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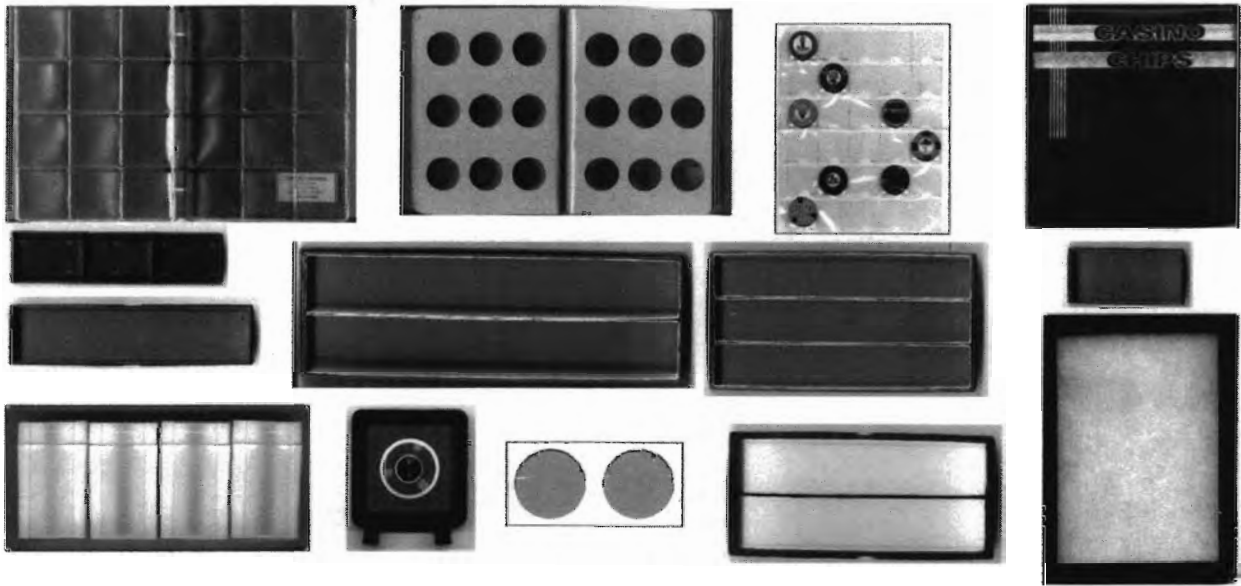
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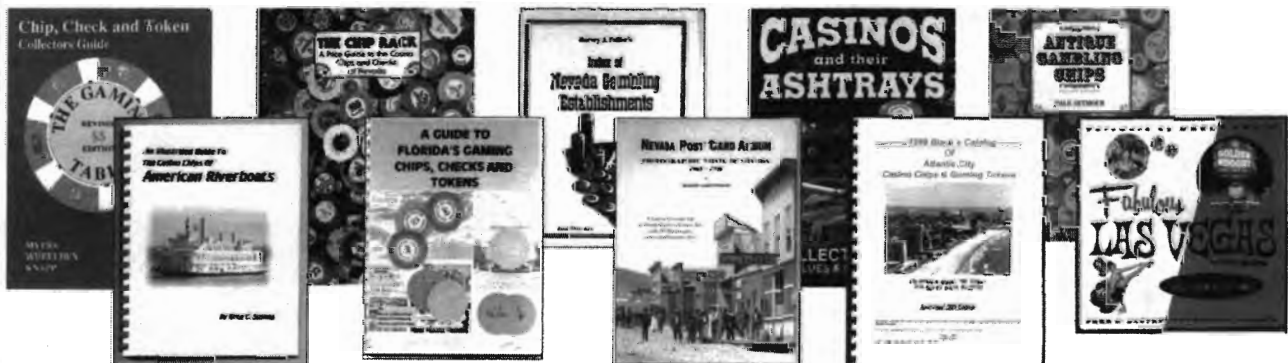
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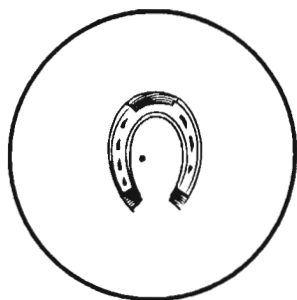
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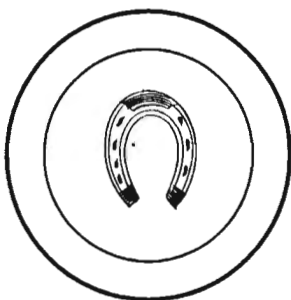
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New Ivory Codes



ID-GE
Horseshoe / v:k



ID-GF
Horseshoe / v:k



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



IN-WH
3/U/3/4 / v:l



ID-PN
Star / v:p



ID-PLa
Star / v:p



IO-HA
v:n



IO-HC
v:n



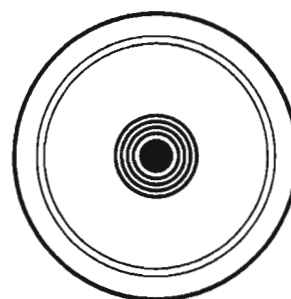
ID-QE
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ID-ZC
Four Leaves / v:k



IO-RR
v:m



IY-GR
7B 7W (38/32) / v:l



IM-IN
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IN-EU
3/F4 / v:l



IO-HB
v:o

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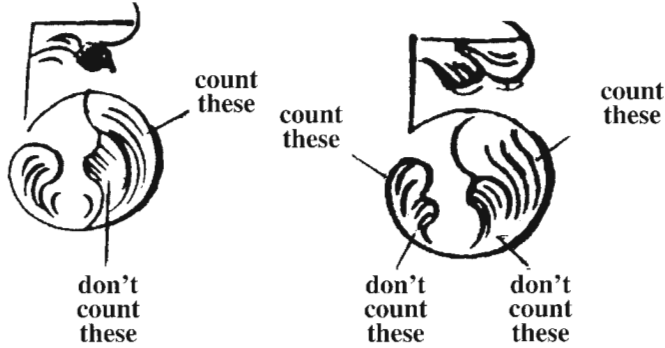
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When counting the number of lines in spots 2 and 3, count only in the top sections of the area. The enlarged examples shown below will clarify what we mean.



Now let's put it all together and show some examples of chips coded with the "4-spot" identification system. The chips have been enlarged 29% to make it easier to see. The chip identification code is on the first line. The first four numerals or letters on the second line give the 4-spot identification. The value of the chip is given by "v" and a second letter. The value code will be given on the next page.



10-CV
F/U/4/2 / v:n



10-YZ
S/3/2/4 / v:l



10-FU
S/U/3 / v:l



10-HQ
S/3/3 / v:l



10-CN
10/3/S/2 / v:m



10-AV
3/2/S/2 / v:l



10-VP
S/3/3 / v:m



10-XH
4/2/3 / v:m



IP-GF
1/2/S/2 / v:n



IP-BH
3/3/3/3 / v:m

Several chips do not have a floral border, therefore the fourth spot is omitted from identification. Samples are shown below.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by John Yee

I'm very excited to present the first edition as your new editor of Casino Chip & Token News. I am a collector of Nevada obsolete chips and have been collecting for four years. With over ten years in advertising and print production I have worked side-by-side with many people in publishing. However, I am fortunate and graced to have Allan Anderson as my assistant editor who is responsible for the general "design" and layout of the magazine. Much of the credit and success of this magazine is due to his commitment and love for the hobby.

Together, we are focused on providing on-time delivery, pleasant design elements, top quality content, a variety of various gaming related topics, and something refreshingly new to peak your interest with each and every issue.

While I am energetic and eager to take on this monumental task, I must admit that I am a bit disappointed that we have not been able to adequately provide our minority collectors better content. One of our primary goals is to provide more articles for our token and silver strike collectors. However, I must remind all our readers, as editor, I can only publish articles which have been submitted. If there are no submissions to help recruit or inform collectors of your special interest, there will be no articles published. In addition to providing better content, we will be actively soliciting corporate advertising to help defray the cost of our magazine. Currently, our advertising does not pay for itself. Therefore, as the cost of publishing the magazine rises, our goal for future issues is for the magazine to become economically self sufficient. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, please help out our advertising manager by submitting your ads as promptly as possible.

Another improvement to future issues is to provide more gaming history and associated photos to accompany articles. The fact remains, we love to look at pictures. If you have unusual or interesting photos, I'd love to include them in future issues. With the success of this issue, We hope to inspire more of you to submit articles.

In this issue we are fortunate to introduce a few regular columnists who will report on their areas of expertise. Authors and fellow collectors James Campiglia and Steve Wells will enlighten us with what's new in current finds and prices in their quarterly article titled, "Market Report". David Moore and Greg Susong will continue with their excellent reporting on California chips and Riverboat chips. And for our foreign collectors, we will be hearing more from Bob Hermans who lives in Belgium but works in Paris, France.

We would love to have regular contributors of new releases of tokens, chips, & silver strikes from Atlantic City, Las Vegas and surrounding areas, Northern Nevada, Riverboat, Indian, cruise ships, and everywhere else I've missed. If you are a collector in these areas or specialty, I want to hear from you.

Lastly, I think we need to improve the participation of the various chapters. We have a calendar of events and other allocated areas specifically for chapters to keep us informed or to recruit new members. I am proud to be an active member of the club and available to help my fellow collectors. But I can't do it alone. I need your help. We welcome your criticism, letters to the editor, and articles having anything to do with related gaming activities. The success of our hobby and magazine depend on each individual. You ARE what you make of the hobby.

ANTIQUÉ COLLECTIBLES

Identifying Ivory Numeral Chips

by Dale Seymour and Ken Craig

Many ivory chip collectors have had frustrating experiences trying to identify assigned codes of ivory chips. Casino chips are generally easy to identify, but not so with nineteenth century ivory gambling chips. The most difficult ivory chips to identify are the numeral “5” and “25” chips. Most of the more than 300 ivory numeral “5” chips look very much alike so it was necessary to come up with some system to differentiate them. Just look at the four chips shown below which are typical of the ivory fives. See how similar they appear. Could you describe their differences?



Dale Seymour, in his book, *Antique Gambling Chips*, has devised an identification system specifically for identifying ivory fives and twenty-fives. He calls it the “4-spot” system. The system is very helpful once a person understands how to use it. It seems that manufactures of ivory gambling chips made an effort to make the designs on each set of chips different. On the other hand, the designs of the five and twenty-five chips were, in general, very similar. Ivory numeral chip designs contained a number of design elements which could be engraved with slight modifications to make the designs different. Four of these more prominent design areas were chosen to help identify differences.

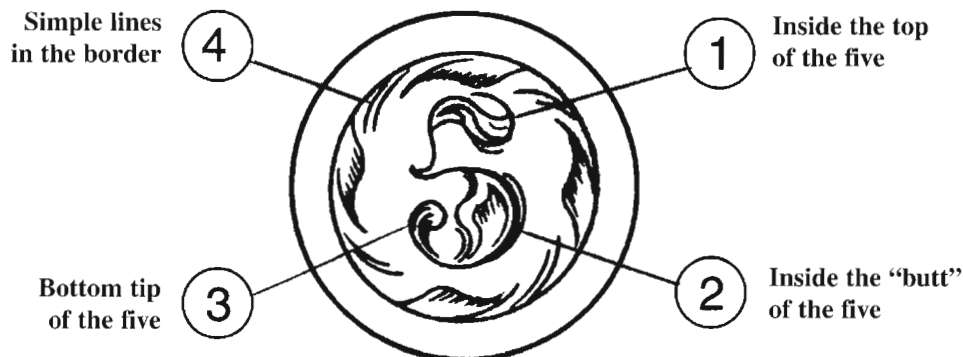


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AUCTION 2001

At the Annual Convention of the CC>CC

All of us will agree that the 2000 Convention was a huge success and the Club Auction was one of the highlights. It is now time to consign lots for our next Auction.

There are changes this year so please read carefully.

Due to the overwhelming response last year, we are limiting each member (including associate member) to two (2) lots. Please be selective and submit your better pieces . . . please no current or very common items. In the past lots were sent to Gaming Archaeology for cataloging, but this year they should be sent *insured/return receipt requested* to:

**Bruce Landau
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Please do not delay sending in your lots!!! We are planning to limit the sale to approximately 250 lots. When we reach this total, additional lots will be returned.

A Copy of the Submission Form must accompany all Lots. Upon receipt of your lots, Bruce will return a signed copy of the Submission Form, which will be your acknowledgement of receipt. In case of duplicate submissions, the first one received will be accepted. Your auction deadlines are as follows:

December 31st, 2000: Last day to submit auction lots.

March 31st, 2001: Last day to order Auction Catalogs.

May 1st, 2001: Auction catalogs will be mailed.

10 Days before Sale: Last day to submit mail bids.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION NOTICE

*there has been a change in the location and dates
for the 2001 convention.*

NEW LOCATION

TROPICANA HOTEL AND CASINO

MAY 30 – JUNE 2, 2001

The elections for 2001 are almost upon us. The call for nominations are in this issue. Some fine candidates have already been announced for various positions. I will not be running for reelection. My non-club responsibilities have increased substantially in the last two years and I didn't feel I could devote the time need as President to fulfill the mandate.

In closing, just let me say thank you to all members, dealers, and especially to the fine volunteers who put this spectacular event together.

David ♦

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The Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club has chapters around the country. For information about a chapter near you please contact Jim Steffner at 1-877-4CCGTCC.

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- Colorado
- Floridian
- Great Lakes
- Mid-American Chip Collectors Club
- New York Metro
- Nor-Cal-Nev
- Silver Strikers
- Southern California
- Southern Nevada
- Texas Chapter ♦

Although we anticipated going back to the Orleans for 2001, the Tropicana made the Club a very attractive offer to return. After reviewing both contracts, the decision was made to stay at the Tropicana.

There were several considerations that went into making this decision. The most prominent issues include the following:

- The showroom rental expense is \$7,000 cheaper at the Tropicana. In addition we are able to accommodate 109 dealer tables at the Tropicana versus only 92 dealer tables at the Orleans. There are other incentives provided by the Tropicana.
- Based on the input we have received from the members, a majority seemed to truly enjoy the Tropicana. The Strip location was a big factor for a lot of members. Having all the amenities within walking distance seemed to be a big plus with everyone.
- The room rates at the Tropicana will be \$49/\$99 versus \$69/\$99 at the Orleans.
- The walk-in traffic was substantially higher this year than the previous year at the Orleans. This exposure is very important for the Club in trying to recruit new members to our hobby.

We hope all members will agree that the decision to stay at the Tropicana is the best that could be made for all our members. ♦

A box of mostly worn **Frontier 25¢ Sqsqrt** mold chips were found. However, only about 40 are in collectible condition, with only 2 pieces having a nice gold hot stamp! Another half a box of Frontier \$5 Sqsqrt were also discovered, but these are in excellent condition. The once nearly unobtainable Green Shack \$5 is within the reach of the average collector now that 30 more have turned up, all in pretty nice condition. A box of Bowery Club 25¢ Lcrown chips surfaced along with 12 - \$5 pieces. Of the 200 Las Vegas Club 25¢ X mold chips recently located, 150 of them are cracked and uncollectible.

New Chip Discoveries

One of the great things that is really unique to chip collecting is having the chance to find new chips which are uncatalogued. This almost never happens with other hobbies and is another factor that adds excitement to chip collecting. Each issue we will report on new finds and maybe picture a few of them when possible.

At the Convention, Terry Lazarus showed us his unique, but drilled, **5th issue \$2.50 Riverside Reno Lcrown** (the only \$2.50 Lcrown in existence?). We were also shown Alex Cilento's unique, but poor condition, hot stamped **Mustard color \$5 Las Vegas Club Horshu**; Henry Garrett unveiled a unique, but drilled **Grey \$5 C&J Ray & Ruth's Stardust from Jackpot, NV**. Steve



Passalacqua sold Barry Weintraub an awesome, previously **unknown roulette from the Pioneer Club, Las Vegas: Blue, Sm-key mold with circles around the edge** and inlaid with a picture of the old covered wagon logo. Wow!

Also seen at the show was a **full set of Desert Inn Chipcos up to the \$5,000**, including the Sports Book chips. Along with these Chipcos came a 17th issue set with **5 previously unknown chips: a Brown \$1,000, Orange \$5,000 and 3 baccarats, Lavender \$500, Lt. Brown \$1,000 & Orange \$5,000**. These two sets came from a former Desert Inn executive who was told that all but these two sets were destroyed.

However, the chip that really got us going was a **previously unknown chip from Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn: a Blue \$5 Scrown w/4 green inserts** with a hot stamped Joshua Tree on the reverse. The walk-in owner turned down \$2,000 cash on the spot! Then, he put the chip up on eBay with an \$8,000 minimum bid! Of course, this price is insane and no legitimate sale will occur at this level. So far this chip is unique, but it will be interesting to see if anything comes up when this place is imploded. This proves once again that there are many early chips waiting to be discovered.

Earlier this spring, the group of Steve Wells, James Campiglia, Barry Weintraub, and David Sarles,

found two unique Reno chips: a **\$5 Mustard Alibi Club Arodie and a \$20 Sm-Key Doll House**. The attribution of these chips is 99% certain. These are now the only chips know from these two clubs! Also, in a separate deal, we found **8 - \$25 VS (Villa Sierra?) Arodies!** These also came with 17 - \$5 chips. The old gentleman we got these from just can't remember where in Nevada these were obtained. He says his brother-in-law was with him on several gambling trips and might be able to tell us for certain, but so far we can't nail down the facts. James is arranging a meeting soon, so this may soon be cleared up.

James has been busy finding lots of great chips. Sitting in a box he bought was an unlisted **Club Cal Neva Reno 10¢ hub mold Red with 4 white inserts** - even more interesting because most dimes lack inserts. This same box contained a 1st issue Barney's Tahoe 50¢ Sm-key in top Chip State condition, not to mention many 1960's chips in pristine condition. Also in that box were some nice roulettes (Harrah's Harem Girl and Country Club Tahoe Indian Heads.)

This just in: **11 inlaid Lg-key Ponderosa Reno \$100 Mustard w/8 black** in new condition were discovered by a Northern Nevada Chipper in a rough black neighborhood of Sacramento, CA. Also, on the Chip Board, Larry Hollibaugh posted a picture of an unknown hot stamped Blue \$5 Sm-key from Piccadilly, Reno.

1999 COTY Winners



\$2.50 Harrah's (Laughlin)
"But It's A Dry Heat"

1999 TOTY Winners



NCV Tropicana (Atlantic City)
"Titanic"

- 2 \$25 Caesars Palace
"Millennium"
- 3 \$100 Tropicana (Atlantic City)
"Millennium"
- 4 \$25 Four Queens
"April Fools"
- 5 \$2.50 Circus Circus
"Hot August Nights"
- 6 \$1 Chips Casino (CHIPCO)
"Parrot"
- 7 \$5 Hard Rock
"Christmas"
- 8 \$5 Four Queens
"April Fools"
- 9 \$5 Harrah's
"Millennium"
- 10 \$5 Ruby's
"Grand Opening"

- 2 \$1 Hacienda
"Hoover Dam"
- 3 \$10 Venetian (Silver Strike)
"Grand Opening"
- 4 \$1 Paris Casino
"Hot Air Balloon"
- 5 \$1 Mandalay Bay
"Tower"
- 6 \$1 Uncle Sam's Casino
"Flag"
- 7 \$1 Paris Casino
"Eiffel Tower"
- 8 \$1 Soaring Eagle
"Eagle/Indian"
- 9 \$1 Paris Casino
"Arc de Triumph"
- 10 \$1 Venetian
"Griffin Logo"

The CC>CC recognized the following club members and gave out plaques and awards.

- Kevin Norris** - Club Chip Winner (Plaque)
- Kevin Norris** - Club Medal Winner (Plaque and \$200 savings bond)
- Barb Jones** - Convention T-Shirt Design (Plaque and \$50 savings bond)
- Greg Susong** - Top Recruiter \$100 savings bond
- Phil Jensen** - Best Magazine Article + \$100 savings bond
- Campiglia/Wells** - Book of the Year – Official Chip Guide
- Greg Susong** - Webmaster
- Neil Silverman** - Webmaster
- Robert Pardue** - Librarian
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- Liz Conrad** - Licensing and Permits
- Belinda Hixon** - Convention
- Wayne Thompson** - Convention
- Bee Estes**, Chipco - Convention

President Sarles took questions from the audience. The business meeting was then adjourned until the convention in the year 2001. ♦

MARKET REPORT: FALL 2000

by James Campiglia & Steve Wells

Greetings fellow chippers. We thank the many collectors who have praised the *1st Edition of the Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide*. (The *2nd Edition* should be out by the time you are reading this!) However, the problem with doing a book of this nature is that changes to the hobby occur on a daily basis and collectors need all the fresh, accurate information they can get to keep up with things. That is the purpose of this column. In the years to come, we will use this space to give you updates on new chip discoveries, significant chip sales and price changes, uncovered hoards, an occasional debate, and any important information regarding our hobby. Of course, we want your input. If you make a significant chip discovery you'd like to share, photocopy the chips in question and send us the details.

New Price Record!

As you know by now, the annual CC>CC convention was a big success. Dealers reported that many new collectors were spending big bucks on chips. The Gene Grossblatt Collection was broken up and many top chips were sold privately before the Convention started.

Gene let it be known that a new price record was set for a single chip. The 2nd issue \$25 Sahara Sm-key Grey in VF 65 sold for \$14,000, breaking the previous record of \$12,600 for the CS 95 Sands \$5 Arodie!



Annual Auction an Overview

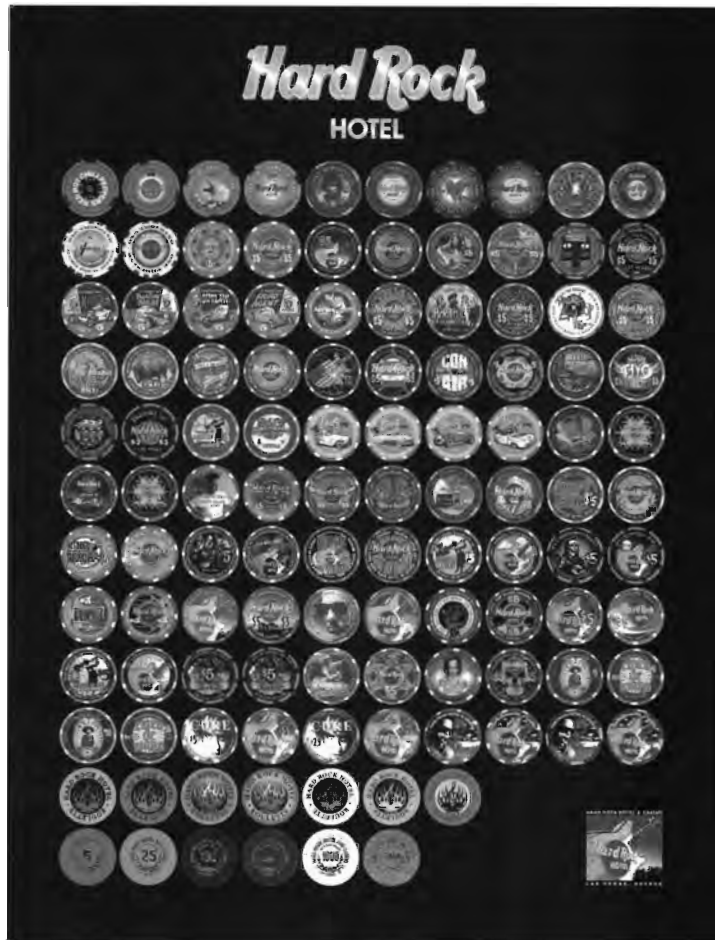
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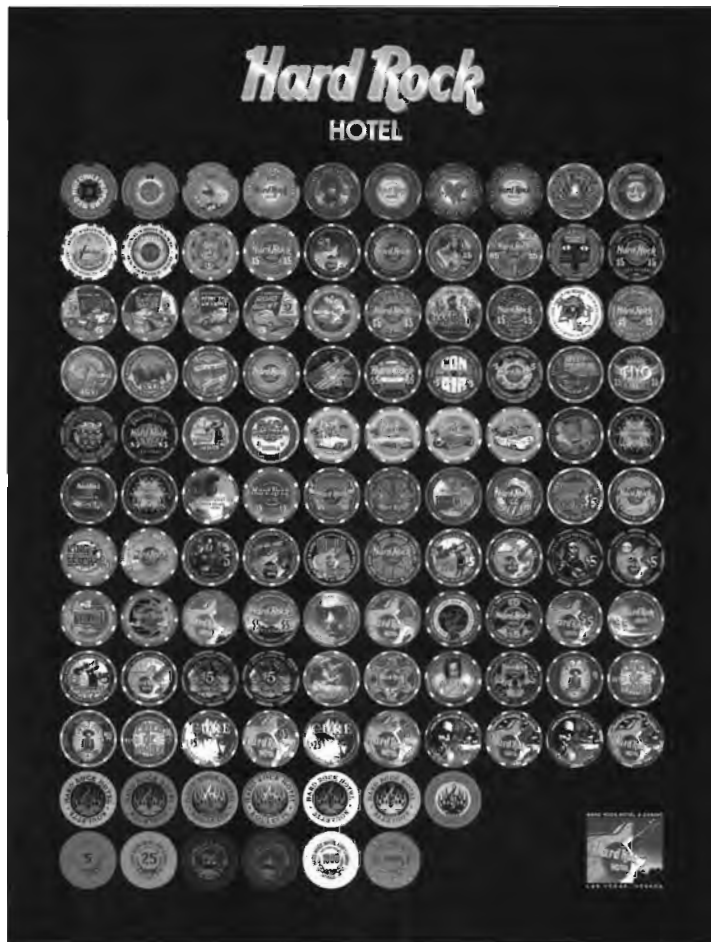
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by James Campiglia & Steve Wells

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New Price Record!

As you know by now, the annual CC>CC convention was a big success. Dealers reported that many new collectors were spending big bucks on chips. The Gene Grossblatt Collection was broken up and many top chips were sold privately before the Convention started.



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"Millennium"
- 3 \$100 Tropicana (Atlantic City) "Millennium"
- 4 \$25 Four Queens
"April Fools"
- 5 \$2.50 Circus Circus
"Hot August Nights"
- 6 \$1 Chips Casino (CHIPCO)
"Parrot"
- 7 \$5 Hard Rock
"Christmas"
- 8 \$5 Four Queens
"April Fools"
- 9 \$5 Harrah's
"Millennium"
- 10 \$5 Ruby's
"Grand Opening"

1999 TOTY Winners



NCV Tropicana (Atlantic City)
"Titanic"

- 2 \$1 Hacienda
"Hoover Dam"
- 3 \$10 Venetian (Silver Strike)
"Grand Opening"
- 4 \$1 Paris Casino
"Hot Air Balloon"
- 5 \$1 Mandalay Bay
"Tower"
- 6 \$1 Uncle Sam's Casino
"Flag"
- 7 \$1 Paris Casino
"Eiffel Tower"
- 8 \$1 Soaring Eagle
"Eagle/Indian"
- 9 \$1 Paris Casino
"Arc de Triumph"
- 10 \$1 Venetian
"Griffin Logo"

The CC>CC recognized the following club members and gave out plaques and awards.

Kevin Norris - Club Chip Winner (Plaque)
Kevin Norris - Club Medal Winner (Plaque and \$200 savings bond)
Barb Jones - Convention T-Shirt Design (Plaque and \$50 savings bond)
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President Sarles took questions from the audience. The business meeting was then adjourned until the convention in the year 2001. ♦

A box of mostly worn **Frontier 25¢ Sqsqrt** mold chips were found. However, only about 40 are in collectible condition, with only 2 pieces having a nice gold hot stamp! Another half a box of Frontier \$5 Sqsqrt were also discovered, but these are in excellent condition. The once nearly unobtainable Green Shack \$5 is within the reach of the average collector now that 30 more have turned up, all in pretty nice condition. A box of Bowery Club 25¢ Lcrown chips surfaced along with 12 - \$5 pieces. Of the 200 Las Vegas Club 25¢ X mold chips recently located, 150 of them are cracked and uncollectible.

New Chip Discoveries

One of the great things that is really unique to chip collecting is having the chance to find new chips which are uncatalogued. This almost never happens with other hobbies and is another factor that adds excitement to chip collecting. Each issue we will report on new finds and maybe picture a few of them when possible.

At the Convention, Terry Lazarus showed us his unique, but drilled, **5th issue \$2.50 Riverside Reno Lcrown** (the only \$2.50 Lcrown in existence?). We were also shown Alex Cilento's unique, but poor condition, hot stamped **Mustard color \$5 Las Vegas Club Horshu**; Henry Garrett unveiled a unique, but drilled **Grey \$5 C&J Ray & Ruth's Stardust from Jackpot, NV**. Steve



Passalacqua sold Barry Weintraub an awesome, previously **unknown roulette from the Pioneer Club, Las Vegas: Blue, Sm-key mold with circles around the edge** and inlaid with a picture of the old covered wagon logo. Wow!

Also seen at the show was a **full set of Desert Inn Chipcos up to the \$5,000**, including the Sports Book chips. Along with these Chipcos came a 17th issue set with **5 previously unknown chips: a Brown \$1,000, Orange \$5,000 and 3 baccarats, Lavender \$500, Lt. Brown \$1,000 & Orange \$5,000**. These two sets came from a former Desert Inn executive who was told that all but these two sets were destroyed.

However, the chip that really got us going was a **previously unknown chip from Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn: a Blue \$5 Scrown w/4 green inserts** with a hot stamped Joshua Tree on the reverse. The walk-in owner turned down \$2,000 cash on the spot! Then, he put the chip up on eBay with an \$8,000 minimum bid! Of course, this price is insane and no legitimate sale will occur at this level. So far this chip is unique, but it will be interesting to see if anything comes up when this place is imploded. This proves once again that there are many early chips waiting to be discovered.

Earlier this spring, the group of Steve Wells, James Campiglia, Barry Weintraub, and David Sarles,

found two unique Reno chips: a **\$5 Mustard Alibi Club Arodie and a \$20 Sm-Key Doll House**. The attribution of these chips is 99% certain. These are now the only chips known from these two clubs! Also, in a separate deal, we found **8 - \$25 VS (Villa Sierra?) Arodies!** These also came with 17 - \$5 chips. The old gentleman we got these from just can't remember where in Nevada these were obtained. He says his brother-in-law was with him on several gambling trips and might be able to tell us for certain, but so far we can't nail down the facts. James is arranging a meeting soon, so this may soon be cleared up.

James has been busy finding lots of great chips. Sitting in a box he bought was an unlisted **Club Cal Neva Reno 10¢ hub mold Red with 4 white inserts** - even more interesting because most dimes lack inserts. This same box contained a 1st issue Barney's Tahoe 50¢ Sm-key in top Chip State condition, not to mention many 1960's chips in pristine condition. Also in that box were some nice roulettes (Harrah's Harem Girl and Country Club Tahoe Indian Heads.)

This just in: **11 inlaid Lg-key Ponderosa Reno \$100 Mustard w/8 black** in new condition were discovered by a Northern Nevada Chipper in a rough black neighborhood of Sacramento, CA. Also, on the Chip Board, Larry Hollibaugh posted a picture of an unknown hot stamped Blue \$5 Sm-key from Piccadilly, Reno.

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In closing, just let me say thank you to all members, dealers, and especially to the fine volunteers who put this spectacular event together.

David ♦

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Although we anticipated going back to the Orleans for 2001, the Tropicana made the Club a very attractive offer to return. After reviewing both contracts, the decision was made to stay at the Tropicana.

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- The showroom rental expense is \$7,000 cheaper at the Tropicana. In addition we are able to accommodate 109 dealer tables at the Tropicana versus only 92 dealer tables at the Orleans. There are other incentives provided by the Tropicana.
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- The room rates at the Tropicana will be \$49/\$99 versus \$69/\$99 at the Orleans.
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We hope all members will agree that the decision to stay at the Tropicana is the best that could be made for all our members. ♦

AUCTION 2001

At the Annual Convention of the CC>CC

All of us will agree that the 2000 Convention was a huge success and the Club Auction was one of the highlights. It is now time to consign lots for our next Auction.

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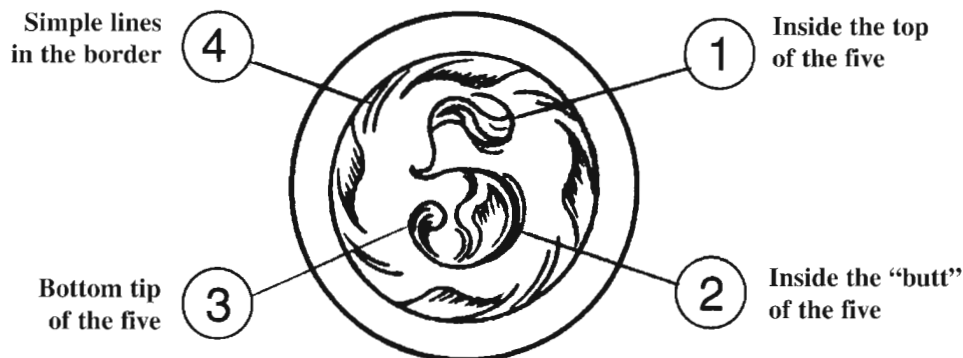
Identifying Ivory Numeral Chips

by Dale Seymour and Ken Craig

Many ivory chip collectors have had frustrating experiences trying to identify assigned codes of ivory chips. Casino chips are generally easy to identify, but not so with nineteenth century ivory gambling chips. The most difficult ivory chips to identify are the numeral “5” and “25” chips. Most of the more than 300 ivory numeral “5” chips look very much alike so it was necessary to come up with some system to differentiate them. Just look at the four chips shown below which are typical of the ivory fives. See how similar they appear. Could you describe their differences?



Dale Seymour, in his book, *Antique Gambling Chips*, has devised an identification system specifically for identifying ivory fives and twenty-fives. He calls it the “4-spot” system. The system is very helpful once a person understands how to use it. It seems that manufactures of ivory gambling chips made an effort to make the designs on each set of chips different. On the other hand, the designs of the five and twenty-five chips were, in general, very similar. Ivory numeral chip designs contained a number of design elements which could be engraved with slight modifications to make the designs different. Four of these more prominent design areas were chosen to help identify differences.





LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by John Yee

I'm very excited to present the first edition as your new editor of Casino Chip & Token News. I am a collector of Nevada obsolete chips and have been collecting for four years. With over ten years in advertising and print production I have worked side-by-side with many people in publishing. However, I am fortunate and graced to have Allan Anderson as my assistant editor who is responsible for the general "design" and layout of the magazine. Much of the credit and success of this magazine is due to his commitment and love for the hobby.

Together, we are focused on providing on-time delivery, pleasant design elements, top quality content, a variety of various gaming related topics, and something refreshingly new to peak your interest with each and every issue.

While I am energetic and eager to take on this monumental task, I must admit that I am a bit disappointed that we have not been able to adequately provide our minority collectors better content. One of our primary goals is to provide more articles for our token and silver strike collectors. However, I must remind all our readers, as editor, I can only publish articles which have been submitted. If there are no submissions to help recruit or inform collectors of your special interest, there will be no articles published. In addition to providing better content, we will be actively soliciting corporate advertising to help defray the cost of our magazine. Currently, our advertising does not pay for itself. Therefore, as the cost of publishing the magazine rises, our goal for future issues is for the magazine to become economically self sufficient. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, please help out our advertising manager by submitting your ads as promptly as possible.

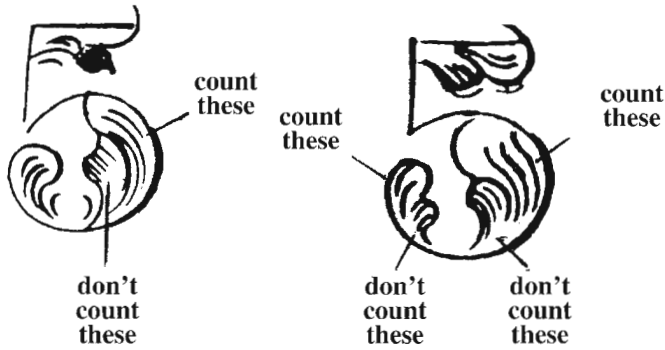
Another improvement to future issues is to provide more gaming history and associated photos to accompany articles. The fact remains, we love to look at pictures. If you have unusual or interesting photos, I'd love to include them in future issues. With the success of this issue, We hope to inspire more of you to submit articles.

In this issue we are fortunate to introduce a few regular columnists who will report on their areas of expertise. Authors and fellow collectors James Campiglia and Steve Wells will enlighten us with what's new in current finds and prices in their quarterly article titled, "Market Report". David Moore and Greg Susong will continue with their excellent reporting on California chips and Riverboat chips. And for our foreign collectors, we will be hearing more from Bob Hermans who lives in Belgium but works in Paris, France.

We would love to have regular contributors of new releases of tokens, chips, & silver strikes from Atlantic City, Las Vegas and surrounding areas, Northern Nevada, Riverboat, Indian, cruise ships, and everywhere else I've missed. If you are a collector in these areas or specialty, I want to hear from you.

Lastly, I think we need to improve the participation of the various chapters. We have a calendar of events and other allocated areas specifically for chapters to keep us informed or to recruit new members. I am proud to be an active member of the club and available to help my fellow collectors. But I can't do it alone. I need your help. We welcome your criticism, letters to the editor, and articles having anything to do with related gaming activities. The success of our hobby and magazine depend on each individual. You ARE what you make of the hobby.

When counting the number of lines in spots 2 and 3, count only in the top sections of the area. The enlarged examples shown below will clarify what we mean.



Now let's put it all together and show some examples of chips coded with the "4-spot" identification system. The chips have been enlarged 29% to make it easier to see. The chip identification code is on the first line. The first four numerals or letters on the second line give the 4-spot identification. The value of the chip is given by "v" and a second letter. The value code will be given on the next page.



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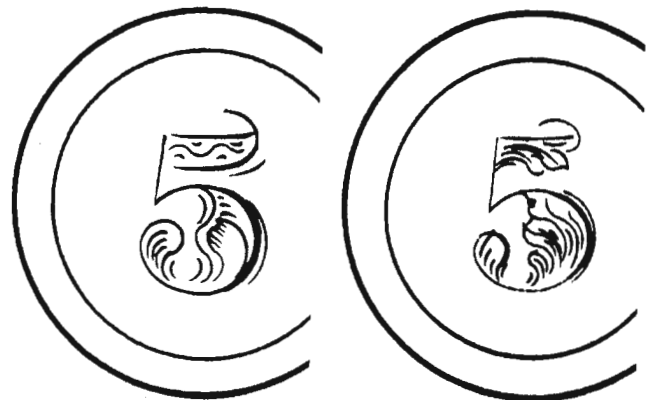
IP-BH
3/3/3/3 / v:m

Several chips do not have a floral border, therefore the fourth spot is omitted from identification. Samples are shown below.



10-CV
F/U/4/2 / v:n

IN-YZ
S/3/2/4 / v:l



IN-FU
5/U/3 / v:l

IN-HQ
S/3/3 / v:l



10-CN
10/3/S/2 / v:m

10-AV
3/2/S/2 / v:l



IO-VP
S/3/3 / v:m

IO-XH
4/2/3 / v:m

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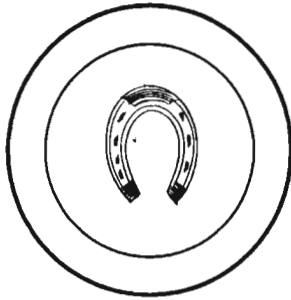
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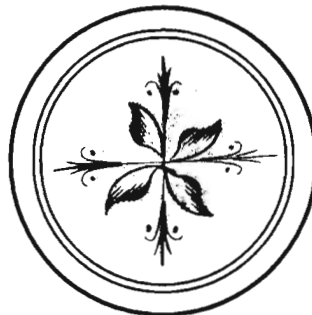
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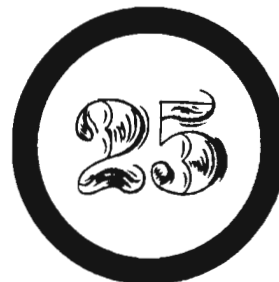
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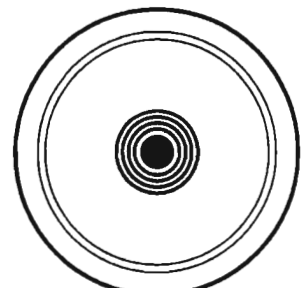
ID-QE
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ID-ZC
Four Leaves / v:k



IO-RR
v:m



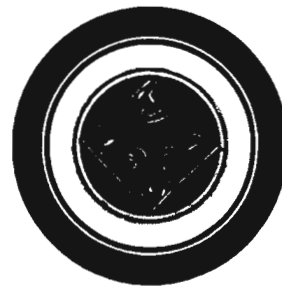
IY-GR
7B 7W (38/32) / v:l



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3/F/4 / v:l



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v:o

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Dining Tidbits

Eating Your Way Through Las Vegas

by *Lisa Jung*

The Bellagio has become a new standard for buffets in Las Vegas. There is no better way to try a taste of everything you could ever imagine you'd want to eat than by going to a Las Vegas buffet. The Bellagio is, so far, the best of the best; the high quality, the freshness of ingredients, and the variety of choices impressed me when we were there before the July CC>CC convention. No other Las Vegas buffet, that I know of, offers fresh lychees, quail eggs, candied pecans, crème brulee, and high-quality individually prepared desserts that are worthy of a restaurant that charges \$6-8 for each dessert. The price for such quality was reasonable for lunch, \$14. I liked it so much, I wanted to try it for dinner on our next trip. We recently returned to Las Vegas for Pindex at the Hard Rock Hotel. The dinner buffet at the Bellagio is quite a bit more, \$23. I was confident though, that it would be worth it if they offered the same high-quality buffet that I had on my previous trip. The soup (sun-dried tomato), the various salads, fresh lychee, grilled asparagus, huge prawns and other seafood, and numerous entrees lived up to my expectations. However, I was anticipating another dessert feast, and was highly disappointed. Perhaps, it was the

pastry chef's night off? Except for the crème brulee and crème caramel (which, unfortunately, were gone before we got to dessert; we should have eaten dessert first!), the desserts seemed mass-produced. In spite of this, the top quality of the rest of the buffet would still bring me back to the Bellagio another time. I hope their pastry chef returns!

In July, I ate at the Paris buffet. I was anticipating wonderful French desserts; after all, this was Paris, Las Vegas, and the pastries certainly looked wonderful in the bakery next door to the buffet. The Paris buffet is \$22 for dinner. There was an hour and fifteen minute wait even at 9 p.m. on a weeknight. The quality wasn't quite as good as the Bellagio, and the desserts were disappointing, except for the crepes that were made to order. The bright side is that the service was outstanding and that we were delighted to run into John Yee, his wife, Vicky, and his cute kids, Justin and Sabrina. We were seated at the same table.

While staying at the Hard Rock Hotel, an employee of the hotel recommended Nobu, a "new-style Japanese restaurant"; she said it was the third best restaurant in the world and she

was proud that it was at the Hard Rock. A card in our room advertised that Nobu featured the world-renowned chef, Nobu Matsuhisa and that the Zagat guide named him as "the best Japanese chef in the world". The card also advertised "a recipient of a Michelin star". So, of course I had to try it. The décor in the restaurant was elegant and unusual. Did someone actually put in those polished black stones in the wall one by one? The rock theme was further carried out by our chopstick rests. Even though there was only one diner at the time, it took quite awhile to get our menus. I understand that Chef Nobu has three other restaurants in New York, London, and Los Angeles. He couldn't possibly be at all of them at the same time, and I'm certain he wasn't in Las Vegas that night. A hot appetizer of creamy spicy shrimp was presented with enoki mushrooms enveloped in a delicious piquant sauce, but the shrimp was tasteless. I tried to eat the shrimp with the sauce, but the enoki mushrooms were in large clumps and it was difficult to maneuver with thin wooden chopsticks. The tempura was good, except for those absolutely tasteless shrimp again. The tempura vegetables consisted of carrots, squash, eggplant, green beans,

green pepper and onions. They were presented in a light and crisp batter, but at \$26, it was, overall, not as good as the tempura I have had at "House", a restaurant in San Francisco, and at a lower price. We were able to warn our friends, John Yee and Mark Bufton, who were to meet us for dinner, but came in late. I found out later that they went to the Bellagio for dinner; it was a smart choice.

On this same trip, we were fortunate to get a tour of the newly re-opened Aladdin Casino. Their lobby is impressive and the gentlemen in our group were impressed with the belly dancers. We couldn't leave this beautiful casino without trying their buffet. We did not get off to a good start. Their computer wouldn't process a credit card charge, even though we tried different credit cards. Cash seemed to work more quickly. At \$19, our

expectations were high. They certainly had a lot of choice with many food stations; salad, seafood, American, Italian, Asian, Middle-Eastern and a dessert station, to name a few. I usually tour the dessert station first so I know how to pace myself; I'm afraid the desserts didn't look too appetizing, and, I have to admit, I didn't even try them. It looked like they used bakers cream instead of real whipped cream in their desserts. The first thing I noticed was that their signs didn't match on some items: the "broccolini" was plain broccoli, the "squash with portobella mushrooms" lacked mushrooms, and the truffles in the "truffle mashed potatoes" were nowhere in sight. Even though we were there when they first opened for dinner, many meat entrees were already tough and overcooked (the fish, osso buco, and prime rib). Subsequent cuts of

prime rib were better and cooked rare. The lobster bisque was too salty for my taste. They did offer very good salads, especially the pecan and pear mesclun salad with balsamic vinaigrette. Unfortunately, price influences our opinion on the quality of the food. If this had been a \$6 buffet, perhaps we would not have been so critical; however, at \$19, we are entitled to expect more.

"The Great Moments Room" in the Las Vegas Club and the "Pasta Pirate" in the California Hotel are favorites of mine, and are worthy of mention, but that's another column for another time. After all, I have to have an excuse next time to dine out in Las Vegas.

Bellagio Buffet	☆☆☆☆
Paris Buffet	☆☆☆
Nobu at Hard Rock	☆
Aladdin Buffet	☆☆



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

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

Section 3 A) states; “The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Officer will be elected for a two year term in each year ending in an odd number”.

Section 3 B) states; “Nominations for officers shall be called for by written notification to all members in good standing not later than 180 days prior to the Club’s next annual meeting in an election year. 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”.

Section 3 C) states; “Election ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing not later than 30 days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting”.

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

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

Section 3 G) states; “In the event of a vacancy in office, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold office until the next regularly scheduled election”.

**NOTE:

Article Five Section 1 defines “Members” as the following: Charter; Regular; Associate; Life. Article Five Section 2 states; “All members shall have equal status and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in the Club, expect that no quarterly club magazine will be sent to Associate Members”. Article Five Section 3 states; “Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid currently, and who have not been subject to any discipline by the Club”

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While my agenda is aggressive, our club needs to be proactive so that we continue to grow and remain strong and vibrant. I appreciate you taking the time to read my goals for our club and my personal philosophy.

MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

- Club will be receptive to all collectors of casino and gaming collectibles.
- Geographic and specialty chapters are encouraged.
- Strong enforcement of Code of Ethics - we can only grow if we have credibility.
- Continue to develop the club website and increase our visibility on the Internet.

CONVENTION

- The club will continue to sponsor great annual conventions.
- More trading time will be arranged for members at convention.
- Additional emphasis will be placed on the educational seminars and exhibits.
- Solicit donations from casinos and others to help defray convention costs.
- Look into promoting additional collectible shows throughout the year.

MAGAZINE

- Continue to publish an outstanding magazine.
- Include more articles from all collecting areas and interests.
- Improve the quality by utilizing technology.

LONG TERM PLANNING

- Investigate obtaining casino and gaming related historical items and records.
- Establish committee to study establishing a national headquarters.
- Utilize our tax-exempt status to solicit donations for the club.

PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

- Our club must be inclusive. All casino and gaming collectors are welcome.
- I will be responsive to all members and will monitor the club internet message board.
- I will establish member advisory committees to advise the Board of Directors.
- I will bring enthusiasm and a vibrant approach to leading our club.

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by **Belinda Hixon**

It is not too early to start making plans to be in attendance at the Club's 9th Annual Convention and help us celebrate our organization's 13th Anniversary. We had over 2100 people attend the 2000 Convention and we expect 2001 to be bigger than ever! If you have not attended one of the Club's Conventions in the past, you are missing the premier event of the year.

Just like Las Vegas, our Club has experienced tremendous growth and that growth is reflected in the fact that the Club has evolved and prospered to the point that we will be in our 13th year as an organization. The 2001 Convention will reflect our tremendous growth and should have something for every member; chips, tokens, silver strikes, casino memorabilia, educational exhibits, seminars, trading sessions and more!

The Tropicana Hotel & Casino will be the site of the 2001 Convention and we know the staff of the Hotel is again anxious to assist the Club in presenting a first class Convention. The Tropicana sits on the busiest corner in Las Vegas and is convenient to many amenities. The Grand Ballroom is beautiful, there is a large selection of top-notch restaurants, headliner entertainment, a spa, and even

swim-up blackjack. So plan on attending the 2001 CC>CC's 9th Annual Convention & Show at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino and meet your fellow collectors in person and find that elusive piece for your collection.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservation slips will be included in the next issue of the Club magazine. The room rate will be \$49.00 Sunday - Thursday & \$99.00 Friday & Saturday night. I am sure there are a few members who receive a better rate than this, based on their casino action or some one may find a better price as part of a "package", but you have to come and go on the dates specified in the package. The fact is the Club uses the number of rooms booked as a negotiating tool for show space and sleeping rooms for future shows. We hope you will elect to stay at The Tropicana.

We would encourage each member to make your reservations as early as possible. So please support YOUR CLUB by booking your room at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino. The room rates are good from May 25 – June 5, 2001 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,

reservations should be made using the reservation slip. No Saturday arrivals or departures.

Dealer Tables

Any member who had a dealer table last year, will receive information about the 2001 Convention in the mail by late October. The deadline for returning table applications is January 10th. Every effort will be made to make table locations for returning dealers comparable to last year. Please keep in mind there are no guarantees on location on the floor for any member. There will be a limit of three (3) tables sold to any one member or members sharing table space. All table applicants will be notified around February 15th as to the status of their application. The final floor layout and list of dealers will be provided with notification. If anyone has any questions about the tables or the show please do not hesitate to contact the Convention Chairman.

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Volunteers

The Convention Co-Chair is actively soliciting volunteers for the 2001 Convention. If you are planning on attending the Convention and would like to donate a few hours before, during, or after the show, we can always use assistance. The real need for extra help is during the setup period on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Saturday evening assisting with the tear down of the show. We also have other positions we need assistance with.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Convention Co-Chair Belinda Hixon.

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Early Bird Dinner and Trading Session Wednesday May 30 6:00 pm

We are making a significant change to the Wednesday night session. For the first time we are going to have a complete buffet dinner. This will be a pre-paid ticketed event. We anticipate the cost to be \$20 per person. It will be open to members only and no tickets will be sold at the door. In the next Club magazine we will provide a reservation form. In addition to the dinner, we are going to have a surprise guest speaker. Plus the members who attend the reception will have their seats for the trading session that

immediately follows. For those that decide not to attend the dinner the room will open for trading about 8:00, after the dinner and speaker.

We are excited about this event and we hope everyone will decide to join in the fun. And yes, the hotel guarantees the buffet will not run out of food!

Auction

Auction chairman Bruce Landau will have gathered another fine assortment of lots for our Friday night auction. The auction will be on Friday, June 1st and begin at 6:30 PM and we ask that everyone be on time. In the interest of time, again this year you will be able to register for your Auction number during the normal show hours, instead of everyone trying to get their number at 6:15 PM on Friday. Hopefully, this will help speed up the start of the auction. You will still be able to register the night of the auction, but why wait until the last minute. Should be another fine auction.

Last Dance Swap Meet

On Saturday, June 2nd, after the conclusion of the Convention, the Club will sponsor another swap session for any interested members. The session will begin at 7:00 PM and last until midnight or until all traders throw in the towel, whichever comes first. There will be refreshments provided. So, if you have to get in another few hours of face to face trading before heading home, here is your chance to dance the Last

Dance. Bring traders and have a good time!

Exhibits

Mr. Archie Black has graciously volunteered to chair the Exhibit committee for the 2001 Convention. The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit. We had some truly outstanding exhibits in 2000 and hope more members will offer to participate. If you have any questions regarding exhibits, please contact the Convention Exhibit Chairman.

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Trading Sessions

Another change to the 2001 Convention will be the wider availability of time and space for trading. If we can get enough volunteers to man the room we will have a room available all day Wednesday. We will also add a trading session on Thursday night for those not playing in the Poker tournament. This means trading will be available for all nights but Friday.

We must have volunteers if we are going to make these trade sessions available to the members. We need someone to organize the volunteers. Please contact Belinda Hixon if you are willing to help coordinate this activity.

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.

Meeting Space Available

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

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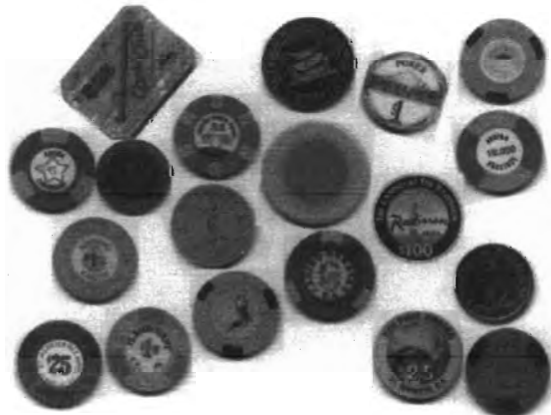
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RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

I'll start out this time with an older chip that was just discovered. Apparently, the Harrah's in Maryland Heights, MO issued two different Grand Opening chips, one with a serial number and one without. I have just recently discovered the below example, serially numbered "487". The number is on one side only and is just below the "G" in Grand Opening.



I have only heard of one other example with a serial number. So, check your collection and see which kind you have. If you have one with a serial number I would like to hear from you. So far I know of none that are numbered higher than 487 and I am guessing that only 500 or so were made with serial numbers.

During the 2nd quarter of this year, the Ameristar in Vicksburg, MS replaced their roulettes. There are two tables with 6 colors per table.



The Copa Casino in Gulfport, MS issued a 3rd chip in their series of All Harley Memorial Day Blowout chips.



On July 1st the Isle of Capri in Natchez, MS put out their first rack of chips.



The Isle of Capri in Bettendorf, IA put out their first rack of chips on July 1st also.



The Casino Aztar in Evansville, IN has released the first in a series of seven chips to commemorate World War II and the role that the people of Evansville played.



The Palace Casino in Biloxi, MS replaced their old Bud Jones chips with these new Paulsons sometime in mid-July.



The Isle of Capri in Lula, MS put out their new chips on July 1st too. They also have a Ricochet table.



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CONVENTION REFLECTIONS



by *Belinda Hixon*

Wayne and I took a “divide and conquer” approach to this year’s convention. Each took responsibility for different portions of what was eventually the best convention and show to date. He got to handle the dealers and floor layout, the catering and hotel business. I got the program, the volunteers and seminars. We shared a couple of things, each of us bringing different ideas to the table and working through them. I learned an awful lot and met some pretty neat people in the process.

We planned and worked toward the Convention for so many months that when the last day of the show came, I couldn’t believe it was over and had to go outside for a moment to regain my composure. I’m still not sure if it was relief or sadness (possibly a mixture) that made me lose it, but something sure as heck did! Leading up to the week of July 17-23, 2000, Wayne and I had tried to anticipate every event of the show and every possible “problem” that might arise. Communicating by phone, fax and e-mail, we were in almost constant contact with one another. Then, when he left for Las Vegas a day before me, I panicked. We still had work to do. I knew that there was something we were forgetting to do!



I don’t know if anyone (except Mike Skelton) understands how much work has to be done the week of the show. Wayne and I spent Monday in the car, picking up signs, getting copies made and finding odds and ends that were needed for the week. Getting back to the hotel, we had to meet with several Board members, finish the dealer packets and make sure that we had everything we needed. Tuesday morning arrived much too quickly and at 9 o’clock we were downstairs again, meeting with the volunteers and getting ready for the set-up. Fortunately, the volunteers were great and we completed (almost) the showroom set-up by 1 in the afternoon and we could relax for a while.

Taking Wednesday morning off, I arrived to find the dealers busy setting up and the registration table volunteers working to get the Club members and dealers the credentials needed for the show. The day flew by as details were attended to and then it was time for the Early Bird Reception.

I don’t know how many of you were surprised by the turnout for the Reception. I can assure you all that Wayne and I were. Standing room only was not what we’d planned but it’s most definitely what happened. We heard the usual complaints, not enough tables or food, but overall, I think most members understood that without requiring a reservation, we couldn’t possibly know how many members would show up. We’ll try to rectify that for next year.

Thursday morning’s turnout for the Cyberchipping Coffee and the Electronic Chipping Seminar was great. Neal Silverman accepted the challenge of putting the seminar together and I personally have to thank him. If not for his efforts, the seminar would not have happened.

Did anyone get hurt in the stampede that followed the ribbon cutting Thursday morning? Again, the number of members



The question/ answer session raised some interesting issues and made us all think a bit. Unfortunately the attendance at this seminar wasn't as large as the two previous and the idea of a Master panel will probably be tabled for a few years. We'll have to see what takes its place in the future.

We had an interesting day watching the members and dealers trying to get as much buying, selling and trading in as possible before the close of the show on Saturday. And then it was over. The members left, the dealers packed up and the volunteers began the tear down.



who wanted to be among the first to enter the bourse floor surprised me. I don't know if anyone noticed but Wayne and I stood back and watched the months of work paying off. It was a pretty gratifying moment for us both.

The evening was filled with a very short Business meeting and then the 2nd Annual Poker Tournament. I still can't figure out why more members don't attend the Business meeting. It's our club after all.

I know that Michael Knapp and Dick Covington were very surprised at the attendance of the Chipology 101 Seminar on Friday morning. Dick made the comment a day earlier that it might just be Michael, himself and me in the room during the presentation. Wrong! What a great turnout! I think everyone who attended learned something. I know

I still have questions. Expect them soon you two.

The Club Auction was great! Bruce Landau and his team did an outstanding job. The only problem I noticed was that the auctioneer had to make a Texas joke. This time the joke wasn't funny. It was TRUE! Thanks Bruce, Howdy, Jim, Eileen and Gregg and all of the volunteers who helped that night. We're lucky to have a group so dedicated to doing it right.

Saturday morning brought the Ask the Masters seminar. Steve Passalacqua and Doug Saito joined Michael on the panel and gave their thoughts about collecting.

When I left the showroom that evening it was with a sense of loss. How could it be over so quickly? Was it only for a few days in July that we worked so long for?

I could not complete my reflections without thanking a few people who in one way or another made my job easier.



Richard Allard – For taking care of all the awards. Next time, I'll call you first!

John Yee – For coming to the rescue when I couldn't complete the program. You took what I'd done, dressed it up and got it to the printer in record time. We're lucky to have you to pick up and run with the Club magazine now. I expect great things from you John.

Gene Trimble and Bee Estes - Your support of the Convention program was so very appreciated. The people you put me in contact with, the efforts you both took to find the support...I can't thank you enough.

Neal Silverman - Thanks for organizing the Electronic Chipping Seminar. I meant it when I said that it wouldn't have been done without you taking over.

The Electronic Chipping Panel – What did you mean when you

said you had no idea why you were on the panel? <g> (Travis Lewin, thanks for filling in at the last minute.)

Michael Knapp – When I first talked to you about what became Chipology 101, you weren't sure it could be done. I hope that my telling you what "dumb" questions I still had helped you figure out what others might want to know. Thanks for answering those questions and for making me think of more. Just what a "Professor" is supposed to do with his students, isn't it? Thanks for continuing to undertake the Educational Chairman challenge and for my new nickname. <G>

Dick Covington - You did a great job on the Chipology 101 presentation!

All of the volunteers – I know that I'm going to forget to name someone. Please forgive me if I do and know that every one of you is

appreciated more than words can say. Ann, Bruce, Ford, Paul, Huck, Chuck. Each of you was instrumental in keeping the convention running smoothly. (And for keeping Wayne and I sane.) Thank you for giving up what should have been personal time for the Club. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and to save money, isn't it?!

Wayne - Last but not least. We DO make a great team. Next year, you get the dealers and layouts and other fun and I'll keep my responsibilities, okay? Thanks for being a great friend.

I hope that everyone who attended this year's convention had a great time, found those chips/tokens or other goodies that you were looking for and that you were able to visit with old and new friends. After all, that is what chipping is really about.

See you next May!
Belinda ♦



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The Committee Chairperson position that is open is **PUBLICITY**.

This job entails dispersing press releases to the media in the Las Vegas area and distributing information about the convention to casinos, local businesses and visitor information centers. The Convention Committee will provide the needed flyers and press releases; the Chairperson's primary responsibility is to oversee the distribution to the various entities.

During the Convention we need assistance with the following jobs. Early in the week we need help gathering necessary materials for the show – signage, flyers, odds and ends. Some one who could run these errands and/or be on-call for last minute needs would be most appreciated. The Tuesday before the show opens, registration packages have to be assembled. A few extra pairs of hands would make the process go much faster.

One vital area of need is on Wednesday evening, before and during the Early Bird Reception and the Trade Session that follows. We need volunteers to man the Registration table during the evening. This year we had 5 people who stayed at the table throughout the event. We need more so no one misses the entire event.

Paul Bender has volunteered to chair the Setup/Teardown Committee. There is a need for people who can volunteer for a few hours on Tuesday and again after the show closes on Saturday evening. No heavy lifting is required. The setup will involve skirting the tables, adding uprights/signs and placing chairs at each table as well as assisting the Property Manager with distribution of the display cases. We will hire out the table setup. Tear down is the setup process in reverse.

If you are interested in helping or need more information please contact:

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2000 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

by *Belinda Hixon*

This year's CC>CC Convention, entitled "An Historic Event" lived up to its name. From Wednesday evening to the close of the show on Saturday, it was truly "historic" with several record events.

The Tropicana Hotel/Casino hosted 3 days of trading, selling, and visiting with old friends in addition to making new ones. Collectors from all over the United States and at least three members from Europe found their way to Las Vegas for the excitement.

Attendance at the Early Bird Reception/Trade Session was estimated to be about 500 members. This surpassed last year's attendance by 100 and was by far the largest attendance ever for our opening event. During the evening, awards were presented to those members of the Club who promoted the hobby and the organization throughout the year. The Chip and Token of the Year were announced and the Convention volunteers were recognized. Also presented during the Reception were the 2000 Hall of Fame inductees, Michael Knapp, Alan Myers and Ernie Wheelden.



Increasing from 92 in 1999 to 106 this year, a record number of dealers tables awaited collectors as Thursday arrived. Chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice, and casino/gaming related collectibles of every kind were available for selling or trading. In the hallway outside the showroom, members and non-members alike waited for the doors to open.

Another broken record at the 2000 convention was the number



of exhibits. 14 exhibits, ranging in scope from casino golf balls to bone chips with every thing in between were set up by CC>CC members to increase the awareness of areas of collecting within the scope of the Club. The People's Choice Award went to Edward Fox's "1990's Nevada Silver Strikes" exhibit. Winners in the competitive division were:

1st Place – John Yee, "Year of the Dragon"

2nd Place – Gary Acquistapace, "Gaming Counters of Vilamoura"

3rd Place – Robert Pardue, "You Can Collect It All..."

Additional exhibits were set up by: Mary Lou Waterbury, Henry Garrett, Jim Kruse, Lisa Jung, Douglas Jacob, Bill Neal, Don Leuders, Dale Seymour, Steve Goodrich and Shirl Ray Harrison. Each exhibitor received customized Certificates of Appreciation that were suitable for framing, plus a \$20 club appreciation script gift certificate that was redeemable for merchandise

at any dealer's table. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Award winners and the People's Choice winner were given additional club script.

Seminars were an exciting part of this year's Convention. Neal

Silverman moderated Thursday morning's Electronic Chipping forum. The panelists included: Travis Lewin, Michael Ludwig, Tony Lewin, Alan Borenstein, Gene Trimble, Warwick Stone and Bee Estes. Each is an active

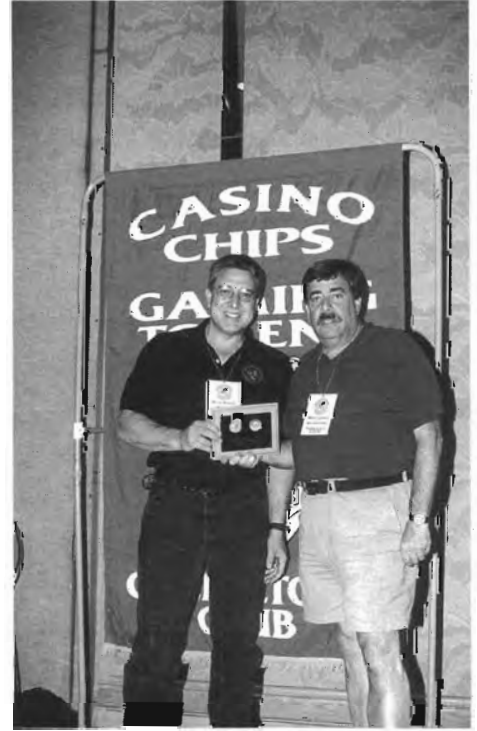
participant in "cyberchipping" and provided information relating to this ever-growing facet of the hobby. Friday morning brought Chipology 101, taught by Educational Chairman Michael Knapp and Dick Covington. This



highly attended seminar will be expanded upon next year with Chipology 201. Michael Knapp again led the Ask the Masters Seminar on Saturday morning with Steve Passalacqua and Doug Saito joining him to present their views on various chipping subjects.

The Annual Club Auction was as always, outstanding. Bruce Landau, Howard and Gregg Herz, Jim Kruse and the group of volunteers did a great job. Over 250 lots were presented for auction and a total of \$54,000 was sold. This is just \$1,000 short of the Club record.

According to Club Membership Officer Jim Steffner, 58 new Members were signed up during the Convention with an additional 85 joining as Associate Members.



A Convention this size isn't possible without the help of members who volunteer their time and energy. The many Convention Committee Chairpersons work diligently for several months before the show and those who volunteer an hour or day during the Convention are invaluable. Thank You Volunteers!

Plans for the 2001 Convention are already under way. It's going to be the biggest and best ever. Hope to see you there! ♦



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Chip Cleaning

FAQ's

(Frequently Asked Questions)

by *Charles Kaplan*

Casino chips are fairly sturdy and are made to take a fair amount of abuse, but they do get dirty and unattractive. Cleaning a chip that is dirty, but is otherwise in good condition, can improve its appearance. However, there are exceptions. Cleaning a chip can actually damage it or give it an unnatural appearance. Not all dirty chips should be cleaned.

These recommendations were compiled from the suggestions of many chippers, see the list of contributors at the end of this article.

To Clean or Not to Clean, That is the Question?

- I like 'em dirty! Adds character.
- I clean my own chips in my collection as I see fit. I don't clean traders. I leave that decision for the new owner.
- I don't clean my chips or my traders.
- Don't clean worn chips, worn chips that are spotless look unnatural and unattractive.
- Don't clean chips that you intend to trade or sell, let the new owner decide if they would like the chip to be cleaned.
- I don't clean used chips, other than to take off the big globs. For my collection, I currently

live by the philosophy that I can always clean them later, but I can never put the history back on. I have lots of chips "awaiting a decision."

- Not all chips are created equal. Some old chips should be cleaned. Can even remove light cigarette burns.

What Chips Should NOT be Cleaned?

- Worn or damaged chips
- Very old or expensive chips
- Chips with paper inserts
- Chips that are very dirty
- Chips that are of a light or bright color, like sky blue or orange, show dirt more readily than darker colors. Even if they are not very dirty, sometimes you cannot remove all the dirt from a light or bright colored chip and you are left with an odd looking chip.

How Should a Chip be Cleaned?

- Use a very soft bristled tooth brush.
- Let the experts clean very old or expensive chips.
- A pencil eraser is good for removing scuffs and crud from old chips.

- These cleaners have been reported to have good results cleaning chips: mild dishwashing detergent, Armor All Multi-Purpose Cleaner, Quick'n'Brite, Sterling Magic.
- The trick seems to be to find something that will dissolve the greasy deposits that accumulate on well-used chips, without removing any ink, or leeching moisture from the chip. Quick'n'Brite is a thick paste, and does not seem to encourage any moisture transfer, while doing an excellent job of breaking down the greasy gunk. I just stick the chip in the bucket edgewise, rotate it a few times to coat the chip thoroughly, wait about 15-30 seconds, and then wipe the chip down with a washcloth. It's revolting how dirty that washcloth gets after only a few chips.
- I use Sterling Magic full strength with a toothbrush. I use no water and just wipe clean with a cloth. It has never, never, ever dried the chip out or caused it to fade. If the chip has a hot stamp, I don't use the toothbrush on that part, I just dab a little on with my finger and gently wipe it off with the cloth.
- I clean virtually all of my chips except those that come straight from the cage and have never seen play. I have also experienced no fading or drying out. The pink goop (Sterling Magic) is great stuff.
- I've been using Armor All Multi-Purpose Cleaning with fantastic results for the past

year, no damage to chip, luster and shine are still there...and it cleans the chip. Don't use any other Armor all product i.e., tire cleaner, window, bug, etc.

- Waterless hand cleaner, non-abrasive, with lanolin and a bath of Johnson baby oil will restore the luster. Give it a bath of oil, let soak for an hour or so on a bath towel turn once after a while wipe dry. Regular mineral oil is too oily.
- I use a soft toothbrush & Fantastik. I spray both sides of the chip & clean the dirt off with the toothbrush & then rinse under warm water. I dry the chip with a paper towel. I then use a VERY small amount of mineral oil (which brings out the true colors of the chip which may have been lost over time or due to cleaning) rubbed between two fingers & work it into the chip. That entire process should not take more than a minute. I'll then let the chip dry for 24 hours on one side & turn it over & let dry for another 24 hours before storing the chip.
- I use a soft children's tooth brush and window cleaner. Hot stamps will turn from gold to silver, so they get covered with my thumb and I only clean the mold designs. I don't clean many of my chips, but when I do I use Amway's L.O.C. (Liquid Organic Cleaner and a baby's tooth brush (much softer than a regular soft toothbrush.) I put a few drops of L.O.C. on the chip and brush very lightly. I do this to remove the surface dirt. If the chip is extremely dirty I generally leave it alone.

It sometimes looks better dirty.

- Try Johnson & Johnson baby gel instead of oils to restore the luster. I've been told this by a noted chip collector and restorer.
- Crest and seals - Clean with a 3M scouring pad or wet/dry sandpaper. Then bring back coloring with Johnson & Johnson Baby Gel. (Note: the 3M scouring pad is non-abrasive, it is sold for cleaning dishes.)

How NOT to Clean Chips?

- Don't clean the hot stamp with a toothbrush; only gently rub the cleaner in with your fingers.
- Never use anything abrasive to clean your chips.
- I did ruin a batch of old clays once by putting them in the washing machine with bleach and Tide, it messed them up pretty bad and was very loud to boot.
- I find tying them up in an old t-shirt and running them through the washing machine cycle usually does the trick. However, for that really tough grime that gets lodged down in the bottom of the cane in the hat & cane or the crevices in a small key mold, there's really nothing like a good stiff wire brush and some elbow grease. A little Vaseline to bring out the colors when you're done, and Viola! (This is meant as a joke.)
- I have had very good luck with Sterling's Magic cleaner. However, when I cleaned some old Mint roulettes (this is the series with the small crown

mold and a round white inlay) I ended up removing a thin clear plastic cap that covers the inlay.

- Once I was cleaning (I think a Diamond Jim) inlay chip with what I usually use - dove hand soap bar, toothbrush pared down and warm water, and water got under and discolored the inlay. I think it must have happened because the inlay was weak/ lifting some/damaged.
- Once I really screwed up. I had a lot of dried-out, faded embossed-style poker chips (maybe the Golfer wearing knickers) I often rub chips like these with sewing machine oil (or mineral oil, or Vitamin E liquid). I'd apply the oil and rub it off right away with a paper towel... but this time I left all the chips in a pot on mineral oil overnight, and in the morning a found them practically ruined. As I remember, the main problem was that rings and crescents were left on the chips where one chip rested on another.

Chip Cleaning Horror Stories

I was using my soft toothbrush with Sterling's Magic to clean this Club Savoy chip ("Q" rated). The sink in which I was doing the cleaning is made out of stainless steel. Because I didn't want to disturb the hot stamp, I put my



thumb over the center of the chip. I guess I put a little too much pressure. That, combined with the fact that a stainless steel sink flexes, resulted in a “SNAP”. Moral of the story: clean chips on a hard surface, not one that will flex. Don’t clean the hot stamp with a toothbrush, only gently rub the cleaner in with your fingers.

I bought a \$100 Silver Bird (coin inlay). It so happened that there was a kind of glue or cement on one side of the chip. I tried most everything. Lacquer thinner seemed to work. It worked too slowly for me. I poured some



Lacquer thinner in a small cup and dropped the chip in.

Unfortunately I lost track of time. Shown is the result of “too long in the thinner”.

Unfortunately there is no picture because I “sold” this chip at about \$175 loss. This was a \$100 Dunes chip from the dig (I think this was a “Q”). I ebayed it for \$7. This chip was warped. I put it in the micro at “5” setting for about 30 seconds. I got about 90% of the warp out. Was I satisfied? A big NO. I put it back in for another 40 seconds. The chip came out flat, BUT the black chip separated from the white and pink inserts. The main black, in effect, shrunk away from the inset, which did not shrink.

I got this California Bell Club 50c chip with a bunch of other chips. I didn’t need and wanted to use it as a trader, but it was dirty. I thought that steam would do a



good job cleaning it. So I put some water in the teakettle and waited for it to boil. I couldn’t hold the chip in my fingers, the steam was too hot, so I used a pair of needle nose pliers to hold the chip. The chip started to get clean, but the clay softened from the heat and the pliers left a lasting impression.

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More Convention Photos



King of Chips & Doc F's Hospitality History Research Guild

Kevin Norris: King of Chips and Doc Finstuen

1909-1951
HERBERT NOBLE
 "THE CAT"
 TEXAS GANGSTER

1904-1989
BENNY BINION
 "THE COWBOY"
 TEXAS GAMBLER

DUEL IN DALLAS

VS.

HIGH STAKES PLAYER

HERBERT NOBLE
 ran the Airmen's Club in Dallas and High Stakes Cards & Dice games in the cabins on his 1000 acre Flower Mound Ranch, South Denton County, TX.

BENNY BINION
 ran dice games at the Dallas Southland Hotel, room 226, The Halem Queen (Hwy 183) and the Top O' Hill Terrace in West Arlington and had 25% of Noble's Airmen's Club.

HEAVENLY RANCH

HERBERT NOBLE
 Killed by a bomb at his ranch mail box, the "Cat" finally met his end, picking up his mail in August, 1951... his LUCK ran out... the postman for 1st time in three weeks... left no mail.

BENNY BINION
 He left Texas in 1946, went to Vegas, bought in at the Apache Hotel and converted it to the Horseshoe Club.

WELCOME TO Fabulous LAS VEGAS NEVADA

BENNY BINION
 Benny returned to Texas for tax evasion, and spent 3 1/2 yrs. in Leavenworth KS. Federal Pen before returning to Las Vegas.

Story of 10 attempts on Noble's life in Life Magazine. (May 14, 1951)

Benny I keep tellin Ya, 'Gambling is legal out here in Nevada!'

...and don't forget to fade the heat.

Happy Trails Doc Finstuen



by **Todd Dingley**
Chapter President

Gaming Tokens Collectors Club (CC>CC) members and non-members are welcome to join us.

The Nor-Cal-Nev Chapter strives to share knowledge and news, provide a forum to meet other collectors and develop friendships, and above all else, to have fun with the hobby of gaming collectibles.

The NCN Chapter will try to serve the interests of all collectors of casino collectibles including, but not limited to, chips (cheques), tokens - including silver strikes, dice, slotcards, playing cards, gaming tables and machines, matchbooks, dishware, glassware, ashtrays, napkins, swizzlesticks, and coin buckets to increase their knowledge and appreciation of these items for their added enjoyment of the hobby of gaming collectibles.

The membership of the NCN Chapter is chiefly from the large geographical area of northern California and northern Nevada, although all Casino Chips and

The NCN Chapter has fun Get-togethers (not stuffy or confrontive meetings) approximately every other month in different areas of the Chapter's geographical area. Our next meeting is on October 28th. Check our web site for details and directions.

The NCN Chapter publishes a newsletter for NCN members and other CC>CC Chapters prior to each Get-together. The newsletter contains news about the next Get-together, information about some things that are going on in our hobby, and other topics of interest to collectors of gaming collectibles. Advertising space is sold in the newsletter at the very reasonable rates. The NCN

Chapter also offers copies of the Nevada Control Board's List #10, the monthly approved list of gaming chips and tokens, for \$1 per month. NCN members receive a 50% discount on newsletter advertising rates and List #10 subscriptions.

Membership in the Nor-Cal-Nev Chapter is open to anyone. If you would like to join us, please go to our web site at <http://www.anderson-design.net/norcal.html> and complete the application form and the survey about your collecting interests. You can also request an application by contacting Todd Dingley, Chapter President at sandpointe@aol.com. Send everything to the Nor-Cal-Nev Chapter and you're in!

To get updated information on club activities, to view new chip releases from northern California and northern Nevada, view pictures of club meetings and much more, visit our website at: <http://www.anderson-design.net/norcal.html> ♦

April Chapter Meeting
Pictures by John Yee

Click on a picture below to get a full view.
Thanks to Mel and Liss Jung for hosting an incredible April Nor-Cal-Nev chapter meeting at Greatfoot, great people and great chipping.

CHAPTER
Nor-Cal-Nev
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**New Casino Chip Releases
Reno**
Chip scans by Larry Hollibaugh and Allan Anderson
These pages will provide you with some of the latest chip releases from Reno, Lake Tahoe, Henderson, York, Sparks, and Carson City.
Chips often bear silkscreened images on the front and back. Move your mouse pointer over a chip and see the reverse side. If the chip does not change then the front and back are identical.

**New Casino Chip Releases
for Northern California**
Scans by David Moore

This page will provide you with pictures of new chip releases from Northern California since January 2000.

Capital Casino .50 cent Capital Casino \$1 Capital Casino \$3

Allan Anderson
Webmaster

An Adventure in Chips

by *Mike Custodio*

The following story is true, in fact, I still can't believe it happened! I was selling a collection of chips for a friend. After a few months had passed, my friend changed his mind and requested the chips be returned to him. I sent the chips back via FedEx overnight delivery insured for about five thousand dollars in a copier box taped very securely. The next day I got a call from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. The message left on my answering machine requested that I contact them. My wife called me at work and asked if I was in trouble? I said, No! Why? She said, "because the L.A. County Sheriff's Department called and wants you to call them back". I got the number and called. The next thing I heard was Narcotics, I asked to speak to the detective, unfortunately, he was gone for the day (So much for working until the case is solved!) I left my numbers for work and home for a return call. I then asked myself, why would the L.A. Sheriff's Department want to talk with me? Then I thought...CHIPS! I sent the chips to California, maybe they were stolen? I placed a call to the person I sent the chips to! The following is an e-mail response to all my questions of what happens, when the CHIPS arrived in California.

Hi Michael,

I don't know how you did it, but you sure made a good show for my neighbors.

(An account from the lady next door, via Angie)

Two uniformed police, one carrying a video recorder, and a plain clothes detective holding a wrapped box, came to my apartment door at approximately 8:45am, Tuesday, June 22nd, 1999. With one cop on each side of the door with their WEAPONS DRAWN and the other video taping, the plain clothes detective knocks on the door.... "Police, open up!", He says.

No response. He knocks again. Still no response.

They put their guns up and knock on the neighbor's door. "Do you know if anyone is home here?" He asks. "No, comes the reply".

"Does a Caucasian named Clyde live here?" The detective asks. "I think so" she responds. "Do you know when he will be home?" He asks, "Uh, uh.". She answers.

He slips a business card in the door jam, and the three leave.

I get a panicked call at work from Angie relating this incident and the fear my little Mexican wife is feeling due to the police visit. (It's instinctive for Mexicans).

She gives me the name and phone number of the detective from the business card, and tells me he wrote a note on the back saying, "I HAVE A PACKAGE FOR YOU, GIVE ME A CALL".

"why would the L.A. Sheriff's Department want to talk with me"

My first thought is "Hmm, my ex wife sent me a bomb". "Then I remembered you were sending me the chips, so I call the guy. The phone is answered by a woman saying, "Narcotics, can I help you?" I ask for the detective and I am put on hold. Eventually, he answered the phone and I ask him what is going on? He says his department monitors packages arriving in my area because of the drug traffic coming from Mexico. He said his dogs showed particular interest in the package. I told him

if the package is from you it is just Casino chips and could have the scent of many people on them; but if it is from my ex-wife, it could be a bomb.

He says it is from you, so I relaxed and I ask if he wants to open it? He says he will bring it to my apartment and have my wife open it. I said okay, she was out for a bit, but would return in about an hour. He said he would be there in about half an hour.

I called Angie on the cell phone and told her what was happening. She was still scared, but said "Whatever my man wants".

Later, I called her at her apartment, and the cops were there video taping her opening the box and checking out the contents. I asked to talk to the detective and he said they were taping it for evidence that they didn't take any chips from the box.

Maybe this will be on the TV Show, Cops, as the bust that didn't quite go down. I swear I live a "Charmed" life. BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS, WHAT YOU GONNA DO!!! ♦



by **Jerry Birl**
Chapter Secretary

The largest and most active Chapter in the CC>CC continues to grow and prosper, we now have well over 300 active members. The meetings of this Chapter resemble "Mini Conventions", with over 150 members and guests in attendance and dozens of tables covered with Chips, Tokens and other Casino Memorabilia.

The A.C. Chapter's last meeting was held on Sunday June 4th in the Starlight Room at the Resorts International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. The Starlight Room was a new venue for our Chapter meetings (most of our previous meetings were held in various rooms at the Showboat Hotel Casino). The Starlight room was large and well lighted with plenty of tables and chairs. The bulk of the meeting was comprised of a very active "Swap Session" where all sorts of chips and tokens were traded, bought and sold.

Members of the Chapter donated 63 various Atlantic City chips, which were put into a

custom display frame. The framed chips along with a plaque will be donated to the Atlantic City Museum in memory of Chapter member Bob Mera who had passed away in December of 1999 after a long battle with Leukemia. The display will honor Bob and also hopefully inspire Museum visitors to become interested in the hobby of chip collecting.

We also had our 50/50 drawings and our Chapter Auction. The Chapter uses the proceeds from the 50/50 drawings and the Auction commission charges to fund Chapter activities.

Our next meeting will again be held at the Resorts Hotel Casino on Sunday November 19, 2000. Anyone who lives in the Atlantic area or who is interested in collecting Atlantic City chips is invited to join our Chapter. You may contact Chapter President Dick Brach. 32 South Avenue – Fanwood, NJ 07023 or telephone (908) 647-0814 for details on joining the A.C. Chapter. ♦

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ROULETTE CHAPTER SURVEY

We are in the process of starting a Roulette Chapter of the National Club, similar to what the Silver Strike collectors have done. There are about 40 Internet users who have expressed a desire to start a Roulette Collectors Chapter. We want to get input from ALL collectors before we go any further with setting up this new Chapter. The purpose of the Chapter would be to enhance communication between roulette collectors, keep track of and record all new roulette chip releases, identify and catalog all existing roulette chips and exchange information on roulette collecting.

The primary function of the Chapter would be to educate and recruit new roulette collectors. Also the Chapter would provide a vehicle to enhance the trading and selling of roulette chips. We would publish a newsletter devoted entirely to the collecting of roulette chips. We would also work closely with our National Club to bring news and articles about roulette collecting to all Club members.

If you are interested in FORMING AND JOINING a Roulette Collectors Chapter, please fill in the form below and mail it to:

ROULETTE COLLECTORS CHAPTER

Attention: Jerry Birl

P.O. Box 1261

Millsboro, DE 19966

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail _____

Telephone _____

What do you collect? (By area, casino, type of chip, all)

Would you be willing to pay modest annual dues

Probably \$5.00 to \$10.00? Yes No

Would you be willing to volunteer to help in running the chapter? Yes No

Additional Comments _____

If there is enough interest expressed we will put an application for membership in the next issue of the Club Magazine. Thank you for your input.



Running for President of the CC>CC

CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

Like most members of the club, I collect casino chips. I believe that the club is and should be, first and foremost, a club for collectors. Nevertheless, I also recognize that the club as we know it cannot exist in a viable form without the support of the collector-dealers who provide many of us with our primary source of chips and other casino collectibles. As CC>CC president, I will actively seek ways of promoting cooperation among collectors, dealers, casinos and chip manufacturers.

Casino chip collecting is a growing hobby. The continued success of the club is absolutely dependent upon our ability to grow with the hobby. As CC>CC President, I will actively seek ways of promoting growth of the hobby in general and the club in particular.

In support of the foregoing general principles, I support the following specific programs and proposals:

- The creation of nation-wide club chapters for specialty collectors, similar to the highly successful Silver Strikers Chapter.
- Closer cooperation between the national club and the chapters, both regional and specialty.
- Increased emphasis on advertising and promotion designed to increase Club membership.
- Consideration of the establishment of a mid-year or winter convention to be held at a location other than Las Vegas, perhaps moving the location from year to year.
- Expansion of the club website as a source of information about the hobby.
- The recent proposal by Jim Kruse to establish a permanent, physical home for our Club. Such a facility could serve as a combined museum, library and Hall of Fame. I also support the proposal by Neal Silverman to initiate a committee to study means of making this proposal a reality.
- The acquisition of chip production records by the club, if they can be obtained at a reasonable price.
- Both a modest increase in membership fees for the purpose of funding such acquisitions (\$5-10 a year) and the imposition of a modest fee to access the records once they are obtained (\$5 per request seems reasonable).
- The development and publication of some form of official CC>CC standardized grading definitions.
- A more active role by the Club in establishing and enforcing standards of ethical conduct.

Here are some fellow Club members who have endorsed my candidacy in this election

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| • Archie Black (HLM-001) | • John Benedict | • Andy Hughes | • Travis H. D. Lewin |
| • Neal Silverman | • Marty Kaplan | • Larry Hollibaugh | • Steve Blust |
| • Peter Sanders | • Bob Orme | • Katie Smith | • Michael Par |
| • Jim Gardner | • Paul Sax | • Jim Gaito | • Skip Sesling |
| • Robert Touts | | | |

It is with considerable pleasure and a high degree of confidence in their abilities that I endorse election candidates Neal Silverman for Vice President and Marty Kaplan for Secretary.





Neal Silverman for Vice President

Working for chip collecting. Working for the club

- Co-founder of Chequers
- Contributing Editor of Casino Player Magazine
- Co-author Collector's Corner, monthly chipping column in Casino Player
- Developer and first webmaster of the CC>CC's website
- Writer for Gaming Times
- Moderator at the Electronic Chippers Conference at 8th Annual CC>CC Convention

Where I Stand:

- I am in favor of strengthening our Club's financial footing so that the funds will be available to help grow the hobby and for Club use when reasonable opportunities arise.
- I am in favor of enhancing the functions and events we have to make, or keep them, the best and most prestigious in the hobby. Simply put, I would not cut back on our magazine, the CC&TN, I would look to build upon it. I would not consider reducing the scope of our annual convention, but rather press to keep it the premier event that it is.
- I am very much in favor Jim Kruse's suggestion for a Club building to house a CC>CC museum, provided reasonable conditions to go forward are met. I solicited the current board to form a committee to research the feasibility of Jim's idea.
- I would strongly encourage the creation of specialty collector Chapters similar to the Silver Strike Chapter.
- I am not in favor of a grading system. However, I think the use of relative descriptions such as: uncirculated, used, worn are useful.
- With the Internet's growth, the web has become a primary form of communication and the Club should embrace it and take as full advantage of the Internet as is practical. I want to put in place new procedures and techniques to provide better communication between the Board and our Members.

It's time for a change.

I whole heartedly support Jim Reilly for President and Marty Kaplan for Secretary.





Marty Kaplan for Secretary

It was about a month ago that I got home from our Convention in Las Vegas, and while I have calmed down considerably since then, I find that I am still excited, pumped in fact, at the prospects for our Club's and the hobby's future. A future that I want very much to be a part of. With that in mind I would like to announce that I am running for Club Secretary in the 2001 election.

I like to 'roll my sleeves up' and get things done, and from my earliest days as a collector I have been working to promote the hobby and enhance communication between all chip & token collectors. That communication was the original concept behind Chequers – The Home of Chips and Tokens on the Web - of which I am co-founder. Chequers grew and we created Chequers Magazine, an online magazine of which I have been the Editor since its introduction. I am very happy and proud of its steady growth in both numbers and stature.

Currently, I am a Contributing Editor for Casino Player Magazine and co-author a monthly column for Casino Player Magazine entitled "Collector's Corner" where the focus is on our hobby. I have also emceed the Electronic Chipping Seminar (1999) at our Convention.

I believe it will take close attention, creativity, a hearty dose of technology, and hard work to steer a successful course through the growth our hobby is undergoing. When I attended our convention this year it was almost like going to a family reunion. I do not want that warmth to get lost in the expansion that is likely to come. I believe that well reasoned judgement and patience will go a long way towards making correct decisions for our Club's future.

Having personally been involved in volunteer organizations in the past, I feel I know the kind of effort it takes. I am willing, eager, and ready to provide that energy if given your support and elected as your Club Secretary.

I Support:

- I will work aggressively to improve communication between the Board and the Chapter Clubs.
- I will aggressively help to form new chapters both Regional and Special Interests, not unlike our Silver Strikers Chapter.
- I want to improve the Club's financial position and assure having funds available for special projects, if and when they are approved.
- I support a nominal membership dues increase of \$5.00 - \$10.00 per year is acceptable. Similarly, I support convention registration fees beginning with the 2001 Convention.
- I feel we should adjust the CC&TN advertising rate structure so that it can run in the black.
- I think we have to promote our organization with increased advertising and promotion. Casino gaming and our hobby are both growing, and we should be growing along with them.
- I support the continuing expansion of our Club's web site to attract new members and to provide information to all.
- I support Jim Kruse, our Club Auctioneer, who has a dream of a home, a facility, for the CC>CC. A committee is currently looking into that possibility and I look forward to their findings.

In the CC>CC elections there are no 'slates', there are no 'parties'. I do however feel strongly about two very good people among our candidates, and therefore I offer my full support and endorsement to both Jim Reilly for President and Neal Silverman for Vice President.



MEL'S CHIPHISTRY

Limited Editions, Chip Series, and "Collectibles"

by *Mel Jung*

Prior to 1990, casinos did not have chips for the intent of providing chips as a "collectible" or for profit through sales to gaming chip collectors. They were for gaming purposes only and not intended to leave the casino although, many casinos found their chip counts were down from collectors taking a few home.

There were a few exceptions when a casino wanted to recognize a special in-house event. In 1968, the Sahara in Las Vegas issued a World Airlines 11th annual



Christmas Party dollar chip good only for casino, food, or beverage. It was a very attractive dark green chip with a blue and white inlay, Nevada mold. Another example is seen in the Westward Ho Casino 2nd Anniversary Celebration (1972+-) chip, which has no denomination, and was never used on the tables. It was a Paulson Hat and Cane. The casinos issued these with the intent that a few participants would take home a souvenir

and in the case of the Sahara Dollar; for tracking play by the use of the participants in the pit

During the Bicentennial Celebrations of 1976, the whole country was creating memorabilia and Nevada Casinos joined in with some chip issues. One of my chipping business cards notes that, in the early 80's, I specialized in collecting these since only 9 or 10 different issues were accepted as true Bicentennials. The debate was based whether they were made and offered on or about July 4th of that year. Phil Jensen and I recall two issues that came out later that year or merely had a "76" on the face. Whatever, these were early special issues made with the intent that collectors would take them home. I sold most of mine to Steve Piccolo who has done a fine job amassing Bicentennials that are now hard to find and very pricey. They are: The Casino, Golden Gate, MGM Grand, Sahara, Union Plaza, Silver Slipper, Holiday LV, Horseshoe Club Reno, and Harvey's Lake Tahoe. The two in question are the Gold Dust, Reno and the Landmark, LV.

Many chip collectors harvested a chip or two from the casino as a souvenir. It usually was a dollar chip or lower denomination and seldom could we afford to take

anything over a \$5 chip. After a few years of gaming, our shoebox, drawer, or sock would have a few hundred chips and each would recall some past loss or gain, drunken stupor, or other entertaining experience in a casino. The chip always brought back some memory and was collected while in play! Why would anyone want a chip that never hit the felt, did not remind one of a loss or gain, or never was in the sweaty palms of a gambler? Well, a few collectors have proven to us that chips made for supplemental income for the casinos and collector mania have changed the hobby of collecting.

Post 1990

The post 1990 chip collectors, that preferred chips intended for collecting, have added a new dimension to the hobby and increased demand for obsolete as well as new issues. Often the passion for collecting develops from innocently buying "just one" baseball, football, boxing, rodeo, Halloween, 4th of July, Chinese Dragon, opera star or special event chip. One leads to another and soon another member joins our group...we hope for a pleasurable lifetime of collecting. Let's look at some of the chips and events that have developed the interest.



1990 Harrah's Sailboat

The first "collectible series" chip in Nevada was issued by Harrah's Lake Tahoe in early 1990 and created tremendous interest to the newly formed group of chip collectors of the CC>CC (at that time, about 200 of us). Chipco delivered 100,000 five dollar chips and almost every collector I knew had to have one. Some of us even went back and got a second one...to trade. Little did we realize that this was the beginning of a whole new era of chip collecting. It is hard to imagine that Harrah's ordered these with the sole intent of making a profit of \$4.50 each since they ordered so many. They had been using the Reliable Brass Core chips since 1971 and would continue their use for many more years. In late 1994, when I met with Harrah's staff concerning their brass core issues and the success of the Sailboat; I was informed they had destroyed 98,000+ Sailboat Chipcos and did not want to keep them in the cage any longer (tying up too much cash reserves). It seems they had sold over 1800 and were not going to continue mixing them with the brass core rack chips in the cage and pit. A few months after this meeting, I was called by Harrah's and discovered that they had found

another full box that they failed to destroy and offered them to me rather than go through the paperwork of declaring another destruction with Nevada Gaming Control. I drove up the next day and sold most of them during the past 5 years since they are a keystone to the history of chip collecting and a necessity even if a chipper does not collect the new breed of 'collectibles'. Chipping has never been the same since the Harrah's Sailboat \$5 Chipco.

Northern Nevada First

Within two years, beginning with Northern Nevada casinos, Chipco came out with special event chips celebrating Bally's Reno Rodeo 1991, Reno Air Races 1990 and Havana Nite on New Year's Eve 1991. The Clarion, Reno designed a beautiful rack chip in 1991 depicting their 30 ft indoor waterfall. And the Eldorado, Reno issued "The Great Italian Festival" on October 13, 1991. In Sparks, the Nugget made \$5 chips for their '91,'92 and '93 Rib Cook-Offs with Pig Chefs on each issue. Each issue sold out within 3 months.

In 1993, the Monte Carlo Casino in Reno released a rack chip that deserves recognition by being the first chip that celebrated two events. The Reno Air Races



and a second event, the Reno Balloon Races. For the first time, two events on one chip with a great job done by Chipco. The chips depicted a WW II P-51 Mustang with a racing pylon in the background and on the obverse, a balloon. This memorable chip remained on the tables until they closed (now Diamonds Casino with another set of Chipcos). In a conversation with the casino manager, I found that they had planned for this chip to be a collectible with the success that over 1200 disappeared the first year. Now its another "obsolete" like the Sailboat.

Southern Nevada Joins In

As early as April 1991, some casino managers in Las Vegas found the new "collectibles" chips to be very profitable. The record appears to be held by Caesars Palace who created a Chipco \$25



to celebrate their 25th anniversary. 50,000 chips were produced, and Caesars announced that any chips not sold by April 30 1992...would be destroyed. This was the first time a threat of future destruction was used to assure collectors of their limited life in the cage and casino. BUT 50,000? We all sort of laughed at

the time, but they had the last laugh when ALL of them sold out before December of that year. ALL OF THEM! Their announced profit in nine months, confirmed by Chipco was almost \$1,200,000! You can bet that this kind of news went through the minds of many of the casino managers to consider new issues.

The day after our 1994 convention, most of us stood in line on Sunday morning at Binion's Horseshoe for their issuance of the twenty piece \$2.50 set of commemorative "World Series of Poker". Paulson had depicted the past 19 years of winners and the 20th chip was of Benny Binion. They sold out in one hour at \$50 per set... 1,000 Sets were produced and 200 sets were intended to be held for the final tables and special guests. Evidently not enough were held back and it was necessary to later order 100 sets for that purpose, but the original numbered wrapper covers were not the same as the original numbered 1,000.

Across the street at the Pioneer Club, Steve Cutler had opened the popular Nevada Gold Museum and pioneered the first 6 piece set of chips with denominations of 25 cents through \$100 with Vegas Vic prominently featured. Only 200 sets were made and were quickly sold out. He also had the Pioneer issue a 12 Piece set of \$5 chips depicting the history of Nevada by milestone events.

The sale of \$50,000 worth of

chips at Binion's in 45 minutes and the rush to buy Famous Pioneer chips was such an event that it was carried by Las Vegas news media and channel 8 interviewed people at the casinos and on Fremont St. The special issue chip collecting hobby had come of age to the public.

Later, Steve brought the museum show to the Flamingo Hilton in Reno and Laughlin. As usual, new collector and series type chips were available; not only at the Hilton chain of gaming venues, but collector chips were found in almost all the casinos of Laughlin after Steve had the Flamingo "Cool Bird" series of chips at the Hilton. It would be hard to find another person more responsible for the development of the "collectible" chips in Southern Nevada than Steve Cutler. The wonderful "Nevada Gold" display which was the forerunner of the CASINO LEGENDS, HALL OF FAME presently at the Tropicana is the largest collection of its kind in the world.

When CT Rogers and Steve put on the Casino Collectibles Expo at the Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, another first in chipping was issued. On September 5, 1997, a "cool bird" bar-b-ques on one side wearing an apron with the comment "tastes like chicken" and

on the other Charley's famous "stove pipe" hat is worn by a "cool bird" holding a pot of chips that announces "I'm a chipper". This is the first chip made for a chip show and designed by chippers.. It celebrated the collectibles show and Labor Day.

When the show opened, it was announced that 750 were made and only one per person was allowed at the casino cage. They were so strict that when I went for my "one only" chip, the cashier vehemently refused to sell me one because she said I had just been there and bought one. Baffled, I later found out that, earlier, Doug Saito was mistaken for me (Do Asians really look the same?). Flattered?, but angry, it took me two hours to find Doug and show the cashier the difference to get my chip. Only 750 were made and it was not until this article was researched that Charley told me some were also put on the craps table that evening. All were sold the first day. Appropriately, it was chosen Chip of the Year 1997.

Gene Trimble's efforts at the Four Queens and later the Fiesta. from late 1994 to present, have been legendary in creating new issues for the collectors. Although he heard a lot of grumbling from the older crowd of collectors (including me); he has promoted casino chips for collectors with so many issues that they are hard to count; and provided the hobby with chip shows and a new frontier of collecting. The Four Queens continued with Gene's influence after



he left for the Fiesta and well over 200 different "collector" chips have been released by the Four Queens. Along the way, they have had everything from chips commemorating the original 13 colonies to one called the "Tarantula 2000".

Special Issues ...and a bonus!!

The Reno Hilton came out with another innovative idea for Hot August Nites, 1999. With a 55' Corvette on one side and Kahlua on the other; this was the first chip to offer a free drink with every chip. When you bought the \$5 (1750 made) or \$25 (limited to 200) at the casino cage, you received a numbered ticket for a free Kahlua drink at any casino bar. It expired Sept. 30, 1999. The inexperienced collector may have been foolish enough to even turn the ticket in for a drink, but that would have

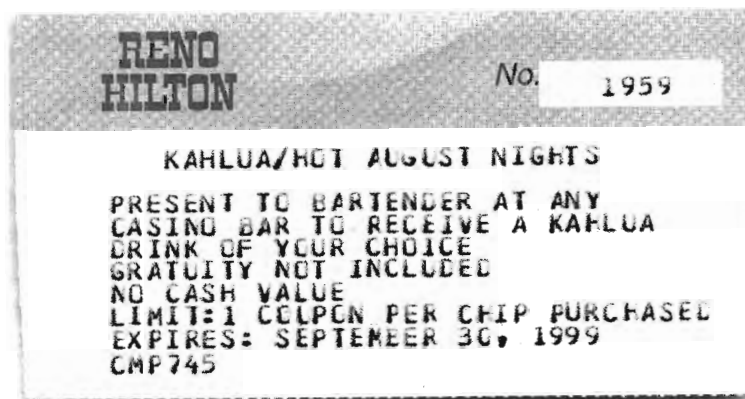
been a mistake since this complimented the chip as a collectible. Now the coupons are more scarce than the chip....which sold out in three weeks.

Kahlua paid for the chip and coupon to track their drink demand and was surprised to see sales of their brand increased greatly during this promotion. Evidently, you don't stop at just "one" Kahlua but continue during the evening after cashing in the coupon. The casino was happy, they had \$5 and \$25 chips that sold out and didn't cost them a dime. So look for future issues when this catches on to other

casinos and their alcohol distributors.

Although my preference has always been the older chips, with hot stamps, cigarette burns, and worn edges that show some use; I have been convinced that this new age of chipping is here to stay and admit to being an admirer (and collector) of quite a few of them. How could I pass up a chip that says "I'M A CHIPPER"??

Fears that the new "pretty chips" would ruin collecting have been virtually dispelled with the huge influx of new members that were exposed to chipping through their discovery of a chip that appealed to their taste. Once bitten, the chipaholic often expands to older issues and other casino collectibles. The newer members show great interest in ashtrays, matchbooks, glasses, and now; even the new craze in..... slot



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The *Last* DANCE

by *Jim Steffner*

It's over, the last chip has been traded and the CC>CC 2000 convention is part of history. A tremendous success, the convention headed by Wayne Thompson and Belinda Hixon brought together close to 100 dealers and hundreds and hundreds of our club members and walk-in attendees. This would not have been possible without the countless hours of help from all of our great volunteers who manned registration, membership, and the club sales table, plus those who helped set up and tear down the floor tables and moved display cases. We can't forget those who helped with advance publicity, programs, seminars, the auction, and on and on. Thanks to all of them we had one of the best conventions ever and without their help the show would not exist.

It was great to renew old friendships and to make new ones and put a face with an e-mail name. The club signed up 43 new regular members, 53 Associate members, and 3 Life Members. Your club now has 2386 active members with R-4885 being the latest number issued. For the 1999-2000 club year we signed up 657 new members for a net gain of 279 over June of last year. We have members from 49 states and

12 foreign countries. The Member Directory has 1983 entries listing name, address, phone, and collecting interests. Your club now has 12 chapters across the country to provide local access for collectors to meet and trade.

Greg Susong won the new member sponsor award for signing up 29 members last year.



The Early Bird Reception hosted about 400 members who enjoyed the fine fixins and drinks. Many awards were presented and the Hall of Fame inducted some new members. The trade session started at 7:00 and lasted till the wee hours of the night when the last collector threw in the towel.

Over 95 members attended the business meeting on Thursday night followed by the clubs second annual poker tournament which was held at the Excalibur. A nice set of 5 chips was issued to commemorate the poker tournament, and these sets are from the club Promotion Chairman. The Last Dance trade session on Saturday put a cap on the week's events with a room full of eager chippers and tokeners who just didn't want to give up. The Silver Strikers Chapter, largest chapter in our club, had representatives at the club table to sign up new members and held their annual meeting at the convention.

Some of our expert master collectors produced some excellent seminars that were educational and very well attended. These seminars take a lot of work and are a great opportunity to enhance your knowledge of the hobby. There is always something new to learn.

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Edge vs Rim - Anatomy of a Chip

by R. K. Covington

During the Chipology 101 Seminar at this year's convention, one of the questions that brought a lively discussion (in fact the question has popped up on at least one of the various Bulletin Boards in August 2000) was about the definition of *Edge Vs Rim*. This author would like to try to explain his understanding of what is the difference between the *Edge & Rim* are on a casino chip.

First a little background: The author comes from a Numismatic background – somewhat related to chips, as both have a sense of money associated with them... Coins are “good” anywhere within the issuing country for the amount indicated on the coin towards the purchase of goods and services. Casino chips (or Cheques) are “good” in the Casino at the various games within the issuing casino for table play or as a tip to a dealer or cocktail waitress. Both coins and chips are round discs made of various materials. Both coins and chips have a monetary value to them, yes, even NCV chips also have a “value” as they are either used in a tournament play or used by the player to “learn how to play the game” – yet the NCV chips can't be “cashed” in at the Casino Cage.

In the discussion below, the author is referring to composition chips, such as those made by or distributed by: Paulson; Christy & Jones; T. R. King; H. C. Edwards, and many others.

either plastic or brass, and are “finished” with an external plastic.

These center cores are usually designed with projections that extend to the edge, and are not

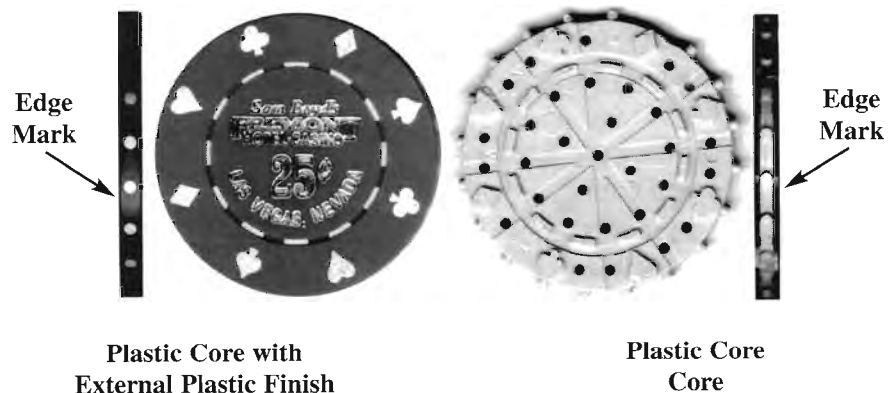


Selected Examples of Composition Chips with Edge Inserts

While the chips that are made by other processes; such as the plastic injected mold chips made by Bud Jones, and or casting and plastic injection molding of the Brass Core chips made by Reliable. These types of chips are made by completely different processes than the composition chips. They have a center core of

covered by the external plastic cover, thus resulting in an edge mark.

Restated, the “edge inserts” that may be in the Bud Jones or Brass Core chips are considered by this author as *edge marks*.



Edge inserts are fundamentally different from edge marks. Edge inserts are made by the removal of some of the base material from the chip and “inserting” a different colored (or colors of) composition material into the void where the material was removed. Refer to the illustration below.

Normal Chip with Edge Inserts



2) The reverse – again in the modern US Coin world, this is where secondary design is portrayed. In the above example, the cent, the reverse depicts the Lincoln’s Memorial (since 1959); on the Half Dollar the reverse depicts the presidential coat of arms (except for half dollars dated



Material Removed for the Edge Insert

Edge inserts come in various shapes, sizes and colors. Some of these shapes include: Rectangular; Round; and V Shaped as illustrated below:

Rectangular



Round



V Shaped



Selected Examples of Edge Inserts

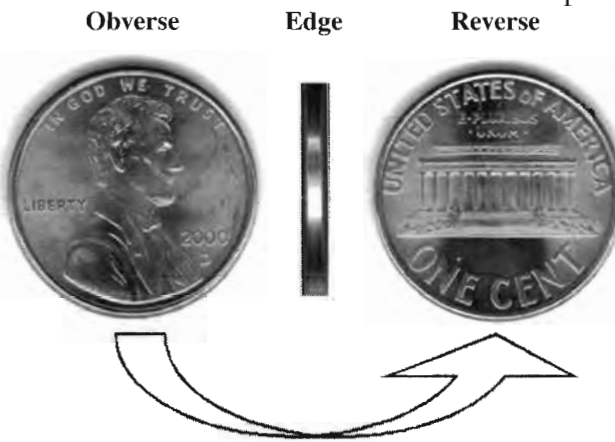
This may be where some confusion comes from – the edge inserts extend into the face of the chip! When the chip is viewed from either side, (and assuming that the edge inserts are in the chip), the edge inserts are visible!

Edge Vs Rim.

In the coin world, there are three recognized sides to a coin:
 1) The obverse – in modern US coins this is where the Bust of the various Presidents is portrayed. On the cent this is Abraham Lincoln, on the Half Dollar this is John F. Kennedy, etc.

1776-1996 which shows the Independence Hall in Philadelphia).
 3) The edge - is the surface between the obverse and the reverse, i.e. on the “side” of the

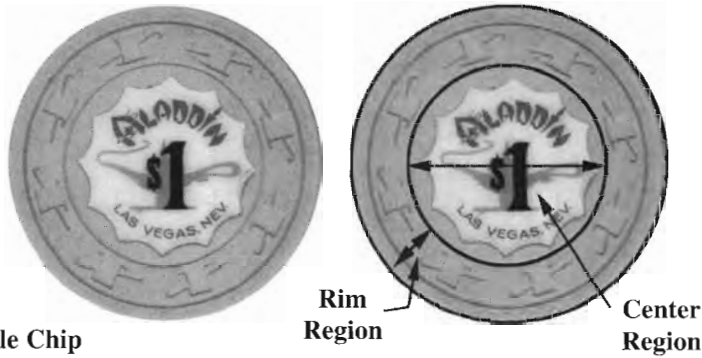
coin as seen when the coin is rotated from the obverse to the reverse. Once again using the US Cent, Refer to Illustration below.



Where as on the half dollars the edge is not smooth, it has many parallel lines or grooves extending from the obverse to the reverse (or Vice Versa) – this is referred to as “REEDING” or as a “Reeded Edge”.

In the casino chip world, the same three regions that coins have are also applicable to chips. Yet in the casino chip world, two of the sides have different regions – the center region where there is either a Hot Stamped or a Center Inlay may be found. This center inlay can have various shapes including Round, Notched, Star, Hub, Scalloped – the list goes on... The second region is the rim region – this is the area where the mold design, which identifies the various manufacturers and or distributors, may be found. These Mold Designs include the Paulson Hat & Cane mold (as well as seen in Christy & Jones, Burt CO chips) or the Square in Circle mold as seen in the Portland Card Company chips, or the Large Crown or Small Crown designs of T. R. King, and the list goes on and on...

The third side is the outer perimeter of the chip, which is referred to as the **Edge**. In the edge of the casino chip, the edge inserts (or edge marks in the case of Brass Core and Plastic injection mold chips) are visible.

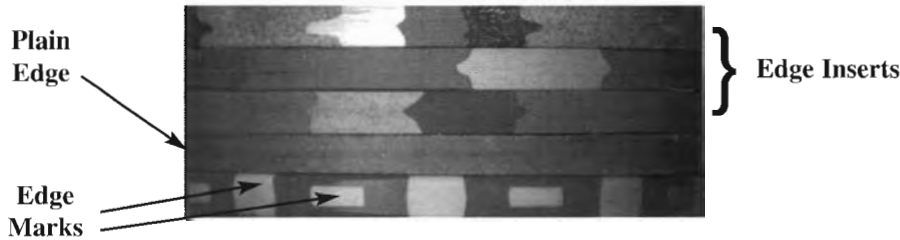


Example Chip

Rim Region

Center Region

side a (or 1), the other flat surface



These edge inserts and edge marks are not only visible to the people using the chips in a game (both the casino personnel as well as the chip collectors – A.K.A. players...) yet also visible to the “eye-in-the-sky”. The latter is to help insure that the proper chips/pay offs are made.

Another way to think about this, one flat surface which has the name, denomination or graphic is

with the same or similar design as side a is side b (or 2). The surface that is flat yet is around the perimeter of the chip is the edge.

Another way to think of the edge, is that you can stand a chip on edge, and lay it down on the rim ...

The author has discussed the concept of Edge Marks and Edge Inserts along the way to the author’s definition of *Edge Vs Rim*.

Edge Marks are marks, which are visible from the edge of the chip, and are an integral part of the core of the chip. While edge inserts are material of the same composition as the base material in the chip, differing in color only, and furthermore that this material is placed into the base material of the chip. This material can extend from the edge into the rim region of a chip. Both edge marks and edge inserts are used as security markings and are here to stay with us. (Security markings are the topic of yet another article or may be even a potential Seminar Topic).

In closing the author has proposed that the definition discussed in this article, that being that the *Edge* is the flat surface around the parameter of the chip, and that the *Rim* is the region of the chip where the mold design may be found (Note that some rim designs are plain – or lacking a design). Furthermore that chips actually have two rims, one on each side of the chip, and that the interior of the chip, the center region is where either a center inlay or hot stamp is found. ♦

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An Old Friend Returns

by John Yee

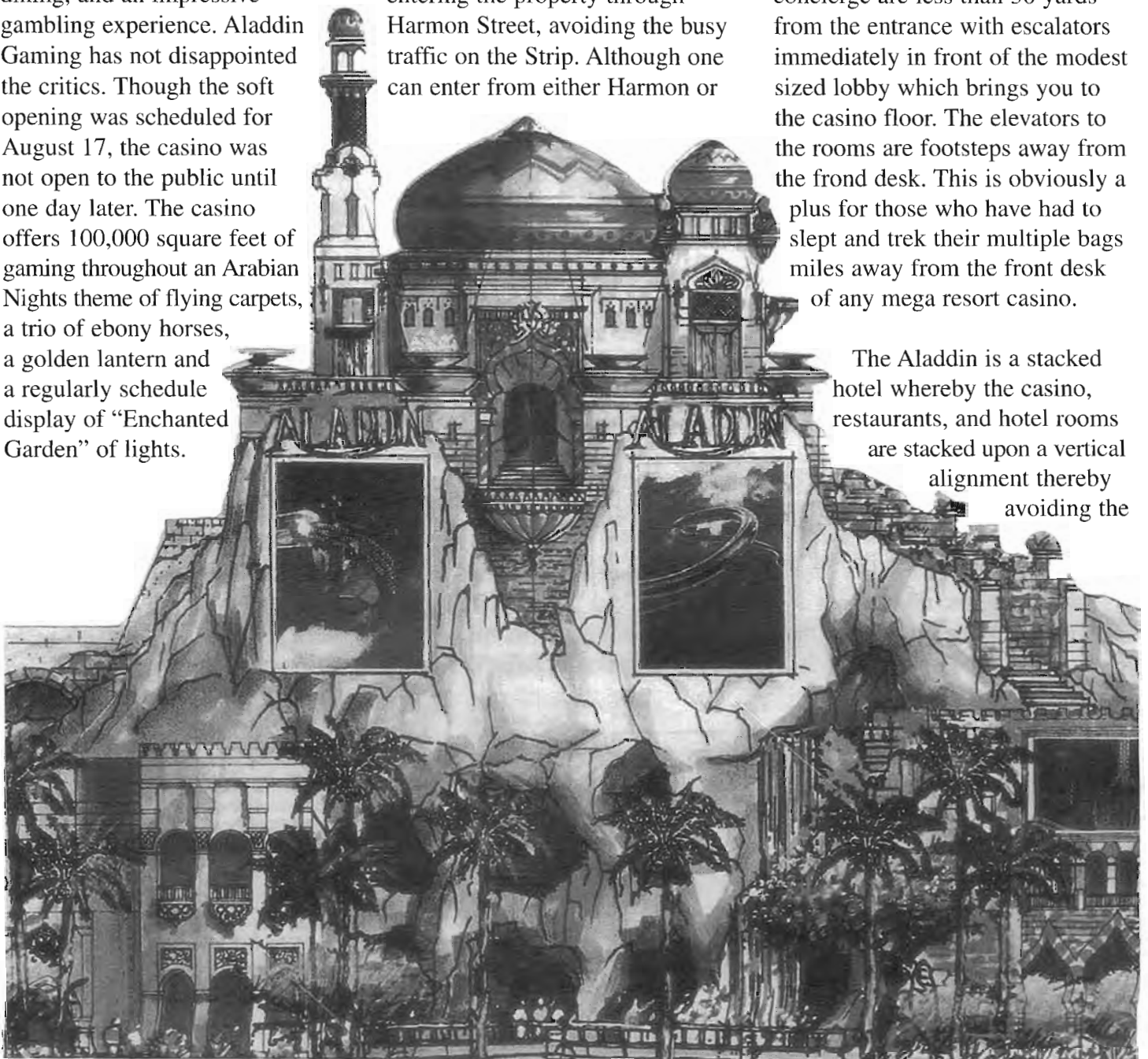


On April 27, 1998, the Aladdin was imploded to make way for a \$1.4 billion mega casino which promised elegant shopping, dining, and an impressive gambling experience. Aladdin Gaming has not disappointed the critics. Though the soft opening was scheduled for August 17, the casino was not open to the public until one day later. The casino offers 100,000 square feet of gaming throughout an Arabian Nights theme of flying carpets, a trio of ebony horses, a golden lantern and a regularly schedule display of "Enchanted Garden" of lights.

On September 8, a number of us had the pleasure of touring the property with Fred Lewis, manager of public relations. We began by entering the property through Harmon Street, avoiding the busy traffic on the Strip. Although one can enter from either Harmon or

Las Vegas Boulevard, signs were easy to read and much of the touch-up construction is pleasantly hidden. The front desk and the concierge are less than 30 yards from the entrance with escalators immediately in front of the modest sized lobby which brings you to the casino floor. The elevators to the rooms are footsteps away from the front desk. This is obviously a plus for those who have had to slept and trek their multiple bags miles away from the front desk of any mega resort casino.

The Aladdin is a stacked hotel whereby the casino, restaurants, and hotel rooms are stacked upon a vertical alignment thereby avoiding the



need to cross the casino in order to walk from one destination to another. There are very attractive advantage points that allow you to view the casino, restaurants, guestrooms and retail stores at once. The four story high ceiling over the casino floor creates a wonderful sense of space and openness which makes the "eyes in the sky" as unobtrusive as possible. We soon welcomed the stacked configuration when walking through-out parts of the 34-acre property.

The Aladdin features the following amenities:

- Over 130 retail shops in the Desert Passage
- 21 world-class restaurants
- A 7,000 seat Theatre for the Performing Arts
- A 100,000 square foot casino
- The London Club, 35,000 square feet of a European style luxury gaming salon
- 2,567 guest rooms
- Two outdoor pools
- 75,000 square feet of meeting rooms

An interesting fact is that a few of the original Aladdin slot machines were refurbished

and are the only items retained from the original Aladdin. Evidently, they are not using any of the slot card or rated player information either.

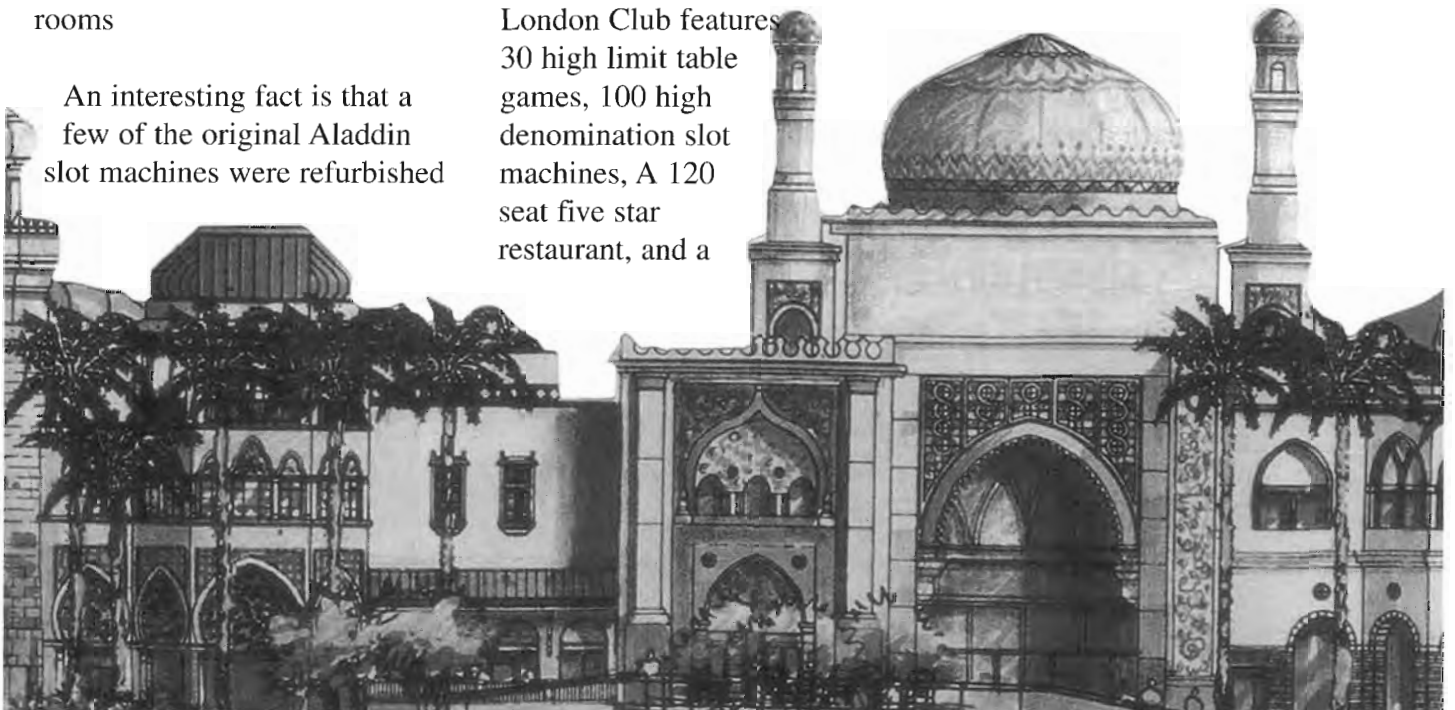
The "Enchanted Garden", the world's largest indoor light board spans 130 feet and displays vibrant blooming flowers every so often was created by Mikohn. In the middle of the casino is a 35-foot magic lamp which is the centerpiece of the casino. Three Ebony Horses towers over the Race & Sports Book, each horse representing three major horse races, Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont.

The high end slots and gaming tables are located in Sinbad's Palace but I think they will soon find that much of their business will be cannibalized by the London Club, one floor up. The highlight of our tour was walking through the London Club, separate from the main casino. The London Club features 30 high limit table games, 100 high denomination slot machines, A 120 seat five star restaurant, and a

private lounge and reception area. Though there were few players midday, it gave us the chance to talk to the dealers. The female dealers wore a neutral colored flesh colored evening gown and the male dealers were adorned in suits and ties. Having spoken to a few dealers, I found The London Club hired a few dealers with no gaming experience so they could be trained in their own unique English style.

We toured the restaurant and were impressed with the elegance of the crystal glasses, plates, silverware, and wooden floors. The restaurant featured private dining rooms some with views of the strip and another with the view of the kitchen.

Next to the restaurant is the St. James Club, a members only club that has the use of a fabulous bar and private dining area.

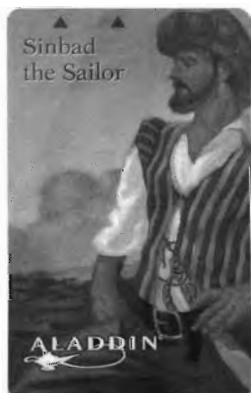


As we returned to The London Club casino, we were introduced to Derek Llambias, Director, assigned from the headquarters in London. The London Club has casinos operating throughout the word, but this casino must still adhere to the guidelines of Nevada Gaming.

Derek passed us the \$10,000,000 plaque, which gave us a chance to be photograph with the largest denomination gambling piece ever produced. The plaque, 151 x 105 mm (about 4 inches by 6 inches) is produced by Bourgoigne et Grasset of which only one is kept in the cage. There is also a \$5,000,000 and a \$1,000,000 plaque in the cage.



The Aladdin currently has four different room keys each depicting a different theme. The registration staff was genuinely kind and respectful of our request for additional keys.



Although The London Club has its own slot card variety, the main casino and The London Club can use the same slot card which is a beautiful metallic blue card with a lantern on the front. In my opinion, the Aladdin is the most beautiful slot card in Las Vegas next to the Venetian.

The house chips are beautifully designed Paulson chips each depicting a different theme but with the same design on both sides. Limited edition chips were produced in the \$5 and \$25 only.

The London Club uses 43-millimeter chips on their baccarat chips and the \$1, \$5, and \$20 are depicted below. They use the same house chips as the Aladdin.

The slot tokens come in a variety of different sizes and colors. All the tokens are metal aligned and have the mintmark "RWM", Robert Williams Mint on the reverse. The \$1 is a 38-millimeter token with a "1" and the trademark Aladdin with the lamp in the center. The reverse has a genie lamp in the center.

The \$5 token measures 44-millimeter and is very similar to

the \$1 token. The reverse depicts the Ebony Horse flapping its wings about to fly away. All the tokens have the year of opening on the obverse.

The \$25 Token is approximately 47-millimeters. It's bi-metal design with the slogan, "Where Wishes Come True" on the obverse. The reverse depicts a genie emerging from lantern holding a banner with the word "Aladdin" on it.

The \$100 token measures 39-millimeters and is the only one of the lot which has reeded edges. The token is two toned and on the reverse is a picture of a Palace.

The Desert Passage, over 100 retail shops is near full occupancy. The layout is in the design of a horseshoe and nearly 1/4 of a mile in circumference. The ceiling painted in sky blue with an occasional cloud is very much like those at Caesar's Forum and at the Venetian.

With the history the club has with the Aladdin, it would be a joy to return to the Aladdin for future conventions. I highly recommend visiting this new casino for its charm and well thought out design. ♦



Exhibitionism



by *Edward Fox*

My collection of silver strikes started as most collections do, as a mild little curiosity based on a simple appreciation of their appearance. My curiosity grew as I developed a love of visiting new casinos just to check them out and get a souvenir for a variable amount of money and moving on to the next one.

However, once I go tunpacked from each trip, my collection would sit unappreciated in a bottom drawer, and later a shoebox. I never mentioned it at first to friends or my extended family, as I figured it would sound frightening to them that I had picked up a “gambling hobby.”

That all changed when I decided to finish my collection by getting a silver strike from every participating Nevada casino. That took a couple of years, and I made a promise to myself that I would

find a way to show them off when I was done. I thought about it for innumerable hours, and despite the fact that I had NEVER done any woodworking or designing of any kind, I decided to build a display case myself. Home Depot and I got real close, and I started to think that I would spend more on supplies and tools than the strikes themselves, but I finally finished it 2 days before flying to Las Vegas for the convention.

Although the response I got at the convention was great, it was the response I got later at home that really made the work worthwhile. The whole idea of collecting them makes sense once they are displayed – as lawyers would say (in Latin), “the thing speaks for itself.” I can now show them off without the least bit of embarrassment or explanation of why I would go to the trouble of driving the back roads of Nevada to go to little casinos all over the place. That beats any award I could have gotten at the convention.

And what did I do with the prize certificate? I bought a framed picture of Planet Hollywood at Caesar’s-Las Vegas with three LE chips embedded in the picture, and gave it to a good friend at home who goes to every Planet Hollywood he can find. Guess who is now a chip collector? ♦

Calendar of Events

Casinorama

Saturday, October 21, 2000
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Arcadia Masonic Hall
50 West Duarte Road
Arcadia, CA
Jim Munding
626 · 919 · 0603
mun3335@aol.com

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Chip and Token Dig

Saturday, November 4, 2000
9 a.m to 5 p.m.
Trade session Friday night 6 p.m.
Sharkeys Casino, Gardnerville, NV.
For table reservations contact
Howard Herz
775 · 782 · 5681

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Sacramento Coin Show

Saturday and Sunday
November 4 & 5, 2000
Sacramento, CA.

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So Cal Chapter Trade Session

Saturday, December 2, 2000
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Hollywood Park, Inglewood
Jim Munding
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(Florida United Numismatists)
Thursday through Sunday,
January 4 – 7, 2001
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John Benedict
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Friday and Saturday
February 23 & 24, 2001
Friday Noon - 6 p.m. \$15
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$5
Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
Peter Didlow
702 · 257 · 9692

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3rd Annual Casino

Chip & Token Show
Saturday, March 17, 2001
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Holidome
624 North York Road
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Bill Neal
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9rd Annual CC>CC Convention

Wednesday through Saturday,
May 30 – June 2, 2001
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Wayne Thompson
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Bones Remmer and the Menlo Club

by David Moore



Some of the most intriguing California chips are the crest and seals such as those from the SS Tango and SS Rex gambling ships and the Menlo Club “ER” chips. The Tango and Rex chips have a fascinating story behind them, which has been well-documented. However less has been known about the Menlo Club chips until now.



The

Eastman and Jung-Pfaender catalogs of California chips along with The Gaming Table list the Menlo Club as being in Menlo Park, California but with no exact address or dates of operation.

Apparently the location of the Menlo Club has been an educated guess, since they have surfaced



over the years at flea markets and garage sales in the San Francisco Bay Area, and the name sounds as if it could have been located in the town of Menlo Park, California. But no documentation exists that a card room called the Menlo Club ever existed in Menlo Park.

However, a notorious card room called the Menlo Club operated during the 1940s in San Francisco, just 30 miles north of Menlo Park. And that card room was owned by Elmer Remmer, which would explain the “ER” initials on the Menlo Club crest and seal chips.

Remmer, better known as “Bones” Remmer, was an alleged organized crime figure and did constant battle with law enforcement in San Francisco during his long career as the city’s gambling czar. Edmund G. Brown, Sr. battled Remmer in the courts for most of his 8 years as district attorney of San Francisco. The publicity Brown received fighting gambling in San Francisco helped him go on to become California attorney general and then governor. His son, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., also served as governor of California, ran for U.S. President and is currently the mayor of Oakland.



But despite numerous raids on the Menlo Club, and subsequent trials, Remmer never served a day in jail on gambling charges. He was summoned to appear before the Kefauver organized crime hearings and eventually the government did send Remmer to Terminal Island prison for tax evasion, where he served two and a half years of a five year term. Remmer owned the Cal-Neva Lodge on the north shore of Lake Tahoe where he first came to notice in the press when he tangled with Hollywood's "It" girl, Clara Bow.

Remmer had tried to win favor from the actress with a gift of a case of whiskey. And Bow returned the favor by losing \$13,000 at the blackjack table. The

only problem was after she left the Lake she stopped payment on her check. No money was ever collected from Miss Bow.

Remmer became owner of the Cal-Neva Lodge after the previous owners, William J. Graham and James C. McKay, were sent to Leavenworth Penitentiary in 1939. Remmer managed their business interests during their imprisonment. Remmer sold the Cal-Neva in 1948 to Sanford P. Adler, best known for replacing Benjamin Siegel as owner of the Flamingo in Las Vegas after Bugsy was shot to death. Adler also owned the El Rancho in Las Vegas.

Remmer died on June 11, 1963. The large headline on the story in the San Francisco Chronicle said, "Bones Remmer Dies in Hospital," the implication being that few would have expected the notorious gambler to have died of natural causes.

As far as can be determined, no large quantities of the chips of the Menlo Club have ever been found since the police closed it in a final raid in 1948. Veteran chip collector and club member Dale Seymour says he first encountered the chip about 25 years ago. He has never seen it in large quantities

but only in ones or twos, as if the chips had been carried home from the club by a gambler.

The Menlo Club was located at 32 Turk Street in downtown San Francisco, just off Market Street. Today a parking lot is located where the club once stood. If you're looking to add a California chip to your collection this one seems to have it all: a crest and seal, an illegal, even a Nevada connection. And it seems to sell in the \$20 to \$30 range. ♦



It wasn't that long ago that a movie titled "Field of Dreams" had a small piece of dialogue that became a cliché: "Build it and they will come". That is the premise behind our dream. A dream to build a legacy, a dream to preserve gaming history, a dream that CC>CC members like yourself and I can and eventually pilgrimage to our own Mecca.

A Shrine in the Wings

by Neil Silverman

Well, a few weeks ago one of our fellow club members had a dream. He posted a message on Greg Susong's electronic bulletin board, The ChipBoard.com. I witnessed the reaction other online chip collectors had to it, a stream of positive responses bristled with enthusiasm, a virtual groundswell of support compelled me to go forward. The response matched my own feelings, this is a dream that I could support 110%.

Jim Kruse had made a case not only for expanding the Club's forward thinking and planning, but had taken that vague picture in my mind and brought it into focus in the shape of a Club owned facility. A building. Location, how large, when would it be open and how would we support it are questions the answers to which will evolve as the project's research begins to take shape. But the message was

clear, our organization has to look to the future and move on to chip & token collecting's next plateau. We, as a Club, have to improve the way we are funded so that collector based growth projects can be taken seriously under review and adopted.

Here is Jim's original message;

Club Future (Long Post)

With all of the talk about dues, long term club goals, etc. I feel it's time to present an idea I've had for about three years. In my opinion this is a goal that could tie all of our other long-term goals together and create a lasting legacy for our club and hobby. We need a building.

Now before you think I've lost it, please let me give you all my thoughts on this far out idea. This is not something we can accomplish in a year or two; this is a very long-term project, but a project that is totally doable. Remember, we are a non-profit organization involved in the preservation of gaming history. There are many fund raising avenues open to us that most of us have never considered.

I'm sure once you take the time to think about this, we'll all have different visions of what this building could be. My vision is a permanent shine to our hobby. This could include both a permanent and a rotating display room, a library where everything ever written about our hobby would be available to our membership, an

archive area where we could store all of our donated collections, cases, etc. and anything else a first class museum should have.

Over the last couple of years I've done a very informal survey, talking to friends and fellow members. We have many members in our club who would love to see all, or a part, of their collection preserved after they are gone. Almost all of us have spent years and in some cases a lifetime building and loving are collections. Wouldn't it be great to know that there could be a way to keep part of what you've built together for others to enjoy after your gone?

OK, I know talk is cheap, how do you start something this monumental? If the interest is there and the majority of you don't think I've lost my mind you go to your Board, ask them to appoint a committee. During my informal discussions both Archie Black and Wayne Thompson have voiced an interest on serving on such a committee.

We are very fortunate, in this relatively small club we have some very intelligent, highly motivated, and very successful members. These are the types of people who could accomplish a crazy idea like this. Thanks for your attention and remember, if you're dream, DREAM BIG! Jim Kruse

However, let's not jump the gun here. Jim was correct, this was not yet even a project. It was, however, an idea so positive, so strong and vital that we couldn't

let it scroll off the message board in just a day or two. This idea itself had raised my thoughts and dreams to the next level. I remember after first reading Jim's post I thought to myself, "Keep dreaming Jim, this one I would like to be part of, this is one that future's are built on, this one can unite and grow an organization like ours."

I put together a formal proposal and presented it to the Club's Board on behalf of Jim Kruse, auctioneer extraordinaire, and the rest of us who like dreams and like turning dreams into reality. The proposal called for the Board to create a fact finding committee to

investigate the feasibility of the idea itself, and to look at the Club's funding. I posted a copy of the proposal on the Club's Bulletin Board to let our online community know that their positive response was heard and Jim's concept would hopefully get a chance to move forward. It was also my chance to let people know how good an idea I felt this was.

Almost immediately I received supportive emails from many members in favor of the idea. More importantly than the letters of support, there were members who offered their help in organizing the effort.

The good news came fast. The Board created a committee of five including two officers. The committee's objective is to see if we, the Club, can turn one member's dream into a reality. Like I said before, this project is a long way off but, who knows, somewhere between Paris and Monte Carlo could rest the future home of the CC>CC.

Just think Archie, 11 years ago you were happy to find a few people who collected chips. You managed to turn your dream into our Club, now lets see if 2,500 members can build a shrine. ♦

Mel Ciezki Casino Chips FOR SALE

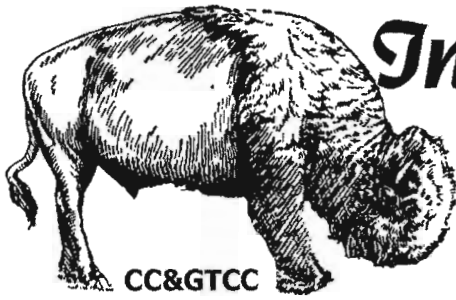
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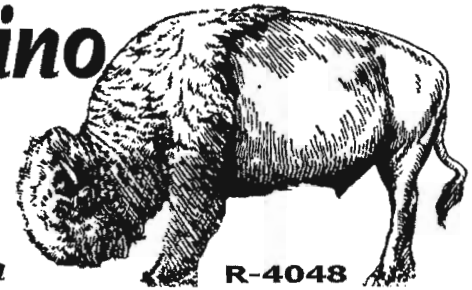
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Indian Casino News

Steve Snowden



Welcome to our first Casino Chip and Token News column dedicated to Indian Casinos and their chips. Being from the Land of Enchantment, this first column will be weighted towards what I am most familiar with... New Mexico Casinos. But, I hope that collectors around the country will submit Indian casino news and chip collecting information from your locale and I'll gladly credit you and add it to the next issue.

Cooler evenings are finally here and summer obligations are behind us. It's a great time to spend a little more time with our chip collections and do some organizing and trading. The memories of good chipping and great friends at the fantastic CC>CC 2000 Convention are revisited as we sort through our stacks of photographs. If you were not able to attend last July, why not put June 2001 on your "must do" list and join in? Trust me, you don't need to be a "serious" collector or a "big spender" to enjoy the Convention and events. I only started collecting casino chips a little over a year ago and my monthly chip "budget" is probably less than some folks spend monthly at Starbucks™! But, I had just as much fun as the "Big Boys" at the Convention.

Attending the Convention is just a natural extension of collecting. It's great fun and a hobby I share with a lot of wonderful men and women.

And speaking of the wonderful men and women in the club; I'd like to urge all of the CC>CC members to at least 'sneak a peek' at a couple of web sites. If you're wondering which chips you're missing from your collection, click over to Greg Susong's www.chipguide.com. Click on the State of your choice from the colorful USA map, and start dreaming! Greg has everything neatly organized by State and casino. Greg also pulls a double shift as the Webmaster for www.thechipboard.com, the most visited chip-collecting site in the world. Here you can ask questions about your 'mystery chips' (a scan is appreciated) and learn about the latest casino happenings around the world. Don't just be a lurker, do a posting even if it is just to say "Hello". If you don't have a computer or web access, you can still join in by purchasing a WebTV system. No computer is required and for just a couple of hundred dollars, you can join us on the web.

Now onto the news....

In spite of New Mexico's Attorney General Patricia Madrid's threats of lawsuits against the Indian tribes in New Mexico, construction on new casino facilities is going ahead at full speed. Madrid is threatening to close down the New Mexico casinos for their failure to pay their 'share' of their gambling revenue to the State coffers. The tribes are contending that the original compacts are excessive and unfair. It is believed that Democrat Madrid has her eyes set on the Governor's mansion and a move against the casinos might be a political advantage to her next year. The focus groups will likely determine her final position on the issue.

Isleta Casino...

Isleta Casino is located just about 7 minutes South of Albuquerque and their brand new 200,040 square foot facility will be open before you receive the next issue of this magazine. The construction is coming along nicely (see picture below) and on schedule. I've been told that the extra 40 square feet was added to the blueprints after discovering that Sandia casino was planning their new 200,000 square foot casino. Isleta wanted to be the



The walls go up on the new Isleta Casino

'biggest' so they tacked on another 40 square feet! I've been assured that they will be purchasing all new racks for all of their table games. The chip manufacturer has not been announced. The Grand opening is scheduled for the latter part of November 2000. Hopefully our next column will feature scans of all the new Isleta chips.

Dancing Eagle Casino...

Early August 2000 was not a good time for 40 of the 250 employees of Laguna Pueblo's Dancing Eagle casino. Casino manager James McDermott informed the 40 that they were being laid off as part of "staffing adjustments". New Mexico's newest casino opened in March 2000. It is located about 45 miles west of Albuquerque on Interstate 40 but only gets about 15 percent of its customers from Albuquerque. Dancing Eagle features a gourmet restaurant, but the absence of a poker room, a buffet and a large fuelling station seems to prevent large number of truckers from stopping in for a few hands of cards or pulls on the slots. There are currently financial

negotiations taking place with an out of state Indian tribe and a joint venture resulting in a brand new mega-casino just 5 miles west of town is very possible. The fate of the current Dancing Eagle Casino is unknown if the tribe partners in this new mega-casino.

Sandia Casino...

Construction is proceeding on the \$60 million Sandia Casino project with a Grand Opening targeted for early summer, 2001. The new 200,000 square foot casino will be replacing a smaller, existing casino, one of the oldest

and most successful native American-owned gaming operations in the United States. According to their Table Games manager, the casino will be replacing all of their existing chips with new racks and new artwork.

Chipco is expected to be the supplier for the new chips.

As we wait for the Grand Openings and new racks at Isleta and Sandia... there is a little chip news to report. The chips on all three roulette tables at Sandia Casino were changed out this past May 2000. The colors on the old Chipco chips were all badly worn and faded. To their credit, Chipco reportedly replaced all of the old roulette chips without charge. The new roulettes are a different series of colors than the old ones. The logo artwork is also slightly smaller



Construction continues on the new Sandia Casino

and the table identification is in a smaller font. The samples shown below are from top to bottom.



One of the old series chips showing the excessive color wear



A 'new' chip from the old series prior to the wear and fading



One of the replacement chips from the new rack which went into play in May 2000.

Our column in the next issue will feature an exclusive interview with colorful former NM State Senator, music and entertainment promoter, and lobbyist for Indian Tribal Gaming, Odis Echols. Odis has been a casino chip collector for over 30 years and hopefully will be joining our club shortly. In the next issue Odis will share some insight on the future of Indian gambling both in New

Mexico and nationwide, scans from his chip collection, and stories from his life. He'll tell about his visit with Phyllis McGuire at her 50,000 square foot estate in Las Vegas and we'll have a scan of the personalized chip which she presents to her guests. That's all until next time...

Don't forget to share your casino and chip news from Indian casinos in your area. I'll need them prior to November 1st, 2000 to make the next issue. I prefer email at snowden@thuntek.net or you can snail mail me at P.O. Box 66796, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6796. If you live in New Mexico or have plans to visit... get in touch with me and let's do a "Chip Run"! ♦

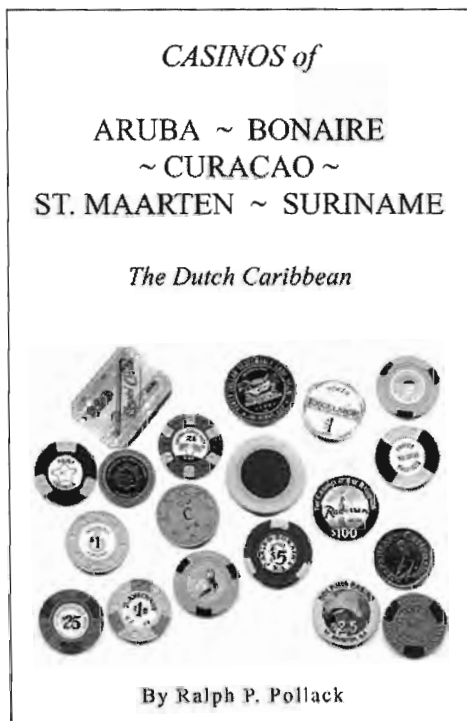
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Book Review by Howard W. Herz

Casinos of Aruba- Bonaire - Curacao - St. Maarten - Suriname The Dutch Caribbean *by Ralph P. Pollack*

Published by Ralph P. Pollack, 1st Edition 2000
\$36.95



I have just had a chance to look through a great book of the Casinos of the Dutch Caribbean and feel like I have saved the cost of a number of cruises to these Islands. Pollack's coverage of this area of the Caribbean is excellent and provides more than just a current overview. Anyone who collects the Caribbean must have this book.

Many of the people who will buy this book may not understand the amount of pioneering research that has been made. Much of the information is original in the sense that it is not published anywhere. A very diligent effort to bring together a wide number of sources and resources has resulted in a publication that covers the casino history and gives the necessary background information to understand the development of gambling in the modern era of the Dutch Islands.

I have never found a totally satisfactory presentation of as complicated subject as the casino history of the Dutch Caribbean, but the organization by Islands satisfies the basic needs of any collector to find the information needed. If any collector will take a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the format, finding a check, or background information is easy. If a collector needs to expedite looking in your

book, adding a few personalized tabs to the pages would suffice.

“Anyone who collects the Caribbean must have this book”

This fine publication also meets a high standard of production by using materials that enhance the presentation. Good information, presented with the best materials for printing, always adds up to a great book and a bargain for the collector. Our hats are off to Ralph for taking the time and effort to produce a very nice publication. Collectors will be the beneficiaries of this work and financial commitment to expanding the knowledge in this area of the Caribbean. ♦

Book Review by Neil Silverman

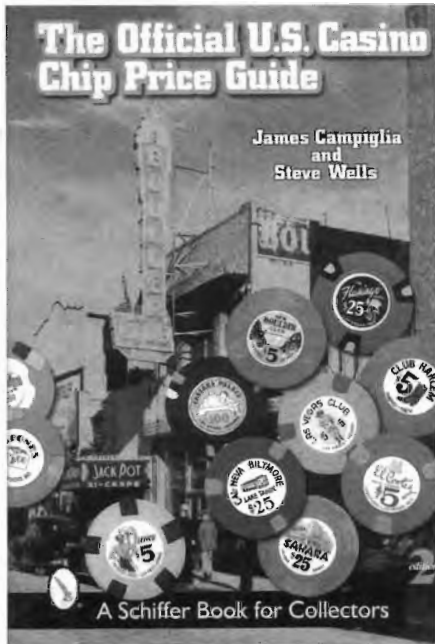
The Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide

by James Campiglia and Steve Wells

Published by Schiffer Publishing Limited

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The second edition has just been released and chip collecting price guides have come along way in a short amount of time. Writers James Campiglia and Steve Wells have chosen to publish this edition by Schiffer Publishing, a reknown publisher of several collectable titles. This is the first book to not only to include Nevada, but also provide brief sections on other gaming venues such as Colorado, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and New Jersey.

I found the “how to use this guide section” very helpful. This price guide primarily focuses on rack chips throughout the state of

Nevada. All chips are listed in chronological order in which the authors felt the chips were issued. There are over 15,000 chips identified and catalogued categorized by city and then by casino.

The columns for a chip description included information such as, issue, denomination, color, mold, inserts, and inlay. The authors did a good job explaining molds and inlays. They added other columns such as rarity, an estimate of the number of surviving chips that actually exist. This information can help collectors value their chips and help to identify chips that may be missing in their collection.

The authors provide numerous pages explaining and substantiating the need for a grading system. They have done an excellent job utilizing color graphics and descriptions. Personally I don't feel we need such an elaborate grading system. Of course the author uses this system in pricing chips. I found it a bit confusing, and had to constantly refer to grading system description pages.

Where this book excels is in its fine job of displaying chips.

There are literally thousands of fine photos of chips, the quality of which we have never seen before in a chip price guide. These pictures and descriptions are enhanced even further with wonderful photos of old casinos. An added feature not available in the first edition is the 12 pages of expanded index section alphabetizing all the casinos listed in the book.

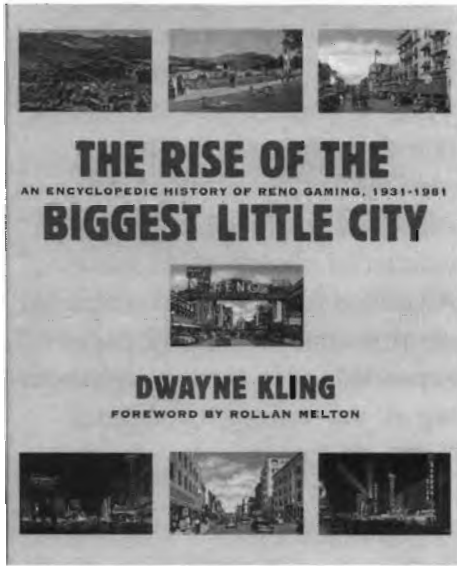
This book covers all known rack chips of Nevada, from the big cities to small obscure towns. In the last section of the book, the authors list over 40 pages of commemorative casino chips issued throughout the state of Nevada. Realize that with over 15,000 entries that it is nearly impossible to be 100% accurate.

With ever changing market conditions and new founds chips, what may be perceived to be a valuable chip today, could very well be a common chip tomorrow. Use this book as a reference guide and realize the pitfalls of pricing any type of “collectable”. This is an excellently produced book in quality, graphic content, layout and a valuable reference guide for any collector. ♦

Book Review by David Moore

The Rise of the Biggest Little City *by Dwayne Kling*

Published by University of Nevada Press
Reno and Las Vegas January 2000
\$34.95



This “encyclopedic history of Reno Gaming, 1931-1981” is a book that every collector of Northern Nevada chips will want in their library. Presented in an A (Nick Abelman) to Z (Zimba’s Casino) format, the book contains biographies of the key players in Reno gaming history as well as descriptions of the casinos that existed in Reno during the half century covered.

Perhaps most intriguingly for chip collectors, Kling lists the games each casino offered. What chip collector wouldn’t dream of being able to go back in time to 1948 or 1949 during the less than 18 months the casino was open and pay a visit to the Center Club

at the corner of Center and Second streets and play a little at their one 21 game or what was advertised as the only penny roulette table in Nevada at the time?

Since that’s not possible the book does offer an interesting possibility for the collector. It lists the names of the gaming managers. Perhaps an enterprising reader will track down the grandchildren of these folks and find them playing home games with the old Center Club chips.

The Center Club is but one example of a host of early Reno clubs where the chips are unknown that the author outlines in his book, along with the names of owners or managers of the clubs.

Kling spent 14 years researching his book, his painstaking study included reading every page of every issue of the Nevada State Journal from 1931 to 1985.

Besides the possibilities for chip collectors, the book is full of anecdotes about gaming in Reno. Such tidbits as the name of the first female casino owner (Mildred Preston of the Waldorf in 1932) or the first Washoe County licensee

jailed for cheating (Shorty King in 1940) jump out on almost every page. Many photographs illustrate the histories of the 345 clubs that have existed in Reno, almost all long-gone. The author brings back memories of such establishments as the Club Fortune where Liberace and Sammy Davis Jr. performed or the Harlem Club where such black stars as Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong and Pearl Bailey sang.

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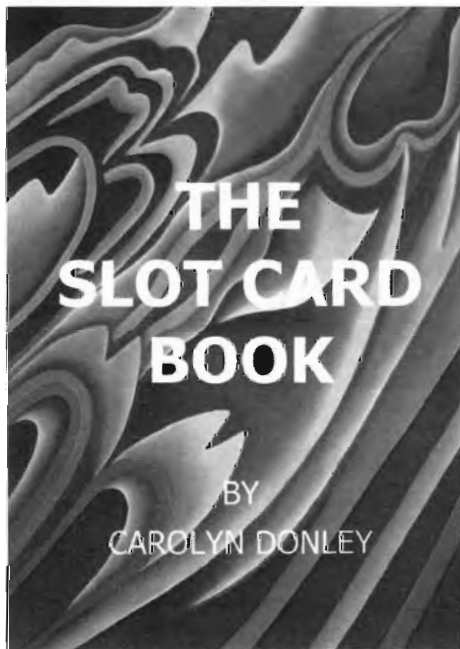
An appendix contains maps showing where casinos have been located over the years, an extensive glossary and a useful bibliography.

Perhaps the best way to summarize my high regard for this book is to state that one of our magazine editors loaned me this book for review. After spending a week with the book I bought my own copy. ♦

Book Review by David Moore

The Slot Card Book by Carolyn Donley

Available from the author for \$29.95 plus \$3.20 for shipping
P.O. Box 80572, Las Vegas NV 98180
Nevada residents please add appropriate sales tax



Slot cards are becoming more and more popular as a collectible. Collectors are discovering the little plastic cards are free and sometimes just signing up for a slot card will get you other free items such as T-shirts. In the last days before the recent closing of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, the slot card booth was kept busy by folks looking to take home a free souvenir of the fabled casino.

With their growing popularity, the time seems right for a reference work and Carolyn Donley has just published the first book on the subject, "The Slot Card Book."

The volume is a full-color, spiral-bound, 123-page reference showing the more than 1,000 slot cards in the author's collection. The color illustrations of the cards are reduced to about 25 percent but the printing quality is very good and even small details and lettering can be made out, although some readers' eyesight may require the aid of a magnifying glass.

Each card is shown with a number, which will facilitate trading, as well as listing manufacturer's marks and other minor differences. Slot cards are in the category chips were years ago with most collectors trading one for one without too much worry for value. As Donley explains in her book, she purposely did not try to answer the question, "How Much Is It Worth?"

As she explains in the introduction, Donley began collecting slot cards after moving to Las Vegas in 1984 while accompanying her token-collecting husband to casinos. Although most cards can be had for the asking, some of the high-roller cards are a challenge to obtain. The Gold Card at the Venetian in Las Vegas, for example, can be used as a line pass, so the casino won't give

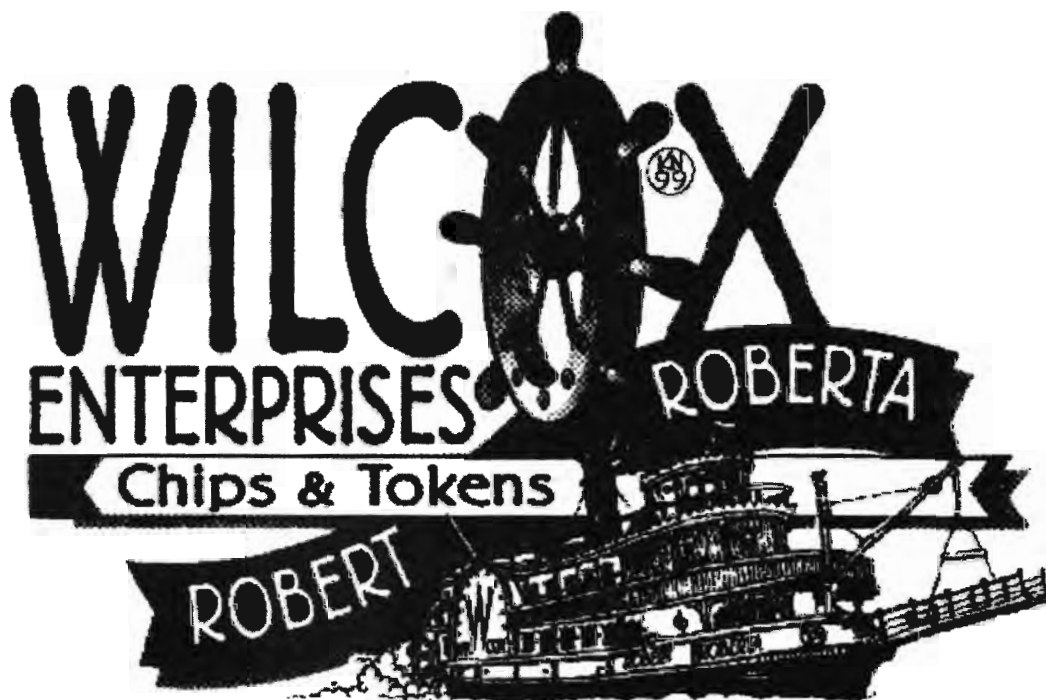
them out for the asking. Donley, however, didn't let that stop her. After spending a couple hours talking to several different employees at various levels, she managed to acquire one. This tenaciousness no doubt served her well in producing her book.

Donley prints each book personally on her Cannon 6000 color printer. She spent more than six months working full-time scanning the cards, arranging the data and producing the contents of the book. The book is obviously a labor of love and a fine addition to the library of any collector of casino items.

"Slot cards are in the category chips were years ago"

Donley has plans for a second volume to her reference work. Most likely it will be an addition to the current book with all new cards including some from other collectors.

Look for it in about two years, by which time the first edition of this book will no doubt be a collectible in its own right. ♦



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Silver Strike \$10 Outer Ring Dilemma

by *Marvin Weaver*

We collectors face a MAJOR situation with regard to the casino's that have released multiple tokens and specifically those that have varying outer rings. As we all know, these tokens can be taken apart quite easily and interchanged if one wanted to create a new variety or obtain a scarcer issue.

For example, the McCarran Airport tokens with the designs of Royal Flush, Dice, Slot Machine and Blackjack, have been found with differing fonts on the outer rings. The Royal Flush token has been found with four varieties as follows:

1. Large Font on both sides
2. Large Font on Face and Small Font on Reverse

3. Small Font on both sides
4. Small on Face and Large Font on Reverse

Until now the other tokens have only been found to have the first two varieties I have listed here.

I also have a concern regarding the El Cortez tokens which have the word "LIMITED" spelled "LIMITIED" on a couple of their tokens. These tokens can also be tampered with.

"WE" as collectors must make a decision as to whether or not to accept these outer ring variations as "EXCEPTIONAL" or with a

"GRAIN OF SALT" attitude. As a collector, I do not place any "REAL" high priority on these tokens since if I want one I can create one (what an awful thought!). I would rather have an original rather than a possible altered token, but it might be impossible to tell.

However, as an author of a price guide, I MUST now include them in my future issues. Pricing these issues places me in a very awkward position, but we must remember my price guide is just that a GUIDE. ♦



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101 for beginners

by Alan Borenstein

Who am I?

I gave a presentation on the subject of eBay at the Cyber Chipping seminar at the recent July, 2000 annual convention at the Las Vegas Tropicana. Some members could not attend the convention and not all of the convention attendees were able to make it to the seminar. Putting my presentation into the form of an article in the club magazine, I felt would be useful for those members.

Firstly, let me introduce myself with all of my chipping identifications. I am Alan Borenstein of Staten Island, New York. I am member # R-1611, Atlantic City Chapter member #60, and New York Metro Chapter member #16. My email address is alanb19@aol.com and my eBay id is "alanb". I have been on line since about 1995, having started with the Prodigy.com gang. I have been using eBay for about 2 years. I bought lots of chips and then I started selling also. I started selling primarily to be able to pay for my purchases of chips. I started at first selling my duplicates. Over the past year, I have been selling off most of my United States collection to concentrate on foreign chips. I have over 700 positive feedbacks with a rating of over 400 with no negative feedback.

The rating reflects only unique users. That is why it is lower than the actual number of feedbacks. Now, I normally have about 50 to 100 auctions each week.

At the seminar, I asked: "How many of you out there have computers and are on line?" and "How many of you have used eBay?" I was amazed to see about 95% of the audience's hands go up affirmatively for both of these questions.

What is eBay?

eBay is an online internet auction site. Anyone can register and sell items or buy items, but only by using a computer on the internet. The auctions are arranged by categories and sub-categories. Casino chips are under the category COLLECTIBLES; subcategory CASINO; subcategory CHIPS. I randomly checked one weekday evening before the convention and found that there were about 6,000 auction lots for sale under Casino, of which 3,000 were under Chips, 2,000 under General, 500 under Strikes, and 300 under Tokens. In Chips alone, there were 60 pages of 50 items per page! That is on a weekday. During the weekend there are many more!

There are no fees for buyers. There are two fees for sellers. There is an Insertion Fee, which one pays to list an auction based on the minimum bid:
up to \$9.99=\$.25
up to \$24.99=\$.50
up to \$49.99=\$1.00
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There is a Final Auction Fee, based on the selling price:
5% of the first \$25 (\$1.25);
2.5% over \$25 up to \$1000.

"A picture is worth a thousand words"

Why eBay is Good

- The number and the variety of items that are up for auction at any time are incredible.
- There are no buyers fee (most mail auctions have about a 10% buyer's fee).
- The seller is many times an amateur, not a dealer or a pro. This can be good or bad. You must be careful about the description of the item and the condition.
- The greatest plus in my mind is the recruiting of new members for the club. Last year, I believe that I was the second highest

recruiter (without even having a website). I ask each buyer or seller that I deal with, if they would like information on the club.

eBAY Hints

Buying

- A picture is worth a thousand words. I am very hesitant to buy anything without a picture.
- If the lot description does not spell out shipping and/or handling fees, immediately contact the seller. Same thing applies if something else is vague. If they do not answer you now, they probably will not after the auction, if you have a problem.
- There is a search function in

eBay. Without the search facility most items would be too hard to find among the millions of items being offered. Most people search for items by entering 'casino chips' or a key phrase in which they are interested. I find it most productive and efficient to each day look at the lots "ending today" in the subcategory: Casino Chips and the lots "new today". In that way, I have two chances to see a lot heading.

Selling

- A Picture is worth a thousand words. I find that lots that have a picture of the item sell much better than those that do not.
- Consider the ending day and

time. You can list a lot for 3, 5, 7, or 10 days. A lot that ends at 3:00 am on a Tuesday will not get many last minute bids. I find the most action is on Saturday evening lot endings. Don't forget about the 3 hour time difference between the East and West Coasts.

Questions

Please email me if you have any questions. I am always happy to help.

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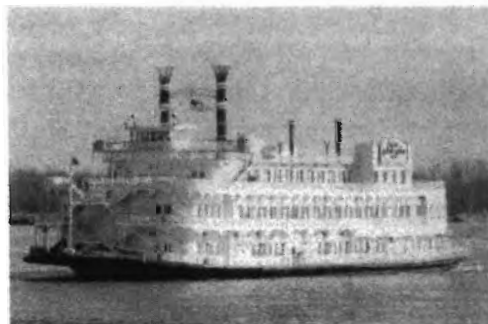
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I am a casino chip collector. Although I do sell some chips at local chapter meetings, as a collector, I mostly trade and buy chips. A friend of mine, also mostly a collector, has had a table at the Annual CC>CC convention for the last couple of years.

Dealer for a Day

(In case you wondered what it is like on the other side of the table)

by **Charles Kaplan**

After he reserved a table for this year's convention, he found out that he would have to attend a professional conference in Los Angeles at the same time. He was hoping to get to the CC>CC convention by Friday at the latest. Since he needed coverage for his table while he was going to be at his conference I agreed to share his table. This way he could have his stuff on display for the whole show and we would be able to back each other up so that we could pursue our collecting activities. I would, of course, get the opportunity to sell and trade my duplicates at the show. My friend's plans did not work out quite as anticipated and he found out just a few days before the convention that he would not be able to make it to the convention at all. And so I inherited a table and became a chip dealer.

I was very optimistic. This would be a lot of fun. I could now get into the show room with all the other dealers while the collectors were outside. I'd have first pick of

all the good stuff and get tremendous dealer-to-dealer discounts. I did a lot of work to get my chips ready for the convention. I inventoried all my duplicates and figured out my selling prices based on the latest price guides. Do you know how much it costs to keep

up with all the latest price guides? I printed up signs and business cards and price sheets. I made sure all the chips were in nice 2x2's ... that were in 20 pocket plastic pages ... that were in seven 1" binders ... all with the current prices. To transport all my chips to the convention, I bought the largest rolling carry-on suitcase that the airlines would allow in the overhead compartment. No way was I going to check this luggage! Preparations all completed, I headed out to the convention.

My flight went smoothly. Arriving at the gate we heard over the plane's loudspeakers, "Welcome to Las Vegas, where the local time is 11:42 am and the temperature is 106 degrees." Welcome to Las Vegas in the summer. By the way, I've heard it said that Las Vegas has 3 months of good weather and then 9 months of summer. I was carrying and rolling about 60 lbs. of chips, books and supplies around, along with my laptop and another bag with my clothes. I'm in good

shape; I mean I play tennis 5 times a week. But, I don't care what anyone says, dry heat is baloney. Carrying all the stuff at 106 degrees, I felt like I was going to pass out any second. Eventually I made it to the Tropicana. Why are these casino's so large? I really got my exercise carrying my stuff for miles and miles. And then, after registering, I entered the show room, as a Chip Dealer.

The first thing I have to tell you is that, not surprisingly, I found every dealer I ran into very nice and helpful. They offered to watch my table when I needed a break and they were eager to lend a helping hand at any request. After setting up my table, I was able to look around and get a couple chips I needed. One thing that I quickly learned is that steep dealer-to-dealer discounts are a myth. I think every chip dealer is also a chip collector. The mark up on casino chips is not so large that you can get great deals buying single chips. The big discounts are earned on large transactions,

“I was selling chips and talking to friends I only get to see once a year”

something that is way out of my league. Well not too much time to play, the reception and early bird trading sessions are about to start. A shower and a change of clothes and I was off to the reception. I was astonished to find the room filled to the rafters. I got there

about 15 minutes after the reception started and there was no food left, no beer or soda, only some wine. There were so many friends I wanted to find and say hello to, in this crowd it was impossible. Luckily a couple of New York friends saved a seat for me at their table.

The long hours went by quickly. I was selling chips and talking to friends I only get to see once a year. I had absolutely no difficulties at all on the selling floor. No arguments, no rip-offs, no hassles, no problems. Whenever a New York friend would walk by, they would always ask if I needed a break. I took them up on several of those offers, both to visit the restroom and to check out the other dealer's tables for chips I needed. Unfortunately, soon after the show room closed, evening events like the Club business meeting, the Auction or the Poker Tournament were starting. I really needed some down time after working all day and missed some events I really wanted to attend, especially the early morning educational

sessions. But with the jet lag and the long hours in the show room, I needed some sleep. Can you believe I was using up my vacation time from my real job, in order to work at the convention?

That's pretty much how it went. Long tiring days and nights, but having lots of fun. I did spend more on buying chips than I sold, but I am a collector and not a dealer, so no big surprise. I learned that it is pretty tough being a dealer. Physically it is very demanding standing behind your table on the show floor eight hours a day and then participating in an evening event. Financially, it is also difficult. Figure out how much it costs to prep for the show, transportation to Vegas and then hotel and food expenses. To that add \$295 to rent a table. You have to sell an awful lot of chips just to break even. In my case, my low-end stuff sold a lot better than my high-end chips, so I did not break even. But, since I am a collector you have it look at it differently. I was going to convention anyhow, dealer or not. The main reason I went to the convention was to have

a good time and get some chips, so my main objectives were definitely accomplished.

My understanding, from talking to other dealers, is that it is very difficult to make a living selling chips. The dealers are mainly at the convention for the same reasons I was: to meet friends, have a good time and add to their collections. The dealers in this hobby take the major financial responsibility for supporting the convention. The club gets over \$30,000 a year from the dealers for table rentals at the convention. At the convention, members do not provide any direct financial support to the Club, admission is free. Collectors should be very appreciative of this set up. In many other hobbies members are charged admission fees to attend a show or convention.

Would I do it again? Absolutely! Next time, though, I would really like to share a table, so that I could participate in many of the activities going on off the show floor. ♦

More Convention Photos



HOW I FOUND THE PEOPLES CHOICE CHIPS

by *Jim Episale*

Okay, the secret is finally about to be told.

Five years ago at my first convention, I shipped my posters via UPS and picked them up at their depot in Las Vegas. Monday after the show was over I went with my new friend John Doe to ship them back home. After our trip to UPS Mr. Doe, a long time visitor of Las Vegas, drove me around to show me the sights.

As we passed the Moulin Rouge we noticed that it was being renovated with construction crews on sight. So I said to J.D. lets take a look and see if there is anything left inside.

Not I, he said, this neighborhood is too dangerous. We continued on our tour and in a couple of hours returned to the Aladdin. Well I lasted in the hotel for all of five minutes before deciding that I had to return to the Moulin Rouge, rough neighborhood or not. So I hopped in the car and drove over.

Now for those of you not familiar with the area, the Moulin Rouge is located on Bonanza right around the corner from West Owens where The People's Choice was located, but I digress.

I arrived at the parking lot got out of the car and asked the first person that I saw if I could look around. Receiving permission I walked inside. The place looked like a cyclone hit it all the fixtures were ripped out and there were piles of trash and papers strewn around the building.

I asked the next person that I saw what they were doing with this stuff. To which he replied "throwing it out"

"May I take some", I asked. "Help yourself, the less there is, the less we have to clean up", he said.

I found a couple of boxes and started sorting through the ephemera in order to preserve

some of the fragile history of the first black casino in Nevada.

At the bottom of one of the piles were boxes of chips, all from the Peoples Choice. We believe that they were the first issue, they had never been seen before!!

There were 298 blue one dollar chips, 78 red five dollar chips, and 76 green twenty-five dollar chips. I put them in the bottom of one of my two boxes thanked the workers and returned to the Hotel.

When I saw John Doe I related my experience presented him with ONE set of chips but refused to share the rest of my bounty.

We remain friends to this day and he never refuses when I suggest that we go on a historic adventure.

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Electronic Chippers Meeting Drew A Big Crowd And An Apology

by *Neil Silverman*

Early Thursday morning crowds gathered for a Cyber Coffee sponsored by Unshredded Nostalgia. The purpose was to gather with old acquaintances and to meet new friends with lots of hellos and handshaking. There is nothing like putting a face to the writings on the bulletin board.

At 8:30 I called the Electronic Chipping Seminar to order. I had to move things along because there was a packed panel and only an hour and a half to get things done.

Alan Borenstein, one of our hobby's first Cyber chippers who dates way back to the old Prodigy days, talked about buying and selling on ebay.

Travis Lewin, a man who knows how to charm an audience, followed up with anecdotes, humor and a description of what he and Jim Reilly really do... The self-appointed "ebay Police". These two constantly monitor ebay auctions to keep the sellers on the up and up.

The third speaker, an individual who I personally had waited three years to meet, was Mike

Ludwig. Mike was a big hit at the seminar, as well as on the convention floor. Mike spoke about one of his contributions to the chipping community, ChequeTv, a weekly column listing TV programs related to gaming.

Mike has also been taping and labeling some of these shows then submitting them to Robert Pardue, our Club's Librarian, for use in the Club's Library. As Mike pointed out, some of our members do not receive all the cable channels and would never get to see these shows otherwise.

The next panelist, Warwick Stone, who made a special trip flying in from California to speak at our seminar. Warwick, is the Creative Director for the Hard Rock is responsible for the Hard Rock's website and their collectibles program.

Before the seminar got underway Warwick told me how the Hard Rock's Peter Morton had handed him a chip collecting article from Casino Player magazine and had asked him to, "read it and learn about the chip collecting." The article turned out to be "The Collector's Corner" a monthly column that Marty and I write.

Warwick spoke well, but the highlight of his speech was an open apology to the chipping community. He said that the very low mintage and manner of release of the Hard Rock's \$25 Cinco De Mayo and \$25 Cure chips was a mistake. He and the Hard Rock acknowledge the error and won't let it happen again. He noted that situations like that are bad for the hobby.

Gene Trimble, the person directly responsible for the Excalibur hosting our Club's 2nd Annual Poker Tournament, broke away from his busy schedule to say a few words about the Fiesta and its current chip program. He also announced that the Fiesta, a huge supporter of the club and the hobby, had been sold to the Station Group.

Casino Player Magazine also sent a representative. Tony Lewin (no he is not Travis' cousin) heads up their web site and web marketing. Tony spoke of his plans for the magazine's site and detailed some of things that may eventually appear on the site. He stressed that they were interested in promoting chip collecting and talked about some of the possibilities that lie ahead.

The last speaker before the question and answer period was Chipco's Bee Estes. Bee represents Chipco in Las Vegas. Bee was instrumental in getting our poker tourney chips approved through Gaming and ready in time for the show.

After the panelists made their presentations, Marty Kaplan presented the awards for the First Annual Chequers Chip Story Writing Contest.

The First Place winner received a 300 chip playing set of Chequers poker chips manufactured by Poker Chips Online. Other prizes of framed Chequers chips were also presented to the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place finishers. The contest's winners were:

- 1st Steve Blust
- 2nd - Tie Charles Kaplan
- 3rd - Tie Katie Smith
- 4th Rose Nitz

The contest's judges, Michael Knapp, Gene Trimble and John Benedict also received framed chips for their fine efforts. A more fair group of judges you could not find in this hobby.

We then held a brief Q&A session that carried us to the opening of the Convention's trade floor. The session sparked some lively conversation between panelist's and attendees and it proved quite enjoyable overall. As an added feature Jim Fossil's daughter Angela, a web designer, made herself available to answer questions about the Internet during this part of the program.

The seminar was very well attended and made a strong impact on the guests brought in from major organizations in and around gaming. I think they were as impressed with our Club's big show as we were with them. ♦

More Convention Photos



Adventures in Canada



by John A. Bollinger

The CC>CC annual convention in Las Vegas is over, and what an event that was. All those wonderful tokens and chips available, plus the many friendly faces of the member who attended and shared experiences with... What does one do for an encore? Why make a trip to Canada of course!

Actually the seed of the trip was planted some months earlier while I was reviewing some old issues of our quarterly journal. The Chipco company used to send pictures of new chips that were released by them to our magazine and in one of them I noticed that the Halifax Sheraton had a \$5 chip illustrated. Could it be possible that there were gaming tokens to be obtained at the Halifax Sheraton?

Having exhausted the possibilities of the other provinces; Ontario and Quebec (Casino Windsor, Hull, Niagara, Rama, Montreal and Charlevoix), it is now Nova Scotia's turn.

Before setting out on a possible wild goose chase, I telephoned the Sheraton on its 800 toll free number to see if they did have tokens or if they used the paper print-out machines. Indeed, the casino had gaming tokens of

various denominations up to and including the \$100.

However, the girl then informed me that the Sheraton no longer ran the casino operations. The casino was now run by the providence of Nova Scotia and the name has been changed to Casino Nova Scotia.

Another obsolete set of tokens and chips to deal with. No more Sheraton Halifax...(sigh)

However, rather than dwell on lost opportunities, here is a chance for new opportunities – a brand new casino with new chips and tokens.

After picking up my rental car, I immediately set out for Bar Harbor, Maine to catch the catamaran car ferry to cross over to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. This is the type of vessel that skims over the water at 50 miles per hour, unlike the conventional car ferries. During the 2 1/2 hour ride, I amused myself by playing the

25¢ and \$1 slot machines onboard. Each token has the design of a cat on one side (the name of the ferryboat) and the other side has the Golden Anchor Casino logo and denomination.

At Yarmouth, I went through customs and then headed for the nearest money exchange to obtain Canadian funds. Now on to Halifax...

On the way I passed through the town of Liverpool which is the hometown of one of my favorite country western singers, Hank Snow. But since it was Sunday, I figured the museum would be closed and passed through without stopping. Also along the way I noticed unusually heavy traffic flow going in the opposite direction. I learned later that the day I decided to visit Halifax was also the day 2 1/2 million people decided to visit Halifax. However, they were not going to the casino, but instead came to see the tall ships as they departed for Europe.



The Cat Tokens

As you can imagine, the streets were clogged and many were designated one-way to handle the traffic chase. I'm sure glad I am not a traffic policeman. It took me probably three times the usual time to finally locate the casino where I rested and unwound.

On entering the casino, I immediately headed for the \$1 machines and quickly hit \$50 on the second spin. Now off to the \$2 machines where I wound up \$6 ahead after several tries. Boy, this is fun! I'm not so lucky on the \$5 machines and go through my \$50 winnings fairly quick. Now it's on to serious token collecting and I pick up a nice example of their \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 tokens for my collection. No, I did not play them.

Before leaving the area, I asked the girl in the cashier cage if she had any of the old Sheraton Halifax casino tokens lying around. She told me she did not have any \$1 tokens, but had 4 \$5 tokens she would sell to me and how many did I wish? I started to say only one, but realized immediately that "Sandy" Sanderson (of the traveling Sandersons) would personally strangle me with his bare hands if he ever found out I left an obsolete \$5 token he needed, so I replied I would take them all.

Then I mustered up the courage to ask if she had any \$25 or \$100 tokens. She told me that these would have to be obtained at the main cashier cage on the central



Nova Scotia Tokens

casino floor, she did not have any.

So, with pockets bulging with new \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 tokens plus the 4 \$5 obsolete tokens, I waddled across the

casino floor to the main cashier cage. Can you imagine the sight I must have presented to anyone who may have been watching me?

I was fortunate, for the cage was not busy and when I made my request to the young girl in the cage, again I was told there were no \$1 available, but she would sell me the one \$5 token she had. I did not really want another since I already had 4 of them, but since they are obsolete now, maybe I can use them for trading purposes.

Then I asked if she had any of the Sheraton Halifax \$25 and \$100 tokens. She said she would have to ask her supervisor, as these would be kept in the back storage space if indeed there were any. Then she excused herself to talk with an older lady at the rear of the cage.

The lady she was conversing with had all of the charm and compassion of a Marine Corps boot camp drill instructor. She icily informed the young cashier that these tokens are obsolete, are property of the casino, and are not to leave the premises. The expression of her stern face and the set jaw told me there would be no appeal from this hanging judge.

Thoroughly deflated, I sagged my shoulders, tucked my tail between my legs, and slinked away to the gaming area to try to retrieve some dignity.

I must have been winning at the blackjack and Caribbean Stud tables for it was about 3 hours later I overheard one card dealer

mention to another that he had been bawled out by his pit boss for clocking in 2 minutes late for work.

That is when the proverbial “light flashing in the head” struck me. A different shift, a different cage supervisor. Not wanting to stretch my luck, (the cage supervisor may stay later or have a staggered shift), I played another 1 1/2 hours before getting up the nerve to try again.

Before approaching the cage, I scouted around a bit lurking near some of the slot machines. Sure enough, there were different faces in the cage, so I made my second college try.

Again, when I asked the young girl if there were any stray obsolete \$25 or \$100 tokens, she told me she would have to check with her boss.

This time, instead of a gruff rebuttal, the older lady came over herself and asked how she could be of help. I explained that I collect tokens from different casinos, and needed some of the Sheraton tokens for my collection.

She appeared thoughtful, said she believed she saw a \$25 token in the back and would check. I didn’t want her to have time to change her mind so I forwarded \$25 to her. She smiled and took the money, and a short while later returned with the token. I was ecstatic, but totally unprepared for what she said next. She said that was the only \$25 she had, but she also noticed a \$100 token and would I be interested in that also?

I was out of Canadian funds, but in no way was I going to let this opportunity slip by. I quickly pulled out a U.S. \$100 bill and the lady gave me the currency transfer slip to fill out, and then handed me \$142 Canadian. I then gave her the \$100 Canadian bill, she gave me the token and the transaction was completed. Mission accomplished. She then stated that there were several chips available from the Sheraton, but since I collect only tokens, I declined the offer. I then tipped the young cashier \$5 (Canadian) and made my departure figuratively walking on clouds.

There is a lesson to be learned from this experience, and that is to not be discouraged by the first



Sheraton Tokens

failure. Always try a second time. However, I would not encourage a third or subsequent try, for there is a fine line between a determined collector and a “pest”. Believe me, cage personnel do talk to each other and if someone seems too arrogant or too demanding, then they have worn out their welcome.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable trip for me and will always be remembered with good vibes. ♦



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News of European Chips - Jetons - Plaque

by **Bob Hermans**

Hi fellow collectors:

After recuperating from my first convention, a fantastic one at that, its time to get some articles done for the 'Casino Chips and Token News' magazine.

The chips pictured below were manufactured by Chipco and made for a casino in Tunisia, in the city of Port El Kantaoui. The casino was located in a hotel owned by a Tunisian businessman but run by a German businessman. For some reason or another, the casino got into trouble with the Tunisian Tourism Board, the issuer of the casino license, and did not renew the license in 1993. After a while the Tunisian Tourism Board asked if other parties would be interested in running the casino. A group of investors, including some from Belgium, were interested in running the casino and applied for the license. *I assume he investors were granted the go ahead to manage the new casino. BUT why didn't they wait to have the license approved? Much of the interior was remodelled, while new*

tables and slots were ordered. The new group of investors trained new dealers and installed a new management team. Chipco Pro-Tech chips in 6 denominations were ordered and delivered February of 1994. The casino was ready, tables ready to go, slots in place, chips on the tables and at the last minute the license did NOT go through and the place never opened. Until...

The Stardust Casino, owned by Storm International CS, opened its doors at Port El Kantaoui in Tunisia on August 11 2000. The casino has 15 tables and 70 slots. The company has opened and managed casinos in Moscow and other region of the former Soviet Union for a number of years. Storm President, Geoff Taylor

added that the new Stardust Casino is the latest in a series of projects in other parts of Europe that the company presently has under consideration.

Have a look at the scan of the chips used before in the casino, but were never in play. For a look at current chips we'll have to wait until one of us chippers passes by the new Stardust and picks some up.

Some other European news. Ladbrokes (England) the gaming and betting arm of the group that operates 27 casinos in the United Kingdom including 6 in London and The Casino in Douglas on the Isle of Man is due to hold a Poker Tournament in November.

The Bavarian Casino Group (Bayerische Spielbanken) of Germany has opened its latest casino with a great party in the island-town of Lindau. The Director of the casino Mr. J Muller has made it a grand start of the new Spielbank Lindau on July 15. This marks the 4th opening of the new premises within the shortest period of



Gold River/Isle of Capri

Error Token

by Lisa Jung

time for this group. The next casino opening will be Spielbank Bad Steben in 2001.

Casino Solei, opened July 21, is an American-style gaming in a Caribbean environment located in Umag along the beautiful coast of Istria. The casino features 18 gaming tables and 120 slots, making it the largest casino in Croatia.

That is about it, I'll try to keep you posted with more news and events. If you want to write me, you can send mail to, Bob Hermans, P.O. Box 49, 2200 Herentals, Belgium, Europe or email me at bs762345@skynet.be

Take care and kind regards,
Bob Hermans R-4479 Belgium. ♦

In 1997, an error was discovered on some of the Gold River, Laughlin, silver strikes: the Gold River Hotel, logo 2, was on one side, but an unknown building was put on the other side. It was later determined that the building was the Isle of Capri Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. This token is from the GDC mint and is considered a "mule" since the token has a different state on each side.

been returned. The Isle of Capri in Biloxi, Mississippi did not receive any of these strikes. Out of the twenty strikes outstanding, there are only 9 accounted for (this includes the four purchased by the Gold River slot floorperson, three purchased by other employees, and two more in collectors' hands). The remaining eleven are in the hands of customers who won them in Gold River's silver strike machines before the error was detected.

It is very likely that many, if not all, of the owners of the eleven remaining error strikes are unaware of the error for two reasons. First, the letters on the Isle of Capri side which identify the casino are so microscopic, they are almost impossible to notice with the naked eye. Second, the buildings are somewhat similar. A casual observer might assume the token shows two different views of the same casino.

The Gold River Casino is now the River Palms; the name was changed in September 1998.

For more information on the Gold River/Isle of Capri error strike, contact Lisa Jung, by e-mail chippermel@cs.com, or call 415-472-2869. ♦



When the error was discovered, one of the casino's slot floorperson received permission to purchase four of the error tokens, and the rest were sent back. When a full count was made, the casino's computer showed that all, but twenty of the error strikes had



California Chips

by David Moore

Just after the last report from the Golden State, Larry Flynt's Hustler casino opened. Collectors were either relieved or dismayed to discover the chips are plain but classy. More like the Bellagio's chips than Flynt's infamous magazine.

San Manuel Indian Casino in Highland issued a Fourth of July Limited Edition of 500 chips.



A number of Indian tribes have come out with new racks in the last few months. Mono Winds in Auberry changed the name on their chips to their reservation name: Big Sandy Rancheria. The chips have different designs on each side but the denominations are identical save for the dollar amount.



Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez issued a beautiful rack with animals on it. The chip has the same design on both sides.



Eagle Mountain's new rack has what you might expect as a design: an eagle and a mountain. Very nice chips but same design is on both sides and on different denominations.



In the small card room department, Mike's Casino in Oakdale came out with a new rack consisting of a \$1 chip. The club only has small limit so no larger denominations were needed, although a \$5 chip could be issued in the future.



The Bicycle Club in Bell Gardens released a new \$1 chip in August. It's the same color as the old chip but with the letters BC in script.

Many of Indian casinos have begun issuing slot tokens as they convert to cash machines. Cache Creek in Northern California expected to have more than 600 new machines including Wheel of Fortune Monopoly, etc. in operation by the end of September. Paul-Son Gaming issued a press release on August 30th announcing it had received a purchase order for casino chips from the Viejas Casino in Alpine. The firm reported its first orders from a tribal casino in California since the state began entering into compacts with Native American casino operators.

If I've missed a new chip issued in the last three months or if you know of upcoming California chips, drop me a line, and I'll include them in the next issue of the club magazine.

Contact me at: moored@pacbell.net or write: David Moore, 1750 San Luis Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. ♦

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Las Vegas Club

New Silver Strikes

The Las Vegas Club has announced six new Silver Strikes which should be in play by the time this magazine is published. The six strikes depict Jackie Gaughan in various sports. Each strike has a common back showing the building from Main Street and the "G" mintmark. The sports depicting Mr. Gaughan are football, golf, soccer, hockey, baseball and basketball. ♦



The CC>CC Claims Process

by **Jim Reilly**
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My charter as CC>CC Claims Director was set forth by then Club President Archie Black in his January 1999 announcement of my appointment to fill this position:

“Mr. Reilly’s duties will be to receive any written complaints regarding unresolved transactions between club members; to obtain complete factual information from both parties about the transaction in question in an attempt to resolve any outstanding disputes; and to make recommendations of unresolved disputes to the Board, which will have the final authority to act on the complaint.”

CC>CC Code of Ethics

The starting point of most claims is the club’s well-established code of ethics, which reads as follows:

As a member of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, I agree to abide by the following CC>CC Code of Ethics:

1. To support and be governed by the bylaws, rules, policies and regulations of the Club, as such rules may be amended from time to time.
2. To conduct myself so as to bring no discredit to the Club or to impair the prestige of the Club or its members.



3. To base all of my dealings on the highest plane of justice, fairness and morality.
4. Neither to buy nor sell any material of which the ownership is questionable.
5. To take immediate steps to correct any error I make in any transaction.
6. Not to sell, exhibit, produce nor advertise counterfeits, copies, reproductions or restrikes of any item unless their nature is clearly indicated as such.
7. To represent casino collectibles as genuine only when to the best of my knowledge and belief, such items are in fact authentic, and when no significant question of their authenticity has been raised.
8. To fulfill all contracts and agreements which I may make, either oral or written; to make prompt payment upon delivery; and to return immediately any item that is not satisfactory.
9. To furnish requested advice to the best of my ability and knowledge, and not to take advantage of superior

knowledge on my part to the disadvantage of a less knowledgeable collector.

10. To offer on all sales and trades, a 10-day return privilege on any item purchased or traded, unless I have clearly and conspicuously stated that items are sold or traded “as is”, and without a return privilege.
11. To refrain from making any unjustified, false, or slanderous comments about other members.
12. To abide by all local, state and federal laws and to assist in the prosecution of those who may violate such laws and regulations.
13. To cooperate fully with officers of the Club in investigating and resolving problems which may arise, and complaints which may be made, and to provide such information to such officers as may reasonably be requested.

Before Filing a Claim

Before filing a claim with me, I suggest that aggrieved club members undertake the following steps:

1. Make known to the other person that you are unhappy about the transaction or conduct of that person.
2. State clearly the particular reason for your dissatisfaction and what you would like the other person to do about it.

3. Do the foregoing in a calm, rational and civilized manner.
4. Be prepared, if necessary, to respond appropriately (e.g., if you are dissatisfied with a trade, be prepared to return the material you received if the trade is to be undone).
5. If you are the recipient of a complaint from another member, accept that complaint graciously and make all reasonable efforts to resolve the problem promptly and in the spirit of the Club's Code of Ethics.

Filing a Claim

If, after having undertaken reasonable efforts to resolve any dispute directly, a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached, either or both parties may submit a claim.

Claims must be submitted in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Claims **MUST** be submitted **IN WRITING**. I will not act on any claim until it has been formally submitted in writing.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, I will accept an initial claim submitted by email to me at my email address:
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3. If the claim is based upon or supported by an exchange of email, forward to me all email correspondence between the parties on the subject of the dispute. I prefer forwarding to copying and pasting email contents into a new email.

4. If the claim is based upon or supported by other documents, please send to me by regular mail copies of all such documents, addressed to:

Jim Reilly, PO Box 1338,
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Do not send your original documents unless I specifically ask you to do so.

5. If I determine that it is necessary for me to view the material involved in any transaction which is the subject of a claim, I will advise the parties and ask that the material be delivered to me by appropriate means.

Claim Procedures

It is my intention to keep the claim process as simple as possible. I will be conducting my inquiries as follows:

1. All inquiries will be informal, fact gathering exercises. Once I have obtained all available information, I will evaluate the circumstances and prepare a summary for presentation to the CC>CC Board. If appropriate, I will also make a recommendation of what action, if any, I believe the Board should take.
2. I am requesting that the parties to any claims inquiry maintain confidentiality of the process during the inquiry. That is, no posting of information about the transaction and/or the claim on public bulletin boards. While this will not be

an absolute prerequisite (that is, I will continue the inquiry even if confidentiality is not maintained), I believe that the fact gathering process will be facilitated by maintaining such confidentiality until the inquiry is completed.

3. I will maintain a complete file of all information obtained from the parties. I will share between the parties to the inquiry such information as is necessary to complete the inquiry.
4. The CC>CC Board has the ultimate authority to take or not take action on the claim. The Board will also determine, after completion of the inquiry, whether or not to make the claim and the results of the inquiry public and/or whether to share between or among the parties any information obtained during the inquiry which I have not already shared.

If anyone has any questions, comments, suggestions, etc., regarding my function as Claims Director, or the procedures set forth above, please feel free to email or write to me at the addresses provided above. ♦

Insurance for your Chips, Tokens and Other Collectibles

by *W. Danforth Walker*

President Collectibles Insurance Agency, Inc.

Get Your Collection Insured

If you own casino chips, tokens and other collectibles that cost more than \$3,000 to replace you should consider getting insurance specifically for these collectibles. Burglaries, fires, tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes and other similar hazards are unexpected and require you to arrange in advance for your insurance coverage. Take the time right now to get insurance specifically for your collectibles.

Homeowners and renters insurance coverage for collectibles can range from comprehensive to nonexistent. Unfortunately you often do not find out how you stand until after a loss occurs. Thus we recommend that when you rely on homeowners or renters insurance for collectibles coverage you have written assurance of what your policy or endorsement covers and what is not covered. Be aware that a number of types of losses (see below) that could occur to your collectibles are not normally covered by a homeowner's or renter's policy or an endorsement to such policies. For the greatest piece of mind, a separate policy specifically designed to insure collectibles is the best way to protect yourself. Collectors find

a specialized collectibles policy offers the best coverage with the least hassle and the cost is amazingly low.

The hardest thing about getting your collection insured is getting the project started. If you are going to use your homeowners insurance call your agent and go over the coverage you want in detail with the agent. Ask about the things mentioned below. If you feel comfortable with the answers, write your agent a letter with your understanding of the inventory, appraisal, valuation, cost, exclusions, deductibles, that you discussed on the phone. Your letter should ask your agent for a written acknowledgement and comments about the understandings in your letter. The important thing is don't procrastinate.

Specialized Collectibles Policy

The following terms and conditions are standardized in the specialized collectibles policy Collectibles Insurance Agency (CIA) offers collectors. We also insure dealers and those who are both collectors and dealers of collectibles. Use the terms and conditions below to assess the coverage you are offered.

Inventory

Requiring a detailed inventory of each individual collectible you own is not in the best interest of most collectors. Many collectors do not have the time or patience to record each and every purchase and disposition. CIA's inventory

“Homeowners and renters insurance coverage for collectibles can range from comprehensive to nonexistent”

requirement is that we only need each collectible valued at more than \$5,000 individually listed (dealer coverage requires no individual listing). Simply list the type of collectible and a brief description of the collectible type on the application to insure this type of collectible. For each type of collectible state the replacement value to be insured.

Unless directed by the insured otherwise, CIA increases the amount of insurance coverage one percent per month. This automatic monthly increase helps cover new purchases and increases in values

of existing collectibles. CIA allows the insured to change the types of collectibles insured and/or amounts of coverage, either up or down, at any time by phone, fax, email or letter.

Appraisal

Your insurance carrier should not require an appraisal before a policy is written unless the collectible(s) are very unusual. Appraisals can be a pain to organize and costly to the collector. The collector should be allowed to estimate the value of his or her own collectibles. Appraisals may be necessary when losses occur, but then the need is known to all parties and the insurance carrier is usually the party that secures (and pays for) the appraisal.

Valuation

Collectibles should be valued for insurance purposes at replacement value, not what the item originally cost. Replacement value is the cost of acquiring similar quantities and quality of collectibles to your current collectibles. Make sure your collectible is not valued at cost or depreciated value; in most cases collectibles actually appreciate rather than depreciate in value.

Cost of coverage

The cost of specialized coverage is usually a lot less than most collectors realize. Examples of CIA's annual cost follow: \$3,000 cost \$12, \$10,000 cost \$32, \$50,000 cost \$165 and \$100,000 cost \$238. Above \$100,000 the

cost is \$1 per \$1,000 annually. If the insured property has a value over \$25,000 and is protected by a central station alarm or over 500-pound safe, a discount is provided due to the protective safeguard.

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Next, check on all kinds of water damage. CIA covers all water damage but be aware that some policies exclude certain types of water damage such as flooding or sewer backups. Ask about basement floods, broken pipes, sewer backup, a leaky roof, appliance overflow, river overflows, etc. Even though many types of

collectibles might not be damaged by a little water, prolonged periods of being in water can damage many types of collectibles.

Fire and windstorm coverage is standard but some companies exclude earthquake and hurricane coverage. CIA provides automatic coverage for all natural catastrophes including earthquake and hurricane. CIA also provides coverage for breakage including accidental breakage, mysterious disappearance, displays and expositions, unattended vehicle, worldwide mail and shipping. CIA provides hassle free worldwide mail insurance for collectors and even \$250 coverage for bad checks or credit cards on the Internet. Check to make sure you are covered for these type losses with collectibles coverage offered to you by other carriers.

Exclusions

Expect not to be paid for the following types of losses: inherent defect, gradual deterioration, insects/vermin, dampness, dishonest acts, checked baggage (an endorsement is available if goods need to be carried in checked baggage), government confiscation, conversion/infidelity, war & nuclear losses.

Inherent defect occurs when you have a collectible ceramic flower vase and someone pours hot water into the vase and it breaks because the vase was not designed to hold hot water. A vermin loss can occur when mice or squirrels damage your collectibles. Dishonest acts could

occur if a family, household member or maid, for instance, steals your collectibles. If you purchase collectibles in Mexico on a vacation and coming through customs the collectibles are seized and never returned by a customs Official, this is a government confiscation loss that is not covered even though the Government Official is in the wrong. An example of conversion is when you consign some of your collectibles to a dealer to sell for you and the collectibles are not returned and you are not paid. An infidelity loss occurs when your significant other takes your collectibles without your permission.

Deductible

Many collectible insurance policies have a deductible. The CIA policy does not have a deductible; instead it has a minimum. If a loss exceeds \$50.00 the loss is paid in full.

Note: Collectibles Insurance Agency (CIA) exclusively insures collectibles. Coverage is underwritten by a wholly owned subsidiary of Hartford Insurance Group, Pacific Insurance Company, Ltd. CIA has been insuring collectibles since April 1966 and insures most collectible, well over 100 different types of collectibles for collectors, dealer and collector/dealers.

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Obituaries

For Bob Holborow

On 10 Aug. 2000 the CC>CC lost one of its most devoted and passionate member's. Bob Holborow R-2835, age 52, passed away suddenly at his ranch in Northern California. Bob was set up at our recent national convention at tables 70 & 71 (gamingchips.com).



Bob and I shared many common interests together. We were both in the U.S.A.F., serving in Southeast Asia in the late 60's, both enjoyed deep-sea fishing, etc. However, our greatest mutual interest was our passion for collecting casino chips. As much as Bob loved his ranch in Garberville, California, and his home in Santa Monica, California. He also loved Las Vegas, where he also had a home. Like most of us he liked the table games, especially roulette. His favourite casino was the Hard Rock Hotel. He really liked their chips. In addition to collecting the newer commemorative issues. He was fond of collecting the old Vegas chips, especially the downtown casinos.

Bob made many contributions to our club and this hobby of ours. He was serving his second term as Vice President of the Southern California chapter of the CC>CC. He truly looked forward to our monthly meetings at Hollywood Park Casino. His greatest contribution was the establishment of Gamingchips.com. His purpose was to provide a forum for collectors, and dealers to list their areas of interest and provide a listing of fellow collectors and dealers with similar interests. The site also provided free advertising to anyone who chose to use it. As of today hundreds of our members are registered on this site. I am certain countless new members have joined our organization as a result of it.

Bob was more than a fellow chip collector to me, he was one of my best friends. I will truly miss Bob's passion and enthusiasm for chip collecting. His compassion for others, his consistent positive attitude and that warm genuine smile will be missed by all. Bob you left us too soon, but you left us many really great memories.

Rest in peace my dear friend.
Walt Gonski

For Arthur Rosenberger

Services for Arthur Rosenberger, 67, of Guttenberg, New Jersey was held on June 1st at Leber Funeral Home, Union City, NJ.

Mr. Guttenberg died at his home on Tuesday, May 25th, following a long illness.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Rosenberger lived in Union City before moving to Guttenberg several years ago.

He worked as a clerk for Inollos & Snyder, New York City, before retiring several years ago.

He served in the Army during peacetime. Rosenberger was a member of the WaWa Social Club, West New York, and the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Jr. and Steven; a daughter, Patricia and one grandchild.

For Bob Matthews

Thank you for being a friend to me and our hobby

I do not recall the exact year, but I first met Bob Matthews at an ANA convention. As a dealer who specialized in American large cents he was probably the last person that I would suspect could become interested in gaming checks and gaming tokens. By the time I had left the convention, Bob was interested and the next year I was surprised to find him offering a selection of chips and tokens along with his superb quality coins.

I enjoyed Bob's easy manner and his genuine interest in our hobby. He enjoyed the history that chips and tokens represent as artifacts of the gaming industry. Around the time that Bob became very interested in gaming items, Indian and Riverboat gaming was exploding. He took an immediate interest in the growth of gaming in his home area of Michigan. In a very short time Bob was offering collectors a great selection of chips from around the U.S. With coins as his first love in collecting gaming tokens were a natural area for expansion. Bob featured high quality tokens and continued to maintain a great stock that kept many of the token collectors happy as chips began to dominate the hobby. Thank you Bob, for keeping the interest.

Each year I could look forward to seeing Bob Matthews at the annual convention. I probably spent less time looking at his stock than in casual conversation with the very amiable and genuine person. Bob enjoyed the hobby for its people and could always be counted on for a great conversation. One afternoon when Kregg and I were in Las Vegas to watch the Aladdin Hotel implosion, I heard that Bob was in town. We were located in a press suite atop Bally's and waiting for sunset. I reached Bob by phone and was thrilled when he agreed to come and witness a moment of gaming history. Bob and Jean were soon with us at our perch above the Aladdin. Along with Ralph and Judy Pollack we enjoyed the spectacle of gaming history in progress.

I am thankful that Bob was in our hobby and that he contributed to the expansion and understanding of gaming checks and tokens outside of Nevada. His personality and kindness always made his presence a pleasure, his passing will leave us without a fine individual.

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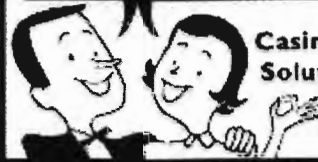
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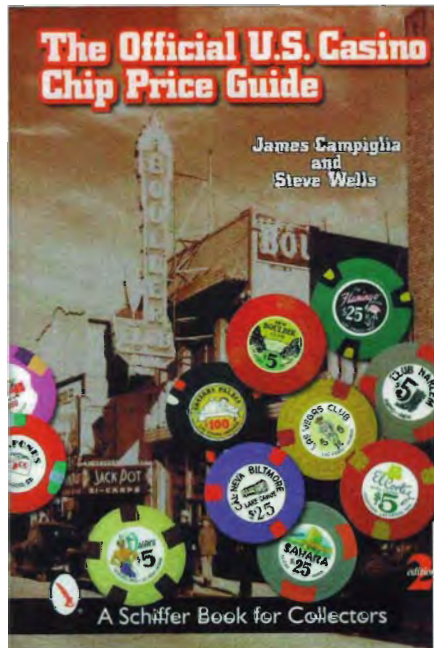
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