Many clubs existed in the mining districts of the state, including the Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Owhyee, and Ketchum regions. Games were also run in other areas of the state which featured larger, more stable populations. Yet very few of the chips I have ever found in Idaho carry a distinguishing mark. Remember, most of these clubs existed illegally or, at best, under local tolerance. Clubs often disappeared at the whims of politicians eager to make a name for themselves. In Ketchum, home to the Sun Valley Inn and Ernest Hemingway, two very well known casinos existed, the Christiania and The Casino, and both were forced to close when the statute of 1950 was finally adopted.

My collection includes attributed examples from the towns of Boise, Bruneau, Coeur d'Alene, Craigmont, Eagle, Hailey, Kellogg, Ketchum, Lewiston, Nampa, Rupert, Twin Falls, and Wallace, beyond the normal fraternal chips that one finds nearly everywhere. Many more examples exist. They are either hard to come by or difficult to attribute with certainty. As usual, please direct any comments or questions you might have to me at P O Box 3162 Moscow ID 83843.





## Chips 'N Tokens Update

by Janice O'Neal CH-008 V.P./Club Historian

As spring slowly creeps up on us, the flowers will soon be putting forth buds, and like spring flowers, chips are everywhere!! It is really getting to be more than a lot of us can handle anymore.

We have heard there is a new local chapter of Casino Chips & Tokens Collectors Club (CC&GTCC) about to get started in the Kansas City, Missouri area. Good luck, the more local gatherings the better for collecting in general. If this is in your area contact: Greg Susong, 51 Westborough Rd, Wellington, Kansas 67152, also possibly one in the Mississippi area, contact Robert Gabel, P O Box 4081, Marietta, Georgia 30061.

Other local chapters for you to visit are: Atlantic City Chapter, contact Dick Brach, 32 Olson Dr, Warren, NJ 07059; Colorado Chapter, contact Lee Bruton, 176 Sagebrush St, Golden, Co 80401; Southern California Chapter, contact Scott Hartman, P O Box 387, Agoura Hills, Ca 91376; Orange County Group of CC&GTCC, contact Bob McColum, P O Box 6531 Big Bear Lake, Ca 92315; Greater Houston Chapter, contact Vernon Blanck, P O Box 90097, Houston, Tx 77290

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If I have left anyone out, please contact me immediately, as it has not been intentional and I really want to have everyone listed. Chapters are becoming a more and more important part of CC&GTCC and need to be recognized for their contributions to the progress of the club. There should begin to be more and more information in this magazine about the development of each chapter every issue.

We do not want things to start getting fragmented because no one is bothering to keep others informed on what is going on. We do know that several of the chapters are issuing newsletters that are very informative.

Preperations are under way for the Jim Munding Arcadia, Calif Casinorama Show. Saturday, March 28, 1998. We will be there and have a report for you next time. Back in Las Vegas will be Gaming Times, Bill Akeman show at Arizona Charlie's April 10-11, 1998. Also the October Gaming Times show has been moved back to June 26-27, 1998 to accomadate the forced move of CC&GTCC Convention to August.

Another show date to keep in mind will be October 3-4, 1998 when Casinorama will be a 2-day show at the Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena ,Calif. This will be held in conjunction with a slot machine show. It will be Saturday & Sunday and Jim is planning a swap meet for Friday night.

After all this I had better get on to the chip and token report--

## NEVADA CASINO CHIPS:

Desert Inn, LV issued new \$5-\$25 & \$100 H&C picture chips in December. Now has THE Desert Inn as name and "Rediscover the Legend December 1997" on chips. CBS Sports World LV has added two additional chips, \$10 BJ dull pch 4 blu and \$20 BJ dull yel 8 wht. Both have same red blk wht CI as previous chips. These are to be used on the mini-baccarat table that has been installed. And, yes, the famous \$1 chips are still in play!!



CBS Sports World update!--mini baccarat table is gone, \$10 & \$20 chips still for sale, AND the \$1 chips are now completely gone again!! Will there be more to come, who knows??!!



Riviera, LV new \$5 house mold, red 3-wht 3-org, blk gld wht CI and \$25 house mold, grn 4-pch 4-lav, blk gld wht CI. These now have name, city and state on center inlay. Previous issue did not.



Arizona Charlie's LV \$5 H&C picture chip "Celebrate the 1998 New Year at Arizona Charlie's".



New York New York, LV started the new year off with two First Anniversary chips, \$10 H&C picture chip, gld 3-org 3-grn, multi center, has picture of NYNY casino buildings. \$25 H&C picture chip, dk grn 8 pnk, multi blu center with bust figure of Statue of Liberty.



Rio Suites Hotel, LV held the first annual "Carnivale of Poker" tournament in January and issued two great chips to commemorate the event. \$5 H&C picture chips, (1) two jesters at poker table, & (2) Mardi Gras clown head.



Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip for performer, John Mellencamp at Hard Rock January 23-24, 1998.



Football chips: Four Queens, LV \$5 H&C picture chip, red 3 lt blu, multi grn center, "Big Game Day 1998", Silverton, LV \$5 BJ lt blu 4 red, multi wht center, "January 25, 1998" and a football helmet with "XXXII" on it.



Two at Tropicana LV \$5 BJ red 4 sets of 3 split off wht, multi centers, (1) "32nd Game of the Best, Sunday January 25, 1998" with hands placing football on ground, & (2) "The Best of the Best, Sunday January 25, 1998" with cheerleader.



Frontier, LV shortly before changing ownership put out some crisp new \$1 & \$5 chips. The \$1 dk blu house mold seems to be the slightest difference in blue and will NOT be listed in O'Neal check list as a new chip. The \$5 is same house mold red 4 yel/gld inserts, but the gold is a much lighter shade than the old issue and will be listed as a new variety. Frontier Hotel & Casino LV turned over to The New Frontier 2-1-98 (Seems like we have seen that name before!!) Chips are all Bud Jones, with blk red wht CI; \$1 wht 4 pnk, \$5 red 4 dk yel, & \$25 dk grn 4 dk org. In March there was a \$2.50 chip put into play also. Bud Jones blu 4 wht, same blk red wht CI.



Four Queens, LV \$5 Chipco multi yel red for Chinese New Year, Year of the Tiger 1998.



Tropicana LV celebrated the 1998 Olympics with a four chip issue. \$5 H&C picture chips for, (1) ski jumping, (2) hockey, (3) speed skating, & (4) downhill racing. These chips do not have the Olympic rings logo or say "Olympics" on the chips. They have a gold medal on one side and "Win With America's Team" and picture other side. Without the Olympic rings logo or anything designating these as Olympic commemoratives this set of chips really has no significance at all and just becomes another set of nothing chips. Only 500 of each chip was made.



Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip, red 8 wht, multi prp center, Valentines Day 1998. Also at Hard Rock \$25 H&C picture chip, brn 4 blu, multi center, Rolling Stones Concert, February 15, 1998.



Silverton, LV \$5 BJ blu 8 split red, multi center, President's Day February 14, 1998



Longhorn Casino, 5288 Boulder Hwy, LV \$5 H&C picture chip, red 4 lt org/gry, multi center, "9th Anniversary" (1998). And, yes, they made 999!



Santa Fe, LV \$5 BJ red 8 org, multi center, "7th Anniversary February 1998".





Four Queens LV \$5 H&C picture chip, red 3 lt blu, multi blk center, Valentines Day 1998.



Another casino picking up on the Four Queens policy of "hit them hard and hit them often"?? Only this time its with a scant 500 chips that disappear before the first 24 hours are over. Many collectors were shut out on the race car chip because no one even knew there was going to be one until it was too late, and the few that did know were able to buy up the entire issue.

Sam's Town LV has finally retired ALL the old \$1 chips, both types, and issued new \$1 H&C blu, 2-yel 2-pnk--hot stamp. What a change!!



NASCAR car races Las Vegas, March 1, 1998, five chips honoring race driver, Richard Petty. All \$5 H&C picture chips; (1) California Hotel, dk red 3 lrg brn, (2) Fremont Hotel, red 3-crm 3-prp, (3) Main Street Station, red 4 wht/pnk, (4) Sam's Town, red 3 brn/wht, & (5) Stardust, red 3-lt grn 3-mrn. All have Richard Petty figure on one side and a race car on other side. Four Queens LV was to have a race car chip, but due to technical difficulties the chip was not released

Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip "King of the Beach, March 13-15, 1998"



Fitzgerald's LV \$5 Chipco multi red, casino building one side, leprechaun and birthday candles other side for "10th Anniversary 1998".



Tropicana LV also had a race car chip. \$5 H&C picture chip, red 3 prp, multi center. Tropicana building one side, front of race car other side. Tropicana seems to have embarked on a new chip campaign of issuing only 500 per issue, with many issues due in the near future.

Four Queens LV \$5 & \$25 Chipco St Patrick's Day 1998.



Jerry's Nugget NLV, last in series of three American Classic Cars was issued 1-1-98, \$5 BJ red 8 wht, multi CI for a 1964 Mustang.



Fiesta NLV continues the Royal Flush series with two chips each month, only one more month to go and this one will be finished. Now released are, ace of diamonds, diamond flush hand, also ten, jack, queen, & king of spades. Fiesta NLV \$5 H&C picture chip, Mars Sojourner landing (BoPo goes home). This chip is dated 7-4-97, BUT was issued 1-2-98!!



BoPo was late, very late! Also at Fiesta \$5 H&C picture chip for "Happy Ground Hog Day February 2, 1998" (Just in case you have anything to say about this one, being from snow country, this was MY idea!)



Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco, Valentines Day 1998 and Mahoney's Silver Nugget NLV \$5 Chipco, Valentines Day 1998. These are both super designs.



Indian Springs Casino, Indian Springs, Nev new \$5 H&C dk pink 3 blu/gry--hot stamp, large "\$5" in center. First issue had "Nevada", new issue has, "Indian Springs, Nv".



Fiesta NLV \$5 BJ red 4 tan/yel/tan, multi CI "Sports Edition" Slam Dunk Blackjack Tournament March 13-15, 1998.



Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco multi red and Mahoney's Silver Nugget NLV \$5 Chipco multi red, both for St Patricks Day 1998.



Ligouri's, Henderson, a small casino with slots and live poker closed 1-98. New owners will completely remodel before re-opening. All chips are now obsolete and there never were any slot tokens with the Ligouri's name on them. The Reserve, Henderson opened 2-10-98. Chips are all Chipco, \$1 multi wht, \$5 multi red, \$25 multi grn, & \$5 multi red "The Adventure begins Feb 1998" (Grand Opening).



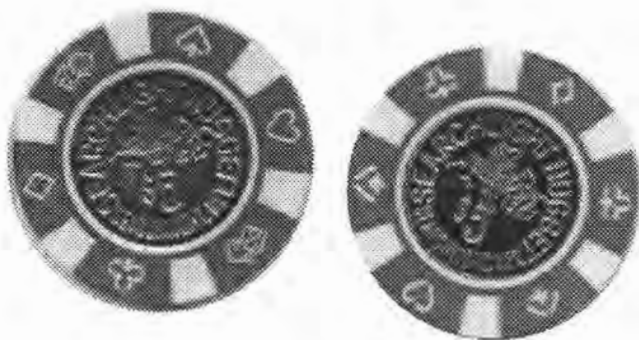
Station House, Tonopah \$1 triangle & club mold, beige, blk wht center inlay chip



Laughlin; Edgewater \$5 Chipco "Happy New Year 1998"



Searchlight Nugget, Searchlight, Nev has added a new supply of \$5 BJ red 6 yel, metal inlay chips. Original \$5 has 4-suits 2-dice logos, top of diamond suit line is to right. New issue has 6-suits logos and top of diamond suit is to left. Another new chip has been discovered that is not on the gaming commission approval list.



It was reported Ramada Express was to have a Christmas chip. Management decided the red & grn \$5 was too close to the Org & grn \$25 and all were sent back for destruction. None were available for collectors. Ramada Express did release the third chip in the "Back to the 40's" series. This design being the traditional "Uncle Sam Wants You-Enlist Today" slogan. Fourth chip released in February, "We Can Do It!" with Rosie the Riveter. This brings back memories for me, as my mother was a riveter on the B-52 bomber planes at the Willow Run plant in Michigan when I was growing up during WWII. Fifth chip in March was "United States Army" (Remember this goes on clear to November!)

Saddlewest, Pahrump, 25-cent H&C dk gry, brn red wht CI. Center inlays are now rare in 25-cent chips anywhere in Nevada.





Riverside "1 NCV" unicorns mold dk red--hot stamp,"No Cash Value Win Cards Chip" new 1-98.



Edgewater \$5 Chipco, "3rd Annual Party, Super Sunday Football 1998".



Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno \$5 BJ red 4 split lt blu, multi center, "Happy New Year 1997-1998".



Circus Circus, Reno issued a set of six new Chipco with clown scenes of Emmet Kelly, Jr. Obverse is Kelly clown face and the set of 6 stacked together has Kelly clown face down the side of the stack. Reverse pictures are (1 of 6) tiger on billboard, (2 of 6) giraffe takes hat, (3 of 6) hanging on trapeeze, (4 of 6) riding on elephant, (5 of 6) by circus wagon, & (6 of 6) standing in spot-light.



Another Reno club is now history-Nevada Club closed 1-98, with all contents of building being auctioned off. So more obsolete chips & tokens. Also as of 12-97 there is no more live gaming at Sierra Sids in Sparks. Tables were removed and replaced by new slot machines. More obsolete chips. The Ormsby House in Carson City is under new management. Bob cashell has taken over here. No change in chips or tokens at this time.

Flamingo Hilton, Reno \$5 Chipco, multi red, Year of the Tiger 1998 Chinese New Year.



Harrah's Reno \$5 Chipco, multi red, 1998 Year of the Tiger Chinese New Year.



Boomtown, Verdi added new \$1 H&C chips, same design & colors as original house mold chips.

**NEVADA CASINO TOKENS:**

Silverton, LV has a regular play \$10 (1997) GDC token that was not listed on the Nevada approval list, same design as other tokens.



Fitzgerald's LV \$10 (1998) GDC regular play token.



Sahara Hotel & Casino LV has replaced the \$1 NCM color center tokens with another run of the original (1995) GDC, palm tree design tokens. There is very little, if any, difference. The rim lettering seems a little deeper and all new ones seem to be from a rotated die. This will NOT be listed as a new token in O'Neal check list. Frontier Hotel & Casino LV, changed to THE NEW Frontier with new owner 2-1-98. This will be listed in O'Neal check list as-"Frontier, The New". Tokens are all same design, \$1-\$5- \$10 (1998) RWM. \$10 is regular play, not a Silver Strike.



Buffalo Bills, Primm has new \$25 token with "Primm" in play. The rim design on the new token is much different than the original. The Reserve, Henderson opened 2-10-98. Tokens are \$1-\$2-\$5-\$10-\$25 (1998) GDC. Each has a different pattern obverse and a different animal reverse.

Three casinos in Reno have issued commemorative tokens for the American Bowling Congress Championships. \$1 RWM 1998 at Circus Circus, Eldorado, & Silver Legacy. Each casino's logo obverse, same bowling design on all reverse. These are meant to be souvenirs for the bowlers and are not easy to be gotten by the general token collectors.



Gold Ranch, Verdi has installed a five dollar machine. Token is \$5 (1997) GDC. Reverse has "Great Train Robbery 1868".



Hotel Nevada, Ely issued four new \$1 slot tokens (1998) NCM color centers, (1) cowboy donkey with six guns, (2) cowboy donkey with coins, (3) lady donkey dancing, & (4) cowboy donkey with guitar. All four tokens have same building picture on other side.



#### NEVADA TOKENS BARS & STORES:

New Charlie's Saloon, 4420 S Durango LV open 1-98, coinless slots, no tokens. Gold Mine Bar & Grill, 452 Convention Center Dr, LV (1998) RWM, South West Gaming route company. Another oddity here: (1996) token has "Grille", (1998) has "Grill", also (1996) address is 3119 s Kishner (the side street), (1998) address is 452 Convention Center, but this is the same business in the same location!!



A blanket redemption notice on tokens has been published in the newspaper. All following Leo DiCandilo slot route tokens are obsolete: Boston Grill & Bar, Mr. W's Nashville Now, Badlands Golf Club, Cafe DiCandilo, Cafe Michelle East, Cafe Michelle West, Chris's Place, Cubbie Bear West, Hob Nob, Jerome's, Paradise Lounge, The Porterhouse, The Prime Rib, Rainbow Drug-Sun City, Sardees, The Sports Pub, and Vicious Rumors. Some of these had either changed name or closed some time ago and this notice is only to declare obsolete tokens no longer redeemable anywhere.

Goodtimes Lounge & Restaurant, 1775 E Tropicana, LV slipped in a new variety previously un-reported. Looks like it has been there for several months so we will list it as last years token. \$1 (1997) CT. Mint mark is large. Cardivan Route Company, has newer reverse die with large dots on bottom rim. Token is same design as previous issues.

BIX'S (Restaurant/Bar), 4495 S Buffalo LV open 2-13-98 with \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc tokens.



Idle Spurs Tavern, 1113 S Rainbow LV \$1 (1998)/1989 "G", Anchor Coin. Tokens from (1993) & (1994) are obsolete.



A new P.T.'s Pub opened where Alais Smith & Jones burned some time ago. New address is 539 E Twain, LV \$1 (1998) GDC, U.S. Coin. Same design as other P.T.'s Pub tokens. Pounders Sports Lounge, 332 W Sahara LV open 3-98, \$1 (1998) RWM, South West Gaming. This was Frisco Saloon which never had tokens. Before that was Serene 4 Lounge. Serene 4 Lounge tokens have been obsolete for some time.





Road Runner Casino, 2839 W Sahara, LV opened 3-14-98. \$1 (1998) GDC and \$5 (1998) GDC tokens. These tokens do not have a route company reverse, and both have same design.



In & Out Market, 6055 E Lake Mead LV \$1 (1997) CT, E-T-T, Inc. This token had approval in July 1997, but was not put in play until December.



7-11 Store #13690F, 2502 TEDDY (near Palace Sattion) LV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc. 7-11 Store #22804A, 4380 W Desert Inn at Arville \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc. Both same design as other recent 7-11 store tokens. Oasis Mini Mart, 8570 W Sahara LV \$1 (1998) RWM, South West Gaming. This was Canyon Gate Food Mart. \$1 (1996) OC Canyon Gate token is obsolete.



**SILVER STRIKE TOKENS:**

New York New York, LV \$10 (first anniversary) "Key to the City" (1998) "G" mint in play 1-98. Previous New York New York Silver Strike tokens were "S" mint.



Binion's Horseshoe LV, three new \$10 with revised .999 inside now in play. Same designs as previous set. Palace Station LV new \$10 (1998) "S" mint, Marilyn Monroe bust figure & \$10 (1998) "S" mint, James Dean bust figure.



There was an error in the O'Neal check list of Nevada Silver Strike Gaming Premium Tokens, #3158 Cactus Pete's-04, Jackpot, Nv should be \$20 NOT \$10. #3142 is the new \$10.

New at Silverton, LV \$10 (1998) "G" mint. Silverton logo obverse with a pick-up truck, a guitar, and an American flag on reverse.



The Frontier LV \$10 and The Reserve, Henderson \$10 are both regular play, not Silver Strikes. Recently discovered at the MGM Grand LV on the \$10 Marilyn Monroe, two varieties. Variety is on the lion side only, (1) smooth surface lion and (2) rough surface lion. So far \$10 James Dean has only rough surface lion.



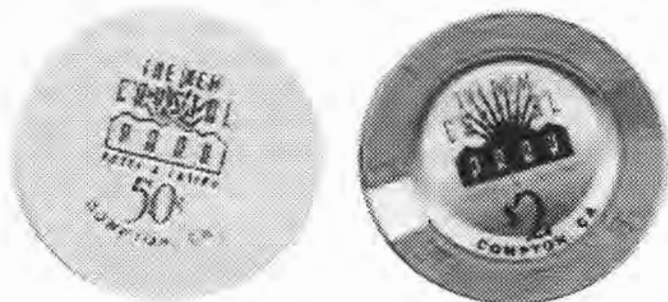
Peppermill, Reno has returned the Silver Strike machine with same eagle and fancy logo Slot August Nights tokens. Someone better check close to see if these may be a new variety or just another run from the same die. Gold Country, Elko has re-issued \$10 train and \$10 pony express with revised .999 inside.

It has been discovered at Caesars Tahoe, Stateline NV there are two \$40 Caesars head/coliseum, issue #2-large size, (1) caesars head in gold, & (2) Caesars head in silver.

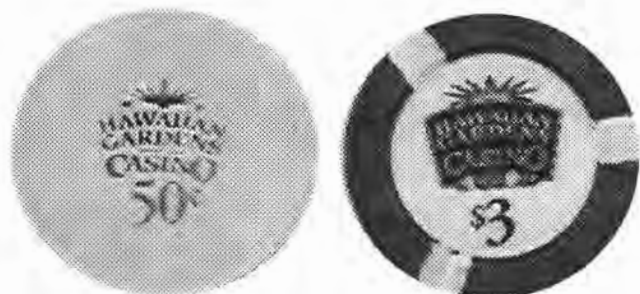
Sierra Sids, Sparks NV has four new \$10 in play for the 25th Anniversary, (1) horses, (2) mountain cougar, (3) "jackalope", & (4) "Jake". All have 25th anniversary logo on one side 1998 "G" mint. Monte Carlo, LV 6 new \$10 Silver Strike Tokens with a micro-brewery theme. More on these next time.

### CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS:

Crystal Park Casino opened 10-96 and closed 10-97. It has now re-opened as The New Crystal Park Casino 1-98. All previous H&C chips are obsolete. New chips have "The New" Crystal Park Casino, and city is Compton not Crystal City as before. Chips are; 50-cent H&C pch--HS, \$1 H&C blu, multi CI, \$2 H&C grn 1-lt blu 1-lt tan, multi CI, \$3 H&C red 3 dk brn, multi CI & \$5 H&C yel 2-lt blu 2-dk blu, multi CI.



Hawaiian Gardens Casino opened in two mobile trailers at the edge of a large vacant lot where construction of the new permanent building is to begin soon. This is in Hawaiian Gardens, Calif a southern suburb of Los Angeles. Chips are 50-cent H&C dk pch--HS, \$1 H&C dk blu 2-dk pnk 2-gry, multi lt blu CI, \$2 H&C lt grn 1-crm 1-pnk, multi lt grn CI, \$3 H&C dk grn 3 org/lt grn, multi grn CI, & \$5 H&C yel, 3 mrn/dk gld, multi yel CI.



Hollywood Park Casino, Englewood three chips for Lunar New Year 1998 Year of the Tiger. \$2.50 prp & copper, \$5 org & pewter, and \$8 dk red & brass.



### COLORADO NEWS

McGills, Crck added a new set of Chipco at opening. Same set of chips that were sold before the casino opened, except new ones do not have a date on them. Bronco Billy's, Crck \$5 Chipco, "Happy Holidays 1997/ Happy New Year 1998" with a great snowman figure.



Bronco Billy's Blhk closed 12-6-97, building to be taken in by Bullwhackers. On closing day a set of five new Chipco were put out, four of them having the denomination of \$5; (1) "Till We Meet Again/ Happy Trails", (2) "The Final Round-Up 1998"/ cowboy shoots horse, (3) "Adios" & drink set up/ "Wish You Were Here" (now we know where the chip money went!!), and (4) the last \$5 chip is one the Colorado Gaming Control would not even approve, but was sold to collectors on the last day of business anyway. Bronco Billy logo obverse/ card hand and very suggestive wording reverse. The last Chipco was a \$2.50 "No Cash Value, good for a prime rib dinner". Yet another example of chips being issued just for the collectors to buy that really have nothing to do with being chips for gambling.





**FLORIDA NEWS:**

Pompano Park Race Track, Pompano, Fla \$5 Chipco multi red "Happy New Year" one side/ "First Anniversary 1998" other side. One new 'cruise to nowhere' boat at N. Palm Beach, Fla.



Contessa Cruise & Casino, Inc. Boat is 'Contessa I'. \$5 H&C picture chip, red 3 pch/olv, multi gry center. 25-cent, \$1, \$5 (1998) RWM brass tokens, all have same design. Florida companies are now calling our 'cruise to nowhere' boats COASTAL CRUISES!



**INDIAN CASINO NEWS:**

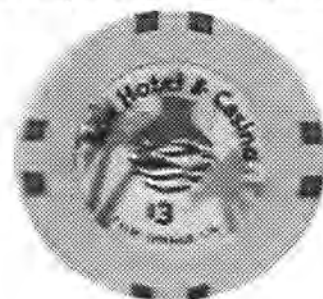
Robinson Ranchiera Casino, Nice, Calif has a new 25-cent mermaid mold, lav-hot stamp chip that has only "Robinson" on it.



Viejas Casino & Turf Club, Alpine Calif \$3 Chipco, multi lav, new 10-97.



Spa Casino, Palm Springs, Calif has all new chips. All H&C mold chips are obsolete. New set is RT Plastics (RTP) \$1 dk blu 4 split wht, \$2 dk pnk 2 wht, \$3 org, 4 split dk blu, & \$5 red 4 wht. All have same center inlay and the \$3 is hard to obtain here.





Spotlight 29 Casino, Coachella, Calif (near Palm Springs) \$5 Chipco "Inter Tribal Pow-Wow 1997" one side, "Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians" other side. This chip does not have the actual casino name on either side.



Sycuan Casino, El Cajon, Calif \$5 Chipco, blk turq org yel "14th Anniversary 1963-1997"



Paiute Palace Casino, Bishop, Calif new \$1 RT Plastics, wht 3 split blu, gold hot stamp center design



Mesquaki Bingo Casino, Tama, Iowa changed name to Meskwaki Nation Casino. New \$1 Chipco, blk gry org wht, same design as before, but now says "Meskwaki".



Harrah's and Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians opened new "Harrah's Prairie Band Casino" January 13, 1998 at Mayetta, Kansas. Chips are all H&C picture chips, \$1 wht 2-turq 2-mrn, multi grn wht center, \$2.50 brt pnk 1-grn 1-mus, multi pnk wht center, \$5 red 1 each-blu yel gry, multi rust wht center, & \$5 red 1 each-blu yel gry, multi center, "Grand Opening January 1998".

Tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1998) RWM, both have same design.



Sac & Fox Casino, Hiawatha, Kansas opened 4-97 with set of Chipco. In December 1997 these became obsolete when an all new set of Paul-Son picture chips were introduced. The H&C chips are the same design and colors as the original Chipco set. Grand Casino Avoyelles, Marksville, Louisiana \$5 Chipco multi red, "Merry Christmas" one side, Santa Claus other side, issued December 1997.



Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen, Minn new Chipco set, \$5 multi red-basketball design, \$25 multi grn-football design, & \$100 multi gry-baseball design.



Grand Portage Casino, Grand Portage, Minn 50-cent fleur-de-lis mold, gry 8 prp, multi wht CI. This chip is marked "American Funds".



**RIVERBOAT CASINOS:**

Ameristar Casino, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$5 H&C picture chip, 2nd Anniversary, January 18, 1998.



There is also another set for "Canadian Funds". Found at River Road Casino, Thief River Falls, Minn, a new 50-cent unicorn mold dk blu-hot stamp chip that says, "Red Lake Gaming Enterprises" in place of the casino name.



Harvey's Resort, Council Bluffs, Iowa, \$5 Chipco 1998, "2nd Anniversary" only on side edge of chip



Camel Rock Casino, Santa Fe, NM \$5 (1997) GDC token, same design as original \$1 token. Casino Sandia, Albuquerque, NM \$5 (1997) GDC token. Close to same design as \$1 token. Kla-Mo-Ya Casino, Chiloquin, Oregon opened 6-28-97. \$1 H&C blu 2 dk blu, multi wht CI.



Harrah's, Shreveport, Louisiana had two surprises for us, a \$5 H&C picture chip for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Harrah's organization that had not been reported previously, and a new \$1 H&C chip, same colors as original, but with the new stars logo instead of the old rose logo. Someday maybe they will also change the \$5 & \$25.



In May 1997, Regency Resort Casino, Mole Lake, Wisc was temporarily closed to re-open again June 1997. In January 1998 both Regency Resort Casino and The Grand Royale Casino, known as Mole Lake Casinos, closed until further notice. The Bingo Hall was also closed.

Treasure Bay Resort, Biloxi, Miss \$5 H&C picture chip, with a new way of combining edge inserts. There are 2-wht 2-org and 4-pnk. Center is multi blk on one side and multi wht on other side. Commemorates the Miss. Sea Wolves 1997-1998 on one side and shows the sailing ship replica that is the Treasure Bay Resort complex on the other side.



And so we come to the close of another report on new chip and token issues around the country. And, as always, I take this time to say, "MANY THANK YOU'S" to all that take the time to let me know what you are finding so this column can continue to keep all collectors informed on what there is out there to be added to their personal collections.

Until next time----Janice O'Neal, 8122 W Flamingo #66, Las Vegas, Nv 89117



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Submitted by: Robert Pardue (CH-003)

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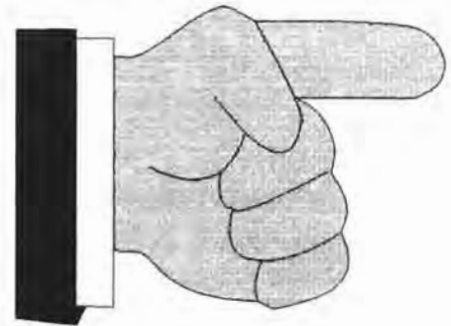
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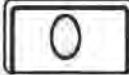


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T315	Imprinted TOKENS	\$36.00		
T316	No imprint for SILVER STRIKES	\$36.00		
T317	Imprinted SILVER STRIKES	\$36.00		

#	ITEM	PRICE	QT.	TOTAL
<b>Dansco Supreme Binder Pages for 9 items page</b>				
C-9	40mm for CHIPS	\$3.75		
T-9	38mm for DOLLAR TOKENS	\$3.75		
SS9	44mm for \$10 SILVER STRIKES	\$3.75		

#	ITEM	PRICE	QT.	TOTAL
<b>TUBES FOR CHIPS &amp; TOKENS</b>				
12C	Tubes for 20 CHIPS	50¢ ea.		
12T	Tubes for 20 TOKENS	50¢ ea.		

#	ITEM	PRICE	QT.	TOTAL
<b>STORAGE BOXES</b>				
13	Double Row for 2 x 2 items 14"	\$5.00		
13A	Double Row for 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 12"	\$5.00		
13B	Small Box for 2 x 2 items 9"	\$1.75		
13C	Small Plastic Box for 2 x 2 items 9"	\$3.25		
13D	Triple Row Box for raw chips/tks 10"	\$5.00		
13E	Double Row for 2x2 items 10"	\$4.00		
13F	Single Row for 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 8"	\$4.00		

<b>SMALL GLASS DISPLAY CASES</b>			
14-1	12 x 16 Display Case	\$10.00	
14-2	8 x 12 Display Case	\$7.50	
14-3	6 x 8 Display Case	\$5.00	

<b>INSERTS FOR 12" x 16" Case Above (14-1)</b>			
14-A	Insert with 12 2 1/2 x 4 1/4 Spaces	\$6.00	
14-B	Insert with 20 2 x 3 1/2 Spaces	\$6.00	
14-C	Insert with 35 2 x 2 Spaces	\$6.00	

<b>DEALER DISPLAY TRAYS 10 1/2" x 16"</b>			
15-1	Plan Tray	\$10.00	
15-2	Tray with 3 rows	\$10.00	
15-3	4 Rows, has 28 2 x 2 spaces	\$10.00	
15-4	6 rows, has 54 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 spaces	\$10.00	

<b>CLEANER FOR CHIPS AND TOKENS</b>			
16	Magic Cleaner for Chips	\$7.50	
17	Cleaner for Tokens	\$3.75	

<b>HELPFUL ITEMS</b>			
22	Chip or Token Wallet for 12 items	\$1.00	
23	Chip or Token Wallet for 18 items	\$1.25	
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25	2 x 2 Plastic Holder for Chips	.50	
25-A	Air-Tight 3 pc Case for Chips	\$1.00	
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26A	Replacement Holder \$10 Silver Strikes	\$1.25	
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29	Black Light to see chips	\$20.00	
30	3X Power Magnifier Bausch & Lomb	\$8.75	
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31	Oak Frame for Chips	\$35.00	
32-1	Display Board 8 x 10 Green	\$5.95	
32-2	Display Board 11 x 14 Green	\$9.95	
32-3	Display Board 16 x 20 Green	\$13.95	
32-4	Display Board 8 x 10 Black	\$5.95	
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