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Nominations Form for Club Officers, Information Booth,  
Chip & Token Update, Antique collectibles & Lots More



Introducing the first three members  
of the CC&GTCC Hall of Fame  
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CLUB MEETINGS  
1999 Chicago, Illinois  
2000 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2001 Atlanta, Georgia**

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TO PHILADELPHIA IN 2000**

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**1999 CC&GTCC 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL  
CONVENTION JUNE 17-19, 1999  
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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Letters To The Editor

Dear Chip & Token Friends:

Our 6th Las Vegas Convention has just closed and it was a great show and a time to see so many friends from across the states. The Orleans was comfortable and very friendly so the good news is we'll be back in 1999.

The best news for us is the Lost is Found. We were so concerned when our #3 Book of Deadwood chips and tokens disappeared and the word was out to all at the show. Police reports made out etc., but before we left the Orleans a call came to us that one of our collectors had picked up the book by mistake and found it when packing his car for his trip home and returned it to us. We hoped that this would happen as we felt that all the people that stopped at our table enjoy the hobby as much as we do.

We wanted to let everyone hear the good news and to thank everyone for their concern. We look forward to the next show and the future of the CC&GTCC activities.

We know that other items were missing from other dealers so some better security has to be found before next years show. Not only the dealers are at risk but also the collectors. They bring material with them that has a risk of being taken while shopping at the various venues at the show.

I would like a Security Room set up for dealer and collectors one day prior to the show and one day after at least until noon so the people are not tied to their inventory.

We look forward to next year and we'll hope more of the membership and friends will join us.

Sincerely,  
Bob & Jean Matthews

## **SNAFU-Gremlin and Bugs**

by Jim Steffner, Membership Officer

Any military person knows what SNAFU stands for, and the rest of us had to experience the Gremlins and Bugs with the mailing of the June issue of the club magazine.

The mailing house which handles the distribution had a problem with their computer software that moved the city-state-zip line of the address label one person down throughout the list. In the end I received about 400 first class magazines back that had to be relabeled and remailed. So far about 300 of the bulk mail issues have been returned.

The mailing house covered all costs associated with reprinting the magazine for a second mailing to the bulk mail list, and the second bulk mailing. Because this happened so close to the convention dates and the cut off for mail bids for the auction, a mailing was also made to all club members which included a list of auction lots and the mail bid form with the mailing house absorbing the cost for this also.

## **KANSAS CITY CHAPTER**

The Kansas City Club Chapter met on October 12, 1998 at the Stations Casino at 7:00pm. For information on the Kansas City Chapter you can call Jim Kruse at 816-420-8590.



## **1999 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SELECTED**

Mr. Wayne Thompson of Lexington, Kentucky has been selected by the CC&GTCC Board and has been appointed by President Black as the Convention Chairman for our 1999, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, National CC&GTCC Convention.

Mr. Thompson (R-2733) has had considerable experience in organizing and Chairing large gatherings of people for various events such as the Kentucky Mortgage Bankers three day Convention; State Olympics opening ceremonies Chairman; City of Lexington 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Some of his responsibilities regarding these events required negotiating contracts with hotels, booking sleeping rooms, seminar rooms, attendees rooms, food service for cocktail receptions, food vendors, assigning location and setting up exhibitors booths, tables, electric, signage, pre-convention promotion, registration, minute by minute logistics involving parade ceremonies, jet flyovers, directing of speaker presentations, etc. He also has experience with coordinating fire, police and health departments as they related to each other at these events and has handled security for VIP's including the governor and Michael Jordan.

The Board feels comfortable in knowing that we have found a well qualified, capable replacement Convention Chairman to pick up where our extraordinary Mike Skelton left off. The Board also wishes to extend our thanks to Mary Lee Fortner and to Charles Rodgers for their offers to be considered for the 1999 Convention Chair.

## **MIKE SKELTON NAMED HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

By unanimous vote, the CC&GTCC Board has bestowed Honorary Life Membership upon past Convention Chairman Michael Skelton for his dedication and valuable service to the club. Mr. Skelton becomes the only club member to be awarded Honorary Life Membership in appreciation for his outstanding duties as Convention Chairman for the past several, highly successful, annual CC&GTCC National Conventions.

## **1999 CONVENTION DATES & SITE SET**

The CC&GTCC Board has announced that our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 17 -19, 1999. The club has signed an agreement with Orleans Hotel & Casino to return once more to the superb facilities that we enjoyed during our 1998 event. The hotel room rates will be identical to those negotiated in 1998.



# New Members Since Last Issue

LAST	FIRST	Memb #	Sponsor	Allen	Carol	3805	Steffner
Hughes	Patricia	0449-A		Anderson	Betty	3806	O'Neal
Rust	Melanie	0678-A		Deehr	Thomas	3807	Hoffman, Edw
Sone	Linda	072-A		Clark	Vicki	3808	
Blacketer	Mary	0901-A		Yee	John	3809	Jung, Mel
Cutler	Sheryl	1002-A		Stevens	Robert	3810	Weaver, Marv
Smith	Myrna	1065-A		Hollywood	Tom	3811	Myers, Alan
DeBenedetto	Josephine	1342-A		Borawski	Terry	3812	Knapp
Eastman	Cindy	1530-A		Newberry	Pat	3814	Kleindienst, Al
Reid	Joyce	1840-A		Wall	Jerry	3817	
Bothwell	Chris	1952-A		Pugh	Gary	3818	Steffner
Maddox	Micale	2041-A		DelPrete	Wesley	3819	Zeller, Dennis
Newby, Jr.	Crystal	2377-A		Darby	Ellis	3820	Chequers
Hubbard	Duke	2619-A	Knapp	Kling	Debbie	3821	O'Neal
Huber	Patrick	2815-A		Lee	Lorin	3823	
Buell	Lori	2988-A	Scott Miller	Ratkovich	Emil	3824	
Hauptmann	Lilace	3243-A	Archie Black	Seaggiari	Tony	3825	O'Neal
Lindley	Jolie	3324-A	Conv	Nezhoda	Rene	3826	O'Neal
Lindley	Jessica	3324-A 1	Conv	Deemer	Frank	3827	Episale, Jim
Jassmann	Brenda	3426-A	Vargo, Don	Staeffler	Richard	3828	O'Neal
Washam	Barbara	3436-A		Smith	Paul	3829	Rodgers
Lipman	Tina	3444-A	Pollack	Smith	Parker	3830	Knapp
Stathatos	Nancy	3459-A	Weaver	Myers	Ruth Ann	3831	
Espinosa	Gracie	3517-A	Rodgers, Charlie	Konicke	Ronald	3832	
Finn	Linda	3552-A	Ridgers	Gritis	Jim	3833	
Sahlberg	Dulcie	3562-A	Steffner	Kirzner	Ron	3835	Knapp
Austin	Marie	3584-A	Black	Gehl	David	3836	
Ruffell	Sherry	3588-A		Gomes	Judy	3836	
Martino	Leslie	3711-A	Craig, Ken	Ryan	John	3837	
Bailey	Toni	3733-A	Susong, Greg	Ryan	Jeanne	3837-A	
Long	Nelson	3753	Rodgers	Clark	Cary	3838	
Sonnenberg	Bill	3754		Clark	Trisha	3838-A	
Henry	Catharine	3755	Rodgers	Smith	David	3839	
Rainbolt	Paul	3756	Knapp	Kinion	Chris	3841	
Stillwell	Douglas	3758	Meredith	Kinion	Julie	3841-A	
Heifetz	Avee	3759		Brooks	Fred	3843	Episale, Jim
Fong	Lewis	3760	O'Neal, Janice	Nathan	Peter	3844	
Brown	S. Don	3761	Brown, Ted	Fossier	Daryl	3845	
Allen	Ben	3762		Lawson	Van	3846	
Albert	Anita	3763	Rodgers	Lawson	Shirley	3846-A	
DeMondo	Mike	3764		Pollack	Judy	3848	
Pensegrau	Timothy	3766	Steffner	Tellez	Vic	3851	
Eagen	Dan	3768	Rodgers	Sotelo	Carolyn	3852	
Williams	Donald	3769		Olson	Ralph	3853	
Yurewicz	John	3771	Black, Archie	Labordo	Darwin	3854	
Kilmartin	Jack	3772		Giroud	Gilles	3855	
Post	Darlene	3774		Whalen	Dave	3858	
Post	Jim	3774-A		Omori	Dottie	3859	
Lawrence	Kenneth	3775	Black, Archie	McCormick	Monty	3860	
Himber	Jules	3776	Chequers	Jouffayan	Mike	3861	Mooradian, Jim
Juergens	David	3778	Chequers	Christopher	George	3862	
Steele	Stan	3780	Knapp	Macauley	Timothy	3863	
Steele	Sandra	3780-A	Knapp	Skinner	Dennis	3864	
Hendershot	Karen	3781	Richardson, Robert	Groff	Daniel	3865	Shapiro, Marc
Cundiff	Douglas	3782	Susong, Greg	Sholan	Charles	3866	
Ludlum	Marty	3783		Rapley	Luke	3867	
Peters	David	3784	O'Neal	Smith	Warren	3868	
Lewis	John	3786		DeGarmo	Guy	3869	
Hauptman	Dennis	3788		DeGarmo	Ginger	3869-A	
Baker	Frank	3791	Steffner	Inman	Suzanne	3870	
Baker	Bobbie	3791-A	Steffner	Follis	Jim	3872	
Haines	John	3792		Maloney	Patrick	3873	
Mandico	Jan	3792-A		Manning	Debra	3874	
Droege	Douglas	3793	L.C. Meredith	Hayes Sr	Ronald	3876	Hammond, John
Levitt	Daniel	3794		Schembre	Carmelo	3877	
Ruffell	David	3795	O'Neal	Majoros	James	3878	
Ruffell	Terry	3795-A	O'Neal	Agius	Bernard	3879	Alkei, Manuel
Fields	Arnold	3796	Snider, Bill	Fellman	Richard	3881	Nor Cal
Brint	Stewart	3797	O'Neal	Kocjan	Joseph	3882	Knapp
Cerrito	Joe	3798	Polanski, Calvin	Vance	Michael	3883	Borenstein, Alan
Molter	Carol	3801	Polansky, Calvin	Reynolds	Jay	3884	Richmond, Dean
Bjornson	Ralph	3802	Weaver, Marvin	Freizer	Stanley	3885	Rodgers
Gardner	Jim	3803		Kaspy	Howard	3886	Bickford, Bob
Averill	James	3804	O'Neal	Mack	Robert	3888	Hartman, Scott
				Nemer	Mark	3889	Borenstein, Alan

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# GAMING TIMES

## COLLECTIBLES SHOWS



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# CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR CONTEST VOTING

## CHIPS

### FLAMINGO HILTON LABOR DAY

1ST	16 x 5 pts@	80 points
2ND	16 x 3 pts@	48 points
3RD	18 x 2 pts@	36 points

TOTAL 164 points

### HARD ROCK CAFE 4th Of JULY

1ST	18 x 5 pts@	90 points
2ND	13 x 3 pts@	39 points
3RD	7 x 2 pts@	14 points

TOTAL 143 points

### NEW YORK NEW YORK \$10 GRAND OPENING

1ST	12 x 5 pts@	60 points
2ND	14 x 3 pts@	42 points
3RD	19 x 2 pts@	38 points

TOTAL 140 points

### FIESTA APRIL FOOLS DAY

1ST	15 x 5 pts@	75 points
2ND	8 x 3 pts@	24 points
3RD	11 x 2 pts@	22 points

TOTAL 121 points

### OPERA HOUSE HALLOWEEN

1ST	19 x 5 pts@	95 points
2ND	3 x 3 pts@	9 points
3RD	7 x 2 pts@	14 points

TOTAL 118 points

### HARD ROCK CAFE HALLOWEEN

1ST	7 x 5 pts@	35 points
2ND	21 x 3 pts@	63 points
3RD	8 x 2 pts@	16 points

TOTAL 114 points

### OPERA HOUSE THANKSGIVING

1ST	9 x 5 pts@	45 points
2ND	11 x 3 pts@	33 points
3RD	11 x 2 pts@	22 points

TOTAL 100 points

### FOUR QUEENS THANKSGIVING

1ST	8 x 5 pts@	40 points
2ND	12 x 3 pts@	36 points
3RD	12 x 2 pts@	24 points

TOTAL 100 points

### HARD ROCK CAFE FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

1ST	4 x 5 pts@	20 points
2ND	3 x 3 pts@	9 points
3RD	8 x 2 pts@	16 points

TOTAL 45 points

### KEY LARGO SAILFISH GRAND OPENING

1ST	10 x 5 pts@	50 points
2ND	8 x 3 pts@	24 points
3RD	6 x 2 pts@	12 points

TOTAL 86 points



## TOKENS

### HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN PARROT

1ST	23 x 5 pts@	115 points
2ND	18 x 3 pts@	54 points
3RD	13 x 2 pts@	26 points

TOTAL 195 points

### NY NY \$10 BROOKLYN BRIDGE

1ST	19 x 5 pts@	95 points
2ND	20 x 3 pts@	60 points
3RD	16 x 2 pts@	32 points

TOTAL 187 points

### KEY LARGO SAILFISH

1ST	23 x 5 pts@	115 points
2ND	12 x 3 pts@	36 points
3RD	17 x 2 pts@	34 points

TOTAL 185 points

### SKY CITY CASINO LIZARDS

1ST	12 x 5 pts@	60 points
2ND	10 x 3 pts@	30 points
3RD	9 x 2 pts@	18 points

TOTAL 108 points

### NEW YORK NEW YORK \$1 SKYLINE

1ST	7 x 5 pts@	35 points
2ND	5 x 3 pts@	15 points
3RD	13 x 2 pts@	26 points

TOTAL 76 points

### SUNSET STATION TRAIN

1ST	6 x 5 pts@	30 points
2ND	9 x 3 pts@	27 points
3RD	8 x 2 pts@	16 points

TOTAL 73 points

### SUNSET STATION SAILING SHIP

1ST	5 x 5 pts@	25 points
2ND	8 x 3 pts@	24 points
3RD	9 x 2 pts@	18 points

TOTAL 67 points

### SUNSET STATION DON QUIXOTE

1ST	4 x 5 pts@	20 points
2ND	6 x 3 pts@	18 points
3RD	6 x 2 pts@	12 points

TOTAL 50 points

### HARLEY DAVIDSON CAFE

1ST	4 x 5 pts@	20 points
2ND	8 x 3 pts@	24 points
3RD	2 x 2 pts@	4 points

TOTAL 48 points

### LAS VEGAS HILTON SPACEQUEST

1ST	3 x 5 pts@	15 points
2ND	5 x 3 pts@	15 points
3RD	6 x 2 pts@	12 points

TOTAL 42 points

### SILVERTON HOTEL \$1

1ST	4 x 5 pts@	20 points
2ND	2 x 3 pts@	6 points
3RD	5 x 2 pts@	10 points

TOTAL 36 points





# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

According to Article Four Section 1; "The club shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and a Membership Officer".

Section 2 states; "A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) Club officers".

Section 3 A) states; "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".

Section 3 B) states; "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".

Section 3 C) states; "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."

Section 3 D) states; "Newly elected officers shall be installed every two years at the Club's odd numbered annual meeting".

Section 3 E) states; "The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed".

Section 3 F) states; "Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the Club)."\*\*\*

Section 3 G) states; "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".

**\*\*NOTE:** Article Five Section 1 defines "Members" as the following: Charter; Regular; Associate; Life. Article Five Section 2 states; "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." Article Five Section 3 states; "Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid currently, and who have not been subject to any discipline by the Club".

# NOMINATE & ELECT

## CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB

E L E C T I O N S

.....



David Sarles  
*for*  
President



Janice O'Neal  
*for*  
Vice-President



Nate Pincus  
*for*  
Treasurer



Barry Weintraub  
*for*  
Secretary



James Steffner  
*for*  
Membership Officer

.....

### OUR PLATFORM

- 1) To **serve the collectors** and **advance the hobby** for their benefit.
- 2) To **recognize** and **promote all casino collectibles** encompassed by our hobby.
- 3) To **improve communications** between the club leadership, our chapters, and our members.
- 4) To **publicize our hobby** so that the many collectors not in our club can learn about us and join our organization.
- 5) To **improve the club magazine and convention**.
- 6) To **implement and maintain an official club web site**.
- 7) To **advance our hobby into the mainstream of collectibles**.
- 8) To remember that **we collect for fun!**



## A POINT OF VIEW FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION & OPINION

By

**Steven A. Cutler**

of

**"Nevada Gold Museum"**

Who is seeking the  
Nomination & Election  
to the position of  
Vice President  
of C.C & G.T.C.C



**Charles T. Rodgers**

of

**"C.T.Coins"**

Who is seeking the  
Nomination & Election  
to the position of  
President  
of C.C & G.T.C.C

We have taken the time to formulate some ideas for the membership's consideration. These are positive changes we believe would enhance our hobby, and if elected we would work hard to make them become a reality

### **(1) LETS START WITH THE NAME OF OUR CLUB:**

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. Have you had a hard time in recalling what the club name was or what the CC&GTCC was? We're sure you have. We believe most collectors in our hobby today collect more than just CHIPS or TOKENS, they collect "CASINO COLLECTABLES", such as Match books, post cards, slot glass, dice, cards and anything that has a casino name on it. So why don't we have a club name that reflects this. Such as International Casino Collectibles Club or just Casino Collectibles Club, a name that we can all recall. We would like to put this point up for all the members to vote on.

### **(2) BETTER COMMUNICATION:**

The club "Board Members" needs to have better communication with its membership and chapter clubs. Lets have the telephone numbers of each board member listed in the club magazine, in this way if a member has a problem or needs information they can have a way of contacting someone and have their problems answered in a timely manner. Have the board members give a quarterly report on their activities in each issue of the club magazine. Have Chapter clubs give a quarterly report in the club magazine.

### **(3) LET OTHERS KNOW "WE ARE HERE"**

How did you find out about this club? We don't believe it was by any ad put out by the club. The club can put the word out in many ways and a lot of it would not cost the club very much money or any in some cases. Lets develop a better relationship with the casinos by placing information about the club in their in house publications to their employees. This alone could bring in five hundred to one thousand new members per year. The national club as well as the charter clubs can develop programs about casino collectibles that could be given at many types of other collector groups or organizations such as Elks, Masonic, Senior centers, Coin Clubs, Stamp Clubs, Local Casinos. Participate in National Coin Week, This club of ours is part of one of the largest collector groups in the world, the American Numismatic Association. Plan now to put together a display for National coin week in your local Bank, Library, Casino, School, you name it but put something out there. This could bring people and casino collectibles out of the woodwork and into our club. Our national convention needs to make available table space for the charter clubs for a modest fee or no fee. In this way the charter clubs could have information available to all members and newcomers at the national convention.

#### **(4) CODE OF ETHICS FOR DEALERS AND ADVERTISERS:**

We have a code of ethics for our members, but we need one for our member Dealers that come to the national convention and for our member advertisers who place ads in the club quarterly publication. Our members must know that when they see an ad in the club quarterly publication they are getting their moneys worth and also know that if they receive something that they don't like they will be able to receive a full refund or exchange. Members would not be able to sell or offer for sale repro, or questionable items. All members at the national show would not offer for sale any items that are not CASINO COLLECTIBLES. Advertisers in the quarterly magazine would have to offer a full refund or exchange on any item a member received and did not like. The member would have a full fifteen-day return privilege.

#### **(5) AN ARBITRATION BOARD:**

We need to set up an arbitration board to look into any problems that may come up between our member dealers and member customers. The board could be made up of board members and other club members to help solve future problems. Member Dealers or advertisers who refuse to comply with the board's results would not be able to advertise in the club quarterly in the future, and not be able to set up at the national convention. Members could face expulsion from the club. Our members need to know that the club is working for them and this action could be one of the incentives for someone to join the club.

#### **(6) CHANGE THE RULES FOR CHIP AND TOKEN OF THE YEAR:**

Let all members vote on chip and token of the year, not just the people that selected these pcs to be voted on. If members want to vote on a set of chips or tokens they should be able to. The Main Street Station is a point that comes to mind.

#### **(7) HAVE A TERM LIMITATION ON BOARD MEMBERS:**

Let the membership vote on a term limitation for board members, in this way it would give other qualified members a chance to have their input into the club activities.

#### **(8) SET GOALS FOR THE CLUB:**

At this time we do not see what the club is doing or what it is going to do in the future. Let's set some goals for this club for each year by the membership, this would get more members involved in the club's activities. Such goals could be some of the items we talked about earlier, such as working on an exhibit for National Coin Week. Or programs to give to other collector groups.

#### **(9) THINK FOR THE FUTURE:**

We believe we can have some of the following, but it will take a great deal of help from the membership. The more members we have working for the same reason the better this club can be. How about a web site for the club? We are sure there are members out there with some time and computer skills for this one. Some day the members will be able to log on their computer and be able to find out what any chip or token that was issued looks like in full color. Members could download or purchase a readout on any casino. They could do so at a small price. This would take a lot of work to put together, but it would be a great goal for a group like ours. A national home for our club. Where members and the public alike could go to and see not only chips and tokens but all types of casino collectibles. As a start on the above, one goal could be to have an exhibit at the American Numismatic Association home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Members could donate items for this exhibit and we, as a club, would have to provide funds for the upkeep of the exhibit.

These are some of our points of view and we just wanted to share them with you. We welcome your point of view and comments on ours. Constructive ideas and criticism are always welcomed. To further discuss any of these issues, feel free to call.

Steven Cutler at 702-257-1087 or Charlie Rodgers at 562-408-2463

In the very near future there will be a call for nominations to run for the board of C.C. & G.T.C.C. At that time we hope you will consider where you want this club to go. We hope you will consider us to lead this club into the twenty first century.



# SUMMARY OF THE WORLD WORKSHOP TO STANDARDIZE CHIP, CHECK & TOKEN IDENTIFICATION CODES

by Ralph Pollack R-749

On Friday August 14, 1998 at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas a workshop was held to discuss the standardization of codes for World-wide Casino Chips, Cheques and Tokens. Approximately 35 members were present. Ralph P. Pollack moderated this first of its kind meeting.



Doc Finstuen opened the meeting with some interesting statistics about the vast numbers of casino chips, cheques & token and supported the need to standardize a way to identify these items. This was followed by presentations by two members discussing their own identification systems. Bob A. Gingsburg formulated a numerical and decimal system for computers while Ralph P. Pollack discussed his system using letters and numbers.

Steve Piccolo along with other individuals wanted a non-computer based system to more easily communicate between members and other collectors. The members present suggested that the



CC&GTCC sanction a universal numbering system. Three board members happened to be present at this meeting and Archie Black appointed Peter Nathan, our newest member of *one day*, to head a committee to look into this complex topic. About ten members signed up to serve on this committee.

The meeting ended with more questions raised than were initially presented. It is hoped that this newly formed committee will work diligently to initially propose a universal system that the CC&GTCC Club could work with. Many revisions are expected and this process may take several years to try and satisfy a majority of our members.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE THAT WAS  
PUBLISHED IN  
COIN WORLD,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1998

## Demolition of Aladdin casino chronicled in club periodical

The implosion of the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas is the cover story in the July-September issue of Casino Chip and Token News, published by the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club.

Elvis and Priscilla Presley were married there. Neil Diamond opened its famous theater.

Kregg L. Herz and Howard W. Herz chronicled the final hours of the 32-year-old, 17-story, 1,100-room hotel. The famous landmark has been closed since November 1997.

Shortly after sunset on April 27, explosion experts initiated a series of explosions, the hotel buckled and then plunged into a huge cloud of dust. Once the Aladdin site is cleared, construction is expected to begin on a new 2,600-room Aladdin Hotel/Casino along with a second 1,000-room hotel/casino.

A theater and a shopping complex are also planned for the site. The three projects carry a price tag of \$1.3 billion with completion set for 2000.

Also in this issue is a story by Dale Seymour and Ken Craig about antique collectibles relating to gambling; Archie A. Black writes about new Atlantic City casino chips and tokens; Steve Passalacqua provides information about casino owner George Sam Canon, owner of George's Gateway in South Lake Tahoe, Nev.; and Phil Jensen writes about collecting in old Nevada.

There is also club news, supplies for sale, reference books and other items offered for sale.

For more information about the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, contact James Steffner, Box 368, Wellington, OH 44090. **CW**



**CHIPS LIKE** this one and other gaming memorabilia are all that remain from the historic Aladdin Hotel & Casino. The facility served as the site for most of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club's Annual Conventions the past 10 years.



Above: Kregg Herz, Editor; Charlie Rodgers, Advertising Manager; Mick Austreng, Palmer Printing

# Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collector's Club • Auction '98 • Prices Realized

1	\$95.00	53	\$200.00	105	\$700.00	157	\$90.00	209	\$200.00
2	\$70.00	54	\$300.00	106	\$150.00	158	\$130.00	210	\$15.00
3	\$40.00	55	\$65.00	107	\$210.00	159	\$20.00	211	\$100.00
4	\$25.00	56	\$25.00	108	\$190.00	160	\$105.00	212	\$250.00
5	\$130.00	57	\$75.00	109	\$110.00	161	\$185.00	213	\$150.00
6	\$25.00	58	\$70.00	110	\$200.00	162	\$125.00	214	\$140.00
7	\$115.00	59	\$20.00	111	\$160.00	163	\$150.00	215	\$280.00
8	\$330.00	60	\$75.00	112	\$170.00	164	\$100.00	216	\$15.00
9	\$35.00	61	\$390.00	113	\$160.00	165	\$550.00	217	[Withdrawn]
10	\$50.00	62	[Withdrawn]	114	\$150.00	166	\$100.00	218	\$35.00
11	\$50.00	63	\$3,500.00	115	\$20.00	167	\$500.00	219	\$650.00
12	\$113.00	64	\$350.00	116	\$35.00	168	\$158.00	220	\$150.00
13	\$135.00	65	\$175.00	117	\$150.00	169	\$23.00	221	\$104.00
14	\$80.00	66	\$1,100.00	118	\$85.00	170	\$50.00	222	\$85.00
15	\$145.00	67	\$130.00	119	\$180.00	171	\$150.00	223	\$50.00
16	\$30.00	68	\$200.00	120	\$60.00	172	\$175.00	224	\$425.00
17	\$160.00	69	\$20.00	121	\$900.00	173	\$75.00	225	\$100.00
18	\$210.00	70	\$55.00	122	\$100.00	174	\$825.00	226	\$20.00
19	\$125.00	71	\$60.00	123	\$325.00	175	\$55.00	227	\$625.00
20	\$120.00	72	\$60.00	124	\$400.00	176	\$95.00	228	\$60.00
21	\$85.00	73	\$140.00	125	\$825.00	177	\$340.00	229	\$125.00
22	\$50.00	74	\$900.00	126	\$8.00	178	\$175.00	230	\$250.00
23	\$130.00	75	\$100.00	127	\$35.00	179	\$300.00	231	\$250.00
24	\$55.00	76	\$300.00	128	\$450.00	180	\$425.00	232	\$250.00
25	\$50.00	77	\$120.00	129	\$25.00	181	\$500.00	233	\$275.00
26	\$310.00	78	\$200.00	130	\$60.00	182	\$20.00	234	\$1,050.00
27	\$850.00	79	\$130.00	131	\$70.00	183	\$175.00	235	\$425.00
28	\$230.00	80	\$130.00	132	\$15.00	184	\$325.00	236	\$65.00
29	\$70.00	81	\$125.00	133	\$35.00	185	\$15.00	237	\$30.00
30	\$300.00	82	\$575.00	134	\$50.00	186	\$25.00	238	\$14.00
31	\$150.00	83	\$325.00	135	\$45.00	187	[Withdrawn]	239	\$100.00
32	\$100.00	84	\$250.00	136	\$40.00	188	\$10.00	240	\$40.00
33	\$130.00	85	\$69.00	137	\$350.00	189	\$175.00	241	\$275.00
34	\$110.00	86	\$200.00	138	\$80.00	190	\$7.50	242	\$850.00
35	\$40.00	87	\$25.00	139	\$55.00	191	\$80.00	243	\$150.00
36	\$15.00	88	\$300.00	140	\$70.00	192	\$130.00	244	\$150.00
37	\$200.00	89	\$540.00	141	\$275.00	193	\$75.00	245	\$217.00
38	\$175.00	90	\$2,000.00	142	\$60.00	194	\$550.00	246	\$125.00
39	\$160.00	91	\$200.00	143	\$140.00	195	\$290.00	247	[Withdrawn]
40	\$45.00	92	\$40.00	144	\$20.00	196	\$800.00	248	\$70.00
41	\$50.00	93	\$150.00	145	\$190.00	197	\$200.00	249	\$225.00
42	\$225.00	94	\$725.00	146	\$500.00	198	\$40.00	250	\$90.00
43	\$525.00	95	\$450.00	147	\$310.00	199	\$160.00	251	\$75.00
44	\$60.00	96	\$30.00	148	\$250.00	200	\$87.00	252	\$170.00
45	\$239.00	97	\$100.00	149	\$200.00	201	\$275.00	253	\$150.00
46	\$217.00	98	\$90.00	150	\$175.00	202	\$90.00	254	\$25.00
47	\$30.00	99	\$80.00	151	\$170.00	203	\$100.00	255	\$30.00
48	\$625.00	100	\$45.00	152	\$30.00	204	\$450.00	256	\$35.00
49	\$55.00	101	\$200.00	153	\$22.00	205	\$2,500.00	257	\$45.00
50	\$110.00	102	\$100.00	154	\$80.00	206	\$60.00	258	\$90.00
51	\$18.00	103	\$70.00	155	\$120.00	207	\$75.00	259	\$425.00
52	\$1,200.00	104	\$140.00	156	\$25.00	208	\$20.00		
									Total Sale
									\$55,555.50

## Congratulations to Ten-Year Members

CC&GTCC is proud to announce, on the ten year anniversary of this organization, there are 52 out of 100 members that have been with the club since the beginning. To celebrate individual tenth anniversaries the club has issued a ten year membership pin. Some of you received this award at the convention. The rest will be going out by mail, which most of you should have received before you receive this issue of your magazine.

Following is the list of members by membership number that have received this award in 1998.

Submitted by Janice O'Neal CH-008  
Vice President/Club Historian

CH-001 Archie Black	CH-002 Bruce Landau	CH-003 Robert Pardue
CH-004 James Whittaker	CH-006 Mark Lighterman	CH-007 Michael Knapp
CH-008 Janice O'Neal	CH-009 Dean Richmond	CH-014 Neal Rasmussen
CH-018 David Udkow	CH-019 Bernard Walters	CH-020 Norman Mangouni
CH-022 Jon Yasko	CH-025 Jon Morell	CH-027 Dr. Allan Myers
CH-028 Rick Meyer	CH-029 Don Wentzel	CH-031 Walter Dirzulaitis
CH-033 Charles Rodgers	CH-034 Rocco Di Giacomo	CH-036 Albert Giorgi
CH-037 Jim Dalzell	CH-039 Daniel Sova	CH-041 Kermit Stephen
CH-043 Jim Munding	CH-044 Steven Passalacqua	CH-046 Anthony Sorrentino
CH-047 Paul Cunningham	CH-049 Scott Fawcett	CH-051 Jack Boberg
CH-054 Henry Garrett	CH-055 Al Zaika	CH-056 Richard McCutchan
CH-057 Kathlene McLaughlin	CH-058 Dale Seymour	CH-064 Alkei Manuel
CH-066 Will Posthumus	CH-070 David Cuthbertson	CH-072 Wayne Sone
CH-073 George Gentle	CH-078 Paul Fort	CH-079 K. Michael Pollard
CH-082 Richard Waymeyer	CH-085 Howard Herz	CH-088 Gerald O'Neal
CH-089 Pauline Abbott	CH-091 Robert Matthews	CH-094 Michael Hurley
CH-095 Edward Kurtz, Jr.	CH-098 William Miller, KY	



**REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING OF CC&GTCC BOARD AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**

On Wednesday August 12, the day prior to the opening of the club's 1998 annual convention, the Board met to discuss various issues presented for its consideration.

At the meeting, three of the members of the Board announced that they will not stand for reelection to their offices when their terms expire at the 1999 convention: Archie Black, President; Michael Knapp, Secretary, and Chuck Tomarchio, Treasurer. A call for nominations for all Board positions will appear in this issue of *Casino Chip* and *Token News*. The Board encourages all members to consider making themselves available to serve the club as officers, and to nominate those who they believe will conduct the business of the club so that it grows and prospers in the future.

Convention Chairman Mike Skelton presented a report on the status of the 1998 convention and his negotiations on behalf of the club for the 1999 convention.

Based on Chairman Skelton's report, the Board voted unanimously to return to the Orleans Hotel & Casino for its next convention, to be held on June 17, 18 and 19, 1999. The Board also voted to authorize Chairman Skelton to enter into an agreement with the Orleans for the year 2000 convention on the corresponding weekend in June.

Discussion followed concerning a replacement for Chairman Skelton. Three members volunteered their services to be convention chairman for 1999, but one withdrew the offer prior to the Board meeting. The two remaining candidates were considered, and President Black, with the Board's unanimous support, appointed member Wayne Thompson, whose previous experience in conducting special events and annual meetings is substantial.

The Board considers the club fortunate to have a volunteer of Chairman Thompson's experience, and urges all members to contact him throughout the year to volunteer for the myriad duties which are needed to conduct an event of the size of our annual meeting and convention.

With the assistance of Chairman Thompson, the President will be selecting a new convention program editor and a new convention promotions chairman. Janice Ono and Vince and Betty Mowery, who have held the positions for several years, have indicated that they will not serve again. The Board's thanks went to the Mowerys and to Ms. Ono for their assistance in the past.

Treasurer Chuck Tomarchio reported on the status of the club's finances and Secretary Michael Knapp discussed the pending bylaw and constitution amendments. Eric Rosenblum, who for several years has volunteered his services to the club to handle its incorporation and other legal matters, was appointed Parliamentarian for the annual meeting.

Club Advertising Manager C. T. Rodgers presented a written report to the Board recommending a new advertising price structure for *Casino Chip* and *Token News*, designed to encourage long-term advertising. His recommendations were adopted.

The Board also discussed club publicity, CC&TN and the need to maintain tighter deadlines, the quality of the 1998 auction catalog, election procedures for the upcoming 1999 election, and a situation involving attempts to organize tag-along and events competing with the club convention. An investigation was held later in the day, and will be the subject of a separate report in this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knapp, Secretary

**CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB**  
**TENTH ANNUAL MEETING: AUGUST 13, 1998**

The tenth annual meeting of the CC&GTCC was called to order by President Archie Black at the Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 7:30 pm. 94 club members were in attendance.

President Black introduced the elected and appointed officers in attendance, and introduced Wayne Thompson, 1999 Convention Chairman. The President presented the following awards:

*Gene Grossblatt*: Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

*Alice and Vern Blanck*: Registration Co-Chairmen

*Muriel and Art Sanderson*: Registration Co-Chairmen

*Dick Allard*: Club Promotional Materials Chairman

*Vince and Betty Mowery*: Convention Publicity

*Earl Donley*: Convention Permits and Taxes

*Mark Lighterman*: Photographer

*Jerry O'Neal*: Club Property Custodian

*Bob Pardue*: Club Librarian

*Kregg Herz*: Editor, CC&TN

*C.T. Rodgers*: Advertising Manager

*Bill Akeman*: Publisher, Gaming Times, for his continued support for the hobby

*Neal Silverman* and *Greg Susong*: operators of *Chequers* and *Greg Susong's Guide to Casino Chips*, respectively, for service to the hobby

*Mike Skelton*: Convention Chairman, 1995-1998 and to each of the elected officers for their contributions to the club and the hobby over the past year.

The appointment of Gene Trimble as Elections Chairman for the 1999 balloting was announced, and Mike Skelton presented the meeting and those in attendance with a CC&GTCC 10<sup>th</sup> birthday cake, prepared by the Orleans.

After a short break, officers' reports were made. Membership Officer Jim Steffner reported that at the time of the annual meeting, the club had 1,905 members, 181 of whom were associate members, and three of whom were life members. Slightly more than 300 members have paid to receive their club magazines by first class mail, the remaining

1600 receiving their magazines by bulk mail. Membership number 3489 was the last to be issued on the first day of the convention. The renewal rate for membership is steadily increasing, from 55% to about 70%.

Treasurer Chuck Tomarchio presented his report on the financial health of CC&GTCC. 39.5% of all club income is devoted to publishing and mailing this magazine. 26.5% of the club's income goes to the conduct of the convention. 14.5% pays the expenses of the annual auction. During general discussion, the suggestion was made to assign asset numbers to club property for tracking and accountability purposes. The Treasurer indicated that he would look into the proposal and report to the Board.

Secretary Michael Knapp reported on the conduct of official club business over the past year. He then presented the official club business which needed to be conducted at the meeting. The Secretary proposed the three motions which had been properly brought before the club, and each was seconded. Two member proposals, published in the Fall, 1997 issue of CC&TN, and the Board's own recommendation to adopt a Restated Constitution for the club were considered by the membership in attendance.

Neither member proposal was passed, and the convention proceeded to consider adoption of the Board-recommended Restated Constitution. During discussion, the suggestion was made that the Board consider revising the Constitution in 1999 to provide for staggered terms for officers, so that all elected officers' positions do not come up for election at the same time. The Board agreed to take the matter under advisement for the next annual meeting. A motion was made to amend the proposed Restated Constitution to substitute the words "annual meeting" in place of the word "election" throughout. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. After further discussion, a motion was made to call the question,

and to put the proposed Restated Constitution to a vote of the floor. The motion and the proposed Restated Constitution were passed unanimously.

Open discussion of club business followed, and among the topics discussed were representation of CC&GTCC at national and local coin shows. President Black indicated that CC&GTCC has been represented at every national ANA convention since formation of the club in 1988. Vice President Janice O'Neal is CC&GTCC's liaison representative to ANA. Additionally, President Black has often represented the club at F.U.N. (Florida United Numismatists) conventions, and other local representation has been undertaken from time to time. He mentioned that it was not possible for a couple of volunteer officers to cover the entire nation to attend every local or state coin show, however, and he urged interested members to contact him if they have interest in representing the club at local events. The club is more than willing to provide literature and support if there are volunteers interested in manning a club table.

An informal survey was taken among the members in attendance at the annual meeting, asking how many had computers with access to one or more proprietary online services, and access to the Internet. More than 85% of those in attendance indicated that they have Internet access.

President Black concluded the meeting by reminding the members in attendance that 1999 is an election year, and that all members interested in the conduct of the club and its affairs consider running for office and nominating those they believe will represent the club for growth, prosperity, and service to its members. The meeting was then adjourned.

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## **TWO EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS HELD AT ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Billed as the "World Workshop," member and author Ralph Pollack moderated a seminar on Friday, August 14, to discuss standardizing chip and token descriptions and numbering, especially for database purposes.

32 club members were in attendance, and there was

significant participation. Doc Finstuen, Bob Ginsburg (from CT) and Ralph Pollack were the main speakers, but members of the audience were involved in the discussions as well.

Peter Nathan volunteered to organize an effort to present a proposal to the Board for consideration. The Committee on Uniform Numbering and Standardization consists of Peter Nathan, Chairman, Alan Borenstein, Ed Brounstein, Robert Ginsburg, Gary Held, Robert Holborow, Martin Kaplan, Mark Lighterman, Don Lueders, Ed Mahan, Robert McCollum, Bennett Pearlman, and Ralph Pollack.

On Saturday, August 15, "Ask The Masters" was the topic of the regularly scheduled club educational seminar. Geared toward helping to educate and answer questions of new collectors, the session attracted some 35 members. Panelists Dick Covington, Bruce Landau, Steve Piccolo and Greg Susong and Moderator Michael Knapp made short presentations and answered questions for well over two hours.

To begin the seminar, each panelist was asked the most important single piece of advice he could give a beginning collector. Dick Covington: When able to acquire chips in casinos for face value, always take three of each—one for your collection, one to trade, and one to sell. Bruce Landau: Focus! There's simply too much material available to collect it all; develop and stick to a plan of collecting.

Steve Piccolo: Collect what you like; keep it fun! Greg Susong: Remember those who helped you to get started, and repay the hobby by helping someone else in the same way. Michael Knapp: Information and knowledge of what you are about is essential. Read the books available for the collector, use the reference guides, and always keep an inventory of your collection so you know what you have and what you need.

Other topics discussed were how to buy chips and tokens, how to trade them, display and storage of collections, cleaning of chips and tokens, how to begin and maintain a database to inventory your collection, and how to access and use the Internet to help build and learn about your collection.



## DEALER TABLES FOR NEXT YEAR

All dealers who booked table space at our 1998 convention will have first crack at table space for the June 17-19, 1999 event. "New (additional) dealers" wishing to apply for table space next year are encouraged to contact Convention Chairman Wayne Thompson to be placed on his list. This procedure is very important in order to determine in advance how much bourse room space will be required to satisfy the growing table demand for next year's convention and to book ample ballroom square footage with the Orleans Hotel. Mr. Thompson's mailing address is; PO Box 21884 Lexington, KY 40522. His e-mail address is; [ZDAX83A@prodigy.com](mailto:ZDAX83A@prodigy.com) It is not too early to put in your requests. Don't wait until it's too late and all available table space has been assigned.

## COMPETING EVENTS DURING CC&GTCC CONVENTIONS

The Board was faced with a challenge from two individuals who two weeks prior to our convention, planned to set up their own bourse tables and were actively soliciting other dealers to book table space in a separate salon room at the Orleans during our recently concluded 1998 convention. One of the individuals is a club member, the other individual's dues had expired in June. When the Board found out about this planned competing activity, we contacted the hotel management who did the honorable thing by voiding the contract with the two individuals. The Board feels that those who *freeload*, by piggy backing onto our advertising efforts and expense and who take advantage of our dozens of committee's hard work promoting the CC&GTCC Annual conventions, are taking advantage of our membership who are in town attending the CC&GTCC Convention. This Board will not tolerate a similar competing event held on the same property during any of our future scheduled convention dates. Our 1999 revised contract language with the hotel and our revised contract provisions with our dealers will specifically forbid such activity. Future violators planning such an activity will be dealt with accordingly. Consider this an official warning/notification for 1999 to those "*freeloaders*" so inclined.

## 1999 CC&GTCC CONVENTION AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's hard to believe that we are talking about our 1999 Convention Auction this early. Last year we had 14 months between conventions - this year only 10. Those who attended this year's auction were very well pleased with the selection of lots and the hectic competitive bidding activity. In general, we are repeating the same words which appeared in our Oct, Nov, Dec issue last year. The timetable and rules remain the same. This year, as last, there will be no minimums or reserves. Our annual auction almost guarantees the highest possible price you can get for *your chips and tokens*. Keep this in mind when consigning your lots. Here is the summary and time table.

**Date:** Friday, June 18, 1999, 6:30pm to 11:00pm.

**Submissions:** All lots should be shipped First Class & insured for full value to: Gaming Archaeology, P.O. Box 1000, Minden, NV 89423. The auction will be limited to 225-250 lots. **All lots must be received by December 31, 1998.** Each member may submit up to three lots only until the 250 lot limit reached. First come, first served.

**Committee Rights:** The auction committee reserved the right to refuse any lots. We are seeking all different values, scarce to rare chips and tokens; please no current or very common material.

**Commissions:** Consignors and buyers each will be charged a 10% fee on all lots.

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

**Questions:** Please contact the CC&GTCC 1999 Auction Chairman; Bruce Landau at 44 West Gate Rd., Suffern, NY 10901. Phone during the day is (201) 818-9500 ext. #225, Evenings: (914) 357-0837.

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

## 1997 CC&GTCC CONVENTION AUCTION FRIDAY JUNE 18, 1999

**Consign Lots:** Max 3 per member

**Send to:** Gaming Archaeology

**No Later Than:** December 31, 1998

**Request Catalog Form:** Order form will be in January 1999 Club magazine. Illustrated \$10/ppd. Non illustrated/FREE

**Catalog Order Deadline:** March 21, 1999

**Catalog Mailings:** Approximately May 15, 1999 only to those who paid for the catalog

**Mail Bids:** Send to Gaming Archaeology, P.O. Box 1000, Minden, NV 89423 no later than June 10, 1999

**Lots On Display:** Thursday/Friday: June 17-18, 1999 Orleans Hotel & Casino

**Auctions Begins:** June 18, 1999; 6:30pm

### CC&GTCC CLUB LOGO APPROVED FOR USE BY CLUB MEMBERS... WITH MODIFICATION

The CC&GTCC Board has unanimously re-stated it's previous position that the use of the club logo is permitted for use by club members, dealers and Chapters on personal letterheads, envelopes, advertising copy, etc., provided that the word "MEMBER", followed by the individual's club membership number, be prominently displayed immediately below the club logo.

The use of the club's logo by itself, is intended for the exclusive use by club officers and appointed committees for official club business and CC&GTCC promotional uses. Use of the club business and CC&GTCC promotional uses. Use of the club logo by individual members *without* the authorized modification, is strictly prohibited due to the potential problem of misrepresentation.

### CLUB HAS NEW 800 NUMBER

In response to a suggestion by Charles T. Rodgers, the club has arranged through AT&T to have an incoming toll free number installed for club members and non-club members use to inquire about membership information. The new 24 hour toll-free telephone number is: (877) 4CC-GTCC (877-422-4822)

## New Items



## C & G T C C ITEMS FOR SALE

3 1/2" Embroidered, colorful cloth logo patch, "CC & GTCC MEMBER".....	\$3.00ea.
Cloisone "CC&GTCC" Color Club logo membership pin .....	\$4.00ea.
2 3/4" 5 COLOR Club Logo self stick vinyl sticker.....(NEW).....	\$1.50ea.
2 3/4" or 5" Club Logo self stick vinyl sticker..... 1 color old style.....	\$1.00ea.
11" Gold rim Battery operated clock with Club Logo.....	\$29.95ea.
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## **GAMBLING BANKNOTE**

By Colin Narbeth

Believe it or not! Some gambling counters were so scarce at the tables that special "banknotes" were printed to supplement them. It happened in the Boer War soon after March 16, 1900 at a Prisoner of War camp at Daspoort. In the early stages of the war the Boers were quite successful and opened a POW camp to accommodate captured British Officers. This was established at the Model School in Pretoria. Security was good and only one British Officer ever escaped from that camp – his name was Winston Churchill. Then on March 16 the prisoners were removed to another camp at Daspoort – nicknamed "The Birdcage".

There were nearly 150 prisoners and a notable one among them was the Earl of Rosslyn who had been reporting on the war for the Daily Mail. He recorded the gambling activities of the prisoners in his book "Twice Captured". Once the mess dinner was finished the tables would be cleared and out came all sorts of games. A large red cloth with a covered bottle in the centre caught his eye.

He wrote: "I found the most cleverly and ingeniously devised roulette table I had ever seen. In place of a disc, a ball and little numbered cavities, was a circle of cards composed of an ordinary whist pack without court cards, but with a "joker" as "zero"! The bottle I had noticed was used as a pivot in the centre for turning an indicator, while on either side of the centreboard were similar whist packs arranged in four columns, with "Pair" and "Impair", "Manque" and "Passe" and "Rouge et Noir" marked out in squares like those at Monte Carlo. You could back clubs, hearts, diamonds or spades, or any of the columns and numbers, and the bank, generally made up of playing shareholders, paid the correct odds to the punters when they won. Of course the game was in counters, and was kept within the meaning of amusement and not a "gamble" and according as you won or lost the account was entered in the mess bill, which was settled every month. But the counters, from Johannesburg, were very limited, and the game was so popular that at a later date it was decided to issue five pound notes."

A hectograph machine was used to produce the notes in the style of the famous "white fivers" of the Bank of England. Headed "Bank of the Red Cloth" the signature, instead of 'Chief Cashier' was 'Chief Croupier'. The "Five" was written in an almost identical style to that used on the Bank of England notes. They measured 142 x 203 mm. A total of 27 notes were printed and at least one of these has been preserved as it can be seen in the collection of the Africana Museum in Johannesburg.

The idea of using playing cards for roulette can be traced back a long way – to the famous and oldest surviving European casino, Germany's Baden-Baden Casino. There the game of Roulca (or card-roulette) was invented and first played. The wheel is modelled on the Roulette wheel and has 25 compartments each marked with a card symbol. Players bet on individual cards, on suits, and on high, low, even and odd numbers.

# STOCK MARKET VS CHIP COLLECTING

Yes we all saw the stock market fall, Yes a lot of us may have lost a little of our nest egg, Yes the value of each share dropped drastically. But the values of some casino chips are still there and climbing.

Record prices again were set at our Sixth Annual CC&GTCC Convention Auction. There were 6 lots that sold for in the 4 digit figures. They were as follows:

\$2.50 rare in form Claridge Chip from Atlantic City—sold for \$1,200.00  
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\$5.00 Dunes Hotel Country Club Chip from Las Vegas—sold for \$1,100.00  
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Lot of 6 Sands baccarat jetons and plaques from Las Vegas—sold for \$2,500.00

The other successful bids ranged from \$8.00 to \$900.00

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I began collecting casino chips and gaming tokens as an outgrowth of my earlier collecting interest in tokens and medals from New Jersey. During the nation's bicentennial, in 1976, I began to collect town celebrations/anniversary/commemorations/dedications exonumia (medals, tokens, wooden nickels, ect.). When Atlantic City casinos came along, in 1979 and the early 1980's, the chips and gaming tokens fit right in with my NJ medals/tokens collection. Since then, I've given up on the tokens and medals and I now collect chips & gaming tokens exclusively.... Plush Hard Rock Cafe pins.

**I did not like to collect what the masses collected.**

I was primarily a coin collector when I first started collecting chips and gaming tokens. I knew of very few people who collected chips and/or gaming tokens, and actually preferred it that way at the time. In fact, that has always been my attraction to collecting in general. I was always attracted to stuff that other people did not collect in big numbers. Even when I earnestly collected coins, I did not like to collect what the masses collected: like silver dollars or Indian Head pennies. My specialty was early half dollars "bust halves" which were minted from 1794 to 1836 and not an awful lot of coin collectors were that much interested in them at the time. These coins were produced before the invention of the steam press and were struck on manually operated screw presses. I collected them by die variety and had well over 430 different varieties at the time I sold them several years ago. Today, there are a lot more collectors of bust half dollars ( but nowhere near the number of chip collectors).

Major changes I've seen in the hobby are many. Where there were a relatively few collectors only ten years ago, there are now thousands.... the rapid growth of CC&GTCC will testify to that. Lots of former collectors are now "dealers". Casino Collectibles shows and national conventions are now commonplace. Lots of information is available today that was nonexistent ten years ago. A large national hobby club exist. Auction catalogs, specialty catalogs, magazines, price list, the internet, chapter clubs of CC&GTCC are all on the increase, as are the number of gaming jurisdictions around the country.

I never thought the hobby would grow to the degree it has in ten short years. Has it been better than I could have believed ten years ago? That's a tough question! There seems to be a lot of negative bickering and complaining on the part of some folks today who evidently don't know how to enjoy the hobby as much as I do. Ten years ago, I was thrilled to discover a person whom I did not know who shared my collecting interests and who collected chips and tokens. Today, I'm saddened to say, I'm disappointed with some of the people I know in the hobby.

What would I like to see in the future... or what changes do you think will take place? That question too, is a good one. Since I must wear two hats, I have two viewpoints. As a collector I have one observation... as President of the club, I have other expectations. No doubt the hobby will continue its fantastic growth. I would like to see more appreciation extended to people who are giving up enormous amounts of their volunteer time and effort trying to improve the hobby in general, and CC&GTCC in particular. It troubles me to see valuable, unselfish people like Mike and Anne Skelton, who gave so much of themselves to CC&GTCC these past few years, being driven out as our annual Convention Chairman by some short-sighted overly critical members. Folks like our dedicated Editor, Gregg Herz, who suffered a devastating loss of her beautiful home and possessions due to a raging forest fire a couple of years ago... and raise her young child Marice...and re-build a new home...and to put up with Howard... and throughout it all, still continued to stay on as Editor... Yet, there are those who are not satisfied with our excellent 100+ page quality quarterly magazine she produces, but want her to do even more by publishing a monthly issue. Members can't keep leaning on volunteers, who are already giving plenty of themselves, expecting them to do more and more. The club officers are also exerting plenty of work for the memberships behalf...which is what they were elected to do. The only remuneration the officers receive is a complimentary hotel room for the duration of our annual conventions, and we're happy to receive that. Our Advertising Manager Charlie Rodgers, is another example of an unselfish volunteer. Charlie doesn't need to do this for CC&GTCC he has a very successful mail order business dealing in chips, tokens and supplies. He also conducts and promotes his own very successful, casino collectibles shows out west. Yet , the complaints keep coming in.... mostly from the "do-nothing" crowd. Valuable member volunteers at our convention are numerous...too many to mention in this already too long-winded response to this survey. I just think back to ten years ago: when none of this was never even dreamed of, or contemplated; compared to what we enjoy and experience today that is so taken for granted. We've got an awful lot to be thankful for, and a lot of people to thank, and it's time for some of our more outspoken critics to take a step backwards and reflect upon where all of us have been... and where we, as an organization, have come from





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In 1966 I was teaching school in Palo Alto, California. I liked to play games of all kinds and I had found some success in teaching mathematics by devising games to teach certain concepts. While searching for old game components at local flea markets, I picked up cards, dice, game boards and pawns. One day I found a set of old clay poker chips with engraved pictures on them. I was fascinated and curious. I thought "How old are these?", "What other pictures might have been made?", "Where were they made?" ... and I was hooked.

I decided to place a weekly ad in the Antique Trader Magazine to see if I could find more chips of this sort. It worked. Letters and chips poured in from all over the country. My first letter from a fellow collector was from Travis Lewin, a law professor at Syracuse University. He asked me all the same questions that had gone through my mind when I first saw clay poker chips. My response to Travis was simple: I don't know.

In the late 60's the only other collector that I knew of was a California collector named Charlie Gooden. Gooden lived in the gold country and he had a collection of forty to fifty different clay poker chips. I was impressed and thought that maybe someday I'd have a collection as good as Charlie's.

The Antique Trader ad brought in new designs each month which I had not seen before. My collection was growing. Travis Lewin and I began to trade chips when each found something new. Charlie Gooden, a fundamental Christian, was getting pressure from his wife to sell his collection. I bought it in about 1969.

I think it was about 1970 or 71 that I got a letter from a poker-playing dentist from Louisville, Kentucky. Allan Myers had seen my ad in the Trader and being a collector of many things was curious about old poker chips. From then on there was much correspondence, trading and many phone calls between Allan, Travis, myself and other collectors we were discovering. The networking had begun. It was helpful and lots of fun. The similarity between different chips was both intriguing and frustrating. For example there were more than a dozen different eagle chips. It was time to start identifying specific chips with names and codes.

In 1968, I started a company called Creative Publications to publish teaching games, posters and supplements. So by 1971 when I decided to put together a book that identified all the different poker chips made, I had had quite a bit of publishing experience. Also, by 1971 I had collected not only clay poker chips with designs but chips with monograms, inlaid designs, private clubs, Nevada, Advertising, and many other varieties. It was not too clear which sets of chips should be included in this publication. So my strategy was to simply collect everything and decide on the scope of the book at some later point. That was a decision that I've never regretted.

In 1970, there was no information on gaming chips anywhere. The most information data came from old gambling supply houses. These catalogs contained all sorts of gaming supplies such as dice, cards, wheels, tables, racks, etc. most every catalog usually contained from one to six pages of pictures of chips that could be ordered. Chip names, sizes, colors, and special properties were identified. We found pictures of chips that we had never seen. Catalogs from companies such as U.S. Playing card Co., K.C. Card Co., Will & Finch and many more. It was difficult in many cases to determine which companies were chip manufacturers and which were only distributors. Even today we are still uncertain about some companies manufacturing/distributing status.

I had collected about three years before I saw my first ivory chip. Roger Baker, a California collector/dealer, lived close to my house and I went to see his collection of Western Memorabilia. It not only included several gambling pieces and old cheating devices but several beautiful ivory poker chips. WOW!. The ultimate in chip collecting. If these one hundred year old chips could talk, what stories they might tell. At that time I was paying about ten cents each on the average for clay chips. Baker informed me that most ivories sold for eight dollars and up. This seemed like a lot of money and I recall that for a few years, I would only buy an ivory if it was less than ten dollars. (FOOLISH)

In the early 70's I devised an identification code for chips and then revised it several times in the next few years. It was difficult to estimate how many chips had been made in each category (animals, sports, plants, etc.). When the first edition of the Antique Gambling Chips came out in 1983, there were about 250 known different ivory chip designs. Today that number is about 1500. We are at the stage where collectors find less than 5 new clay chip designs in a year, but we are still finding more than 30 new ivory designs a year. The reason for this is that the clay poker chips were mass produced by machine (nearly all of them), while most of the ivory poker chips were engraved by hand. We believe that an effort was made to create unique designs on each set of ivory chips. The differences are often very, very slight.

My decision not to include casino chips in my book was an easy one. Casino chips were not, for the most part, antiques, and there were so many of them... I left that enormous task to jeopardize someone else's marriage.

In the "good old days of collecting", a group of five or six collectors seemed to have an unwritten (and even undiscussed) agreement that when they found several chips they would simply send one of each type to every collector friend and that the friends would reciprocate when they found something. There was always an "intuitive feeling" about evening things up with fellow collectors. By communicating and sharing we built large collections that didn't cost an arm and a leg. It seems to me that kind of sharing may be missing among many chip collectors today.

Chip collecting is fun for me because of several factors. It is fun to try to "dig up" the history of the exciting days of gambling in the past 200 years. It is fun to meet new friends with the same interest and view their collections. It is interesting to know about the old games that were played, the old chips that were used, how they were manufactured, etc.

The chips that were used forty years ago in the clubs and casinos of America are to be treasured. Chips that were manufactured two weeks ago with a picture of Pikes Peak on them have no interest to me. It is not my idea of collecting to shell out hundreds of dollars a month to try to have every souvenir chip made because some of them might be rare sometime in the future. It's a surer bet to play the stock market. I think the collectors who pay five dollars a chip made last month with a picture of Pike's Peak on it are hurting the hobby. This encourages financially insolvent casinos to make souvenir chips. They pay sixty five cents for a chip an charge five dollars. Pretty nice profit. What does that have to do with gambling chips? If the chips are used in games on the table, that's another matter. I'd like to see us boycott casinos that sell chips not used on the tables or that make more than three commemoratives a year.

IM concerned about the future of the hobby. Can we learn anything by what happened to the hobby of sports cards collecting? In the 1980's there was a phenomenal growth in that hobby. Cards had been printed since the early part of the century. Old cards depicting famous players were highly valued, as they should have been. The hobby was growing very rapidly so in came the greedy opportunist. All of a sudden, there were several new companies putting out commemorative sports cards. These new companies made lots of money as did the dealers who sold the cards. The market became flooded with new cards, with counterfeits, and the collectors became confused and disenchanted. For all practical purposes the hobby totally fell apart. I see danger signs of the same thing happening with chips.

What is valuable to a sports card collector? a 1930' Ty Cobb card or a 1990's Ty Cobb card.? Stamp collecting in the U.S. is very big. What happens if the U.S. Postal Service decides to produce ten times as many commemorative stamps next year as did last year? One might respond that a collector has to focus on one area and specialize. If we have one thousand new chip designs being created each year, do we have enough people in the hobby to survive? Do they have enough money?

I would like to see the CC&GTCC quarterly publication be more representative of all types of chips: foreign, ivory, mother-of-pearl, state clubs, roulettes, etc. More of a BALANCE between the new and the old, between the casino and non-casino. I would like to see a more global, generic name for the club, such as the American Association of Chip Collectors or something similar. The name now does not seem to imply that collectors are interested in old gambling collectibles. Maybe they're not. It's our club I guess we'll take it where we want. I've had lots of enjoyment from collecting chips, I hope I feel the same way ten years from now.

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In 1957 I began collecting coins. During the summers of 1958 and 1959 I was able to go through bags of coins in the vault at Harvey's Wagon Wheel at Lake Tahoe. In August of 1960 I began collecting coins for the owner of Harvey's. Going through the massive number of coins that poured through the casino "hard" count room was a challenge and from the standpoint of a collector very satisfying. During the summers of 1961, 62 and 1963 I sorted through something like 2 million dollars worth of coins trying to put together the best collection that I could.

In the summer of 1963 the real coin collecting bonanza began. Silver prices were rocketing toward \$1.29 per ounce and it was only a matter of time until something gave. I worked in Harvey's counting room retrieving as many silver certificates as we could find. By 1964 the silver rush was in full swing. Silver coinage was headed out and we did not know what the future would bring. We still had silver dollars, but they were heading out the door of Harvey's as fast as we could get them in. The treasury was releasing bags of dollars they had held for almost a century and the dollar bonanza had begun.

As I worked in the counting room I began to notice that the main cage would have a daily assortment of gaming checks that seemed to grow daily in variety and color. Casinos were desperately trying to compensate for the loss of silver coin. Gaming checks in denominations of 50¢ and even smaller amounts were being issued to replace the silver coin. By 1965 the silver dollars were doomed and the first gaming tokens were being issued. The Franklin Mint issued 1965 proof sets of their production and presented a set to each casino owner. It was a natural incentive to collect and Harvey Gross entrusted his set to my care.

By 1967 silver coinage was history. Gaming tokens had replaced silver dollars and small denomination checks had replaced halves and quarters on the gaming tables. I suggested to Harvey that a collection of the tokens would be an appropriate collection to be displayed. As early as 1964 I had also convinced him to let me keep a sample of each new gaming check in his collection.

Harvey agreed to form a collection of tokens that we would display at the 1967 ANA convention in San Diego. I received a listing of all of the Nevada gaming licensees from the state board and traveled to more than 106 of them.

Armed with a letter of introduction, I visited the high and the mighty and the low and the dingy. I found gaming checks and gaming tokens in abundance, but respectfully only asked for one of each for Harvey's collection. Our display, complete with pictures was greeted with amusement at the San Diego ANA - but probably was not taken seriously - who but some nut from Nevada would collect this stuff.

Harvey's collection displays returned from San Diego and were mounted on the walls at the entrance to the Carriage House restaurant. We continued to collect and found that a growing number of people collected gaming tokens. The Franklin mint dominated the market and their assistance in creating a collector market was significant.

By the 1970's gaming tokens had taken a dive as silver dollars (clad) were once again issued by the government. Without a ready source, collectors seemed to have lost interest. In 1979 that changed when the Ike's disappeared and tokens again were used. It was in the 1970's that a few more people had begun to notice gaming chips. I knew of around 10 people that collected chips!

The death of Harvey Gross in 1981 would have a direct effect on the hobby of chip collecting. Harvey's accounting department sought to meet increasingly strict gaming control guide lines of accountability. I was still acting curator of Harvey's collections and now I had to document his 18,000+ gaming checks and chips. I contacted friends in the industry and was given a lesson in gaming check description and terminology by the manufacturers. After four months of research I began to catalog Harvey's massive collection.

When the project was completed I approached Harvey's with another idea. Would they allow me to publish a collector's guide that would incorporate our research and give collectors the basic information for describing checks and chips? They agreed and Harvey's Guide to collecting became a reality in 1985.

To supplement Harvey's collections the casino had agreed to support Harvey Fuller in his research of Nevada gaming history. By the end of the 1980's check, chip and token collecting was becoming a serious hobby.

We decided to publish an illustrated guide to Nevada's checks and chips in 1993. Harvey's, unfortunately, did not allow their inventory to be published so I began to document other collections.



Bruce Landau generously offered his collection and it became the basis for our book published in 1995. The photo documentation of the Landau and other collections formed the basis of my photo files. By systematically trying to photograph every gaming chip, check and token that we have seen, we have accumulated more than 60,000 different records.

To day we are trying desperately to preserve as many of the original gaming manufacturer records as we can find. I am sure that a number of collectors are appalled when they find that I am not aware of the most recent issues to hit the tables. I believe that I can best serve the hobby by preserving irreplaceable records rather than documenting the most recent issues.

Our hobby continues to meet my expectations. I do not see it going the way of other hobbies where greed and speculation have dominated. I believe that education and research are the keys to maintaining the interest of collectors. The history that is reflected by chips, checks and tokens - the artifacts of gaming history - continues to interest me. Despite a substantial passion for history in America, gambling has been long neglected and is only beginning to be understood.

I salute and encourage those who are bringing our hobby fully into the age of the inter net.

I will continue to lobby for accuracy and correct representation of material. I believe that our hobby will continue to be enjoyable and interesting. Our satisfaction with collecting will still have to be earned with research and education but it is worth the effort.

I will continue to be appalled by the latest casino offering of their rare recently issued chips, by silly commemoratives and thrilled by a rare find. Its all part of the hobby and I can't wait for what will happen next. After 35 years of chipping I still believe that - you aint's seen nothing yet!

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## **CC&GTCC HALL OF FAME**

It was with a great deal of pleasure and personal honor to accept the club's inaugural induction into the CC&GTCC Hall of Fame during the club's recently concluded 10th Anniversary National Convention. I felt extremely humbled to have been chosen, side by side, with two of the most highly respected "giants" in the hobby; Howard Herz and Dale Seymour. Words cannot express my appreciation and gratitude for those members on Gene Grossblatt's H.O.F. committee who made the recommendations for this first selection of the three individuals who were so honored. It is my understanding that the committee will be announcing additional selections of club members to be recognized each year to add to this prestigious group during future CC&GTCC conventions. My sincere thanks to all of you.

Archie A. Black

## TOKEN OFFERINGS

by VINCE MOWERY R-360

### TEN GOOD REASONS FOR COLLECTING GAMING TOKENS

Tokens are artistic, medallic sculptures - miniature three dimensional works of art that chips cannot match.

Many chips have soared well above their true value - many tokens have yet to achieve their potential value.

Unlike some chips, you are highly unlikely to see a scarce token suddenly appear at a high price - only to find large quantities available at some later time.

Large hoards of gaming tokens in collectible conditions probably do not exist.

Unlike some chip factories in the past, it is very unlikely that token manufacturers have produced additional tokens after the casinos closed, just for the purpose of gouging collectors.

I have never seen a gaming token suddenly appear long after the casino closed and promoted as part of a "back-up set."

Scalpers trying to corner the market on new tokens would require a large bankroll, a very large sturdy truck and repeated visits to the casino.

Never, to my knowledge, have quantities of newly issued gaming tokens been set-aside or "reserved" for friends, dealers or scalpers.

With tokens, you will not have to fight your way to a blackjack table and plead with the dealer for your allotment (possibly released at unannounced times).

With tokens, you can't peel back an inlay on a super-duper rarity, only to find a Casino de Isthmus chip right off the shelf of a chip factory's showroom.

There are, of course, many other reasons for collecting gaming tokens. Send me your suggestions and we will possibly include them in future Ten Good Reasons For Collecting Tokens lists. Vince Mowery, P.O. Box 33354, Las Vegas, NV 89133-3354

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This was our second year to attend the CC&GTCC. A decided bonus for us this time around was the chance to get to meet some of our Internet Buddies. My husband had met Ralph Bjornson of San Diego earlier in the year, but now we were able to meet his better half, Donna. Ralph introduced us to e-mail friends billcat@gte.net, better known as Bill and Cathy Akers. Along with our personal friends and fellow members, Ray and Peggy Moritz, we sat at the "Strikers Table" Wednesday night during the trading session.

We found out later that we did not get to meet some of our other trading buddies who were there. I am not sure what the solution is unless the Silver Strikers were to meet in a separate room or else have a part of the convention room set aside for us. Also the after dinner meeting concentrated solely on chips and tokens and honoring those people involved with them. It would seem that next year there should at least be a vote for the most attractive silver strike.

The next day we were rearing to go for more trading and getting the chance to look over the exhibits by Archie Black. I, personally like the history part of anything I am collecting. We all agreed that we had added to our knowledge base. We also got to meet gmsnks (Gary Stathatos and wife, Nancy) toasca@urchin.net (Ron Konicke) and lakoach@earthlink.com a.k.a. Roger and Maureen Bryant. For some of us it was also the first time to meet some of the dealers whom we had been doing business with the last year.

When we first started collecting, it was for our enjoyment and to see if we could get a set of coins from each casino. Then we met Ray Moritz who told us there were many collectors around and gave us some names. The next step was getting on the computer and finding out those places for silver strikers and going to fellow collectors' web pages. It is short of a miracle to be able to connect with a trader and make a deal the same day. Then in a few days the mailman brings a package of silver strikes and you have to get busy cataloguing and putting them away, plus marking those off your list.

We have some new e-mail addresses so we need to get out our Want and Trade lists and send them out. For those of you who are thinking about getting on the computer don't hesitate. Just think - no more writing a letter, waiting for a reply and then finally getting a trade together. I know I had to be dragged into the computer world kicking and screaming, but am happy my husband and kids were pushing me in the right direction.

Coming from the Midwest we were surprised to learn that some people did not know that the Prairie Meadows Dog Track and Casino have a \$200 silver strike. We have just learned that there are new silver strikes being introduced in the river boats along the Mississippi on the Iowa border, but do not have all the information at this time. For current information on new strikes I would suggest that you go to Gary@collectorville.com (Gary Stathatos) and click on his Silver Strikes page. From there you can go to "What's New" that gives you up-to-date information on new strikes coming out or in play. Also there is information on strikes or even machines that are no longer available. This information is sent to him by fellow collectors like yourself. He also has other titles you can check out, "S.S. Images, Non-Nevada Collection, Collector Links, and his Want List and Trade List." Pay him a visit



he seems to have the most up-to-date data at this time.

For those of you who do not have a computer, my next column will include the latest information on silver strikes as reported by your fellow strikers to Gary Stathatos Web Pages.

Also for those who are unaware, Janice O'Neal prints out a quarterly list of all Nevada silver strikes that have been minted or have received permission to mint.

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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, 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. It's important to share your knowledge of chips that your fellow members may not know about. Come on, collectors: help!

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

Please follow the following simple rules when submitting chips or copies for inclusion in "The Information Booth:

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return it, please enclose return postage.

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☛ Legibility is the key: *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 41 (2/3): Brook Club;** not a positive identification, but a possibility. See UFC 542, below.

**UFC 215 (4/1):** The correct identification for this L'A chip appeared in one of Howard Herz's recent Gaming Archaeology auction catalogs: **L'Aiglon Cafe**, Chicago, IL, 1930's. Clearly an illegal club.

**UFC 345 (4/3):** James Campiglia believes that this chip, showing the number **14 inside an ornate C**, was used in **Havana, Cuba**. It doesn't seem like a Cuban chip, however, and we're wondering if anyone can

confirm James' suspicions.

**UFC 384 (4/4):** Doc Finstuen tells us that this **WEN** chip was used at the **Bonita Club** in Kemah, TX. The initials stand for William E. Nelson, who owned the illegal club.

**UFC 542 (6/1):** This **Brook Club** chip has been identified by Bob Ginsburg and Mark and Myrna Lighterman in their Florida book as having been used at a Miami area club in Surfside, FL, in the 1920's and 1930's. Although the rim design of UFC 41 is different, the typeface of the hotstamping appears very similar, and we suspect that both chips are from the same club.

**UFC 911:** This **P** chip was previously included in The Information Booth as **UFC 464**. Still no identification, however!

**UFC 1118 (11/2):** **PJ's Table One** was used at **Riley's Lake House** in Saratoga Springs, NY, in the 1920's and 1930's. Ed Hertel tells us that PJ was Peter J. Sullivan, who owned Riley's, along with its Delmonico's Restaurant. Because there are also chips that say PJ's Table Two, we're assuming that there were two roulette tables at Riley's at this time, and that these were the chips used at the tables.

**UFC 1122 (11/2) and UFC 1147 (11/3):** Al Kleindeinst tells us that both these **Club Lake** chips were used at that illegal club at Blackfish Lake, AR, not in Hot Springs, AR. Blackfish Lake is located between Forest City and West Memphis.

**UFC 1131 (11/2):** Jim Myers tells us that **CC** was used at the **Court Club** in Jeffersonville, IN. In the 1920's and 1930's, Jeffersonville, which was across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY, had a number of illegal casinos. We've seen other styles of **CC** chips attributed to the Court Club.

Now for some new UFC's sent in by members for this issue. As always, I use a \$ next to the chip illustration to indicate that there is a denomination on the reverse side. If you see no \$ or other notation, you may safely assume that both sides of the chip are identical.

**UFC 1176:** It may not reproduce well, but this is a unicorn mold chip. Al Zaika thinks that perhaps the **OM** stands for Officers' Mess, and that the chip was used on a military base for Las Vegas nights.

**UFC 1177:** The **Silver Dollar** was an illegal casino in Phenix City, AL. In 1954, the National Guard was called to Phenix City and closed all illegal clubs, destroying the gaming equipment. Ted Brown's

"informant" suggests checking LIFE magazine for October 4, 1954 and September 26, 1955 for articles about illegal gambling in Phenix City.



**UFC 1178 and 1179:** These chips were found in an antique shop in Appleton, WI, according to member Sharon Pamperin. I don't know about any illegal clubs in Appleton, but I do know that it's the birthplace of one Erich Weiss, whom most of you have heard of as the great escape artist Harry Houdini!



**UFC 1180:** The **SP** on this old U. S. Playing Card Co. crest and seal chip stands for Southport Club, in Jefferson Parish, LA.

**UFC 1181:** Al Kleindeinst, who identified UFC 1180 for us, tells us that this **OD** crest and seal chip was used at O'Dwyer's, also in Jefferson Parish outside New Orleans, and one of the area's largest illegal casinos.



**UFC 1182-1185:** All four of these chips were used at the **Blue Light Inn** in Gretna, LA. The initials **HB** stand for Henry Boudreaux, who owned the casino.



1182



1183



1184



1185



**UFC 1186:** Member Jim Myers went on a fishing trip to Alaska and came back with (guess what?!) chips! This one was used at the **Glue Pot Casino** in Nome, AK, which burned down in the 1920's. The story Jim got was that the initials **CN** stand for owner Nick Cimion.

**UFC 1187-1189:** Although he doesn't know the club names, Jim found out that these three chips were used in illegal clubs in Anchorage, AK.

1186



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1189



**UFC 1190:** One more from Alaska, this one from Fairbanks.

**UFC 1191:** This may be a previously-unknown chip from Las Vegas' **Silver Slipper** (1950-1988) or perhaps its earlier cousin located on Boulder Highway (1943-1950). Can anyone confirm which club this chip is from?

1190



1191



**UFC 1192:** Ted Brown believes that this is an example of the original issue of Binion's Horseshoe in Las Vegas (1951). Does someone know for sure?

**UFC 1193:** This may be an early issue of the Las Vegas Showboat, but we have our doubts. Again, can someone give us some solid information about this chip?

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**UFC 1194:** The reverse of this chip is blank, never having been hotstamped. We suspect it's another souvenir-type chip, made for refrigerator magnets, keychains, and the like. Has anyone seen this chip before?

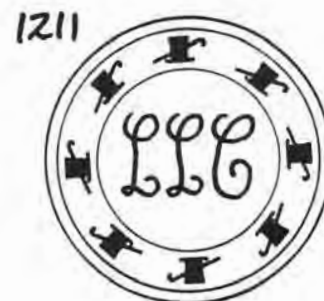
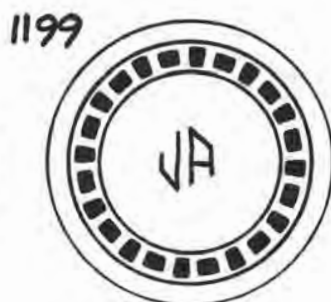
**UFC 1195:** This chip has been attributed to TX, AR, and LA. Can someone clear up the confusion?

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In addition to the members whose names are mentioned specifically above, members James Campiglia, Bob Ginsburg, Ken Craig and Butch Reynolds also provided information or new UFC's for this issue's column.

**GAMBLING CLUBS**  
**east of Orange, Texas**  
**just across the state line into Louisiana**  
by Jim Munding

Recently while traveling near Vinton, Louisiana, I came across some information on a group of clubs located east of Orange, Texas on old Highway 90. The area was known as East Orange, Louisiana but isn't on the map. From the information I was able to gather from two people in Vinton, Louisiana there were 22 clubs along Highway 90 from the Texas state line to Vinton, Louisiana that operated as cafes, drinking places, gambling clubs and whore houses. All of this was illegal in Texas which was just across the Sabine River. These clubs were in operation from the 1930's until 1953 when interstate Highway 10 was built.

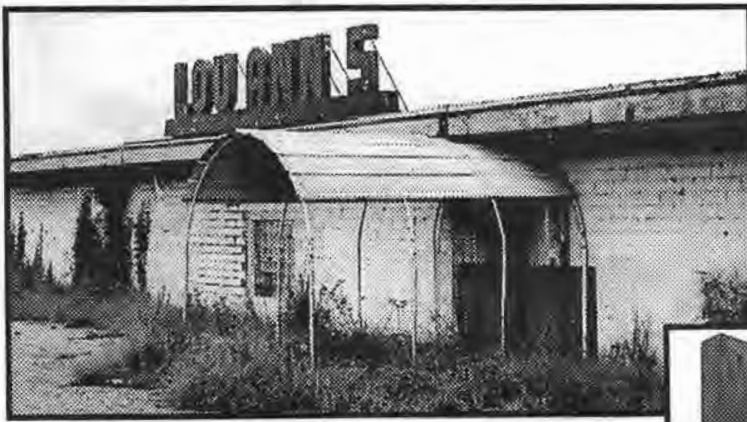
The Grove and Buster's moved when the freeway was built but the others went out of business. Buster's was owned by Marion Johnson and was known as Buster's Night Club, although the chips say "Border Club".

Clubs that were mentioned were The Grove, Big Oaks Club, Buster's Border Club, Cemaire, Showboat, Silver Slipper, Miller's Rainbow Club, Lou Ann's Club, State Line Club and the Blue Lake Club that was a Black only club. There are others but no one could recall the names.

I was able to xerox some postcards from Buster's and The Grove and also got a chip from Busters Club and the Border Club. The only remaining physical evidence is a shell of a building where Lou Ann's was and a sign (but no building) for the Showboat Club.

I was told that the "Big Oaks Club" is now where the Weigh Station is on I 10 and the rest stop is where the "State Line Club" was.

Here are some pictures of the remains of Lou Ann's Club taken in August 1998. There is also the Showboat sign just west of Lou Ann's. There are no other remains of any other clubs here.



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## THE LODGE - PART 1

by Gene Trimble

The lodge in Black Hawk is the newest casino in Colorado. I have not been there but some chippers tell me it is the nicest casino in Colorado. They issued some nice looking chips including grand opening chips. The Lodge was nice enough to make two different set of chips, just for us. One for the tables and the second one to sell out of the cage only. The sale version says Grand Opening on it and is in a real nice plastic frame. It is a \$25, \$5 and a \$1, \$31 face value and maybe \$15 worth of frame. The only way to get the Lodge chips with the grand opening on it, is to buy it at the cage for \$100. If my math is correct, this comes to over 100% of face value (frame included). If you throw the frame away, as a lot of chippers do, it comes to 222% over face value. If you figure the cost of chips at \$1.25 each, it is a 2,400% profit. Cost of chips really has nothing to do with it, because of the face value. I just threw that number in, because it was a big number. I did not ask, but I bet, you had to pay sales tax on the \$100. Something tells me, if you bought the set and took it to the BJ table, they would have laughed when you wanted to play it as \$100 in chips. I have grave doubts the cage would have given you \$100 when you tried to cash them out.

As previously stated, I am against casinos charging over face for chips. I have sounded the alert every time this type of sale takes place. If we allow this, there never will be an end to it. One Colorado chipper pointed out to me that there is a difference between Colorado and Nevada collections. There is a very slim chance that any chipper can ever obtain a complete Nevada collection. On the other hand, a complete Colorado collection is possible. If he did not pay the \$100 for the lodge set, his complete Colorado collection would end. I wonder if the Lodge was aware of this little feature of our hobby. In my opinion a complete Colorado collection might end here and again it might not. If no chipper bought these chips, how many would they sell? Maybe a few, to tourists. My suggestion is to stop by the cage at the Lodge and leave your phone number. If everyone boycotted the sets, I believe the Lodge would be calling in short order. Please stop by and get your chips at face value. My next thought is, why is having a complete Colorado collection better than doing un-repairable harm to the hobby. If one casino can get this type of sale on, all others will follow one by one. I believe there were 500 sets made. If there is a market at \$100, then a dealer can corner the market in them and charge \$200 or \$300 or whatever. Now you have two middle men. The casino and the dealers. Shouldn't a collector trying to complete a collection have the opportunity to complete his collection at face. If he can not get to the casino in a reasonable time after issue, then he can go to a dealer and complete with only one middleman.

Casino chip collecting is the most fun I have ever had, but is too expensive for me. I collect from all over the world. If I have to pay a 100% mark up from the casino, the fun will be gone. The joy will be gone, and I will have to look elsewhere to fill my spare time. Not to mention, it will no longer be affordable for me.

In my opinion, a set of chips made for souvenirs and never used on the tables, ARE NOT CHIPS! How can a chip be a chip unless

some of them are put on the tables.

How is a dealer going to explain to a new chipper that he had to pay double face at a casino, therefore the new chipper has to pay triple. I think that the most attractive drawing power to our hobby is, a new chipper can build a collection at face value. If he decides the hobby is not for him, maybe he can find a dealer that will let him make a small profit on his collection. If not, he can return it where he got it and break even. If this feature is eliminated from the hobby, I predict the hobby will die a slow and agonizing death. I could compare the hobby to a poker game. I have played in games that went on for 3 days. They kept going because there was always someone waiting for a seat. Fresh money! As soon as there were not new players, the game started dwindling. In a matter of hours I was on my way home. The poker game had broken up.

I see this practice as an attempt to eliminate the chip dealers. Someone up there thinks there is a lot of money being made by dealers and wants in on the action. The same rule applies to dealers that applies to new chippers. The hobby can not survive without them. I would be surprised if there was more than one or two chip dealers out there, that is totally making a living on chips. Most of them do it as a side line because they are collectors.

I really do not mean to single out the Lodge for their chip selling policy. They are not the 1st to try selling chips over face, and will probably not be the last. I believe they got some real bad advice. I know they have already heard from the Colorado collectors and do not want to hear it from me. I also understand the urge to have a complete collection. If you can not control it, then pay the price. If you can control it, you will be doing a big service to your hobby.

I do have a lot of Colorado chips, but it is by no means a complete collection. If it were complete, it would end at The Lodge. There is a big asterisk in the place where their chips should be, including the rack chips. I personally, will not take any Colorado chips until someone addresses this insult to us. We have been loyal customers to the Colorado Casino Industry. How many of you have made a chip run in Colorado without laying down a bet or eating? How about a hotel room or gasoline? Sounds like a customer to me. What is next? We have to bet \$10 on a BJ table to win \$4? I see it as the same thing.

How about a bumper sticker "Just say no to Colorado chips, SAVE THE HOBBY."

I welcome your comments at [poker@skylink.net](mailto:poker@skylink.net).

PART 2 - NEXT MAGAZINE

# ATLANTIC CITY

By Archie A. Black CH-001

Since my last report, very few chips and/or tokens have been released in A.C., with the exception of a couple of multiple piece, higher denominations, limited edition chips.

Tropicana released a 4th of July \$5 commemorative issue in their Poker Room which was sort of tough to obtain due to the tight restrictions placed upon them. Complaints were lodged with the Casino Control Commission about forcing collectors to play a table game they were not familiar with in order to be able to obtain this chip... which was made specifically for collectors. Get it? I don't!



Harrah's issued three \$10 penguin chips in their Bud Ice series. The first chip was distributed from an empty BJ table on the casino floor that was set up exclusively for the sale these chips, with a \$100 limit per person. The second and third issues were released at the Bix Six wheel in the Party Pit and a supervisor took orders before the fill arrived as to "how many chips do you want?" Rumor has it that the chips were so popular that we may see throaty frogs and ugly lizards chips from Harrah's/Budieser in the future (Bud... Weis... Er). Interestingly, Harrah's discouraged these serially numbered penguin chips from being wagered on the tables and would not pay out in similar \$10 chips if one was allowed to be placed as a bet. If you won the \$10 blue chip bet, you would be paid out with two red \$5 chips. Maybe this is a house method of keeping the entire inventory restricted to one table, as the new regulations in A.C. require periodic inventory reports of all special issue chips for tax purposes.



Not to be outdone in "cleaning out the collectors wallet department", Sands issued a series of three \$20 Milton Berle "stackable" chips over a three consecutive week period during August.

"We Drink", "We Smoke", "We Gamble", is the edge inscriptions on the three piece, limited to 1000 each "Uncle Miltie" set. Line up the three edges correctly and you solve the puzzle. I guess players have nothing else to do but fidget with their yellow \$20 CHIPCO's while waiting for the next deal. Initial restrictions of five chips per person were imposed, but then were relaxed somewhat after there was no big initial rush on the casino floor for this relatively high denomination chip. (For the benefit of new club members not familiar with A.C. regulations, no chip sales are allowed at the casino cage. All chips must be purchased at a gaming table on the casino floor). The third chip in a series was a completely different matter. All 1000 chips were completely sold out in a matter of 15 minutes; even with a 5 chip per person limit!



Coming soo will be the Miss America series. I understand that about 8 or 9 of Atlantic City's twelve casinos will be producing a \$5 or \$10 Miss America chip this year... and rightfully so. This issue is a natural tie-in for A.C. I suppose by the time this column gets to press, the chips will have been on the tables all over town.

Silver Strike machines continue to be diminished in numbers in Atlantic City. All \$20 and \$40 strikes are now history. Only three properties in town offer the once popular \$10 .999 fine silver encapsulated token amachines. Caesars has one machine left; Claridge has two; and Trump Plaza has three. The rest are all gone. It's too bad, as I really enjoyed playing them; more so than the new "interactive" machines that are now being introduced. This new wave of machines aren't slot machines in my view, but electronic amusement gimmickery fads.

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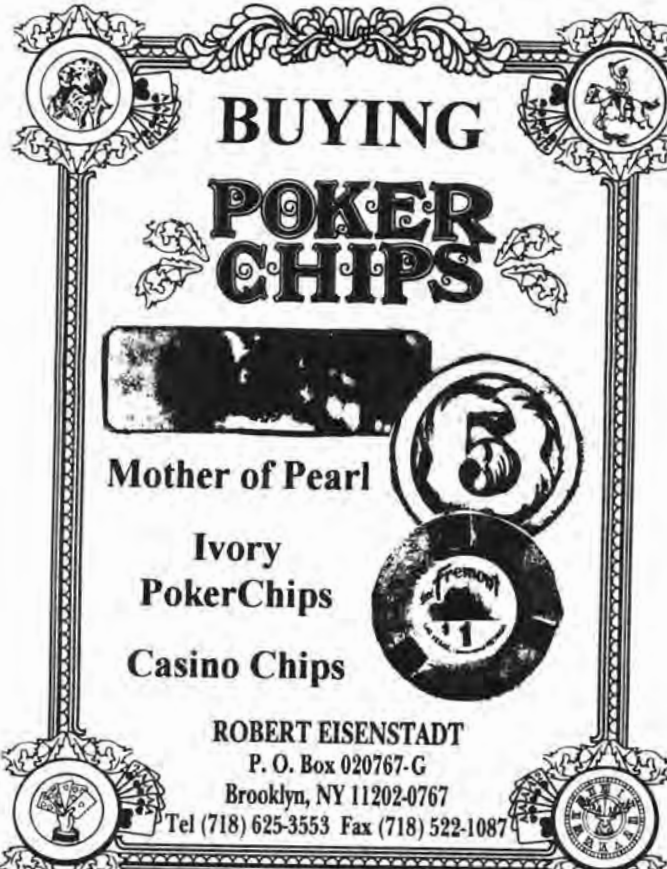
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Sounds easy, but there's more ways than most chippers realize and I hope to discuss some of them to give you another perspective.

Most of the time we hit the cashiers cage or the table games when it is necessary to play. Not too long ago we could even ask the cashiers for "foreign or obsolete" issues; but now in Nevada the casinos are no longer permitted to sell these. You can still try in non-Nevada casinos and cardrooms; but its getting more infrequent to find cooperation. If your going to try casino cashiers, make it early morning or late nite when cashiers are less busy. Never get in a long line of check cashiers and patrons with buckets of coin to cash in. That scene will almost always get you a negative attitude from the cashier because their primary interest is far from supplying you a requested chip.

Larger casinos have cage supervisors that have more time for you than the window teller. If you know exactly what collectibles issue you need; it will pay you to pick up a house phone and call the cage first to find out if the chip or token is available. Rarely will you find the answer very reliable unless you have spoken to the supervisor. When the cashier or supervisor is able to help fill your requests, be sure to toke (tip) \$1 to \$5 depending on your success and time they spend to assist you. We all really need to do this for future cooperation with the next chippers request AND to offset those collectors that are demanding, unreasonable, discourteous and just plain nasty when they cannot get what they want and throw childish tantrums. It seems more prevelant that "commemorative and collectors series" chippers have been recorded as being more "pushy" and invasive of casino operating policies regarding limiting chips. Try to understand that the policies regarding chips are NOT made by the personnel that serve you on the casino floor or cage. Policies are set by higher powers you never meet.

**DEALER SHOWS:**

For the beginner and the seasoned collector, casino collectible shows are the best source for the variety and the depth of gaming chips. No other source can equal shows for selection and pricing of chips. Only a short eight years ago, there were less than 10 of us that would present chips at antique fairs, flea markets, coin shows, "digs", or any collectible type gatherings. Now

there appears to be more than 60 "dealers" willing to expensively travel, rent tables and spend their time to expose their stock of chips. The hobby has been well served by the time and effort of the early pioneers. In California and Nevada alone, active collectors can find a record variety of chips at more than 15 different collectibles shows. And not only will the variety enable a selection of uncirculated to used chips; but also a wide range of prices.

It's astounding how a single chip can be priced differently at 10 different tables. Sometimes a dealer will even have the same chip priced inconsistently, at the same table! I have done this too! If I have 3 of the same identical chip available, but cannot easily replace them; the first of the two may be marked substantially lower the the last available. Recently, I was able to purchase the logically 1st few error chips of a very desirable \$2.50/\$200 series of chips. Each chip is marked \$50 higher as one is sold with the early one sold at \$150 and the next to last being \$600. I have had two on the table marked \$50 apart. The last will be auctioned.

Dealers and chippers have been widely accused of getting together the day before major shows to view their competitors stock, and try to spend the rest of the nite competitively re-pricing their stock lower. I don't think that really happens, but I am SURE it happens on a small scale.

**SHOP AND LEARN:**

So expect to do a lot of shopping at collectible shows because the dealers competition, in a very healthy market, is to the collectors advantage.

Now for some advice to further your buying or trading advantage. Try to be well informed in your specialty. If you don't know as much about the commodity your buying or selling, you will not be able to negotiate price and reduce your costs of buying. Look in the inventory of each dealer and ask how many he has of the chip you need. If your collecting a \$1 chip that has a price range of \$5 to \$9 in chip guides, and the dealers are priced at \$8 - \$12; don't be surprised! Guides are meant to give relative values, not current retail. In this \$1 example, ask the dealer if he has more than one available. Let's suppose his price is \$10 and he answers that he has 4 to sell. Depending on your budget, buy them all!! But at least ask if he would sell 3 for \$24. Now your cost is \$8 each. In the near future, you should sell one for \$15 and another for \$20 within two years. A total of \$25. Your's will have been paid for, and a profit of \$11 for a \$24 investment. This

is not a fantasy but a conservative example of smart chip collecting by most successful past collectors. The downside is that if you do to extremes, you will be stuck with the dealers you find at shows with way too much stock, buried in chips ....yours truly included. Don't go to extremes!!

#### **BUY AT DISCOUNT:**

After viewing every tables offerings of your specialty, review which dealers offer the most chips you need. Not necessarily the best prices, but the most variety because you will negotiate price by your interest in a volume purchase. Rather than pay \$20 each for 5 chips at 3 tables, you can ask for a discount more easily for all 5 at one table a get a 10 to 20% discount by negotiating with one dealer. Even if one or two of the 5 are marked higher, the discount will total a greater savings. Its very easy to create a volume discount deal when you take my advice of buying more than one as previously noted. Pass up buying 5 different for your collection and get 3 of the same to finance your future collecting -- think about it. A year later, you will have profit to spend instead of your buying with only your hard earned, after tax dollars.

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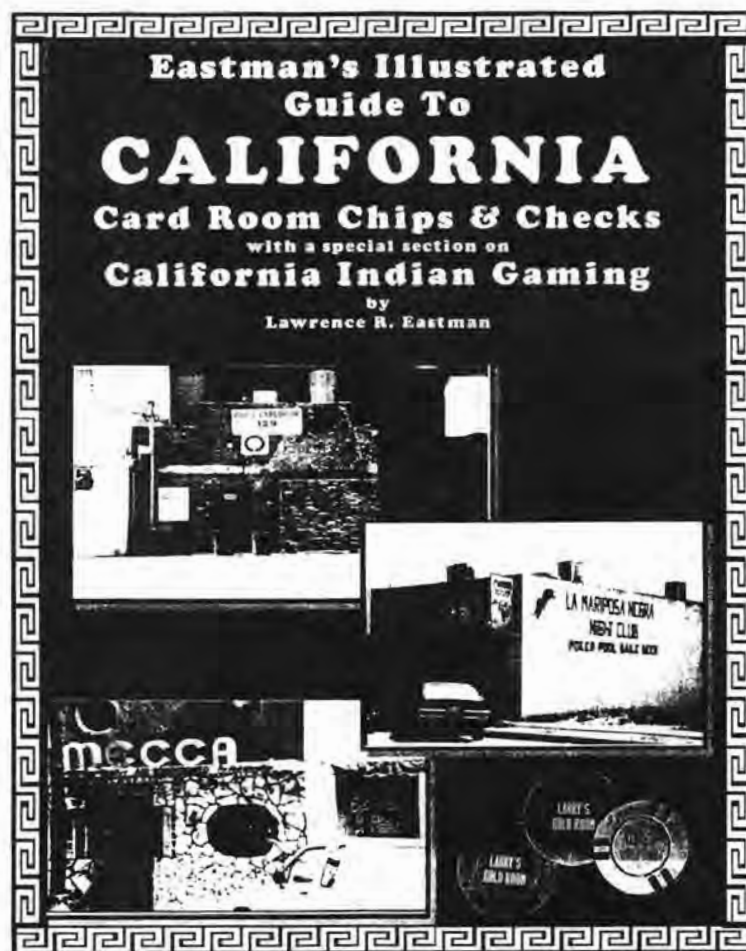
After 35 years of chip hunting in flea markets, indian reservations, antique show, goodwill stores, pawn shops, casino dumpsters, old Nevada pavement, and garage sales; I want to close with a story to give chip-pers some faith and incentive. YOU know who ... all of us that have spent our lives tired of seeing old teacups, Barbie Dolls, and old moldy farm tools to find a generic chip priced at \$5!!! And buy it in desperation since its the only chip we saw for sale that day!!!

While writing this article, I played in a tennis tournament called the "Spring Break for Seniors World Championships" held in Palm Springs, California. My focus was tennis, yet the lure of the only "chip" game in town was "The Spa", an Indian casino featuring poker, slots and blackjack. Since it was on the way to the tennis courts I decided to make a quick stop to get their scarce \$3 new issue. I asked at the cage for it and was told I would have to play to even see it because it was their "drop" chip. So I hit the 21 table with \$40 and began pocketing their fifty-cent vig chip (chair rental fee per hand) since it was also new. To my surprise, in two hands, two blackjacks in a row showed up on my \$10 and parlayed bet.

The pit boss came over and pointed to the table sign that their specials included a bonus of \$300 for 3 blackjacks in a row and to my amazement; my third hit as he

was speaking. Now things slowed down as he announced over the casino loudspeaker that I was going for 4 consecutive and a bonus jackpot of \$5000. A crowd gathered, security cameras focused on my cards, and a face up first card ACE of spades was followed by an amazing ten of clubs. Later, I was told the odds were over 171,000 to one. Even with over \$5300 of their money, they had to get the head Indians permission to sell me only 3 of their \$3 chips. Regardless, collecting chips made this a memorable tennis tournament. Any my point in this closing is that for all those tables you had to lose at to collect chips, you can hit a jackpot to pay for collecting when you least expect it.

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**PHIL'S FORAYS**  
**RUNNING AMUCK IN WINNAMUCCA**  
by Phil Jensen

Of all the places I've been in Nevada - and I've been everywhere there was a bar, slot machine, or chip to be had - my favorite was Winnemucca, a small town in the North Central part of the state.

My first recollection of Winnemucca was in the late 1950's when our family took a trip to California from our home state of Wisconsin. We were traveling old U.S. 40 and stopped in Winnemucca for gas. I had never been in a casino and was really anxious to get a look inside one even though I was under age. Anyway, we stopped at a station I remember being just down the street from the Star casino. I figured here was my chance and took off on the run hoping I wouldn't be missed. I darted into the Star and was awestruck by all the slot machines. I went up one row and started back down another when suddenly I was confronted by a very large security guard. In a moment I was back on the street - my adventure lasting probably under a minute. I ran back to the car where my dad was still gassing up. Nothing was said but I'm sure he knew what I was up to.

By the time I got back to Winnemucca it was the summer of 1966. I had driven from Tahoe where I was working at Harrah's with a friend just to take a look around. I remember going into Scotty's Club which was next to the Star Broiler. There were so many old guys sitting around it looked like a retirement home. Scotty's claim to fame was that there were no ashtrays anywhere - you simply put your butt out on the floor. It was a wonder the joint didn't burn down. Ironically, after the place was acquired by the Star, it did burn in 1978 destroying the entire casino. Although I didn't get any chips then I did get several sets from the former owner several years later. They were just BC Wills hotstamps but were among my favorites.

My search for chips put me in contact with some pretty colorful characters. They ranged from club owners to desert rats.

Probably my favorite was "Disaster" Mike Lizanetz. I first met Mike in the summer of 1969 at the old Ferris Hotel on Bridge Street where he ran the "21" and roulette games. The Ferris was an old-time joint having been there since 1948 when it was spelled Farris. The bar ran down the middle separating the restaurant from the games which were up against the left hand wall. The place was empty except for the bartender and Mike who was behind the roulette table. I sat down at the bar and ordered a beer trying not to be too conspicuous. Anyway the bar and roulette table were only 3 or 4 feet apart so I slid over and introduced myself to Mike. I told him I was looking for old casino chips and did he have any laying around?

Now, there was a stairway that went up to the rooms along the wall where the pit was and it formed one of those triangular shaped closets underneath. I remember thinking I sure would like to go in there and nose around. Anyway, Mike turned out to be pretty nice guy especially to a kid with a strange request. His face lit up and he said just a minute and disappeared into the closet. He returned a few minutes later and I swear he had a bowling ball in his hands which he plunked down on the roulette table. I was speechless at first but politely declined his offer to sell. He took it back and returned with several more items but I reminded him I was only interested in old chips. He told me to come back

in the morning and see the owner of the hotel.

I was back the next day, having spent the night in my camper. There was Mike right where I had left him the day before behind the roulette table. He told me to have a seat and the owner would be around shortly. Pretty soon a couple of guys came out of the back room and Mike introduced me to one of them - I think his name was Hawkins and I asked him if he had any old chips. He said he'd go see what he could find. As I waited, I thought if this guy shows up with a bowling ball I'm outta here for good.

In about 15 minutes the guy's back and he had a handful of old chips - all different from the Ferris. They were all BC Wills hotstamps - ones, fives, and a twenty five that was spelled Farris. I couldn't believe it, I really hit the jackpot.

Mike and I became good friends after that. I would always go and see him at the Ferris whenever I got to town. I soon learned that Mike himself was a degenerate Wheel player. He was always trying to raise a bankroll to take to the Nevada Club in Reno where he always played. He liked the single "0" wheel they had and loved to tell stories about the owner, Lincoln Fitzgerald, who he always referred to as "Fitzy".

Mike would always talk about the "Tommy" Club which he said he owned before he came to the Ferris. I thought "Tommy" was an unusual name but never asked him about it. He said he didn't have any of the chips which was disappointing to me. One day he took me across the street to get some ice cream. He said the ice cream shop used to be his old "Tommy" Club and proceeded to point out how the place was laid out. It was like going back in time - I wished I had seen it before it closed.

Some time after that I discovered some "Atomic Club" chips in a coin shop in Carson City. The owner said they came from Winnemucca. Then it hit me -- all this time Mike had been talking about the Atomic Club. He did have a bit of an accent - I don't know if it was Basque or what - but the next time I saw him I showed him the chips which he verified. I said, "Mike you told me this place was call the Tommy Club." He looked puzzled and said, "Yeah, that's right - the Tommy Club"!

After the Ferris closed in 1973, Mike bounced around town working different places. He wasn't hard to find as everyone in town knew him and the first person I asked always knew where to find him. It was kind of funny.

One day I walked into the Boondocks which was a large bar that had been created out of Pepper's and Candy's Clubs. Neither one of them were too exciting but I remember stumbling onto a "21" game in Pepper's one day and getting some chips. The game closed after three months. Anyway, back at the Boondocks, Mike had set up a poker game. When I saw him he was fast asleep in the dealer's seat - his glasses falling off his face. It was quite a sight and I had a good laugh. I walked over and gave him a nudge. "Mike", I said. "I need some of your chips". I could see he had quite an assortment from 10¢ through \$25. We went into the back room and he sold me some of each up to the \$5 denomination. I always kept track of the number of chips I had and to add 4 or 5 at once was always a thrill. Mike had come through once again.

The last time I saw Mike he was working as a pit boss at the Model T truck stop sometime in the late 70's. I hadn't seen him in a long time and he was glad to see me. The first thing he said was that he had to use the restroom and would I watch the "21" game that was in progress? So he took off and there I was - instant pit boss. He was gone for about fifteen minutes and I was



getting nervous hoping the owner wouldn't show up and get Mike in trouble. Anyway, that was Mike always good for a laugh.

The next time I got to Winnemucca Mike was gone. Someone said he had moved to Oregon and was working as a box boy in a grocery store. I made me feel real bad. When I heard he died a few years after that I remember thinking I hoped he was playing poker or roulette. Gambling was the thing Mike loved most.

My favorite hangout in Winnemucca was the Humboldt Hotel. I remember it from my first trip in 1966. It was a grand old building with large windows in the casino which occupied most of the ground floor. There were a couple of "21" tables and a crap game where you could bet 23¢ chips. Also, there was a Keno game and plenty of old Mills Hightop slot machines.

Now the owner of the Humboldt was a grouchy old man named Gus Knezevitch and he drove a yellow Cadillac with personalized license plates KNEZ. They were the first I had seen of this new fad in Nevada. Anyway, one day I asked him if he had any old chips from the Humboldt. He mumbled something and walked away. Pretty soon he came back with a couple of Aero-die hotstamps. They were \$5 one blue and one black. He said if I wanted them I'd have to give him \$10 which, of course, I did. Never the less I was underwhelmed by his generosity.

By 1973 I had moved to Las Vegas and was working downtown. One day I was driving to work when a news report came over the radio that the historic Humboldt Hotel in Winnemucca had burned. I was shocked to learn that my favorite haunt was gone and made a trip there a few weeks later. Sure enough, there she stood all boarded up. The fire had been caused by an employee living in one of the rooms upstairs.

The building remained for over a year and there was some talk of removing the top floors and re-opening the casino. But it was finally torn down and replaced with a mini-mall. The ceramic HH that was imbedded in the sidewalk was retained and placed in a monument on the original site where it remains to this day.

Another character I liked was a guy by the name of Charlie Norris. He worked for a time at the Model T where he designed the reverse of their 1969 dollar gaming token showing a man landing on the moon. His signature is on the moonscape. Charlie was obsessed with the event and had an official document drawn up at the Humboldt County Courthouse claiming ownership of one square mile of the moon with the American Flag marking the center. He made copies and gave them to anyone who would listen to him.

When I met Charlie he was working as a shill at the Dirty Bird casino. Mostly he would shill at the bar with a can of Miller High Life and a salt shaker. Every time he took a drink he would shake some salt in to the can.

One day Charlie gave me a token showing the moon-scape design from the Model T gaming token on one side and a manger scene on the other. He claimed the moon landing and the Birth of Christ were the two greatest events in the history of Mankind. Charlie was quite a character alright.

In those days Joe Mackies Star Broiler was the main joint in town. Joe also owned the Winners Inn and a couple of other businesses in town prompting some of the locals to refer to the place as Winne-Mackie.

Anyway, there was a guy who worked at the Star by the name of Lou Carey. Lou was a midget who stood about 3 foot-

nothing and acted as greeter, poker dealer, show emcee, and just about anything else Joe could think of for him to do. I met him one day when he was dealing poker and it was funny to watch him push the chips around with a little wooden rake they had made for him. I sat down at the table and asked him if I could buy one of the five dollar chips, a TK Specialty depicting a guy cooking a steak over a barbeque - one of my favorites. He obliged and we wound up striking up quite a friendship.

He told me to come back later that evening to watch the show that he was in. It was the only place in town that had a showroom so I agreed. Anyway Lou cracked some jokes and played his horn. I don't remember if the jokes were funny or not but just watching this midget running around on stage sure was.

Pretty soon Lou introduces an exotic dancer who performed using one of those candles-in-a-bowl that sat on all the cocktail tables. As she shimmied around the stage, the wax began to melt and as the show ended she leaned backwards and poured the hot wax all over herself. The audience gasped and the curtain came down. I figured she worked up enough sweat so she didn't get burned but I'll never forget showtime in Winnemucca.

The last time I saw Lou he was working as a slot carousel barker at the Gem Casino in Reno. He was just the guy to do such a job too. I was surprised to see him and we reminisced about the good old days in Winnemucca.

I still get back to Winnemucca on occasion but the town has really changed and all the neat old places are gone - along with the old timers. I really miss the good times I had and will always cherish the memories.

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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		
24	Chip or Token Wallet for 24 items	\$1.50		
25	2 x 2 Plastic Holder for Chips	.50		
25-A	Air-Tight 3 pc Case for Chips	\$1.00		
25-B	2 pc Direct Fit Case for Chips	\$1.00		
26	2 x 2 Plastic Holder for Tokens	.50		
26A	Replacement Holder \$10 Silver Strikes	\$1.25		
27	2 x 2 Snap Lock Case	.50		
29	Black Light to see chips	\$20.00		
30	3X Power Magnifier Bausch & Lomb	\$8.75		
30-A	Magnifier with light 4x lens	\$7.00		
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		
32-5	Display Board 11 x 14 Black	\$9.95		
32-6	Display Board 16 x 20 Black	\$13.95		
32-7	Display Board 9 x 12 Green	\$7.95		
32-8	Display Board 9 x 12 Black	\$7.95		

<b>BOOKS - TAPES &amp; OTHER GOODIES</b>				
39	Nevada's Golden Age of Gambling	\$14.95		
40	The Chip Rack Volume #5 1998	\$32.00		
41	Index of Nevada Gambling Est.	\$29.95		
42	The Gaming Table Volume #2 1998	\$35.00		
43	Antique Gambling Chips Paper Back	\$25.00		
43-B	Antique Gambling Chips Hard Back	\$35.00		
44	Casinos and Their Ashtrays	\$19.95		
45	The Numismatist July 1993	\$5.00		
46	Collecting Dice	\$6.95		
47	Nevada Casino Promotional Tokens	\$21.95		
48	Ivory Gambling Chips	\$25.00		
49	Florida's Chips & Tokens	\$29.95		
50	Aruba Chips & Tokens	\$18.00		
51	Colorado Casinos Chips & Tokens	\$20.00		
52	Nevada Checks & Chips	\$29.95		
53	Atlantic City Chips & Tokens 98 issue	\$30.00		
54	California Chips	\$25.00		
55	Life Magazine June 1955	\$25.00		
56	Video on Las Vegas	\$12.50		
56C	Video Las Vegas Implosions	\$12.50		
57	Chips & Tokens of Monte Carlo	\$7.50		
58	Newport Ky. The Real Sin City	\$18.00		
59	Nevada Photo Postcards 1903 - 1928	\$24.95		
60	Eastman's Illustrated / Calif. Chips	\$30.00		
61	Galveston Island of Chance	\$27.00		
	Puzzle 18 x 24 CHIPS □ DICE □	\$8.00		
NGP	Nevada Gold Poster 24 x 48	\$8.50		

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#### ATLANTIC CITY COMMEMORATIVE CHIPS

CASINO	DESCRIPTION	DATE	MINTAGE	MFG.	AMOUNT
1. CAESARS	BLACKHEAD	09/14/92	100,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
2. CAESARS	DAVID COPERFIELD	11/24/92	15,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
3. CAESARS	BUDDY HACKETT	11/30/92	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
4. CAESARS	TONY BENNETT	12/23/92	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
5. CAESARS	RAY CHARLES	12/23/92	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
6. CAESARS	ANN MARGARET	12/23/92	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
7. CAESARS	GEORGE BURNS	01/15/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
8. CAESARS	RED SKELTON	01/15/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
9. CAESARS	GEORGE WASHINGTON	02/11/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
10. CAESARS	ABE LINCOLN	02/11/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
11. RESORTS INT'L	15TH ANNIVERSARY	05/21/93	60,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
12. CAESARS	INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP	05/25/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
13. CAESARS	ATLANTIC CITY GRAND PRIX	05/25/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
14. RESORTS INT'L	POKERROOM 44MM NCV	06/28/93	2,000	CHIPCO	NCV
15. CAESARS	BOB NEWHART	07/09/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
16. HARRAH'S	SUMMER SUNDAYS	07/14/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
17. CAESARS	JOAN RIVERS	07/16/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
18. CAESARS	JOHNNY MATHIS	07/16/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
19. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	WOLF'S 50TH 44MM NCV	09/18/93	1,000	CHIPCO	NCV
20. CAESARS	RACEBOOK / SIMULCASTING	11/30/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
21. CAESARS	POKER PARLOR	11/30/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
22. BALLY'S GRAND	NEW YEARS	12/25/93	20,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
23. HARRAH'S	HAPPY HOLIDAYS	12/26/93	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
24. BALLY'S GRAND	CHINESE NEW YEAR DOG	02/12/94	10,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
25. TRUMP'S CASTLE	WIZARD	07/15/94	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
26. BALLY'S GRAND	CELEBRATING GREECE	10/05/94	2,500	CHIPCO	\$5.00
27. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	DONALD & MARLA'S WEDDING	11/14/94	15,000	PULSN	\$5.00
28. HARRAH'S	PARTY ISLAND	11/26/94	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
29. BALLY'S GRAND	NEW YEARS	12/24/94	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
30. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	POKER / SIMULCASTING	12/31/94	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
31. BALLY'S GRAND	CHINESE NEW YEAR PIG	01/30/95	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
32. BALLY'S GRAND	PAUL ANKA	03/06/95	4,000	PULSN	\$5.00
33. CAESARS	PLANET HOLLYWOOD	03/15/95	25,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
34. BALLY'S GRAND	KENNY ROGERS	04/04/95	3,500	PULSN	\$5.00
35. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	5TH ANNIVERSARY	04/28/95	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
36. BALLY'S GRAND	BILL COSBY	05/03/95	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
37. TRUMP PLAZA	10TH ANNIVERSARY	05/10/95	10,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
38. TRUMP'S CASTLE	10TH ANNIVERSARY	05/13/95	3,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
39. BALLY'S GRAND	LIZA MINNELLI	06/08/95	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
40. RESORTS INT'L	50 YEARS IN SHOW BIZ	06/09/95	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
41. TRUMP'S CASTLE	HOW THE EAST WAS WON	06/15/95	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
42. BALLY'S PARK PL.	FRANKIE VALLI	07/28/95	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
43. BALLY'S PARK PL.	WILLIE MAYS M.V.P.	09/19/95	15,000	PULSN	\$5.00
44. TROPWORLD	JOHNNY MATHIS	11/18/95	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
45. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	GREECE	11/25/95	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
46. TROPWORLD	MUMMERS	12/23/95	3,500	PULSN	\$5.00
47. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	YEAR OF THE PIG	12/23/95	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
48. RESORTS INT'L	NEW YEARS	12/23/95	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
49. BALLY'S PARK PL.	WILLIE MAYS H.O.F.	12/24/95	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
50. SANDS	EPIC BUFFET	01/06/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
51. TRUMP'S CASTLE	10 OF DIAMONDS	02/02/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
52. TRUMP'S CASTLE	JACK OF DIAMONDS	02/07/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
53. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	PAI GOW POKER	02/17/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00

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54. TRUMP'S CASTLE	QUEEN OF DIAMONDS	02/21/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
55. TRUMP'S CASTLE	KING OF DIAMONDS	03/10/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
56. BALLY'S PARK PL.	WILLIE MAYS HOMERUN CHAMP	03/15/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
57. TRUMP'S CASTLE	ACE OF DIAMONDS	03/19/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
58. TRUMP'S CASTLE	10 OF SPADES	04/03/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
59. TRUMP'S CASTLE	JACK OF SPADES	04/16/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
60. TRUMP'S CASTLE	QUEEN OF SPADES	04/23/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
61. TROPWORLD	KENTUCKY DERBY	04/26/96	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
62. RESORTS INT'L	PAVAROTTI	04/26/96	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
63. TRUMP'S CASTLE	KING OF SPADES	05/01/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
64. BALLY'S GRAND	1957 THUNDERBIRD	05/04/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
65. TRUMP'S CASTLE	ACE OF SPADES	05/07/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
66. BALLY'S GRAND	1957 CHEVROLET	05/10/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
67. TRUMP'S CASTLE	ACE OF HEARTS	05/14/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
68. TRUMP PLAZA	TRUMP'S WORLDS FAIR	05/15/96	5,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
69. BALLY'S PARK PL.	WILLIE MAYS THE CATCH	05/17/96	7,500	PULSN	\$5.00
70. BALLY'S GRAND	1956 BUICK SPECIAL	05/17/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
71. TRUMP'S CASTLE	KING OF HEARTS	05/21/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
72. BALLY'S GRAND	1959 CADILLAC ELDORADO	05/22/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
73. TRUMP'S CASTLE	QUEEN OF HEARTS	05/28/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
74. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	DONALD'S 50TH	06/01/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
75. TRUMP'S CASTLE	JACK OF HEARTS	06/04/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
76. TRUMP'S CASTLE	10 OF HEARTS	06/11/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
77. TRUMP'S CASTLE	ACE OF CLUBS	06/18/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
78. TROPICANA	JADE PALACE	06/22/96	3,500	PULSN	\$5.00
79. TRUMP'S CASTLE	KING OF CLUBS	06/25/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
80. TRUMP'S CASTLE	QUEEN OF CLUBS	07/02/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
81. TROPICANA	GRAND OPENING	07/03/96	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
82. TRUMP'S CASTLE	DONALD / SUMMER '96"	07/04/96	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
83. TROPICANA	POKER ROOM	07/04/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
84. TRUMP'S CASTLE	JACK OF CLUBS	07/09/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
85. BALLY'S GRAND	TY COBB	07/09/96	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
86. BALLY'S GRAND	BABE RUTH	07/09/96	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
87. BALLY'S GRAND	HONUS WAGNER	07/09/96	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
88. BALLY'S GRAND	WALTER JOHNSON	07/09/96	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
89. BALLY'S GRAND	CHRISTY MATHEWSON	07/09/96	5,000	PULSN	\$5.00
90. TRUMP'S CASTLE	10 OF CLUBS	07/16/96	1,000	PULSN	\$5.00
91. BALLY'S GRAND	GREECE 1996	10/18/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
92. HARRAH'S	FANTASEA REEF	10/23/96	3,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
93. TROPICANA	HALLOWEEN	10/25/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
94. TRUMP'S CASTLE	VETERANS DAY	11/08/96	2,000	PULSN	\$5.00
95. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	POKER CHAMPIONSHIP	11/14/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
96. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	HARD ROCK CAFÉ	11/16/96	10,000	PULSN	\$5.00
97. HARRAH'S	HOLIDAY GREETINGS	12/24/96	2,500	CHIPCO	\$5.00
98. TROPICANA	MUMMERS 2	12/24/96	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
99. RESORTS INT'L	NEW YEARS EVE	12/29/96	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00
100. TROPICANA	SUPERBOWL XXXI	01/22/97	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
101. HARRAH'S	VALENTINE'S DAY	02/14/97	1,000	CHIPCO	\$5.00
102. HARRAH'S	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	03/15/97	1,500	CHIPCO	\$5.00
103. A.C. HILTON	YEAR OF THE OX	03/25/97	2,500	PULSN	\$5.00
104. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	L. CLARK ROAST 51MM NCV	04/19/97	250	CHIPCO	NCV
105. CLARIDGE	DOC HOLIDAY	05/30/97	2,000	PULSN	\$5.00
106. TRUMP MARINA	NEW LOGO / BUILDING	06/27/97	3,000	PULSN	\$5.00

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107. BALLY'S PARK PL.	WILD WILD WEST CASINO	1ST AC.\$10.	07/01/97	10,000	PULSN \$5.00
108. CAESARS	RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS		07/02/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
109. A.C. HILTON	FOURTH OF JULY 1997		07/03/97	2,500	PULSN \$5.00
110. CLARIDGE	BAT MASTERSON		08/01/97	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
111. CAESARS	GLADYS KNIGHT		08/05/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
112. TRUMP PLAZA	WF GR. EX. INDU. NAT. 1851		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
113. TRUMP PLAZA	WF PHILA. CENTEN. 1876		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
114. TRUMP PLAZA	WF UNIVERSAL EXPO. 1889		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
115. TRUMP PLAZA	WF COLOMBIAN EXPO. 1893		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
116. TRUMP PLAZA	WF LA. PURCHASE 1904		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
117. TRUMP PLAZA	WF PANAMA PACIFIC 1915		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
118. TRUMP PLAZA	WF NY. WORLDS FAIR 1939		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
119. TRUMP PLAZA	WF NY. WORLDS FAIR 1964		08/06/97	5,000	CHIPCO \$5.00
120. A.C. HILTON	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/05/97	3,500	PULSN \$5.00
121. CLARIDGE	POKER ALICE		09/05/97	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
122. TRUMP MARINA	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/08/97	2,500	PULSN \$5.00
123. CLARIDGE	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/08/97	3,000	PULSN \$5.00
124. CAESARS	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/08/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
125. HARRAH'S	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/09/97	2,500	PULSN \$5.00
126. TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/09/97	5,000	PULSN \$5.00
127. CAESARS	HOWIE MANDEL		09/11/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
128. SANDS	MISS AMERICA 1997	1ST AC.\$20.	09/12/97	500	CHIPCO \$20.00
129. TRUMP PLAZA	MISS AMERICA 1997		09/12/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
130. CAESARS	WYNONNA JUDD		09/12/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
131. CAESARS	AIR SUPPLY		09/12/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
132. CAESARS	JIMMY ROSELLI		09/13/97	2,500	CHIPCO \$5.00
133. CAESARS	LEWIS VS GLOTA		09/25/97	500	CHIPCO \$5.00
134. CLARIDGE	SOAPY SMITH		10/03/97	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
135. CLARIDGE	MADAME MUSTACHE		11/07/97	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
136. A.C. HILTON	BASEBALL 3000 HIT CLUB		11/19/97	3,000	PULSN \$5.00
137. A.C. HILTON	NEW YEARS 1998		12/30/97	2,500	PULSN \$10.00
138. TROPICANA	NEW YEARS MUMMERS 1998		12/31/97	2,500	PULSN \$5.00
139. A.C. HILTON	YEAR OF THE TIGER		01/27/98	1,000	PULSN \$10.00
140. RESORTS INT'L	1978 WHERE IT ALL BEGAN		02/18/98	10,000	PULSN NCV
141. RESORTS INT'L	1979 SHOW GIRLS		02/25/98	10,000	PULSN NCV
142. RESORTS INT'L	1980 SUPERSTAR THEATRE		03/04/98	10,000	PULSN NCV
143. RESORTS INT'L	1981 WAYNE NEWTON		03/11/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
144. TROPICANA	ST. PATRICK'S DAY		03/17/98	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
145. RESORTS INT'L	1982 RICH THE ROBOT		03/18/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
146. RESORTS INT'L	1983 THE SUPERSTAR CLUB		03/25/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
147. CAESARS	LEWIS VS BRIGGS	1ST AC.\$25.	03/26/98	1,000	PULSN \$25.00
148. RESORTS INT'L	1984 KING KONG		04/01/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
149. CAESARS	CELINE DION		04/02/98	1,000	PULSN \$25.00
150. RESORTS INT'L	1985 LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION		04/08/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
151. RESORTS INT'L	1986 RESORTS BLIMP		04/15/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
152. RESORTS INT'L	1987 RENDEZVOUS LOUNGE		04/22/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
153. CLARIDGE	WILD BILL HICKOK		04/22/98	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
154. RESORTS INT'L	1988 MERV GRIFFIN		04/29/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
155. TROPICANA	TRIPLE CROWN SERIES K.DERBY		05/02/98	1,500	PULSN \$5.00
156. RESORTS INT'L	1989 RIP ROARIN' I		05/06/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
157. RESORTS INT'L	1990 THE STAR CARD		05/13/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
158. RESORTS INT'L	20TH ANNIVERSARY GREEN NCV		05/15/98	500	CHIPCO NCV
159. RESORTS INT'L	20TH ANNIVERSARY RED NCV		05/15/98	500	CHIPCO NCV
160. TROPICANA	TRIPLE CROWN SERIES PREAKNESS		05/16/98	1,500	PULSN \$5.00
161. RESORTS INT'L	1991 THE BEVERLY HILLS BUFFET		05/20/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
162. RESORTS INT'L	20TH ANNIVERSARY / BUILDING		05/22/98	7,500	PULSN \$5.00
163. TROPICANA	MEMORIAL DAY / RACE CAR		05/25/98	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
164. RESORTS INT'L	1992 24 HOUR GAMING STARTS		05/27/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
165. RESORTS INT'L	1993 STEVE LAWRENCE		06/03/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
166. TROPICANA	TRIPLE CROWN SERIES BELMONT		06/06/98	1,500	PULSN \$5.00
167. RESORTS INT'L	1994 FREE DAILY TOURNAMENTS		06/10/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
168. RESORTS INT'L	1995 LE PALAIS		06/17/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
169. RESORTS INT'L	1996 SUN INTERNATIONAL		06/24/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
170. RESORTS INT'L	1997 PROWLER SWEEPSTAKES I		07/01/98	8,500	PULSN NCV
171. TROPICANA	FOURTH OF JULY 1998		07/04/98	2,000	PULSN \$5.00
172. HARRAH'S	BUD PENGUIN WITH GOLD CARD		07/24/98	2,500	PULSN \$10.00
173. HARRAH'S	BUD PENGUIN WITH ACE / JACK		07/31/98	2,500	PULSN \$10.00
174. HARRAH'S	BUD PENGUIN WITH BEER BOTTLE		08/07/98	2,500	PULSN \$10.00
175. SANDS	MILTON BERLE WE SMOKE!		08/07/98	1,000	CHIPCO \$20.00



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## SILVER STRIKES OF NEVADA

by Jack Haddock

The summer is hot and so is the interest in the Silver Strike hobby. The new issues have added a great deal of excitement for the existing collectors and many "slot players" have decided to collect more than just one or two of the keepsake tokens. One summer day, I visited for hours with various players on the machines and learned that about 1/3 like to win the coins even though they don't keep them, and another 1/3 likes to look for the machine and "always" keep a couple of their winning silver strike tokens as keepsakes while the rest are indeed putting some kind of collection together. Some of the latter category will even pay premiums to own the ones they can no longer play for. By far, every kind of token seeker would rather play for their tokens than obtain them in any other way. The quality of the art work used in the silver strike production is getting better and better. The Gambler Casino in downtown Reno introduced a particularly sharp logo on their four tokens. Management was "somewhat surprised and very pleased" with the acceptance of the new game.



Harvey's Casino at Lake Tahoe put their 1998 version of Bill Cosby in play in July. There were several versions of the actor reviewed before the current version was accepted, but the end result does the star justice and is highly regarded by the collectors.



The major delight of the summer, if not the year, is a classic series offered by Circus Circus Hotel and Casino in Reno. In late June, a silver strike series of six tokens was introduced with various depictions of Emmett Kelly, Jr., a renowned pantomime clown, staring in the art work. Each piece is autographed and numbered "one of six", etc. The detail of the art work is tremendous and the silver strikes are parallel to a series of 6 - \$5.00 gaming chips. Certainly, to this point in time, Circus Circus has established itself as having one of the best silver strike series to be found on a Nevada casino floor. Collectors across the country have been expressing their pleasure with this fantastic set.



The Flamingo Hilton in downtown Reno issued two new tokens. First was a "1998 American Superstars" token with someone who looks a lot like Madonna on the obverse, and the second was one to go with their \$5 chip commemorating the "Year of the Tiger."



The Peppermill kept pacer by issuing one with their hotel pictured and a 1998 version of the "Slot August Nights" token. THIS TOKEN HAD AN "I" MISSING IN THE WORD "LIMITED". THEY HAVE NOW BEEN PULLED FROM THE CASINO.



The Eldorado Hotel HAS AN INTERESTING SERIES OF FIVE TOKENS THEY'RE WORKING ON WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE COLLECTORS SOON. The four new silver strikes to be issued at Stateline in Wendover are scheduled for the next order. By the way, those interesting names that describe the tokens are the names of race cars that have challenged the areas salt flats.

The Hard Rock Cafe (both \$10 and \$20), and the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas made the new issue list but only because they changed their manufacturer. The California Hotel has completed putting out an entire series of 12 tokens based on "The Year of the..." This makes a great collection to display. The Golden Gate in Las Vegas got approval for two new silver strikes **BUT THESE MAY NEVER BE ISSUED AND HAVE NOW BEEN PUT INTO PLAY.** Some of the casinos which have removed their silver strike machines are planning to bring them back. Also, those of you which didn't get a Space Quest set at the Las Vegas Hilton may get another chance - stay tuned.

In the search for new varieties, now that the machine is gone, a new variety has been discovered for the Harrah's Reno \$40 "Genie on the Carpet". The stars on the obverse field are gold on some and silver on others. This is the same token that comes with gold fringe and silver fringe.

Those gambling trips to Nevada this summer are a must for the silver strike collector!

For more information on silver strikes, contact me at P.O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510. Until the next time - be a winner! Jack Haddock

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by Dale Seymour & Ken Craig

As our hobby grows, more collectors are taking interest in old clay poker chips and ivory chips for the first time. With the help of the internet, new ivory finds are more frequent than ever. In contrast to ivory finds, previously unidentified clay poker chips are rarely found. This article will feature new chip design finds found between April 1997 and July 1998. The code numbers assigned are compatible with the code system used in *Antique Gambling Chips* by Seymour, et.al.

Of the 150 antique gambling chip "new finds" this past year, 135 of them were ivory designs. This continues to confirm our conjecture that most of the manufacturers (maybe all) of ivory chips purposely made each set different from any previously produced sets.

Ivory chip collectors continue to find sets or parts of sets which contain very slight variations. Sometimes there was probably more than one engraver working on a set and the two engravers styles differed just as two artists or cartoonists styles would differ. Chips of this type are considered variations of one code and are not assigned separate codes. If, however, a chip is found that is identical in design to an existing code but is significantly smaller or larger, then the assumption is that it was from a different set and it is assigned a different code. An example of this is chip IP-KN (40.6 mm) and new code IP-Km (44.6 mm).



IP-KN  
40.6 mm diameter



IP-KM  
44.6 mm diameter



Recent ivory chip find  
of John Benedict  
assigned code IP-LB (v:o)

A few chips submitted for assignment of new codes are not included in this list because the photocopy was very poor quality. Chip values assigned to the new codes were made to compare to previously assigned values given in the book. It is assumed that the values have increased in the past year by 10-15%. Every effort has been made to avoid adding a 5th letter to the code system, but it was necessary on chip IP-EEa. There should be very few of these 5th letter codes for the next several years.

We are very appreciative of those collectors who submitted clean, clear photocopies of their new finds: John Benedict, Joe Benon, Steve Bowling, Phil Flanagan, Tom French, Henry Garrett, Robert Golden, Len Gratteri, Bill Hamilton, Allan Myers, Bud Meyer, Ralph Strandwold and David Woody. Apologies to any who may have been overlooked.

Please send photocopies of any new antique gambling chip designs you find to Ken Craig, 3927-H Waring Road, Oceanside, CA 92056 fax: (760) 729-8904 or to Dale Seymour, 11170 Mora Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024 fax: (659) 941-3695.

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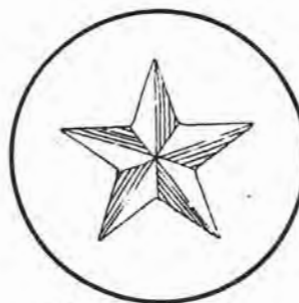
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f: \$8-9 g: \$10-14 h: \$15-19 i: \$20-29  
j: \$30-39 k: \$40-49 l: \$50-69 m: \$70-89  
n: \$90-109 o: \$110-149 p: \$150-199  
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\* It is important to remember that the unit value of a single chip find will have a much higher value than the unit value of a set of chips.

**POKER  
DESIGNS**



PD-JU 6 Pt Star  
Inlaid Litho / v:f



PD-LQ New Star  
Engraved / v:g

**POKER  
TRANS-  
PORTATION**



PT-FT Train Engine  
Inlaid Litho / v:i

**POKER  
WHEEL  
& FARO  
(INLAID)**



PW-CE Club  
Inlaid (black) / v:f



PW-DN Club in C  
Inlaid / v:f



PW-NX Maze Cross  
Inlaid / v:f

**POKER  
ADVER-  
TISING**



PY-GP Jackson Sq Tobacco  
Embossed / v:h



PY-GP  
reverse



PY-MC Marathon  
Engraved / v:h

**graphics  
not  
available**

PY-PX Plastics Ind. Ins.  
v:f



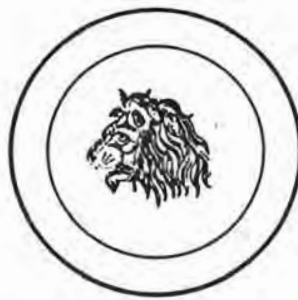
PY-SS Squeezers  
Paste On / v:h



# IVORY DESIGN



ID-BU  
Boar's Head / v:n



ID-CJ  
Lion's Head / v:r



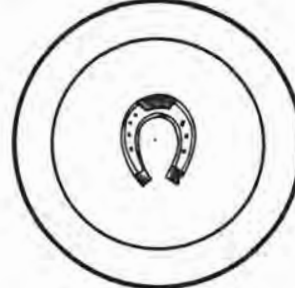
ID-CS  
Tiger / v:r



ID-FU  
Spade / v:l



ID-FV  
Spade / v:l



ID-GA  
Horseshoe / v:k



ID-GB  
Horseshoe / v:k



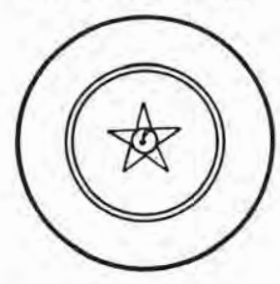
ID-GP  
Horseshoe & Whip / v:l



ID-JY  
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



ID-NE  
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



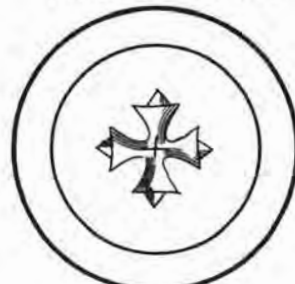
ID-OU  
Star / v:l



ID-QB  
Star / v:m



ID-QN  
Shield on Star / v:q



ID-SD  
Cross / v:k



ID-SE  
Cross / v:k



ID-SM.  
Cross / v:l



ID-VC  
Four Petals / v:k



ID-WS  
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-WT  
Four Leaves / v:k

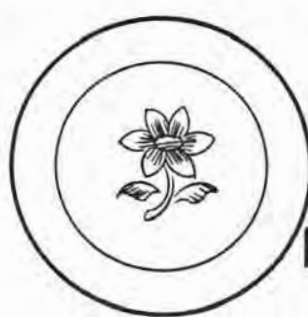
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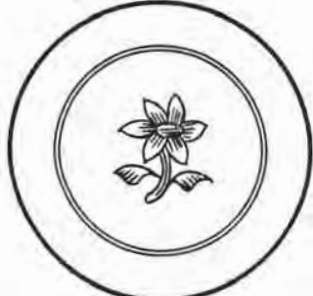
IE-QC  
Blossom / v:l



IE-QE  
Blossom / v:l



IE-TA  
Flower / v:l



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Flower / v:l



IE-TC  
Flower / v:l



IE-UC  
Flower / v:m



IE-UC  
reverse



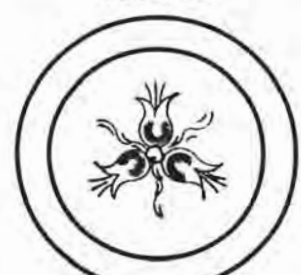
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Tulip / v:l



IE-WD  
Tulip / v:l



IE-YE  
Tulip / v:l



IE-YH  
Tulip Blossoms / v:o



IE-YI  
Tulip Blossoms / v:o



IF-BA  
Eight Web / v:m



IF-BC  
Eight Web / v:m



IF-EE  
Floral Border / v:l



IM-AM.  
A / v:n



IM-AN  
A / v:n



IM-GE  
L / v:n



IM-HE  
M / v:k

# IVORY DESIGN



ID-WU  
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-XG  
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-YB  
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-YD  
Four Leaves / v:k



ID-YG  
Four Leaves / v:l



IE-EU  
Mirror Leaves / v:l



IE-EV  
Rotated Leaves / v:l



IE-GQ  
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-GR  
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-GU  
Single Leaf / v:l



IE-JB  
Three Leaves / v:k



IE-JF  
Three Leaves / v:k



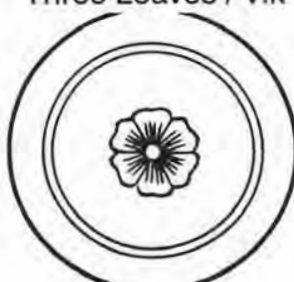
IE-JH  
Three Leaves / v:k



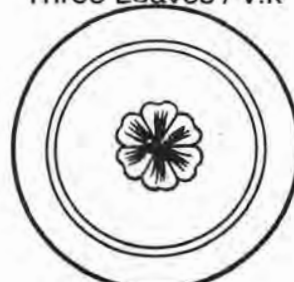
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3 Leaves & Star / v:p



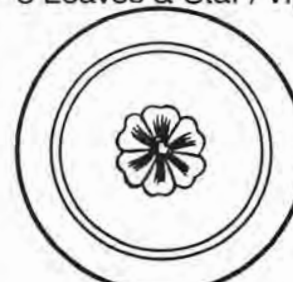
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reverse



IE-OZ  
Blossom / v:k



IE-PA  
Blossom / v:k



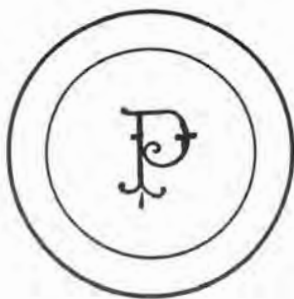
IE-PB  
Blossom / v:k



IE-PE  
Blossom / v:m



# IVORY MONOGRAMS



IM-IC  
P / v:l



IM-ID  
P / v:l



IM-JB  
T / v:l

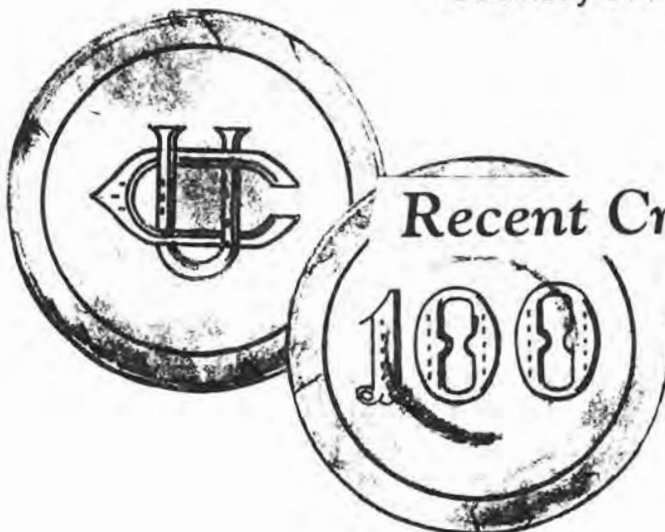


IM-FK  
l / v:l

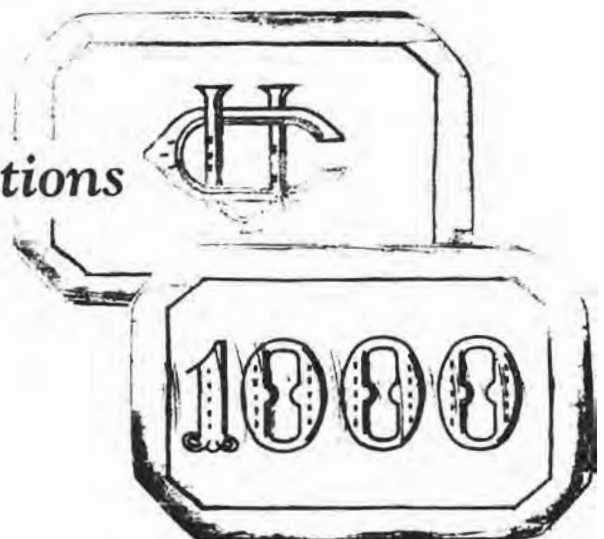


**1998 Finds from Cuba**  
See page 155 in *Antique Gambling Chips*  
(revised edition)

Courtesy of Phil Flannigan



*Recent Creations*



Courtesy of Henry Garrett

1998 New Codes  
**IVORY  
 NUMERALS**



IN-CE  
 0/0/0 / v:l



IN-CI  
 3/3/2 / v:l



IN-EF  
 3/F/3 / v:l



IN-EI  
 3/F/3 / v:l



IN-FC  
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-FD  
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-FG  
 4/F/3 / v:l



IN-GE  
 6/U/3 / v:l



IN-GF  
 6-8/U/2-3 / v:l

IN-KK on p. 162  
 is actually F/U/F  
 and should be  
 IN-GX



IN-GY  
 F/U/F / v:l



IN-GZ  
 F/U/F / v:l



IN-JR  
 U/U/U / v:l



IN-KQ  
 U/U/U / v:l



IN-RB  
 2/3/2/2 / v:l



IN-RR.  
 3/2/F/2 / v:l



IN-UH  
 3/F/3/2 / v:l



IN-UL  
 3/F/3/2 / v:l



IN-WL  
 4/F/3/2 / v:m

1998 New Codes  
**IVORY  
 NUMERALS**



IN-XN  
 5/U/3/2 / v:l



IN-XZ  
 F/F/3/3 / v:l



IO-AL  
 U/U/U/3 / v:l



IO-CH  
 8/3/S/2 / v:l



IO-DE  
 S/S/S/5 / v:m



IO-DY  
 U/U/3/2 / v:n



IO-ED  
 U/U/3/4 / v:n



IO-EH  
 U/U/4/4 / v:n



IO-GT  
 v:n



IO-HQ  
 v:m



IO-IK  
 v:o



IO-KM  
 v:o



IO-KM  
 reverse



IO-KT  
 v:m



IO-KX  
 v:m



IO-LU  
 v:m



IO-MD  
 v:m



IO-MP  
 v:m



1998 New Codes  
**IVORY  
 NUMERALS**



IO-OL  
 v:o



IO-OL  
 reverse



IO-OX  
 v:m



IO-RB  
 v:l



IO-RJ  
 2/F/2 / v:m



correction of  
 existing code

IO-TX  
 4/F(2-3) v:m



IO-TY  
 4/F/3 / v:m



IO-UA  
 F/F/F / v:m



IO-UX  
 F/U/F / v:m



IO-XS  
 3/F/2-3 / v:m



IO-XS-  
 reverse



IO-ZR  
 U/U/4 / v:n



IO-ZY  
 U/U/U / v:m



IP-AD  
 2/3/2/2 / v:m



IP-CO  
 3/F/3/2 / v:m



IP-DY  
 3/F/3/3 / v:m



IP-DZ  
 3/F/3/4 / v:m



IP-EEa  
 3/F/3/4 / v:n

1998 New Codes  
**IVORY  
 NUMERALS  
 &  
 CONCENTRIC**



IP-ET  
 4/U/3/2 / v:m



IP-EV  
 5/U/3/2 / v:m



IP-IB  
 3/F/3/2 / v:m



IP-KD  
 F/U/F/2 / v:m



IP-KM  
 S/S/S/5 / v:o



IP-LE  
 U/F/3/1 / v:q



IP-MT  
 v:o



IP-MX  
 v:n



IP-NE  
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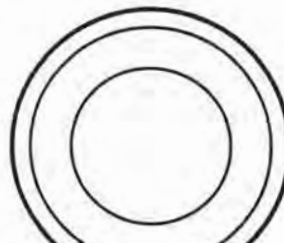
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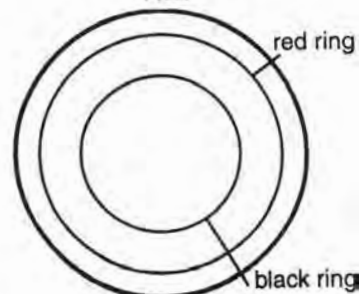
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 0B 1W (31/15) / v:i



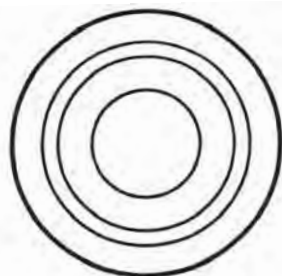
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IX-PQ  
 2B 2W (37/32) / v:i



IX-QL  
 2B2W (38/32) / v:i



IX-XG  
3B 3W (36/27) / v:i



IX-XH  
3B 3W (36/27) / v:i



IY-EM  
5B 5W (35/32) / v:j

1998 New Codes  
**IVORY  
CONCENTRIC  
&  
LATE  
ADDITIONS**



IF-FA  
Reflection / v:l



IR-EJ  
Missouri / v:t



IR-EJ  
reverse



IP-NJ  
v:q



ID-DD  
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IE-JD  
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PB-EZ  
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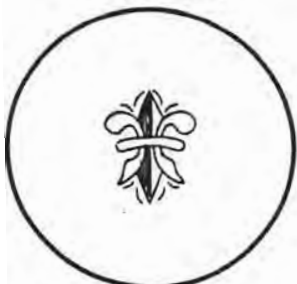
PM-MB My Break  
Engraved / v:h



PY-ES Esslinger's  
Stamped Plastic / v:f



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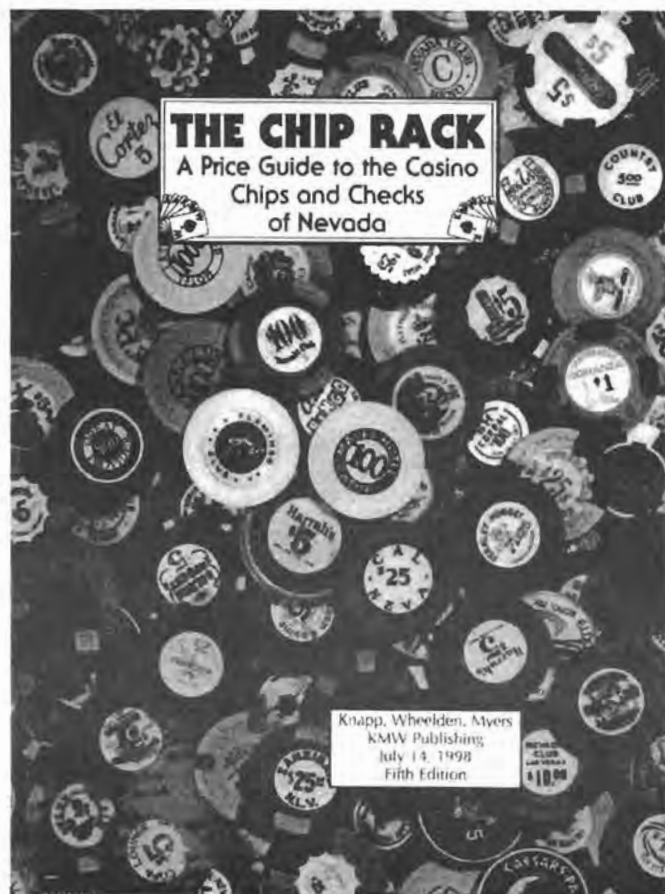
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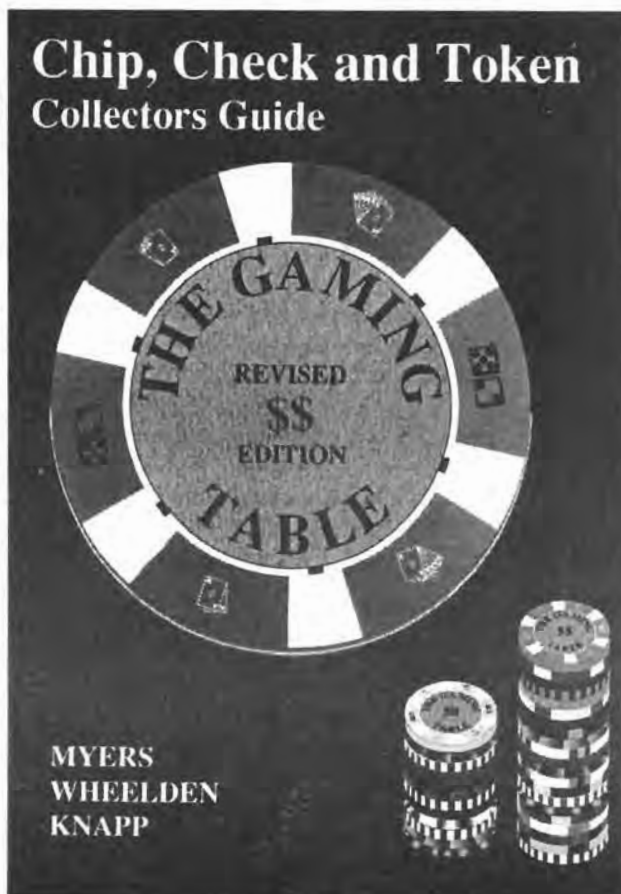
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4	Casino Queen	Indiana	\$0.50	Mustard, 4 black inserts, house
5	Casino Queen	Indiana	\$1.00	White, 4 blue inserts, house
6	Del Webb's Claridge	Atlantic City	\$1.00	White, metal center, house
7	Crazy Delbert's	Tulare CA	\$1.00	Blue, small crowns and dashes
8	Crystal Palace Casino	Nassau Bahamas	\$2.50	Pink, metal center, 4 black inserts
9	Foxwoods	Ledyard CT	\$1.00	White, hats and canes, original issue
10	Foxwoods	Ledyard CT	\$2.50	Pink, 2 silver/2 pink inserts, hats & canes
11	Foxwoods	Ledyard CT	\$5.00	Fifth anniversary chip 1997
12	Foxwoods	Ledyard CT	\$10.00	Paul Anka chipco, 1995
13	Hilton (never opened)	Atlantic City	\$1.00	White, 2 blue/2 orange inserts, house
14	Harley's Silver Club	Reno	\$0.10	Gray, gold hot stamp, small greek key
15	Jailhouse Casino	Ely NV	\$0.50	Orange, gold hot stamp, suits
16	Majesty of the Seas	Cruise Ship	\$1.00	Chipco
17	MGM Grand	Las Vegas	\$5.00	Betty Boop collector series
18	Palace Card Room	Missoula MT	\$0.25	Pink, gold hot stamp, hats and canes
19	Playboy	Atlantic City	25 N/V	Green, fun nite chip, hats and canes
20	Regal Service Stations	Reno	\$1.00	Green, gold hot stamp, small greek key
21	Royal Cabana Casino	Aruba	\$1.00	Tan, black/yellow ctr, horseheads right
22	Showboat	Atlantic City	\$1.00	White, 2 red, 2 pink inserts, house
23	Showboat	Atlantic City	\$2.50	Pink, 2 red, 2 tan inserts, house
24	Tahoe Biltmore	Crystal Bay NV	\$1.00	Blue, gold hot stamp, hats and canes
25	Windsor Casino	Ontario, Canada	\$1.00	White, chipco

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Here we are again with another update on chip and token information-----

For all of us that were able to be at this years CC&GTCC Convention, what a fantastic time was had by all!! For those of you that missed it, you really missed a great time. Maybe your plans will include a trip to Las Vegas in 1999. The convention will again be at the Orleans Hotel, but new dates will be JUNE 17-18-19, 1999, with the MEMBERS ONLY reception and trading session being Wednesday night, June 16. The Orleans turned out to be a great place for the CC&GTCC Convention and the entire Orleans staff went out of the way to accomodate our convention on such short notice. As you see our original date has been made available to us for 1999, so the time to the next convention is shorter than a full year.

The time has now come for club officer elections again. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find the form for nominations. Please give consideration to this, fill out your form, and get it in as soon as possible. We must select all new candidates for president, secretary, and treasurer.

These people will be running YOUR club for the next two years after the election, so be sure to get YOUR choices in.. The election committee has a lot of work ahead of them between the nominations form in this magazine and the actual ballot in the next issue. Do your part to make things a little easier for them by getting your nominations in as soon as possible.

There is much casino news from Nevada this time: King 8 Motel & Casino on Tropicana in LV is now Stations Casinos "Wild Wild West Gambling Hall" Seems we heard that name from the east coast lately. AND the billboard still remains on Boulder Highway where all the property has been cleared for a new Stations Casinos project that says, "Coming Soon-Wild Wild West Casino"

Bourbon Street, 120 E Flamingo LV has opened a mini casino in the front lobby managed by United Coin with nickel and quarter slots only. The Union 76 Auto Truck Plaza on Blue Diamond Road LV (across from Silverton) has new owners and an all new name, T A Travel Center, BUT same old chips and tokens.

Las Vegas Hilton LV continues to do strange things. First all table games in Spacequest Casino section were removed and Spacequest chips were thought to be obsolete. The main casino at Las Vegas Hilton was still using the old set of \$5 Chipco with Starlight Express figures. NOW the Starlight Express chips are gone AND all tables have Spacequest \$5 chips is play. Not only that the \$25 Chipco are gone and (no, not the \$25 Spacequest like you might guess) but instead the \$25 previous issue, house mold with building on inlay which has been "obsolete" for several years!!

A miscellaneous note: Two neat souvenir chips have been issued. A Chipco for Greg Susong's Cyberguide to Casino Chips 1998. This is a list by state WITH pictures of all Indian Casino and Riverboat chips on the internet. Also a Chipco campaign chip for officers of CC&GTCC upcoming elections, "David Sarles for President" and yours truly "Janice O'Neal for Vice-President"

And now to new issues--(and varities)!!!-----

# NEVADA CASINO CHIPS

Sam's Town LV now has a beautiful set of table chips, IF you can afford \$1,635.00 for the full set! \$5-\$25-\$100-\$500-\$1,000. Chips are all Paul-Son full graphic picture chips. Each chip has a different part of the Sam's Town front from the outside edge of the parking garage on the \$5 to the far end marquee sign on the \$1,000. All five chips together make a panoramic view of the entire Sam's Town property. I can't afford to add them to my collection, but I can enjoy the pictures that were published in the monthly Sam's Town newsletter that is sent to all slot club card members.



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red, Father's Day, June 21, 1998.



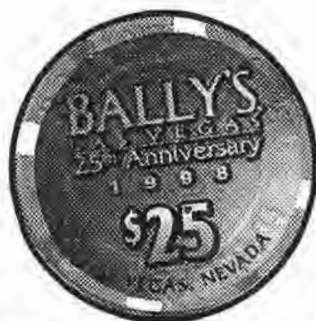
Excalibur LV \$5 Chipco multi purple, 5th Anniversary, June 19, 1998.



Casino Royale LV new \$5 Chipco yel blu red with "Casino Royle" in yellow. Original 1992 \$5 Chipco has "Casino Royale" in black. Barbary Coast LV all new table chips, June 1998. All house mold with new rose logo on center inlay, \$1 lt brn, blk lt brn grn wht CI, \$5 red 4 yel, blk red yel grn wht CI, & \$25 grn 4 wht, blk grn wht CI.



Bally's LV \$25 Paul-Son picture chip, house mold, grn 4-wht 4-blu, wht blk grn center for 25th Anniversary 1998. This is the anniversary of the Bally organization, not a casino anniversary.



Another add happening in new chips! At the Monte Carlo Resort LV there is a "first" Anniversary June 21, 1997 (issued 6-98) and a "second" Anniversary (also issued 6-98). Both are H&C picture chips, red 3 gld, multi center. The 1997 shows building at night and the 1998 shows building by day.



Plaza, downtown LV new 25-cent house mold, bright orange, hot stamp. This is the first 25-cent chip without saying "Union" Plaza. Also it has a small gold "hat and cane" hot stamp above "Plaza".



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red, "The Boys of Summer" July 7, 1998 (baseball All Star Game).



Four Queens LV set of 4-\$5 Chipco for July 4, 1998. When four chips are stacked in the correct order, one on top of the other there will be a design down the sides. Individual designs on face of chips are, (1) Liberty Bell, (2) Revolutionary War, (3) Signing of the Declaration, & (4) Star Spangled Banner. Again only an issue of 500 each and all were gone in the first two days.



Santa Fe LV \$5 BJ red 4 yel, multi center, "Roll Back the Time" a 50's celebration July 1998.



Monte Carlo Resort LV has started what will be an issue of six different chips for the Monte Carlo Brew Pub Beers. These will be issued, one each month, on or about the first. #1 of 6 is "Brewmaster Special, #2 of 6 is "Silver State Stout", and #3 of 6



Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8 wht, multi center, July 4, 1998.



Tropicana LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 3 prp, multi center, July 4, 1998.



Orleans Hotel & Casino LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 4 blu, multi center for Poker Tournament July 11-26, 1998. This is same design as the 1997 poker tournament chip, only the date has been changed.



Wild Wild West Gambling Hall LV opened 7-14-98 in what was King 8 at 3330 W Tropicana. Chips are H&C picture chips, \$1 wht 2-org 2-prp, multi gray center, \$5 red 2 gry/blu, multi red center, \$25 dk grn 4-dk pnk 4-lt lav, multi dk grn center, and \$5 red 2 gry/blu, multi dk blu center "Grand Opening 1998".



Orleans Hotel & Casino LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 4 blu, multi center for 6th Annual CC&GTCC Convention August 1998. The Orleans limited this issue to 1,000 chips and the "greedies" bought out most of them again! By the time the show started collectors were shut out on getting one from the casino. We hope the Orleans will understand our problem with this and issue more next year.



Fiesta Hotel Casino NLV and Paul-Son Chip Company of Las Vegas had a great program to commemorate the ten year anniversary of organized chip collecting. A "No Cash Value" chip was issued. Produced by Paul-Son and distributed at the Fiesta during the CC&GTCC Convention. Any CC&GTCC club member



asking at the cashier at the Fiesta received one of these chips free of any charge. Thank you Fiesta and Paul-Son. Gene Trimble of the Fiesta made this all possible. A special THANK YOU to Gene for a great souvenir chip to add to convention memorabilia albums.



Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8 dk tan, multi center "Hoops in Las Vegas", August 16-17, 1998 (a basketball tournament).



There are shiny bright new hot stamp H&C 25-cent chips at Nevada Palace, 5255 Boulder Hwy, LV. But we find no difference between the new and the old. Wow, no variety this time! Could be just more of an original order has been added to the tables.

Speaking of varieties, we made the mistake of picking up a new supply of Jerry's Nugget NLV \$1 Bud Jones metal center chips. AAAHHHGGG! We now count four varieties, (1) dark org 6 wht, MI large \$1, suits & dice, thin edge lines, "No. Las Vegas", (2) light orange 6 wht, MI large \$1, suits & dice, thin edge lines, "No. Las Vegas", (3) light org 6 wht, MI small \$1, suits & dice, thin edge lines, "No. Las Vegas, Nv", & (4) dark org 6 wht, MI small \$1, six suits only, thick edge lines, "No. Las Vegas, Nv." All this and the \$5 Bud Jones chips are still the old issue that say only "No. Las Vegas"

More variations on Bud Jones metal inlay chips: Lady Luck LV has been reported with two color variations, now there is a third one found and none of them yet have "Las Vegas, Nv" on them. Issue #1 white, light org inserts, issue #2 white, dull dark org inserts, and issue #3 white, shiny org inserts. This dull versus shiny on Bud Jones chips has now shown up in other areas. More on this next time.

Lady Luck LV \$25 Chipco multi grn for "Puttin On the Ritz" (blackjack tournament) August 1998. This chip is also for 34th year 1964-1998 Anniversary of Lady Luck. There is a matching

\$100 multi blk (sorry, no picture). these chips were not available to the public until after the tournament was finished.



Also at Lady Luck LV there is a new "Win Cards" promotion. Buy a set of small plastic cards that figure odds on table games for new players and receive an amount of "free play" chips to try the cards out with. What a surprise when a mixed bag of old "No Cash Value" chips appeared with this promotion. The triangle & club mold and the horses heads right mold are old chips that were used in promotions for tourists previously. We got them with coupons in our airline tour packages coming from Michigan over six years ago. The beige was for a one dollar bet. We also have maroon that was for a \$5 bet. Now they show up in 1998 as "Win Cards" chips!! The real surprise was the gray horse heads right mold chip that was also mixed in that has "tournament use only" on it. This must have been part of a set that was used for blackjack tournaments. We have also heard some people got a hat & cane mold chip in their lot. We did not get one of these. Chips are (1) Triangle & Club mold, beige--HS, (2) Horse Heads Right mold, beige--HS thin letters, (3) Horse Heads Right mold, beige--HS thick letters. These say "Special Events-No Cash Value", (4) Horse Heads Right mold, gray--HS with "Tournament Only-No Cash Value" on it.

Continental Hotel LV new \$5 Chipco, blk yel org red. Same design as original. First issue 1996 pebble surface. 2nd issue 1998 smooth surface. Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip, red 8 dk tan, multi blu center. Desert scene & Hard Rock logo obverse, guitar reverse. This chip is for regular table play.



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red, Labor Day 1998.



Luxor LV \$5 Chipco multi red, Fifth Anniversary (1998).



Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco multi red, Memorial Day May 25, 1998. This chip was first rejected by Opera House and returned to Chipco. The chips were re-made and released June 9, 1998, Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco multi red, July 7, 1998 Baseball's Best (All Star Game).



Fiesta NLV another new \$1 H&C picture chip. This time the "Royal Flush" side has an all new design. Also at Fiesta, three more Sports Edition chips for baseball, (1) Ed Kranepool, (2) Amos Otis, (3) Ron Swoboda. Fiesta Casino NLV set of four \$5 Chipco multi red, "Best of Las Vegas"--- (1) Best Buffet, (2) Best Mexican Restaurant, (3) Best Video Poker, & (4) Best Paycheck Cashing. This is from a survey conducted by a local newspaper once a year in Las Vegas. One more for Fiesta. Now issued all new roulette chips, which are the new Bud Jones grooved edge chips. These chips are being used on Riverboats, in Indian casi-

nos around the country and for \$1 chips at the Atlantis in Reno. But this is the first Las Vegas/ NLV issue for this style of chip.

Sunset Station, Henderson \$5 H&C picture chip red 3-org 3-dk prp, multi center, 1st Birthday Celebration, June 1998. Nevada Landing, Jean new \$1.00 H&C beige--HS with zeros. Terrible's Town, Pahrump added craps table and now has new \$1 H&C blu 2-wht 2-blk, multi wht prp center inlay chips. Exchange Club, beatty has new owner and all new chips. \$5 BJ red 4 tan, multi center and \$25 BJ grn 4 wht, multi center. Both have same design. All other chips are obsolete.





Have you had enough color variations yet? If not I have one more that was brought to me recently. Fiesta NLV, the second issue \$1 chip, old design with "N. Las Vegas, Nevada". On the N. Las Vegas side, (1) "Fiesta" is red and (2) "Fiesta" is orange. One more set of variations and then I'm out of here! Virgin River, Mesquite 25-cent H&C beige--HS, (1) top line of cent sign is curved to left, (2) top & bottom of cents sign is slanted, and (3) top & bottom of cent sign is straight up and down.



Cal-Nev-Ari Casino, Cal-Nev-Ari, Nevada \$5 BJ red 4 blu, multi center, 30 Years 1968-1998.



Ramada Express, Lau \$5 BJ red 4 sets of 3 split wht, multi CI, 10th Anniversary June 6, 1998.



More odd happenings: Colorado Belle, Lau having a three month celebration, June, July, & Aug called "Gator Days". Three \$5 BJ

chips, one for each month, but all issued at the same time in June. (1) \$5 red 4 sets of split lavender, multi center-"June", (2) \$5 red 4 sets of split orange, multi center-"July", & (3) \$5 red 4 sets of split blue, multi center-"August".



Ramada Express, Lau four more of the \$5 BJ red 4 wht/blu/wht, multi center, "Back to the '40s set are (#8) WACC'S, women in World War II, (#9) "Kill Him with War Savings", (#10) "To the Merchant Navy-Thank You", & (#11) "Wings Over America" Air Corps US Army. Only one more to go and this entire set of twelve will be finished!!





Fourth of July chips in Laughlin: Colorado Belle \$5 BJ red 4 wht/blu/wht, multi center. If these edge insert colors look familiar to you, it's because this is the same color combination as inserts found on the Ramada Express "Back to the 40s" set that we have been looking at for the last eleven months. Edgewater \$5 Chipco multi red and Ramada Express \$5 BJ red 4 sets pf 3 split wht, multi center.



Harrah's, Lau \$2.50 H&C picture chip, brt dk pnk, 4 blk inserts, multi center for 10th Anniversary 1998.



Mesquite Star, Mesquite opened 7-1-98. These people really know how to "get into" chips!! There are five (yes, 5) different \$5 chips. But there is no Grand Opening chip, at least not yet. Chips are all H&C with multi color centers. \$1 blu 4 wht/brt pnk, has Mesquite Star logo center. All \$5 are red 3 lav/lt blu, (1) bull & rider, (2) cowboy boot, (3) covered wagon, (4) crossed pistols, & (5) night and camp fire. \$25 grn, 3 lt blu/org/lt blu with Mesquite Star logo center.



Sundowner, Reno \$5 H&C picture chip red 4 wht/lt blu, multi center, ABC Hall of Fame Bowler, Fuzzy Shimada.



Peppermill, Reno \$5 H&C picture chip red 4 lt grn/lav/lt grn, multi center, Reno Rodeo June 20-28, 1998.



Reno Hilton Resort, Reno \$5 Chipco multi red, Pot of Gold Tournament (poker) 1998. Reno Hilton Resort, Reno \$5 Chipco multi red & \$25 Chipco multi grn, Hot 'N Fiery Weekend, June 19-21, 1998.





Atlantis Casino, Reno \$5 BJ red 8 blu, multi center, "Hot August Nights" 1998.



Harrah's, Reno \$5 Chipco multi red, "Hot August Nights 1998".



Peppermill, Reno \$5 H&C picture chip "Peppermill in August" 1998.



Reno Hilton Resort, Reno \$5 Chipco multi red & \$25 Chipco multi grn, "Hot August Nights 1998"



A previously un-reported chip that was not on the gaming approval list. There is a third \$10 Bill Cosby chip at Harvey's Lake Tahoe (Stateline). This one has Cosby to the side of the chip and is dated "November 1, 1997". The first two were, (1) Cosby with cap (not dated), and (2) Cosby in center with lake & mountains, dated August 2, 1997.



Stockmen's Motor Hotel, Elko new 25-cent H&C peach--Hot stamp.



## NEVADA CASINO TOKENS

Stardust LV \$10 dated 1998 OPM and \$25 dated 1998 OPM, both have same design. Also the Stardust LV \$1 (1998) GDC has been found with cracked die reverse. It is a large crack down from the top of the token into the building. Maybe this is why there didn't seem to be many of this new token to be found in play.



Frontier, The New LV again has a \$10 token in play. First issue was RWM brass, with plain edge. This was pulled from play, being too close in size to the \$5 token. New issue is RWM antique brass with reeded edge, same design as before.

Wild Wild West Gambling Hall & Hotel, 3330 W Tropicana LV opened 7-14-98, was King 8. Tokens are \$1-\$2-\$5, all (1998) OC brass, all same design.



McCarran Airport LV \$1 dated 1998 GDC, same design as 1994 token. Barbary Coast LV \$25 (1998) GDC approved 4-98 in play 8-98. This token is a very chrome-like metal.



Primm Valley Resort, Primm now has new \$25 GDC token in play. This token will be listed in O'Neal check list as (1998). The approval was given in 1997, but token not in play until June 1998.

Primm Valley Resort also has a new \$10 regular play token (1998) GDC.



Exchange Club, Beatty new owner, new \$1 (1998) OC. All previous tokens are obsolete.



Mesquite Star, Mesquite, Nev opened 7-1-98. Tokens are \$1 (1998) GDC with crossed swords logo and \$5 (1998) GDC with bull and rider.



It has been discovered there are three varieties (not just two) on the obsolete Cattle Baron Casino, Henderson \$1 (1991) NCM



tokens. All varieties are on reverse of tokens, (1) mint mark small, low close to rim, (2) mint mark small, above rim, & (3) mint mark large, above rim.

Madison Ave Bar & Grill, 855 E Twain LV \$1 (1998)/1989 "G", Anchor coin. Madison Ave (1995) CT, E-T-T, Inc is obsolete.



Rizzo's Supper Club, 3620 E Flamingo LV \$1 (1998) GDC, United Coin. NOTE: error-has "3260" on token.



Terry's place 701 E Stewart LV \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan.

A special month long promotion ran in August at the Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin. Eight tokens were issued, all \$1 (1998) NCM color centers. Each token has one letter in the name-Flamingo. Eight tokens, F-L-A-M-I-N-G-O. Obverse side of all eight has same "cool bird" figure. These tokens were salted in each fill to dollar slot and video poker machines. When all eight were acquired they could be turned in at the cashier for one drawing ticket. All tickets were placed in drawing drum. Eight tickets were drawn on August 28, 1998 for money prizes.



Wilson's Bar & Grill, 2605 S Decatur LV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc. Wilson's bar (1997)/1992 Sunset Coin is obsolete.

#### NEVADA TOKENS BARS & STORES

Cafe Trilussa, 1350 E Flamingo LV \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan. This was Cafe Michelle. Cafe Michelle tokens are obsolete.



Country Palace, 4885 E Lake Mead LV (same center as In 'N Out Market) \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc. This was Nite Owls and before that Tigers Pub. All previous tokens are obsolete. Free Zone, 610

E Naples LV \$1 (1998)/1989 "G", Anchor Coin.



Cardivan. This was Brick House, \$1 (1995) Brick House token obsolete.



Another P T's Pub at 4310 E Tropicana LV \$1 (1998) GDC, U.S.Coin, same design as other PT's. This was Crash Corrigan's and those tokens are obsolete. Terry's Villa, 1203 E Charleston LV \$1 (1998) CT, B.W.Corp. Same design as previous tokens. 1991 NCM and (1997) "G" tokens are obsolete. Heritage Lounge, 1012 W Owens LV \$1 (1998) GDC, United Coin. (1993) CT token is obsolete. Carollo's, 2301 E Sunset LV closed 11-97, tokens obsolete. Has now re-opened 7-98 with new tokens, \$1 (1998) OC, South West Gaming.



Roper's (Sports Lounge) 1987 N Nellis LV \$1 (1998)/1988 GDC, United Coin. Here an old 1988 obverse die was used to make the new 1998 token. Original 1988 SSM, United Coin is obsolete. T-Bird Lounge, 3300 E Tropicana LV 1990 NCM & 1991 NCM tokens are both obsolete. 8-98 now all paper payouts here. Also 8-98 T-Bird Lounge opened a second location at 9465 S Eastern LV and this is where the new \$1 (1998)/1989 "G", Anchor Coin token is.



Big Game Club, 4747 W Faircenter (Charleston & Decatur) LV \$1 (1998) GDC, no route company. (1994) CT is obsolete. Country Roads lounge, 8025 S Industrial LV \$1 (1998) OC brass, South West Gaming.



Loose Caboose Central, 4405 W Flamingo LV open 8-98. \$1 & \$5 (1998) OC, South West Gaming, both have same design. This was LJ's Sports Bar. All LJ's tokens are obsolete. Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Lounge, 4435 LV Blvd N, No. Las Vegas open 8-98. \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan.



Fort Las Vegas, 2428 Cheyenne NLV \$1 dated 1998 GDC, no route company. Mulligan's Bar & Grill, 2312 E Craig NLV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc.



Keg-A-Brew, 5310 W Sahara LV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc. (1996) CT, Desert Coin is obsolete.

Murphy's Bar & Grill, 2850 E Tropicana LV \$1 (1998) RWM,

Howl at the Moon Saloon, 1817 N Boulder Hwy, Henderson \$1 (1998) OC, South West Gaming.



Maxx's Lounge, 39 S Water Street, Henderson \$1 (1998) GDC, United Coin, same design as before. Original Anchor Coin is obsolete.

More newspaper redemption notices for bar tokens: Tokens from Nevada Coin Machine (NCMC--not the same as NCM) route company; NuDunes, Pahrump. Heritage Lounge, 1012 W Owens LV (Heritage has sent gotten new tokens by United Coin), Calico Jack's LV and Dino's Lounge LV.

Another redemption notice for more Leo DiCandilo route company, all are Las Vegas. Cattleman's Steakhouse, Dispensary Lounge., Las Vegas Lounge, Rob Roy's, and Smuggle Inn.

Redemption notice for C&R Coin route company: Office Bar #3 LV and Office Bar #6 LV.

More reported obsolete bar tokens: Now using US Ike dollars; Bunkhouse Saloon, 124 S 11th St LV. Office Bar #3, 3420 S Arville LV. No longer have dollar machines; Choices, 1729 E Charleston LV. Winn Dee Bar, 2440 LV Blvd N and Green Shack, 2504 Fremont LV. Now no gaming at all; Dylan's Saloon & Dance Hall, 4660 Boulder Hwy LV.

Switched to all paper payouts; Skipp's Gold Coin Saloon, 4680 S Decatur LV, Joshua's Pub, 3650 S Decatur LV, Waterhole, 4740 S Arville LV, & Stake Out, 4800 S Maryland Phwy, LV. Big shots, 3350 S Decatur LV closed 8-98, never got tokens. Frogeez on 4th, 300 S 4th St LV closed 7-98, never got tokens.

Banc club, Tonopah open 7-98 \$1 (1998) NCM, no route company. The "C" in BANC has a cents sign line thru it on the edge of the token. Center design is "BC" in oval frame.



#### SILVER STRIKE TOKENS

We reported last time that Caesars Palace LV removed all Silver Strike machines. Now Caesars Tahoe (Stateline) has removed them also, so it looks like Caesars is now out of the Silver Strike issues entirely. Holiday Inn/ Boardwalk LV has become Boardwalk Casino LV and issued a new \$10 (1998) GDC token. "Jocko" clown head design is about the same as before. Only the casino name on the other side is changed. New York New York LV \$10 Motown (1998) new mint mark "G" now in play.

Imperial Palace LV two new \$10 car designs and new \$10 (1998) "G" mint mark building all in play. At the California Hotel LV five original Chinese New Year \$10 (1998) with new mint mark "G", Year of the--Dragon, Sheep, Rabbit, Boar, and Ox that were approved in June are now available. Also seven new designs, Year of the--Snake, Tiger, Cock, Monkey, Horse, Rat, & Dog are available. These may not all be in the machines, but older issues can be traded at the cashier for the new issues. Golden Gate LV has two new \$10, (1) trolley car, & (2) bridge. Most coming out of machine are still the old building design and this casino's policy is NO TRADING!

Hard Rock Hotel LV four new \$20 (1998) "G" mint mark are now in play, same designs as before. Four new \$10 approved in June have still not been found. In July Las Vegas Hilton LV removed the Spacequest machines and the medallion sets are now obsolete. All Gold Strike Inn, Boulder City \$10 are obsolete. This casino was completely destroyed by fire June 1998.

A small casino on Virginia St in Reno called The Gambler has added Silver Strike tokens. 4-\$10 (1998) "G", (1) 21 hand of cards, (2) royal flush hand of cards, (3) pair of dice, & (4) slot machine "winner". Peppermill, Reno \$10 (1998) "G" hotel tower reverse, obverse very much like first 1994 token. Circus Circus, Reno has returned Silver Strike machines with six new \$10 (1998) "G" tokens. (1) clown with tiger, (2) clown with giraffe, (3) clown on trapeeze, (4) clown on elephant, (5) clown with lion, & (6) clown with broom.

Silver Legacy Reno \$10 "S" mint mark 1998, 3rd Anniversary now in play. Flamingo Hilton Reno \$10 Year of the Tiger in play 7-98. There is no mint mark on this token. Flamingo Hilton \$10 American Superstars-Madonna dated 1998 in play. Peppermill Reno \$10 (1998) Slot August Nights, new "G" mint mark now in play. Fitzgerald's Reno all \$40 tokens are obsolete, machine removed. Harrah's Reno \$40 Genie playing golf obsolete-machine removed 6-98.

Harvey's Lake Tahoe (Stateline) \$10 Bill Cosby dated 1998, approved 2-5-98 in play 6-98. Mr. B's, Mill City two new \$10 (1998) "G" bear hunter and miner in play 6-98. Stateline Casino, Wendover has approval 6-29-98 on four new \$10, (1) "Goldenrod", (2) "Battery Box", (3) "2-D", & (4) race car. These have not been reported in play as yet.

#### CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS

Commerce Casino, Commerce has new 50-cent house mold, lt org--HS chip.





Two previously unreported chips at LA Casino, Huntington Park, \$3 H&C grn-HS (drop chip) and \$5 H&C lt mus, 3red/dk blu, multi CI for "Grand Opening" July 1997.



Hollywood Park, Inglewood \$1 H&C picture chip blu 4 split dk blu, multi center, 60th Anniversary 1938-1998, and a set of six \$5 H&C picture chips, all yel 4 split blk, multi dk blu centers for "Top Jocks '97"--(1) Kent Desormeaux, (2) Chris McCarron, (3) Corey Nakatani, (4) Lauit Pincey, Jr, (5) Alex Solis, & (6) Gary Stevens.



Central Coast Casino, 4th & Grand Ave, Grover Beach \$5 H&C lt mustard, 3 lt grn/dk gry, multi blu CI. Lucky Chances, 1700 Hillside Blvd, Colma opened 7-98. All chips are Chipco: 50-cent blk red tan brn, \$1 yel red blk gry, \$2 blk red grn, \$3 red grn yel, & \$5 blk wht org red. 8-98 the 50-cent chips have been removed from play.



There is a \$3 H&C pnk 3 grn/dk maroon, blu blk pnk wht CI chip at Lake Elsinore Card Room, Lake Elsinore that was not previously unreported.

## COLORADO NEWS

Not much from this area recently. The new Lodge Casino, Blackhawk opened 6-24-98 with all Chipco, \$1 multi wht, \$5 multi red, & \$25 multi grn. All are same design. Tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1998) RWM, also all same design.



## DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

Gold Dust \$5 Chipco multi brown, 58th Annual Sturgis Rally 1998. B B Cody's \$1 Chipco is obsolete. Entire supply sold out to one chip dealer. Four Aces has removed all tables and chips were retired. 8-98 tables are returned but using only \$1 & \$5 tokens, chips are still retired.

Midnight Star now has \$25 & \$100 chips. Silverado has \$25 chip and Gold Dust has a \$100



## FLORIDA NEWS

Gulf Stream Gaming ship, Marco Island stopped sailing 6-98. \$1 & \$5 Chipco, 25-cent & \$1 tokens all retired for now!! Maximillion I (Max I), Key West moved to New York with Bud Jones chips and OPM tokens. Sun Cruz ships, various ports in Florida, have all new tokens with new Sun Cruz logo. 25-cent, \$1, & \$5 (1998) GDC. Same generic tokens used on all Sun Cruz boats at this time.



## WASHINGTON CARD ROOMS

Washington now seems to be switching out of the small one or two table rooms for full fledged casinos. Latest to join this trend is Drift On Inn, which has now become Drift On Inn Roadhouse Casino, 16708 Aurora Ave N, Seattle. New chips are \$1 -A- mold dk blu, red blk wht CI, & \$5 -A- mold dk red 2 wht, red blk wht CI.



Discovered in downtown Spokane is the Mars Hotel. In the basement of the hotel is a cardroom with blackjack tables. In use is a \$1 token (no date) by RWM instead of one dollar chips. No slots of any kind here. \$5 chip is RT Plastics (maybe old enough to be Langworthy?) red 3 split wht inserts, multi black center inlay. Logo is hotel bursting out of the red planet Mars.



Eddie's Diner, Everett re-modeled and changed name to Royal Casino with all new chips. \$1 H&C wht, 1-grn 1-dk blu inserts, & \$5 H&C red, 2-grn 2-mrn inserts. Both have same center design.



## INDIAN CASINO NEWS

Casino Arizona at Salt River, Scottsdale, Ariz opened 6-19-98. There are no slots, so no tokens. Chips are: 50-cent H&C blu--HS, \$1 H&C picture chip dk brt pnk, 1-blu 1-grn, multi blk center, \$2 H&C picture chip wht, 1-blu 1-blk, multi blk center, & \$5 H&C picture chip red, 2-off wht 2-yel, multi blk center.



Barona Casino, Lakeside, Calif \$5 Chipco multi blk org, April 1998 "Internet Poker Challenge".



Spa Casino, Palm Springs, Calif new 50-cent dollar signs (\$\$\$) mold yel--HS.



Santa Ynez Indian Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif has changed name to Chumash Casino and has all new chips. \$2 RT Plastics blu 3 dk blu, blk multi wht CI & \$3 RT Plastics lt grn 3red, blk multi wht

CI. (We still need \$1 & \$5).



Viejas Casino & Turf Club, Alpine, Calif \$5 Chipco multi red, 6th Anniversary September 13, 1997. It took us some time to get this piece to report on.



The seminole Indians in Hollywood, Fla have a tendency to change name. The first set of chips was "Seminole Indian Bingo", second set "Seminole Bingo", and now third set is "Seminole Gaming". 25-cent hrs hds rt, dk blu 3 bge, blk red sil CI, \$1 hrs hds rt, bge 4 dk blu, blk red sil CI. The \$5 has not been changed yet.



White Cloud Casino, White Cloud, Kansas opened 5-20-98. Slots only at this time. \$1 (1998) GDC token. Table games to open fall 1998.



Kewadin casinos (Vegas Kewadin), Sault Ste. Marie, Mich \$5 Chipco multi gray, "Summer 1998 A.R.C.A. Racing"



Lac Vieux Desert

Casino (better known as LVD Casino), Watersmeet, Mich. \$5 COMP, unicorns mold prp-HS. A special promotions chip.



Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant, Mich has added a seperate set of chips for the poker room only. All H&C with multi center inlay with flying eagle over sun same as other chips. \$1 lt blu, 2-wht 2-off wht, \$2 yel, 1-dk gry 1-blk, & \$5 org, 2-dk blu 2-dk prp. The original chips are still used in the other games. Black Bear Casino, Carlton, Minn all new Chipco \$5, \$25, & \$100. \$5 is multi yel red.



Silver Star Casino, Philadelphia, Miss has all new chips 9-98. All are H&C picture chips; 50-cent gry, wht prp gry center, \$1 wht 2-blu 2-brn, multi blu center, & \$5 red 2-yel 2-tan, multi red center.







Santa Ana Star Casino, Bernalillo, N M (chips now list city as "Santa Ana Pueblo", N M) \$5 chipco multi red, 5th Anniversary 1998.



An odd 25-cent chip has surfaced from Cities of Gold Casino, Pojoaque, N M. It is -A- mold yellow with black hot stamp and all that we have seen are drilled. It is doubtful this chip was ever used in play.



Turning Stone Casino, Verona, New York has all new table chips, \$1 house mold picture chip, wht, multi center with roulette wheel logo, \$2.50 house mold picture chip, pnk, 1-lt blu 1-mrn, multi center with 21-hand logo, & \$5 house mold picture chip red, 3 turq/gry, multi center with royal flush hand logo.



We have added Dakota Magic, Hankinson, N D \$5 H&C picture chip, red 2-lav 2-turq, multi center and \$5 H&C picture chip, red

2-lav 2-turq, multi red center "Grand Opening December 1996". It took us awhile to get these two for listing.



Spokane Indian Bingo & Casino, Chewelah, Wash 50-cent triangle & club mold blu, grn blk brn wht CI.



Nooksack River Casino, Deming, Wash \$5 H&C picture chip red 2-gry 2-dk blu, multi red center, 5th Anniversary 1993-1998. This chip is NOT being put on the tables AND is being sold at the cashier for \$7.00 each.



Legends Casino, Toppenish, Wash open 5-15-98. Yakama Indian tribe in conjunction with Boomtown/Hollywood Park Corp. Chips are \$1 BJ blu 8 split wht, multi wht CI, \$5 BJ red 8 dk blu, multi wht CI. Both have same design. Also \$5 BJ red 8 dk blu, blk blu gld wht CI "Grand Opening May 1998".



Shoalwater Bay Bingo & Casino, Tokeland, Wash opened casino with paper payout slots May 1998. The state has judged these slots illegal and is trying to get them removed or close down the casino. Chips are RT Plastics, \$1 bge, 3 red/org/mrm, red grn brn wht CI, & \$5 red, 3 yel/wht/yel, red grn brn wht CI.



#### RIVERBOAT CASINOS

Casino Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, there are two different 50-cent chips circulating around now that have had the sunburst gold cancel removed. Both are dull yel, NO inserts (the original chip in play has three dk blue inserts). One of these has the same cut out inlay as the original, the other has a plain round inlay. SAMPLES?? ERRORS??



Too many strange things are surfacing in too many different areas recently!!

Harrah's Casino Cruises, Joliet, Illinois \$5 H&C picture chip red, 3 split blu, multi blu center, 5th Anniversary 1993-1998.



Casino Queen, E. St. Louis, Illinois has new nickel token (1998) GDC brass. Grand Victoria, Rising Sun, Indiana, a different \$5 chip has surfaced. The original \$5 is red, 2-dk pink 2-lime green inserts. For about one week only in May 1998 the \$5 chips were red 2-peach 2-dk green inserts, same center inlay on both. Possible back up set brought out for short time?? Did anyone else find this one?? If so we would like to hear from you about it. Also at Grand Victoria a \$2 token, dated 1998 OC mint, same design as other tokens. Indiana Gaming Co (Argosy), Lawrenceburg, Indiana added nickel tokens (1998) GDC.

Lady luck, Bettendorf, Iowa has \$2 (1997) OC brass token.

Belle of Sioux City, Sioux City, Iowa \$5 Chipco multi red, "Rivercade 1998" obverse, "Argosy's 1994-1998" reverse.



An unusual \$1 token has surfaced (new to us anyway!) Harrah's, Shreveport, La \$1 dated 1995 GDC with color inlays on both sides.



Rainbow Casino, Vicksburg, Miss \$5 Chipco multi red, 4th Anniversary 1994-1998 obverse, Pointer Sisters July 23, 1998 reverse.



Palace Casino, Biloxi, Miss \$5 H&C picture chip red 2 blu/dk blu, multi red center, "Biloxi, Miss Tricentennial 1699-1999. This celebration will run for a whole year so there may be other riverboat casinos with commemorative chip issues in the near future.



Sam's Town, Kansas City, Missouri closed for good July 15, 1998. All chips and tokens are obsolete.

**MORE MISCELLANEOUS:** Maine; A new cruise ship Chipco that we had not been able to identify has been found! "Golden Anchor Casino" is the casino on a "cat ferry" from Nova Scotia to bar Harbour, Maine.



Massachusetts; There is news on one of the missing Florida boats. Casino Cruises of Florida boat "Vegas Express" is in Gloucester, Mass for the summer. Sailing July 1998 to November 1998 (according to the ads) Using the same "CFC" chips from Florida and the original "Savannah Lady" tokens from when the boat originated in Savannah, Georgia in 1993. Note: Collectors are still looking for the Savannah Lady chips. Canada; Casino Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada opened all new casino 8-98 with all new chips and tokens. The old temporary casino is closed and the Northern Belle Riverboat casino is also closed. The original Casino Windsor chips and the Northern Belle/Casino Windsor chips are all obsolete, as well as all original tokens. New chips are H&C picture chips, \$1 wht 2-dk blu, multi center, polar bear. \$2.50 pnk 1-lrg org 1-lrg dk blu, multi center, butterfly. \$5 red 2-wht 2-yel, multi center, maple leaf. \$25 grn 4-yel 4-dk gry, multi center, trillium wild flower. New tokens are 25-cent, 50-cent, \$1, \$5 (1998) RWM, all are same design.



And with that we come to the end of another report. My sincere "THANK YOU" to all that take the time to send information to keep this column going. Without every one of you it would not exist. I wish space would allow me to acknowledge each contributor individually, but there are so many helpers that would be impossible.

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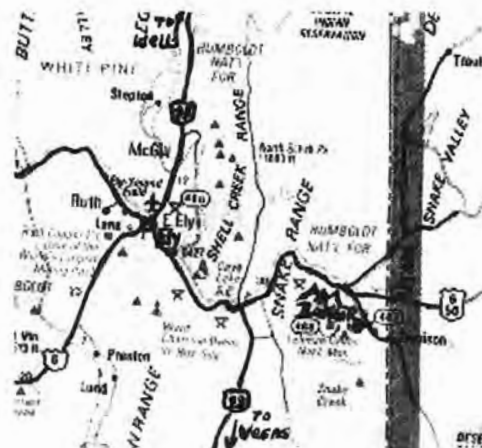
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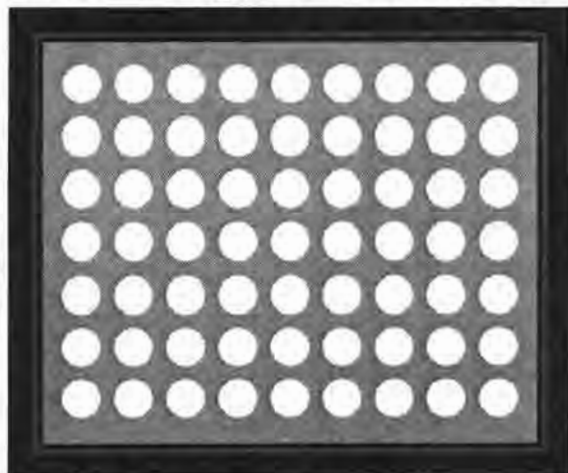
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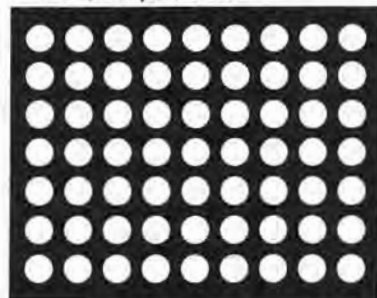
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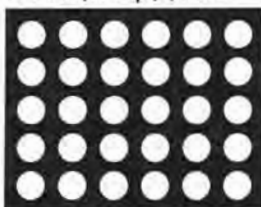
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