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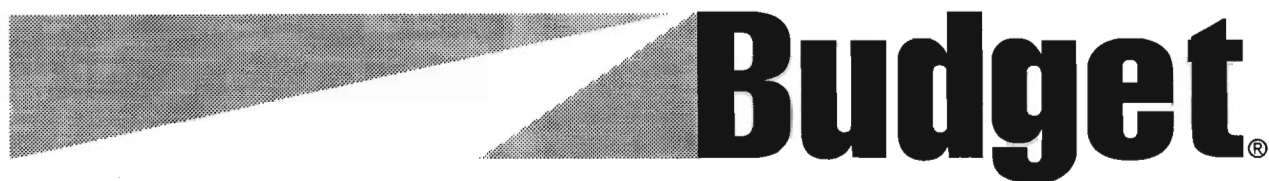
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I feel I must respond to the two page article printed on page 12 & 13 of the last Club magazine. Here are my feelings.

**OUR CLUB NAME?** This name came about 10 years ago from a core group of individuals that met in Cincinnati, Ohio. They decided at that time that they would like to get together at least once a year to pursue a new hobby of chip & token collecting. This group of COLLECTORS (both individuals & dealers) decided to form this club with the intent of providing better insight in to helping each other enjoy this new found hobby. Through the early years everyone wrote, called, met, traded, sold and just had FUN. We had an annual meeting for the first 5 years at the ANA yearly convention. We met and grew each year. The club became a Tax-exempt organization to allow us to provide more help to each new COLLECTOR through meetings, seminars, groups getting together, and finally chapters on the local level. As we grew, the hobby has expanded to collecting almost anything Casino related, chips, tokens, dice, ashtrays, postcards, matchcovers, etc., etc. But the bottom line is we are still a group of COLLECTORS (again both individuals & dealers) getting together to enjoy themselves and have fun.

I see no real reason to change the Clubs name to suit the whims of a few people who seem to feel the commodity is more important than the individual. **DON'T** let this happen.

### CLUB LEADERSHIP!

You the membership will have to make a choice on who you want to run this club and I, for one, want to see someone elected who had the COLLECTOR membership at heart. I also am very biased and want to see you the membership elect **DAVID SARLES** for president and my wife **JANICE O'NEAL** for vice president. They as a team, and with anyone else who feel as we do, will keep this hobby as it was intended, a **FUN FILLED & ENJOYABLE** experience.

I feel David can provide the forceful leadership that will be necessary to keep this great hobby expanding. He is a family man, 44 years old and owns 2 business and 6 franchises. He has the savvy and knowledge of running a company, but in the end is still the COLLECTOR first. He will be open

to any new suggestions from the membership to help expand and improve this club. He will strive to get all walks of life interested in collecting not just a select group. He will get more people involved in the club and how it is run, but I Guarantee you he will still keep us having FUN.

My wife Janice looks forward to again being re-elected as vice president with David Sarles being elected President. She has dedicated 10 years of her life to this hobby through her columns in the Club Magazine, Articles in private publications, newspaper articles, continuous updated lists of chip and token releases, and many many personal letters to individuals answering their questions. The driving force that keeps her going is personal satisfaction in knowing she has helped someone enjoy what they are collecting. I hope you as the membership can see that you have a choice on the direction this hobby and club will go, and will **ELECT DAVID SARLES & JANICE O'NEAL!!**

Gerald A. O'Neal, Charter Member, CH-088  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Todd Dingley and his California dreamin' crew will be staffing a CC&GTCC booth during the ANA's National Money Show at the Sacramento Convention Center from the 12-14th. In August, we will be at the Annual summer 108th Anniversary A.N.A. convention (11th-15th) in Chicago where several club members will be staffing another club booth. Of course, it goes without saying that everybody who is anybody will be at the Orleans in June.

The point of all this is that CC&GTCC continues to be highly visible and hopefully we will continue to receive invitations in the future to participate at these significant events.

Our Chapter clubs continue their amazing growth. Some of them have excellent publications of their own in the form of newsletters. If there is a local chapter in your immediate area, it would be in your best interest to check it out and support it.

In closing, let me say good luck and best wishes to all the nominees for club officer positions. I'm fairly certain that all of them have CC&GTCC's best interests upper most in their minds. Some candidates have different viewpoints, philosophies and methods they would like to see employed. I can't imagine any candidate wanting to see CC&GTCC falter. So let's all get it together after the elections are over and give our undivided support to whomever wins. It's to all of our collective benefit. More on this issue in the next issue. Meanwhile, make your vote count!

Happy collecting, Archie

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I don't know what happened to my report that was submitted for publication in the previous issue of the club magazine. Perhaps it was misplaced, or not received by the Editor in time. Hopefully it will appear in this issue as there were many acknowledgments and announcements that should have been made known.

Since then, much has been happening. We are currently in the midst of the nominations & elections process. The candidates who have accepted their nominations have submitted background sketches of themselves for your consideration. Please take the time to read their presentations and use your vote wisely. The future of your organization as we know it is in your hands. I want to thank Gene Trimble and his Election Committee for doing an excellent job and for taking on a no-fun, thankless task.

Club member Neal Silverman has been very busy generously constructing CC&GTCC's own web-site that is now fully operational. For those of you who are on-line, to access our site the following is our new address; <http://www.ccgccc.com> In addition, the club has installed a toll-free telephone number for those members who are not on-line who may have a question. The toll-free number is: 877 4CC-GTCC. If no one answers, simply leave a message and Jim Steffner will get back to you.

Bob Pardue, Club Librarian, has put together a listing of books, publications and periodicals that are now available on loan to all club members upon request. Bob's article appears elsewhere in this issue. The club pays the postage out, the member

pays the postage back. It's really that simple.

Convention Chairman, Wayne Thompson, has been extremely busy on our 1999 convention plans and dealer table bookings. I would strongly suggest that if you have not heard from Wayne by now, that you contact him immediately, if it's not already too late for table space. Wayne has an update published in this issue on several aspects of our 1999 National convention plans.

In this issue, Club Treasurer Chuck Tomarchio has published another well detailed accounting of the club's finances. If you have any questions regarding club income or expenses, Chuck would be most happy to answer them for you.

1999 Club chip and medal designs have been called for.... as well as the 1998 Chip & Token of the Year nominations. Please read the instructions carefully and abide by the rules.

Several large meetings, shows and conventions have been held and will be held in the near future at which CC&GTCC has had our presence felt. Most recently was the Biloxi show put on by club member Bob Gabel at which Janice & Jerry O'neal staffed a club table. Jim Munding's "Casinorama" in California and several local shows in Las Vegas and Minden, Nevada were well represented by the O'Neals. The F.U.N. convention in Orlando Florida in early January had a CC&GTCC booth staffed primarily by John Benedict, Top Newby and Bob & Jean Matthews. A Chapter swap meet followed on Sunday during the F.U.N. convention. In March,

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## SO, HOW WAS THE CONVENTION?

I would especially like to hear from those first-timers or "newbies" who attended our CC&GTCC Convention for the first time. I hope that everyone had a great time and came home with a bag or two full of chips and/or tokens. Perhaps you came away with only an ashtray or two, or some swizzle sticks and matchbooks (yeah, right)! There certainly was an impressive assortment of casino collectibles to select from! If you couldn't find it at the Orleans this past August, you probably won't find it anywhere. Total attendance; over 2000!!

### ORLEANS.... A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

When the decision was made that the Aladdin had to be imploded, and the club officers were forced to relocate and select an alternative site and dates to conduct our annual convention in 1998; much ado from some quarters about this "off-strip" property was made at the time. I don't know of anyone who attended our August 1998 convention who has any negative comments about our site selection today. True, Chairman Mike Skelton made much of it happen and deserves much of the credit for the convention success as a result of his attention to minute details and planning, but the facility speaks for itself. The property and staff proved to be more promising than we had anticipated. We look forward to returning in 1999 and 2000.

Over 450 folks attended the Wednesday night "Early Bird Welcome". This social event is getting bigger and bigger each year.... and so is the trading session that

follows. I could not believe the size of the crowd that enjoyed both activities.

The Board's decision to move our annual meeting from Saturday morning to Thursday night proved to be a wise choice as well as we had over 90 club members in attendance on Thursday night. New club constitution amendments were approved without a hitch at this year's meeting. The Saturday morning meetings we had in the past were unproductive and not well attended as many conventioners, we found out, like to sleep late on Saturdays after partying so hardy on Thursday & Friday. In addition, many of our dealer members had to leave the meeting to attend to their tables when we used to meet on Saturdays. So look for our annual meetings to be continued next year on Thursday eve.

I wish to thank *EVERYONE* who had anything to do with putting together this year's convention. It takes lots work on the part of committee folks and volunteers behind the scenes to make it all happen. The club is blessed with a number of talented folks who are willing to give up some of their precious time for the benefit of everyone who come to our Las Vegas annual "happenings".

### WAYNE THOMPSON

#### 1999 Convention Chairman

While the club lost a very valuable and much appreciated team player in the name of Mike Skelton, we were very fortunate to find a very capable replacement. Wayne Thompson has very impressive credentials and I am confident that he will do a fine job as our 1999 Convention Chairman. I hope



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

that when Wayne issues his call for help that he gets the same (or even better) support that Mike received in his four years as Convention Chairman.

## **NEW CLUB MEMBERS!**

We picked up 74 new members who joined the club during the convention in Las Vegas. On behalf of the club officers and members, I extend to all of you our most sincere welcome.

## **1999-2000 CONVENTION DATES**

Mike Skelton has negotiated very attractive packages with Orleans Hotel Casino for our 1999 and 2000 conventions. The dates will be June 17-19, 1999 and June ? -? , 2000. The Board decided not to extend the convention dates out any further than two years because of all the new Vegas properties coming on line in the next two years and the uncertainty of how much hotel room rates and ballroom rental rates will change when that happens. Our room rates negotiated for 1999 at the Orleans will be the same as they were in 1998.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS**

In this issue of the club magazine you will find published, a call for nomination for officers for the two year term; 1999-2001. Terms of office for the five current club officers will be expiring next year. Please submit your nominations early so that we have time to notify them of their nomination and seek their acceptance.

Since our previous Elections Chairman is no longer a member of the club, I have appointed club member, Gene Trimble, as our new Elections Chairman. He will be extending an invitation to all nominees to

submit background sketches and photographs for publication in the Winter Issue (1st quarter, 1999) of our club publication. I hope that everyone will read the qualifications given by the candidates and their reasons for wanting to serve as a club officer and vote for the candidate of your choice. An election ballot will be included in the 1st quarter issue for all regular and life members. Associate members will have their ballots mailed to them as they do not receive the club magazine. The newly elected officers will be sworn in during the Thursday night public meeting at our 1999 convention and will officially take office on the last day of the convention in 1999.

## **1998 CC&GTCC AUCTION**

A huge crowd was in attendance on Friday night in anticipation of a record setting auction... and they were not disappointed. Our 1998 sale realized over \$55,000 (our best ever) on a sale which featured no minimum bids. Scarce to rare material brought strong bids from the floor and via mail bids. Several lots brought four-figures. The top price realized was \$3,500, plus 10% commission, for a \$5 Dunes chip.

## **1999 CC&GTCC AUCTION**

No sooner did the 1998 sale end when Auction Chairman Bruce Landau made it very clear that our 1999 auction was only ten months away. If any member plans to consign to the '99 sale, now is the time to select up to three of your best items to submit to the cataloger. Better pieces receive stronger bids. There is lots of competition for better quality (expensive) items. We also would like to see a few scarce to rare tokens submitted to the club's 1999 auction.

# THE 7th ANNUAL CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC. CONVENTION AND SHOW

**JUNE 17, 18 & 19, 1999**

## THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS, NV

It is not too early to start making plans to be in attendance at the Club's 7th Annual Convention and help us celebrate our organization's 11th Anniversary. We had over 2300 attend this year's convention and we expect 1999 to be bigger than ever! If you have not attended one of the Club's Conventions in the past, you are missing the premier event of the year.

Just like Las Vegas, our Club has experienced tremendous growth and that growth is reflected in the fact that the Club has evolved and prospered to the point that we will be in our 11th year as an organization. The 1999 Convention will reflect our tremendous growth and should have something for every member. Chips, tokens, casino memorabilia, educational exhibits, seminars, trading sessions and more!

The Orleans Hotel & Casino will be the site of 1999 Convention and as we found in 1998 the staff of the Hotel is anxious to assist the Club in presenting a first class convention. The Orleans is a new hotel, the Mardi Gras Ballroom is beautiful and spacious, the sleeping rooms are oversized, the parking is plentiful, large selection of top-notch restaurants, headliner entertainment, daycare for the kids, 70 lane bowling center, 92,000 sq. foot casino, race & sports book and free shuttle service to the strip and other Coast properties. So plan on attending the 1999 CC&GTCC's 7th Annual Convention & Show at the Orleans Hotel & Casino and meet your fellow collectors in person and find that elusive piece for your collection..

As they say at the Orleans, "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!" or "Let The Good Times Roll!" Hope to see you at the Orleans Hotel & Casino June 17-19, 1999!

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel reservation slips are included in this issue of the magazine. The room rate will be \$39.00 Sunday - Thursday & \$69.00 Friday & Saturday per night. I am sure there are members who receive a better rate than this, based on their casino action or some one may find a better price as part of "package", but you have to come and go on the dates specified in the package. The fact is the Club uses the number of rooms booked as a negotiating tool for show space and sleeping rooms for future shows. The Club is allocated only 250 rooms in our block and we usually oversell that block each year.

We would encourage each member to make your reservations as early as possible. So please support YOUR CLUB by booking your room at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. The room rates are good from June 13-19,1999 for those folks who arrive prior to the show and/or would like to stay over after the convention concludes. To insure accuracy in booking a group room block, the hotel's policy is all reservations must be made using the reservation slips. No telephone reservations, no Saturday arrivals or departures.

## DEALER TABLES

Any member who had a dealer table last year, should have received information about the 1999 Convention in the mail. The deadline for receiving table applications is January 15<sup>th</sup>. The show floor most likely will be the same as 1998. At this time there is no plan to change table locations, but there are no guarantees on location on the floor for any member. There will be a limit of three (3) tables sold to any one member or members sharing table space. All table applicants will be notified around February 1 as to the status of their application. The final floor layout and list of dealers will be provided in the next issue of the Club magazine. If anyone has any questions about the tables or the show please do not hesitate to contact the Convention Chairman.

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## VOLUNTEERS

The Convention Chairman is now actively soliciting for volunteers for the 1999 Convention. If you are planning on attending the convention and would like to donate a few hours during the show, we can always use assistance. The real need for extra help is during the setup period on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Saturday evening assisting with the tear down of the show.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Convention chairman.

## EARLY BIRD RECEPTION AND SWAP MEET

To be held on Wednesday June 16th at 5:30 PM, this is our most popular function of the week. You should make plans to attend this fine gathering. Sponsored by the Club and contributing dealers, the reception this year will be bigger than ever. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served; with socializing being the mainstay until 7:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring their traders and duplicates for the intense trading session that will begin at 7:00 PM. We strongly encourage everyone to refrain from trading until this time. No one person or company may monopolize an entire table. With the number of expected attendees, there is simply not enough room on the tables for the food, drinks and chip and token books, so please restrain yourself until 7:00 PM. This reception / swap meet is restricted to members only. If you are bringing a guest or spouse who is not a member they can become an associate member for \$5.

One other note on trading. The Hotel has asked that no trading or selling be conducted in the hallways of the convention areas. That is why we have the rooms booked. Thank you for your understanding.

## **AUCTION**

Auction chairman Bruce Landau will have gathered another fine assortment of lots for our Friday night auction. The auction will be on Friday June 18th and begin at 6:30 PM and we ask that everyone be on time. In the interest of time, again this year you will be able to register for your Auction number during the normal show hours, instead of everyone trying to get their number at 6:15 PM on Friday. Hopefully, this will help speed up the start of the auction. You will still be able to register the night of the auction, but why wait until the last minute. Should be another fine auction.

## **CLUB BUSINESS MEETING**

Again this year, in an effort to improve attendance, we will have the business meeting on Thursday evening June 17th. Why is it that 350 people can show up for free food and drinks, with chip/token swapping thrown in, but less than 100 folks show up to conduct the business of this Club? This club is growing and the business we conduct affects every one of us. This year is especially important with election of officers. Hopefully everyone will take time out of his or her schedule to make this important meeting.

## **LAST DANCE SWAP MEET**

On Saturday, June 19th, after the conclusion of the Convention, the Club will sponsor another swap session for any interested members. The session will begin at 7:00 PM and last until midnight or until all traders throw in the towel, whichever comes first. There will be refreshments and light snacks provided. So, if you have to get in another few hours of face to face trading before heading home, here is your chance to dance the Last Dance. Bring traders and have a good time!

## **EXHIBITS**

Ms. Janice O'Neal has graciously volunteered to chair the exhibit committee for the 1999 Convention. The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit. We had some truly outstanding exhibits in 1998 and hope more members will offer to participate. If you have any questions regarding exhibits, please contact Janice O'Neal, 8122 W. Flamingo #66, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

## **MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE**

There are still some time slots open and available for the use of the Club's meeting space. If any of the Local Chapters or any member in good standing would like to make use of this space for a meeting or presentation, please contact the Convention chairman for available dates and times. THE PURPOSE MUST BE INFORMATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM ADVERTISING

As always we will be distributing the Convention program to all attendees. Last year that was over 2300 people. This is an inexpensive way to reach a very select group of collectors. Remember advertising space is available on a first come basis and is open to members as well as dealers. The advertising rates are as follows:

- Back Cover \$60
- Inside Covers \$55
- Full Page \$50
- Half Page \$35
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- Business Card \$12

For additional information Contact Program Chair Belinda Hixon, 4307 Pembroke Pkwy N., Colleyville, TX 76034-4921 or by e-mail at "bhixon@prodigy.com".

## EARLY BIRD RECEPTION AND SWAP MEET SPONSORSHIP

Because of the cost of putting on the best attended event of the Convention we need as much help as we can get to offset the costs. We are asking all members and dealers to help with this event. We would appreciate your support. All contributors will be acknowledged in the Club program and on the evening of the event. Please support YOUR CLUB.

For further information or to make a donation please contact Belinda Hixon.

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# AUCTION CATALOGS

At this time all lots have been consigned for our convention auction. Another excellent assortment has been gathered. Now is the time to order your fully illustrated catalog. As in the past, there is a \$10 fee. If you only want a non-illustrated list, it is available free of charge. In either case, you must complete the form below. The deadline for ordering the catalog is March 31, 1999. Copies will be available at the convention. (For the same \$10 cost) but if you want your copy prior to our June show, now is the time to order. The catalog will be mailed to you in mid-May. Don't delay. Complete the form and mail it to our Club Treasurer, Chuck Tomarchio.

Bruce Landau  
Auction Chairman

.....  
To: **Chuck Tomarchio**  
**P.O. Box 247**  
**South Elgin, IL 60177**

From \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Club # \_\_\_\_\_

Please sent me

\_\_\_\_ Fully illustrated and bound 1999 Auction Catalog. I have enclosed my \$10 check payable to CC&GTCC.

\_\_\_\_ Free non-illustrated auction listing only.

# Missing or Stolen

**\$1,000 CAESARS PALACE  
10 KT GOLD  
BACCARAT GAMING CHECK**

**Description: 10kt Gold Baccarat Check with  
Enameled Lettering. Numbered below the  
Image of a Standing Caesar "523"**



**If You Have Any Information - Please Contact**

**Douglas County Sheriff  
175 Highway 50, Stateline, Nv 89449  
Attn: Sgt. Tim Minister  
(702) 586-7253 FAX (702) 586-7272**

**Gaming Archaeology  
P.O. Box 1000  
Minden, Nevada 89423  
(702) 782-5681 FAX (702) 782-8736**

## **CHIP & TOKENS EXHIBITS WANTED FOR A.N.A. CHICAGO CONVENTION**

After you build and display your exhibit for the June National Convention at the Orleans, the question arises, “what should I do with it after the CC&GTCC show is over?” The answer is, *Recycle!!* If you are a member of the American Numismatic Association (A.N.A.) you are invited to submit an application to exhibit competitively at the annual ANA convention this August 11-15 at the Rosemont Convention Center in Chicago. There is a special category for gaming exhibits that will be judged among other similar displays. You will not be competing against rare gold coins or primitive paper money. You’ll be competing against other gaming displays. Now is the time to choose the topic of your display and plan for the construction of it. For further information, contact Janice O’Neal or Archie Black. We’ll see that you are headed in the right direction.

We’ve heard lots of positive responses after last year’s convention that “exhibiting was lots of fun; I can’t wait until next year to do it again”. Well, you can use the same display twice... and improve upon it after the June showing. Who knows, many exhibitors are joyously surprised when their exhibit is chosen as a prize winner and the exhibitor’s name is announced at a major show such as the prestigious ANA. Besides, all exhibitors at ANA are awarded an impressive Exhibitors Appreciation Medal and a free ticket to the annual banquet just for setting up an exhibit.... whether it places or not. In addition, many coin and token/medal dealers have now added chips and tokens to their inventory. You never know what you may be able to cherry-pick from an unsuspecting, unknowledgeable coin dealer. Of course there are usually at least a dozen or so dealers who do sell chips & gaming tokens who will have tables at this grand daddy of all coin shows. Many of them you know from our own conventions.

So, in short, “recycle”..... as they say in the New York State Lottery, “hey, you never know!”



# 1999 CONVENTION EXHIBITS NOTICE

Since the 1998 exhibits were well received, we have been allotted more space and more cases. In 1999 I would like to see double the amount of exhibits that were shown in 1998.

Please take a minute and think about what prize or prizes in your collection you would like to share with the rest of the membership. We already have some interesting things signed up, so "come on down" and have some fun.

Send for exhibit application today to:

Janice O'Neal, Exhibit Chairman  
8122 W. Flamingo, #66, Las Vegas, NV 89147

# www.ctgtcc.com

If you would like your name, e-mail address, and collecting interests listed on the clubs new web site, complete this form and mail to Neil Silverman 380 Travis Ave Staten Island NY 10314  
You can also e-mail the information to neal@chequers.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Interests or short bio \_\_\_\_\_

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## **1998 CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR CONTEST**

Another year is behind us... and many attractive new issues have been released during the year 1998. Each year, more and more members have participated in selecting the winners of this prestigious club award. Over 100 club members served on last year's panel of judges simply by nominating their favorite chips and tokens that were issued during 1998. If you don't send in a nomination, you don't get to vote on the eligible candidates. It's as simple as that. If you would like to be part of the final selection process, you **MUST** send in a nomination.

### **RULES:**

Here's the deal! Simply fill out the enclosed contest nominations form that has been inserted into this issue of the club magazine and return it by the deadline and you are automatically on the judging committee to select the winning "Chip Of The Year" and "Token Of The Year". Since Associate members do not receive a copy of the club magazine, the nomination form received by the regular member may be photocopied. However, the Associate's membership number must be on the photocopy. These rules are clearly spelled out and must be followed. Only individual chips/tokens issued by any casino may be nominated. Complete sets of chips and/or tokens are NOT eligible for nomination. All casino chips and/or tokens nominated must have been issued during the calendar year 1998. The top ten chips and the top ten tokens that are nominated by the club members will be placed on an election ballot to be mailed out, well before the June convention, to every club member who has submitted a nomination form. I sincerely hope that we will have several times the number of participants that we had last year. Have fun enjoying your hobby through participation. That's what we are all about.

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 1999**

## **1999 CONVENTION CHIP & MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST**

The club is now accepting design entries for our official 1999 club convention chip & medal design contest. Over the years, these commemorative club convention issues have become very popular collectibles with our membership. Some of the early issues are becoming increasingly hard to find for new members who have joined the club in more recent years. The designs submitted in year's past have been vastly improved, primarily due to the widespread use of computers. To be eligible for the 1999 contest, all one has to do is be a current paid up member (including associates) and have a keen artistic eye. Hand drawn entries are welcome. The club member who submits the winning chip design and the club member who submits the winning medal design selected by our panel of judges will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque as a prize. We had several new participants enter our contest last year. Hopefully, there will be even more entries in 1999. Good luck to all!

### **CONTEST RULES:**

Designs must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper and artwork must be at least 6" to 8" in diameter and may be submitted in black & white or color, matted or un-matted. Your name and membership number must be indicated on the back of your original artwork. (Note; One side of the 1999 convention medal will depict our standard club logo, for which a die has already been prepared. The winning design chosen will appear on the reverse side of the official club medal)

All entries become the property of CC&GTCC and are not returnable. The judge's decisions are final and no appeals will be allowed.

A runner-up design submitted may be selected by the club officers for illustrated use on an Official CC&GTCC Convention T-shirt. A cash award of \$25, plus a T-Shirt, will be presented for that winning design.

All entries must be submitted to:

CC&GTCC 1999 DESIGN CONTEST  
P.O. BOX 63  
BRICK, NJ 08723

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 1999**

# New Members Since Last Issue

<u>Memb #</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Memb #</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
3890	Harrison	Jon	WA	Black, Archie	3948	Acosta	Carl	CA	Borenstein, Alan
3892	Ulbrich	Thomas	NY	Hughes, Andy	3949	Bachinsky	Mike	NY	Black, Archie
3893	Schwartz	Chuck	TX	Steffner	3951	Paytosh	john	OH	Steffner, James
3894	Sommer	Harry	AZ		3952	Harris	Robert	NY	Black, Archie
3897	Jetta	Steve	CA	Rodgers	3954	Buonincontra	Robert	CT	Black, Archie
3898	DeRoin	Melodye	NV	O'Neal	3955	Tweed	Frances	NV	Black, Archie
3899	Shulman	Gerald	MI	Steffner	3956	Struecker	Dale	IA	Steffner, James
3901	Walsh	Don	NM	Zeller	3957	Meyers	Ralph	NV	Susong, Greg
3902	Colasanti	John	NJ	Black, Archie	3959	Reinfort	Ronald	CA	Chequers
3903	Koenigsberg	Jonathan	NJ	Rodgers	3960	Sessums	Roy	MS	Chequers
3904	Casey	Thomas	CA	Knapp	3961	Edwards	Philip	NY	
3905	Lake	John	AZ	Black, Archie	3962	Malm	Dave	UT	Rodgers, Chas
3906	Umhoefer	Marian	NV	Trimble, Gene	3963	Griffin	Michael	AZ	O'Neal, Janice
3906-A	Umhoefer	Ralph	NV	Trimble, Gene	3965	Feavel	David	NY	Chequers
3907	Hoffman	Michael	TX	Susong, Greg	3966	Seal	James	CA	Susong, Greg
3908	Taylor	Richard	OH	Matthews,	3967	Cuddy	Michael	NJ	Chequers
3909	Lee	Ronald	CA	Hughes, Andy	3969	Bernard	Jeff	OH	Waterbury,
3911	Sinex Jr	John	NJ	Steffner	3970	Wooten	Donovan	CA	
3912	Wood	George	IN	Steffner					
3913	Taverna	John	TN						
3914	Gordon	Jody	CA	Weaver, Marvin					
3915	Sinkovec	Jerome	WI	Gaming Times					
3916	Mason	Michael	NM						
3917	Bruington	R. Kevin	FL	Steffner					
3918	Seitz	Walter	AZ	Hughes, Andy					
3919	Rogers	Jim	CA	Knapp					
3919-A	Rogers	Dodie	CA	Knapp					
3920	Proffitt	Randall	VA	Chip Prospector					
3921	Belick	Steve	CA						
3925	Walters Jr	Jon	OH	Black, Archie					
3926	Heutink	Gait		Jung, Mel					
3927	Greenleaf	Ron	UT						
3928	Jones	Teresa	NC	King, Alan					
3929	Woodward	Woody	NV						
3930	Gilbert	Robert	NY	Chequers					
3931	Fritz	Wayne	NE	Hughes, Andy					
3932	Keener	Don	UT	O'Neal, Janice					
3934	Corley	Jane	NY	King, Alan					
3935	Donohue	Paul	MD	Episale, Jim					
3936	Coursel	Ralph	IN	Zeller, Dennis					
3937	Bliss	Frank	NY	Black, Archie					
3938	Cooke	John	CO	Mancinelli, Ralph					
3939	Rosenberg	Leonard	NJ	Zeller, Dennis					
3940	Wolf	Mark	NY	Black, Archie					
3941	Philbrick	Larry	IA	Black, Archie					
3942	Schwarz	Kyle	NY	Black, Archie					
3943	Foster	Bill	CA	Knapp, Michael					
3944	Moericke	Andrea	TX						
3944-A	Moericke	Nickolas	TX						
3945	Cannon	Robert	CA	Susong, Greg					
3947	Gaito	James	CA	Susong, Greg					

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

## BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

by James Steffner, Membership Officer

The club now has 7 members supporting the club through Life Membership, which was started at the August 1998 convention. For a minimal investment now, you can eliminate the need to renew each year. I won't bother you with renewal reminders and warning notices, you will save money and help support your club.

Life Membership is 15 times the cost of the basic yearly membership. This would be only \$300 at the present membership rate. First Class delivery of the magazine is extra and can be paid yearly or in multiple year amounts.

You will receive an exquisite, permanent, metal membership card and be part of an elite group of CC&GTCC members.

Contact me for more information, or send in your check now. Any unused amount in your present membership term can be credited to the Life Member amount.

CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS  
COLLECTORS CLUB  
1998 CONVENTION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

ADMISSIONS REVENUE	1619
AUCTION CATALOG SALES	1962
AUCTION LOTS DONATIONS	710
AUCTION PROCEEDS (GROSS SALES)	54596
LOGO SALES (MEDALS, CHIPS, WOODS, T-SHIRTS)	4714
PROGRAM ADS	817
RECEPTION DONATIONS	1190
SHOWCASE RENTALS	620
TABLE RENTAL DONATIONS	1419
TABLE FEES	21900

TOTAL INCOME: \$89547

EXPENSES:

ADVERTISEMENT	4670
ANNUAL AWARDS	1814
AUCTION CATALOG LAYOUT/PRINTING	822
AUCTION CONSIGNMENT PAYOUTS	43677
CONVENTION CHIP	400
CONVENTION CHIP/TOKEN DESIGN AWARD	50
CONVENTION MEDALS PRODUCTION	1014
CONVENTION MEDAL SILVER BULLION	1181
CONVENTION MEDAL DIE	470
CONVENTION MEDAL HOLDERS	116
CONVENTION PINS	598
CONVENTION T-SHIRTS	1310
HOTEL EXPENSES (CONVENTION SPACE)	4000
HOTEL EXPENSES (ROOMS)	1887
HOTEL BANQUET SERVICES	13811
HOTEL PORTERS (LABOR/GRATUITIES)	365
POSTAGE (GENERAL/AUCTION)	1369
PRINTING/COPIES	2449
PRINTING (TABLE AND EVENTS SIGNAGE)	1461
RAFFLE	150
SECURITY	2179
STATIONERY	270
TABLE REFUNDS	1300
TABLE/RECEPTION/SHOWCASE REFUND (A. ROLLINS)	150
TABLE RENTALS	2816
TELEPHONE	413

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$88742

NET DIFFERENCE: \$805

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CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS  
COLLECTORS CLUB  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
1-1-98 TO 3-31-98

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1998 \$16336

INCOME:

AUCTION CATALOG	\$ 1080
CONVENTION '98	
EARLY BIRD DONATION	20
TABLE FEES	20500
DIRECTORY SALES	56
DUES	9174
INTEREST	107
LOGO SALES	408
MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 11, NO 2)	1971
SHOWCASE RENTALS	90

TOTAL: 33406

EXPENDITURES:

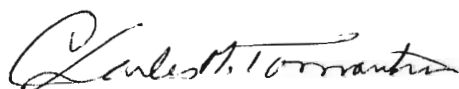
BANK CHARGE	6
CONVENTION '98	4310
HARDWARE (COMPUTER REPAIR/SIGN)	633
LEGAL FEES	40
LOGO MATERIALS	194
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 11, NO 1)	2016
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 11, NO 1)	7632
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	598
PRINTING/COPIES	142
PUBLICITY	301
SHOWCASE EXPENSES	3220
STATIONERY	349
TELEPHONE	25

TOTAL: \$19466


CHECKBOOK BALANCE MARCH 31, 1998: \$30276

NET DIFFERENCE: \$13940

SUBMITTED:

  
 CHARLES M. TOMARCHIO  
 TREASURER

APPROVED:

  
 ARCHIE A. BLACK  
 PRESIDENT

CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS  
COLLECTORS CLUB  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
4-1-98 TO 6-30-98

BEGINNING BALANCE APRIL 1, 1998 \$30276

INCOME:

AUCTION CATALOG	\$ 780
CONVENTION '98	
RECEPTION DONATIONS	725
TABLE FEES	300
TABLE RENTAL DONATIONS	958
DIRECTORY SALES	50
DUES	17440
INTEREST	178
LOGO SALES	283
MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 11, NO 3)	3118
SHOWCASE RENTALS	585

TOTAL: \$24417

EXPENDITURES:

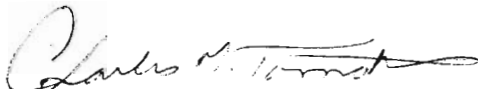
ADVERTISING	\$ 1000
CONVENTION '98	2677
HARDWARE	7
LOGO MATERIAL	101
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 11, NO 2)	2388
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 11, NO 2)	7051
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	1573
PRINTING/COPIES	779
PUBLICITY	140
STATIONERY	157
TABLE FEE REFUND	200
TELEPHONE	142

TOTAL: \$16215

CHECKBOOK BALANCE JUNE 30, 1998: \$38478

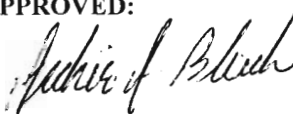
NET DIFFERENCE: \$ 8202

SUBMITTED:



CHARLES M. TOMARCHIO  
TREASURER

APPROVED:



ARCHIE A. BLACK  
PRESIDENT

**CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS**  
**COLLECTORS CLUB**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**7-1-98 TO 9-30-98**

BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 1998

\$38478

**INCOME:**

AUCTION CATALOG	\$ 100
CONVENTION '98	
RECEPTION DONATIONS	275
TABLE FEES	500
TABLE RENTAL DONATIONS	561
AD REFUND	17
ADMISSIONS	1619
AUCTION RECEIPTS	28555
DIRECTORY SALES	35
DUES	10215
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	196
LOGO SALES	5816
MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 11, NO 3)	186
(VOL 11, NO 4)	3040
SHOWCASE PURCHASE REFUND	50
SHOWCASE RENTALS	240

**TOTAL:**

\$51405

**EXPENDITURES:**

ADVERTISING	\$ 437
AWARDS	482
BANK CHARGES (NEW CHECKS AND NSF RETURNS)	72
CONVENTION '99	841
CONVENTION '98 (PLEASE SEE CONVENTION REPORT)	49028
CONVENTION '98 AUCTION (RETURNED CHECK)	4455
LOGO MATERIAL	164
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 11, NO 3)	2345
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 11, NO 3)	8203
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	987
PRINTING/COPIES	88
PUBLICATIONS	24
PUBLICITY	174
SHOWCASE EXPENSES	320
STATIONERY	162
STORAGE SPACE RENTAL (ONE YEAR)	759
TABLE FEE REFUND	500
TELEPHONE	22

**TOTAL:**

\$69063

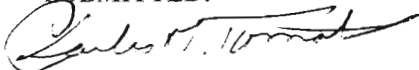
CHECKBOOK BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1998:

\$20820

NET DIFFERENCE:


\$(17658)

SUBMITTED:



CHARLES M. TOMARCHIO  
TREASURER

APPROVED:



ARCHIE A. BLACK  
PRESIDENT



**Register Report**  
12/27/96 Through 10/20/98

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE 12/26/96				0.00
2/4/97		Opening Balance		[C.C.&G.T.C.C. MM ACCT]	R	25,000.00
2/28/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		69.04
2/28/97		(SJS&LA)		TRANSFER		5,000.00
4/1/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		102.15
4/30/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		99.19
5/31/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		102.84
6/30/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		99.86
7/31/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		103.52
8/31/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		103.88
9/30/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		100.87
10/31/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		104.57
11/29/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		101.54
12/31/97		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		103.43
1/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		101.02
2/28/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		89.73
3/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		99.63
4/30/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		96.72
5/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		100.26
6/30/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		97.33
7/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		100.88
8/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		101.21
9/30/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		94.32
		TOTAL 12/27/96 - 10/20/98				<b>31,971.99</b>
		BALANCE 10/20/98				31,971.99
		TOTAL INFLOWS				31,971.99
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS				0.00
		<b>NET TOTAL</b>				<b>31,971.99</b>

# **CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB CODE OF ETHICS**

As a member of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club, I agree to abide by the following CC&GTCC Code of Ethics:

1. To support and be governed by the bylaws, rules, policies and regulations of the Club, as such rules may be amended from time to time.
2. To conduct myself so as to bring no discredit to the Club or to impair the prestige of the Club or its members.
3. To base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality.
4. Neither to buy nor sell any material of which the ownership is questionable.
5. To take immediate steps to correct any error I make in any transaction.
6. Not to sell, exhibit, produce nor advertise counterfeits, copies, reproductions or restrikes of any item unless their nature is clearly indicated as such.
7. To represent casino collectibles as genuine only when to the best of my knowledge and belief, such items are in fact authentic, and when no significant question of their authenticity has been raised.
8. To fulfill all contracts and agreements which I may make, either oral or written; to make prompt payment upon delivery; and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory.
9. To furnish requested advice to the best of my ability and knowledge, and not to take advantage of superior knowledge on my part to the disadvantage of a less knowledgeable collector.
10. To offer on all sales and trades, a 10-day return privilege on any item purchased or traded, unless I have clearly and conspicuously stated that items are sold or traded "as is," and without a return privilege.
11. To refrain from making any unjustified, false, or slanderous comments about other members.
12. To abide by all local, state and federal laws and to assist in the prosecution of those who may violate such laws and regulations.
13. To cooperate fully with officers of the Club in investigating and resolving problems which may arise, and complaints which may be made, and to provide such information to such officers as may reasonably be requested.

# Gaming Library Adds New Books and Magazines

*A complete listing of Library materials included in this edition*

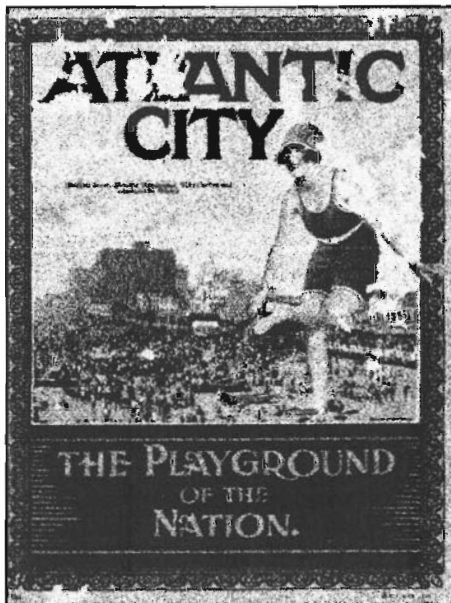
by Robert Pardue (CH-003) CC&GTCC Librarian

The CC&GTCC Gaming Library continues to expand its range of reference materials, books and magazines of interest to collectors of chips, tokens and casino memorabilia. Thanks to the club members who have graciously donated materials to the library, we now have over 150 items in stock. Materials range from popular and current publications – including the current editions of *The Chip Rack* and *The Gaming Table* – to some interesting historical books. The collection now includes a number of auction catalogs and a series of gaming magazines published in the past 10+ years.

Club members can even check out a series of 10 videotapes on *The Mafia!!*

The entire collection is listed in the table found on the next three pages. Currently, the library is categorized in 12 subject areas.

If you see an item you're interested in, you can request it by mail or e-mail (see addresses below) for a 3-week



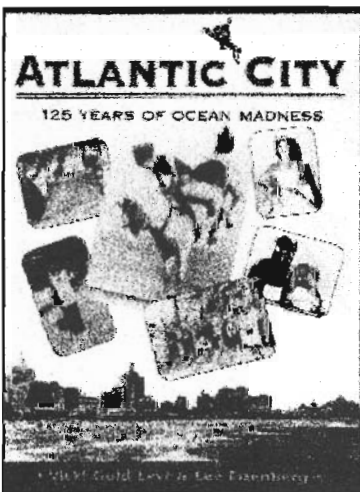
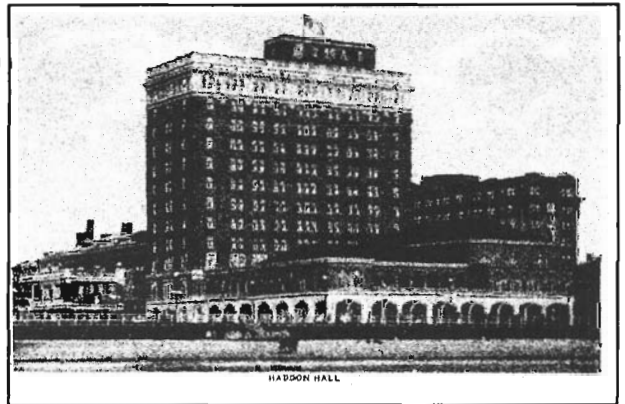
oriented books in this presentation about the Library. *Atlantic City – 125 Years of Ocean Madness* is a 200+ page book about the uniqueness of A.C. even prior to the introduction of gambling in 1978. Lots of b&w pictures, too. In *Atlantic City–The Playground of the Nation*, you can see the 1920's splendor of Atlantic City in color-tinted postcards in this 16-page booklet. Includes a vintage picture of Haddon Hall (now Resorts International).

I personally value learning about the historical context of the places where gambling now exists (or existed), whether it's Atlantic City, Nevada or the old west. Reading about casino-related history, the gaming industry or other topics tangential to chip and token collecting may broaden your appreciation for your collection, too!

Perhaps you will find a book of interest in the Library. As always, if you have an extra book to donate, new materials are welcome anytime.

Left: The 1920's (?) booklet *Atlantic City-The Playground of the Nation* has 30 color-tinted postcard pictures of Atlantic City in its pre-casino heyday.

Below: One of the postcards...showing Haddon Hall...which was later converted to become Resorts International, the first Atlantic City casino.



*Atlantic City: 125 Years of Ocean Madness* describes pre-casino AC in words and pictures.

check-out period. The club will pay for postage to you; you simply pay for the return postage.

The most-used references for active collectors are probably the chip and token guides and auction catalogs. While the Library has a number of these books in stock, I decided to feature two history-

How to contact the CC&GTCC Library-by-Mail:

Robert Pardue  
CC&GTCC Librarian  
P. O. Box 2014  
Laguna Hills, CA 92654

For correspondence, inquiries or additional information please use the e-mail address if convenient for you:

**NEW e-mail address:** [pardue@home.com](mailto:pardue@home.com)

**Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club**  
**CC&GTCC Gaming Library-by-Mail**  
**Library Collection - December 1998**

Subject Area	Title	Author	Date/Edition	Media/Type	#
<b>CHIP &amp; TOKEN GUIDES</b>					
Atlantic City	Black's Catalog of Atlantic City Casino Chips/Tokens	Black, Archie A.	1990	Booklet	1
Atlantic City	Atlantic City Casino Chips & Tokens [Black's Catalog]	Black, Archie A.	1997	Book (spiral)	1
Atlantic City	1998 Black's Catalog of Atlantic City...Chips & Tokens	Black, Archie A.	1998	Book (spiral)	1
Curacao chips	Ginsburg's Guide to the Chips & Casinos of Curacao	Ginsburg, Robert A.	1998/1st Ed.	Book (spiral)	2
Florida	A Guide to Florida's Gaming Chips, Checks and Tokens	Lighterman, Mark ++	1996/1st Ed.	Book (spiral)	1
Florida chips	Top's Casino Chip Guide to Florida Card Rooms	Newby, John "Top"	1998/1st Ed.	Book (spiral)	2
Franklin Mint	Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues [includes token list]	Krause, Chester L.	1980	Book (pb)	1
Franklin Mint	Numismatic Issues of the Franklin Mint (1965-1969)	Franklin Mint, Inc.	1969	Book (bk)	1
General guide	1996 Casino Chips Mintage Report	Eskin, Avram A.	1996	Catalog	2
General guide	Blue Book of Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens [Borland's]	World Wide Casino Exch.	1988	Binder(3-ring)	1
General guide	Changing the Terrain of Casino Chip Collecting	Eskin, Avram A.	1995/1st Ed.	Book (spiral)	1
General guide	Gaming Table, The - Chip, Check and Token Coll. Guide	Knapp/Myers/Wheelden	1991/1st Ed.	Book (pb)	1
General guide	Gaming Table, The - Chip, Check and Token Coll. Guide	Knapp/Myers/Wheelden	1998/Revised	Book (pb)	1
General guide	Handbook for Gaming Token Collectors	Don and Jean	1994	Book (pb)	1
General guide	Introduction to Casino Gaming Token Collecting	Don and Jean	1989	Brochure	1
Nevada	Nevada Silver Premium Gaming Tokens/1997 Price Guide	Weaver, Marvin	1997/3rd Ed.	Book (spiral)	1
Nevada chips	Chip Rack, The -- Price Guide to Casino Chips...of Nevada	Knapp/Myers/Wheelden	1998/5th Ed.	Book (spiral)	1
Nevada	Nevada CCC: Approved Chip/Token Lists: 11 issues	Nevada Casino Control	12/97-10/98	Photocopy	1 each
So.NV/not LV	Casino Gaming Token Guide -Series 1 Volume 1	Don and Jean	1989	Booklet	2
Tahoe Area	Casino Gaming Token Guide -Series 1 Volume 2	Don and Jean	1990	Booklet	1
<b>SALES LISTS &amp; AUCTION CATALOGS</b>					
Sales List	High Sierra Numismatics-Gaming Check & Chip List #1	High Sierra Numismatics	1985/May 1	Catalog	1
Auction catalog	Coin Company -- Gaming Token Auction No. 1	Coin Company, The	1991/Sept 5	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Coin Company -- Auction No. 2	Coin Company, The	1992/May 15	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Coin Company -- Auction No. 3	Coin Company, The	1992/Oct 1	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Coin Company -- Auction No. 4	Coin Company, The	1992/Dec 17	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Coin Company -- Auction No. 6	Coin Company, The	1993/May 20	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 8	Gaming Archaeology	1994/Jan 18	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 9	Gaming Archaeology	1994/Mar 15	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 10 [Aladdin]	Gaming Archaeology	1994/Apr 29	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 11	Gaming Archaeology	1994/Oct 18	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 13	Gaming Archaeology	1995/Feb 15	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 15	Gaming Archaeology	1995/Sept 26	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 17A	Gaming Archaeology	1996/Mar 19	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 17B [Colorado]	Gaming Archaeology	1996/Mar 19	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 18	Gaming Archaeology	1996/Apr 30	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 19	Gaming Archaeology	1996/Oct 22	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 20	Gaming Archaeology	1996/Dec 10	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 21	Gaming Archaeology	1997/Feb 20	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 22	Gaming Archaeology	1997/Jun 10	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 23	Gaming Archaeology	1997/Sept 9	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 24	Gaming Archaeology	1998/Jan 26	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 26-A [Colorado]	Gaming Archaeology	1998/May 4	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	Gaming Archaeology -- Auction No. 27	Gaming Archaeology	1998/Jul 28	Catalog (spiral)	1
Auction catalog	CC&GTCC -- Auction '96 [Aladdin]	CC&GTCC	1996/Jun 21	Catalog	2
Auction catalog	CC&GTCC -- Auction '97 [Aladdin]	CC&GTCC	1997/Jun 20	Catalog (spiral)	1
<b>CASINO COLLECTIBLES</b>					
Nevada+	Casinos and their Ashtrays--A Collector's Guide	Anderson, Art	1994	Book (pb)	1
<b>HISTORY</b>					
Atlantic City	By the Beautiful Sea...the Rise of...Atlantic City	Funnell, Charles E.	1975	Book (hb)	1
Atlantic City	Atlantic City Diary...A Century of Memories 1880-1985	Davis, Ed	1989	Book (pb)	1
Atlantic City	Atlantic City...The Transition...A Picture Story	Schwarz, John K.	1989	Book (pb)	1
Atlantic City	Atlantic City...Playground of the Nation [old postcards]	C. T. & Co.-Chicago	No date [old]	Booklet	1
Atlantic City	Atlantic City--125 Years of Ocean Madness	Levi, V. & Eisenberg, L.	1979	Book (pb)	2
Atlantic City	Boardwalk Jangle, The [Atlantic City]	Demaris, Ovid	1986	Book (hb)	1
Atlantic City+	A Ferry Tale...Crossing the Delaware [Cape May Ferry]	Miller Jr., William J.	1985	Book (pb)	1
Nevada	El Rancho Vegas...the First Las Vegas Strip Hotel	Gellette, Jim	1991	Booklet	2

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Nevada	Nevada [States of the Nation series]	Laxalt, Robert	1970	Book (hb)	1
Nevada	Reno: Hub of the Washoe Country...an Illustrated History	Rowley, William D.	1984	Book (hb)	1
Nevada	Some Remembered...Some Forgot--Nev. Mining Camps	Bruner, Firmin	1974	Booklet	1
Mob/Mafia	The Mafia: An Expose (10 part videotape set)	Madacy Entertainment	1997	Video-VHS	1 set
<b>GAMING INDUSTRY</b>					
Atlantic City	The Company that Bought the Boardwalk...Resorts Int'l	Mahon, Gigi	1980	Book (hb)	2
Atlantic City	Trump: The Art of the Deal	Trump, Donald +	1987	Book (hb)	2
Nevada	No Limit: The Rise and Fall of Bob Stupak...Stratosphere	Smith, John L.	1997	Book (hb)	1
Textbook	Casino Management	Friedman, Bill	1974	Book (hb)	2
<b>CASINO OBSERVATIONS</b>					
Atlantic City	Atlantic City...Behing the Tables	Alcamo, John	1991	Book (pb)	1
Las Vegas	Las Vegas -- Behind the Tables!	Vinson, Barney	1986	Book (pb)	1
Las Vegas	Las Vegas -- Behind the Tables! Part 2	Vinson, Barney	1988	Book (pb)	1
Las Vegas	Casino Secrets	Vinson, Barney	1997	Book (pb)	1
Las Vegas	Inside Las Vegas	Puzo, Mario	1976	Book (hb)	2
Roulette+	Eudaemonic Pie, The	Bass, Thomas A.	1985	Book (pb)	1
<b>GAME INSTRUCTION / HOW TO PLAY</b>					
Betting	10 Best Proposition Bets of America's Bigtime Gamblers	Scarne, John	1975	Booklet	1
Blackjack	Beat the Dealer...a Winning Strategy for TwentyOne	Thorp, Edward O.	1966	Book (pb)	1
Blackjack	Cheating at Blackjack...and Advantage Play	Marks, Dustin D.	1994	Book (pb)	1
Blackjack	Million Dollar Blackjack	Uston, Ken	1981	Book (hb)	1
Blackjack	Professional Blackjack	Wong, Sanford	1980	Book (hb)	1
Blackjack	So You Wanna Be a Gambler!...Card Counting	Patrick, John	1986	Book (pb)	1
Blackjack	Understanding and Winning Casino Blackjack	Chin, Kenneth S. Y.	1980	Book (hb)	1
Blackjack	Winning at 21...the Archer Method	Archer, John	1973	Book (pb)	1
Craps	11 Articles on Craps Play [Photocopied/bound]	Multiple authors	Unknown	Bound set	1
Multiple games	Casino Gambling, Henry Tamburin on	Tamburin, Henry	1988	Book (pb)	1
Multiple games	Casino Gambling...Winning Techniques	Patterson, Jerry L.	1982	Book (pb)	1
Multiple games	Casino Player's The Best of the Basics	Casino Player	1995	Booklet	1
Multiple games	Gambler's Digest: Everything You Need to Know to Win	McQuaid, Clement-ed.	1971	Book (pb)	1
Multiple games	How to Win Money Gambling in Casinos:Win \$50-\$100/hr	Unknown	Unknown	Booklet	1
Multiple games	Playing to Win in Atlantic City...BJ,Roulette,Craps...	Grafstein, Sam	1989	Book (pb)	1
Multiple games	Win at the Casino...Beat the Odds at BJ,Craps,etc.	Harrison, Dennis R.	1982	Book (pb)	1
Multiple games	Winner's Guide to Casino Gambling, The	Silberstang, Edwin	1980	Book (pb)	1
Sweepstakes+	How You Can Win Sweepstakes and Lotteries	Weiss, Mark	1974	Book (pb)	1
Video Poker	Video Poker...Playing to Win	Gerhardt, David	1987	Book (pb)	1
<b>GAMING MAGAZINES</b>					
Atlantic City	Boardwalker's Gaming International [cover=A.C. chips]	Boardwalker's magazine	1983/Nov-Dec	Magazine	1
USA	Casino magazine [vol. 2/issues 1 thru 8]	Casino [magazine]	1991	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino magazine [vol. 3: 12 issues]	Casino [magazine]	1992-93	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino magazine [vol. 4: 9 issues]	Casino [magazine]	1994	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino magazine [vol. 5: 6 issues]	Casino [magazine]	1995	Magazine	1 set
USA	The Player Magazine [1989/4 issues: Sept-Dec]	The Player magazine	1989	Magazine	1 set
USA	The Player Magazine [1990/12 issues: Jan-Dec]	The Player magazine	1990	Magazine	1 set
USA	The Player Magazine [1991/3 issues: Jan-Mar]	The Player magazine	1991	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1991/9 issues: Apr-Dec]	Casino Player magazine	1991	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1992 set: 12 issues]	Casino Player magazine	1992	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1993 set:12 issues +1 special]	Casino Player magazine	1993	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1994 set: 12 issues]	Casino Player magazine	1994	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1995 set: 12 issues]	Casino Player magazine	1995	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1996 set: 12 issues]	Casino Player magazine	1996	Magazine	1 set
USA	Casino Player Magazine [1997 set: 12 issues +1 special]	Casino Player magazine	1997	Magazine	1 set
Chips +	Chip Forum magazine [vol. 1/issue 2]	Chip Forum magazine	1996/May	Magazine	1
Chips +	Chip Forum magazine [vol. 1/issue 4]	Chip Forum magazine	1996/July	Magazine	1
Chips +	Chip Forum magazine [vol. 1/issue 5]	Chip Forum magazine	1996/Aug	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 1/issue 1]	Gaming Times magazine	1996/Sept	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 1/issue 2]	Gaming Times magazine	1996/Oct	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 1/issue 3]	Gaming Times magazine	1996/Nov	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 1/issue 4]	Gaming Times magazine	1996/Dec	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 1]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Jan	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 2]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Feb	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 3]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Mar	Magazine	1

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Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 4]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Apr	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 5]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/May	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 6]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/June	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 7]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/July	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 8]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Aug	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 9]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Sept	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 10]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Oct	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 2/issue 12]	Gaming Times magazine	1997/Dec	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 1]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/Jan	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 2]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/Feb	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 3]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/Mar	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 4]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/Apr	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 5]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/May	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 6]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/June	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 7]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/July	Magazine	1
Chips +	Gaming Times magazine [vol. 3/issue 8]	Gaming Times magazine	1998/Aug	Magazine	1
USA	Gambling Times --A Guide to Past Articles [Index]	Gambling Times mag.	1977-1980	Booklet	1
USA	Gambling Times magazine [1977 issues, in binder]	Gambling Times mag.	1977	Magazines	1 set
USA	Gambling Times magazine [1978 issues, in binder]	Gambling Times mag.	1978	Magazines	1 set
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USA	Gambling Times magazine [1986 issues, in binder]	Gambling Times mag.	1986	Magazines	1 set
USA	Gambling Times magazine [1987 issues, in binder]	Gambling Times mag.	1987	Magazines	1 set
USA	WIN Magazine [1990 partial set: 9 issues]	WIN Magazine	1990	Magazine	1 set
USA	WIN Magazine [1991 partial set: 8 issues]	WIN Magazine	1991	Magazine	1 set
USA	WIN Magazine [1992-93 set: 11 issues]	WIN Magazine	1992-93	Magazine	1 set
<b>GAMING NEWSLETTERS</b>					
Blackjack	The Experts Blackjack Newsletter [1990-94: 8 issues]	Gambling Times Pubs.	1990-94	Newsletter	1 set
LV Bargains	Las Vegas Advisor [Sept 89-March 92: bound set]	Las Vegas Advisor	1989-92	Newsletter	1 set
LV Bargains	Las Vegas Advisor [Apr 92-Dec 94: bound set]	Las Vegas Advisor	1992-94	Newsletter	1 set
LV Bargains	Las Vegas Advisor [1995: 12 issues]	Las Vegas Advisor	1995	Newsletter	1 set
LV Bargains	Las Vegas Advisor, Anthony Curtis' [1996: 12 issues]	Las Vegas Advisor	1996	Newsletter	1 set
LV Bargains	Las Vegas Advisor, Anthony Curtis' [1997: 12 issues]	Las Vegas Advisor	1997	Newsletter	1 set
Gambling	So You Wanna Be a Gambler! [1987-1992: bound set]	John Patrick Product'ns	1987-92	Newsletter	1 set
Gambling	So You Wanna Be a Gambler! [1993-1995]	John Patrick Product'ns	1993-95	Newsletter	1 set
Gambling	So You Wanna Be a Gambler! [1996-April 1997]	John Patrick Product'ns	1996-97	Newsletter	1 set
<b>TRAVEL MAGAZINES</b>					
Nevada Tourism	Nevada magazine [1989/4 issues: June/Aug/Oct/Dec]	Nevada magazine	1989	Magazine	1 set
Nevada Tourism	Nevada magazine [1990 set: 6 issues + 3 special issues]	Nevada magazine	1990	Magazine	1 set
Nevada Tourism	Nevada magazine [1991 set: 6 issues]	Nevada magazine	1991	Magazine	1 set
Nevada Tourism	Nevada magazine [1992 set: 6 issues]	Nevada magazine	1992	Magazine	1 set
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Nevada Tourism	Nevada magazine [1997 set: 6 issues]	Nevada magazine	1997	Magazine	1 set
<b>GUIDE BOOKS</b>					
Atlantic City	Guide to Fine Dining in So. New Jersey...1992-93 ed.	Atlantic City Magazine	1992	Booklet	2
Nevada	Bargain City...the New Las Vegas	Curtis, Anthony	1993	Book (pb)	1
Nevada	Casino Directory for Nevada	RW Directories	1989	Booklet	1
Nevada	Frugal Gambler, The	Scott, Jean	1998	Book (pb)	1
USA	Casinos USA: The Nationwide Guide for Gamblers Only!	Hansen, L. & Zywiec, M.	1996	Book (pb)	1
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Atlantic City	Atlantic City Proof	Gilmore, Christopher C.	1978	Book (pb)	1
Coin Guidebook	Official A.N.A. Grading Standards for U.S. Coins-5th Ed.	Bressett & Kosoff	1987	Book (pb)	1
LV Movies	Photographs (8-B&W) from "Las Vegas Nites" movie	Unknown	1950's	Photographs	1 (set)

# **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”.

# PHILEAS

## IN THE CC & GTCC ELECTIONS



**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!**



**DAVID D. SARLES CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT  
R-1715**

I am a chip collector and enthusiast. As such I'm concerned about the future direction our great hobby is headed. This concern has led me to run for President of the CC&GTCC.

I presently own and operate two small businesses employing over 100 people in western New York State. The skills necessary to running a company; finance, promotion, personell management, etc. should serve the club well should I be elected.

I've enjoyed chip collecting for about 5 years now. It is my primary recreation, I attend 12 + meeting/shows a year and am in touch with fellow collectors everyday. This is a healthy vibrant group and a privilege to be part of.

I recognize that our hobby is more than just chips. We collect tokens, ashtrays, hatchbooks, slot/room cards, just about anything gaming related. As officers and club members I think it's important we broaden the focus of our efforts, to support all sorts of gaming collectibles.

Another issue in this campaign is who are the board members representing? My position is we first and foremost serve the individual collectors that make up the club. If a member is a dealer or dealer/collector his interest are secondary to those of the individual collector. The club should offer an official accreditation to all dealers willing to comply with a club backed satisfaction guarantee. Members could buy from accredited dealers with complete confidence their satisfaction is assured by the club.

The primary focus of our campaign, Janice O'Neal, Barry Weintraub, Nate Pincus, Jim Steffner and myself has been "Collecting For Fun". This hobby is not a business to us but recreation. We all genuinely enjoy the people, the trading, the buying, the selling, the shows, the auctions, I could go on an on. If elected we want to continue what the previous boards have given us, a hobby thats a JOY to be part of!

If you believe as I do that this hobby is about having fun, I'd appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

David Sarles  
R-1715



**CHARLES T. RODGERS  
RUNS for PRESIDENT of CC&GTCC**

I've been collecting one thing or another all my life, from soda pop bottles, stamps, coins, paper Americana, such as Early cigar box labels & tobacco plug box labels that go back to the early 1870's. The collection I like the most is my collection of Siam porcelain tokens and China Mother-of-pearl gaming markers, the items they used in gambling way before there was a Las Vegas or Atlantic City. It was only natural that I go into Casino Chips & Tokens.

I'm charter member #CH-033 in this CC&GTCC Club and I say with pride that I've had an influence in this hobby over the past ten years. I enjoy introducing new people to the hobby and when they have fun, I have fun. There is a small group of people in this club that would be very happy if the club did not expand and grow. I believe this is wrong and so to does Steve Cutler who is running for Vice President. Last month in the fourth quarter issue of the club magazine Steve and I put forward our ideas and some of the other members of the club. Please take a few

Minutes to look over these ideas as that is what Steve and I will try to follow through on when elected. We want a better club and better communication between members and the board of this club is a first start.

We believe our club is like a large family, and like any family there will a difference in points of view, but working together we can take one plus and come up with three, a better point of view.

There will be changes for this club in the future as it grows and you and I can be very proud to have been here to help these changes come about.

We (Steve & I ) look forward in working with whom ever the members vote in as Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Officer, We would like to see Nate Picus as Treasurer and Barry Weintraub as Secretary and Lets keep James Steffner for Membership Officer as he has been doing a great Job for the past few years.

So when you send in your ballot please mark down Charles Rodgers for President and Steve Cutler for Vice President, two people who will carry through on your ideas.



**Steve Cutler & Charles Rodgers**

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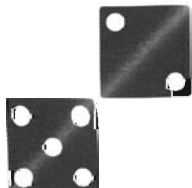
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JANICE M. O'NEAL

Nominee for the Office of Vice-President CC&GTCC

Born February 8, 1936, husband, Jerry and I between us have six grown children and ten grand-children

I began collecting slot tokens and casino chips of Nevada in 1980. The collection has since grown to include; Deadwood, South Dakota, the three gaming towns of Colorado, Indian Casinos and Riverboats covering the entire United States.

I now have extensive collections of table chips and checks, slot tokens, match book covers, single playing cards, swizzle sticks, ash trays, and other odds & ends of casino memorabilia. The latest to be added are slot player cards and plastic room keys.

From the beginning I conducted my collecting from my home state of Michigan. In 1995 Jerry retired from Ford Motor Company and our entire collections and ourselves moved to Las Vegas.

I have been Vice-President and club historian of CC&GTCC for the past eight years and am now actively seeking re-election to this same position.

I enjoy reserching casino histories, tracking openings and closings of casinos, and helping everyone keep up with all the new issues around the country. As CC&GTCC historian I have amassed a vast amount of material on casinos and spend much time helping other collectors share in this information.

I write on-going new issue columns for CC&GTCC's quarterly Chip and Token News Magazine and also a monthly column for the privately publised Gaming Times Magazine.

I have received a very prestigious award from the American Numismatic Association (ANA) for outstanding service to my chosen collectors club and have also received many awards from CC&GTCC over the years for many hours devoted to helping other collectors.

I have maintained the club presence at shows and functions around the country as much as possible.

I ask for your vote to continue my work and to help the club grow in a positive manner so that all collectors can contine to enjoy collecting.

Janice M. O'Neal



**STEVEN A. CUTLER  
RUNS for VICE PRESIDENT  
Of CC&GTCC**

For those persons not familiar with me, I would like to introduce myself and tell you about my background. I would like to share some of my ideas to enhance our hobby. I am 47 years young, married and have a 15-year-old daughter

I entered the gaming industry in 1972 as a dealer in Las Vegas. In 1979 I accepted a management position in Atlantic City and opened Caesars. One year later I moved over to Harrah's Marina in Gaming management, where I remained for 12 years

In 1992, I returned to Las Vegas and assumed a management position with the Desert Inn, where I remained until 1994. I then departed from corporate gaming and started my own business as a marketing consultant. I currently consult to some of the biggest names in the gaming industry. I have been a collector since the age of 18, starting with coins and political buttons.

In 1972, I started collecting gaming memorabilia. I joined CC&GTCC in 1992 and have been a member in good standing ever since.

In 1994, I opened up the Nevada Gold Museum located at the Pioneer Club Las Vegas. When the Pioneer Club closed, The Hilton Corporation picked the museum up as an attraction. It was housed in the Reno and Laughlin Hiltons. During this period our hobby was exposed to millions of people. I have been subject of over 50 newspaper and magazine articles promoting our hobby. I did several speaking engagements on behalf of the hobby to the Elks Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, and other collectors clubs. The Nevada Gold Museum consists of over 15000 gaming related items and is the largest collection of its type. The museum contains hundreds of photographs, documents, chips, tokens and memorabilia from the inception of gaming in 1931 through the present.

Charlie Rodgers and I formulated some ideas for the membership's consideration. These are positive changes we believe would enhance our hobby, and when elected we would work hard to make them become a reality. These ideas were published in the last issue of the club magazine fourth quarter issue.

I feel that I am qualified for this position and when elected will be a very active Vice President.

I endorse Charlie Rodgers for the position of President of CC&GTCC.

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## James Steffner - Membership Officer

I started collecting slot tokens, 2 of each casino in Las Vegas, to build a bar top in our recreation room. In the process I discovered the decorative chips and added those to my collecting interests. I joined CC&GTCC 6 months later and have been a member for about 4 years. I now collect older Vegas chips, illegal chips from Ohio and Kentucky, and have recently added dice and ashtrays. Researching the history of older clubs is fascinating and enjoyable.

For the past three years I have held the office of Membership Officer. During that time I have upgraded the member database to provide more accurate information and improved the membership directory both in quality and by providing quarterly updates.

Member information packets and credentials are mailed within 24 hours of receipt of the application. Renewal cards receive the same fast service. My goal has always been to give the members the best service available at the lowest cost to the club. A new magazine mailing procedure that is saving the club several hundred dollars on each mailing has been initiated.

Plans for the future include an automated and improved membership renewal system, possibly adding Visa/MC renewal options as well as renewing over the internet. Also under study is an E-mail reminder system.

My platform for the future is to keep the club "for the collector" and to keep "fun" in the hobby. I will continue my present job, as in the past, with the interest and well being of the members and collectors as the main objective. I will strive to advance our hobby in all directions including promoting and publicizing the club, improving our club magazine, and making our convention the best possible.

## BARRY WEINTRAUB CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

As a chip collector over the last several year, I have observed the tremendous changes that have occurred in the hobby of casino collectibles, The original group of chip/token collectors have done a wonderful job in establishing casino memorabilia as a genuine hobby. This is a fun/enjoyable hobby and we have to always maintain that outlook as the direction of the hobby.

As the hobby grows, it needs that support and involvement of the next generation of willing chip/token collectors to get involved and move the hobby to its next level of growth and that take the involvement by the collectors.

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# CHIPS AND PLAQUES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By Colin Narbeth.

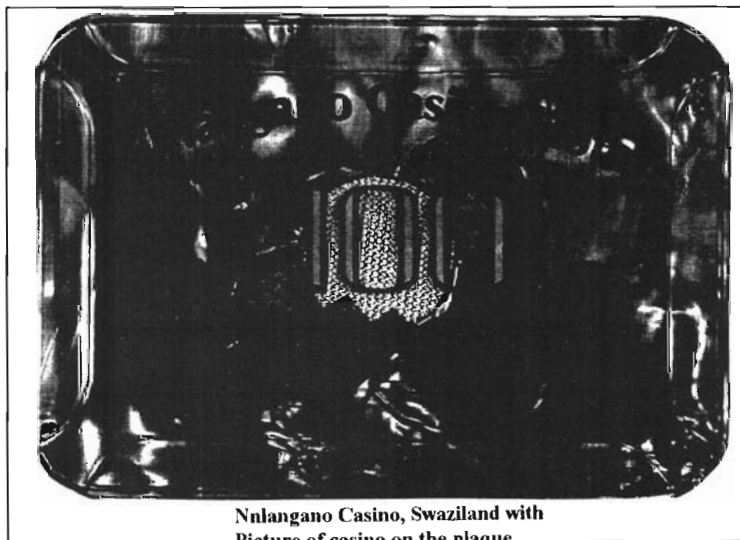
The collecting of gaming counters and plaques centres on the United States mainly because of the Nevada pro-gambling laws and the spectacular rise of Las Vegas to become the world's greatest gambling resort. A number of serious students have begun to record the history of gaming in USA and a prodigious amount of knowledge is becoming available to collectors as evidenced by the many books and magazines, like our Society magazine, that are now catering for collectors.

But very little attention has been paid to other countries, with a few exceptions like Cuba, where the casinos were generally run by the men who were already controlling American gambling.

It is important to record our knowledge of other countries before it is lost in the mists of time. Places like South Africa have a tremendous history for the gambling collector to get to grips with and its chips and plaques are colourful, bright and well designed.

The early history of South Africa is a blank page for collectors because the

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Fah-Fee was commonplace. The whites who felt like a gamble had to leave the country to find a casino! But this was not so difficult as it sounds. The political leaders at that time wanted a pure-white South Africa and gave independence to various tribal areas so that while they had a work-force pool they also could better control coloured movement in and out of South Africa proper.

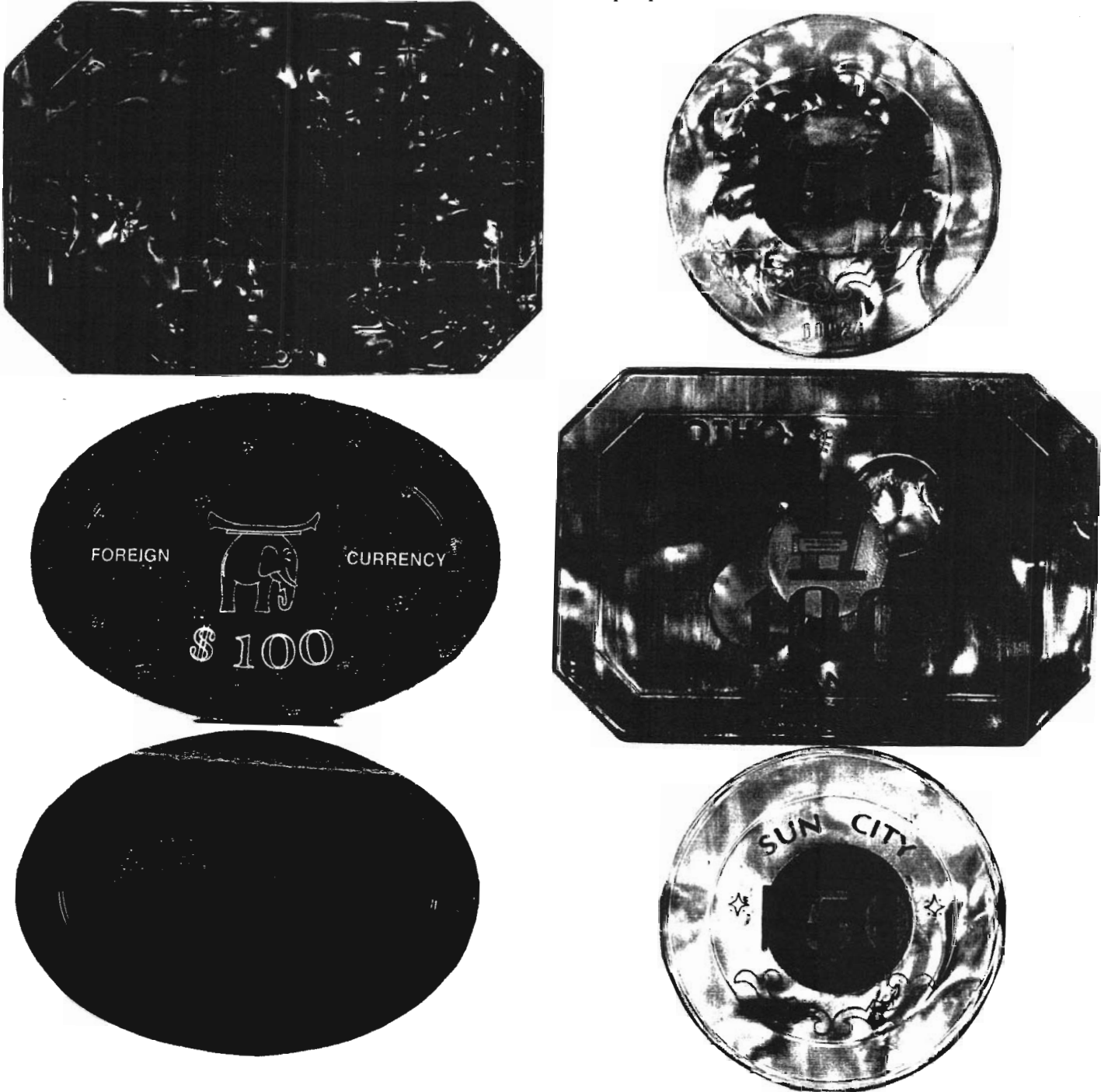
The potential was not lost on would be casino-operators. Men like Sol Kerzner backed by financier Gerry Muller: the powerful Dick Goss Chief Executive Officer of South African Breweries leapt at the chance to open up in "foreign countries" where South Africans could drive to without difficulty.

The Southern Sun Hotel Group was a merger of the Kerzner/Goss enterprises. Bophuthatswana was one of the foreign countries created and the purchase of gambling rights was not difficult. The first casino came in 1977 at Mmabatho. Then came Sun City in 1979. Strangely, this was part paid for by the Industrial Development Corporation because jobs would be created. Kerzner bought another

gaming licence in Ciskei and soon had three casinos in operation there – Fish River, Mdantsane and Amatola.

In 1989 Kerzner suffered a temporary set-back when he was obliged to resign following newspaper accounts that he had paid 2 million Rand to George Matanzima to get a Transkei gaming licence. He was quickly re-instated on the grounds that his actions had been in the best interests of the share-holders!

We know now that Nelson Mandela also accepted 2 million Rand on behalf of the ANC and the division between the National Party and Lucas Mangope is still not known. Apartheid came to an end in 1994 and gambling took off. Blackjack had escaped the provisions of the 1965 Act as it had successfully claimed to be a game of skill! New laws are coming into effect and it is said that some 40 casinos are going to be allowed in South Africa. Some of the attractive plaques are illustrated.



Top Left to right: Swaziland Spa, run by Holiday Inns from 1972 to 1983. Now called Swaziland Sun Hotel. Mmabatho Sun R50 issued in 1977. All these chips are said to have been destroyed.  
Centre left: Elephant Hills Casino \$100; Lesotho Casino 100 Rand – it closed in 1981 and re-opened as Lesotho Sun.  
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## Arlene Grossblatt...

...was a friend of mine and a person that this hobby will miss. *Loving, honest and fair* are words that characterize Arlene and are the qualities that most properly define her character.

Arlene was a native of Los Angeles and her chosen occupation was teaching. Her ability to teach others was enhanced by her patience and her attention to detail. Arlene loved children and teaching them came naturally.

Arlene was also a sharing and caring person who lived with a vibrant and enthusiastic love of life. I can not remember when she was despondent or depressed by adversity. She taught me that despite gloomy odds, a bright outlook can bring a glimmer of joy to others.

Arlene participated in our club and helped us expand our hobby. Year after year she would proof our auction sales giving a critical teachers eye to the grammar, spelling and composition. She would catch the "goofs" that I would make and would gently let me know.

The hobby of chip collecting is frequently a solitary habit in which only one spouse will participate. Gene and Arlene Grossblatt were a team. As "a couple of chip collectors", Arlene would frequently be the one that would find a missing chip for their collection.

The L.A. Times once titled an interview with Gene and Arlene as "Their Life is a Treasure Hunt". It was the way that Arlene pursued that hunt that is worthy of note. She enjoyed the social parts of our hobby and demonstrated that it is the people that make our chip hunts memorable.

Arlene's enthusiasm for life could not be diminished. After the North ridge earthquake that destroyed their house, Arlene related to me what had happened. As the television in the master bedroom crashed to the floor, she asked Gene if they were going to die. Assured that they were not, Arlene and Gene walked through their damaged house to the street. Within hours Arlene told me of the tragedy, but her voice was strong and her attitude was

even stronger.

When Arlene was diagnosed with a life threatening disease she continued to battle with dignity and most of all an unyielding enthusiasm for life.

Just before Thanksgiving Arlene passed away. I was greatly saddened by our loss but enriched by knowing her. At Thanksgiving Dinner we proposed a toast to our departed friend - an appropriate recognition to one who had shown us the value of strong character. We are all thankful for the blessing of her acquaintance.

*by Howard W. Herz (CH-85-3)*



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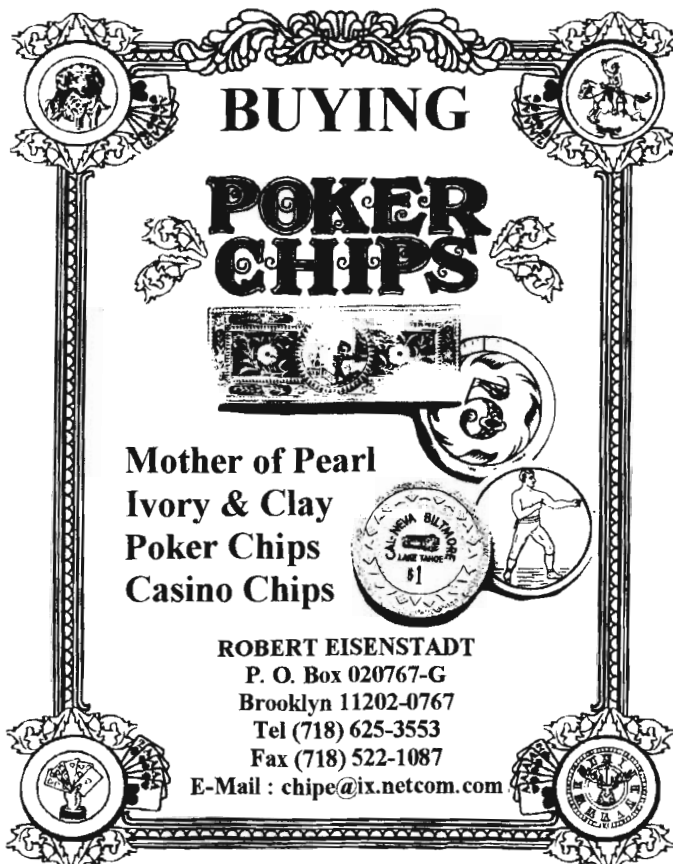
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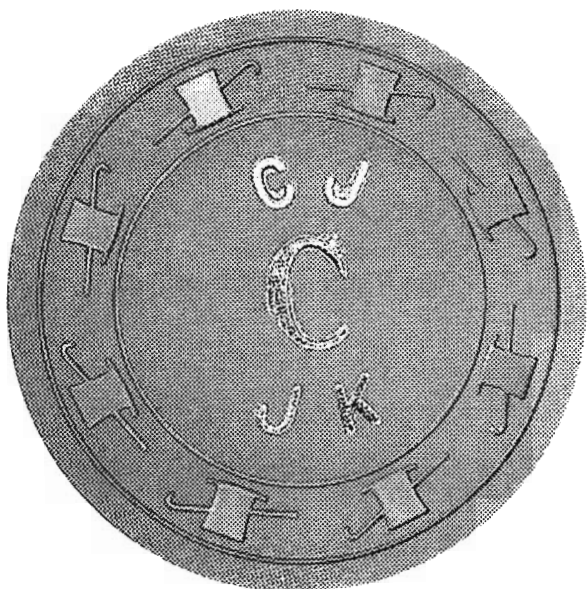
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## THE DUTCH - DUTCH - DUTCH CONNECTION by Ralph Pollack (CC&GTCC member #749)

It all began in the late 1950's when Jake Kozloff and Clifford Jones started casino gaming in Aruba and Curacao. The first casino they opening was the Aruba Caribbean on July 18, 1959.

I published my first article in the CC&GTCC quarterly journal in 1993 which described some of the casinos in Aruba. Subsequent articles in the Gaming Times Magazine and my first two books mention the initials 'C.J. J.K.' on the chips.

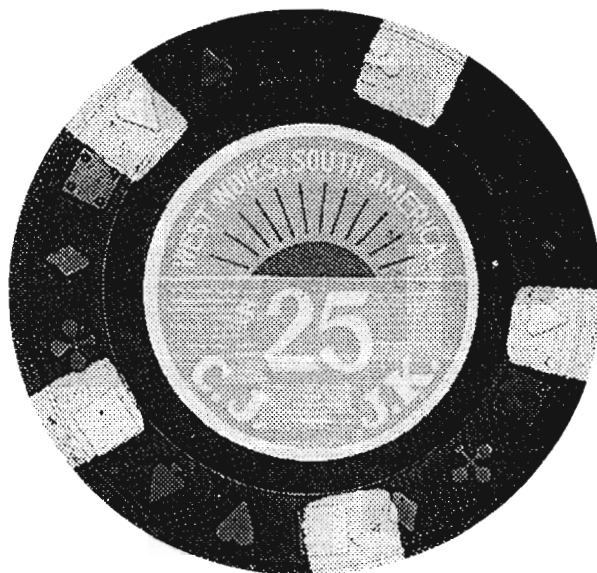
Several casino used chips that depict these initials and were noted on roulette chips from the Holiday Inn Casino of Aruba and bear Pollack's Reference Codes (PRC #) of HOL-C&J.3, figure 1.



Also, the chips from the Flamboyant Casino in Curacao also bear these same initials PRC #FLA - 1 C&J 1., figure 2. Both these varieties of chips have the Christy & Jones shiny Hat & Cane mold!



In my most recent book on The Casino Chips & Tokens of the DUTCH CARIBBEAN - Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao & St. Maarten, the first chapter is dedicated to both Jake Kozloff & Clifford Jones' presence in the Caribbean. The text and chips described in this chapter demonstrate the words 'WEST INDIES SOUTH AMERICA' in addition to the C.J. J.K. initials, PRC # WI-SA-25E.1, which is a \$25.00 chip with the 'EWING' mold, figure 3.



A similar denomination and logo can be seen in the H.C. Edwards 'HCE' mold and the PRC # is WI-SA-25HCE.1 which is a \$25.00 chip with the HCE mold, figure 4.



Both Jake and Cliff opened the Palace and Toraica casinos in Paramirabo, Suriname and these chips were used in these casino. If you are wondering where Suriname is, please refer to your world geography book and look at South America. You may remember the country of Dutch Guiana if so, then you are on the right track. Dutch Guiana became Suriname and the Republic of Suriname obtained it's independence from The Netherlands in November 1975. This country is located just north of Brazil between Guyana and French Guiana and its northern border is the



Atlantic Ocean. The principal language is Dutch.

The Dutch Connection means that the Dutch language is currently being spoken in Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St Maarten and in Suriname! In 1966, the Franklin Mint issued a proof and uncirculated casino tokens for the Suriname Torarica Casino and the Palace Casino and Pollack's reference codes are **TOR - 1.1**, **PAL - 1.1** for the collector's proof edition and **TOR - 1.2**, **PAL - 1.2** for the uncirculated variety (which was the token used for the slot machines). Figure 5 depicts the Palace Casino \$1.00 token.



I hope you enjoyed this brief history of two very famous men, and their chips, who pioneered the gaming world in South America, the West Indies and other parts of the Caribbean. If any one has any comments about Suriname, please contact me at P.O. Box 79216, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Thank you.

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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.

☞ Black and white photocopies only, please! Believe it or not, it's actually more difficult to work with color photocopies than with black and white, even though they look prettier when you copy them!

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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 1028 (10/2):** Ed Hertel and Gene Trimble have been able to verify that this chip was used at two different clubs in Seguin, TX: the **Red Mill** and the **Orange Bowl Club**, both open from 1946 to 1948, when the Texas Rangers closed them down. The owner of the clubs was Martin Weldon Roberts; hence the initials **MWR**. Great detective job, Ed and Gene!

**UFC 1192 (11/4):** T. R. King has confirmed that this chip was delivered to the **Horseshoe Club** in Las Vegas in 1954, three years after it opened.

**UFC 1193 (11/4):** There are two possibilities for this small crown chip depicting a **paddlewheel steamboat**, according to manufacturer T. R. King. It could have been shipped to the Tahoe Tavern in 1951 or it could have been shipped to **Ken Stegall** in Van Nuys, CA in 1968. According to *The Gaming Table*, Tahoe Tavern was open from 1901-1940, so we have to assume that the chip was made for Stegall. Who he is and what the chips were used for, we don't know.

**UFC 1195 (11/4):** We finally have the definitive word on the **Edgewater** chip, from research which Jim Episale has conducted. Jim found the chips in Biloxi, MS three years ago and bought them from a slot route serviceman who had seen the chips in use. He confirmed with Howard Herz, who has the records of the Mason Co., that the chips were shipped to Clay Reeves in Gulfport, MS. Jim's concluded that the chips were used at the Edgewater Hotel in Biloxi. Actually, Jim's learned that gambling at the Edgewater was not conducted in the hotel itself, but in an outbuilding which still stands on the property. The hotel itself was destroyed in a hurricane in 1969.

**UFC 1198 (11/4):** Jim Rauzy tells us that the **OWL** chip was used in the card room at the Owl Club Cafe in Tulare, CA.

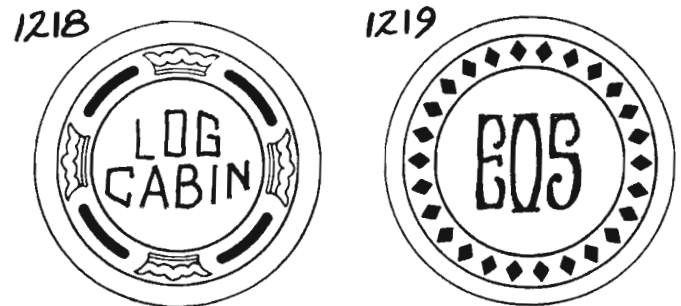
**UFC 1204 (11/4):** Sometimes we not only receive an identification of a UFC, but a great story as well. That's the case with the **Higgins Smoke Shop** chip, which Bill Rouleau has identified for us. Maurice Higgins owned and operated the small club (which we believe was a poker room) in the basement of 700 Main Street in Rapid City, SD in the 1950's and 1960's. The main floor was occupied by the Orchard Room lounge and bar. Gambling being illegal, the sign outside the card room actually said "Pastime Smoke Shop." Confused yet?

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 1218:** Hmm...**Log Cabin**, eh? We turn to our trusty dog-eared copy of *The Gaming Table*, and we find no fewer than 11 different Log Cabin entries. Now what?! Well, the large crown mold, we know, was mostly used in the west: especially California and Nevada. So we'll eliminate the two possibilities from IN and MT. Far more large crown mold chips are from CA than anywhere else, so without specific and

reliable proof, we'll eliminate the 7 NV entries as well. We're talking educated guesswork here, not reliable identification, mind you, because several of the NV entries are for clubs old enough to have used large crown chips, and it's possible that this Log Cabin chip was used in NV. Without specific proof, though, I always hesitate to attribute a chip to NV, especially when the mold is most often seen elsewhere.

So what are we left with? A "location unknown" entry and a closed Log Cabin card room in Yreka, CA. That's the one that has my vote! Without further specific proof, I'd put this chip in my album for California.



**UFC 1219:** Doc Finstuen, who spends his free time doing individual personal research for those of us who are a lot lazier and whose spouses have better things for them to do on weekends, managed to take a trip to Kansas City, MO to visit the old Jack Todd location. Todd was one of the most prolific chip distributors in the country. Like most chip distributors, Todd's chips were actually manufactured by The Burt Company in Portland, ME. Todd did the hotstamping and distribution after receiving blank chips from Burt. Doc found the building that used to be occupied by the Jack Todd Co., and which now houses a delicatessen. He also found this chip, along with two pairs of dice bearing the same **EOS** initials. Does anyone have any idea where the chips were used?

**UFC 1220:** This chip was used in the **Rex Club** card room, Salinas, CA, 1959-1986.

**UFC 1121:** Clinton Boyle, who sent us the copy of this **CC** chip, believes it was used at the illegal Crescent Club in Biloxi, MS. Can anyone confirm?

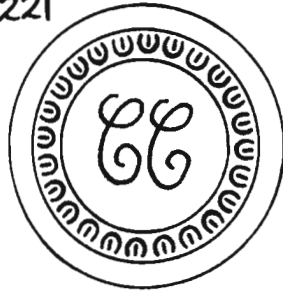
**UFC 1122:** Tom Hitselberger sent us this one. Now I know that Tom lives in Northern Virginia, the D.C. suburbs. Seems pretty likely to me that this **F.E.A.** chip was used in the underground casino operated by the Federal Energy Administration across the Potomac River from where Tom lives. Sound reasonable? Yeah, right! Anyone have a clue?

**UFC 1123:** Here's another unknown. I doubt that OPM stands for Other People's Money, but anything's possible!

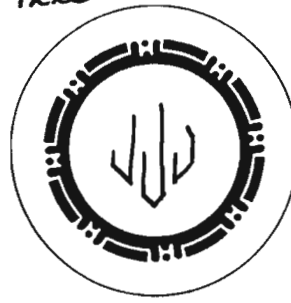
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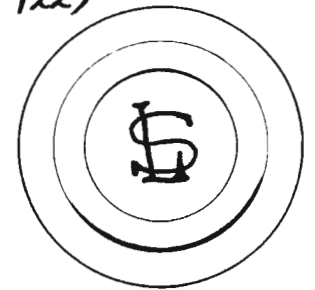
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**UFC 1124:** This GBL chip exists in at least three denominations: \$1, \$5 and \$25. That leads me to believe that it was a casino chip, not a personal chip. Does anyone know where it's from?

**UFC 1125:** This certainly seems to be an address, which would lead to the conclusion that the chip was used in an illegal club. **610 East Broadway** could be almost anywhere, but we have the additional hint of what I assume to be the name of the town: Midway. Does anyone recognize the chip?

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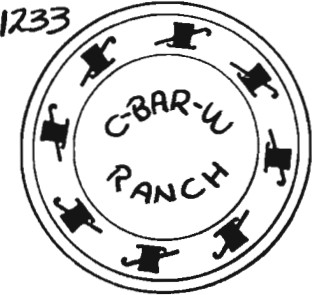
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The remaining chips are completely unidentified. If you know them, let me know and your information will appear in the next issue's column!

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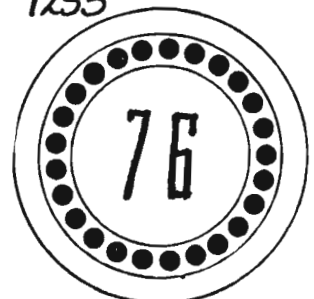
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In addition to the members whose names are mentioned specifically above, the following members also provided information or new UFC's for this column: Ted Brown, Bob Ginsburg, Steve Goodrich and Bill Miller.

# Chips 'N Tokens update

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

Time for another update right in the midst of the holiday season! Happy Holidays to all. Although by the time you get this Santa will have all his work done and be nestled back in his castle at the north pole!! Also we will already be launched into another new year, the last one of the 20th Century!

We recently returned from Mississippi and the first annual Blast from the Past Casino Collectible Show and what a "blast" it was. Many prominent people from the early era of gambling in Miss were there and what stories they have to tell!! Riverboat and Indian Casino material went well and, of course, the hit of the show was all the illegal chips from around the country that were being traded back and forth and sold vigorously. There were several collectors there looking for older Nevada material, but not much was to be found. We look forward to being at the 2nd annual Blast From the Past Show in November 1999.

Back home in Las Vegas everyone should know by now Steve Wynn's Bellagio is open and in Laughlin, Gold River changed over to River Palms Resort. The rumored live gamings return to Burbon Steet, LV did not happen, and doesn't look to be anytime soon.

Halloween really brought some great looking chips for 1998, and in contrast there was only one single entry for Thanksgiving. In a surprise move the Riverboat Casino, Reno closed it's doors for good November 30 1998.

For token collectors, I guess you better take a vacation to some other area for tokens, because it is pretty dismal pickings around here.

And now off to new issues-----

## NEVADA CASINO CHIPS

Monte Carlo LV Brew Pub Beer series #4 "Las Vegas Lites" and here we go again!! There are two (and maybe more) distinctly different color variations on this one, #4A is a dark purple (a dark bluish purple) and #4B is dark maroon (a reddish purple). This is in the center oval frame and ribbon that has the beer name on it. Even the "\$5" is more bluish on one and lavender on the other. #5 in series of six is "High Roller Red". Only one more to go!!



Nevada Palace LV \$5 BJ red 4 org/wht/org/wht/org, multi center for 10th Annual Oktoberfest '98.



A series of eleven chips was announced for a "Legendary Old Timers" dinner at the Stardust in Las Vegas, October 5, 1998. The chips were not released until after the dinner was held and were only released intermittently. All are \$5 H&C picture chips. Released are, (1) Las Vegas Hilton LV red 2-pnk 2-org, multi center-Barron Hilton, (2) Sahara LV red 4 org/dk blu, multi center-Bill Bennett, (3) Palace Station LV red 3-tan 3-dk blu, multi center-Frank Fertitta, (4) Fiesta NLV red 3 tan/yel/tan, multi center-George Maloof, (5) Oasis Resort, Mesquite red 2-yel 2-tan, multi center-Si Redd, (6) El Cortez LV red 3 lrg yel, multi center-Jackie Gauhan, (7) Imperial Palace LV red 3 pnk/grn/pnk, multi center-Ralph Englestad, (8) Santa Fe LV red 3-crm 3-turq, multi center-Paul Lowden, (9) Rio Suites Hotel LV dk red 4 split pnk/red/pnk, multi center-Tony Marnell. (10) was to be Stardust LV-Bill Boyd, which has still not been released and (11) MGM Grand LV-Kirk Kerkorian, which we are told will not be released to the public at all.





Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8 wht, multi center "Fairway to Heaven" golf tournament Oct 18-20, 1998.



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red "Grand Opening Nickel Palace" for new nickel slot area.



Caesars Palace LV \$25 house mold It grn 3 crm/lav/crm, multi center Paul-Son picture chip for entertainer, Celine Dion Oct 17, 1998. There is also a \$100 chip.



Circus Circus LV 30th Anniversary set of 6 stackable chips. Picture down sides of six chips reads "Circus Circus 30 Years 1968-1998". All are \$5 Chipco multi red, (1) building on both sides, (2) clown juggling dice, (3) clown on tricycle, (4) dog on ball, (5) fire eater, & (6) jester clown.

The long anticipated Bellagio LV opened 10-15-98 on the old Dunes property. Chips are all house mold Paul-Son picture chips, and all have exactly the same plain design! \$1 dk blu 4 wht, blu crm center, \$5 red 4 sets of 3 split wht, blk red crm center, \$25 grn 8 blk, blk grn crm center, \$10 "POKER" dk org 4-grn 4-dk prp, blk org crm center, and \$20 "POKER" lt org 2-grn 2-mrn, blk mrn crm center. In keeping with the "high-roller" theme of this property you can also get a \$100,000.00 chip (sorry no picture!).



Nevada Palace LV chips for Gaming Times Collectible Show 1998 are \$1 BJ wht 4 spt yel, multi center, \$2.50 BJ blu 8 pnk, multi center, \$5 BJ red 4 lrg grn, multi center, all with hula dancer, Also \$5 BJ red 4 lrg yel, multi center with sunset & palm trees.



Tropicana LV \$5 H&C picture chip org 3 blk, multi center "Halloween '98".



Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip org 8 blk, multi blk center "Halloween 1998".



Four Queens LV set of 4- \$5 Chipco multi red "Halloween 1998", (1) green witch & mirror, (2) black cat & broken mirror, (3) scarecrow w/jack-o-lantern head, and (4) ghosts & goblins at party. This is a stackable set with picture down the sides of stack.



CBS Sports World LV changed chips over to Sports World Casino 11-98. All are same colors & same design BJ chips, just dropped the "CBS".



Four Queens LV another set of 4 stackable \$5 Chipco. This is getting to be a bit too too much!!! This time for "Speedway Racer's Special" with four different race drivers pictures.



Santa Fe LV \$5 Chipco multi blu red "Veteran's Day 1998" This is the first of four chips that will make a stackable set, (1) Veteran's Day, (2) Christmas-release Dec 11, (3) New Years-release Dec 31, & (4) 8th Anniversary-release Feb 14, 1999.



When these four are stacked it will read down the sides, "Nobody Stacks Up Better". Neat advertising trick!



Lady Luck LV has added new \$1 BJ chips. Same wht 4 org, metal inlay as before, but now has "BJ" mark on center.



NLV set of four Sports Edition chips 9-19-98 for baseball players, (1) Pete Coscarart, (2) Al Gionfriddo, (3) Larry Sherry, & (4) Norm Sherry.



Jerry's Nugget NLV set of three "Famous Lawmen of the Old West", \$5 BJ red 8 wht, multi center, (1) Wyatt Earp, (2) Patt Garrett, & (3) Wild Bill Hickok.



Fiesta NLV has discontinued all regular table chips and has whole new set of Chipco; 4-\$1, 4-\$5, 4-\$25, 4-\$100, and 4-\$500. Each denomination has a royal flush card hand, one for each suit; spades, hearts, clubs, & diamonds.



Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco multi red "Halloween 1998".



Fiesta NLV \$5 Chipco multi red "Nevada Day 1998/ Halloween 1998".



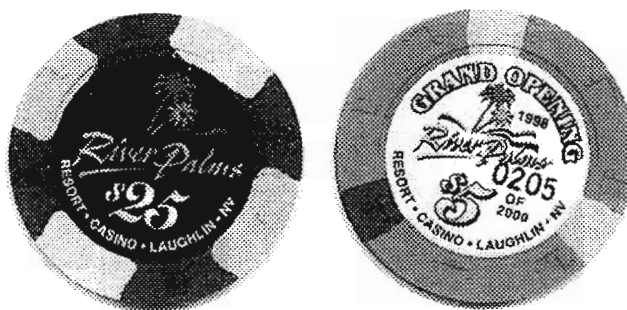
Ramada Express, Laughlin, FINALLY the last one of the 12 chip series for "Back to the 40's". Let us just hope they NEVER decide to do anything like this again!! The last one is \$5 BJ red 4 wht/blu/wht, multi center for U. S. Navy "Back Them Up".



Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco multi red, "Thanksgiving 1998".



Gold River, Laughlin has been sold and new name is River Palms Resort. Chips are; \$1 H&C wht 1-dk pnk 1-blu, multi blk CI, \$5 H&C red 1 each- lav lt org dk prp, multi blk CI, \$25 H&C dk grn 2-yel 2-pch, multi blk CI, & \$5 H&C red 1 each-lav lt org dk prp, multi wht CI for Grand Opening. All Gold River chips are now obsolete.



Indian Springs Casino, Indian Springs, Nev has new owner and all new chips, \$5 H&C red 1 each-pnk blu yel, multi blu CI and \$25 H&C dk grn 4-lt blu, multi blu CI.



Ramada Express, Laughlin \$5 BJ red 4 lrg wht, multi center "Veteran's Day 1998"



Sunset Station, Henderson now has a Win Cards Promotion. Chips are 1 NCV unicorns mold dull org--HS "No Cash Value Win Cards" on chip.



Harrah's, Reno new regular table chip, \$2.50 BJ lav 8 turq, wht yel turq CI with "BJ" mark.



Comstock, Reno \$1 H&C beige--HS.



Harrah's, Reno \$5 BJ red 4 lrg wht, multi center "1998 Reno Air Races Sept 17-20, 1998". Reno Hilton Resort, Reno \$5 multi red & \$25 multi grn Chipco "National Championship Air Races Sept 17-20, 1998". Reno Hilton Resort, Reno \$5 multi red & \$25 multi grn Chipco "Street Vibrations Sept 17-20, 1998" (motorcycle rally).



Hyatt Regency, Lake Tahoe, Incline Village at north lake tahoe has new supply of \$2.50 plastic and metal chips. These are Royce 600 chips, originals are the old company, Reliable. The colors are the same, with only a slight difference in weight (Royce is lighter). The original brass has been replaced by a bi-metal product and is only brass in color. Another slight difference: the original chips were smooth edge, the new ones have a thin reeding running around the edge, also new chips are thicker. Only time will tell if the "reeding" will become smooth with wear. Uncirculated chips will definately be able to be spotted by the reeding. There were 8,000 of the new chips produced.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline has three \$5 H&C picture chips for "Bud Ice". All are dk red 4-gry 4-dk blu, multi dk red center, (1) Penguin w/bottle of beer, (2) Penguin blackjack dealer w/21 hand, and (3) Penguin w/slot card.



A variety has been reported on the Stockman's, Fallon 25-cent hrs hds rt dk pnk--HS chip, Type I-large thick letters, cent sign is high, Type II-small thin letters, cent sign is low.



Red Garter Hotel & Casino, Wendover now owned by Full House Resorts. Name has not been changed, new chips are \$1 H&C crm 6 brn, red blk wht CI and \$5 H&C red 2-gld 2-dk gry, red blk wht CI.



**CASINO TOKENS**

Flamingo Hilton LV \$2 (1998) OPM brass.



Stardust LV \$1 (1998) GDC has been found with a cracked die reverse. It is a large crack down from the top of the token into the building on the reverse. Bellagio LV opened 10-15-98. Tokens are \$1-\$2-\$5-\$10-\$25, all (1998) OC and all have same very plain design. You can also pick up a \$1,000.00 token here!!



Indian Springs Casino, Indian Springs, Nev new owner 10-98. Tokens are \$1 (1998) GDC. Previous Indian Springs tokens are obsolete.



River Palms Resort, Laughlin opened 10-16-98 (was Gold River) . \$1 & \$5 (1998) OC brass, both have same design.



Primm Valley Resort, Primm, Nev original \$25 (1998) GDC medal align silver token put in play 6-98. In 9-98 another \$25 token was put in play, (1998) GDC coin align alloy metal, same design as original token.

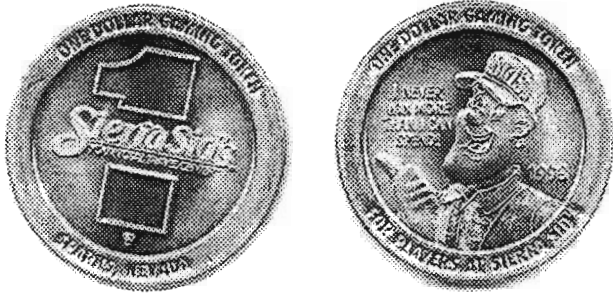
Circus Circus Reno \$1 (1998) RWM. This token has been recalled and a new one has been issued. U. S. federal regulations will not allow dollar signs on slot tokens. With a dollar sign the token could be taken for U. S. money. There is a new \$1 (1998) RWM, no dollar signs, now in play. Now a third token has been reported. So--Type I-with dollar signs (recalled), Type II-no dollar signs, has double lines inside the two capitol "C's", and Type III- no dollar signs BUT does not have the double lines inside the capitol "C's".



John Asuaga's Nugget, Sparks \$10 (1998) OPM brass, golden rooster logo one side, John Asuaga picture other side.



Sierra Sids, Sparks \$1 dated 1998 GDC. These tokens are in the gift shop in plastic holders for \$5 OR in the slot machines for \$1.



King Ranch Market 840 N Decatur LV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc.



**NEVADA TOKENS BARS & STORES**

Decatur Express 2650 S Decatur LV \$1 (1998) GDC, United Coin. Changed route company, same design as previous token. Best Western/ Main Street Inn 1000 N Main LV \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan.

Lois' Sunrise Liquor cross reference to Sunrise Liguor, Lois' 2601 E Charleston LV \$1 (1998) GDC, United Coin.



Steiner's, A Nevada Style Pub (that's what it says on the token!!) 8410 W Cheyenne LV \$1 (1998) CT, E-T-T, Inc.

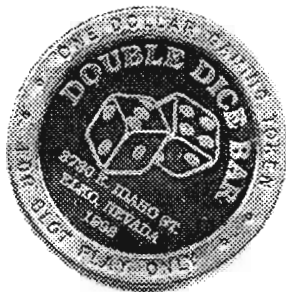
Rite Aid (formerly Payless Drug Stores) are now getting new Rite Aid tokens in some stores. There are TWO tokens now in play in some stores. Issue #1-\$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan. Issue #2-\$1 (1998) RWM, Corral Coin. Obverse of both tokens is the same. At this point these two tokens were found in the same store at Craig & Decatur LV.



Double Dice Bar 3730 E Idaho St Elko \$1 (1998) GDC, Birdzell Slots.

**SILVER STRIKE TOKENS**

There were no new approvals for September. Hard Rock Hotel LV has four new \$10 with "G" mint mark now in play, same designs as before. We can now show you pictures of the two new \$10 at Golden Gate LV (1) trolley car, & (2) bridge.



Flamingo Hilton, Reno has re-issued the 1998 Year of the Tiger. This time WITH mint mark "G". Silver Smith, Wendover has all four new \$10 in play now also. All four are salt flats race cars, (1) Goldenrod, (2) Battery Box, (3) 2-D, & (4) unnamed race car. NEVADA ? Silver Strike// MISSISSIPPI ? Silver Strike. I would guess this next piece of information will amaze Silver Strike collectors everywhere, it sure did me!! Isn't it too bad when something like this gets found either the tokens are already obsolete or the casino is closed altogether so we can't all go look for one. The following token is called a "mule" in the coin collecting world, that is dies from two different coins (tokens) come together somehow to make one piece. In this case: The building die from Gold River, Laughlin, Nevada has been mated with the building die from Isle of Capri, Biloxi, Mississippi. So far we know of only ONE of these in the hands of a collector and it came out of a machine at the Gold River Casino in Laughlin. The only approval in October is for a \$200 Imperial Palace LV. New mint mark? New design? ---Stay tuned!!

pensed in the same manner to pot winners as a "Lucky Piece".



At Ocean's Eleven, Oceanside there is a 50-cent H&C grn--HS chip.



Cameo Club, Stockton changed name to Cameo Casino in 1998. New chips are \$1 H&C grn 4 pnk, pnk wht blk grn CI. Other values are \$2-\$5-\$20-\$100. All Cameo Club chips are obsolete.



### CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS

Lucky Chances, Colma was reported last time with regular low value Chipco. Some further information has been provided to us by Mel Jung. There are also higher value chips at this card club. \$100 Royce 600 green on copper color metal, \$500 Royce 600 royal blue on copper color metal, and \$1,000 Royce 600 dk red on copper color metal. All three of these chips are already or soon will be obsolete, as new \$100 and \$1,000 have been ordered from Chipco. The \$500 will not be replaced.

Delta Club, Stockton also has all new chips. \$1 H&C picture chip lt blu 2 pnk/yel/mrn, multi center. All previous Delta Club chips are obsolete.

Also at Lucky Chances there was a no denomination Royce chip, dk yellow on brass color metal for "Grand Opening 1998". One of these chips was placed in each poker pot during Grand Opening day, so only pot winners received this chip. I hear some people played poker for hours hoping to win a pot just to get a Grand Opening chip!! There was also a no denomination Chipco dis-



Oceanside Card Club, Oceanside closed for good. Building is now a traffic school.

**COLORADO NEWS**

Bullwhacker's, Blhk new \$5 table chip, multi dk mrn Chipco with smooth finish. Original chips with same design were pebble finish. Famous Bonanza, Cncy opened additional casino space called-Easy Street Casino 8-7-98. This is slots only and has Easy Street \$1 (1998) GDC tokens.



Bronco Billy's, Crck new \$5 table chips, Chipco, blk yel red with bronco & rider logo same as 1996 issue. Only difference being "Sports Bar & Casino" is thick letters on 1996 issue and thinner letters on 1998 issue. Also at Bronco Billy's \$5 Chipco multi red, 6th Annual Golf Outing (1998), with one side same as 1996 issue and \$5 Chipco multi red, 7th Anniversary October 2, 1998.



Treasure Mountain Casino building opened as Buffalo Billy's (owned by Bronco Billy's next door) 8-98. Tokens are \$1 (1998) GDC and say Buffalo Billy's. There is a Grand Opening chip set in holder with \$5-\$25 & \$100 chips. Each is a different design. These are numbered BUT only holder says "Grand Opening". There is a regular \$5 Chipco multi red table chip (same design as numbered chip)



J.P. McGills, Crck removed poker table, \$1 chips are retired. Crapper Jack's and Old Chicago both in Crck closed 10-98. Womack's/Legends CRCK now has \$2.50 Chipco multi pnk.



**DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA**

A new set of motorcycle tokens for Black Hills Novelty slot route company. \$1 dated 1998 "S" mint. (1) Harley Davidson "Knucklehead" 1936, (2) "Crocker" 1938, (3) Indian V-Twin Chief, (4) Harley Davidson "Sportster" 1957, & (5) Harley Davidson "Fat Boy" 1990.



**FLORIDA NEWS**

Sterling Casino Lines began sailing a day cruise ship from Port Canaveral 9-12-98. \$5 H&C red 4 wht/grn/wht, multi CI chip and \$1 & \$5 (1998) GDC tokens. Both tokens have same design.



Casino Miami, Dupont Plaza Hotel, Miami 10-98 left port, whereabouts unknown at this time. Chips and tokens considered retired for now. One leaves, another starts up!! Casino Princessa, a brand new "mega yacht" has started sailing from Bayside Market, Miami. Chips are H&C picture chips; \$1 wht, prp blk wht grn center & \$5 red 2 yel/blk, multi center. Tokens are \$1 & \$5 (1998) GDC. Both have same reverse design, but obverse are different.



The Contessa day cruise ship at N Palm Beach has added \$1 H&C picture chip wht, multi gry center. Same design as previously reported \$5 chip.

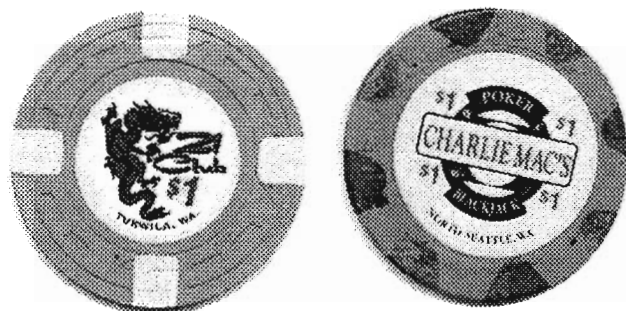
**NEW YORK SHIPS**

Royal Princess has been replaced by Midnight Gambler II, Freeport. \$1 Chipco multi wht and \$5 Chipco multi red.



**WASHINGTON CARD ROOMS & CASINOS**

21 Club, Tukwila \$1 -A- mold org 4 off wht, grn blk red wht CI. Charlie Mac's, N. Seattle has "Poker/Blackjack" on chip. \$1 H&C org 4-prp 4-grn, org blu wht CI.



Hideaway "14525 Aurora Ave" on chip. \$1.00 (with zeros) H&C blu 3 lt grn/pnk--HS. Previous Hideaway chips had name on both sides and no dollar amounts.



The Pub, Tacoma \$1 H&C blu 3 pnk/org, blk red wht CI. Previous chip had only 3 org inserts.





Freddie's Club, Renton has opened another club in Auburn, also called Freddie's Club. Opened 10-5-98 with 50-cent H&C dk brt pnk--HS, \$1 H&C picture chip dk blu 3 lt blu/pnk, multi wht center, & \$5 H&C red 2-lt grn 2-gry, blk red blu wht CI. These are all exactly the same colors as Freddie's in Renton, BUT do have "Auburn, Wa" on chips. Also Renton "\$1" is red and Auburn "\$1" is black.

Great Wall, Tacoma has new \$5 RTP lt grn 3 dk blu/yel/dk blu, blk red wht CI chips. All H&C chips are obsolete here.



P.J. Pockets Cardroom, Federal Way changed name to P.J. Pockets Casino. New in 1998- \$1 BJ wht 4 blk, blk red wht CI. All Chipco are obsolete.



Cafe International & Motel, Blaine \$1 triangle & club mold beige, blk mrn wht CI. May not be newly opened, but is new to us.



A new 50-cent -A- mold dk lav--HS chip has surfaced at the newly named Drift On Inn Roadhouse, Seattle BUT has only "Drift On Inn" on chip.



Parkers Casino, Shoreline \$1 BJ blu 4 wht, red blk dk blu wht CI.



Royal Casino, Everett a previously unreported 50-cent H&C blu--HS chip.



### CANADIAN NEWS

It has been reported there was a Grand Opening token at the new Casino Windsor. \$1 not dated (1998) RWM. One token was given to each person attending the Grand Opening Day celebration, so these are not easy to find.

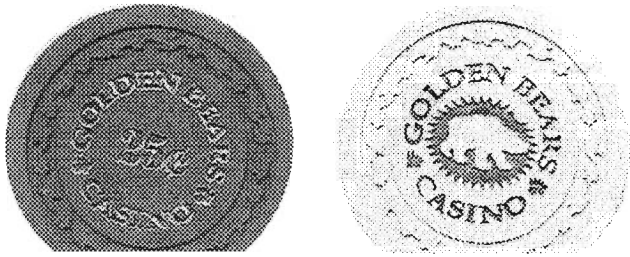


### INDIAN CASINO NEWS

New information from Casino Arizona, Scottsdale, Ariz. There is a \$3 H&C picture chip, yel 3 lt grn/brn, blk yel obverse center & yel blu grn blk reverse center. (Not a pretty chip!). Also there are now \$1 slot tokens (1998) RWM, and a \$5 H&C picture chip red 2-off wht 2-yel, wht gry blk reverse center, red blk gry obverse center, "Grand Opening June 19, 1988".



It has now been reported the tables will not return to Casino of the Sun, Tucson, Ariz and all chips will be for sale at face value with the stipulation that they cannot be cashed in again. Golden Bear Casino, Klamath River, Calif opened 8-98. Chips are flowers mold (haven't seen this one for quite some time!) 25-cent dk pnk--HS, \$1 beige--HS, & \$5 dk mrn--HS.



Previously unreported, new \$5 RTP red 2 dk turq, blk multi center at Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif.



Another new 25-cent chip at Table Mountain, Friant, Calif unicorns mold dull org--blk HS with outline of Indian head. Also at Table Mountain the second in the series of three Chipco \$5 Indian Chiefs--Sitting Bull.



Pechanga Casino, Temecula, Calif has all new chips for the third time. New are 50-cent RTP lt blu,blk red wht CI, \$1 RTP dk blu 3 gry/yel/gry, blu red wht CI, \$3 RTP org 3 dk blu/brn/dk blu, blk red wht CI, & \$5 RTP red 3 wht/blk/wht, blk red wht CI. All have same center design.



Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, Colo \$5 Chipco multi red "Four Corners Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally" (1998) and \$5 Chipco multi red "5th Anniversary" (1998).



Ute Mountain Casino, Towaoc, Colo \$5 BJ dk mrn 4 dk turq, blk turq mrn wht CI, new table chip.



Winnavegas, Sloan, Iowa all new table chips; 50-cent unicorns mold yel--HS, \$1 Chipco red blk blu wht, & \$5 Chipco blu yel red. \$1 & \$5 have same design.



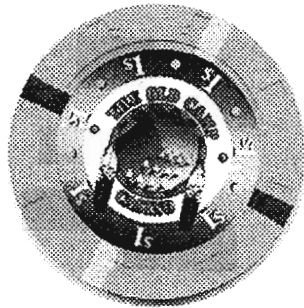
Santa Ana Star Casino, Bernalillo, N M has all new table chips. Original \$1-\$5-\$25 Chipco are obsolete. New are \$1 multi wht, \$5 multi red, & \$25 multi grn. All are Chipco and have star & feather logo. New chips say "Santa Ana Pueblo, N M", but casino address is still Bernalillo, N M.



Another previously unreported token, that was a real surprise to find. Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, Oregon had a special limited edition dollar slot token dated June 28, 1996 for "Grand Opening of Permanent Casino".



Old Camp Casino, Burns, Oregon open 8-14-98. Chips are \$1 H&C blu 2-pch 2-blk, multi CI & \$5 H&C red 2-lav 2-grn, multi CI. The shell of the building and equipment was moved here from the closed Lummi Casino in Bellingham, Wash.



Harrah's has pulled out of Harrah's Skagit Valley Casino, Bow, Wash. Upper Skagit Tribe has taken over and new name is Skagit Valley Casino. Chips are \$1 H&C wht 1 each-red dk mrn blu, grn blk blu wht CI and \$5 H&C red 4 blu/pnk/gry, grn blk blu wht CI. All Harrah's chips are obsolete.



North Star Casino, Bowler, Wisc has all new set of Chipco, same designs and colors, ONLY the color of the denomination has changed. 50-cent was black, is now green, \$1 was black is now yellow.

**RIVERBOAT CASINOS**

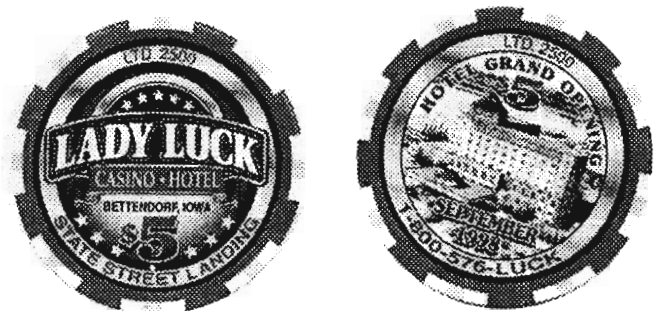
Casino Queen, E St Louis, Ill has all new chips; \$1 house mold wht 4 gry, blk dk gld wht CI, original was wht 4 lt blu, blk lt blu wht CI. \$5 house mold red 4 off wht, blk lt pnk wht CI, original was red 4 crm, blk crm wht CI. \$25 house mold grn 4 dk blu, dk blu wht CI, original was lt grn 4 yel, yel wht CI.



Hollywood Casino, Aurora, Ill \$5 BJ red 8 lt blu, multi center, "Five Year Anniversary 1993-1998". This chip has name, city, & state on one side only, denomination only on other side.



Lady Luck, Bettendorf, Iowa \$5 BJ red 8 wht/yel/wht, multi center for Hotel Grand Opening September 1998.



President Riverboat Casino, Davenport, Iowa has all new chips; \$1 H&C wht 2-tan 2-dk brn, blk red blu wht CI, & \$5 H&C red 3 wht/dk blu, blk red blu wht Ci. Both have new star & flag logo on center inlay.



As we have long suspected there are riverboat and Indian casino slot tokens that we have been missing. There must be collectors of these tokens out there somewhere! Please, let us hear from you. We need information badly. Our original Bally's Saloon & Gambling Hall, Tunica, Miss \$5 token is an undated (1993) GDC brass. A newer one has now come our way. Almost same design as before, but now dated 1995 and name now reads Bally's Saloon-Gambling Hall-Hotel.



Grand Casino, Gulfport, Miss \$5 Chipco multi red, "Crusin' The Coast Oct 8-11, 1998", reverse is "The Coasters" entertainer group. No other riverboat casinos in the area, including Grand Casino, Biloxi, joined in issuing chips for this celebration.



And there you have another 3-month report. As always, my very sincere "THANK YOU" to all that take the time to share information with me for this column. It would be impossible without every one of you.


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## SILVER STRIKES OF NEVADA

by Jack Haddock

Winter seems to cool down not only the weather but the addition of new silver strikes. That's not to say that there isn't some things happening. The major project for these winter months is the addition of ".999" to the center silver on all the casinos which have not yet been converted. Many new designs will go along with the effort which should be completed by the first part of 1999.

Some new casinos have added the silver strike machine: Silver City (return to service), Las Vegas Club, L.V., and Primm Valley in Primm, Nevada. Of course, there are those who had them removed like Fitzgerald's in Reno and Palace Station in Las Vegas.

The new Eldorado "building token" is one of those needing the silver status to be placed on the silver center.



Another new one in the north was the mint marked Flamingo Hilton tiger. The no mint mark is a true error as the mint mark is required by the Nevada Gaming Commission. As we prepare for the year of the rabbit, both "tiger" tokens may be fairly scarce because of their short time existence.



The two long awaited Riverboat Casino silver strikes came into play in October and were out of play by December 1 when the casino closed. Approved many months ago, the "Far West" and "Sylvan Dell" completed the set of four issued by the casino in Reno. These could very well be an instant made rarity.



The Hard Rock Cafe (both \$10 and \$20) do not contain any reference to the .999 silver which is perfectly legal and indeed will change when a new series of four \$10 and four \$20 are issued. Guitars are the subject of the art work on the proposed new tokens. Another unusual minting is on some tokens from the El Cortez in Las Vegas, Note that the rim does not contain the name of the casino. This is the only casino in Nevada known to have the oddity. Since the centers can be replaced, beware of such strikes from other casinos.

The Imperial Palace in Las Vegas has issued a different \$200 silver strike you can trade 20 - \$10 tokens for. The only change on the \$200 is the mint mark.

Do you have a "21 Spade" from the Las Vegas Airport? For over a year there has been rumors about the airport ordering up a new batch of them which would destroy their collectability. Probably not going to happen. Here's a new story as to what may have been the reason for the short lived status of the "21 Spade" token. There is a superstition that the ace of spades carries with it a negative meaning for one life. It really means "change" but some people wouldn't want that "ace" just before getting on a plane. One shipment was all that ever made it to the machine then the design was changed to "21 Hearts".

For more information on silver strikes, contact me at P.O. Box 7544, Reno, NV 89510

# ATLANTIC CITY

By Archie A. Black, CH-001

Compared to other gaming jurisdictions, it would appear that Atlantic City had relatively few new issues to report on during this past quarter. Following the Harrah's Bud Ice Series and the Sands Milton Berle \$20's set reported on in the precious quarter, we saw another multiple piece series, the Miss America's from several different properties in town. All had the same subject portrait of last years winner Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998. They were produced in \$5 and \$10 denominations as follows:

- \$5 Trump Plaza CHIPCO
- \$5 Caesars CHIPCO
- \$5 Tropicana Paulson
- \$5 Claridge Paulson
- \$10 Harrah's Paulson
- \$10 Hilton Paulson
- \$10 Sands Paulson

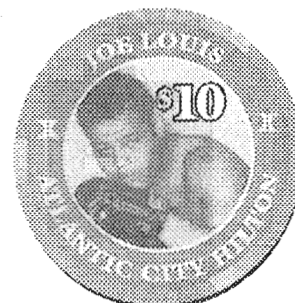


marked the grand opening of the new magnificent Temple Lobby and Centurion Tower.

Hilton issued a set of five serially numbered boxer Hall of Fame \$10 denomination chips. Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Floyd Patterson, Jake LaMotta and Larry Holmes were the selections that Hilton chose to honor. I'm sure there were other worthy candidates to chose from. Interestingly, the Jack Dempsey chip had the wrong date (1956) on it. It would appear that the reverse used for the Dempsey chip is the same reverse used on the Floyd Patterson issue. Dempsey fought in the 1930's. The Holmes chip was the only one to be issued in color.

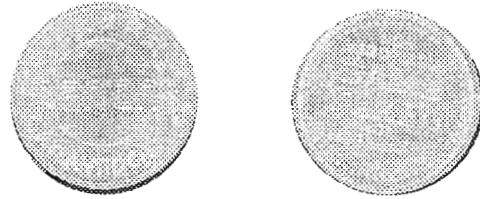


Caesars issued two \$25 limited edition commemorative chips. One was for the popular Golden Boys; Bobby Rydell, Frankie Avalon, and Fabian. The second Caesars issue, another \$25 commemorative,

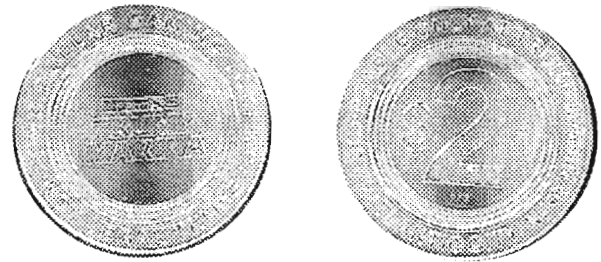




In the token department, Harrah's has a No Cash Value amusement token for use in their game room. While it can not be considered a *gaming* or *slot token* it is a token issued by the casino to be inserted into a slot; albeit an amusement machine such as pinball, basketball hoops, etc.

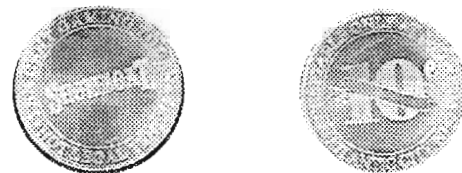


A new \$2 slot token was issued at Trump Marina to compliment their earlier release of a \$1 token. The Trump Castle \$5 & up tokens have not been replaced as of mid-December.

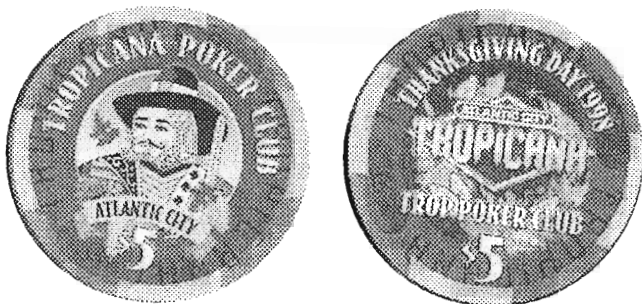


A .10 cent token was issued for a new Bingo slot machine exclusively in use at Showboat. Tropicana and Bally's have .10 tokens as well.

A controversial Thanksgiving Day chip was issued at Tropicana, where severe restrictions were placed on the bulk of the chip distribution requiring collectors to be seated and buy-in at a game of poker for the "privilege" of purchasing this chip. A complaint was filed with the New Jersey Casino Control Commission over this absurd policy instituted by Tropicana.



Tropicana has all new \$1, \$5, \$25, \$100 slot tokens after changing over from the old TropWorld tokens.



At Claridge, another chip in the Gaming Legends series was released to commemorate Bell Starr, whoever he/she was. Another Gaming Legends issue was scheduled to be released by Claridge on December 10th, just prior to this report being written.



For all of you crazed slot card collectors. You've finally been noticed! Trump Marina has issued eight different slot cards, called "Wild Cards" over an eight week period during November and December. A brand new slot card issued each week...and they were all free!

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**“BLAST FROM THE PAST” CHIP SHOW  
REVEALS CONFLICTS OF COMMUNITIES WITH  
ILLEGAL GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS**

by Christine Marsalis Waters

The police raids on the illegal gaming establishments along the Gulf Coast began on the last day of June, 1966, after all gambling was shut down for a drying out period as the result of Mississippi's legalization of alcohol. Up until this time, operators paid a black market tax to the state, allowing the sale of alcohol alongside gambling. With the passing of the law, alcohol and gambling could no longer co-exist. The state ABC board was formed forcing gambling underground, with attendance at poker, craps, and other games by invitation only. And thus began almost three decades of conflict between the communities along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the authorities, and men like Rip Poulos and Mickey McKoul who ran the illegal establishments. Sitting on the MS/AL border, with each state thinking the other had jurisdiction, the Sage Patch was the only club escaping the scrutiny of the police and subsequent raids until it shut down in 1992.

Sharing stories such as these and authenticating decades old illegal gaming chips, Rip Poulos, life-long resident and club owner, captivated those attending Bob Gabel's *Gulf Coast Shows* production of "Blast From the Past" Casino Chip and Memorabilia show hosted the weekend before Thanksgiving by the President Broadwater Hotel and Resort in Biloxi, MS. Verta Lee Swetman, who issued the warrants to close the illegal gaming facilities, also sat and talked with those interested in hearing more about the decades of illegal gaming.

Rip's career, spanning the better part of four decades that began in the late 50's, included such early jobs as poker and craps dealer in the famous 406 and Magnolia Clubs. Later a partnership formed with Mickey McKoul and the Tahiti Club. Ignorant of the law at that time, Rip ordered chips and dice from a company in Vegas; as a result, Mr. McKoul was indicted for interstate transportation of illegal gaming supplies and turned over the management of the club to his partner. Another of their establishments was the Porter House Steak House and Bar, located at the intersection of Highway 90 and Courthouse Road, offering behind-the-scene roulette, craps, and blackjack.

Additional stories cleared up the myth that the 406 and Magnolia Clubs were housed on separate floors in the same building. In reality, the 406 Club sat at that address on Magnolia Street with the Union Bar and its upstairs Magnolia Club, offering bookings on horse races and all other sports, sitting back-to-back. The 406 offered a two-dollar poker game until 5:00 p.m. when no-limit stud poker and boure' became the popular choice of gamblers.

Local communities along the Coast held different opinions toward gambling. While Biloxi was always more liberal and the first to legalize gambling, Gulfport

held out until the second vote. And to this day, the people of Long Beach do not allow gaming along their stretch of the gulf coast.

Also in attendance at the show were a group of men and women who enjoy the collecting of casino chips and memorabilia from across the United States, as far away as Beverly Hills, CA; Las Vegas, NV; New Mexico; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Michigan; Atlanta; and Pompano Beach, FL; and as close as Alabama and other Mississippi communities. These collectors brought posters, buttons, match books, pens, and chips (obsolete and current, legals and illegals) and other memorabilia from Indian Reservations, poker rooms, riverboats, land-based casinos, and racing tracks, around the world. Janice O'Neal, Vice-president and historian of CC&GTCC, represented the national hobby and membership of the American Numismatic Association's (coin collectors) member club, Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. Included in this weekend's festivities of sharing chips and information was Bill Akeman, publisher of the privately issued Gaming Times magazine.

Greg Susong, designer of the forum and gathering place for on-line chip collectors, represented his website [www.chipguide.com](http://www.chipguide.com), posting pictures and information for those unable to attend the show. The chipboard, under construction for the past two years, is continually upgraded to meet the demands of the public and advertisers. There are 3500 pictures of different U.S. chips found on Susong's website along with links to different collectors, FAQ's for newcomers, contests, email addresses, and a map allowing viewers a peek at current and obsolete chips from selected casinos.

When asked why they collect chips, one receives answers as varied as the collectors themselves. Coming from backgrounds that include professional degrees in fields such as teaching and engineering, independent businessmen and women self-employed, and retirees, you hear explanations such as: history, travel, camaraderie, profit, challenges, pastime, variety, artistic design, investment, interest in gambling and many, many more.

Being a newcomer to the hobby, the show gave me an opportunity to meet the different collectors I have conducted on-line business with over the past year, putting a face with the email and phone conversations. The "*Blast From the Past*" offered opportunities to join the national collectors' organization, CC & GTCC, to subscribe to magazines such as Gaming Times and add to our different collections before we parted on Sunday and began our journeys home in anticipation of next year's show.

(Note from CC&GTCC Vice-President) Christine Marsalis Waters is a free lance writer for publications and newspapers in the southeast, especially around the Biloxi-Gulfport riverboat casino area. She is one of our newest club members. Due to doing news coverage of the Biloxi show and getting to meet other collectors, she is now avidly pursuing her chip collecting hobby. I have invited her to participate in articles for Chip & Token News when she can find a spare minute in her busy schedule.

# **WYNN KO's TRUMP AT ATLANTIC CITY**

**Steve Wynn won the 3-year battle with Trump who was trying to prevent the road and tunnel project that will link Atlantic City Expressway with the city's Marina district, where Mirage Resorts planned a casino project. This 2 ½ year construction project will cost \$330 Million with Mirage paying 110 Million and New Jersey State paying 220 Million.**

**When Mirage Chairman Steve Wynn left Atlantic City over casino regulations he offered to return and build a Las Vegas style resort if the state would help finance the 2.2 mile road, 2,200 feet of which would consist of a tunnel.**

**Now since this is reality, Mirage has unveiled the design of a 40 story, 2,000 room hotel casino which is to open in the year 2002. This hotel casino is expected to cost from \$800 Million to \$1 Billion and will feature gardens year round in a climate controlled tropical setting. It will also include a dozen restaurants, two theaters, and an array of upscale shops. The Mirage project will be called Le Jardin, which will sit on 150 acres.**

**Mirage is convinced that they will take Atlantic City to the next level. The rumor has it that Boyd Gaming Corp. of Las Vegas will also sow their oats here in Atlantic City with a hotel casino of 1,200 rooms.**

**Dennis Zeller  
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## Going, Going, Gone

All around the country casinos are taking out their silver strike machines. Some, like Circus Circus in Reno reinstalled the silver strikes machines with a new set of six distinctive styled designs featuring Emmett Kelly.

Archie Black last quarter wrote about the few machines that are still in play in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Here in the Midwest we found that Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa has just discontinued their quarter machines which put out the eight Hollywood Notables and the four animal strikes. They still have the \$1 machine featuring the set of five \$20 race horses and the \$5 machine where you can win the \$200 silver strike. We asked around to see if the machines would be brought back and no one seemed to have any answers.

Gary Stathatos was in the Lady Luck Casino at Bettendorf, Iowa this fall and discovered that they had taken all their machines out in August. They had around twelve different silver strikes. This will make it very difficult to try and get a full set from there.

The Winnevegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa discontinued their silver strike machines in 1996. In two years they had put out 20 different strikes.

Ray Moritz of Missouri told us about the sad state of affairs in the Kansas City, Missouri casinos. Harrah's is down to one machine in their North Star Casino. The Flamingo in Kansas City has also taken theirs out. Station Casino's machines are gone.

Mississippi has also pulled machines. Casino Magic of Biloxi no longer has the machines along with Bally's of Tumca.

In Minnesota, Shooting Star of Mahanomen, took out their silver strike machines sometime ago. Treasure Island at Redwing, Minnesota only removed them last year.

There are probably many more that are not listed. I would be interested in receiving e-mail or letters informing me of what is happening or has happened outside of Nevada.

The above is the problem, now how do we go about solving it?

My husband and I have talked about this situation to many of our collector friends. Here are some of the solutions we have discussed.

We go to the casinos whether they have the strikes or not and talk to whomever is in charge of getting new machines. We would need to take some of our literature from the Club, perhaps our lists of strikes that we do have. We have even found that some of the casino personnel have no idea what we are talking about so it is imperative that we have a silver strike to show them.

We need to know approximately how many people out there are collecting the strikes. The membership list that is put out by CC&TGCC is not informative enough. We

and our friends are telling everyone in the club to fill out their application by writing in their interest - Silver Strikes. According to the last membership list only about four persons listed SS. Hopefully the membership application can be changed to list Silver Strikes, but until that time all of us silver strikers need to write it in.

A big problem we have is that none of us are being consistent in what we call our hobby. Tokens have been interchangeable, so you don't always know for sure what a person is collecting. We all need to agree on what to call them. How about letting me know the best name for our strikes?

One of our trader friends estimated that there are 700 of us. We think there are many more. To have any clout with the casinos we need real numbers.

Another thing that we can do is to pick up some of the "How are we doing" forms that all casinos seem to have. We have filled them out and under comments have written to the effect that the casino was great except they do not have the silver strike(commemorative coins) machines. If they have the machines then it is most important to compliment the casinos and tell them that it is one of the reasons we chose to come to their casino. Everyone likes a pat on the back.

I feel very strongly that the Club needs to recognize the silver strikes as they do the chips and the tokens. Again, the casinos would be delighted to be singled out as having the best design, etc.

My husband and I each carry a silver strike with us and talk to anyone who will listen. Many people are not even aware of the strikes. Others have seen the machines and didn't understand what it was all about. Some have taken them home and not knowing what else to do with them has thrown them in a drawer. Most people are surprised to learn that we have an organization. We have sent out material and application blanks to whoever has asked for them.

I am sure there are many more constructive things that we could do and if you have some ideas, please send them to me and they will appear in this column as space permits. After all, the collecting of silver strikes is so unique as you cannot walk up to a table or cashier cage and buy them. They have to be won by playing the machines.

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For those of you who tried to contact me in regard to my last column, I ask your forgiveness for the dumb thing I did. I forgot the aol in my e-mail address.

## Once Around the Northwest: Washington Card Rooms Fight Back

Steve Goodrich R-306

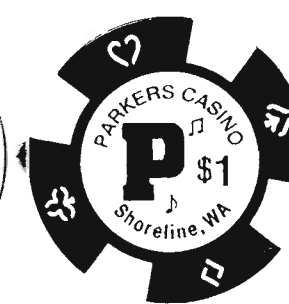
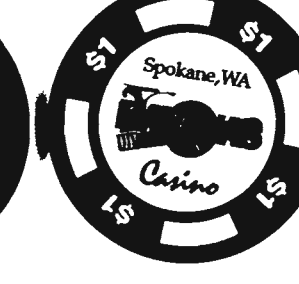
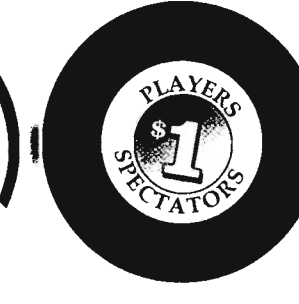
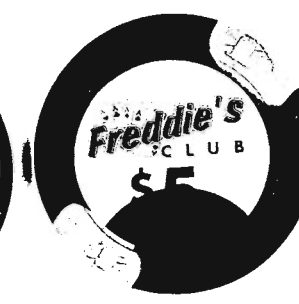
Howdy friends. Most of us are aware that casino gaming has now been allowed on the Indian reservations in Oregon and Washington for approximately five years. Beforehand, gaming (mostly poker) existed in legal card rooms in both states. Though Oregon never developed much of an industry (local laws often excluded or severely hampered club operations) the state of Washington featured more than 100 public card rooms before the establishment of Native American casinos within the state. Many of these closed as business was lost to the larger casinos and the state gaming commission offered little recourse due to the restrictive rules placed upon the clubs. Through a recent series of rulings the card rooms of Washington have finally been allowed to attempt to keep up with the Indian casinos. Though the response from the commission was slow in coming, the new locales are starting to make some headway. Let's take a closer look into what is presently occurring in Washington.

The state gaming commission finally relaxed many of the confining rules the card rooms previously faced. Most critically, these establishments can now offer house-banked card games, formerly allowed only in the native casinos. Clubs are free to deal blackjack, let it ride, pai-gow poker, and Caribbean stud. Roulette and craps are still prohibited in these locales and can only be found currently at the Indian casinos. The state has permitted such card games for just over a year now as I write (November 1998). Limits have also increased during this period so that one can find \$100 maximum blackjack tables at certain clubs, closer to, but not yet even with, the limits found on the reservations. Hours of operation, once strictly limited to a 2:00am closing time across the state, are now much more liberal. Though each club must close for four continuous hours in a 24-hour period, the club can select its own operating times (some close from 4-8am, some from 6-10am, etc.). Club size has also increased in many locations as the commission now allows up to 15 card tables in one building. In addition, traditional card rooms that deal only poker have been permitted a greater amount of freedom in the types of games they deal and the hours they operate.

However, other restrictions significantly influence the type and size of the public card rooms. Clubs which just offer poker are not faced with as many regulations, therefore their overhead remains generally low and I know of many places operating with only one or two tables at any given time. The regulations particularly affect businesses with house-banked games. The commission has been quite picky about handing out these licenses. Clubs which apply for this type of gaming must have a complete security system (overhead cameras and a continuously staffed monitoring facility). The start-up costs, including the cost of the original licenses, easily run into the tens or even hundreds of thousands. Additionally, the normal number of dealers, pit, and shift bosses (not to mention cashiers, waitresses, etc.) must also be present. Therefore, what has emerged are "larger" (ie. 12-15 table) clubs in the more heavily populated areas of the state focussing solely on the casino-type card games. These clubs can better afford the greater overhead as opposed to a one or two table operation, which would still require the same outlay of funds for security systems and licensing fees. Some prominent casino-oriented clubs to open in the past year include Dodge City, Freddie's, Havanas, Mars Hotel, PJ Pockets, Parkers, Players & Spectators, Riverside, Silver Dollar, and Skyway Park. Many of these businesses are former poker rooms remodeled to accommodate the new games; some are brand new casinos. Even more are in the planning stage at present and I know of another handful that will have opened by the time you are reading this.

It seems that this is the wave of the future, at least for the time being, in Washington state and I don't see the trend slowing. I have included a page of illustrations of several chips available from some of newer clubs in Washington.

As a side note, the "northwest" area chip collectors get together a few times a year, usually in either the Seattle or Portland area, to trade and swap stories and updates. If you are interested or if you have any questions, compliments, complaints, or comments, you can reach me at PO Box 3162 Moscow Idaho 83843.



**PHIL'S FORAYS  
RANTING AND RAVING IN RENO  
by Phil Jensen**

I knew the first time I saw Reno that some day I would return to live there. That was in 1962 when I, as a teenager, and my folks passed through on a trip to California.

My first recollection of life in Reno was Alan Bible campaigning for re-election to the United State Senate. He was standing in the back of a pick-up truck, going up and down Virginia Street and holding a Bible in his hand. He kept repeating "Remember the Good Book." I guess in those days the voting populace spent as much time downtown as the tourists. Nevertheless, I thought it was a tacky attempt at name recognition.

Many of the casinos on Virginia Street had open air fronts with slot machines extending practically to the sidewalk. I remember peering into Harold's Club and longing to go inside. Down the street at the Mapes, large picture windows offered a glimpse of the action inside and I was able to get within inches of my father playing a slot machine, even though I was out side on the sidewalk.

By the summer of 1965 I was living at Tahoe and making frequent trips to Reno. Having turned twenty-one I regularly visited the casinos but had not yet started to collect chips. By the Fall of 1965 I had joined the Naval Reserve in Reno to avoid being drafted.

I had to spend one weekend a month attending meetings in Reno and I always stayed at the Overland Hotel. It was my favorite place in Reno and for some strange reason always got room 501. It was a small cubicle on the fifth floor with a bed, dresser, and a sink in the corner. The bathroom was down the hall like a lot of the old-time hotels. There also was a window that opened onto a ledge that ran all around the top (5th) floor. One night, as the snow was falling, I crawled out and walked around. It's a wonder I didn't fall off and land on Commercial Row below, but being young and foolish it was something I had to do.

My March of 1966 so much snow had fallen at Tahoe I decided to move to Las Vegas where the climate was more bearable.

I kept thinking of Reno though, and after being discharged from the Navy in 1969 I returned. I needed a job and the first place I went was the Overland Hotel. Now, all the dice dealers were old men and I felt out of place applying but to my surprise I got hired. As it turned out I stayed for four years.

By now, I had started to collect chips in earnest. I was inspired by the collection at Harvey's and a friend who also collected. Other than that, though, I was pretty much on my own and a little embarrassed to admit to anyone by passion for chips.

Anyway, working at the Overland was great fun. There were lots of local characters who hung out there and we had a good time kidding with them. We also employed pensioners as shills at the tables and I spent a lot of time talking to them about the old days of Reno. One guy, his name was Benny, was an old prospector. A couple of times he took me out into the hills and showed me the ropes of prospecting. I also spent a lot of time bugging the owner, Pick Hobson, for

old chips. He had preciously owned the Frontier Club on Virginia Street and I eventually got quite a few from him.

Most of the twenty-one dealers were older ladies who had started their careers at Harolds Club. I was surprised to learn that most of them could deal craps and it was rumored that a few had Harolds Club tattoos. (That's a JOKE)

One night I mentioned to one of them that I needed some Harlem Club chips for my collection but was a little apprehensive about going down there alone. The place was a block from the Overland across Lake Street, behind the New China Club. Anyway, Marion was her name, said we'd run down on our next break which we did. By this time the Harlem Club was called the Soul Club but they still used Harlem Club chips. The place was jumping when we got there and I bought four five dollar chips off the twenty-one table. I think they were the old BC Wills mold and they had a picture of a boot, the significance of which I never did find out. There were also some purple fifty-cent hot stamp chips which I bought. Some had the Club Harlem name on them but others had only NB/50¢. I later learned that the NB stood for the original two owners, Norval and Bailey.

Anyway, back at the Overland, I normally spent my breaks in a small room in the basement. From this room were doors to the coin room, Pick's office, and a mysterious room where all the old slot machines from the Frontier Club were stored. A rather permanent barrier of chicken wire had been nailed up around them but were still visible from the break area. I always longed to have one--surely Pick would never have missed it. Beyond that was a long tunnel which seemed to disappear into nowhere. One night I got the shift boss to take me on a tour of it. The tunnel actually ran the full length of Commercial Row, the street on which the Overland was located and was extremely dark. It was illuminated by a few dim bulbs which had been mounted on a block long wire. After going about 40 or 50 feet we came upon a tub-style crap table that had been stored in a little alcove to the side and on it was a cardboard box that contained about 15 or 20 boxes of chips. My heart was pounding as I grabbed at the treasure before me. As it turned out, they were all chips from Bill's Corner Bar which was the business on the corner of Commercial Row and Lake St. I gathered up a few each of the 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1 and \$5 denominations and on the bottom of the box was a lone \$25 chip which I added to my windfall. Apparently, someone (maybe Bill) kept all the twenty-fives so I figured I really had a rare one. Anyway, my adventure in the tunnel was one I'll never forget. Later, I remember talking to an old Chinese Keno writer at Harolds Club and she told me about a Chinese casino called the Star which was located on Lake Street in the 1930's. She said there were tunnels that ran underneath the club that were used as Opium dens. Supposedly, there was access to these tunnels along the banks of the nearby Truckee River.

Anyway, next to the Overland on Center Street was the old Greyhound Bus depot. There was a small casino in it called the Oak Room which had a twenty-one table and some slots. The owner was a man by the name of Al Figoni who also owned several other drinking and gambling establishments in the downtown area. I used to go over to the Oak Room on my breaks and eventually became friends with him. One night after buying some of the Oak Room chips, Al took me into the



basement. Among all the junk down there were chips from Colbrandt's Flamingo Room - a joint located on Virginia Street in the 1950's. They were all fifty and hundred dollar denominations and were scattered all over the floor. I gathered all that were in sight. That Al sure was a great guy.



This shot shows Commercial Row in July of 1970 all of which was owned by Pick Hobson. Not shown on the left was Bill's Corner Bar and the Cosmo Club next to the SP Club. All three were eventually combined into the Cosmo Club owned by Pick. The Dormio was the sight of a filming of an episode of "Then Came Bronson". Aggies Bar was to the right of the Depot Bar. Next to that was a pawn shop that was converted to restaurant in the Overland. Clearly visible is the fifth floor ledge of the Overland where I took a walk one Winter's night. One the extreme left is the second half of my truck. The infamous tunnel ran the full length of this block.



This picture was shot in July of 1970. It shows some of the bars on East Second Street between Center and Lake Street. In the center building, on the alley, is Al's bar owned by my friend Al Figoni. Also visible is the Star Hotel.



Shown here is the Columbo and Toscano Hotel on Lake Street. Basin Street was a strip joint and I remember a Barboot game there. Before that it was the Mint Club and before that the China Mint. One day the owner gave me a handful of the obsolete Mint Club chips. I also got a five dollar China Mint off the "Do not take" board in the cashier's cage at the Overland.

When the new Holiday Inn on Sixth Street opened in 1975 it contained a small casino that was fairly well hidden from the public. One entered through a door toward the rear of the hotel lobby and there wa a small, cramped room with a couple tables and some slot machines. It made me think of an illegal joint somewhere back during prohibition.

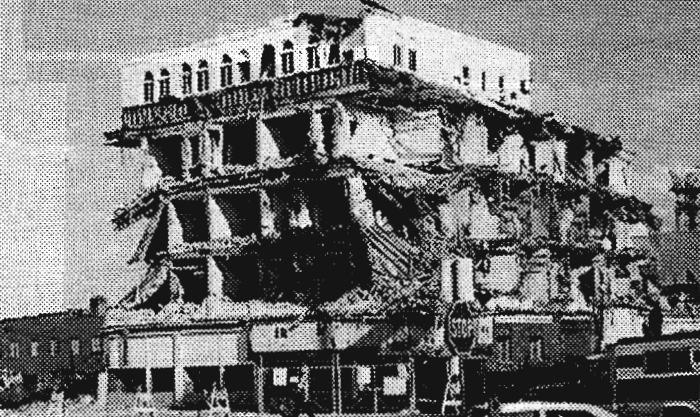
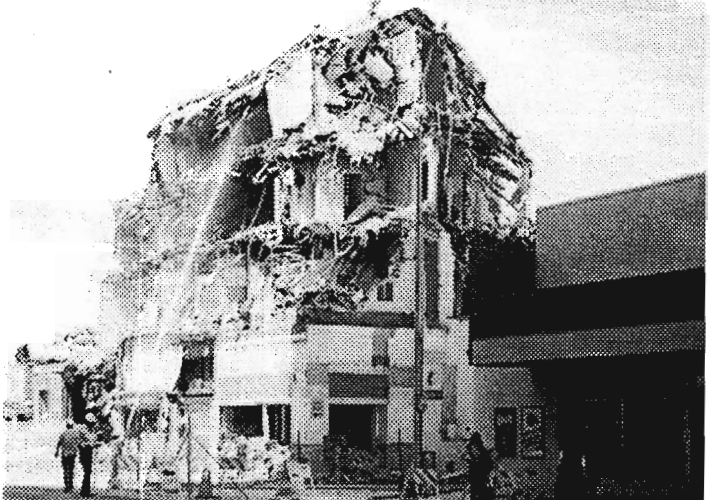
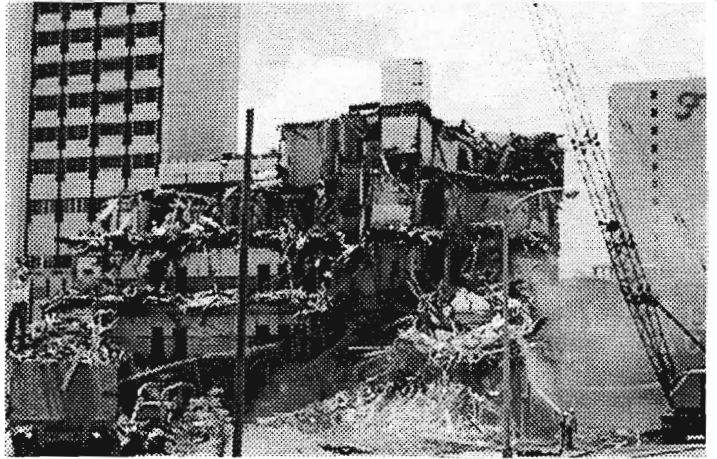
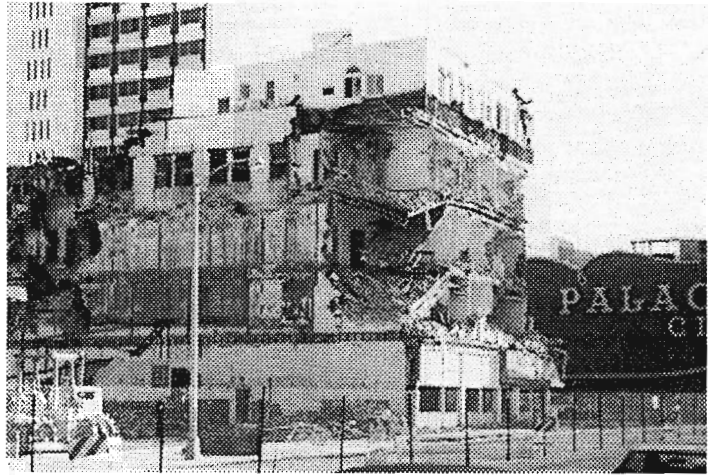
Anyway, the man dealing the dice game was a gentleman by the name of Howard McMullen who owned Mac's Club on South Virginia Street during the 1950's. I told him I was a dice dealer at the Overland and we hit it off right away. He told me during the heyday of Mac's Club that Bill Harrah was in the process of building up business at his downtown casino and was a regular customer there. He would come into Mac's and take a seat at the bar. After getting the attention of the bartender he would put his index finger under his chin and wag it back and forth. This was a signal to set up the bar and announce to all that they were drinking on Bill Harrah. Apparently, this was a tactic that Bill used in many of the bars around Reno and I guess it worked judging form the success of Harrah's. Funny what it takes to become successful. Later, Mac gave me several of his old chips plus some plastic drink tokens that were used at his place.

Another of my good friends was Karl Berge at the Silver Club in Sparks. I remember the original Silver Club as being a small operation with a paycheck wheel and five or six slot machines. Karl originally had three partners but eventually bought them out. Later he expanded and was always on the casino floor promoting business. "Hey, Hey, Hey, It's jackpot time at the Silver Club", he would chant as he walked the slot area greeting customers. He was a real hustler and it paid off.

Anyway, Karl used to work at the old Sahati's Country Club at Lake Tahoe and he had a box full of old chips from there that he kept in a back room at the Silver Club. Periodically, he would take me back there and shake the box.

Then he would reach in and grab a chip or two and give them to me. It would drive me nuts that he wouldn't let me look in the box but I was happy to get a new addition to my collection, nevertheless.

Over the years I made many friends in Reno and acquired many chips. It was a great time in my life and I'll always remember the old clubs and the great times I had.



**THE DEMISE OF THE OVERLAND:** I took this series of photographs as the Overland was being demolished in 1977. As a crowd gathered I remember a couple of old ladies reminiscing as the bricks fell. It was a sad time and a piece of me was destroyed along with the old building.

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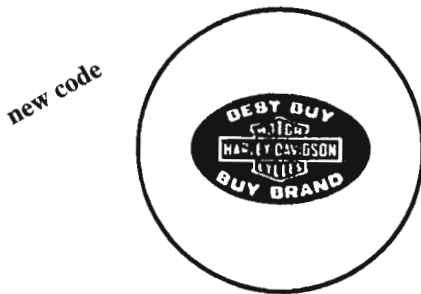
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# ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

## by Dale Seymour & Ken Craig

New finds of antique gambling chips seem to be "coming out of the woodwork" - - - or should that be "coming out of the internet". Recent chip finds are pushing collectors to get with it on their computers. Remember that this column just addresses non-casino chips that were made before 1940.

Jim Myers, from Worthington, Ohio, submitted four advertising chips for coding: 1) a hot-stamped "Dennison" on an H-mold clay chip, 2) a hot-stamped "Hollytex Carpet Mills" on a paper chip, 3) a hot-stamped "Nash Car Is a Sure Bet" on a paper chip, and 4) a Harley-Davidson paste on label on a rubber chip. It is our opinion that only the Harley-Davidson chip qualifies as a pre-1940 chip. That chip and its new code are shown below. By the way, don't generalize that all paper chips are worthless to collectors. Some paper chips were made nearly 100 years ago and some advertising paper chips are quite rare.



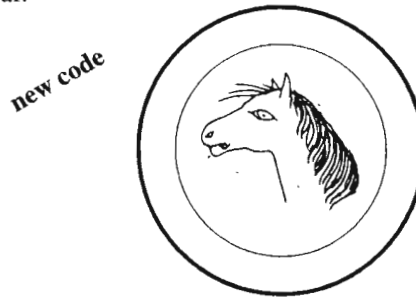
PY-GI Harley-Davidson  
Paste On Rubber/ v:e

Al Zaika from Bellmawr, NJ informs us that the Giant/Big Chief Bonus chip (coded PZ-BG on p. 341 of the revised edition of *Antique Gambling Chips*) is not a gambling chip. Giant/Big Chief was a supermarket chain based in Pennsylvania. The chips were issued as a bonus when you purchased a set amount of groceries. The chips were redeemable as payment for future food purchases. The Thrifti chip (PZ-BC) on the same page was used the same way. Thanks Al, we shall "de frock" those chips.

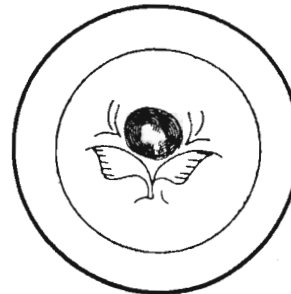


Chips not made for playing poker.

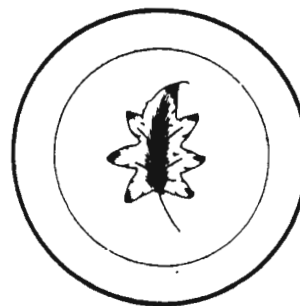
Jim Myers found a nice new chip depicting a horse head. This chip is very similar in artistic style to a few chips we believe were some of the first clay chips ever made. The chips were evidently hand-made because each chip is slightly different in some way. Other engraved chips of this style and era (1880-1890) are PL-GB Rose and PL-ME Maple Leaf.



PA-KY Horse Head  
Engraved/ v:g



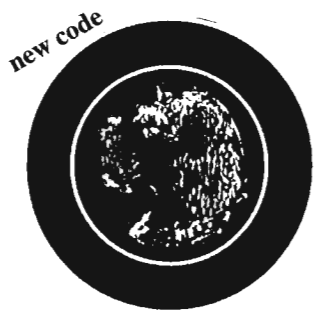
PL-GB Rose  
Engraved/ v:f



PL-ME Maple Leaf  
Engraved/ v:e

Ralph Strandwold of Oceanside, CA submitted a series of previously unknown engraved chips. These prototype (?) chips contain no contrasting color so it is very difficult to photograph or photocopy as a clearly discernible design. Collectors have two choices on reproducing the graphics of chips of this type on paper. You can make a pencil rubbing

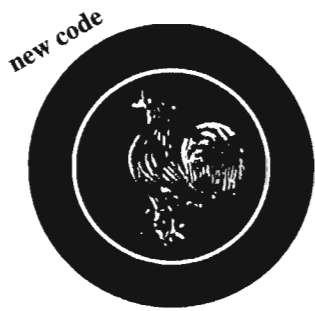
on paper or rub white chalk across the design and photocopy the chip. Ralph's engraved chip submissions are shown below:



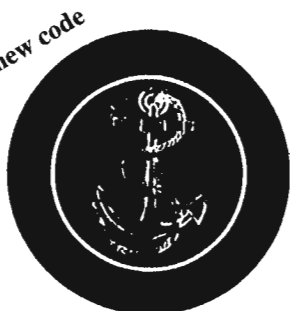
PA-CL Dog Head  
Engraved/ v:g



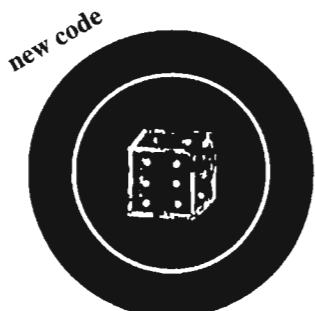
PB-CF Eagle & Heart  
Engraved/ v:g



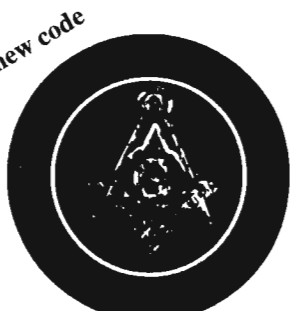
PB-RQ Rooster  
Engraved/ v:g



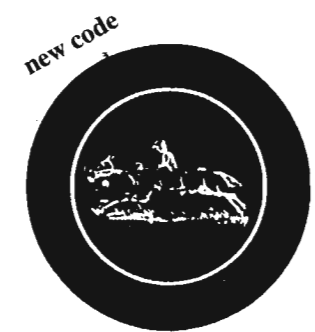
PM-BR Anchor  
Engraved/ v:g



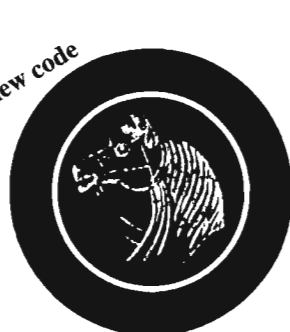
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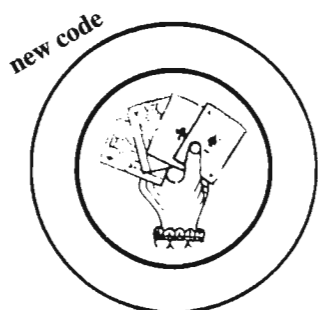
PM-MM Mason Symbol  
Engraved/ v:g



PS-FG Equestrian  
Engraved/ v:g

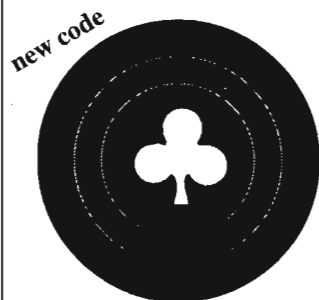


PA-LJ Horse Head  
Engraved/ v:g



PC-KT Aces & Kings  
Engraved/ v:g

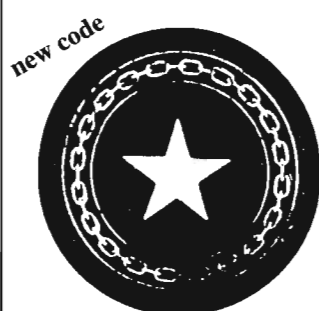
Three new inlaid finds that are not simply variations and therefore need their own code are shown below:



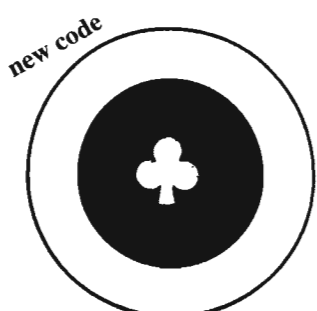
PW-CN Monarch Club  
Inlaid-Embossed/ v:f



PW-WX Greek Key  
Inlaid/ v:f



PW-RD Chain Star  
Inlaid-Engraved/ v:f



PW-RD Club  
Inlaid-Engraved/ v:f

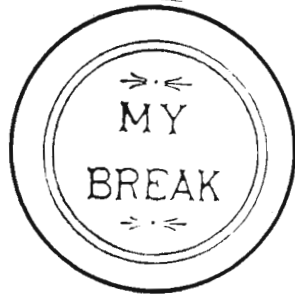
Inlaid chips were commonly made in up to twelve colors with dark inlaid designs on a white center or with white inlaid designs on an entire dark chip. Rarely do you find an inlaid chip with a white design on a colored inlaid center. One such chip, a new code, is shown above.

## ANTIQUe COLLECTIBLES (Continued)

Phil Flannagan of Lebanon, Ohio found a very unusual poker chip set recently. The chips were clay with a circular mother-of-pearl inlay. An odd combination to say the least. Sort of like those VW's they made with the Rolls Royce grill. We classify this in the category of "Unusual" chips --- so no new code for them. In one of these articles someday we will devote the entire article to "unusuals". Speaking of unusuals, what is the "My Break" clay chip? Maybe for shooting pool.

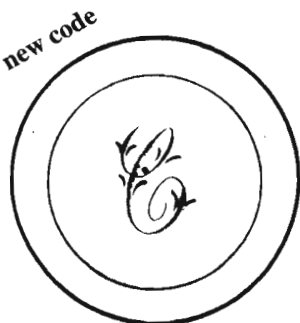


Clay chip with an inlaid mother-of-pearl center



PM-MB My Break  
Engraved / v:h

Some recent ivory finds and their codes are shown below. The chip engraved with the name MATHER came out of Texas. It is an unusual engraving style and is engraved on only one side of the chip. The Clifton ivory chip is from England and was most likely a hat check chip not a gambling chip.



IM-CG  
C / v:l



IM-IGb  
R / v:l

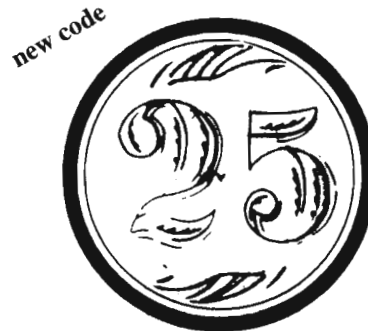


IM-IC  
Mather / v:m

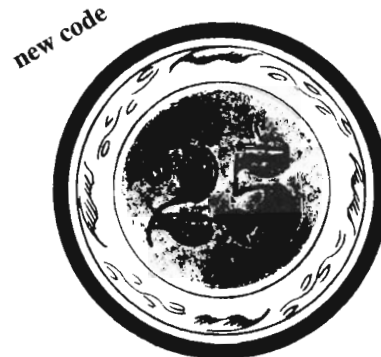


Hat Check Chip?

And now for the "Boomers"! The larger the ivory chip and the larger the denomination the more valuable the chip. The three chips below, found by John Benedict from Florida, are large and very special. The twenty-fives are 42 and 45 millimeters in diameter. The fifty measures a whopping 47 millimeters. The values given are intended to be consistent with the codes in the revised edition of Antique Gambling Chips. Due to appreciation and increased interest in ivory chip collecting, the value of these chips and others on this page are considerably higher.



IP-LR  
U/U/U/U / v:q



IP-OT  
v:q



IP-TF  
v:t

## THE LODGE

### PART 11

By Gene Trimble

## ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES (Continued)

There are several new chip finds being negotiated on the internet as we go to press. We will show those new finds in the next issue of the journal.

Please send photocopies of any new antique gambling chip designs you find to Ken Craig, 3927-H Waring Road, Oceanside, CA 92056 fax: (760) 726-8904 or to Dale Seymour, 11170 Mora Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024 fax: (659) 941-3695.

#### Antique Chips Value Rating Code\*

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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  
q: \$200-299 r: \$300-399 s: \$400-499  
t: \$500-699 u: \$700-999 v: \$1000-1999  
w: \$2000-2900 x: \$3000-3900  
y: \$4000-4999 z: \$5000 and up

\* 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.

If you read my last column I suspect you realized that I was not too happy with The Lodge in Blackhawk, Colorado. I am glad to report that things have changed. George Turner, the head of the Colorado Gaming Commission stepped in and stopped the sale of the Grand Opening sets of \$31 face for \$100. I guess you could say he had a little help. The electronic chippers bombarded him with complaints. There was also some snail mail from president Archie Black on behalf of the CC&GTCC and other non electronic chippers. At first Mr. Turner advised us he could not help. A Colorado chipper by the name of Douglas Knight kept after him. Allen Banick and Lee Bruton also did not take no for an answer. Mr. Turner invited chippers to air their complaints at a Colorado GCB meeting in Central City on August 21st. I was trying to find a way to get there when Doug emailed me with the news. WE HAD WON. The Lodge sets had been pulled, and would not be sold for \$100. Chippers can make a difference if they stick together. I salute every one who took part in the assault on The Lodge. This was no minor skirmish. It was a full frontal attack. It was more chippers with the same mind set, than I ever seen. Nice work, chippers!

I applaud the Colorado GCB and George Turner in particular, for their efforts. This was a good decision on their part. There is no Colorado law that forbids the sale of chips, over face. There should be, as there is such a law in other gaming states. We won the battle, but the war will probably go on. Other casinos will try to hold us up. We must be prepared to not take chips at over face prices. There are too many chips to be had at face value. The Ute Casino in Colorado is preparing to do the same thing, per their marketing director. I have doubts that the Colorado GCB can help with this one, as it is an Indian casino. If one chipper buys one set, our efforts against The Lodge, will be for naught.

I need to make it perfectly clear, that you or I should not hold a grudge against The Lodge. I ordered The Lodge rack chips this morning. This was a business decision on their part. They were doing what they perceived as best for their business. We did what we perceived, as best for our business.

As of this writing, Bob Orme and Lee Bruton are going to attend a Colorado GCB meeting on September 18th, to further our case. Our intentions are to lobby the GCB for a permanent ruling on this subject.

I think we should mount a campaign against the air lines, next. United Airlines wanted \$1,440 for a round trip Las Vegas to Denver ticket because of only three day notice. Is that over face or what?

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

# Gambling at Madeira Island

Carlos Pascoal R-724

## Madeira Island



Madeira Island is an island in the Atlantic Ocean, which together with Porto Santo and Desertas islands form an archipelago named Madeira Archipelago, situated between 32°25' and 33° 7'N latitudes and 7° 30' and 8° 7' longitudes, at west Lisbon.

In July 2nd 1419, two great portuguese navigators- João Gonçalves Zarco and Tristão Vaz Teixeira, on behalf of Infante D.Henrique, seeking a land which people said could be seen from Porto Santo in clear sunshined days, sighted an island to which they named Madeira, due to its features and its exuberant vegetation, almost impossible to penetrate, such was the density of its luxuriant shrubs and trees.

Madeira island has a vulcanic origin, highly mountainous, full of peaks, here and there interrupted by valleys and streams, which give it a very picturesque feature and look.

Due to the beauty of its landscape, of its agreeable climate, of its vegetation so various, rich and magnificent, and also due to its excellent touristic structures, Madeira island is no doubt a touristic desired destiny, very appreciated throughout the whole year.

Funchal, its capital city, is a very nice pretty town, constructed near the bay of the same name. It is constructed in an amphitheatre way, at south of the island, with very high mountains at its rear, almost totally arbored and cultivated. Looked from the sea, one can observe a magnificent view.

Madeira Archipelago is, and has always be, part of Portugal.

## The Gambling

Madeira island, better speaking, its capital city - Funchal -, was ever since the first portuguese legislation on gambling activity, going back to 1927, designated as Permanent Exclusive Area for Games of Chance and Misfortune. However, and benefiting from its strategical position, considering the fact it was a supply passage port for all shipping activity, also due to the strong british influence of all inhabitants going back to the XVIII century, and finally due to the the fact of being a very important touristic zone ever since the last century, gambling activity in Funchal is much more ancient.

The first known registrations on gambling in Funchal go back to 1482.





*Torre Bela palace where was installed the Club Funchalense*

In this issue, we shall stress, however, gambling in casinos and clubs in Funchal as from the XIX century on, trying to give a real global idea of its history and to reproduce most used and known tokens and chips ever since those times.

Several registrations from the beginning of the XIX century account for the fact that illegal gambling in Funchal was commonly spread, being several fines applied due to gambling activities.

Even considering houses duly licensed for the practice of legal gambling, games of chance and misfortune were also played. In this group, were included private establishments, clubs and associations with some responsibility within Madeiran culture.

This kind of houses grew rapidly and profusely in Funchal, and in 1891 the Governor granted a license for the practice of legal games to clubs, such as CLUB RECREIO MUSICAL and CLUBE UNIÃO, and to a group of billiard establishments, owned by Ferreira Carvalho. In 1898, the same happened to six private institutions and in 1900 to some clubs, such as Club Recreio Instrução and CLUBE RESTAURAÇÃO, and also to seven private persons.

Gambling vice spread all over the island, in spite of all repressive initiatives from local authorities.

In the early XX century, one could easily confirm that during the twenties gambling houses in Funchal were commonly and profusely spread throughout the island.

In 1920, the Internal Minister established that Madeiran Governor should in fact repress and restrain gambling in the island. In May of the same year, some actions took place with the timide apprehension of roulette tables and similars. As a matter of fact, authority agents due to their non initiative, were envolved in a suspicious environment and atmosphere. There were even some people stating that some illegal gambling houses were running under legal authority protection.

Others had more than one back door, and as soon as police agents entered the main entrance, gamblers slipped through the back door. Besides informers

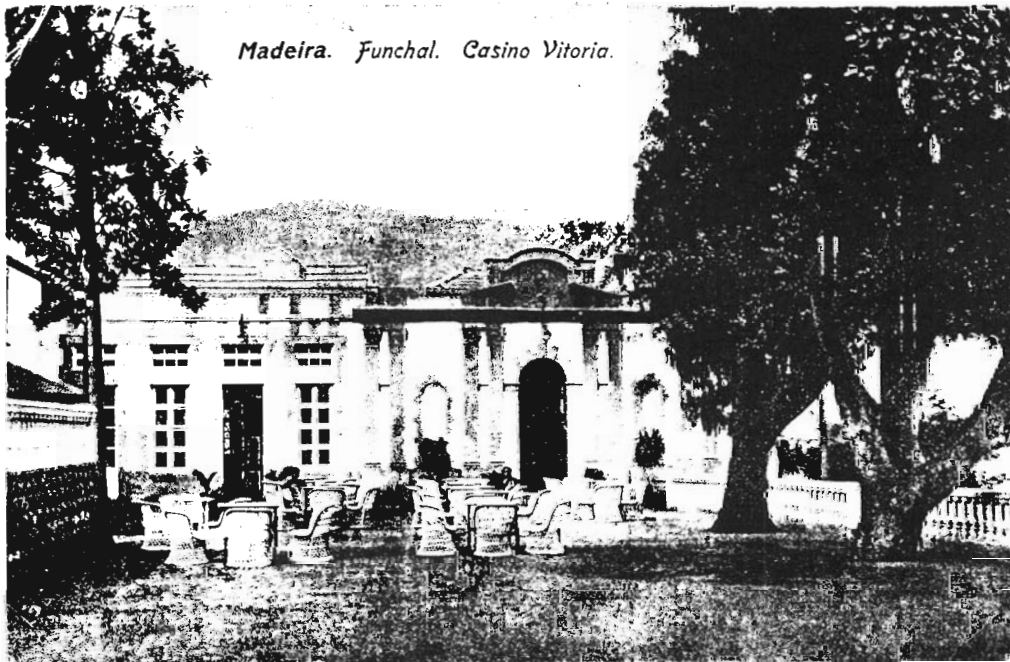
inside police organisation, gambling houses had vigilants, which informed gamblers of any eventual authority movement or action.

In 1921, Madeiran Governor ordered the Police Comissary to proceed to a quarrel to the under mentioned gambling houses: José de Sousa, Dafundo, MONTE ESTORIL, CLUBE RESTAURAÇÃO, Hotel Benfica, as well to some houses situated at Rua das Murças.

From these police actions, only some arrestments were made at Hotel Benfica, and not even eventual gambling money or equipment were confiscated and aprehended.

This attitude from the police agents who avoid to perform their legal duty, more than suspicious, led to the disciplinary prosecutions of such agents.

Gambling houses kept on running, in spite of determined periodical orders from the Internal Ministry, aiming to the repression of illegal gambling.



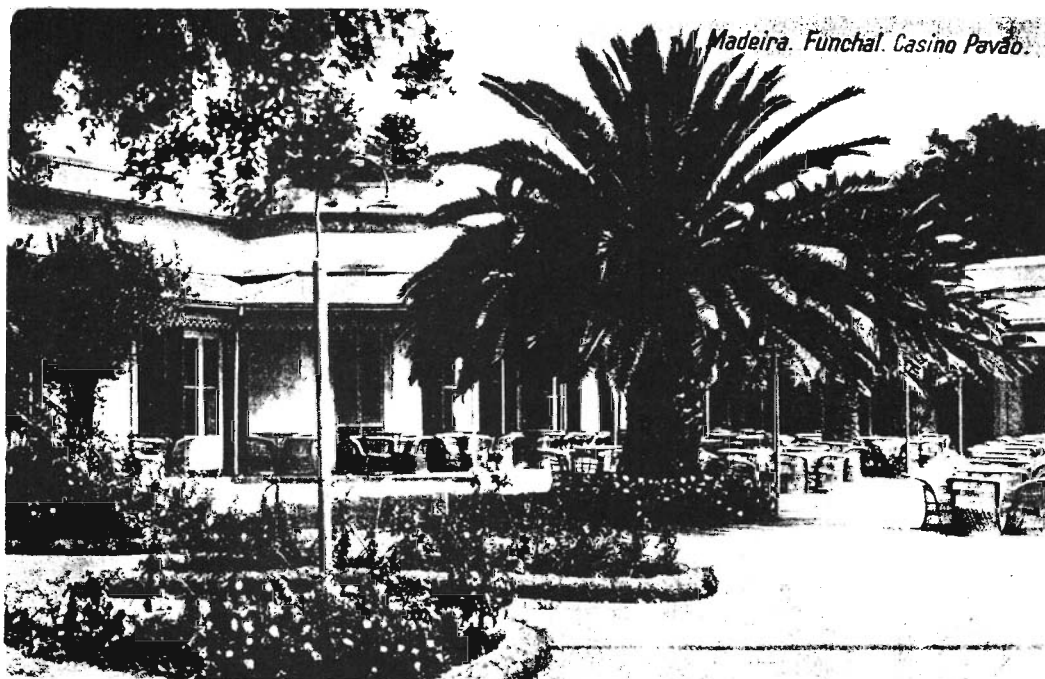
*Casino Vitoria*

By the end of the past century, and the beginning of this one, the CASINO DA QUINTA VIGIA was operational and installed in a farm with the same name. During that very same period, another casino was in activity at Monte ( situated in the mountains near Funchal ): the CASINO PERESTRELO.

Also at Monte, which was in the early XX century a privileged summer resort for the rich Funchal's families to spend holidays, one could find roulettes tables running in every existing hotel in that area, namely BELOMONTE and MONTE PALACE.

Not taking into consideration some private clubs, we have no doubts when stating that as from the early twenties, nights at Funchal city were decisively marked by CASINO PAVÃO and CASINO VICTORIA's activity.

The former operated its activity at Quinta Pavão, while the latter, owned by Empresa do Casino Victoria, worked in a building placed at Rua Alexandre Herculano, and was later transformed into Victoria Cinema.



*Casino Pavão*

These two abovementioned casinos were, in their golden times, the most in, excellent amusement places at Funchal. Several references in the press, account for these statements and confirm our judgement.

Some of these news are even printed in the most prosperous and powerful community language of these days: English.

Beneficent balls, art exhibitions, gala fancy balls, charity parties, luxurious receptions offered to the steamship's passengers which often entered Funchal's port, musical concerts..... Everything gave a special glow to the life of these casinos, where gambling was an active growing activity, in spite of the statements and convictions of the Internal Ministry, pointing out to the non tolerance of the Government towards gambling in Madeira.

Still in this decade, more precisely in 1927, one can find references made to MONUMENTAL CASINO. In February 24th of the same year, Casino Victoria was overthrown by a fire, being then several gambling rooms totally destroyed, as well as ball rooms, along with its valuable and rich furniture.

### **Gambling legalization**

With the regulation of gambling within national territory by the end of 1927, the Permanent Area of all Games of Chance and Misfortune at Funchal is finally instituted, being gambling thenceforward authorized to work under concessions previously granted by tender bids, in an exclusive basis.

In 1928, the Companhia de Turismo da Madeira (Madeiran Tourism Company) came to light, being António Vieira de Castro its main shareholder. Its main goal was to run for the awarding of game's exclusivity in Madeira. This company was awarded the concession for the exploration of General Gambling in Madeira, through an official publication in

June 23rd of that year, stating the heads of the agreement and all the clauses laid down by the Contract signed and agreed with the Portuguese Government. CASINO DA MADEIRA started then, and by means of the above proceedings, its gambling activity.

Considering the fact it was a permanent gambling area, being therefore the awarded company forced to a continuous and effective activity, it soon felt some difficulties on the running and rentability of its exploration, once gambling was too much dependent on a fluctuant population, closely associated to the coming and going of ships.

In October 29th 1932, the Government, taking into consideration that the Madeiran Tourism Company has closed its Casino doors, because it was in no conditions of keeping the exploration running in the terms and clauses in force by the Agreement opportunately signed, withdrawn its gambling concession.

It then makes a public offer for the gambling exploration, including all games of chance and misfortune, for the permanent gambling madeiran area, intended to cover the period between December 1st 1932 and December 1st 1933.

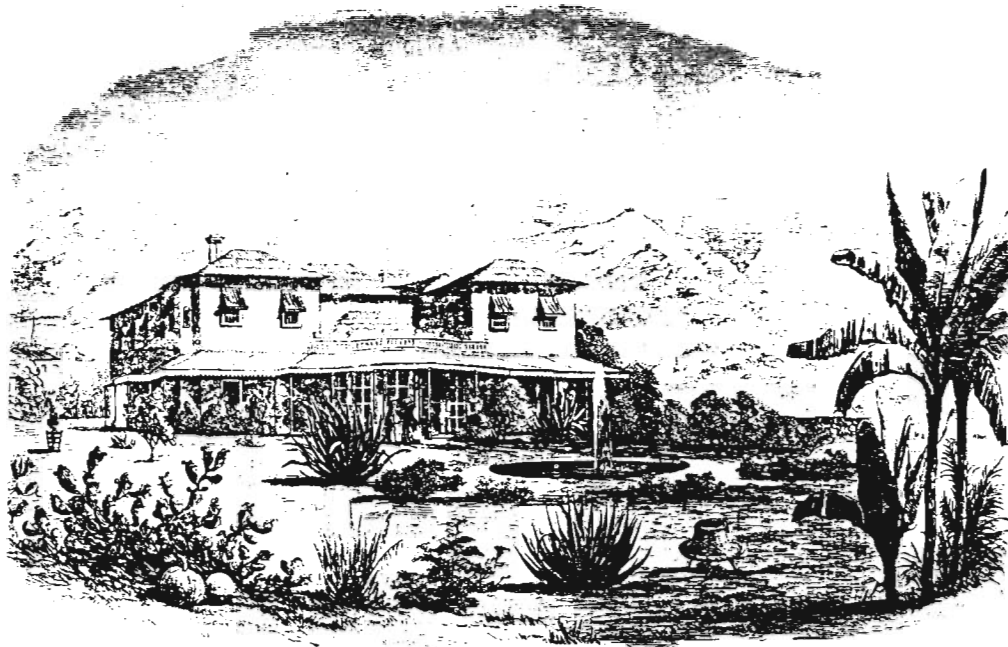
The CASINO DA MADEIRA re-opens in December 9th 1932, being the correspondent award given to the Sociedade de Turismo da Madeira ( Madeiran Tourism Society ) up to March 31st 1937. Its installations kept on functioning at Quinta Vigia.

However, as a result of the problems hereinabove stated, the gambling exploration still faced some difficulties.

Deeply concerned with the tourism situation in the archipelago, to which the gambling activity is closed and strictly attached to, in 1936 the Portuguese Government establishes the Madeiran Tourism Zone, therefore supporting some measures to its real implementation and improvement.



*Casino da Madeira postcard (circa 1936)*



*Quinta Vigia.*

Similarly to some important decisions taken, aiming to the tourism improvement ( in that year about 112.000 tourists entered Funchal's port ), the government also establishes the Sociedade de Turismo 1936 Ltda. ( 1936 Touristic Company Inc. ), which thenceforward claims to itself the control of CASINO DA MADEIRA's exploration, still situated at Quinta Vigia. As from that moment on, the casino acts directly under government orders, being its gains and other income distributed to Charity Homes at Funchal.

While Quinta Vigia undertook several improvement works, aiming to the re-opening as a casino, CASINO DA MADEIRA re-started its gambling exploration on January 4th 1936, in the Casino victoria's facilities, which in the meantime were reconstructed.

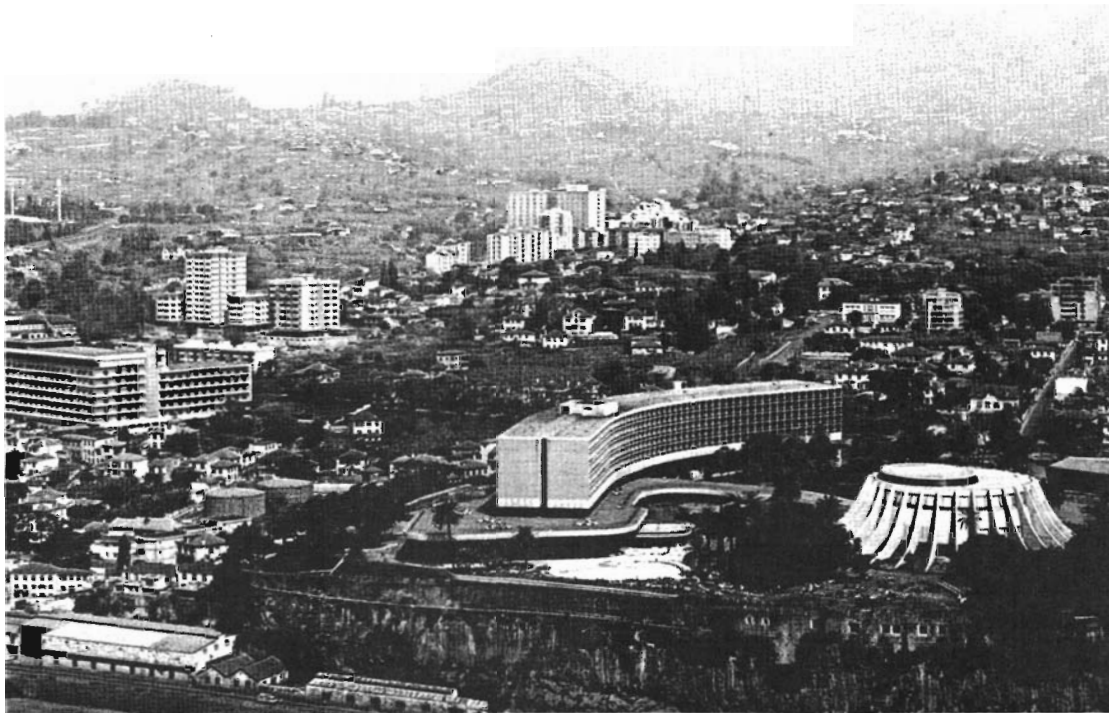
For some months, and in a temporary basis, it runned its activity there, after which it moved again to Quinta Vigia, after improvements works were completed.

CASINO DA MADEIRA, with its permanent orchestra giving a special glow to tourist nights, was provided with a restaurant, an american bar and several gambling rooms, where one could play roulette, baccarat and chemin de fer.

However, and in spite all improvements made, madeiran gambling activity would not be totally and definitively established and working in a continuous basis.

Due to the II Great World War, and the consequent decrease on the tourism and travelling flow, the regular gambling activity, suffered a severe stroke and would meet dark days.

We strongly believe, that is not until 1956 that CASINO DA MADEIRA works in a regular gambling basis, always and ever situated at Quinta Vigia.



*Partial view of Funchal. At right side we can see Casino Park Hotel and*



As from these days forward, tourism became regular throughout the year, due to promise regarding the construction of Saint Catarina's airport, thus bringing an enormous increase in air trips.

In 1968, CASINO DA MADEIRA was functioning at Quinta Vigia, opened from 16 p.m. to 3 a.m., with shows every night, international artists and local folklore.

Provided with a restaurant service, club and gambling saloons, it presented, during summer period, several shows, restaurant and club services in its magnificent park. In its gambling great room, one could still play roulette, baccarat and french bank.

Madeiran gambling is as from 1968, a concession of I.T.I., being CASINO DA MADEIRA presently functioning in a building specially constructed for that purpose, with an architectural appearance designed by Arqt<sup>o</sup> Niemeyer, and attached to Casino Park Hotel. This touristic assemblage was built in available land at Quinta Vigia.

The Casino is still an amusement reference point to all amused and leisure nights at Funchal, with its restaurant, daily shows and its gambling rooms, where one can play european games as well as american, namely: french bank, american roulette, black jack, craps, baccarat, chemin de fer and slot machines. Although designated as Gambling Zone, by means of a legislation published in 1989, Porto Santo Island has still no interested parties, either private or public, in its concession.

## CLUB FUNCHALENSE

This club was set up on 3.12.1839, and its articles of association were approved by the General Meeting on 18.12.76 and by the Civil Governor on 16.2.77. It existed for approximately 60 years and was housed in the Carmo from where it moved to a palace in the Rua dos Ferreiros where it remained until it was dissolved. Members came from the better-off classes only, although leading traders were also admitted to this club. Shopkeepers and other traders who had shops were not accepted as members. The club was famous for its balls and "soirées" and all illustrious visitors to the island were received here in great style.

**Chips:** There are ivory chips with the figures 1, 2, 5 and 10, which date of issue was 1896. These chips had a value of 100, 200, 500 and 1000 Reis ( Kings ) respectively.

*Note: The currency in Portugal during monarchy was REIS. With the Republic implantation in 1910, the portuguese currency became ESCUDO, instead of ancient REIS.*

## CASINO DA QUINTA VIGIA

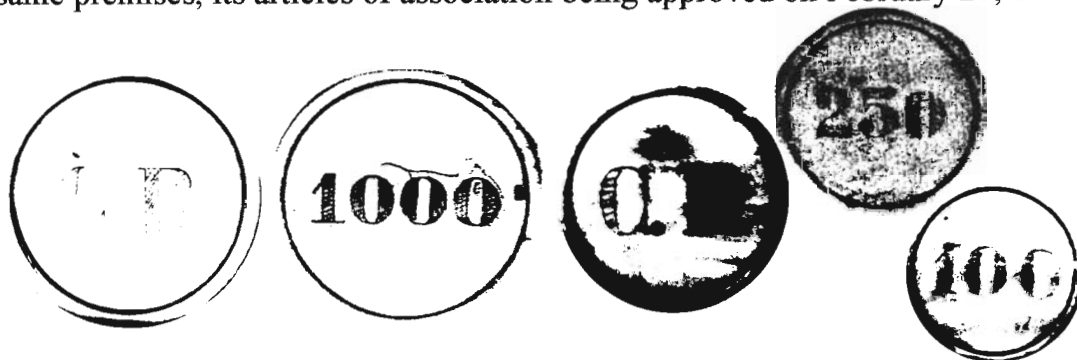
The Quinta Vigia, one of the Madeira's most beautiful "quintas" ( farms ), originally belonged to the wealthy Englishman Richard Davies, who came to the island at the beginning of the 19th century. Queen Adelaide of England lived there, as did the Empress Elizabeth of Austria and the Archduke Maximilian, later Emperor of Mexico etc.



Value 200 ( REIS ); 2,3 cm; silver; 1901

## CLUB RESTAURAÇÃO

The club was set up in May, 1879 in the premises of the defunct Clube União in the Avenida Manuel Arriaga, formerly the Praça da Constituição. Its articles of association were approved by Order of the Civil Governor on August,12, 1889 and amended by the General Meeting in February 21, 1897. After it was dissolved, it was replaced by the "Novo Clube Restauração" which occupied the same premises, its articles of association being approved on February 27, 1980.



*Bone chips issued in 1901. C R and figures engraved in red. Values 100, 200, 250, 500 and 1000 ( REIS), with 2,4 cm, 2,7 cm, 2,7 cm, 3 cm and 3,5 cm diameter respectively.*



Alluminium chips issued in 1901. Values 100, 200 and 500 ( REIS ), with 1,9cm, 2,4cm and 3cm diameter respectively



Cardboard chips. Obverse: CLUB RESTAURAÇÃO value in figures. Reverse: CLUB RESTAURAÇÃO O THESOUREIRO ( The treasurer ). 100 ( REIS ) 3,8x3,5cm green cardboard; 200 ( REIS ) 4,8x3,6cm yellow cardboard; 250 ( REIS ) 5,3x3,8cm red cardboard.



Cardboard chips. Obverse: CLUB RESTAURAÇÃO value in figures FUNCHAL. Reverse: CLUB RESTAURAÇÃO FUNCHAL O THESOUREIRO. 1\$000 ( 1000 REIS ) 4,6cm diameter pink cardboard; 2\$500 ( 2500REIS ) 5cm diameter blue cardboard.

**CASINO VITORIA**

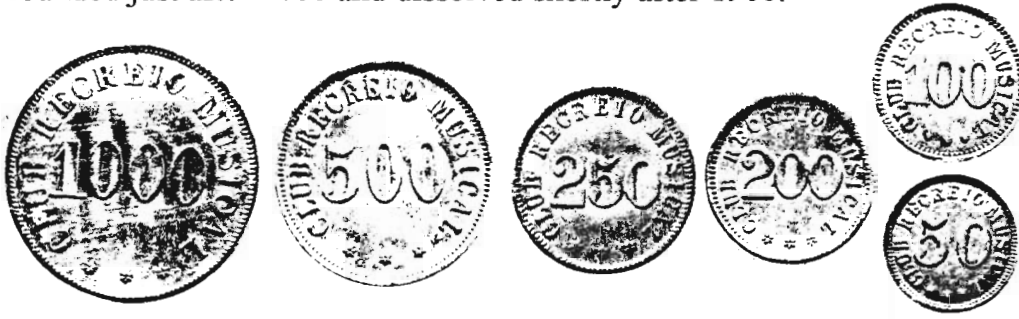


1 ESCUDO 3,3cm diameter white metal



## CLUB RECREIO MUSICAL

The Clube Recreativo Musical was located in the Rua de João Távira. It was founded just after 1888 and dissolved shortly after 1900.



*Nickel chips. Values in REIS. 1,9cm, 2,2cm, 2,35cm, 2,5cm, 3cm and 3,5cm diameter from 50 Reiss to 1000 Reiss respectively.*

## MONTE ESTORIL

It was for a while a bar, restaurant and dancing in Rua Roberto Ivens, near S. Francisco Garden

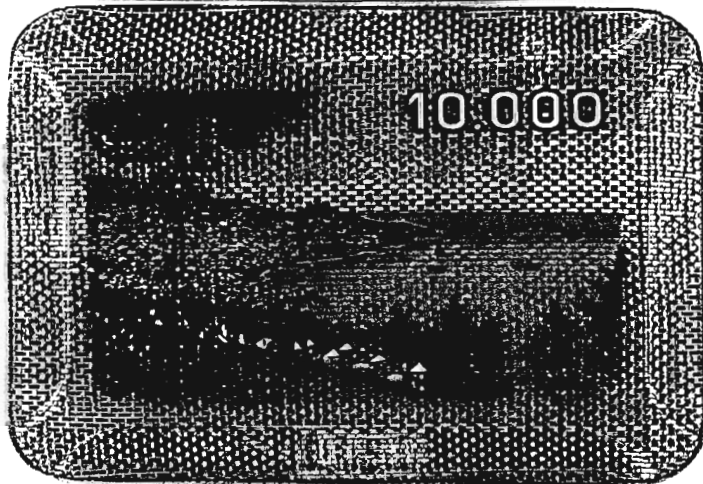
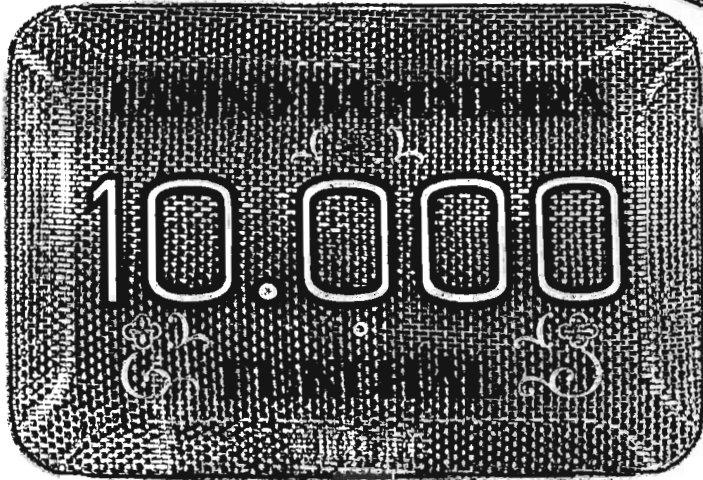
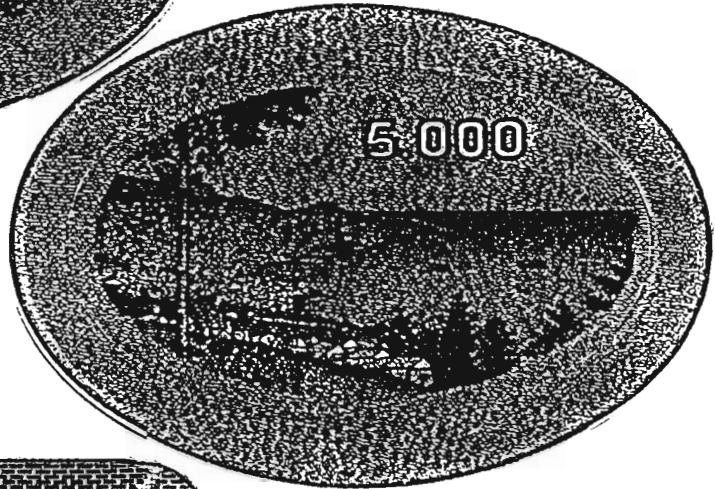


*Nickel. Values 200 and 500, with 2,3 cm and 2,7cm diameter*

## CASINO DA MADEIRA



*Acrylic chips and plaque: Value in ESCUDOS. Reverse similar to obverse. 50 (ESCUDOS) 4,2cm diameter in six colours:orange, green, yellow, blue, dark red and red orange. 100(ESCUDOS) 5cm diameter black. 200(ESCUDOS) 5,4cm diameter in five colours: white, blue, light blue, pink and red. 500(ESCUDOS) 6cm red.1000(ESCUDOS) 6,8x4,8cm blue plaque.*



a) Acrylic plaques. 5000(ESCUDOS) 9,3x6,5cm elliptic bronze-coloured. 10000(ESCUDOS) 9,3x6,5cm rectangular golden. 20000(ESCUDOS) silver-coloured  
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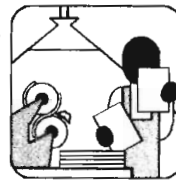
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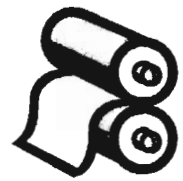
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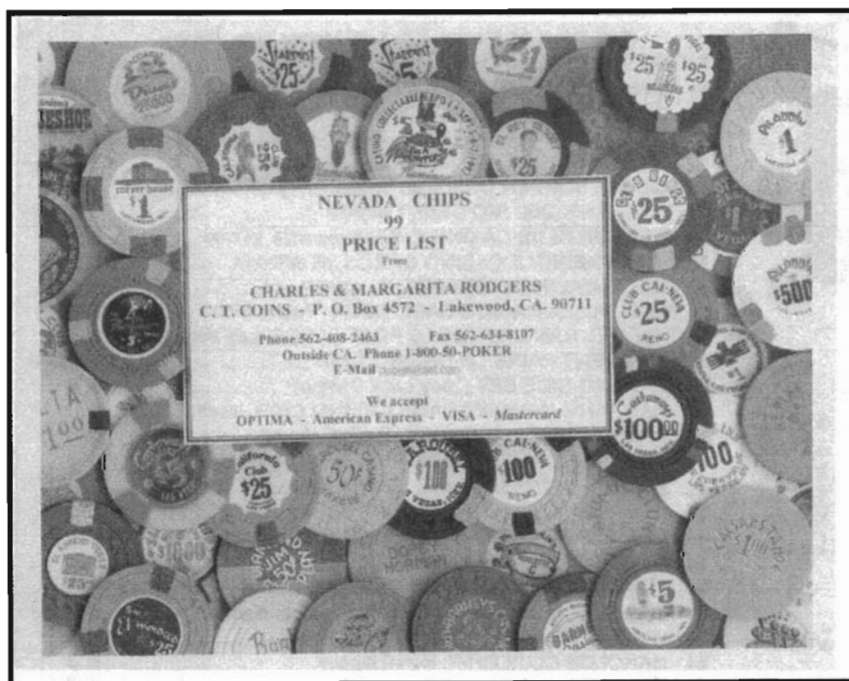
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GAMBLING STRIP OF THE 1950'S  
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At the most northern point of the West Virginia panhandle between the Ohio River and the Pennsylvania State Line there is a 4 mile section of U.S. Route 30 that crosses the State at its narrowest point. Throughout the 50's and early 60's the section of Route 30 that is east of Chester, West Virginia saw a number of Bars and Restaurants housing illegal gambling spring up. The better known establishments were called, at one time or another, The Rio Club, Cactus Bar, The Carriage, Jungle Inn, The Hilltop, The Red Dog, Mountaineer Club and the Tri State Social Club.

The largest and by far the most elegant of these Clubs was known as Club 30. My research concentrated on this Club because of the many stories floating around regarding its inception and its ultimate demise.

The origin of this Casino began in 1950 by a man by the name of Charles Teemer, who was a former manager of the Sands Souse Hotel and Casino in Havana, Cuba. He with several local acquaintances formed a Corporation and leased a large block building off Route 30 within a half mile of the Pennsylvania line. The property was located a couple 100 yards back from the highway and was completely surrounded by acres of woodlands. The building was remodeled into a first class Restaurant and Nite Club. He also built into the rear of the building a very plush casino that had its entrance through the Restaurant.

As indicated by the local papers the day after the raid that closed the Club permanently June 12, 1957, it was quite an elegant place. Excerpts described the area as a picturesque panorama adjacent to a crystal lake upon which white ducks swam. A large area was black topped for the parking lot with a cadre of teenagers standing by to valet park the many influential patrons from the surrounding cities of Pittsburgh, PA, Wheeling, WV, and Youngstown, OH. Employees wore special monogrammed jackets. Management people wore tuxedos. The floors were all carpeted. Meals and drinks were provided free to the gamblers. The Nite Club had adorned its name on all the dishes. Even the elaborate metal ash trays had Mr. Teemer and the Club 30 name cast into the

metal.

This Club operated openly for a number of years. Whenever an occasional raid was being considered, the Club would receive a phone call. The gambling equipment would then be loaded into a Van and driven to a hidden location until the raid or threat had passed. It would then return the equipment within a couple of days. The Nite Club and Restaurant never did close down. Business at the Club was especially brisk during the racing season at Waterford Park Race track located nearby at Newell, West Virginia.

The raid that finally closed the Club was instigated at the State level after a new group of politicians were elected. It took 10 state troopers about 2 hours to gather up the gambling equipment. As it progressed patrons entering the parking area were told that the business was closed due to a power failure. This despite the fact that dazzling neon lights lighted up the building. Twelve key employees were arrested. The other employees and some odd 150 patrons were not cited. The raid netted 5 Dice Tables, 3 Roulettes, 6 Black Jack and 2 Chuck-A-Luck Tables. Nine Slot Machines were also seized.

All the confiscated equipment was later burned on Court orders and the operators ended up losing their choice location. However, the fines by the local authorities were minimal, ranging from 50 to 100 dollars each on charges of exhibiting gambling equipment.

Although the raid was a big setback to these operators in lost equipment and their location; it was soon apparent that organized gambling was not going to end, just yet, in the panhandle. The group still had money, their contact, and a large prosperous clientele.

Within a couple of months Teemer and the group leased a new building within a mile of their old location. However, this location could not begin to match the glamorous surroundings of the former Club 30. The building was smaller and built into a sloping hill in a rather congested area just 50 some feet from the highway. Nearly all the parking for the Casino was located behind the hill and out of sight. The ground floor was occupied by a Bar and Restaurant called the Paddock Club. The Casino was called the Jockey Club and was located on the second floor. It's entrance was at the rear of the building on the second level. Valet parking was

essential.

Although it was just as plushy inside as the former Club, there no longer was a night club or gourmet restaurant and all the glitz of the former location were now missing. This new Casino did operate with impunity for another 4 plus years before Mr. Teemer and his organization were permanently put out of business. It took the FBI and the enactment, in September, 1961, of a new Federal Law that prohibited traveling interstate to operate a gambling casino.

The raid by the FBI occurred February 15, 1963 on a Saturday evening and was spectacular in its size and scope. But the most interesting aspect of this raid was the ruse used by the FBI to catch the casino operators completely off their guard. At about 10 pm a group of 4 state troopers showed up at the entrance. They were denied entry, so they proceeded to batter in the double bolted entrances with axes. By the time they broke through, there wasn't any gambling going on. The place was almost empty of gambling tables and what few gambling chips and paraphernalia that were being used were now well hidden away. The troopers appeared disappointed since it was obvious that the Club was tipped off that a possible raid was coming. The troopers did confiscate a Crap, a Black Jack and a Chuck-A-Luck table. They issued a citation to the manager for exhibiting gambling devices and then left.

After the raid, the operators felt that the night was still young, the expected raid was over, and most of the night's clientele had not arrived yet. So it was decided to call for their gambling equipment to be trucked back in the same night.

Six hours later, however, shortly after 4 am, the Feds showed up with a large force of FBI Agents and completely surprised the operators. There was now no delay in gaining entry, since the earlier Troopers had made sure that they battered in the entrance doors beyond repair for that night. They rushed in with enough agents to catch all the employees red-handed.

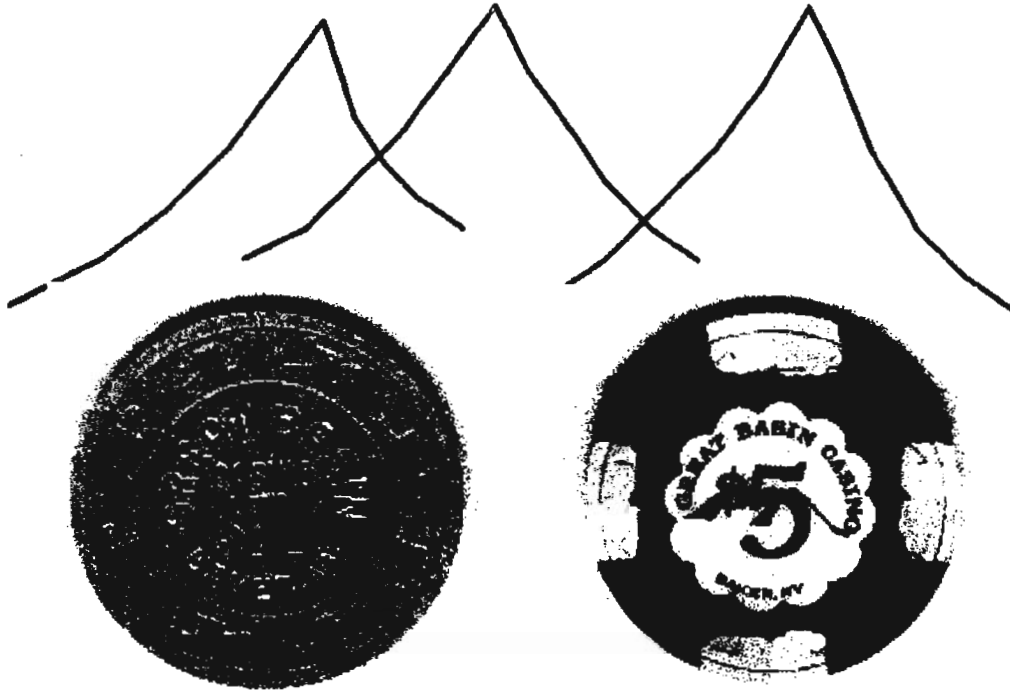
They arrested everyone connected with the Casino - 13 "Associates" and 44 other "co-conspirators". A school bus was on hand to transport most of these people to court arraignments. Over 34 thousand dollars was confiscated from the tables and the cage. A nearly full drawer of pledged jewelry and all the gambling chips and paraphernalia

were also scooped up. A large moving van was used to carry off 3 more Crap Tables, 6 Black Jack Tables, a Roulette and another Chuck-A-Luck Table. A large number of Slot Machines were also removed. The next day Mr. Teemer was arrested at his home in Hollywood, Florida and returned to West Virginia. This time the operators were prosecuted on inter-state commerce in gambling. If convicted under the new federal law they faced long penitentiary terms.

The raid did accomplish another unforeseen result. Now that the federal authorities were involved, all large scale gambling ended on the Strip. Today, both of the buildings formerly occupied by Club 30 and the Jockey Club are still there. Both are empty and in poor condition. The spacious parking lot at the old Club 30 is now filled with a motley collection of Trailer Homes in its still picturesque woodland setting. All the other Bars/Restaurants except one, are now abandoned or converted to other types of businesses. I did talk with about 20 old timers who worked or played at the various casinos, but located very few chips that were carried home.

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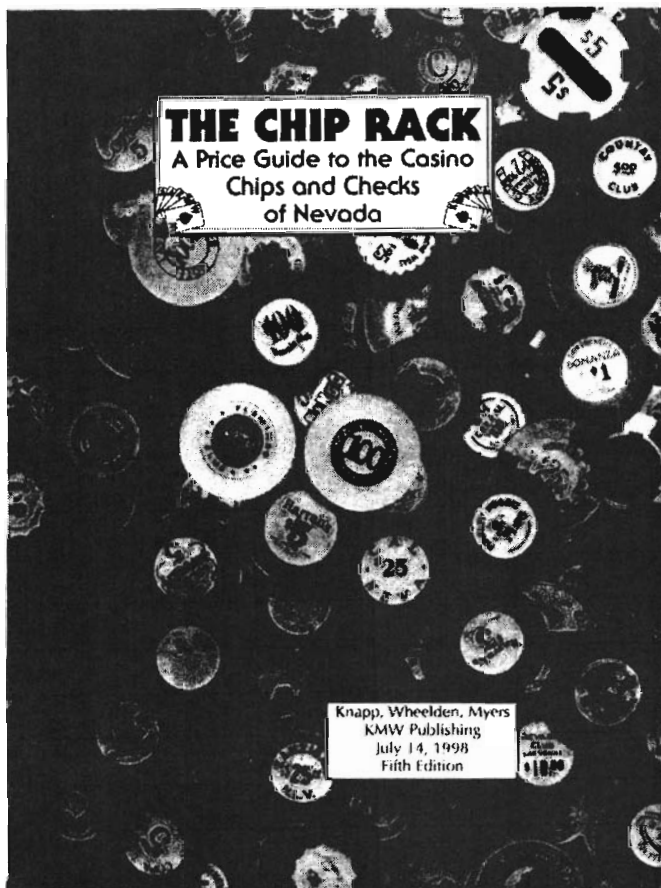
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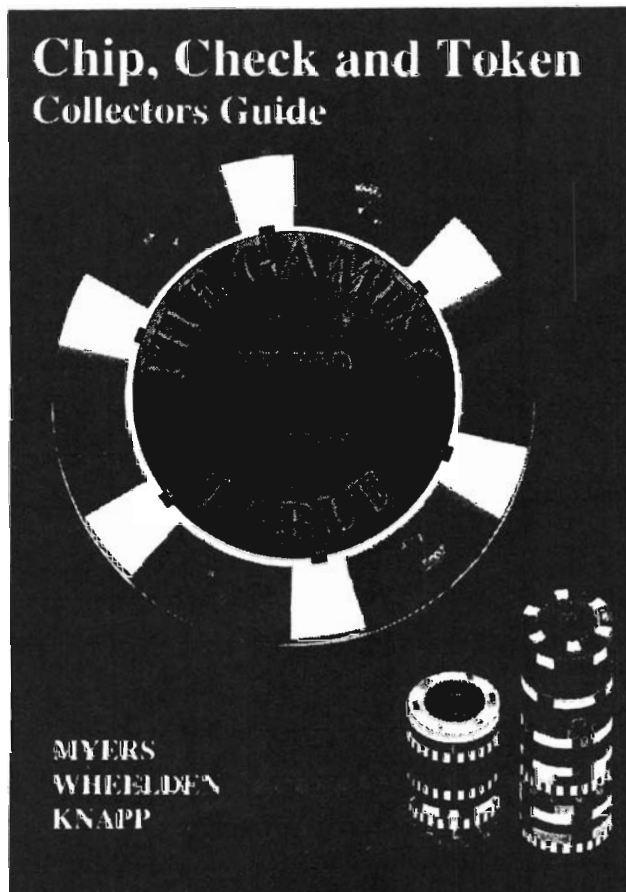
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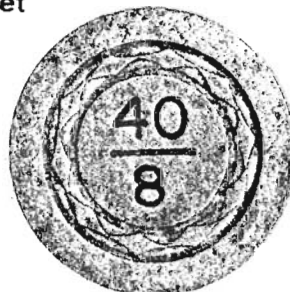
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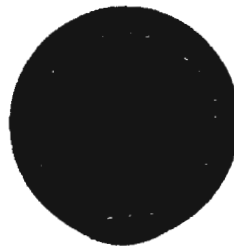
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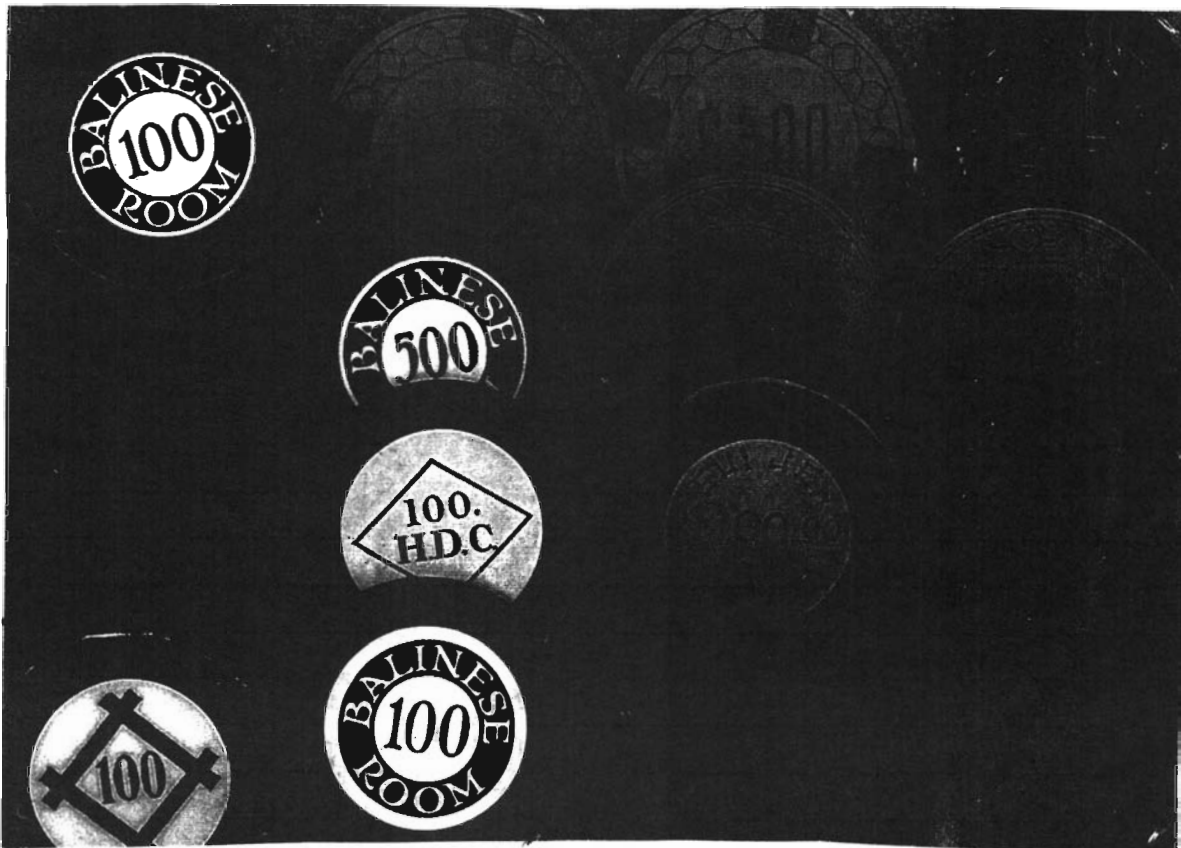
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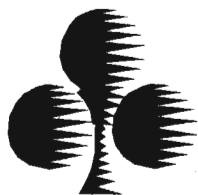
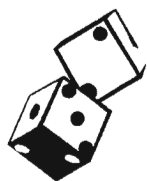
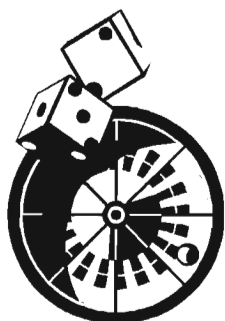
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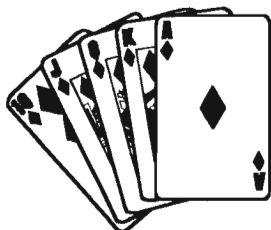
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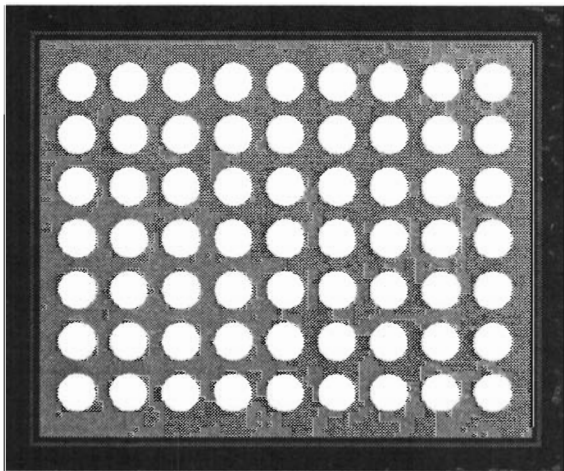
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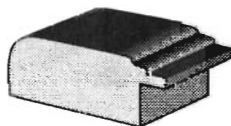
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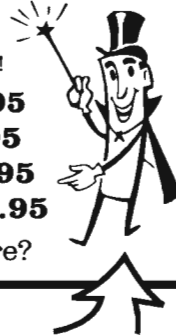
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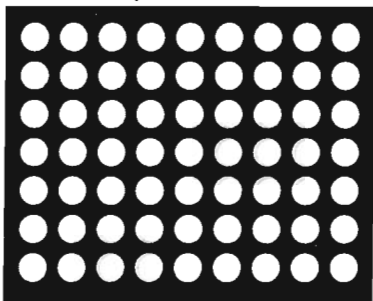
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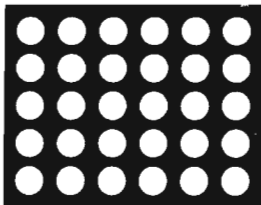
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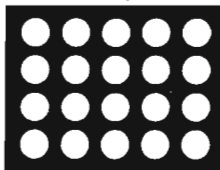
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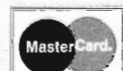
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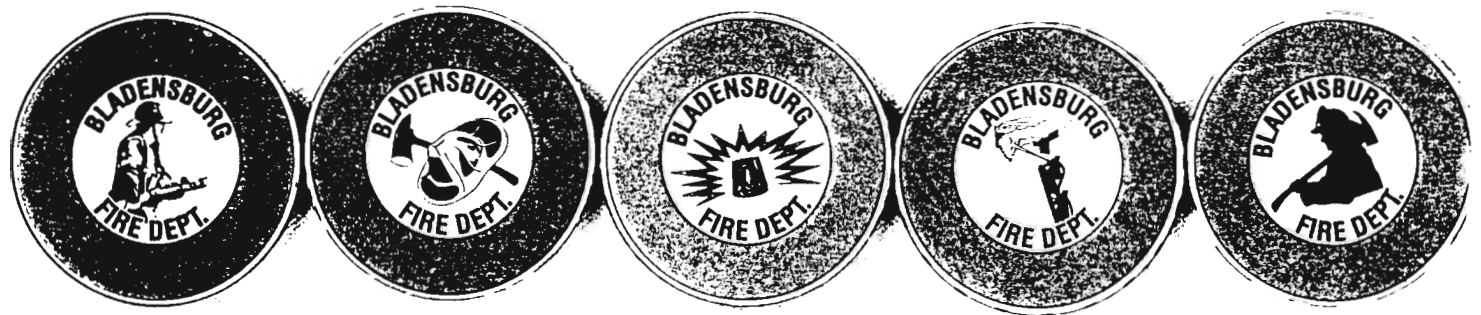
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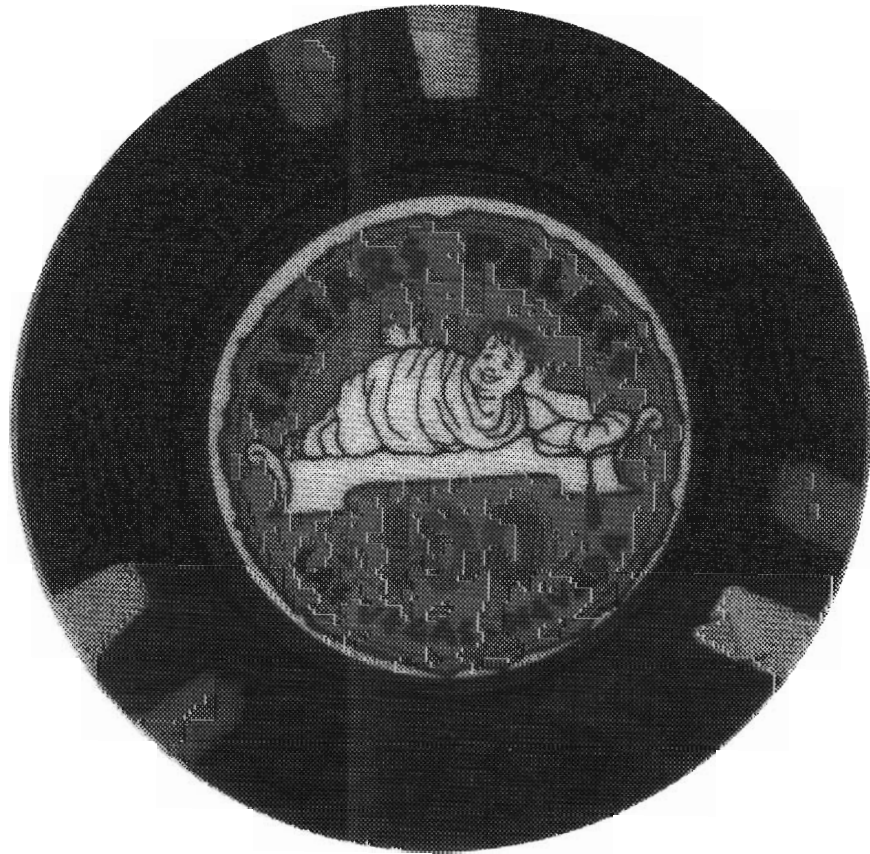


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