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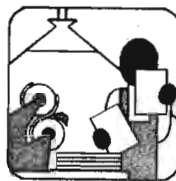
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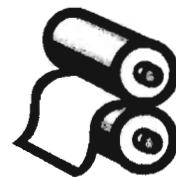
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1st Quarter: Jan-Feb-Mar	Deadline for ads Dec. 1st.
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3rd Quarter: Jul-Aug-Sep.	Deadline for ads Jun. 1st.
4th Quarter: Oct-Nov-Dec.	Deadline for ads Sep. 1st.



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In publishing
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♣ **Send in your ads as soon as you can for the next issue of the club magazine. Note the deadline. The deadline is the last date we can accept your ads, so don't call in on the 12th of the month after the deadline and expect to have your ads placed in the magazine, we just can't do it.**

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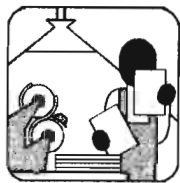
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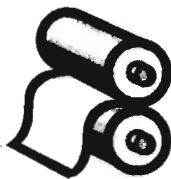
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State _____

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Please check here if you DO NOT want your name and address forwarded to the ANA representative in your area.

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Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Proposer

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club

Check MO Credit Card Type _____

Credit Card all Numbers _____

Ex. Date _____

Signature of Cardholder (required) _____

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CLUB OFFICIALS

Got a question or a problem? Listed below are the
names and the addresses of the CC>CC officials
and volunteer contacts to whom your requests
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Complaints/Suggestions
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Las Vegas, NV 89129

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Brick, NJ 08724

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Laguna Hills, CA 92654

OBITUARY

Al Bliman # 1346

It is with deep regret, that I have to report the loss of one of our devoted collectors of casino chips, Al Bliman R#-1346 who passed away last Dec. 17, 1998.

Since we lived only miles apart I had the opportunity over the years to have Al accompany me to several of the coin clubs meetings in the Toronto vicinity, namely North York Coin Club and Slarborough Coin Club.

It was Al Bliman who got me "hooked" after he had given an excellent presentation on the history of collecting casino chips.

Al Bliman was the only local "hard-core" collector from my knowledge of casino chips in our area of Thornhill and Toronto.

I was fortunate to have shared our hobby by swapping many of my duplicate chips since knowing Al B., through our coin club meetings.

He will be missed by Norman G. not only as a friend and chip collector, but his extensive knowledge of research he had compiled & accomplished on both the active and defunct casino's throughout the world.

Oh yes..... Al Bliman has sponsored he into becoming a subscriber to CC>CC, which at the time, I didn't even know existed.

Norman G. Gordon #3157

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR;

I have been wanting to write a note to CC>CC for a number of months now.

I have been a chip collector now for about four years, and its been a great hobby. Being new I, of course, have a lot of questions concerning chips etc. This letter is to really tell you how helpful Janice O'Neal has been to me. I have probably written her a dozen letters and she has answered every one. When I say answer it is sometimes one, two and even three pages. I did have a chance to visit Janice and Jerry on a trip to LV and found them both so friendly and helpful, what great promoters of chip collecting. Several months ago I considered selling my collection as I could not find anyone in this area that collected chips. Janice sent me some names and I have now found others locally that collect. Thanks to Janice I have today sent in my dues for another year.

I have thanked Janice for her help many times but maybe if this note gets printed in the Casino Chip & Token News she will know have I have appreciated her help. Thanking you in advance.

Robert A Dravis
CC>CC #2581

P.S. I have also become good friends with another club member Walter Tarby, without his help I probably would not have continued. What a great guy!

Atlantic City

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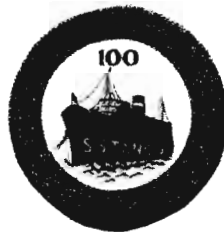


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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
ISSUE IS June 1st. 1999**



MOVING ?! don't forget to let
our membership director know
your new address
James S. Steffner

P. O. Box 368 - Wellington, OH. 44090

President's Report

This report has got to be one of the most emotional reports I have prepared over the last eleven years. Much has happened within the club since it's founding in 1988 that is very satisfying, of which I'm proud to have been a small part

A quick look at the calendar indicates that this will be the last President's Report that will be written by Archie Black. As you know, the election process is now well underway and the actual counting of the ballots won't take place until March, well after the deadline for this issue has passed in order to be prepared for the printer on time.

The next issue of "*Casino Chip & Token News*" will not be published until our 7th Annual National Convention is concluded and the newly elected President will be preparing this column in advance for his inaugural report to the membership in that issue. It was my pleasure to have had the opportunity and privilege to work with the wonderful teams of officers, appointed volunteers and committee chairpeople over these past eleven years who have developed CC>CC into the fine organization it has become. In June I'll be passing the gavel to a new president and a new Board of Officers who will guide the club into the new century. I'm confident that whomever the gavel is passed to, he will have the best interests of CC>CC uppermost in his heart and mind at all times.

The newly elected officers will be sworn into their new positions during our annual convention meeting at the Orleans Hotel in June. I extend to all the new officers and to the incumbent officers who are staying on, my personal congratulations on their newly won elections and I pledge to them my wholehearted support during their next two-year terms of office.....

After that, all bets are off (just kidding folks!) Seriously though, I feel as though I'm preparing for a wedding to give away my only daughter, as this club has been in some ways comparable to raising a child from birth.

In this issue you will read of the many preparations that have been made on your behalf by our hard working convention committees headed by our very capable 1999 Convention Chairman Wayne Thompson.

To VP Janice, and Treasurer Chuck, and Secretary Michael, and Membership Officer Jim; my heartfelt thanks to a great bunch of fellow officers. My job as president was relatively easy, only because I surrounded myself with a group of dedicated people who hung in there through some controversial periods and faced some tough decisions when they had to be made. To Magazine Editor Gregg Herz, and Advertising Manager CT Rodgers, I appreciate all the work you've done on behalf of the club. My other appointees; Dick Allard Promotions Chairman; Dennis Zeller Publicity Director; Jim Reilly Claims Director; Bruce Landau former Treasurer and Auction Committee Chairman; Howard Herz Auction Cataloger, Michael Skelton past Convention Chairman and sole Honorary Life Member of CC>CC; Wayne Thompson 1999 Convention Chairman; Tom Dirnberger former Editor; Earl Donley former Secretary; Legal Counsel Eric Rosenblum; Gene Trimble Elections Chairman; thank you all for making my terms of office go by so smoothly. To Jim Harpp... rest in peace, good friend.

To all our detractors... thank you too for keeping the pressure on us to help keep us walking the straight and narrow.

See you all June 17-19, 1999 at the biggest Casino Collectibles Show in the world!

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Memb #	Last	First	State	Sponsor	Memb #	Last	First	State	Sponsor
R - 3974	Moss	Susan	NJ	Black, Archie	R - 4062	Campione	Mark	NY	Black, Archie
R 3974-A	Moss	Bob	NJ	Black, Archie	R 4063	Phiathop	Nova	NJ	Mera, Bob
R 3975	Jones	R.L.	NC	Hughes, Andy	R 4064	Jensen	Don		
R 3976	Binder	Ron	CA	Chequers	R 4065	Hale	Greg	LA	Steffner
R 3977	Washburn	Chuck	TX	Fowler, Rick	R 4065-A	Silverman	Sunday	LA	Steffner
R 3978	Moore	Ed	FL	Steele, Stan	R 4067	Herhold	Mike	TX	
R 3981	Romeo	John	MS	Biloxi Show	R 4068	Hudson	Ralph	MI	Chequers
R 3982	Vaughn	Gary	TN	Borenstein, Alan	R 4070	Rivett	Jim	CA	SCCC>CC
R 3983	Waters	Chris	AL		R 4072	Burkholder	Kenneth	IN	
R 3984	Wallach	Michael	NY	Susong, Greg	R 4076	Chalk	Karl	KY	Susong, Greg
R 3985	English	Susan	TX		R 4077	Threadgill	Wayne	AR	Brock, Steve
R 3986	Todd	Glenda	WA						
R 3987	Kuehn	Steven	TX	Juergens, Dave					
R 3990	Botoshe	Norm	MN	Lueders, Don					
R 3991	Page	Dennis	CA	Steffner, James					
R 3992	Liska	Jerry	WI	Mera, Bob					
R 3993	Moore	Harry	MS	Susong, Greg					
R 3993-A	Moore	Diane	MS	Susong, Greg					
R 3995	Crofut	Don	MN	O'Neal, Janice					
R 3996	Paul	Nathan	OK	Lueders, Don					
R 3997	Nelson	Chuck	IL						
R 4000	Gallucci	Louis	PA						
R 4001	Boles	Zack	CA	O'Neal, Janice					
R 4002	Leggio	Thomas	FL	Steffner, James					
R 4003	Straka	Matthew	AR	Mera, Bob					
R 4006	Barker	Edward	CO						
R 4007	Sesling	Zvi	MA	O'Neal, Janice					
R 4008	Trammell	Rachelle	WA						
R 4010	Rhodes	Kevin	IN	Chequers					
R 4011	Corso	Lucille	NY	Brown, Ted					
R 4013	Rubino	Sal	OH	Hughes, Andy					
R 4014	Miroshnichen	Alex	CA	Susong, Greg					
R 4015	Cordray	Kent	CO						
R 4016	Rosenberger	Bob	OH	Susong, Greg					
R 4018	Jaske	P. Scott	IL	Steffner, James					
R 4019	Perry	Brent	NC	Susong, Greg					
R 4020	Surette	Edward	MA	Chequers					
R 4021	McQuiston	William	PA	Mera, Bob					
R 4022	Likely	Ken	CO	Waterbury, Mary Lou					
R 4023	Raimonda	Daniel	NJ	Susong, Greg					
R 4024	Bradford	Ed	KS						
R 4025	Swarens	Curtis	IN	Zeller, Dennis					
R 4026	Harkins	William	FL						
R 4027	Baker	Harold	NV	Meredith, LC					
R 4029	Start	Roy	OH	Scalzo, Albert					
R 4030	Ferguson	Stan	OR	Borenstein, Alan					
R 4031	Lees	Nancy	FL	Grosklaus, Gary					
R 4033	Odoms	Larry	CA						
R 4035	Ramirez	David	CA						
R 4036	Clark	Dan	NV						
R 4037	Caslow	Carol Ann	FL						
R 4038	Hollibaugh	Larry	NV	Lueders, Don					
R 4039	Schwarze	Mark	AL	Borenstein, Alan					
R 4040	Thompson	John	NV	O'Neal, Jerry					
R 4041	Batten	James	IL	Borenstein, Alan					
R 4044	Stuart	Roy	TX	Blanck, Vernon					
R 4046	Kulin	Donald	ID	Meredith, LC					
R 4047	Robins	Scott	CA	Lueders, Don					
R 4048	Snowden	Leah	NM	Wasserman, Max					
R 4052	Barclay	George	TX						
R 4053	Dunn	Hal	NV	Black, Archie					
R 4054	Miller	Robert	NV						
R 4055	McLear III	Robert	IL	Borenstein, Alan					
R 4056	St. Andre	Marc	NV	Web					
R 4057	Miller	Paul	CA	Web					
R 4058	Steiner	Dave	NJ						
R 4059	Donnelly	Robert	CA						

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CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

UNAUDITED

1-1-98 THRU 12-31-98

UNAUDITED

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 1-1-98

\$16336

INCOME:

AUCTION CATALOG '98 SALES	\$ 1960
BAD CHECK FEES	32
CONVENTION '98	38129
DIRECTORY SALES	141
DONATION (T. LEWIN)	34
DUES	43537
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	602
LOGO SALES	7048
MAGAZINE ADS	10867
SHOWCASE RENTALS	1195
TABLE FEES (CONVENTION '98)	21900

TOTAL INCOME:

\$125445

EXPENDITURES:

ADVERTISEMENT	1932
AWARDS	481
BANK CHARGES (NEW CHECKS-NSF FEES)	90
CONVENTION '98	64628
CONVENTION '99	2833
DUES (RETURNED CHECKS-NSF)	104
HARDWARE (COMPUTER REPAIR/SIGNS)	639
LEGAL FEES	40
LOGO MATERIALS	560
MAGAZINE POSTAGE	9550
MAGAZINE PRINTING	30785
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	4429
PRINTING/COPYING	1288
PUBLICATIONS	24
PUBLICITY	781
SHOWCASES (PURCHASE/EXPENSES)	5122
STATIONERY	1360
STORAGE FACILITY	759
TABLE FEE REFUNDS	1300
TELEPHONE	228
WEBSITE	70

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$127003

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12-31-98

\$ 14778

NET DIFFERENCE:

(\$ 1558)

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE 12-31-98:

\$ 32263

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CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS
COLLECTORS CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
10-1-98 TO 12-31-98

BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 1998 \$20820

INCOME:

BANK CHARGES (NSF)	\$ 26
CONVENTION '98	
RECEPTION DONATIONS	70
PROGRAM ADS	817
AUCTION RECEIPTS	4530
DONATION (T. LEWIN)	34
DUES	6636
INTEREST (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	120
LOGO SALES	542
MAGAZINE ADS (VOL 12, NO 1)	2551
SHOWCASE RENTALS	280

TOTAL: \$15606

EXPENDITURES:

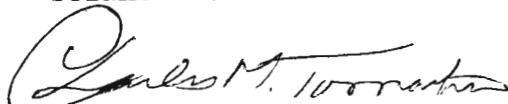
ADVERTISING	\$ 330
BANK CHARGES (NSF RETURNS)	6
CONVENTION '99	
CHAIRMAN'S ADVANCE	500
MULTI-COLOR FLYER	1491
CONVENTION '98	
SECURITY	2180
PROGRAM EXPENSES (J. ONO)	79
PROGRAM PRINTING	1915
DUES (NSF-RETURNED CHECK)	32
LOGO MATERIAL	100
MAGAZINE POSTAGE (VOL 11, NO 4)	2801
MAGAZINE PRINTING (VOL 11, NO 4)	7899
POSTAGE (GENERAL)	1272
PRINTING/COPIES	279
PUBLICITY	330
SHOWCASE EXPENSES	1632
STATIONERY	692
TELEPHONE	40
WEBSITE (DOMAIN REGISTRATION)	70

TOTAL: \$21648

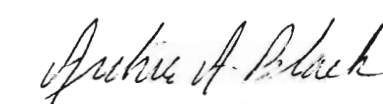
CHECKBOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998: \$14778

NET DIFFERENCE: \$ (6042)

SUBMITTED:


CHARLES M. TOMARCHIO
TREASURER

APPROVED:


ARCHIE A. BLACK
PRESIDENT

AMENDED REPORT CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS AMENDED REPORT
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
CONVENTION PROGRAM (PRINTING/SHIPPING)	1915
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: **\$90657**

NET DIFFERENCE: **(\$1110)**

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INFORMATION ONLY

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Register Report
1/22/97 Through 2/11/99

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 1/21/97						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
10/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		97.76
11/30/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		94.89
12/31/98		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		98.34
1/30/99		(SJS&LA)		Interest Inc		98.65
TOTAL 1/22/97 - 2/11/99						32,361.63
BALANCE 2/11/99						32,361.63
TOTAL INFLOWS						32,361.63
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						0.00
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NET TOTAL						32,361.63

ELECTION RESULTS

**The following are the election results as received by the
Election Chairman, Gene Trimble.**

**Finished counting ballots at 3:40 pm, March 7, 1999.
4 club members counted - 3 club members observed.
No problems occurred**

PRESIDENT:

David Sarles 696
Charles Rodgers 360

VICE-PRESIDENT

Janice O'Neal 834
Steve Cutler 236

Total ballots 1072 - 5 disqualified - Counted 1067

PLANNING ON EXHIBITING?? CC>CC Las Vegas then Chicago ANA

In the previous issue of the club magazine, a paragraph or two was devoted to recycling your CC>CC Exhibit at our 1999 National Convention in Las Vegas, and showing it off again at the American Numismatic Association Convention this August in Chicago. Of course if you were interested in displaying at Chicago, you must be a member of the American Numismatic Association.

For exhibit space at the Orleans in June you must contact Club VP Janice O'Neal at 8122 W. Flamingo #66 Las Vegas, NV 89117 for an application. If you wish to exhibit at the A.N.A., Convention in Chicago, the world's largest coin show, (some dealers have chips & tokens as well) I can supply you with all the necessary paper work for your Application and Exhibitor Rules. Write to Archie Black PO Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723.

The club will be staffing a booth on the midway at Chicago for the duration of the ANA convention, so stop by and see us. We will also be holding an informal club meeting and trade session during the ANA convention on Saturday, August 14th. You need not be a member of ANA to attend the convention or come to the club meeting. Admission is free!

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLUB CONSTITUTION

Submitted by Archie A. Black CH-001

In accordance with Article Six, Section 1: ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS, I propose the following amendment be added to Article Four, Section B) of the club's Constitution:

“In order for a potential candidate to be declared an official nominee in any club election for office, the candidate must receive the equivalent of a nomination and a second in order to be listed on the official ballot as a valid candidate. To accomplish this requirement, a candidate must receive a minimum of two nominations.

Article Six; Section 1 “Alterations or Amendments” states the following:

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

CC>CC CLAIMS DIRECTOR REPORT

The club's new "Claims Director", Jim Reilly, has thrust himself wholeheartedly into his new position. In addition to Jim's duties as Claims Director, the club officers have consulted Jim for his opinion on several legal issues that have arisen since his appointment. What a great addition Jim Reilly Esq., has made to our all-volunteer staff.

The following is a report on the final resolution of Jim's first complaint he has handled between the two parties in dispute.

CC>CC Claim No. CC199902: This claim arose out of a trade in which the material sent by one member was lost in the mail as the result of inadequate packaging by the sender (unreinforced envelope). An exchange of email between the members following the loss of material escalated to the point where one member used offensive language in his email to the other. One of the two members refused to cooperate fully with the Claims Director in the investigation of the claim.

The trade having eventually been made good to the satisfaction of both parties, the Board finds no need to take action in that regard. Nevertheless, the Board finds this an appropriate opportunity to remind members to adequately package trade materials sent by mail to insure their safe arrival. Use of UN-reinforced envelopes is inadvisable; all materials should be sent in reinforced envelopes, bubble pack mailers, USPS priority mail packages or boxes, or comparable packaging, as appropriate.

The Board also finds that the use of offensive language in correspondence between members of the club is inappropriate. In attempting to resolve disputes between and among themselves, members are encouraged to be calm, courteous and civil to each other.

The Board also finds that the failure of one member to cooperate with the Claims Director in conducting his inquiry into this matter was inconsistent with Paragraph 13 of the CC>CC Code Of Ethics, by which members agree "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."

The conduct involved in this incident is not sufficiently serious to warrant public identification of the individual members involved.

EX-CLUB MEMBER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM RE-ADMISSION TO CLUB

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club Claim #199903

This claim has been submitted by member Howard Herz against former club member Larry Eastman (CC>CC member #1530, membership expired and not renewed)

The claim arises out of the disappearance from the home of Howard Herz, Minden, Nevada of two rare and valuable gaming checks: \$1000 Caesar's Palace gold baccarat chip with enameled lettering, serial number 523, estimated value \$2500; and \$25 Caesar's Palace blue with .999 silver inlay, estimated value \$1600 (see p. 13 CC&TN Vol 12, #1, Winter 1999).

Following an investigation by the Douglas County, Nevada Sheriff's Department, Larry Eastman was charged a single count of theft, a class B felony in the State of Nevada, for taking the two checks. The criminal complaint is currently pending in the Justice Court of East Fork Township, County of Douglas, State of Nevada.

On the basis of the criminal charge, the Board finds that Mr. Eastman will be prohibited from re-applying for membership in the club and will be prohibited from participating in any club activities pending the final outcome of his case.

The Board reserves further action in this claim until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings. At that time, the Board will determine what further action, if any, should be taken and what details of the incident should be published.

www.ccggtcc.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 _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS CORRECTION

[HTTP://WWW.CCGTCC.COM](http://www.ccggtcc.com)

The club's website address which was published in the last issue of "*Casino Chip & Token News*" was incorrect. The club apologizes for any inconvenience our error may have caused anyone. Our thanks to Clint Hubbard of Reno, Nevada for bringing this error to our attention.

The website itself has undergone dramatic improvements and additional features since our initial announcement. The message board has been very active and has been a big plus in generating additional interest in our organization. For those members who are on-line, you are missing a real treat if you have not clicked on to <http://www.ccggtcc.com> while surfing the internet. All club members are urged to read "BB Usage Policy" before posting prohibited messages of a commercial nature.

1998 CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR CONTEST

100 club members have sent in their nominations in this annual contest to select the 1998 Chip Of The Year and the 1998 Token Of The Year. Actual balloting is now underway. All those club members who have submitted a nomination are automatically placed on the judges committee and have been sent full color photocopies of the ten top-nominees in each category. Announcement of the winners will be posted on the club's new web site, <http://www.ccggtcc.com> and in the next issue of "*Chip & Token News*." Representatives of the winning casinos will be invited to accept these prestigious club awards at our annual meeting in Las Vegas this June.

ATTENTION NEW JERSEY AREA CLUB MEMBERS

The club has accepted an invitation from the Garden State Numismatic Association to hold an informal CC>CC meeting at the GSNA annual convention in Somerset, New Jersey. The convention dates are April 30-May 1, 1999. Our meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st between 10 – 11 a.m. Check the Official Program when you get there for the meeting room assigned for our use. The 1999 New Jersey Token & Medal Show will be held in conjunction with the GSNA convention at the same facility. Several of our club member/dealers will have tables at this fairly large combined show. Paul Cunningham is the producer/promoter of the NJ Token & Medal Show. Several dealers will have many chips offered for sale. I'm sure Al Zaika will have a table, as will Joel Reznick and of course Paul Cunningham just to name a few. The show will be held at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Annex (Exit 10 off Route 287) in Somerset, NJ. Show hours are Thursday, 1-7 pm; Friday 10am – 7 pm; and Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Bring traders, you never know who will show up!

THE 7TH ANNUAL CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC. CONVENTION AND SHOW

JUNE 17, 18 & 19, 1999

THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS, NV

It is hard to believe that it will have been 10 months since our last Convention, but the time is almost upon us. We hope that everyone has made plans to attend the Club's 7th Annual Convention and help us celebrate our organization's 11th Anniversary. The 1999 edition of our show promises to be bigger and better than you have experienced in the past! We have completely sold out the convention floor's 92 dealer tables and the exhibit tables are full. If you have not attended one of the Club's Conventions in the past, this is definitely the one you want to start with.

Just like Las Vegas, our Club has experienced tremendous growth and that growth is reflected in the fact that the Club has evolved and prospered to the point that we will be in our 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 the staff of the Hotel is anxious to assist the Club in presenting another 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 other Coast Resorts Properties. So plan on attending the 1999 CC>CC 7th Annual Convention & Show at the Orleans Hotel & Casino and celebrate the Club's 11th Anniversary.

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

The room rate is \$39.00 Sunday - Thursday & \$69.00 Friday & Saturday per night. 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 deadline for reservations is May 10, 1999. After this date, rooms will be on "as available" basis only. So please support YOUR CLUB by booking your room at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. The room rates are good from June 13-21, 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 will be accepted! You can fax in your reservation slips to 702-365-7505. No Saturday arrivals or departures.

AUCTION

Auction chairman Bruce Landau will have gathered another fine assortment of lots for our Friday night auction. The auction will be held June 18 and begin at 6:30pm and we ask that everyone be prompt. 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. On Thursday and Friday during show hours, stop by Bruce Landau's table #10 and have your Club membership number and you can pick up your auction number then. You will still be able to register the night of the auction, but why wait until the last minute. Should be another fine auction.

LAST DANCE SWAP MEET

On Saturday, June 19th, after the conclusion of the Convention, the Club will sponsor another swap session for all 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!

SHOW FLOOR ACCESS

All dealers will be notified by mail of their access to the show floor. There will be NO variation to this time schedule. Members who are attending the show, will be allowed onto the show floor ONLY during the normal show hours. Volunteers who are assisting with the production of the show will be notified by the Convention Chairman of their access times. Beginning on Wednesday, June 16th through Saturday, June 19th the show floor entrances will be secured and NO ONE will be allowed in without the proper credentials.

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING

With the success last year of moving the Club business meeting to an evening we will be doing the same this year. If we can have 350 people show up for free food and drinks, with chip/token swapping thrown in on Wednesday night, we hope the same number of folks will show up to conduct the business of this Club on Thursday night.

Make plans now to attend the annual Club Business meeting on Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 PM. This is the one opportunity each year that members and the officers have a chance to gather face to face to discuss the business and direction of our organization. This is YOUR Club, make a point to attend.

EXHIBITS

Ms. Janice O'Neal has again graciously volunteered to chair the exhibit committee for the Convention. The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature. Last year we had some outstanding exhibits and I'm sure this year's exhibits will be just as exciting.

DEALER TABLES

!!!!!! SOLD OUT !!!!!!!

VOLUNTEERS

The Convention Chairman is still seeking 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 the assistance. The real need for extra help is during set up on Tuesday and on Saturday evening assisting with the tear down of the show. If you would like to volunteer, please write to Wayne Thompson, 1999 Convention Chairman, 191 Kentucky Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502 or e-mail WayneTh@prodigy.net

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 7:00pm. 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. No selling of books will be allowed at this reception. Please limit your trade stock to what you can carry. With the number of expected attendees, there is simply not enough room on the tables for the food, drinks and chip and token books, so please restrain yourself until 7:00pm.

All announcements and awards will take place during the reception this year, in an effort to leave all the available time for business discussion during the Thursday evening Club Business meeting.

Last year's opening reception was a special extravaganza to celebrate the Club's 10th anniversary. This year's reception will still be the highlight event but costs necessitate a couple of changes. The variety of food will be reduced to light hors d'oeuvres and attendance will be restricted to members only. **IF YOU ARE BRINGING A SPOUSE OR COMPANION THEY MUST BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.** They can join as an associate member for only \$5, an application is located elsewhere in this magazine.

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.

CAR RENTAL

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

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Orleans Hotel operates a free shuttle service to the Gold Coast, next to the Rio and to the Barbary Coast, located at the corner of Flamingo and Las Vegas Boulevard. This is next to the Flamingo, Bally's and across the street from Caesars. There is no charge for the shuttle and it runs every 15 minutes, 17-18 hours every day.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Members may pre-register for their Convention badges by providing the Convention Chairman with their name, city, state, and membership #. Mail to Wayne Thompson, 1999 Convention Chairman, 191 Kentucky Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502. You may also use the following e-mail address WayneTh@prodigy.net

1999 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Auction Chairman	Bruce Landau
Co-Chair	Howard & Gregg Herz
Auctioneer	Jim Kruse
Budget & Finance Chairman	Chuck Tomarchio
Convention Chairman	Wayne Thompson
Educational Forum Chairman	Michael Knapp
Exhibit Chairperson	Janice O'Neal
Legal Counsel	Eric S. Rosenblum
Licensing & Fees Chairman	Earl Donley
Membership Registration Chairman	James Steffner
Photographer	Mark Lighterman
Program Chairperson	Belinda Hixon
Promotions Chairman	Richard Allard
Publicity Chairman	Bob Orme
Registration Co-Chairs	Vernon & Alice Blanck
	Art & Muriel Sanderson

1999 CC>CC Convention Schedule

(tentative and subject to change)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th

- 10:00 AM Dealers may pick up show credentials at the Convention registration table outside the showroom. Members who pre-registered for the show may pick up their badges at the show registration table. Proper identification is required to pick up all credentials.
MADRI GRAS BALLROOM ENTRANCE
- 12 Noon Dealer set up begins. Only dealers with tables are allowed in during setup.
CREDENTIALS ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE.
- 5:30 PM Early Bird Reception. Sponsored by CC>CC and participating dealers. Members only may attend.
ESPLANADE ROOM
- 7:00 PM Member Swap Session. Please bring only what you can carry. Members only may attend.
ESPLANADE ROOM
- 11:00 PM Dealer setup Ends. Show floor closed until 7:00 AM.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17th

- 7:00 AM Dealer set up continues. CREDENTIALS REQUIRED.
- 10:00 AM OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY.
Convention opens to membership and public
MARDI GRAS BALLROOM
- 6:00 PM Show in recess until 10:00 AM
- 7:30 PM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING.
All members are urged to attend
ESPLANADE ROOM
- 8:00 PM Show floor must be vacated and secured

FRIDAY, JUNE 18th

- 8:00 AM Dealers with credentials may enter show floor
- 10:00 AM Show floor opens to members and public
MADRI GRAS BALLROOM
- 5:00 PM Show in recess until 10:00 AM
- 6:30 PM Show floor must be vacated and secured
- 6:30 PM ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION. Over 225 lots to be auctioned
ESPLANADE ROOM

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th

- 8:00 AM Dealers with credentials may enter show floor.
- 9:00 AM EDUCATIONAL FORUM: Topic to be announced.
ESPLANADE ROOM
- 10:00 AM Show floor opens to members and public.
- 4:00 PM 1999 Show closes.
- 6:00 PM All dealer tables must be down and floor vacated.
- 7:00 PM THE LAST DANCE. Final trading session. Bring only what you can carry. Members only may attend.

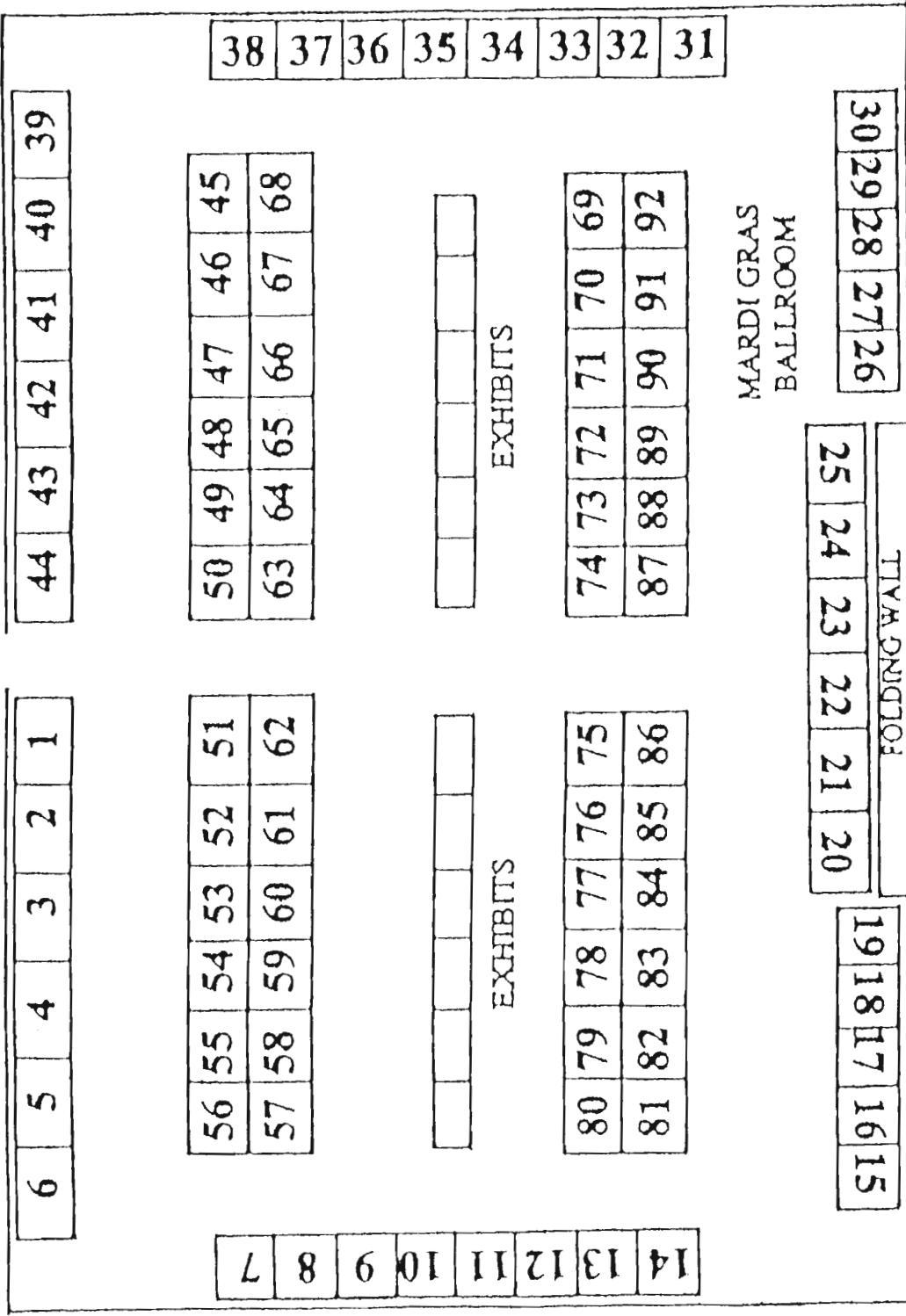
Please see the Official Convention Program for an up to date listing of all activities and meetings.

1999 CONVENTION TABLE LISTING

TABLE #	DEALER	TABLE #	DEALER
1	CC>CC	47	Joe & Sue Dolce
2	CC>CC	48	Stan & Betty Wilker
3	Robert Matthew Enterprises	49	B & V Coins
4	Robert Matthew Enterprises	50	B & V Coins
5	Gaming Archaeology	51	T.D.S. Antique Gambling Chips
6	Gaming Archaeology	52	Henry G Garrett
7	New York Chip Connection	53	Strandwold / Eisenstadt
8	New York Chip Connection	54	Steve Goodrich / John Johannes
9	New York Chip Connection	55	R.I.C.H. Roulette Int'l Chip Hunters
10	Bruce Landau	56	Mel's Casino Collectibles
11	Gene Grossblatt	57	Pioneer Enterprises
12	Ernie Wheelden	58	Chris Burns
13	Barry Weintraub / Lynn Brooks	59	Cal-Neva Chips
14	Walt Gonski	60	Nevada Obsolete Chips
15	Katz Silver Strikes	61	Chip N' Sales
16	Gaming Chips.com / Chiplist.com	62	Bill Payne
17	Bud Meyer	63	Gaming Times
18	Willow Creek Display Cases	64	Gaming Times
19	Bill Judge	65	Ted Brown
20	Mike Spinetti	66	Norman Clem
21	Carey Burke "Collector"	67	Wilcox Enterprises
22	Bob Feeney	68	Albert H. Rollins
23	Bob Feeney	69	DeWitt Enterprises
24	Cheques In The Mail, Inc	70	Ken Hallenback Coin Gallery, Inc
25	Tiny Treasures	71	Casino Fun Distributing Services
26	Washoe Antiques / Casino Collectibles	72	American Chip Enterprises, Inc
27	Washoe Antiques / Casino Collectibles	73	Lee & Carolyn Bruton
28	J & J Collectibles	74	Walter Dirzulaitis
29	Kermit & Barbara Stephen	75	John C. Rauzy
30	Kessinger / Laudeman	76	Larry & Fran Betker
31	Roger Morgan	77	Gary Shepherd
32	Vegas Casino Art	78	Casino Chip Enterprises
33	Dick & Joan Bitterman	79	Jim Munding – Casinorama
34	Michael Angelo	80	Scott Hartman "THE CHIPMAN"
35	Unshredded Nostalgia	81	Consolidated / Chip Chat
36	Unshredded Nostalgia	82	Buffalo Chips
37	Cassidy Frames	83	Robert Bosseler
38	Lost Vegas	84	Bob's Gaming Trinkets
39	Frog Pond Collectibles	85	TRI-CITIES Gaming of Colorado
40	Cunningham Exonomia	86	ZZYZX Chips
41	Russell Diaz Casino Collectibles	87	Mark Lighterman – Florida
42	C. T. Coins	88	Dino's Chips
43	C. T. Coins	89	Tom French
44	C. T. Coins	90	Ford Jensen – Walker Minnesota
45	Craig / Lewin / Myers	91	Tim O'Neill / Bo Maciech
46	Chips Off The Old Block	92	David Sarles

RESTRACTION AREA

ENTRANCE



Auction '99

Changes to the Bidding Rules

The CC>CC Auction '99 will be held on Friday evening, June 18, 1999. Bids can be submitted for the sale by mail as well as "write in" bids taken at the auction display table in the main show room of the convention until Friday afternoon at 2 pm. Floor bidding will begin at 6:30 pm.

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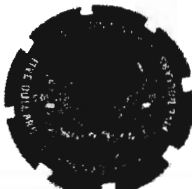
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1999 CONVENTION CHIP & MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST

An outstanding selection of chip and medal designs were submitted for consideration to the club's annual competition this year. All the entries were incredibly superb. Any one of them were suitable to be chosen as the 1999 winner. It's truly a shame only one winner in each category can be accepted. The decision is in now the hands of the judges, which are the five club officers, plus the 1999 convention chairman. The winning design had not been chosen before the magazine deadline so I'm not absolutely certain if Editor Gregg Herz will receive artwork copies of the winning designs for publication, prior to this issue of the magazine going to press. In alphabetical order, Earl Donley of Las Vegas, Nevada; Dave Crandall of Bowie, Maryland; Barbara Jones of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Kevin Norris of Lexington, Kentucky; Bob Pardue from Laguna Hills, California; were the very talented club members who submitted a total of ten convention chip designs and 7 official medal designs. After the winning entries are selected by the judges, the designs will be forwarded to the respective manufacturers to be rushed into production. I'm confident that the membership will be pleased with the final products.

These popular convention mementos are highly sought after by club members and will be available for sale at the club table on the convention floor on opening day. Do not confuse these No Cash Value chips with the "live" chip that Orleans Casino will be producing to commemorate our 7th Annual National Convention. Those of you who will not be in attendance may order club chips, medals, woods, tee shirts from Club Promotions Chairman, Richard Allard. Dick's address is; 4016 N. Tanaya Way Suite #123 Las Vegas, NV 89129.

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by Robert Pardue (CH-003) CC>CC Librarian

The CC>CC Gaming Library continues to grow with a total of 14 new titles added this quarter. The continued generosity of club members -- and especially authors of recent guide books on chips and tokens--resulted in key additions which I'm sure club members will enjoy for years to come.

Interest and activity in the club's Library-by-Mail service has picked up in the last quarter, with the publication of all books and materials in the last issue of Casino Chip & Token News. A list of books is also available on the club's website at www.ccgccc.com. With an e-mail link to the club Librarian (yours truly!), it's easier than ever to inquire if a book is in stock and to check-out books from the library. And if you prefer, mailing your request will get a prompt reply, too.

New chip guides

The most popular category of books is chip and token guides. Newer members, especially, are utilizing the library's resources by frequently requesting current editions of **The Chip Rack** and **The Gaming Table**. The only problem -- these books always had a waiting list. The solution--KMW Publishing (that's Michael Knapp, Allan Myers and Ernie Wheelden) donated extra copies of these two key books. Now we have a total of 4 Gaming Table (1998) books and 2 Chip Rack (1998) books, plus previous editions for the library's historical records. Thanks, guys!

Puerto Rico chip collecting has been an undocumented specialty area for many years. To shed some light on this area, Archie Black has donated a copy of his new **1999 Black's Catalog of Puerto Rico Casino Chips**. Similar in format to the popular Black's Atlantic City guide, this well-researched presentation on Puerto Rico chips includes both a descriptive listing of known chips, by casino, plus color photos. A value guide is included. Very nice first edition for this subject area.

Shifting to Colorado collectibles, author Gary Johnson has donated a copy of his new 3-ring binder guide titled **Colorado Limited Stakes Gaming Casino Chip and Token Guide: The Early Years**. A very comprehensive listing of both chips and tokens, Gary's research has uncovered rare samples, patterns, errors and varieties, as well as all the regular issue and limited edition chips and tokens associated with casinos in the Colorado mining towns during the first seven years of limited-stakes gaming--Oct. 1 1991 to Oct. 1 1998. In these short 7 years, the small issue quantities, coupled with increasing demand and popularity for rare items among the enthusiastic Colorado collectors, has created a handful of high-value items. The itemized description of each chip and token includes a value estimate. Over 40 Colorado items are assigned values over \$1000, though some of these are unique pieces. The typed description for each chip or token is easy to understand, but is not accompanied by any photos, except for the tantalizing color photo of some rarer items on the cover. The book is an important edition to recording Colorado items, and is especially useful when read in conjunction with a companion guide with photos.

Nevada Silver Premium Gaming Tokens is the title of an interesting and expanded edition by Marvin Weaver. This updated issue is the **4th Edition-1999 Price Guide** on this topic, and author Marv Weaver thoughtfully donated 2 copies to the club library. The guide lists "silver strike" tokens by casino, using a color-coded method which distinguishes "current" items from "retired" and "obsolete" tokens. Updated 1999 price estimates are included for each token. An informative appendix includes side-by-side color photo comparisons showing the difference between certain variations of similar-looking gaming tokens. A listing of mint marks and other helpful identification tools makes

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this new 1999 edition a very useful reference for Silver Premium Gaming Token collectors. Weaver's guide has been updated with many new finds, and has been revised to reflect the status of these specialty collectibles. Unfortunately, Silver Strike machines can be removed with little or no notice, and after removal, the SPT's can be very difficult to obtain.

CC>CC back issues sought

The club library now receives its own copy of our quarterly magazine, beginning in 1999, so future members will be able to review back issues in the years to come. However, we are interested in building a complete set of issues from the first 10 years of publication. Several members have promised to dig through closets and donate duplicate issues found. However, if you have an extra set (or partial set) of issues you would like to contribute, please contact me. Thanks in advance for the help.

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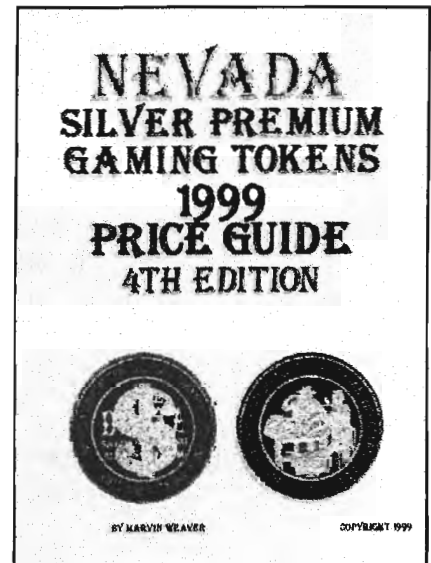
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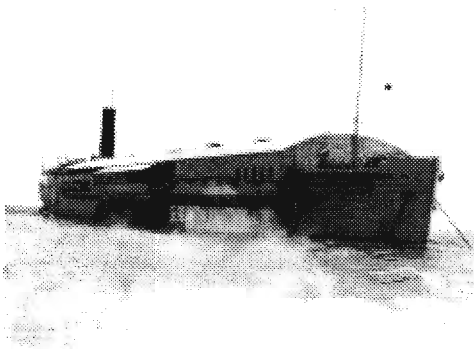
Left: Black's Puerto Rico Guide - 1999 Edition: Excellent first compilation of chips from the casinos of Puerto Rico.



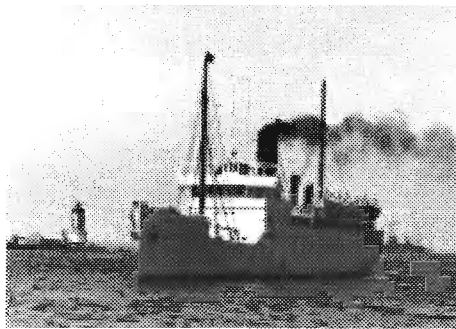
Center: Johnson's Colorado guide to the chips and tokens from mining town casinos issued between late 1991-1998.



Right: Weaver's updated 4th edition guide for 1999 on the Silver Premium Gaming Tokens of Nevada.



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ON THE SEA OF LOST AND FORGOTTEN CHIPS

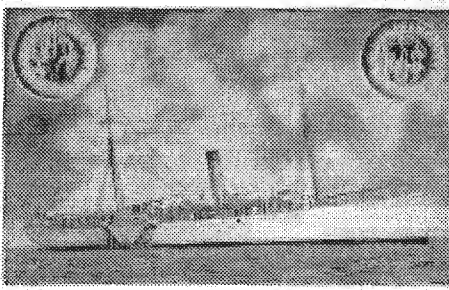
For the past nine years I have been diligently researching and writing the history of the Gambling Ships that operated off the Southern California coast from 1927 to 1939 and again in 1946. Over a period of 12 years there were 14 different gambling ships. A few however, were the same vessel only the name changed several times. Some of the gambling ships had chips, dice, menus, matchbooks, and various advertising items with their name imprinted very clearly in large letters. Some vessels were huge operations and in business for a long time such as the S.S. REX and S.S. TANGO. Those chips are still available. Some gambling ships were short lived and apparently did not go the expense of having chips and dice with their name printed on them. So far, I have found no chips or dice that can positively be identified as theirs.

This is where I seek your help. Some of you are old time and serious collectors and practically every old chip made may have passed before your eyes. Have you ever seen chips or dice with the following names on them?

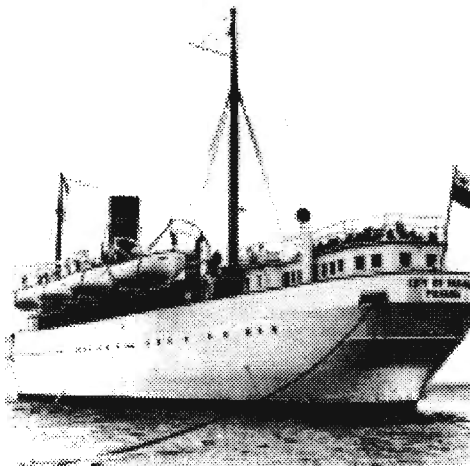
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If you have chips with the names listed above or if you can remember seeing any, please let me know. I want to show the chip in my book to go with the story of the gambling ship to which it belongs. This will certainly enhance the visual part of the history and will be an inducement for collectors to look for these unusual and rare items. The manuscript is completed and the book is nearly ready for publication. I will be most grateful for any help you can give me in my search for those elusive chips from the Southern California Gambling Ships.

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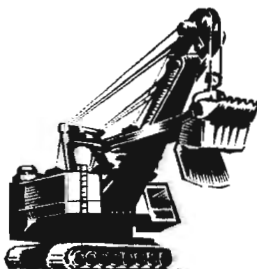
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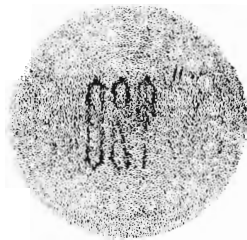


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THE BIG PICTURE
John Bollinger #3119

Sometimes while attempting to enjoy the panorama of the Big Picture, one fails to focus on the immediate area while admiring all else. I am particularly stricken with that affliction, as I constantly miss seeing the forest, because the trees are always blocking the view.

Such was the case recently while I was on a casino token expedition to Atlantic City. The Trump Marina has already issued new \$1 and \$2 tokens, with other changes in the work to eventually replace all of the prior Trump Castle tokens.

Likewise, the Tropicana Hotel has recently put out new \$1, \$5, \$25, \$50, & \$100 tokens replacing the older "Trop World" tokens while still retaining the \$2 & \$10 Trop World tokens until later.

The Sands has completely replaced all "Hollywood Casino" \$2 & \$10 tokens with a new attractive Sands Hotel logo.

It was with this in mind that I started my 150 mile journey (1 way) to Atlantic City. Why not, Trump Marina has been in transition from Trump Castle for a year now, Tropicana has been a year and a half, and Sands has finally divested itself of the "Hollywood" theme, and reverted back to it's old name. There must be new tokens in place by now - right?.....wrong!

The trip was a complete bust after several losing sessions at the black jack table, so with heavy heart, I headed back for Maryland and home.

Between Maryland and New Jersey is a small state named Delaware which boasts 3 racetracks, which also include slot machines. Not having been there in almost a year, I decided to try my luck. At Delaware Park I noticed a new addition on the lower level called "High Rollers".

Upon checking it out, I noticed a new design \$2, \$5 and a completely new \$10 denomination. The \$5 was the previous high. The slot attendant informed me that a \$25 token will be in play any day now.



On a hunch, I sped 50 miles south to Dover Downs and was also presently surprised. While the \$1, \$2 and \$5 tokens were unchanged, there are completely new \$10 and \$20 tokens in play.



Which proves my point. Don't go elsewhere looking for new finds before checking your own backyard. You may be surprised by what you overlooked.

Atlantic City Report

By Archie A. Black CH-001

This will be one of my shortest A.C. reports since I began writing this column... only because not too much has happened in Atlantic City since the previous issue of the club magazine was published. In fact, between late November, 1998 and mid-February, 1999, no new "live" chips were issued..... NONE!

We left off in the last issue of "Casino Chip & Gaming Token News" with the report of a Tropicana release of a Thanksgiving Day chip in November and that's where we pick it up this quarter. Since then, the only chip issued was again at Tropicana with their release of 2000 "Year Of The Rabbit" (Chinese New Year) chips on February 16, 1999.

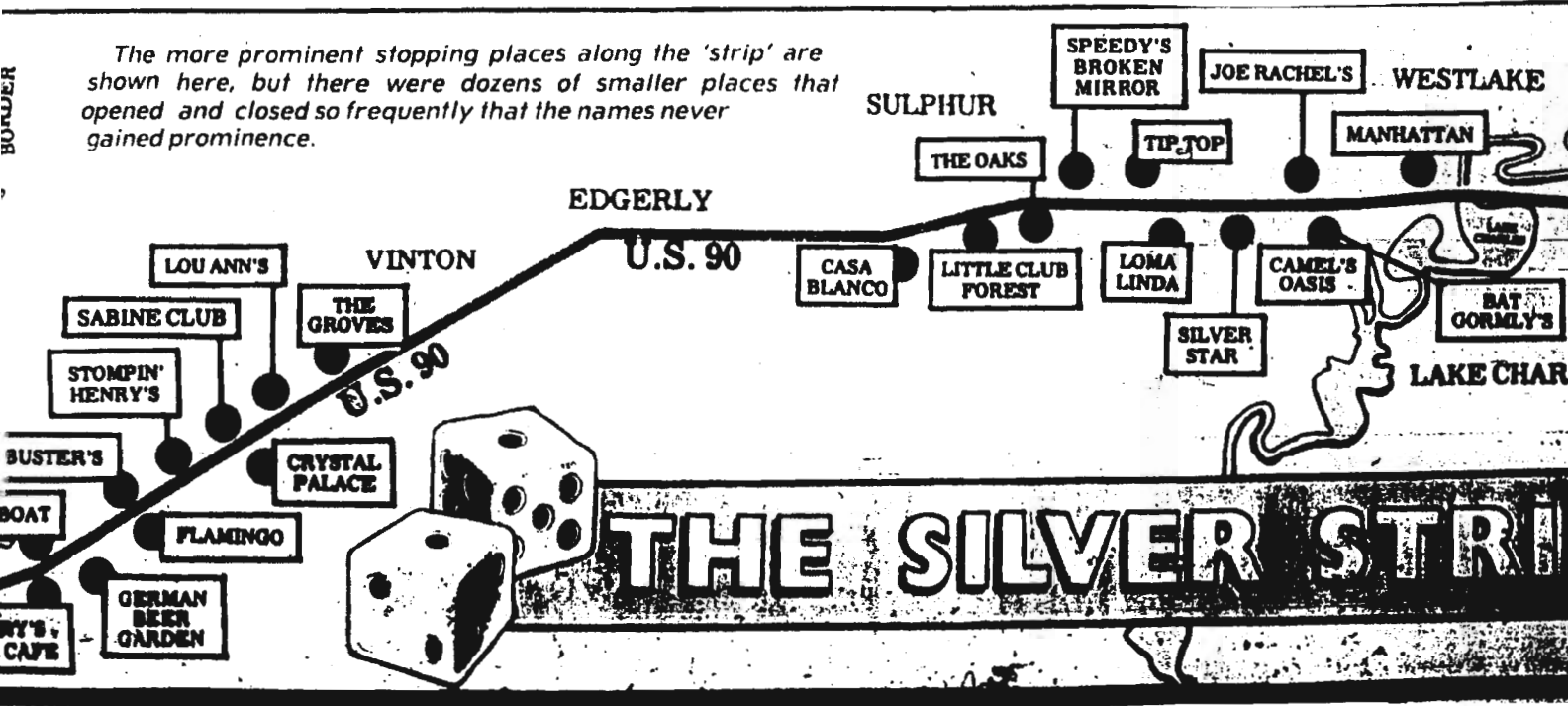


The previously announced chip in the Gaming Legends series that was to be issued at Claridge never happened. Reason given was that Claridge had too many unsold Bell(e) Starr chips still in their inventory and any new chips would not be released until the over-supply of the Starr chip was depleted. Hah, fat chance! Don't think so! 5000 chips of Bell Starr were offered for distribution in a market that only supports up to half that number.

Meanwhile, over at Resorts, they issued the 21st chip in their 20 chip series to celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Sounds confusing, doesn't it? Well it's true. Resorts had issued a nice attractive chipbook album at the end of their promotion with holes for 20 of their No Cash Value "Chip Of The Week" series in which players had to put five points each week on their Resorts Player Card in order to qualify for the NCV chip giveaway. One point equals \$50 through the slot machine machine, or two hours of table play at an average minimum bet of \$10 per hand. You do the math to determine how much action one had to give in order to get! After everyone thought they had completed the 20 chip series.... guess what? The "coming soon" 1998 chip, that was advertised in their colorful tri-fold brochure "TO BE RELEASED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR" which illustrated the entire series, was released in January, 1999.



Finally, other than a new \$100 chip at Harrah's Marina, no other chips were issued in Atlantic City this past quarter. Amazing! I'm told that a lot of the cut-backs of new chip issues has to do with new accounting regulations enacted by the State which requires frequent inventory counts of limited edition/commemorative chips on the tables that in-turn represents a significant labor cost the casinos don't want to endure.



MORE ON THE CLUBS ALONG HIGHWAY 90 NEAR VINTON, LOUISIANA

An earlier issue mentioned some illegal clubs along Highway 90, east of the Texas border into Louisiana. Thanks to Glyn Farber of Lake Charles, Louisiana the following information from the December 27, 1987 Lake Charles American Express newspaper was received.

Above is a map showing some of the clubs that were along this strip of Highway 90 from the Texas border, through Vinton to Lake Charles, Louisiana. There were many more that came and disappeared. Shown here are Demary's Border Club, German Beer Garde, Showboat, Buster's, Flamingo, Stompin' Henrys, Sabine Club, Lou Anns, Crystal Palace, The Groves. These were all west of Vinton, Louisiana. Heading east towards Lake Charles, Louisiana were the Casa Blanco, Little Forest Club, The Oaks, Loma Linda, Speedy's Broken Mirror, Tip Top, Silver Star, Camel's Oasis, Joe Rachel's, Manhattan and Bat Gormly's. Highway 90 gave in to Interstate 10 around 1953 and most of these places disappeared.

As mentioned, there were many more that appeared and disappeared. Chips are known and are in collections from the Border Club, Buster's and the Grove. If you have any chips from anywhere along this route please contact Jim Munding, P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, CA. 91791 (626) 919-0603 or send me an E mail MUN3335@aol.com

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Chips 'N Tokens Update

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

Another three months gone by and many things have happened. First as a lot of you may not know yet, I have just returned from a hospital stay again. This time I have an all new hip joint. I am doing well, but not back to par yet. This report by necessity will have to be shorter than usual and some information maybe lacking. I know I have packages that have not been answered. Please be patient, everything will be caught by next time.

Now on to new issues-----

NEVADA CASINO CHIPS

The last of the Monte Carlo LV Brew Pub chips (#6) for Jackpot Pale was issued in Dec.



Stardust issued their addition to the "Legendary Old Timers" series with Bill Boyd being pictured. As far as we know this is the last one, as MGM Grand was never made available to the public.



The New Frontier LV \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips for "Gilley's" (night club) Grand Opening Dec 1998.



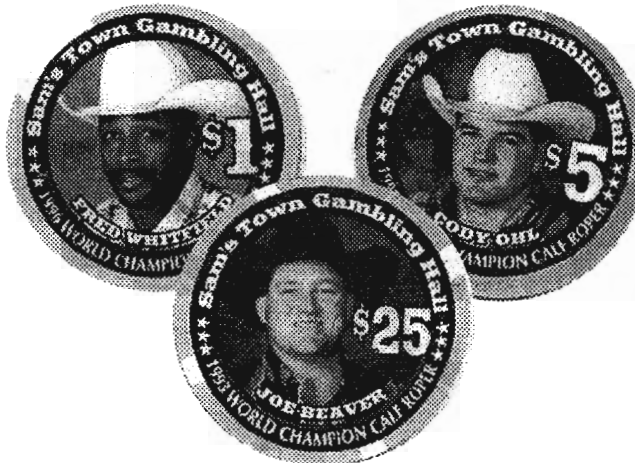
Gold Coast LV four \$5 house mold red 4 yel, multi center and four \$25 house mold grn, multi center for 1998 Rodeo, (1) Lewis Field, (2) Bruce Ford, (3) Clint Johnson, & (4) Dan Mortensen.



Riveria LV \$5 house mold red 3-wht 3-org, multi center, Dec 1998 National Finals Rodeo (NFR) 40th Anniversary.



Sam's Town LV for National Finals Rodeo 1998, \$1 H&C picture chip blu 2-yel 2-pnk, multi center-Fred Whitfield, \$5 H&C picture chip red 4 pnk/lav, multi center-Cody Ohl, & \$25 H&C picture chip grn 4-yel 4-org, multi center-Joe Beaver.



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red, Happy New Year 1999.



Tropicana LV \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips, New Years 1999.



Riveria LV \$5 Chipco multi black, Happy New Year 1999.



Showboat LV \$5 BJ red 4 split yel, multi center, 45th Anniversary (1999),



Silver City LV \$5 BJ red 4-org multi center, Happy New Year 1999.



Circus Circus LV \$25 Chipco multi grn, New Years 1999.



Slots A Fun LV \$5 BJ red 4-org, multi center, Happy New Year 1999. Compare edge and insert colors on Silver City and Slots A Fun and you will find them exactly the same.



The four Station Casinos issued one chip each at each casino as part of a stacking set of 4, (1) Palace Station LV \$5 Chipco multi red with opening date 7-1-1976, reverse has 21-hand in spades, (2) Boulder Station LV \$5 Chipco multi red with opening date 8-23-1994, reverse has 21-hand in hearts, (3) Texas Station NLV \$5 Chipco multi red with opening date 7-12-1995, reverse has 21-hand in diamonds, & (4) Sunset Station Hend \$5 Chipco multi red with opening date 6-10-1997, reverse has 21-hand in clubs. These chips should not, in any way, be confused as being any kind of Grand Opening chip. They are a set of chips with original opening dates and we shall so designate them as "opening date chips issued 12-98" in O'Neal check lists.

Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red 1998 Rodeo.



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



Silverton Hotel LV 25-cent BJ 8-suit encused mold, blu--hot stamp new 12-98, obsolete 2-99. That one didn't last long!



Hardrock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8 wht, multi center, Christmas 1998.



Santa Fe LV now has all four of the series of stacking chips available. (1) Veteran's Day 1998, (2) Christmas 1998, (3) New Years 1999, & now (4) 8th Anniversary (Feb 14, 1999).



Tropicana LV \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips, Christmas 1998. Issue is for 750-\$5 and only 100-\$25. This seems to be the new trend for Tropicana. The result of such limited issues is overnight high prices to collectors as only the chip dealers have a chance to corner the market.



Flamingo Hilton LV has a three chip set for Radio City Rockettes show. \$5 H&C picture chips, red 3 pnk/ dk grn, multi center, (1) Rockettes dance line, (2) showgirl dance line, & (3) toy soldiers line.



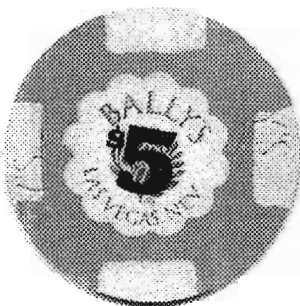


Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8 wht, multi center, "The Black Crowes".



Bally's LV new table chips, \$5 house mold brt lt red, 2-yel 2-lt grn, prp bik wht CI, & \$25 house mold grn 4-wht 4-yel, prp blk wht CI, previous \$25 was grn 4-wht 4-blu same CI. Center design on both new chips same as previous issue.

Rio Suites Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip, Carnivale of Poker II, January 18-29, 1999.



Circus Circus LV \$5 Chipco, "Super Sunday Football Jan 31, 1999"



Tropicana LV \$5 & \$25 H&C picture chips, "Big Game Day 1-31-99"



Four Queens LV 2 \$5 Chipco "Sunday Football", 1 of 2-hand on football & 2 of 2 football field.

Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco, starting an on-going set of 13 chips for "Count Down to the Millennium". 1 of 13, January 1, 1999-old Fremont Street. 2 of 13, February 1999, 1920's street scene.



Riviera LV four-\$5 Chico stacking set. "Game of the Century". 1 of 4 blocking pass, 2 of 4 tackling at knees, 3 of 4 tackling at shoulder, & 4 of 4 ready to pass.

Tropicana LV \$5 & \$25 Grand Opening "Legends Hall of Fame, February 4, 1999".



Four Queens LV \$5 Chipco multi red "Year of the Rabbit" (1999).



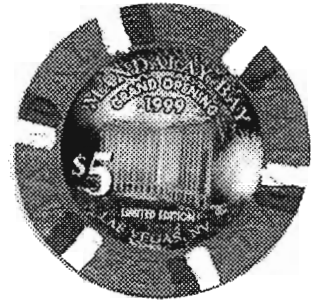
Hard Rock Hotel LV \$5 H&C picture chip red 8-wht, multi center, Valentine's Day 1999.



Santa Fe LV new table chip, \$1 BJ 8-suit encused mold, gray--HS, with BJ in hot stamp.



Mandalay Bay Resort LV opened 3-2-99, with \$1-\$5-\$25 house mold table chips, \$5 & \$25 house mold Grand Opening, and \$5 & \$25 house mold "House of Blues" (open 3-2-99).



Fremont Hotel LV, new 50-cent table chip, BJ 8-suit encused mold, yel--HS with BJ in hot stamp, & \$1 BJ wht 3 prp, metal center inlay with BJ on center.



Fiesta NLV Sports Edition 12-5-98, \$5 H&C picture chip (baseball) Johnny Podres, & \$5 H&C picture chip (baseball) Dick Williams.

California Hotel, Fremont Hotel, and Main Street Station, all downtown LV, each issued the Richard Petty commemorative chip from last year with "1999" date added. Sam's Town LV has two \$5 H&C picture chips, red 4 pnk/lav, multi center for "Sam's Town 300", March 8, 1999, (1) Richard Petty, & (2) Rusty Wallace.



Fiesta NLV \$5 Chipco Christmas (1998). Opera House NLV \$5 Chipco Christmas (1998) obverse/New Years 1999 reverse. Mahoney's Silver Nugget NLV \$5 Chipco Christmas 1998 obverse/New Years (1999) reverse. Fiesta NLV \$5 BJ red 4 tan/yel/tan, multi center, 4th Anniversary Dec 1998 obverse/ New Years 1999 reverse.



Texas Station NLV \$5 BJ red 4 yel, multi dk blu center & \$25 BJ grn 4 yel, multi dk center for Grand Opening Feb 1999, Martini Ranch (a new bar/restaurant area).



Sunset Station Hend \$5 Chipco multi red, New Years 1999.



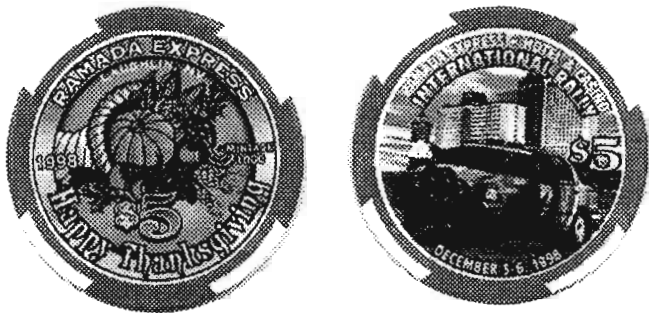
Poker Palace NLV, a new addition to casinos issuing commemorative chips, rumor says there will be one a month! \$5 Chipco multi red, Christmas 1998 obverse/New Years 1999 reverse. \$5 Chipco multi red, Valentines's Day 1999.

Sunset Station Hend also started 13-chip series for "Countdown to the New Millennium". First one issued

Jan 1, 1999, \$5 Chipco multi red, has card hand of four 2's on reverse. 2 of 13 issued 2-1-99, has card hand of four 3's on reverse. 3 of 3 issued 3-1-99 has card hand of four 4's on reverse. Stay tuned, more to come!



Some catching up to do in Laughlin: Ramada Express \$5 BJ red 4 lrg wht, multi center, Thanksgiving 1998, \$5 BJ red 4 lrg wht, multi center, International Rally, Dec 3, 1998, & \$5 BJ red 8 wht, multi center, Christmas 1998/New Years 1999.



Colorado Belle \$5 BJ red 4 sets 3 split wht, multi center, New Years 1999.



Edgewater \$5 Chipco multi red, New Years 1999.



Golden Nugget \$5 house mold picture chip red 3 lt org/pnk, multi center, Happy New Year 1999.



Harrah's another new \$2.50 H&C picture chip, brt dk pnk 4 blk, multi center, "But it's a Dry Heat!"



Edgewater \$5 Chipco "4th Annual Party 1999" (football).



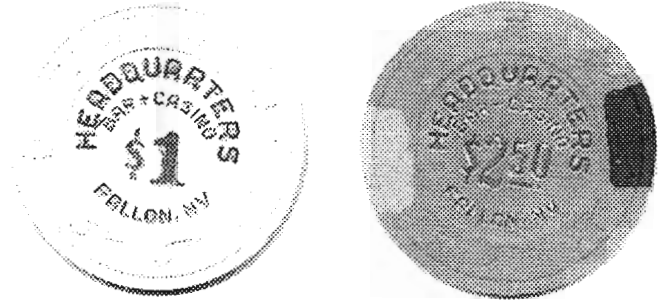
Colorado Belle \$5 Chipco multi wht/multi brn, "Super Sunday 1999" (football).



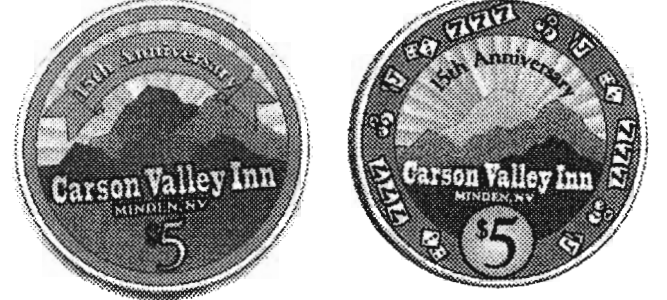
In 1997 Harrah's, Reno issued a \$5 Chipco multi red, Harrah's stars logo obverse/ "Happy Birthday" with cake & candles reverse. This chip was for promotional use only and was NOT available to the collector. Slot card holders were sent a post card on their birthday and could go in and pick up one chip as a gift. We were only able to get a notched sample of this one. In 1998 another \$5 Chipco multi red obverse with stars logo and multi blk reverse "Happy Birthdfay" with balloons was issued, again for the same promotional use. BUT this time a very few of this issue got out to collectors and we do have one to show you.



Headquarters Bar, Fallon \$1 H&C beige--HS and \$2.50 H&C brt dk pnk, 1-pch 1-dk mrn--HS.



Carson Valley Inn, Minden \$5 Chipco multi red, 15th Anniversary (1998).



NEVADA CASINO TOKENS

The New Frontier LV \$10 tokens are obsolete--machines have been removed. Bourbon Street 120 E Flamingo LV has added dollar slots, \$1 (1999) GDC, United Coin. This will still be listed in O'Neal check lists as a casino, rather than a bar. The route company will be listed in the notes section.



Mandalay Bay LV opened 3-2-99. \$1-\$2-\$5-\$10-\$25 (1999) OC, all are same design.



Magic Star Casino 2000 Boulder Hwy, Henderson opened 12-31-98 slots only-no tables. \$1 (1998) GDC. No \$5 tokens.



token, but new die, new mint & new route company. (1997) G, Anchor Coin is obsolete.



Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin \$10 (1998) OC, brass



Hang'n Loose, 208 E Sahara LV \$1 (1998) OC, South West Gaming. This was the closed Go's West. Next Door Lounge, 3750 S Valley View LV \$1 (1998) OC, South West Gaming. This was Marty's Bar & Grill. All Marty's tokens are obsolete.



NEVADA TOKENS BARS & STORES

As the trend continues, more and more bars are giving up on tokens. There are a scant few still opening with tokens, but not many. And some, strangely enough, return to using Ike dollars.

Cactus Club, 4061 N Rancho LV open 12-98. \$1 (1998) OC, brass. South West Gaming. A token has surfaced that has been in play for some time.



Pogo's Tavern, 2103 N Decatur LV. Original \$1 (1991) CT-large, United Coin. Some time ago another token was issued (again no gaming approval listed). We will call CT-large Type I and newly found token as (1991) Type II, CT-mini, United Coin, as there is no real way of determining when this second token was issued. Club Hotel by Doubletree, 7250 Pollack Dr LV. Small bar in a new hotel, southwest of McCarran Airport. \$1 (1999) OC, South West Gaming. Speedway Bar & Grill, 4224 N Pecos LV \$1 (1999) GDC, United Coin.

Cariba Charlie's, 4835 S Rainbow LV opened in 1991 with \$1 token that has 1991 obverse, with Sunset Coin reverse dated 1989 on rim. Sometime later a new token was issued (no record in gaming approvals) that is the same obverse dated 1991, but the Sunset Coin reverse is dated 1992 on the rim. Chuckster's, 4632 S Maryland Pkwy LV \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan. Original (1994) CT, Desert Coin is obsolete. Laughing Jackalope Bar & Grill, 3969 LV Blvd S, LV \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan. Pretty much same design as previous



Another reverse die date (like Cariba Charlie's) has been found at Gloria's II, 1966 N Rainbow LV. Original token is (1992) with old reverse die date of 1989. second token, found recently, is still same obverse, but reverse die is dated 1992. these will be listed as type I (1992)/1989 and type II as 1992.

Durango Park Chevron, T&C Enterprises, 8635 W Spring Mtn Rd LV \$1 (1999) OC, South West Gaming. This is a gas station/McDonalds Restaurant combination!!! The token is in the convenience store of the gas station.



Las Vegas Cue club, 953 E Sahara LV has also turned up a second variety token. Type I-CT mint mark is extra large and has small dots on reverse rim. Newer Type II-CT is large and has large dots on reverse rim. The Corner Bar, Mesquite \$1 (1999) CT, E-T-T, Inc. This token is not being used in machines, but can be purchased at bar for \$1.25! Token is same design as original (1996) United Coin.

Bleachers Sports Bar, 3720 E Sunset LV is now Little Dogs, open 12-98. All paper pay outs-no tokens. All Bleachers tokens are obsolete. Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Lounge, 2855 N Green Valley, Hend open 11-98. \$1 (1998) RWM, Cardivan. (same design as token at 4435 LV Blvd N, NLV). This was USA Cafe and all USA Cafe tokens are obsolete. Mattie's Elko has been found with two types also. Type I- \$1 (1997) CT-mini, United Coin and Type II-\$1 (1997) CT-large, United Coin.

After only one month in play Lois' Sunrise Liquor has removed dollar machines and new token is obsolete.

Gone to coinless or paper payouts-all tokens obsolete: Office Bar #7, 2660 S Maryland Pkwy, C.D.'s Lounge, 3025 E Desert Inn, Favorites Cocktails, 4110 S Maryland Pkwy, Max Bett's Fun Hog Ranch, 495 E Twain, Rascal's Lounge, 860 E Twain, Skinny Dugan's, 4127 W Charleston, Magoo's Bar & Grill, 7360 W Cheyenne, Meatheads Tenaya LLC, 3250 N Cheyenne, B T's Pub, 1651 Palm, Lakes Lounge, 2920 Lakes East Dr, Ozzie's, 5020 Spring Mtn, Boomer's, 3200 Sirius.

All are LV. Pat Hand Lounge, 6250 Mountain Vista, Hend.

Tokens now obsolete-now using Ike dollars: B J's, 218 E Tropicana, Bond Aire Club, 284 E Tropicana, Peppers, 2929 E Desert Inn, Rob Roy's, 2797 S Maryland Pkwy, The Bar, 1201 LV Blvd S, Terry's Hideway, 7909 Giles. All are LV.

Tokens obsolete-dollar machines removed: Sammy's Calif Pizza, 6500 W Sahara, Serene II Lounge, 545 E Sahara, Korner Store & Deli, 4380 S Decatur, Lucy's 7-11 Store, 6885 W Flamingo, Crown & Anchor Pub, 1350 E Tropicana, Anthony's Fine Dining, 1550 E Tropicana, Runway 25, 6295 S Pecos. All are LV.

Also obsolete: Scotty's Lounge, 2300 E Desert Inn LV is closed. Mad Dogs & Englishmen, 515 LV Blvd S, LV new owners-no tokens. \$1 (1994) CT is obsolete. The Still, 9495 LV Blvd S, LV building has been torn down. Watch for new Instant Replay to be built here. Star Golf Lounge, 3000 Meade Ave LV closed. Turf Lounge (2nd floor Jockey Club Hotel) 3700 LV Blvd S, LV closed. Tony L's, 4801 S Eastern LV became a Doc Holiday's. In Cahoots, 5645 S Eastern LV closed. One Eyed Jacks, 2823 N Green Valley, Hend became a Dotty's. Billy's East, 4563 E Sunset, Hend became a Village Pub (no tokens).

SILVER STRIKE TOKENS

Las Vegas Club, downtown LV has installed a Silver Strike machine for the first time and has three \$10. The new Imperial Palace LV \$200 dated 1998 "G" is now available. As of 12-98 Bally's LV \$200 are no longer available

Just recently a great discovery was made! The original (1994) not dated Caesars Palace LV \$10 chariot and \$10 coliseum have surfaced! Four of each have been found. These original tokens were never put in play. Machines were installed and then removed. Mint mark is GDC.

In another surprise move, just two weeks before the casino closed permanently, Riverboat Casino, Reno put the missing two \$10 from (1997) in play. They are the other two old time riverboats, "Sylvan Dell" and "Far West". These will not be too easy to find as not too many got out before the casino closed.

Golden Gate LV has three all new design \$10 (1999) G mint, (1) old hotel building, (2) modern hotel, & (3) shrimp bar. MGM Grand LV has removed machines, all Marilyn Monroe and James Dean are obsolete. Harrah's LV all Silver Strike machines are gone. Sam's Town LV three new \$10, panner, pony express, & stagecoach with .999 inside. Barbary Coast LV four

new \$10 (1999) GDC with .999 inside, 21-hand, royal flush hand, dice, & slot "winner". Maxim LV new \$10 (1999) "G" mint .999 inside. Bally's LV two new \$10 with .999 inside. Monrail and running 7's. Both have stars on rim reverse.

Westward Ho LV three new \$10 with .999 inside. (1999) GDC, Ho-Waiian Luau, Grubstake Jamboree, & Puttin' on the Ritz. Silver City LV and Slots A Fun LV both now have Silver Strike Tokens again!!

Riverside Resort, Lau new Don Laughlin \$10 in play dated 98-99 "G" mint. Mesquite Star, Mesquite has four \$10 (1999) G, (1) skull/guns/spur, (2) badge, (3) bullrider-facing right, & (4) bull rider-facing left. Sundowner, Reno has three new design \$10 (1999) G, (1) calf roping, (2) bareback riding, & (3) bear hunting. Eldorado, Reno \$10 (1999) GDC building design with .999 inside.

Reno Airport has six new \$10 dated 1999 in play. Same themes as before, but with six new designs, (1) airplane-now F-16, (2) cowboy-now bull rider, (3) car-now 1940 Ford coupe, (4) motorcycle-now 1934 Chief (instead of 1946), (5) snow skier going off cliff jump, & (6) several hot air balloons.

CALIFORNIA CARD ROOMS

Central Coast Casino, Grover Beach \$1 H&C blu 3 pnk/olv, multi dk blu CI, \$2 H&C grn 3 crm/dk blu/crm, multi dk blu CI. Same design as \$5 reported last time. New Crystal Park Casino, Compton has a variety in the 50-cent chip. Type I-lt peach and Type II- lt orange. Bay 101, San Jose \$5 BJ yel 3 split blk, multi mrn CI, 4th Anniversary 1994-1998.

There are new chips at Ash Street Card Club, Ventura. \$1 H&C grn 3 blu/pnk/dk blu, \$2 H&C pnk 3 mus/dk lav/mus, & \$3 H&C dk lav 3 org/dk blu/grn. All have brn blk wht CI and initials "C.W.G." with date of 1998 on one side. This is a memorial issue for a card dealer that was shot and killed during a robbery of the card room. The \$5 still in play here is a H&C yel--HS with only BPOE and an elks head on one side, and \$5 on other side.



COLORADO NEWS

Gold Mine Casino, Blhk closed 2-8-99. This was the first casino to open under new gaming laws in 1991. Isle of Capri, Blhk opened 12-27-98. \$1 & \$5 (1998) GDC tokens. \$1 multi wht, \$2.50 multi pnk, \$5 multi red, & \$25 multi grn. All are Chipco. Also \$5 Chipco multi red Grand Opening (no date on chip).



The Lodge Casino, Blhk has started an extended set of one chip per month for "Count Down to the Millennium". Each month will have a different scene in Colorado history. #1 January 1999 \$5 Chipco multi red, "Pikes Peak or bust 1850". #2 February 1999 "Gold discovered 1859". #3 March 1999 "First Black

Hawk Goldmine 1860."



Bronco Billy's, Crck \$5 Chipco multi red, Happy Holiday's 1998 obverse/Happy New Year 1999 reverse. Bronco Billy's, Crck \$5 Chipco multi red, Championship Football, January 31, 1999.



DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

Gold dust casino \$1 Chipco multi wht, Type II smooth finish, new late 1998. Same design as original 1993 TypeI-pebble finish.

FLORIDA NEWS

Casino Princessa, Bayside Market, Miami \$5 Chipco multi red "Grand Opening Nov 20,1998".

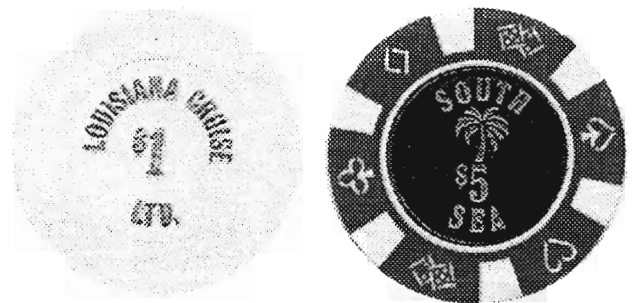


Seminole Indian Casino, Tampa \$5 chipco multi red "Poker Room 5th Anniversary Dec 10, 1998". Formerly known as Seminole Gaming Palace.



SOUTH CAROLINA

Victori Casino Cruise sailed from Little River, SC on 11-98. This is same owner as the LA Cruise, Casino Ventures in Jacksonville, FL. And, guess what? RETIRED chips from LA Cruise are now being used on this new boat! \$1 "Louisiana Cruise LTD" BJ 8-suit yel--HS, \$5 "South Sea" BJ red 6 yel, metal center, & \$25 "South Sea" grn 3 yel, metal center. Soooo, new boat, old chips!! Tokens are new 25-cent & \$1 "Casino Ventures" (1998) GDC. AND both tokens say "No Cash Value-Redeemable only at Casino Ventures". Interesting for regular slot play tokens to say "No Cash Value"!





WASHINGTON CARD ROOMS & CASINOS

It seems new places are opening and old places are getting new chips in Washington faster than we can keep with them lately!

We have heard the neat chips and tokens are now gone from the Mars Hotel downtown Spokane, but we do not have confirmation on this yet.

New are: Dodge City Casino & Saloon, Longview \$1 BJ blu 4 wht and \$5 BJ red 4 wht, both have blk red wht CI.



Kenmore Lanes Card Room, Kenmore new \$5 -A-mold dk red 4 blk, multi blk wht CI.



The New Phoenix, LeCenter has all new chips. 50-cent H&C yel--HS, \$1 Chipco, yel red blk prp, \$5 Chipco, yel red bge tan. The Chipco are same design as previous issue BUT are all new colors.



Silver Dollar Casino, Tukwila \$1 H&C It blu 1-pnk 1-mus & \$5 H&C dk red 2 olv/dk lav, both have same blk wht CI.



Double Down saloon (& Casino) LaCenter 50-cent H&C yel--HS, \$1 H&C wht 1-tan 1-brn, multi CI & \$5 H&C red 3 olv/dk lav, multi CI. Note: Silver Dollar \$5 and Double Down \$5 could easily be mixed together!



Big Al's, Everett \$1 BJ 8-suit encused mold wht & \$5 BJ red 4 org.. Both have same blk red wht CI.



Paradise Village Bowl Cardroom, 12505 Pacific Ave, Tacoma changed name to Paradise Casino. New chips are \$1 BJ wht 8 blu, multi red wht CI. This is the new type Bud Jones chip with grooved rim. \$5 BJ org 4 sets of 3 split blu, multi red wht CI, "Grand Opening '98" (did not open until 1999).



INDIAN CASINO NEWS

Jackson Indian Casino, Jackson, Calif 50-cent \$\$\$ (dollar signs mold) dk mrn--HS.



Table Mountain Casino, Friant, Calif \$5 Chipco multi red, third in set of 3 Indian chiefs--Geronimo. Three new \$5 commemorative chips have been announced for 1999.



Sierra Springs Casino, at Big Pine, Calif is closed. All chips said "Big Pine Casino" and are now obsolete. Tables were added at White Cloud Casino, White Cloud, Kansas November 1998. Chips are \$1 H&C picture chip wht 4 mrn/dk blu, multi mrn center, \$5 H&C picture chip red 3 pch/lt blu, multi pch center, & \$25 H&C picture chip grn 6 yel, multi tan center. All have same design.



Sky City, Acoma, N M has added 50-cent slot tokens (1998) no mint mark, brass.



Lac Vieux Desert Casino (LVD) Watersmeet, Mich has all new H&C picture chips, \$1 wht 2 mus/brn/dk gld, multi blu center, \$5 red 3 lav/blu, multi pnk tan center, & \$25 grn 3-off wht 3-org, multi grn center. All have same bird logo on both sides. Previous Chipco issue is obsolete.



Chip-In Casino, Hannahville (Harris), Mich opened all new resort 12-98. New name, all new theme. Now known as Chip-In Island Resort, Harris Mich. Chips are all Chipco, 50-cent multi blu, \$1 multi wht, \$5 multi red, & \$25 multi grn. \$1 token (1998) GDC.



Leelanau Sands Casino, Peshawbestown (near Traverse City), Mich has all new chips. Now known as Traverse Bay Casino Resorts. \$1 Chipco multi wht, \$5 Chipco multi red, & \$25 Chipco multi grn. The \$2.50 pink was rejected as being too close to the \$5 red.



RIVERBOAT CASINOS

Caesars Riverboat Casino, "The Glory of Rome" opened in Harrison County, Indiana 11-20-98. Tokens are 5-cent, 25-cent, 50-cent, \$1 & \$5 (1998) GDC. Chips are all Chipco, \$1- \$2.50-\$5-\$20-\$25, and \$5 Grand Opening.



Lady Luck, Bettendorf, Iowa \$5 BJ red 4 blk/wht/blk/wht/blk, multi center for Roger Craig's Sports Bar, 3rd Anniversary, November 23, 1998.



Belle of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, La \$5 H&C red 4 yel/gry, multi CI, 4th Anniversary (1999).

Future developments: This looks to be the year of riverboat changes. Plans have been announced for a new riverboat complex on the Mississippi River at Wyatt, Missouri. There is a possible sale of the Diamond Jo Riverboat in Dubuque, Iowa to a group from Los Angeles, Ca. Trump organization to purchase Flamingo Hilton Riverboat, Kansas City, Missouri.

And the biggest announcement has been the split of Hilton Hotels and Hilton Casinos. With the new casino corporation being named PARK PLCE ENTERTAINMENT. Only time will tell if casino name changes will come, with all new chips and tokens, slot cards, matches, playing cards, etc, etc, etc. Included in this transaction are: Bally's Park Place, Atlantic City, The Wild Wild West Casino at Bally's Park Place. Atlantic City, Atlantic City Hilton, Bally's Saloon/Gambling Hall/Hotel, Robinsonville, Miss, Flamingo Hilton, Reno, Reno Hilton, Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, Bally's, Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas, Paris casino Resort, Las Vegas (opening in 1999), Grand Casino, Tunica, Miss, Grand Casino, Biloxi, Miss and Grand Casino, Gulfport, Miss. My guess would be the "Grand Casinos" name will be the first to go.

And there you have another three-month report. I am sure there are some things missing, but we will catch up next time for sure.

As always, THANK YOU for all the help in keeping this column going. And thank you for all the well wishes for my fast recovery.

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PHIL'S FORAYS
THE LONELIEST ROAD
Phil Jensen #118

A few years ago, Life Magazine I think it was, did a story about "The Loneliest Road In America". Basically it was about U.S. 50 as it stretched from Fallon to Ely - some two hundred and fifty miles of not much of anything. I was quite amused by it as I had traveled that very road many times in my search for old and current casino chips.

Since Fallon was only sixty miles from Reno, I went there often. There were some neat joints there although clubs such as the Esquire, Keystone, Owl, Pastime, Jet, Eddie's, Star and Lucky Spot had already closed. The Sagebrush, Horseshoe, Frankies, Palace, Nevada Bank and Roadside were still in operation though, but some had ceased live gaming. Nevertheless, there were lots of chips to be had with not too much effort.

My favorite place was the Roadside Inn, also known as Mom's Place. "Mom" was a lady by the name of Emily Mitchell who not only owned the place but was also the twenty-one dealer. She was quite elderly - close to ninety by some accounts but very sharp. She had a crap table next to the 21 game and kept a close watch on it. Many times I would hear her correct the dice dealer as she dealt the cards.

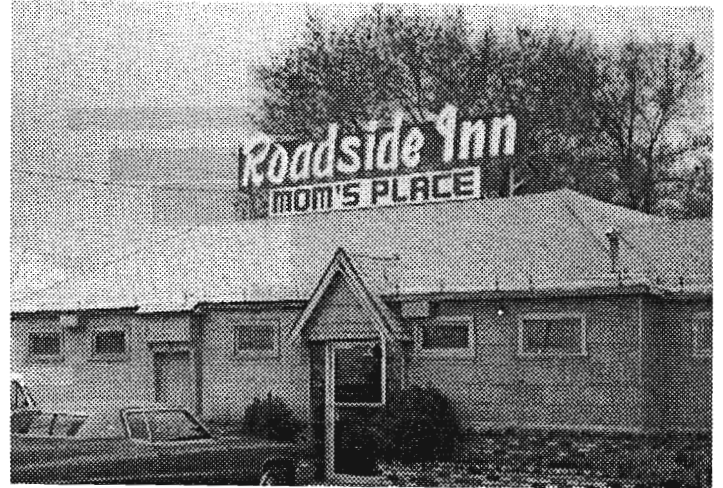
The dice table itself was quite interesting. It was oval in shape with a layout that Mom had designed herself. I remember it had no place to bet the don't pass line. Mom didn't want the players betting with the house! She told me the table was once used in the old Lawton Springs casino outside Reno.

Mom used a 10¢ and one dollar chip with the Roadside name. Some of the dimes only has "10" on them and Mom told me that way she could use them for ten dollars! She also used some green five dollar chips that only had a clover on them. They had been used years earlier at the Old Clover Club downtown. Since most of her clientele were low-rolling service men from the nearby Navy base the five dollar chips didn't see much play.

Among the various chips that Mom gave me were some Star Club roulettes. She and her husband owned the place from 1955 until 1962. I was sorry I had missed all those old places.

Mom died around 1977 and left the Roadside to Alan Childers a local contractor and long-time friend who had previously operated games around Fallon. He

radically changed the place removing the walls and partitions enlarging it greatly. He also had a new rack of chips made on the horseshoe mold. Most of the stuff from Mom's was auctioned off including the oval crap table. The new place bore little resemblance to the old with roulette and even Keno being added. Anyway, the place only operated until 1980 when it was closed and demolished.



The Nugget, downtown, was owned by Otto Lauf. He was a great guy who always had time to talk. He would even take me into his office and scrounge around for old chips. I got quite a few old Nugget chips from him one time, and some were twenty-fives and hundreds on the old TK Specialty mold.

Next to the Nugget was the Palace Club and I remember a couple of twenty-one tables and some slots but by 1967 the place had closed and was taken over by the Nugget. You can still see where the entrance was by a large "P" formed by real silver dollars embedded in the sidewalk exists. The silver dollars were removed years ago but I can still remember checking them to see if any were loose.

Next to the Palace was a place called Frankies. It had live gaming in the fifties and sixties but by 1970 the place operated as a bar only. One could usually find a few of the local residents passed out on the floor on the other side of the room presumably where the games used to be. It was absorbed into the Nugget around 1977 and was used partly to build new restrooms on the north end of the Nugget.

Another place I used to spend a lot of time was the Sagebrush Club. Now defunct, it was an old place having been around since the legalizing of gaming. The owner was a Chinese man by the name of Tom Wong who had operated the United Club in Reno in the early 60's. He was usually in the place playing Pan on a second floor ledge that overlooked the casino.

Unlike the Roadside there was a crap table in there that was practically square. I don't know if it was home-made but I've never seen one like it since. Like the Palace, there's still a big iron "S" in the sidewall that marks the entrance.

A couple blocks off Maine Street was an antique shop run by a lady whose family apparently ran the old Keystone Club. She had quite a few chips from there that she sold for a dollar a piece and every time I went to Fallon I'd buy a few. There were three different ones - a red five, a black five, and a ten dollar one that looked like it had been stamped on a roulette chip. Anyway, after a while she ran out and I figured I'd cornered the market.

There was a guy I got to know pretty well by the name of Willie and at one time he owned the Esquire Club at the head of Maine Street. He told me he had a sack full of old Esquire Club chips that he and his buddies took on hunting trips to play poker with. Somehow, over the years, they had become lost and he was never able to locate them much to my disappointment. What he did have though, was a large cardboard box that was about a third full of old Palace Club chips. There were quite a few different ones including some \$5 and \$25 aerodies. Every time I'd go visit him I'd buy a few - I guess I should have bought the whole box! Anyway, the Esquire closed in 1957 and was torn down as it had been damaged by the Dixie Valley earthquake that occurred a couple of years earlier.

In the mid 70's the Horseshoe Club was still open although the live gaming had ceased. One day I wandered in and asked the owner, a guy named Charlie, if he had any of old chips laying around. To my surprise he opened a door under the bar and pulled out several boxes of them. There were twenty-five and fifty cent chips with a picture of a horsehead and horse-shoe along with the club name on them. There was only a couple of the dollar denominations but they all matched and were the small crown mold. There were a few five dollar aerodies but they only had a horse-shoe on one side and \$5 on the other. Anyway, I bought them all for what was probably a pittance as my chip budget was limited in those days. I wondered what had happened to the dollar denominations and several years later I found out when I ran into an old dealer at the Tonopah Belle in Tonopah. I don't know how many he had but he sold me a box of 100 for twenty dollars. I figured he must have worked there and "saved" them when he left.

Heading east out of Fallon marked the beginning of the Loneliest Road. It was a one hundred twelve mile trek to Austin with not much in between. Just over the mountains was Dixie Valley where the Navy held bombing practice and there was a place called Frenchman on the west side of it. The only building I remember was a small bar-restaurant operation and I would always stop there even though there was no gambling.



Anyway, as one crossed over Dixie Valley, there were signs warning of the low-flying Navy bombers and not to stop. I had never encountered any so I didn't think much about it until one day I decided to explore the ghost town of Fairview which was on the east side of the valley and a short distance off the hiway. As I drove up the mountain I ignored signs to keep out. I parked the truck and began to look around. Just as I located an old safe that was half buried in the dirt one of the Navy's finest came screaming through. He was at eye-level and maybe fifty feet away. Needless to say, it scared the bejeez out of me. I made a mad dash for the truck and bounced down the mountain to the hiway. I would never stop there again!

Austin was always a welcome sight after the long drive from Fallon. The main place there was the Austin Hotel which was a two story building with a neat old bar and attached restaurant. In the bar were a couple of 1935 vintage slot machines, which I enjoyed playing, and a twenty-one table that was usually covered with an oil-cloth. One day I asked the bartender what the chips looked like thinking I was going to get some that said Austin Hotel. He reached under the bar and pulled out a couple of boxes of chips from the old Palace Club in Fallon. I thought it was kind of risky using them since my friend in Fallon had so many. The bartender explained that the game was hardly ever open and there wasn't much of a chance of anybody

slipping in a ringer.

One of the Hotel's residents was a guy by the name of "Swede" Anderson. I could usually find him at the bar having a cool one. He was an interesting guy to talk to and would tell me stories about the Frontier Tavern - a place he used to operate on the other side of the Austin Summit. Naturally I asked him if he had any of the chips from there and he said he did. He went up to his room and returned with a green \$1 Portland Card Co. chip marked with the initials FT. He also gave me creme colored BC Wills with FT only on both sides which he said was used for five dollars. As it turned out they were among the few chips from Austin that were actually made for the place where they were used. Seems everybody else used somebody else's chips! Swede also gave me several trade tokens from the International Hotel down the street - I think they were good for a drink. He seemed to value them a lot more than the chips.

One day I noticed a sign had been added to the restaurant part of the hotel advertising the "Austin Nugget". I thought it looked pretty strange but was told there were plans for a quite a few slot machines to be added. Unfortunately, the hotel burned down shortly thereafter and the Nugget was short-lived.



Next door to the hotel was a place called Clara's Golden which was owned and operated by Clara Williams. She usually opened around 8 p.m. so it was tough to see her especially if I had to drive back to Reno that night. She would always park her 1961 Chevy right in front and the first thing she would do would be to take a cardboard box and go over to the hotel and get it filled with ice which she used to make drinks. She would just set it on the back bar and I guess when the ice melted she would close. Also,

hanging on the mirror was a sign that read: "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone". I always thought it was funny.

Anyway, Clara was the sole employee in the place and in addition to tending bar she would also deal 21. I remember I and several people were playing 21 one time and everyone wanted a drink. Clara spread the cards and went and got them while we all waited patiently.

The 21 table itself was pretty crude. The legs were basically a sawhorse type of construction but it added some personality to the joint. The dollar chips were actually old wheel chips from the Tahoe Country Club - the ones with the Indian on them. There seemed to be a lot of them around so Clara carved a groove in the ones she used. Boy, talk about security! The five dollar chips were red aerodies from an old place she used to own across the street called Moms. They had Moms on one side and \$5 on the reverse. Clara also had a box of matching \$25 chips which she kept under the bar. Every time I'd see her I'd talk her out of one but I only got a few. Clara said her son had a lot of old coins and trade tokens and I should talk to him. One problem though, he was never around. When Clara died he took over the operation of the Golden and had new chips made but it didn't last long and was closed.

Down the street was the International Hotel. There was a 21 game in there run by a Chinese man who had previously operated in Wells. Unfortunately the chips only had chinese characters on them. He said they had been used in a poker game in Sacramento at one time.

Heading east out of Austin, it was seventy miles to Eureka, with nothing in between. The biggest place in town was the Lincoln Hotel but the casino had closed about a year before I first got there in 1969. A lot of the equipment was still there but was piled up in a corner. Also, the owner, Blanche Olinger, had been murdered in one of the hotel rooms some years earlier.

Anyway, sometime in the early 70's, I believe, the place was taken over by a man named Francis Escobar and renamed the Alpine. He told me that he would drive around and pick up hitch-hikers in the desert and offer them jobs at the hotel. It was the only way he could get help he said. Anyway, he had some pretty creepy looking people working there. One day I noticed a wheel of assorted poker chips sitting on an old poker table. They were mostly plain non-descript ones but one of the tubes had some purple BC Wills stamped LH and \$1.00 on the reverse. I knew they had

to have been used there when the casino was open. Anyway, when no one was looking I borrowed about ten of them. I'm sure no one missed them and I was glad to get them.

Next door to the Lincoln Hotel was Louie Gibellini's place. I got to know him over the years as a state champion single-jack driller. He competed in Tonopah at Jim Butler Days before they moved the competition to Carson City during Nevada Day. Even then he was probably in his sixties. Whenever I got to Eureka I'd stop by the bar and talk to him. At one time he operated a 21 game but it closed around 1966 a couple years before I got to town. The table was still in the bar in the early 70's but Louie could never come up with any chips much to my disappointment.

Across the street was the Nevada Club, Gold Bar, and Owl Club. There were only slots at the Gold Bar but it was still a neat old place.

The Nevada Club had a lone 21 game that was installed in 1969. I remember I was there when they first opened it and was able to get the original chips that were marked with a small nc and \$1 and \$5. They were white and green respectively. I guess later they were replaced with some that had the name spelled out.

The Owl Club was owned by a grouchy old guy named Vic Bereincua. He had some slots and a 21 game that was hardly ever open. One day I asked him if he had any old chips since the place had been open since the 50's. He said he had a lot of them in the basement but couldn't get them right away. So I hung around for a while playing the slots and sipping beer. After a while he came up to me and handed me some \$5 and \$25 chips that were stamped with his initials, VB. Also there were a couple that just said Owl. He mumbled something and walked off. I was glad to get them.

There was a bar across from the Owl called Jim and Lorraine's that didn't have any gambling but Jim had a blue, \$5 chip, Diamond mold in the cash register that was stamped TC. He said he had taken it from a guy who said it came from the Tonopah Club. I gave him \$5 for it and never saw another one like it.



Leaving Eureka, the loneliest road stretched another 77 miles to Ely. Finding obsolete chips from there proved to be a difficult task although I did manage to find a couple from the Alpine and Town Club. Over the years I got several from Norm Foeringer who owned the Nevada Hotel which was the main place in town. One time, my friend, Louis Dotson, from Wendover, gave me some \$5 blue BC Wills from the Northern, a place his father ran from 1959 to 1964. I also got to know Frank Smith who ran the Commercial Club in Ruth, a small town out of Ely, but he could never come up with any chips with a name.

Kitty-corner from the Nevada Hotel was the shuttered Bank Club which was owned by the late Bud Simpson among others. There was an attached bar called The Lounge which was open though. I soon learned that there were several boxes of \$5 black, BC Wills chips in a drawer in the back bar. One time the owner gave me a few and every time I'd go in I'd con the bartender on duty out of a few more. It was always one of my favorite chips.

Pinky Simpson, Bud's widow, owned the Mustang Club across the street from the Bank Club. It was a small place and had a 21 and a crap table. Also, in the back was a pan game where there was always a bunch of old-timers playing. There were 10¢ and \$2.00 well worn chips in play but I was never able to buy any. The guy who ran the game was adamant about letting any out. Later they ordered new ones on a different mold but I still couldn't get any. The name of the place was changed to the Saddle Club in 1975 but was basically the same. It closed four years later and was turned into a restaurant.

There was a place a few miles north of town called the Fireside Inn. I remember a 21 and roulette game in operation which I thought was a strange com-



bination. Anyway, I was glad to get chips from a rapidly declining part of Nevada.

Back in downtown Ely was a bar called the Pit. The live gaming had ceased in 1968 about a year before I got to town. One day I asked the bartender if any of the chips were still around and he said they were all in the basement. He said if I waited until he got off at 5 o'clock he'd get me some. That was a couple hours off but I hung around anyway. He did get me a set which was five or six chips and I was glad to get them. Still, I had to drive back to Reno that night which was 317 miles. It made for a long day.

So anyway, highway 50 certainly was lonely but I had a great time driving it. It's been many years since the last time I experienced it but I still have vivid memories of the great times I had.

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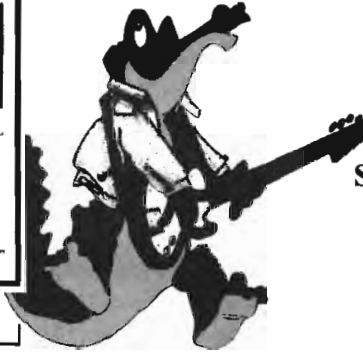
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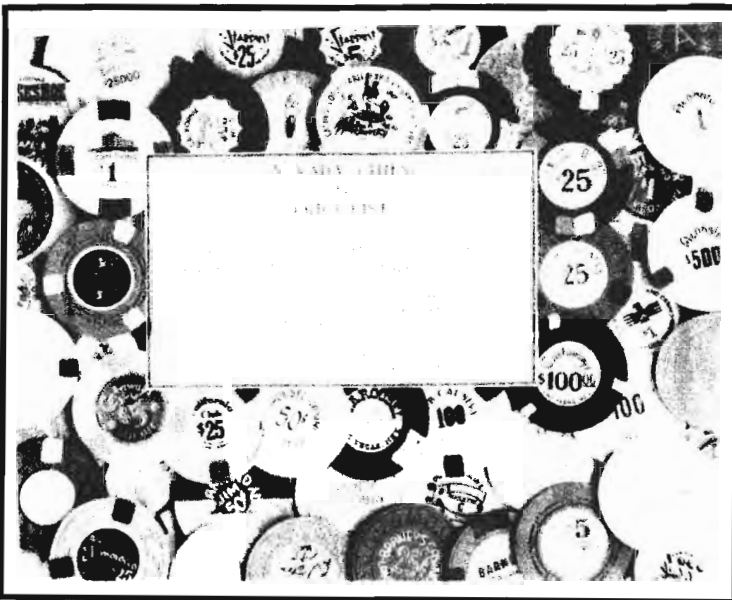
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CONFESSIONS FOR THE MILLENNIUM:

By Mel Jung

CHIP PRICES ARE TOO HIGH!!!

I confess that “chips are too high”!!! And, as we approach the millennium it looks like they will get even higher. Not that long ago, like in 1993, I had dreams of grandeur that a chip might fetch over \$500 if it was really hard to find. Now, we see chips sell for well over \$3000. The explosion of gaming, not just in the USA but world-wide has created a demand for casino memorabilia that seems to be the tip of the collecting ice-berg. My confession stems from years of trading chips with little regard to relative values and dealing with a handful of “weirdos” that decided they did not want to leave all the chips on the tables and brought a few home. I never dreamt that walking with those dirty quarter chips from the craps tables would someday bring retirement income that well surpasses most social security checks. I confess, chips are too high... and let’s all hope they continue to rise to assure the expansion of the collecting base.

At every chip show or meeting with chippers, someone will invariably criticize the cost of buying chips and whine that “its going to ruin the hobby”, or “if chips get any higher, I am just going to sell out”! or “I want that chip, but I just won’t pay such a ridiculous price (more later, buddy)”!! The same complaint is heard over and over, year after year. But then, the complainer goes home to his collection, digs out his precious chips, and with a “Midas” drool, wallows in his increasingly valued hoard. And you can bet that he did not pay what he recently found out how they were “ridiculously” prices. Why can’t they realize that higher new prices will also raise the price on their chip collection and increase their net worth? I confess, I will never know why. Some people just want to complain.

“DEALERS”..... ARE A LOUSY BUNCH OF BACK BITERS

Recently, a person in gaming, but a non-collector, observed to me that every chip collector/dealer (a matter of degree) that he meets will criticize and often demean his fellow collector/dealer for some infraction of ethics bordering on criminal activity. “Why is it that you guys continually rag on each other in private discussions and turn around and deal with each other like

nothing is wrong”?

I confess..... I do it too, and I do it too often. The combative climate of our “hobby” has not so much changes, as matured with the increasing values and investment qualities noted in the above confession. In the past, if my fellow collector overcharged me, or undercut my price on a chip; it was a minor everyday “deal”. Now, it can cost me rebates of hundreds of dollars and/or the disaster of lost integrity. Will likes, deceptions, cheating, and even stealing increase to the point that can question the future of chip and token collecting? Nah... it’s always been that way on a smaller scale. There are just more “dealers” and higher values that magnify an old tradition. And, don’t try to deny that WE are ALL “dealers” even if you only trade one or two chips compared to those you see at chip shows with books and tables of stock. It’s only a matter of degree.

In the marketplace of chip collecting, invariably someone will have the same chip at a lower or higher price than another. Someone will always have paid too much or too little for the same chip. Everyone overprices or undercuts. The market will never be perfect. We will reflect this situation with criticism at the first opportunity because we want to justify our own integrity and how criminally the other guy seems to be acting. And yet, the majority of these combatants remain good friends and genuinely warm relationships prevail because the undercurrent of understanding tends to offset “that’s the last time I’m ever going to deal with the guy” syndrome. The ones that cannot mellow and go with the flow are no longer around or will eventually leave the hobby. The extreme liars and cheats that are incorrigible never last in any endeavor and thankfully that includes chip collecting. But for the majority of us that are guilty of criticism, backbiting, “rag-ing” and “charging too much” ... I am thankful that tolerance and time can heal all the damages we suffer, and hopefully repair the damage we incur with each other and remain civil “dealers”.

I confess, I don’t know how we do it... deal after deal, year after year. We must work at improving and maybe someday turn the trend around. Ha! It may take another millennium.

I HATE - (D), COMMEMORATIVE CHIPS!

Yes, I confess that I said this too many times and for too many years. Most of the time it was out of pure frustration and inability to be at the cashiers cage the day they were issued to get “my fair share”!!! Why should those guys that live in Reno or Las Vegas get

“my share”? Even if it was only a fair share of ..“one”? A year after the keystone “Sailboat” chip came out, I suffered increasing frustration and indecision with all those pretty chips that seldom stayed in the racks and later never even came close to the “pit”, much less become a worn, memorable, gaming object. How can any “real” chipper specialize in collecting all those issues that carry no memories of play while “running a streak at craps” or “leaving Reno with my last quarter chip at 5:30 in the morning and just enough gas to limp home”? They seldom even got dirty if you just stood in line (once or twice) at the casino main cage and carefully kept it in “uncirculated” condition.

Well, now those chips and those collectors that I wrongly criticized can be defined as the future of chipping in the new millennium. A younger, richer and more vibrant crowd of chippers has changed the face of chip collecting to a degree that most of the old-timers should just stand in awe. I can't begin to count how many new issues have impressed gamblers and non-gamblers that became collectors since 1990. I have no idea how many commemoratives, limited editions, and “whoppee” chips have been made that brought new chippers into collecting. JustLOTS! And a lot more will come in the future.

Most of the time, these newcomers just pick up one or two chips that depict their favorite baseball player or stage act. Eventually, they come around to specializing and some fall into the abyss of trying to collect ALL of the new issues.... and some try to even buy more than one. A few even try to buy a box or THE WHOLE ISSUE. I even believe one or two of these hoarding chippers even had to go back to the cage sometime later to sell them back in their need to buy food. Ha!..... what a great hobby.

I finally had to take a closer, less biased look to realize these new chips were here to stay and had contributed to the growth of not only the hobby, but the whole chip manufacturing industry. It took chipping to a new level and created a new interest in collecting that provides a broader base and stronger demand.

I am still an “obsolete” chipper in many ways and prefer chips reflective of my era. It is wonderful when I see the progression of the newcomers that started with commemoratives and progressed to obsoletes. Not all of them, but enough that I feel confident that they will eventually create a much greater demand for obsolete chips than we can ever supply. It's already happening. No matter how many new “finds” of obsolete chips occur, the increase in interest has created an

awesome escalation of previously middle-priced chips. Forget the big deals that pay horrendous prices in auctions and legendary sales on one or two (now ten or twenty) “rare” chips. It's the old common \$10-30 chips that are rapidly disappearing to the new collector that decided he wanted to complete his LE collection from a favored casino by buying a few from the past. We got em!! Hook, line and sinker!! And now, that supply and demand ration just became way out of balance.

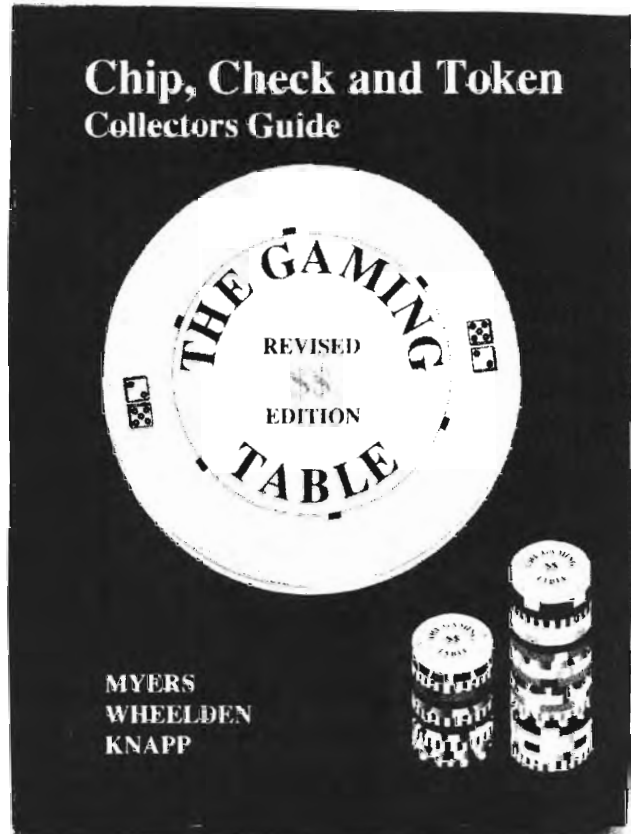
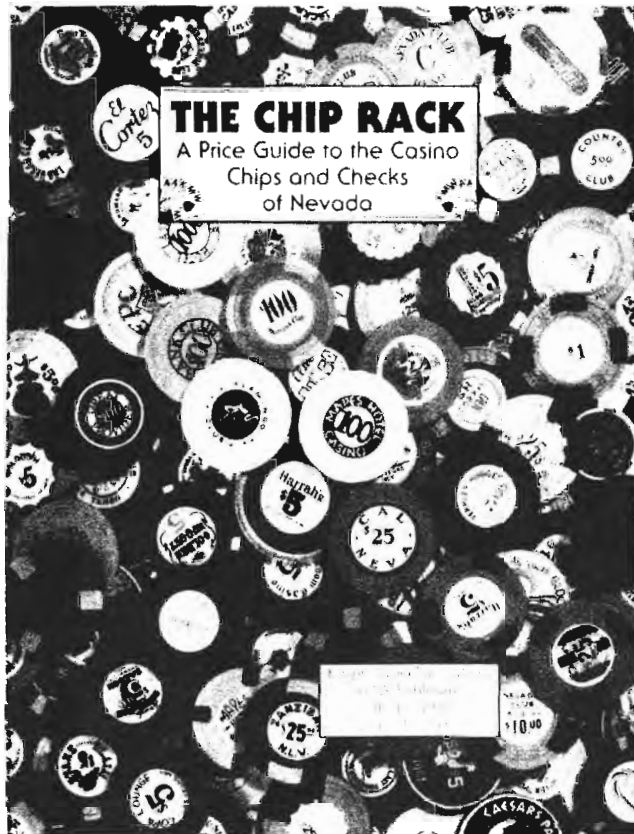
Add a (d) to “hate” for me. I want to come into the new millennium with what is reality. Those commem's are here to stay. Wait til' those new issues for the turn of the century come out this year AND next. It's going to be fun... and costly; but just think of all those new collectors that will be exposed to chipping. I confess its way beyond my expectations. Have a good year, decade, century and new millennium....collecting.

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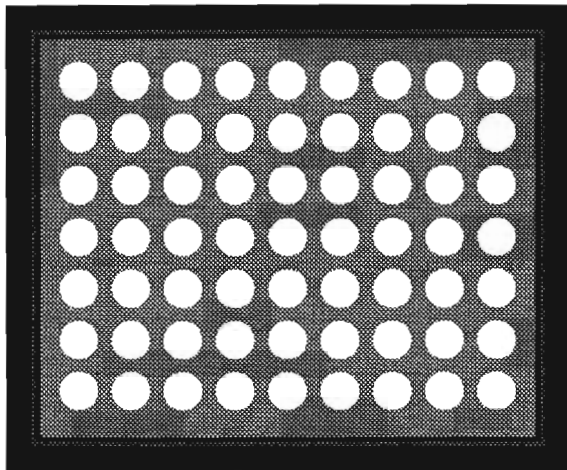
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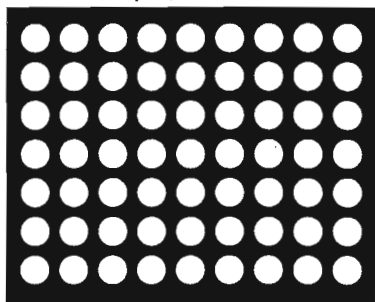
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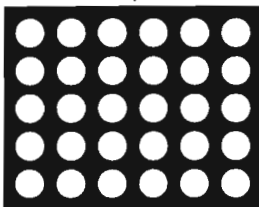
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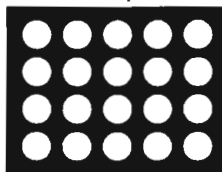
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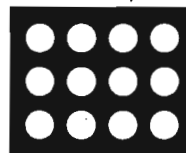
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Silver Strikes

Mary Lou Waterbury R3225

Last month my column was entitled, "Going, Going, Gone." Nevada made a liar out of me and I am delighted! There are so many new silver strikes coming out. True, many are because of the .999 being placed on the silver, but there are also new designs along with older casinos like the Las Vegas Club putting in the strikes.

My husband and I were out to Vegas in January taking advantage of the offers in regard to my birthday month. We were pleasantly surprised to find that Ralph and Donna Bjornson drove up from San Diego via Laughlin to spend a day with us. With Donna driving we were able to get out to the Opera House, Sam's Town and Boulder Station. We also visited some of the spots along the strip. We stopped in at Bally's and were fortunate to get the last two \$200 strikes that they had on hand.

We also met one of the new members, Jeff Barnard who was there from Ohio. It is always great to meet a fellow collector.

The next day Janice and Jerry O'Neal treated us to Vegas hospitality. They took us to Gaming Times for some needed supplies. Then we went out to Arizona Charlie's for dinner and then a foray to Fiesta. We ended up back at their house and had such an informative visit. You always learn more about the hobby in general just talking to these two and they are so willing to share their vast storage of knowledge.

When we returned home, we found several e-mails regarding my last column and also received a few phone calls on it. I was taken to task for calling the silver strikes – silver strikes. Almost without exception the fellow collectors we have talked to feel that regardless of what the name stood for originally, it is silver strikes now. Even the company that makes these refers to them as silver strikes even the ones that have no silver content.

There has been some talk of the silver strikers starting their own club because of the feeling that the chip people have ignored us. I want to go on record and ask that everyone be a little more patient. We have a new regime coming up and regardless of who gets in, I believe they are more receptive to all collectors.

Splintering away from the main group would take a great deal of money. It would make it difficult on the people who are into other areas along with the silver strikes to decide which convention to attend. Conventions cost money, putting out the magazine takes money even if there is a very capable volunteer staff.

We have made some small inroads such as the membership application has added a line where we can write in silver strikes, or ashtrays, advertising, etc. We still need to get a handle on how many silver strikers there actually are. We are also being permitted to have a "flag" on the striker's tables the night of the trading.

Now on to a problem at hand. I have asked that we be allowed to have a meeting room one morning. We would be limited to having a seminar – no buying or selling, as that would be an infringement on the dealers who have paid for their table(s). I would like to have a set time for a program and then throw the rest of the time open for a get-together and we would finally get to meet with all our trading friends that we only know by their handwriting. Although I wrote my letter in January I have not heard if we would get a room paid for by the convention.

It has also been suggested that we should go on our own and rent a room that would cost somewhere around \$300 up for us to meet in. If nothing else, I think we should do it. Again, I need to have comments on this and also helping putting on a program, plus paying for the room if it comes to that.

One of the complaints I have received is something I have been guilty of in the past. So maybe if I see it in print – I will shape up! When we get an e-mail from a fellow collector, it should be acknowledged. If you are sent a list and there is nothing you need, at least click on Reply and type one sentence acknowledging at this time you have nothing to trade, etc.

I hope I have given people food for thought. Please let me know your ideas on the above whether you agree or not. Think what a dull world it would be if we all thought the same! Until next time - -

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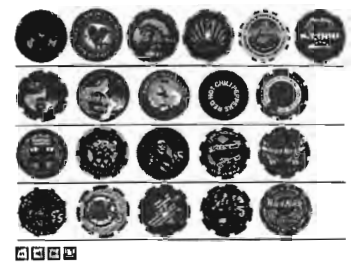
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by Jack Haddock

New silver strikes are everywhere! Some are just adding the “.999” to the center silver but most are taking this opportunity to offer totally new designs.

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The Las Vegas airport has their new tokens but they just moved the “.999” to the center and changed mints. The very rare “21 Spades” McCarran Airport (a short lived token from the first issues of the airport) brought over \$650.00 in a recent auction.

The Flamingo Hilton in Reno is adding a great deal of excitement to the hobby with their various issues. It started with the 1998 caricature resembling Madonna, which was short lived since she was no longer in the hotels “Famous Superstars” show. That token was immediately followed by the Year of the Tiger WITH-OUT a mint mark; then there was a mint mark and, a new discovery, reveals a tiger token which has the .000 on the rim instead of the silver center (old reverse die). Not done yet! In 1999, they issued the Year of the Rabbit with the old logo, apparently so the token would be available for the Chinese New Year, and weeks later there was a rabbit token with a “tenth anniversary” logo on the reverse. Some true collector tokens in this group!



The Sundowner finally released their three new strikes on “Presidents” weekend. They were mixed with the old ones which made is difficult to locate. Only one of the designs had been seen before, while the bronco rider and calf roper are something new.



Along with all the new strikes coming on line, the rare strikes are enthusiastically sought after. The older rarities like the Flamingo Hilton - Reno NO WORDS Flamingo bowling (250 made) brings about \$350.00. The new rarities include the Golden Gate in Las Vegas - Trolley and Bridge (600 of each made) bring \$65 each and the last two tokens from the Riverboat Casino in Reno (500 of each made) which closed before very many got into circulation are bringing \$75.00. Of course, they have to be found for sale in order to purchase them at any price.

Remember the \$2.00 and \$3.00 (solid brass), \$7.00, \$20.00 \$40.00 and \$200.00 silver strikes? Almost all gone! The interest in them is a true indicator of what lies ahead in this hobby with the \$10 silver strikes. Several of the \$7.00 strikes brought over \$100 in a recent auction.

New collectors are entering this hobby all the time. The big question is always; "how many collectors are there?" Several casinos have to restock their strike inventory every 30 days. That represents between 500 to a 1000 tokens. The tokens went home with someone whether called a collector or a person just wanting a souvenir. Several slot players who find one silver strike machine go looking for another at other casinos. Many people have a relatively small accumulation of strikes sitting in a drawer somewhere. The collectors who are willing to pay a premium for silver strikes are conservatively between 150 and 250. Those are the ones that have this hobby gaining notoriety and driving up the values. The collectors just entering the hobby are having to buy the older tokens that have been retired. This means the once \$14 strike now brings between \$18 and \$20.

In the next few months, over 50 new strikes will be issued around the state. Unique art work, improved detail and surfaces, errors, and special issue tokens are also adding to the interest in the hobby. Who knows, there may be some really rare silver strikes in the months ahead. Only a few casinos have chosen to remove the machines: Fitzgerald's, Reno; Harrah's, Las Vegas; and MGM, Las Vegas.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We share a very interesting, fun and exciting hobby. Along with our enthusiasm to collect silver strikes comes the responsibility not to harm it for the thousands of tourists and slot players who just

want a special souvenir, or the casino who offers the silver strike program. The avid collector must temper their enthusiasm and not become an aggravation to the casino by making requests beyond ordinary service. It is important that we not be taking liberties by phoning the Gaming Control Board or the game providers to discuss or inquire about questions or make comments about the business end of the hobby. If we get involved in anything but the collecting of the silver strikes, the games may become an annoyance. This means that if the few of us who are the most interested cause an aggravation to any of these entities, we could be the reason the whole hobby would disappear. Unfortunately, there are those who have done all of the above and the negative affect has been felt. Support our hobby, enjoy and take pride in your collection! Buy, sell and trade, but please don't interfere with the business operation that provides us with our hobby.



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REFERENCE:

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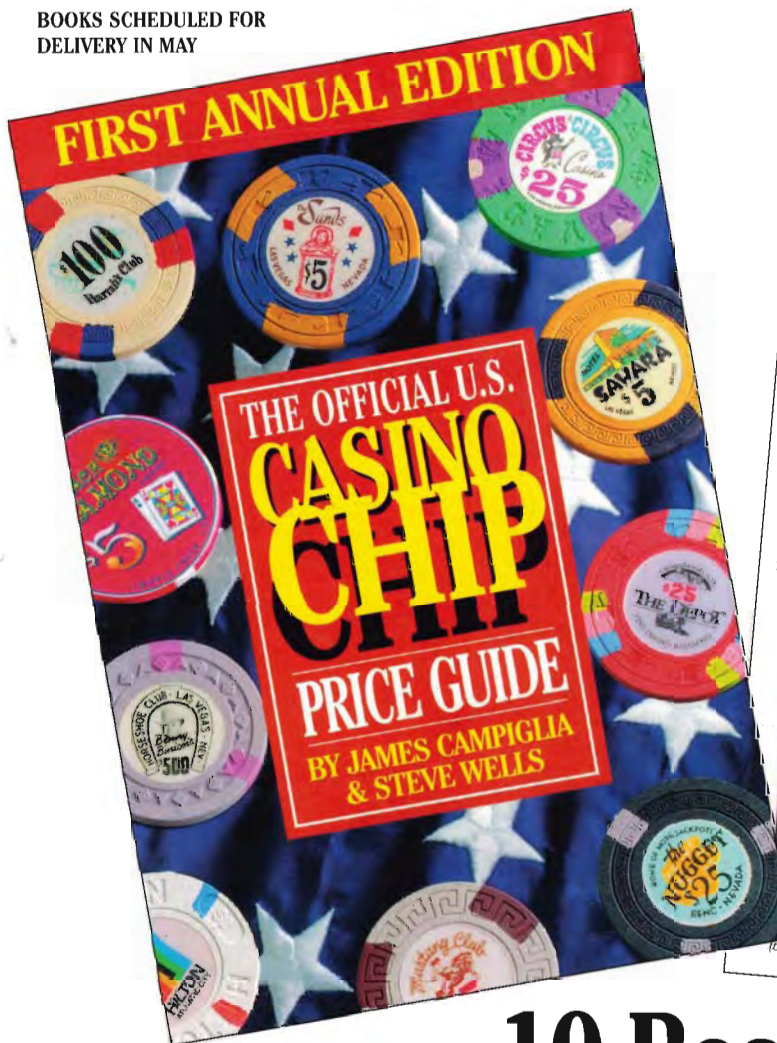


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