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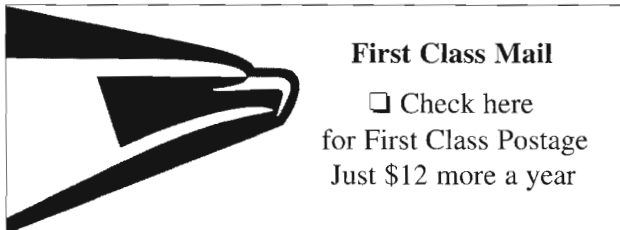
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Letter

from the editor

John Yee



It was great seeing old friends and meeting new ones at this year's convention. Thank you for all the wonderful feedback I shall try to continue publishing a high quality magazine we can all be proud of. This edition is a bit late due to the convention, a hectic month at work, and the anticipated arrival of our third child. Hopefully when you receive this edition, we will be a family of five. Unlike other hobbies, even with the additional diaper duties, I will still be able to keep up my collecting habits. The magazine, however, will have to drop a few notches in priority but my able assistant editor will step-up to the plate.

First, I'd like to thank the outgoing officers and wish them well in finding those elusive obsolete chips. Unfortunately for us treasure hunters, Jim Steffner has already found that chip. If you hadn't heard, Jim recently sold a unique Hacienda chip dug up at a garage sale for over \$14,000 on eBay. Our Market Watch editors are resting after the convention and were unavailable to tell the tale. Anyway, special congratulations to Jim who served six years in what I believe to be the hardest volunteer position in our club. Jim was presented a special plaque for his hard work and dedicated service. Thank you to our outgoing officers David Sarles, Ken Hallenbeck, Nate Pincus, Barry Weintraub and Jim Steffner for a thankless job and receiving little praise and a barrel-full of criticism throughout their tenure. Congratulations to the incoming officers, Nate Pincus, Neal Silverman, Marty Kaplan, David Shron, and Ralph Myers who will experience it first hand. I'm thankful they are all willing to give their expertise and time to help our club. Although we may not always agree with the direction of the club and our officers, I think it's important to show some respect and courtesy to those who have volunteered their time and energy so the rest of can reap the benefits.

Second, I'd like to say a few words about the 9th Annual Convention recently held at the Tropicana Hotel. Although I haven't attended all the conventions, this is certainly the most enjoyable one to date. The banquet was far above expectation both in attendance and quality of speakers. The convention floor was full of buyers and sellers, there were extra trading sessions, and the seminars were full of educational material. Wayne and Belinda have certainly departed with a "Bang". I know George Conrad is already working hard to top this year's convention so please support the club with your attendance and early registration.

My congratulations also go out to Doug Saito and Harvey Fuller, this year's recipients of the Hall of Fame award. Doug has been a fantastic resource and asset to our hobby. A sample of his unique style of writing and storytelling is available in our club magazine. The first of many stories about Harvey Fuller and his diaries appeared in the last issue. Although I have never met Harvey, I am told he is the epitome of the modern day "treasure hunter". Thank you Doug for introducing Harvey and allowing us the opportunity to share his adventure.

In addition to the fantastic convention volunteers, there are a number of others I'd like to recognize. We not only had great support from our host casino, but a real commitment came from O'shea's and the Union Plaza for their unique silver strikes specifically created for our members. Janel Cole, an active member and casino employee, was instrumental in the limited edition chips and silver strikes from O'shea's. A special thank you to the Hard Rock Hotel along with Warwick Stone and Krista Tye for releasing a special edition, no value chip. I hope we can count on these casinos as well as new ones for future conventions.

I'd also like to thank and congratulate Steve McLendon for receiving article of the year award for his submittal of, "Gaming History of Lake Tahoe". We're hoping Steve will enlighten us with North Lake Tahoe in the coming year.

Again I must plead for additional articles. I need material about tokens, silver strikes, cheques, casino history, and any other unique collecting interests. Remember that the quality of this magazine is dependent on you, the membership. I can only publish articles that are submitted. Thank you for your understanding.

Next year's 10th Annual International Convention will be held June 5th through June 8th, 2002 at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas. For contact information please email George Conrad, convention@ccgtcc.com

ANA Convention

**Atlanta, Georgia
August 8-12, 2001**

Volunteers needed to help at the CC>CC club table

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Club meeting at ANA

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8:00 a.m. – Room 106**

Exhibitors Needed

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Nate Pincus

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President's *Letter*



Nate Pincus

WOW!!! What a great time we all had at the Tropicana.

This convention was especially meaningful to me as I was installed as the new President of the CC>CC. As a candidate, I spoke of keeping our club vibrant and growing and our recent convention was certainly evidence of our vitality. From the opening banquet, featuring Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, Steve Rossi and Bob Stupak, to the frenetic activity on the convention floor, the numerous trading sessions, the excellent and informative educational seminars, the exhibits, the auction, poker tournament, chapter meetings and so much more. The energy was contagious. I intend to use this energy to move us forward as a premier collectors club.

For this to be a reality, we need to recruit new members and retain current ones. We will publicize the club and hobby in an efficient and cost effective manner. Our membership software will be upgraded to allow us to build a comprehensive membership database and to fully utilize membership information. The CC>CC website (CCGTCC.COM), which is our largest source of new membership applications will become the most prominent resource for our hobby and the club. By undertaking these initiatives, the club will be in a position to benefit from the growth of the casino collectibles hobby.

One strong indication that this hobby is growing is the number of upcoming casino collectible shows and other meetings. The Palace Station, LV show is scheduled for September 28th- 29th, Casinorama is set for October 20th, Tunica's Chipper's Weekend is October 26th-27th and the Metro Detroit show is November 3rd. These shows, all promoted by club members, are in addition to the regular chapter meetings of our fourteen chapters. Our newest chapter is the Ohio River Valley Chapter, which was formed recently.

A very important issue is one that I spoke about at the business meeting on Thursday night of the convention - our Code of Ethics. Integrity and ethics are key elements to vibrancy. Members must be able to have confidence in who they are dealing with and in the product they are obtaining. Our club must be known as an organization having the highest integrity and morals. Our Code of Ethics must be adhered to and your new officers are committed to holding all members to this high standard. If all members, both collectors and dealers, treat each other ethically, with respect and in a civil manner, the club will grow and our collections will flourish.

My sincere thank you to our outgoing officers - David, Ken, Barry and Jim for all your hard work and dedication. Jim Steffner, as Membership Officer for the past five years deserves our special recognition and gratitude. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, Vice President - Neal Silverman, Secretary - Marty Kaplan, Treasurer - Dave Shron and Membership Officer - Ralph Myers, we are grateful for your support and will work diligently in your best interests for the duration of our term.

There is no way to properly and completely thank our out-going convention Co-Chairpersons, Wayne Thompson and Belinda Hixon. They did so much for all of us over the past three years. Their reward comes next year when they can enjoy themselves as attendees. Thank you both for all that you have accomplished on our behalf.

Many others contributed greatly to the success of this year's convention. Special thanks to Paul Bender and Barb Jones for taking charge of the room set-up and tear down, Archie and Brenda Black for COTY/TOTY, exhibits and for helping at the registration table, Dick Allard and his crew for manning the club promotions table and for all the work Dick did prior to the convention, Bruce Landau, with able assistance from Howdy and Kregg Herz and auctioneer Jim Kruse for another successful auction, Eileen Landau for all her help on the banquet, Rich Burgel for arranging convention publicity and banquet speakers, the very reliable Sandersons and Blancks who again manned the registration tables, Michael Knapp for arranging and participating in the educational seminars, Eric Rosenblum who continues to be indispensable as Parliamentarian, Mark Lighterman as official photographer, Nick and Andrea Moericke for transporting cases and other inventory, Gene Trimble for getting donations, arranging the poker tourney and acting as intermediary with the chip manufacturers, Robert Pardue for overseeing the poker tourney, Dick Covington for designing the poker tourney chips and for his expert contribution to the educational seminars, Robert McCollum who we can thank for arranging the special club room keys, Alan Anderson for his help in many ways and John Yee for arranging the Hard Rock chip and for his help in every way. Just as important and just as numerous are the other behind the scene volunteers, too many to mention but all important to the success of the convention. Thank you to all.

Please make your plans now to attend next year's convention. We will be back at the Tropicana from June 5th through 8th. George Conrad has been appointed as Convention Chairman and will be assisted by his wife, Liz. Please contact George if you are willing to volunteer to help during the convention. Please look for announcements in the upcoming issues of the magazine. We will again have pre-registration for the convention and the banquet.

I want all the members to know that your officers are accessible to the membership. Our contact information is published in this magazine and on the club website. We are always interested in what the membership has to say.

I again want to thank you for all the kind words and advice that I have received since the election. The number of members who personally sought me out at the convention to offer their support overwhelmed me.

Let's enjoy the hobby, the club and the relationships. Happy collecting.

Nate Pincus

Convention 2002

The Club is seeking volunteers to fill various positions for the 2002 Annual Convention. There are several positions that we could use help with. Some require work during the year preparing for the Convention; others involve only a short commitment of time during the Convention.

If we are going to continue to have successful Conventions we must have more people get involved. We hope you will consider helping your Club and offer to volunteer some of your time to help make the 2002 Convention the most successful ever.

If you would like to volunteer or ask any questions please contact:

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Secretary's Report



Barry Weintraub

The thirteenth annual meeting of the CC>CC was called to order by President David Sarles at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:30 PM. 114 members were in attendance.

Secretary Barry Weintraub read his secretary report: During the past year, there was a full membership vote on a constitutional amendment regarding local chapters and club membership. The amendment did not receive over the required 2/3 of the votes and therefore was defeated. During the last year, two new local chapters were formed; The Slabfree Chapter and The Ohio River Valley Chapter. The total number of chapters is now 14. I am happy to report that as of the 2001 convention, all chapters have paid their annual dues and are chapters in good standing with the Club.

This year 51 active club members were awarded 10-year pins. The membership numbers were from R-377 to R-554. Additionally, the Board decided to recognize all associate membership along with their regular member. Therefore, we went back to all associates who had 10 years of membership and mailed them a 10-year pin. There were 34 associate memberships who received pins.

President Sarles called for the Secretary's report to be accepted by the membership. The report was accepted.

Treasurer Nate Pincus presented his report on the financial status of CC>CC. The club is in excellent financial condition. As of the end of May, 2001, the checking account balance is over \$93,000, an increase of over \$10,000 for the last year. However there are convention expenses that are not included in the financial club status. President Sarles called for the Treasurers report to be accepted by the membership. The report was accepted

Membership Officer Jim Steffner announced that the club had signed up 214 new members over the last year. President Sarles called for the Membership report to be accepted by the membership. The report was accepted.

During the year, the Club held an election for new Club officers. First, the current officers of the Club would like to thank all the nominees for the support of the Club. The number of nominees was the highest yet and demonstrates the commitment to continue to strive to improve our Club.

The newly elected officers were sworn in by Club legal council, Eric Rosenblum. The new slate of officers are as follows:

President	Nate Pincus
Vice President	Neal Silverman
Secretary	Marty Kaplan
Treasurer	David Shron
Membership	Ralph Myers

The newly elected board was seated and took questions from the audience. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion was passed.

2000/2001 Membership Report



Jim Steffner
Membership Officer 1996 - 2001

Another year and another convention has come and gone. The 2201 convention has to be one of the best yet and marks the retirement of convention co-chairs Wayne and Belinda. They went out in style and are to be congratulated for all their hard work and dedication.

The past year has been a positive year for the club in terms of membership. As reported at the annual business meeting on Thursday night, your club had a net increase of 214 members. There were 459 new members who joined during the past fiscal year. The quarterly renewal rate averaged 78%. We presently have 2590 active members. There are 2202 regular members and 388 associate members. Every state in the country has members in our club as well as 7 foreign countries. The membership directory lists information on 2120 members. Last member sign up as of Thursday was R-5287.

Life membership grew dramatically with an increase of 20 members joining the elite group of dedicated and supportive Life Members. This year the club bestowed Honorary Life Memberships on Michael Knapp and Wayne Thompson for their many years of hard work benefiting the members of our club.

California led the state member list with a total of 524 followed by Nevada with 282, New York with 160, and New Jersey with 149. Foreign country member's hail from Canada, England, Portugal, Cuba, Germany, Belgium, and Australia.

The new member sponsor award went to American Chip Enterprises for referring 21 new members during the past year. Greg Susong was in second place with 20, and the Hall of Fame Museum at the Tropicana came in third with 15. Our club web site provided application forms for 152 new members. A big thanks to all whom assisted in bringing in new members to our club - watch us grow!

Important Note - Ralph Myers has assumed the duties of Membership Officer. Please be sure to contact Ralph for all renewals, directory orders, replacement cards, and other membership concerns. The club's toll free line will also give you a direct voice to Ralph for any help you may need, or for new members to receive information about our club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and the members for the beautiful award presentation I received at the business meeting as outgoing membership officer. It has been a great pleasure to serve the club for the past five years. I have

been able to meet many fine people and while the position is a lot of work, it is also very gratifying in being able to offer assistance both to new members and to those renewing. While I may not be handling the membership issues both Sandi and I will still be active during the next two years in helping with the auction, poker tournament, and convention setup. Looking forward to 2002 and the opportunity to see all of you at the convention.

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All membership inquiries, missing magazine concerns, and renewal should now be addressed to:

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Treasurer's Report




Nate Pincus

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club
Income and Expense Statement
For The 12 Months Ended December 31, 2000

<u>Income</u>	
Dues, including 1st class postage	\$50,838
Convention:	
Table Fees	33,705
Auction	14,270
Logo/Souvenir Sales	14,000
Program Ads	2,600
Miscellaneous	608
Convention Total	65,183
Magazine Advertising	5,754
Logo/Souvenir Sales	4,642
Directory Sales	280
Donations	248
Interest Income	1,282
Showcase Rental	0
Other Income	0
 Total Income	 <u>\$128,227</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>	
Magazine, including printing & mailing	\$42,807
Convention Expenses	50,345
Printing/Copies	477
Postage	3,446
Publicity	1,233
Logo/Souvenir Items	3,746
Supplies/Stationary	479
Website	485
Library Expense	82
Telephone	280
Storage	948
Miscellaneous	390
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$104,718</u>
 Net Difference	 <u>\$23,509</u>

Beginning Cash Balance - 1/1/2000	\$47,483
Net Difference	23,509
Ending Cash Balance - 12/31/2000	<u>\$70,992</u>


 Submitted by Nate Pincus, Treasurer
 May 7, 2001

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC>CC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB** for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Club's policy is to prepare its report on the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, revenue and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the income was earned or the expense was incurred. For this reason the Treasurer's Report is not intended to present results of operations on the accrual basis.

In our opinion, the Treasurer's Report referred to above, presents fairly the income and expenditures of **THE CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB** for the year ended December 31, 2000, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.


MITCHELL B. SMITH, CPA


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May 6, 2001

Letters

to the editor

Dear Editor:

First off I would like to thank you for the great job you are doing for the membership of the club. It is dedicated people like you that make the club what it is today.

I do have one problem with the publication that I hope you can address for me. As you can tell by my membership number I have been a member of CC>CC for many years. I am a collector of the one dollar gaming tokens for the past twenty five years. I know that chips are the more popular collectible, but to have two items in regards to gaming tokens in the magazine that has 132 pages is not very much, there has to be some new out there that would be of interest to token collectors.

In future issues of the publication it would be great to have more information if possible on gaming tokens.

Once again thank you for the great job you and the officers of the club do, it is appreciated

Sincerely,
Robert J. Barnes
R-0526

I agree with you 100 percent. This is a hobby that grossly under represents the token collector. However, as editor of the club magazine, I am responsible for publishing articles that are submitted to me by the members. I've mentioned before that those with specialized collecting interests must submit articles otherwise their collecting voice will go unheard. Unfortunately, I have personally spoken to token collectors and heard the same complaint, with the exception of a few dedicated contributors, pleas for more material have gone unheard. I am confident that the new administration will do their part to solicit article submissions. I remind the membership that this is your hobby and we need your help to make this a quality magazine—it's not up to one person.

Our new administration and I, shall continue requesting more articles to adequately represent the minority collectors in our club.

*Thank you,
Editor*

Dear Editor:

At the convention this year, the Board honored me with an honorary lifetime membership for the work I've done for the Club over the years. Coming on the heels of induction into the CC>CC Hall of Fame last year, I was bowled over.

The honor means so much, and I am gratified that what I've been able to contribute to the hobby has been appreciated and valued by my fellow collectors. The hobby - and the Club - are not just about chips. They're about the friends we make, the lessons we learn from them, and the camaraderie of common interest. I'm proud to be associated with all of you, and pleased that I've been able to be of help.

I'd also like to add my thanks...

- ...to Wayne and Belinda for a great convention;
- ...to the Sandersons and Blancks who once again manned the registration table for the entire convention;
- ...to Dick Allard who does a great job finding club stuff to sell so I spend money at the very first table I pass;
- ...to Gene Trimble, Howdy Herz and Ed Hertel for their contributions to the illegal chipping seminar;
- ...to Dick Covington for his terrific graphics and hard work on Chipology 201, and for the great poker tournament chips he designed;
- ...to Ken Hallenbeck, Jim Reilly, C. T. Rodgers and Steve Rocchi for explaining and educating those in attendance about slabbing and its implications for the hobby;
- ...to those in attendance at the slabbing seminar for maintaining courtesy and decorum throughout;
- ...to Bruce Landau, Howdy and Kregg Herz and Jim Kruse for another great auction;
- ...to Liz Conrad who gave me the forms I needed to fill out to stay out of jail in Nevada;
- ...to Archie Black for another COTY/TOTY;
- ...to Kevin Reeves and Kevin Norris, who designed this year's club commemorative chip and tokens, respectively;
- ...to Rich Burgel for his work as publicity chairman, which included at least two different TV spots during the convention;
- ...to Mark Lighterman, who kept taking my picture - as well as those of many others at the convention;
- ...to John Yee and Allan Anderson who helped Belinda with the terrific program, and especially to John who helped arrange for the Hard Rock chips;
- ...to Mayor Oscar Goodman, Marty Rossi and Bob Stupak for entertaining us during our first annual awards dinner;
- ...to the Hard Rock and Bourgonne et Grasset, who made chips available to all pre-registrants;
- ...to the Aladdin, which donated playing cards for pre-registrants;
- ...to the Union Plaza, Tropicana, and O'Shea's, all of which issued convention chips or tokens available to our members;
- ...to the many hardworking volunteers without whom an event such as the largest casino collectibles show in the world could not possibly take place.

It was a great show, and there was no one in attendance who failed to appreciate what you did for us.

Michael Knapp

Dear Editor:

I want to sincerely thank you and the members of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club for selecting the Fiesta chip as the "Chip Of The Year, 2000".

During the Maloof family ownership of the Fiesta, we were fortunate to accomplish many things, and I can tell you that this one ranks up there as one of our proudest moments.

I was also very impressed at the tremendous turnout at the banquet.

I want to wish your organization the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,
George J. Maloof, Jr.
President
THE PALMS CASINO RESORT
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Editor:

We are in receipt of your invitation to accept an award from the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collector's Club.

We regret that we cannot attend the function, however we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to your organization for considering our token! We were delightfully surprised and honored to learn that we were chose to receive your award!

We cordially invite all your members to visit us in Central City for a first hand look at the casino and the token!

Thank you again! We wish we could be with you in Las Vegas!

Sincerely,
Ann G. Dodson
General Manager
Easy Street Casino
Central City, Colorado



Atlantic City REPORT

by Archie Black

I believe in one of my reports I had mentioned that it couldn't get any worse in Atlantic City with the lack of new chip issues to report. Well, it has!

Tropicana issued a \$25 Limited Edition (500) St. Patrick's Day chip back on March 17th. That's the extent of A.C. new issues since my last report that appeared in the April, May June issue of the club magazine.



Tropicana was supposed to have issued their first of a three-piece Triple Crown set of \$5 chips beginning on May 5th to mark the running of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. However, all three chips failed the camera coverage test and were rejected by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Plans for the three-chip issue were scrapped by the casino.

Caesars has issued a new variation of its regular \$1 table chip. The new variety can be easily distinguished from the previous issue by looking at the digit "1" in \$1. The "1" on the new chip almost touches Caesars' bust, compared to the earlier version in which there is a signifi-

cantly wider space between the bust and the digit "1". Also, the new variety has a bright UV H&C tag on the digit "1". Previous \$1 chips had a UV H&C tag in the right field of the center inlay.

Speaking of UV tags (ultraviolet marks that can only be seen under a florescent "black light")... I've noticed that the newest A.C. issues light up brightly when placed under a black light... especially CHIPCO's. The recent re-introduction of the black ring \$1 Bud Jones metal center chips brought back by Harrah's Marina, it turns out were not brought back at all. The newer black ring chips light up brilliantly when placed under a UV light, while the old black rings don't light up at all. This is a fairly new area of chip collecting to explore... although UV tags on chips have been around for quite some time.

I don't know how many collectors are going to get excited about seeing things they never knew existed on their chips, but there is growing collector interest in the subject. Most of the lower denomination Paulson chips will show a green UV H&C somewhere on newer chips while higher denominations reveal the word "PAULSON" in UV when exposed to a black light.

If this subject area is of interest to you... don't go out and purchase an inexpensive \$3 UV incandescent light bulb. You'll be disappointed with the results, as I was. For about \$10 you can purchase a 15W or 20W florescent tube at Home Depot that will fit into a regular florescent light strip. The results will be dramatic. Have fun!

Finally... the long-awaited 2001 Edition of "Black's Catalog" has been released in late April... just in time for the 2001 International Convention of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club (CC>CC). This 140+ page popular reference work for Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens has been issued annually for the past ten consecutive years. This year's Edition is priced at \$32.50, plus postage, and features every known A.C. chip in full color. See full page paid advertisement placed elsewhere in this issue of "Chip & Token News" for additional details and ordering information.



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Submitted by **Barry Weintraub**
Secretary



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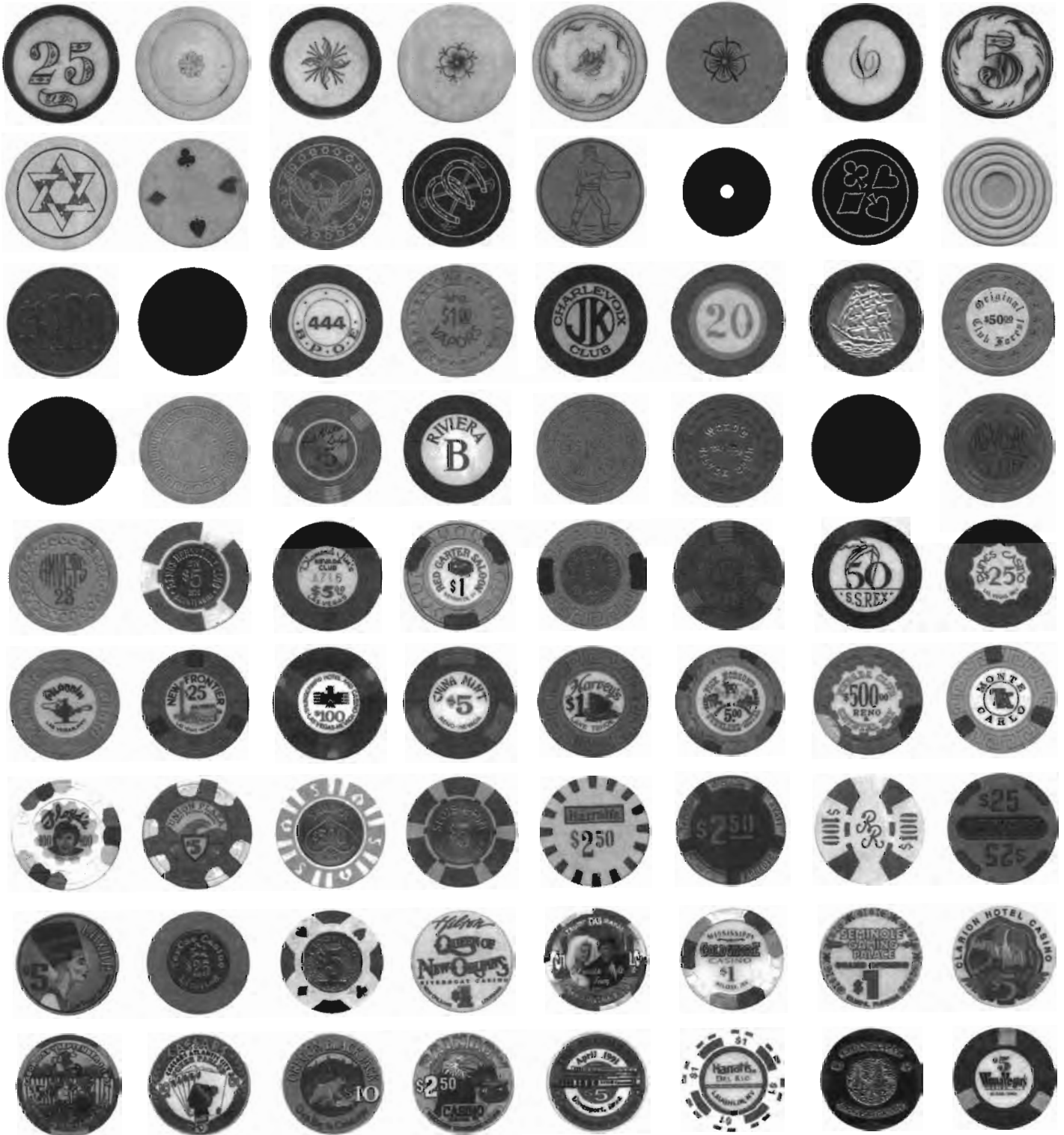
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MEL'S CHIPHISTRY

A Chronology of Gaming Chips



by Mel Jung
Poster Design Allan Anderson



At the junction of the pivotal millennium year 1999, the chronology of 135 American gaming chips reflects 150 years of gambling with an attempt to represent as many designs, trends, molds and variations as space allows. Some highlights need attention to enhance the understanding of chip history beginning with the "Eldo" ivory used in the 1849-1851 era of California gold rush days. Ivories were used in the Mississippi Riverboat games prior to use in the San Francisco and Sacramento gaming palaces. From ivory, the mustard chip; six spaces right, reflects a change from ivory to clay, slightly larger with further design enhancements in rows one and two. The seventh chip in row 3 was given to me by the Burt Co. Grandson whose predecessors, a billiard ball manufacturer, made chips from the turn of the century through the late 1970's. The sailing ship is foil on clay. Most of the chips in the 3rd and 4th lines were common during prohibition in illegal games. At the middle of row 4, the JKH chip next to the Las Vegas Club is attributed by John K. Houssels II as the first chip used in his father's club, the second licensed Nevada club in 1932. License #1 used only cash. Two chips to the right are the "Floridian"

owned by Al Capone. The first chip in the seventh row was used by the son of "Pretty Boy Floyd's" in a short-lived poker club in Martinez, California around 1979. His mother is on the \$20 and \$100 and his father was on the other denominations. An attempt to "silkscreen" chips was made in mid-century, but the process was not successful, showing excessive wear on the blue "Crumleys" chip in the fifth row with 3 green inserts. The keystone chip that changed the history of collecting was the Harrah's \$5 Sailboat chip of 1990 shown further down the 7th row. Chipco created this, and other manufacturers followed with commemoratives and collectibles to celebrate anything and everything from the Trumps wedding to celebrity performances and sports figures. The majority of obsolete chips were made from clay with variations or plastic materials, becoming more popular in the middle of the century. A few chips were made with metal inlays as shown in row 5, they Bank Club Reno and the Kentucky Club from Covington. Later the "Bud Jones" metal center "speed cheque" was introduced and shown in row 6 and row 7 as the "Hi Ho," MGM Desert Inn and the \$500 Sahara LV. In 1971, the Reliable Die Co. made the first brass core chips for Harrah's

Reno/Tahoe and seven other Nevada casinos. Four of these types are shown on mid-line 7. The advent of economic plastic chips being produced, and popularity of commemorative collectibles; has driven the costly brass core chips to early extinction. Since 1990, a new breed of collector favors the limited editions and pictorial chips over older obsoletes. Coupled with the expansion of gaming to Indian gaming, riverboat casinos, and even greyhound and race track casinos, the popularity of collecting has erupted nationally and soon internationally. Yet, the obsolete chips stand as more reflective of gaming history and continue to rise in value, as well as popularity.

An attempt to show as many varied molds and inlays dictated the presentation of some chips not yet attributed to specific clubs, casinos or locations. Others are shown to create interest as to their composition, history and attribution.

I hope this "Chiphistry" will entertain as well as create interest in gaming chip collecting. Any interest or questions can be directed to: Mel Jung, chippermel@cs.com or call (415) 472-2869 ♦

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9th annual CC>CC Convention



by Wayne Thompson



Now that everyone has had time to recover from the Convention it is a good time to look back on all that took place. Belinda and I have known since last fall that after three years it was time to retire. We set our minds to making this the best Convention yet. I hope that everyone who attended will agree it was a great one. So much went on that I will just try to hit some of the highlights.

The **Wednesday Night Banquet And Trade Session** exceeded even our expectations. We had over 330 attendees who had the privilege of hearing our keynote speaker **Mayor Oscar Goodman** give an entertaining presentation. Then through the efforts of Rich Burgel we were able to bring



in two surprise guests to add to the excitement. **Steve Rossi**, from the famous (Marty) Allen and Rossi duet, did a great stand up comedy routine. Then as a final surprise **Bob Stupak** arrived and gave a brief presentation. He must have liked our group, as he was back on the show floor Saturday. We then presented the COTY/TOTY and Silver Strike of the year awards. Also the Hall of Fame inducted two new honorees, **Harvey Fuller** and **Doug Saito**. We finished with recognition of all the volunteers who devoted so much effort to make the Convention a great event for everyone. After the banquet was over the trading began and went well into the night. It was a great evening for everyone!

Thursday morning started with our first educational seminar “**How to research illegal clubs and their chips**”. Everyone came away with a new appreciation for the history of illegal clubs. At 10:00 a.m. the bourse floor opened to a huge crowd, and stayed packed most of the day. For those of you who have never attended there was every imaginable casino collectible for sale. With 108 dealer



Michael Knapp, Chuck Tomarchio & Dale Seymour



Fran Betker

tables it’s hard to see everything in three days. In the afternoon the **Silver Strike chapter** put on a very well attended seminar on Silver Strikes. After the bourse floor closed the **Annual Business Meeting** was held and new officers were installed. There were some very active discussions about a variety of issues. After the business meeting adjourned the activity increased. The **Colorado chapter**

had their chapter meeting, the **Silver Strike chapter** had their chapter meeting, dessert social and chapter auction, and another open trade session was held. And of course one of the highlights of the Convention, **The 3rd Annual CC>CC poker**



Wayne, Belinda, Anne & Michael Skelton



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Lou Lucci



Dick Allard



tournament was played at the Orleans hotel. 105 members started and when it was all over Russ Diaz was the winner and Paul Sax finished second.

Friday morning started with the second educational seminar “**Chipology 201**”, a follow up to last

years very successful “**Chipology 101**”. As always Michael Knapp and Dick Covington put on a fascinating presentation. Again the bourse floor was packed most of the day as the members and public perused the dealer tables and all the exhibits. We had 9 exhibitors with some great displays of every conceivable area of collecting. Jim Kruse won the “**People Choice Award**” for his exhibit “**casino quilts**”. In the afternoon interested “**Illegal Collectors**”



Henry Garret

had a meeting and took the first step in forming a new Club chapter. The highlight of the day was the **Annual Club Auction**. As always Bruce Landau, Howdy and Kregg Herz, and the infamous auctioneer Jim Kruse ran a great auction. This year set the record for the highest auction total in Club history at over \$55,000.

Saturday being the last day of the Convention is always hectic day for everyone. The morning started with



Joe Shaw & Doug Saito

our last educational seminar **“Chip slabbing: What is it? How does it work? Why should I care?”**

Needless to say attendance was high and a very active discussion took place. Again the bourse floor was full with everyone trying to find those last deals. During the day the **“Slab-Free chapter”** held their first meeting. After a busy day the 2001 Convention floor closed. To end the evening the traders still standing spent a long



Janice O'Neal



Jim Kruse & Kreg Herz

evening at the “Last Dance Trade Session”. And the 9th Annual Convention was history.

Needless to say the success of the Convention is a culmination of a lot of work from a very dedicated group of volunteers who give very freely of their time. It's always difficult to try and single out individuals for recognition because there are others who gave a lot but get left out. I do feel that it is important to recognize the Committee chairs that worked on the Convention long before it started. My sincerest thank you to the following individuals.



Jim Steffner

Bruce Landau, Howard and Kregg Herz, and Jim Kruse for another great auction. **Eileen Landau** for taking on the task of planning the banquet. **Archie Black** for chairing the exhibits and the COTY/TOTY awards. **Eric Rosenblum** for his legal advice. **Liz Conrad** for making sure we had the proper permits and all the tax forms were filed. **Mark Lighterman** for being the official photographer for the ninth consecutive year. **Richard Allard** for taking care of the Club promotion items and awards. **Rich Burgel** who not only handled the Convention publicity but also delivered two great surprise guests for our banquet. To show the growing interest in our hobby Rich had live ABC and FOX remotes from the show floor, one local TV station, and both Las Vegas papers covering the event. **Michael Knapp** for chairing



*Mark Freitag with daughters
Pamela and Samantha*



Todd Dingley



Tyrus Mulkey, Katie Smith & Mark Buffon



Wayne Thompson & Belinda Hixon



Skip Harouff



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Chris Burns

the best educational seminars yet and completing his ninth year as educational Chairman. **Paul Bender** and **Barb Jones** who took on the huge task of setup and take down. **Gene Trimble** (who worked on many other projects) and **Robert Pardue** for putting on the poker tournament. Four people who have one of the toughest jobs involved with the convention are **Art** and **Muriel Sanderson** and **Vern** and **Alice Blanck**. They manned the



registration table four straight days and have been fabulous ambassadors for the Club. **Brenda Black** who helped at the registration table for the same four days and **Sandi Steffner** who along side husband **Jim** worked the Club membership table throughout the

Convention. One of the other toughest jobs most members don't even know exist is the management of all the Club property. **Nick** and **Andrea Moericke** deliver and pick-up all the showcases, sign uprights and all the other Club property they manage year round. A new twist for this year was the Tropicana gave out room keys promoting the Club and the Convention. This whole idea started with **Robert McCollum** who worked with both the Tropicana and the card manufacturer to make this happen. Three people that contribute more to this Club and Convention than any-

one can imagine are **John Yee, Allan Anderson, and Dick Covington**. John and Allan helped design the program, banquet tickets, and provided constant assistance before the Convention and helped with even the most menial tasks everyday of the Convention. And yes,

John Yee convinced the Hard Rock Casino to put out a special chip for the Convention. Dick designed the Tropicana "live" chip, the Poker chips and worked everyday of the Convention doing whatever task needed done.

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There is one person who does not get near the recognition they deserve. I truly can't say enough about all the work Co-Chair **Belinda Hixon** has done over the last three years. Belinda solicited and scheduled all the volunteers, wrote the Convention program (which has grown from 25 to 70 pages in three years), solicited the ads, and oversaw the design and printing. She also handled all the Convention pre-registrations, banquet reservations, awards, coordinating the educational seminars with the education Chair, preparing the pre-registration packages, and worked with the registration Chairs. And most of all told me when I was wrong! Makes you wonder what I did? Thank you Belinda for three hard years of work and for being a good friend!

In closing I want to say I have had the pleasure of working with the



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last Board of Directors for two years who have always been supportive and who have worked very hard to serve the best interests of the members. I also had the pleasure of working for the previous Board who gave me the same support and believed in me enough to name me Convention Chairman. I want to congratulate the new Board, they are already hard at work and I think the Club is getting ready to move to a higher level.

Lastly I want to wish **George and Liz Conrad** the best as they take over the Convention for 2002. They are great people who will do a fabulous job. I hope everyone will step up and offer to volunteer their assistance. Only with everyone's help will the Convention and the Club continue to grow.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for the last three years!

Wayne Thompson
Retired Convention Chairman ♦



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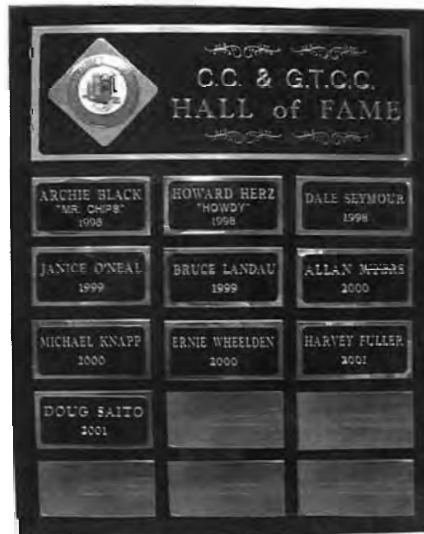
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COTY/TOTY Winners

by Archie Black



George Maloof accepts award for The Fiesta



2000 COTY Award
Fiesta Casino Hotel



Bob Hayden accepts award for Easy Street Casino



2000 TOTY Award
Easy Street Casino

In a COTY battle between two one dollar Las Vegas casino chips in close competition in the category, Fiesta Casino Hotel edged out two other closely contested Four Queens entries to lock up the first place voting for “Chip Of The Year 2000” honors. Last year’s Fiesta \$1 CC>CC convention chip accumulated 219 points, narrowly beating out the \$1 Four Queens Tax Day chip which garnered 201 points. Another popular Four Queens entry, the \$5 Halloween Elvira chip, placed third with a total of 168 points. Clearly, the split vote between both Four Queens entries hurt their otherwise excellent chance for capturing the top prize.

In TOTY 2000 competition, the race for First Place was not even close. Central City, Colorado’s Easy Street Casino easily blew away the other entries by over 100 points. First place, “Token Of The Year 2000” winner, Easy Street, amassed 346 points compared to its closest competitor Santa Fe Station which received 236 points. Only 7 points separated the 2nd Place N. Las Vegas Santa Fe Station \$1 token from 3rd place Black Hawk, Colorado finisher \$5 Mardi Gras Casino with 229 points.

Thank you to all club members who participated this year... and my special thanks of appreciation to those who served on the judges committee.

The voting results for all COTY/TOTY 2000 judging is as follows:



Andrea Coleman accepts award for Caesars Palace



Silver Strike Award

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas

COTY/TOTY 2000 Balloting

Total Number of Judges Returning Ballots: 175 out of 195 4/17/01

Nominee Finalist		COTY			Total Points
		1st Place Points	2nd Place Points	3rd Place Points	
1st	Fiesta <i>CC&GTCC</i>	125	48	44	217
2nd	Four Queens <i>Tax Day</i>	130	51	30	201
3rd	Four Queens <i>Halloween</i>	95	51	22	168
4th	Aladdin <i>Pegasus</i>	115	36	14	165
5th	Hard Rock <i>Christmas</i>	70	54	24	148
6th	Mardi Gras <i>Grand Opening</i>	75	36	34	145
7th	O'Shea's <i>Decision 2000</i>	40	45	34	119
8th	O'Shea's <i>Christmas</i>	50	30	18	98
9th	Easy Street	30	33	14	77
10th	Hard Rock <i>Halloween</i>	30	24	16	70
11th	Luxor <i>Blue Man Group</i>	20	27	22	69
12th	Tropicana <i>4th of July</i>	45	12	6	63
13th	Four Queens <i>Earth Day</i>	15	18	28	61
14th	Bronco Billy <i>Straton Mine</i>	20	18	8	46
15th	O'Shea's <i>Halloween</i>	5	9	14	28
		TOTY			
1st	Easy Street	235	87	24	346
2nd	Santa Fe Station	115	57	64	236
3rd	Mardi Gras <i>Bacchus</i>	130	75	24	229
4th	Luxor <i>Sphinx w/Hotel</i>	85	81	56	222
5th	Gold Ranch <i>Crystal Peak</i>	80	36	32	148
6th	Aladdin <i>Lamp</i>	45	39	30	114
7th	Luxor <i>Queen Nefertitti</i>	45	27	20	92
8th	Luxor <i>King Tut</i>	40	30	18	88
9th	Luxor <i>Anabus</i>	10	18	20	48
10th	Luxor <i>Sphinx Guardian</i>	5	9	16	30

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Exhibitor Awards

by Archie Black
Exhibits Chairman



Archie Black, Mel Jung, Bruce Landau, Steve Goodrich, Jim Kruse

Jim Kruse's crowd-pleasing display of "Casino Quilts" was voted by convention visitors viewing the ten exhibits placed by club members as the best display at the club's 9th Annual Convention and Jim was rewarded with the 2001 "PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD" plaque and a \$25 script certificate good at any dealer's table.



1st Place

A Picture is Worth a 1000 Words
Charles Kaplan

Other attractive exhibits on display and their titles were;

Amy Andrae's
"Our Calling Cards"

Irwin Gross'
"Chess & Chips"

Lisa Jung's
"Striking Jewelry"



2nd Place

C-Notes Through the 20th Century
Mel Jung & Bruce Landau

First Place honors went to Charles Kaplan's, "A Picture Is Worth 1000 Words". Second Place was captured by co-exhibitors Mel Jung and Bruce Landau's four case display of "C-Notes Through the 20th Century", while third place honors went to Steve Goodrich for his excellent display titled, "The Casino Chips of Washington State".



3rd Place

The Casino Chips of Washington State
Steve Goodrich



2001 People's Choice Award
Casino Quilts

Robert Pardue's
"Oversize Chips & Plaques" 3 cases

Dale Seymour's
"Salesman Poker Chip Samples"

Each exhibitor received appreciation certificates suitable for framing and a \$10 scrip certificate redeemable at any dealer table. In addition, supplemental scrip certificates from \$10 to \$25 were awarded to the top four exhibits.

Exhibiting is a very rewarding experience and a great way to show off portions of one's collection and sharing your specialized knowledge with others. Hopefully more new exhibitors will enter competitive displays at the club's 2002 convention next June. It's not too early to begin thinking about your theme or title for your exhibit next year and begin planning the layout. ♦



Our Calling Cards
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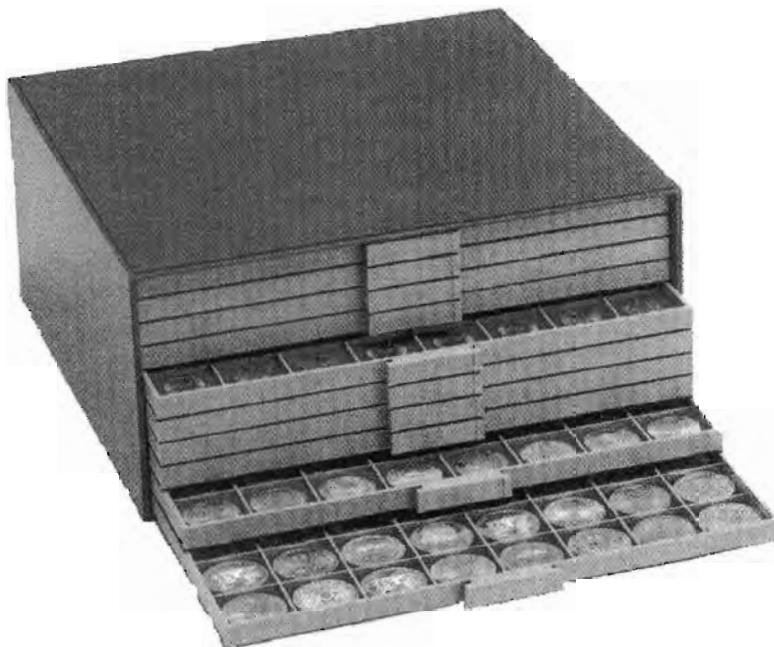
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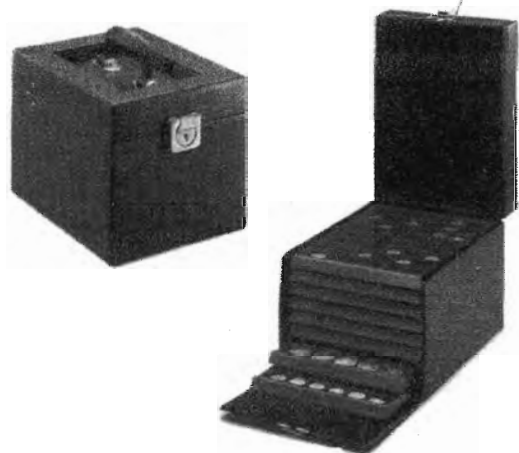
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R-5143	Montebello	Robert	PA	Web site
R-5144	Sanda	Frank	NV	Web site
R-5145	Carpanese	Peter	NJ	Web site
R-5146	Harris	Ronald	MO	Web site
R-5147	Downin	Janet	FL	Citino, Dawn
R-5148	Sokol	Donald	NY	Chip Rack
R-5149	Dzierzanowski	Stephen	NY	Web site
R-5151	Ellison	Gordon	MO	Susong, Greg
R-5153	Varner	Wayne	PA	Amer Chip Ent
R-5155	Mirando	Anthony	NY	Kaplan, Charles
R-5157	DeLuke	Jon	NY	Hartman, Scott
R-5158	Callaghan J.D.	G.	CA	Amer Chip Ent
R-5159	Knowles	William	NV	Eveland, Mary Lou
R-5159-A	Knowles	Sally	NV	Eveland, Mary Lou
R-5161	Schneider	Michael	CO	Web site
R-5161-A	Schneider	Linda	CO	Web site
R-5163	Meath	Brian	CA	Nevada Mint
R-5164	Cashwell	Cameron	NC	Web site
R-5165	Lehew	Stan	TX	Web site
R-5166	Baker	Michael	CA	Web site
R-5167	Rocchi	Steve	CA	Web site
R-5168	Jump	Dee	WA	Web site
R-5169	Kepler-Grisetti	Jamie	CA	Web site
R-5170	Burgess	David	NJ	Beachcomber Coll.
R-5171	Poole	Michael	TX	Susong, Greg
R-5172	Kriv	Arthur	NY	
R-5173	Bernard	Henry	CA	Hartman, Scott
T-5174	Tripp	Aaron	IN	Web site
R-5175	Luxenberg	Dr. Edwin	IN	Web site
R-5176	Yaw	Brandon	NE	Web site
R-5179	Speakmon	Tom	OR	Jung, MEI
R-5180	Fredrickson	Jim	OR	Pfaender, Armin
R-5183	Glick	Dr. Robert	FL	
R-5184	Bloodgood	Owen	IL	Web site
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R-5187	Slusher	W. Pat	WA	Hall of Fame
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R-5189	Jenkins	Karen	AZ	Susong, Greg
R-5190	Levy	Robert	NJ	Susong, Greg
R-5191	Bjornson	Mark	WA	SS Chapter
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R-5195	Isaac	Dick	WA	Mowery, Vince

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R-5197	Nawrocki	Mike	TX	Web site
R-5200	Roberts	Jerry	TX	Web site
R-5201	Poluyanskis	Al	IL	
R-5201-A	Poluyanskis	Donna	IL	
R-5202	Duke	Chuck	IN	Web site
R-5203	Wegner	Brian	NY	Web site
R-5204	Antonsen Jr	Ralph	NY	Rodgers, Charles
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R-5212	Bizzell	Robert	FL	Web site
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R-5214	Harker	Scott	OH	Web site
R-5215	Houghton	Lonnie	ME	Web site
R-5216	Lopez	Tom	AK	Web site
R-5218	Garrard	Jim	NY	Web site
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R-5227	Brafford	Cheryl	FL	Web site
R-5228	Sytsma	Ray	OR	Borenstein, Alan
R-5232	Pitt	Norman		Steffner, Jim
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R-5260	Governale	Frank	NV	Borenstein, Alan
R-5261	Bouwkamp	Bruce	KS	Web site
R-5262	Mills	S. Dale	GA	Web site
R-5263	Bull	Colin	TX	Web site
R-5265	Keethers	Eugene	IN	Borenstein, Alan
R-5266	Kucharski	Conrad	IL	Borenstein, Alan
R-5267	Bunis	Mike	FL	Chip Rack
R-5268	Hicks	Bill	MS	Web site

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R-5270	Miner	Rick	CA	Nor-Cal-Nev
R-5271	Martin	James	FL	SS Club
R-5272	Rey Jr	Louis	NJ	Web site
R-5273	Vinson	David	CA	Web site
R-5274	Marshall	Johanna	CA	Web site
R-5276	Wuensch	Michael	NV	Web site
R-5277	Crisler	Brian	GA	Susong, Greg
R-5278	Brown	Steve	FL	
R-5279	Held	James	WA	
R-5280	Cohenour	William	CA	Mahan James
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R-5289	Walaszek	Kevin	CA	
R-5290	Dodge	Jonathan	MN	
R-5291	Cochran	Fulton	NV	Conrad George
R-5292	Pinsonnault	Tim	NV	Betker Larry
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R-5294	Lamb	Fred	CA	
R-5294-A	Lamb	Kay	CA	
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R-5296	Westfall	Alan	MN	
R-5297	Gare	Gerald	FL	

Missing numbers are those members who have indicated that do not wish to have their information published. ♦



Member Mike Spinetti's Game Room in Carmichael, California

Courtesy John Grow

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New Limited Edition Chips & Silver Strikes

by Allan Anderson

Jim Roets of Caesars Tahoe has announced a commemorative chip program where the casino will release between 6 to 8 limited edition chips a year. Mr. Roets is the Regional Vice President of Casino Operations for Park Place Entertainment, Northern Nevada. Most recently, he was Vice President of Casino Operations at the Reno Hilton where he was involved with a very successful chip program.

Chip releases this summer include a \$5 Tahoe Cruise chip, \$5 and \$25 American Century Celebrity Golf Championship chips and \$5 and \$25 Hot August Nights chips. A silver strike to match the Hot August Nights chip has also been released. Pictures of the new silver strikes are on the following page.



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Tuesdays With Harvey – Excerpts From The Harvey Fuller Diaries – Part 3A by Douglas Saito – #R-0449

Certain Tuesdays are when I interview Harvey Fuller, the most knowledgeable historian of Nevada gaming establishments and newly elected honoree of the CC>CC's Hall of Fame. During those interviews I mention names and events that are listed by Harvey in his daily diaries. And thus stories come to light that are told to me by Harvey, of people in Nevada places and of people who have a prominent place in Nevada gaming.

There's no doubt in my mind as to the purpose and intent of those Tuesday question-and-answer sessions. The greater purpose in the questions I ask is to seek full meaning to people that Harvey only gives mere mention to in his diaries. In other words, it is only from those Tuesday meetings that Harvey recalls biographical anecdotes, juicy insights and tid-bit stories of individuals connected to the Nevada gaming industry. It's the kind of intriguing info that would be too long to write in diary form. Or it can be the kind of info best kept as skeletons in a closet.

The following excerpts of Tuesdays With Harvey come from one afternoon session in which I relived the year of 1985 with Harvey Fuller and his memories. And nearly all responses from Harvey I classify in tobacco terms, as in whether it took Harvey one cigarette or a half cigarette to recall a person, place or thing. Harvey's responses can be exasperating at times. But that's Harvey Fuller. He hasn't changed one jot or iota from the day I introduced my Chip Chat readers to Harvey Fuller with the following opening line: Ask Harvey Fuller the time of day, and he'll tell you how to make a watch.

Enough said. Here's the gaming world of Harvey Fuller as it happened in 1985. As he wrote about it in his diaries. And as he recalled it on Tuesdays for me. To give credit or blame as to who is responsible for which statement, note that my remarks are preceded by the symbol of a pen-in-hand while Harvey's statements have been ear-marked as "From Harvey's Recollection." Without further ado, here's the second installment of Harvey Fuller's Diaries that I've selected as tantalizing glimpses of what I hope will be one of Nevada's finest books on gaming.

Las Vegas. Tuesday January 15, 1985.

Up at 8:20. Drove to Henderson, breakfast at Rainbow Casino. Then Eleanor and I drove to Laughlin, went to Sam's Town Gold River Casino, which opened on 12/20/84. Got two tokens from Sam's Town. To Riverside Casino, Eleanor had no luck on slots, I broke even at craps. Drove through Bullhead City, Arizona. Then drove to Searchlight, NV. Had dinner at Searchlight Nugget and talked to Mrs. Evelyn Hartin about old casinos. Back to Las Vegas, to room at 10:20.

☞ For members who joined the CC>CC in the last five years, betcha didn't know this: In the early days of our hobby, such as in the 1980's and early 1990's, there was no distinction between a Nevada chip collector and a Nevada token collector, because collectors back then collected both items. Some of the most prominent Nevada chip collectors today started in the hobby with an acquisition of gaming tokens. Harvey Fuller was no different when he first began in the hobby. When a new casino like the Riverside in Laughlin opened, his first inclination would have been to acquire a gaming token, whilst chips were an afterthought.

From Harvey's Recollection. Mrs. Hartin was employed as a cashier at the Nugget casino in Searchlight. And Harvey remembers vividly that coffee at the Nugget was still 10¢ a cup, with all the refills a customer could swallow. That's a caffeine fact that only an old Folger's man like Harvey Fuller would remember. As Harvey Fuller would tell me countless times on different Tuesdays, without caffeine, nicotine or gasoline, Life would not be as full for this Fuller.

Las Vegas. Thursday January 17, 1985.

Up at 8:20. Breakfast at Nevada Hotel, then Eleanor to Gold Spike, some luck on slots. Lovely sunny day. I went to Nevada Historical Society from 11:00 to 4:30. Gave Mr. Millman two photos of defunct Westerner casino, 23 Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas. Then checked through old Las Vegas Review-Journal newspapers for casino info. Back to Gold Spike, buffet dinner with Eleanor at Nevada Hotel, only a few free games at Keno. To room at 9:00. I wrote up yard sale list for upcoming weekend.



Photo Courtesy of Tim O'Neill Collection


☞ Wish you were here to have breakfast with Harvey and Eleanor Fuller on January 15, 1985. However, not since the early 1990's has anyone heard the sound of chips being played with or being put in play at the Nevada Hotel when this downtown Vegas establishment did away with table games.

☞ This Westerner photo was reprinted from the negative that Harvey Fuller had managed to acquire from one of thousands of yard sales he frequented. One print copy would be handed over by Harvey to Dave Millman, photo curator of the Nevada Historical Society in Las Vegas.



☞ Seen here is a portion of the 1985 Nevada casino gaming license issued for the owners of the Silver Spur in Henderson, which operated from 1984 to 1988. In later years the Silver Spur would gain prominence on a gaming enthusiast's list for being one of the most enigmatic of Nevada casinos. Surely enigmatic because the Silver Spur would not be

listed in *Harvey Fuller's Index of Nevada Gaming Establishments*, even though Harvey visited the place in 1985. Whether because of an oversight or computer data-entry error, I consider the omission of the Silver Spur/Henderson listing in the index to be one of the rare instances of a mistake being made by either Harvey, or the editor of the index, Howard Herz.

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Las Vegas. Tuesday March 12, 1985.

Up at 8:15. Eleanor and I drove to Henderson, got gas. Breakfast, we had salad bar at Silver Spur Casino. Bought three Silver Spur chips. Drove to Searchlight, got lots of info on old casinos from Evelyn Hartin and Miss Myers at Searchlight Nugget. On to Laughlin, to Riverside Casino, no luck at Keno. Back to Henderson, dinner at Rainbow Casino, no luck at Keno. Back to Las Vegas and to room at 10:30. Found note to call Carey Burke. Called him, Carey gave me info from Howard Herz.

From Harvey's Recollection: Harvey's certain that he picked up at least one \$1.00 chip from the Silver Spur. That particular one would have been for his own collection. He has no recollection of what the other two Silver Spur chips were that he mentioned in this diary entry, whether they were all \$1.00 chips or other denominations.

Any mention of Carey Burke always brings a smile to Harvey's face, because he's one of Harvey's best friends, and certainly one of the most knowledgeable Nevada memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. Harvey could not recall what the info was that Howard Herz had given to Carey, but more than likely it had something to do with the publication of Howard Herz's price guide for Nevada chips.

Las Vegas. Monday March 18, 1985.

Up at 9:00. Got gas, got cigarettes from Paiutes. Breakfast at Silver Nugget in North Las Vegas, no luck at Keno. Eleanor to Gold Spike, lucky on slots. I went to see Ralph Ewing about old casino info. Rained for twenty minutes. To room and looked over Howard Herz's manuscript. Back to Gold Spike, then Eleanor and I had buffet dinner at Lady Luck casino. To Gold Spike, some luck on Keno machines. To room at 10:20.

📁 Ralph "Slim" Ewing was the owner of a chip manufacturing company and gaming-supply distributorship. Slim's chips were manufactured in a mold that displayed a pattern of card suits and dice, and which was registered as the Ewing Mold.

From Harvey's Recollection: A Slim Ewing story. As told by Slim to Harvey, then from Harvey to me, and now me to you. The subject of Slim's story was a "drop" box, a piece of gaming equipment that is still in use today. All Nevada table games have a slot located within hand's reach of a dealer, so that cash can be dropped through the slot into a box located below the table. As money is exchanged for chips, dealers will push or drop the money into the slot with a plastic paddle. Then, at certain hours during each dealer's shift, security guards will collect the drop boxes and load them onto carts, which would then be wheeled to a counting room.

Slim's story took place during the real old days, when drop boxes filled with cash were often sidetracked to a casino bigwig before they made it to the counting room. Within a major Strip casino, three security guards were in charge of pushing a cart loaded with drop boxes into an elevator and taking the cash to the top floor of the casino, where the casino owner could play King Midas. One day, a single dollar bill was found in the elevator just seconds after it had been vacated by the security guards and the drop-box cart. It led a suspicious casino executive to conduct a strip search of the three security guards when they arrived with the next cart full of casino cash. A long thin pair of mosquito clamps was found tucked in the waistband of one of the security guards, as well as some folding money.

No need to call Sherlock Holmes to find out how the guards were getting into the drop boxes. While in the elevator, the security guards were sliding the long thin clamps into the thin opening of the drop slot and fetching out paper with pictures of dead presidents.

That's why drop boxes today have a safety feature developed by Slim Ewing that prevents prying into the boxes after they've been removed from the table. As the drop box is slid out of its holding carriage beneath each table game, a metal bar slides across the opening of the drop box. Like Howard Hughes' bathroom, no one gets in without the right key.

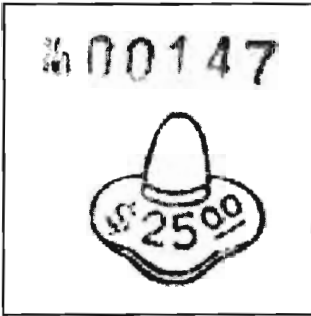
From Harvey's Recollection: The Howard Herz manuscript referred to in this diary entry was a rough draft of what would eventually be the earliest printed and bound Nevada price-guide book that contained illustrations of casino chips. Harvey would help to proof the Herz manuscript. Publication of Howard Herz's *Nevada Gaming Checks And Chips* would come about in 1995.

Las Vegas. Friday March 22, 1985.

Up at 8:30. Paid two more days at Jackpot Motel. Breakfast at Denny's, then Eleanor to Gold Spike, lucky on slots. I went to six yard sales, drove twenty miles, bought one token. Talked to Mrs. Baker about Big Hat Casino and Charlie Winder about Brown Derby Casino. Hot sunny day. Back to Gold Spike, then Eleanor and I had buffet dinner at Lady Luck. Back to Gold Spike, no luck on Keno machines. To room at 10:40. I wrote up yard sales list.

From Harvey's Recollection: The Mrs. Baker that appears in this diary entry was the wife of Sam Panteri. Sam was a Panteri of Italian descent up until he settled an old score at the Big Hat Casino by shooting and killing an old enemy. After the shooting, Sam became very Anglicized. His name of Panteri, which in translation from Italian to English means a baker as in a bakery, was changed to...guess what. If your final answer is Baker, then you too can learn Italian in three easy lessons.

And what does a baker do? He makes dough. Thus in Las Vegas, in the early 1950's, Sam Baker made a lot of dough. For himself and for the boys. And Harvey learned a lot about the Big Hat Casino from Mrs. Panteri, er, Baker. She would eventually become a widow, and one who would tell Harvey how she could never forget how many strangers came to Sam's funeral and filled her hands with lots of money, and how so many told her in Italian that they would miss Sam "The Baker" Panteri.



✍️ Seen here is an illustration of a metal die that appeared in a recent publication entitled *The Records of the H.C. Edward Company* by Mark Lighterman and Gene Trimble. If forced by gunpoint or threatened by vise-grips to precious parts of my body to guesstimate what gaming establishment ordered chips stamped with the impression of a sombrero with a denomination on its broad bill, my long-shot prognostication would be the old 1947 - 1948 Big Hat Casino in Las Vegas. But only because in one of the few Big Hat ads that I have seen, a similar likeness of a sombrero molded into the shape of a crudely drawn flying saucer also appears as the logo for the Big Hat.

From Harvey's Recollection: Charlie Winder – no other name rings a louder bell in Fuller's belfry of memories. Charlie was Black, and old, and one hundred percent full of gaming stories, nearly eighty percent of which I could later verify as being true. Charlie grew up in smoky Oakland cardrooms and pool halls, before moving on to Nevada in the early 1940's. Charlie bragged that he was the first Black dealer to be employed in the Nevada gaming industry. Nearly all of the names of Blacks, and places owned by Blacks, and places patronized by Blacks in Southern Nevada gaming were known to old Charlie Winder, who passed them on to Harvey Fuller before old Charlie also passed on. Old Charlie would also pass on to Harvey a number of Black Derby chips.

Reno. Thursday June 6, 1985.

Up at 9:00. Breakfast at Nevada Club, Eleanor stayed there. I went to Washoe County clerk's office, fictitious name file for info on the Shadows. Back to Nevada Club, Eleanor felt bad so back to motel room at noon. I went to Nevada Historical Society for more info on Shadows from 1:30 to 5:00. Back to room, then Eleanor and I had dinner at Nevada Club, no luck at Keno. To room at 9:30.

✍️ Later diary entries disclose that Harvey would eventually pinpoint the exact location of the Shadows in Reno, and he would even run down and interview the owner of the Shadows. And, as for Shadows chips, yes, Harvey would find them. But not many, because there were never many made. For reasons listed in Harvey's Recollection.

From Harvey's Recollection: In 1985, Harvey interviewed the owner of the Shadows, and Harvey recalls several bits of information that he filed away in his brain. The owner of the Shadows in the late 1950's only operated one blackjack table. This 21 table was later sold, along with all of the Shadows chips, to a gaming establishment owner who lived in Sparks, NV.

✍️ From my research. In the early 1990's, a sprinkling of Shadows chips came onto the market, followed by handful here and a handful there. By the mid-1990's, what appears to be the last batch of Shadows chips was being distributed. Because the Shadows only had one table game in operation, a logical assumption on my part would be that only small number of chips would be needed if only one 21 game was in operation. It could very well be that all Shadows chips have been dispersed to collectors and that no dealer in the chipping community has Shadows chips in large enough quantities to qualify as an inventory.

Reno. Thursday August 15, 1985.

Up at 8:00. Tried to phone Howard Herz, but not in. Breakfast at Nevada Club, Eleanor stayed there, no luck on slots. I went to one yard sale, nothing. To B.C. Wills chip company, but no one there. To room and put soda water in car battery. To TK Specialties chip company but no one to interview. Went to see Frank Roza at Consolidated Coin. Back to Nevada Club, Eleanor and I had dinner there. Then to room at 8:45. I wrote up yard sale list for the weekend.

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☞ Seen here is a B.C. Wills advertisement that appeared in a late 1940's Reno phone directory.



☞ A sample chip manufactured by TK Specialties in Reno with its famous "Horseshoes" mold appearing on the rim. Courtesy of the Phil Jensen Chip Collection.



☞ A photo of Consolidated Coin in Reno, NV. One of Nevada's earliest shops to sell casino chips and tokens.

Frank was supposed to have set aside for him. The collector shows up at Consolidated Coin. Frank's there, but without the box of chips. Frank swears he knows exactly where the chips are, but he can't remember where or which warehouse they were stored in.

That, in a nutshell, best describes how many items Frank Roza dealt in. Whereas other dealers constantly misplace or lose a customer's ordered items, only a mega-dealer such as Frank Roza would misplace his warehouse.

And then there's the time that Frank Roza sat down on a musty old blanket in the middle of the desert to negotiate with an old Shoshone chief over...oh well, that one I'll have to save for publication in Harvey's diaries.

Las Vegas. Monday October 7, 1985.

Up at 8:30. Got car washed, then cigarettes from Paiutes. Breakfast at Jerry's Nugget in North Las Vegas, then Eleanor to Gold Spike, not much luck at slots. I went to Clark County fictitious business name file for info on Royal Hotel, Bungalow Bar and Matty's Tropics. Cooler day, 84 degrees. Eleanor and I drove to Henderson, we had dinner at Rainbow Club, no luck at keno. Back to Las Vegas, then to room at 8:50.

📖 Harvey learned a lot this day about the Royal Hotel, the Bungalow Bar and Matty's Tropics. And what he learned from those Clark County business files would eventually become hand-scribbled notes that Harvey recorded on the backs of Keno cards. Then, in his spare time, Harvey would transcribe those Keno notes to a spiral-bound binder which made the notes orderly and legible. Eventually those binders of notes would end up as prized possessions of Harvey's Hotel & Casino in Lake Tahoe, the publishers of *Harvey Fuller's Index of Nevada Gaming Establishments*.



📖 \$25 Matty's Tropics/Las Vegas. Large crown chip manufactured in 1955, salmon with four purple edge inserts, hot-stamped, denomination on reverse. Courtesy of the Tim O'Neill Chip Collection. For the novice chip-collector: There's more to this chip than meets the eye. It's a Strip chip with history, both criminal and civil.

📖 It was from the information originally gathered by Harvey Fuller and passed on by Howard Herz, editor of *Fuller's Index*, that Nevada chippers first knew that a series of large crown chips manufactured by TR King in 1955 was ordered and used at a place called Matty's Tropics in Las Vegas. However, without the first findings of fact by Harvey Fuller, I doubt that few people would have given second thought or looks to a large crown chip that had been simply hot-stamped with the name "Matty."

However, once confirmed that Matty was the abbreviated nickname for Fred Matteoni, and once the records showed that Fred Matteoni owned Matty's Tropics, then finding out that Matty's Tropics was located within a chip's throw of the Sands Hotel on the Strip in the mid-1950's, it became clear that there was more to this chip than having just a simple name stamped on its clay surface. A Matty chip now had history. Just as the Sands next door, it had a place in the sun, during a Las Vegas time when rats packed gats, gunsels were guys, dolls were dames, and Sinatra did it his way. And the \$25 Matty had rarity. Only one hundred were ever manufactured, as confirmed by its manufacturer, TR King.

All this info, now we know. Thanks to Harvey Fuller. And his notes on Keno cards. His index. And now his diary.



I don't know what I'll do in Part III of Excerpts from Harvey Fuller's Diary. How about helping me out? Let me know what you want. Want more about chips? That one's a snap – Harvey only had about 300,000 chips go through his hands, and my tally total doesn't include any chips Harvey got after 1993. Which is the year I'm in as far as typing up the diaries. Want to know about Nevada casino owners? That one's easy. Harvey only mentions about 500 men and women who had a piece of the Nevada gaming action.

Any specific wants you wish to express will help me select what passages to print in the next issue of the CC>CC magazine.

Or even what you don't want. Call me. Write me. It's not as if you're responding to an ad for "SWF needs roommate to discipline."

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Silver Strike Updates

by **Dennis Finn**

Fearful that there wasn't enough to do during the convention, O'Shea's Casino (Las Vegas) re-installed two strike machines with some fantastic new issues. First, there were two regular issue strikes featuring a donkey on one and an elephant on the other, both labeled "Decision 2000" which match limited edition chips commemorating to the 2000 Presidential Election. And following Plaza's twofor program, O'Shea's third strike was a limited issue of 125 featuring the donkey on one side and elephant on the other. Only one of these strikes was placed in each hopper fill (50 total) and this strike was in a distinctive yellow capsule. As a gesture to our convention, O'Shea final strike was a limited run of 500 strikes featuring the CC & GTCC logo. Only 500 of these strikes were issued and also matched the \$1, \$2.50 and \$5 chips issued for the convention. These 500 strikes were parceled out at 10 per rack. Disclaimers stating the mix of strikes per fill were placed in the display boxes in the machines.

The frenzy began early in the morning on Wednesday, May 30, 2001 when several strike addicts watched the machines being readied. After all the glitches were straightened out, play commenced about 1 p.m. At that time, each machine had a dozen or more people waiting. Several people missed the Early Bird Banquet to keep their places in line but got their strikes. According to Casino manager, Janel Cole, these



machines set records for play and were a hot topic among casino personnel, including many from the Flamingo which is affiliated with O'Shea's. Cole said the supply of club strikes was gone by Saturday, June 2 at about 6:30 a.m., meaning at least 5000 strikes had been dropped in 65 hours! Needless to say O'Shea's is working on similar ideas to do it again.

Another innovative and strike-friendly casino, the Plaza in Downtown Las Vegas, also had convention strikes. There were two different strikes, one for the club and one for the chapter. Each was a limited issue of 1500. During the convention, the machines could only be played by invitation, which were available at the banquet Wednesday night or from the chapter table at the convention. Plaza placed a limit of a five-strike win to assure that everyone who wanted the strikes would get them. These two special machines were also played virtually non-stop during the convention. Post-convention, the machines were opened to the public and are still in play.



On a less upbeat note, there was some unpleasantness at O'Shea's when a player "purchased" a better place in line and another "player", a commercial dealer and club member, showed up with a very large amount

of cash and players who were paid \$25 per hour to play and win many doubleheader and club strikes for the resale market. These practices caused many upset collectors. (One reason the Plaza went to the invitations was to discourage the commercial exploitation and ultimate increased costs to collectors because the Plaza had suffered the same fate with paid players from their twofer strikes.) Janel Cole diffused the uprising by getting all present to agree that one hopper or one special strike could be won and then the next person could play. I think it is reprehensible that a dealer would attempt to monopolize the play for these limited editions to the detriment of the many collectors wanting to play.

Many other Las Vegas Casinos keyed in new issues to coincide with the convention.



Las Vegas Club became the third casino to issue a \$200 one-pound strike this year, joining Imperial Palace (25th Anniversary) and Plaza (Millennium). All three \$200 strikes may be obtained by trading 20 \$10 strikes.



Imperial Palace also put four new car strikes in play: 1966 Corvette, 1955 Ford, 1929 Cadillac, and 1930 L-29 Cord. Then it later added a 2001 Pagoda.

The Horseshoe issued three 50th Anniversary strikes, the casino and two different Benny Binions. Nevada icon Jackie Gaughan was featured on two new El Cortez strikes, one solo and one with his dog Charlie. Also in the series are Careful Kitty's (named after Jackie's mother) and Roberta's Café (Jackie's late wife). Curiously, the fifth and final strike is a Royal Flush. Barbary Coast has a new quartet, Triplet 7's, Roulette Wheel, Royal Flush and Building.

Adding strike machines were the Aladdin (Ali Baba, Sinbad the Sailor, Scheherazade, Genie of the Lamp, Magic Carpet, Building, London Club) and new Frontier (Building Gilley's, Bullrider, Guns/Spurs). This offsets the removal of machines at



the Rio and Eureka (mesquite). There was also a swap – no more Whiskey Pete's but the Dutch Schultz car and Bonnie and Clyde car and their strike machines crossed the interstate to Primm Resort.

Several casinos made minor changes but these are new strikes for the addicts: Luxor (17), Pioneer (Laughlin) (6), Slots of Fun (4), Bellagio (Fountain 2001) adding 28 strikes with only a digit's replacement for the turn of the calendar.

Somewhat more of an irritation occurred at the California Club which changed only one of its 12 Zodiac strikes to reflect new dates. Its former Year of the Snake had



1989 as the last date. Now, the newest Year of the Snake starts with 2001 and includes 2013, 2025, 2037, 2049 and 2063. With 12 strikes in the series and a no trade policy, frustration can



be quite high to strikers. Some might consider this to be outright cruelty to silver strikers. Let's hope that they change the remaining 11 next year.

New York New York issued an attractive 4th Anniversary and will have some new sports strikes soon as the ESPN Zone replaces the Motown Café.

In Northern Nevada, there has been some modest activity. Sierra Sids had started a new series, beginning with Lake Tahoe and a very creative ET Highway. Flamingo Reno

issued a Year of the Snake and a Welcome All Bowlers. Mr. B's added a new Cowboy and Horse. Topping all of its rivals, the Reno Hilton began a one per month series of 12, each limited in production to 1750. These are all achievements and events of the 20th Century and include Flight, the Automobile, Computers, Space, Radio, and the New York Stock Exchange. To come are Nuclear Age, the New Deal, Civil Rights, Pearl Harbor, Hollywood and Rock N Roll. For good measure, they also snuck in a Year of the Snake.

Outside Nevada, little is happening. Fortune Bay (Minnesota) has issued two new sets featuring wildlife and game fish. Horseshoe (Louisiana) replaced its Millennium flags with its state seals set which had preceded the Flags, but now with a G mint

instead of GDC. Also changing mints were Crystal Casino, Aruba (now an S) and Diamond Casino, St. Maarten (now a G). Also beginning to surface are four from the Inaugural Season (1998) of the Grand Princess Cruise Ship (Mermaid, Dolphins, Neptune and Under the Sea).

Finally some thanks and congratulations are in order. Thanks to Wayne Thompson and Belinda Hixon and their volunteers for another fantastic convention. Thanks to Tom Power, production director of Sunshine Mint and Rick Ronca, Plaza's slot manager for speaking at our seminar. Congratulations to Caesars Palace (Las Vegas) for winning the first strike of the year competition. We look forward to Caesars new \$40 and \$200.

Scans courtesy of Skip Harouff ♦

Silver Strike of the Year **IN 2002**

by **Archie Black**

By an overwhelming 3-1 majority, the COTY/TOTY 2000 judging committee has recommended that the rules for the 2002 COTY/TOTY contest be changed to create a 3rd separate exclusive category for "Silver Strike Of The Year" competition that would be separate from the Token Of The Year category.

107 members of the Judges Committee recommended that Silver Strikes not be considered for Token Of The Year (TOTY) honors next year...but should have their own classification of Silver Strike Of The Year (SSOTY). Only slot machine tokens would be eligible for Token Of The Year in 2002 and thereafter. ♦

I recently returned from Las Vegas where I had attended a seminar at the Riviera Hotel. This seminar was planned several months prior to arriving and I knew that while I would stay there The Riviera would be releasing a holographic token for the Fourth of July.

Are We Going To Be A Hobby With A Heart?

by Dr. Avram Eskin

About a month prior to the week of my arrival I phoned The Riviera and asked them to save me about 3 of these tokens as well as some other collectible items I wished to purchase from them. I was looking to spend an extra \$100.00 in collectibles on top of the 5 nights I would be staying so I figured they naturally would want to do this for me. I was told that these were supposed to be released on a “first come first serve basis” but that since I would be there during the time of release they should be able to put them aside for me. They said that they would call or e-mail me if there was any problem with this, and of course being the nice guy that I am, I trusted The Riviera. After all, why wouldn't they do it for me, don't they make plenty of money off of us collectors? Aren't they in “the business” of providing collectibles to our hobby? Wouldn't they want to please me, the Collecting Public who is supporting them? You would think so!

I arrived there at the hotel the evening of July 3rd and checked in. I spent the evening going around town picking up some of the silver strikes that I wanted to get and turned in later than normal to get some sleep. I woke up on the morning of the 4th and wondered who I had to contact about the tokens they were “holding” for me. I called downstairs to the

front desk, explained what I was after and they connected me to “the main cage”. I was coldly and callously informed by the person in charge that the tokens I was hoping would be waiting for me, were about to be released in 20 minutes and I better get my butt downstairs as there was

already a line long enough that I might not get any of them! I told the person that I was told by “So and So” that they would save them for me and he said “no, I don't have you on my list of dealers to save these for, so you better get down here because only 100 of these are being released to the public and the rest are going to dealers - period - end of discussion.”

I threw my clothes on, put a comb through my hair, and bolted out the door with my wife in tow, wondering what happened to that phone call or e-mail I was told would alert me if they could not fulfill my request. When I got to the main cage I got in line and saw several people who I recognized as club members in line in front of me. When 9:30 hit each person was allowed to purchase 3 of the tokens and 5 of the chips they were releasing. One by one we were sold our goods. Some people went immediately to the back of the line again hoping to get another ration of goodies.

After the first 100 tokens were gone they cut off the sales and a few people were left without even the first token. I saw one middle aged lady who tried to explain that she just wanted one token as a keepsake for her granddaughter to remember their trip to Las Vegas that year during the

Fourth of July week. I thought to myself “well isn't this what it was designed to be, a keepsake of memories?” But the cold, hard truth was apparent. This was simply another way for the Casino to make \$9,000.00 that morning and do it quickly. I estimate that they got rid of all 500 tokens and 800 chips to selected dealers in about 35 minutes. These dealers would then make money on the marketing of these chips and tokens on the secondary market. There was nothing sentimental about it!

This lady then went over to one of the dealers who had gotten some tokens on line at the cage and was also getting tokens that were held for him in addition. She asked him if he would sell her one token for her granddaughter. He said no. She started to walk away empty handed when my wife nudged me and said let's go sell her a token.

I chased after the lady and caught up with her and offered to sell her, at face value, one of the tokens I had and she just about cried. I knew how she must have felt - rejected, dehumanized, and man-handled by the casino - and then again by the chip & token dealer. I gave her the token. She could not thank me enough, she hugged me and proclaimed something about “angels in heaven” watching over me.

I knew I did the right thing and I felt good about it. But it made me really take a look at what our hobby is promoting by giving these casinos another license to abuse people in one more way. And what about that dealer? Couldn't he give up even one of all of the tokens he was getting? What was he thinking? I know him, he is a nice enough guy and I know he wouldn't lose that much money by being nice to this lady.

This hobby was started by nice people and it has always attracted nice people to it. That's one reason why I got started in this hobby 8 or 9 years ago and why I continue and have a genuine love for this hobby even to this day; because when I think of my collecting experiences I think about all of these nice people who brought me up in this hobby and they are what made collecting fun for me as much as the chips and tokens.

Now I have to pose the following questions to you: Am I the only one who sees that this hobby is negatively

affected as well as positively affected by the very same casinos that have signed on to "helping us"? Can you see how this negativity filters down to many of the people within this hobby? What kind of future do we have if we continue to be out of control of this "Power Thing" that the casinos have unleashed upon us and the ripple effects this "Power Thing" has as it moves from casino to dealer to hobbyist.

Where do WE want this hobby to go and how can WE maintain control of how we are going to get there? I

invite you to think about this and hope there will be more discussion of these matters in the future with hopefully some positive advice and proactive steps that we can take as "the controlling governors" of OUR hobby.

Collecting has always been fun. Let's keep it that way. Have a heart and get involved with controlling the course of our hobby's future. ♦

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Watch www.thechipboard.com for announcements. For more information, contact chapter President Amy Andrae at PO Box 76275, Highland Heights, KY 41076 or via e-mail at arandrae@peoplepc.com. Come join us! ♦

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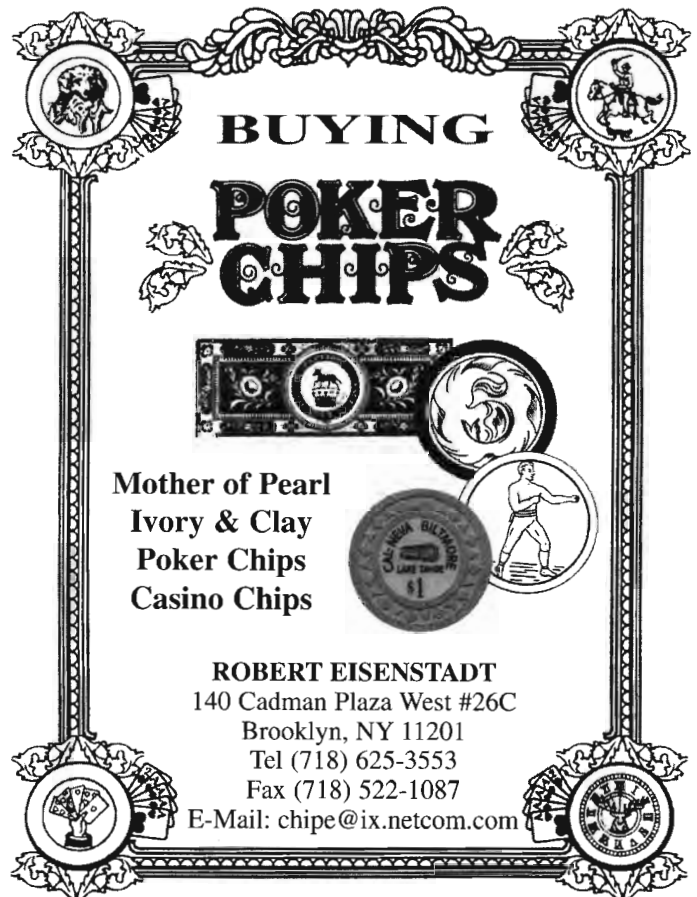
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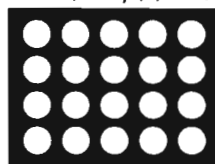
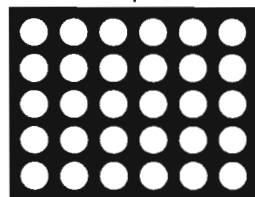
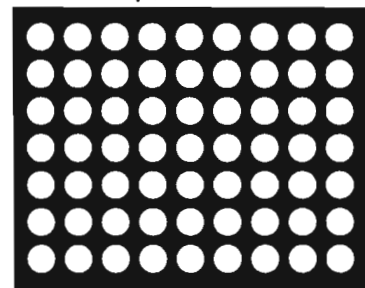
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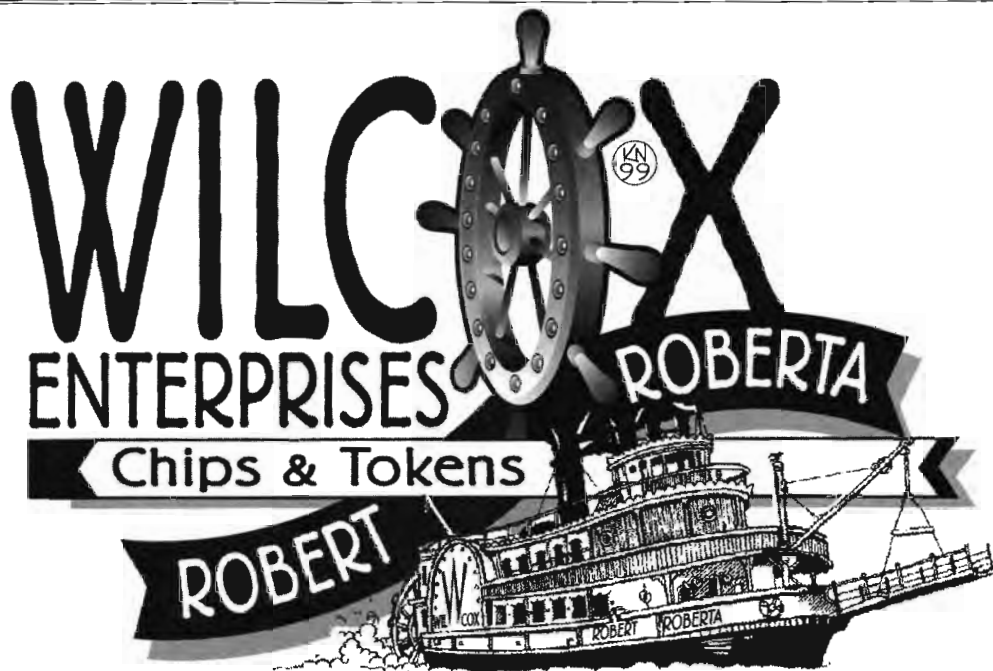
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Dining Tidbits

We Ate at Eight

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LAS VEGAS, DOWNTOWN Second Street Grill Fremont Hotel & Casino

We can no longer consider casino restaurants as inferior to other upscale restaurants in large cities. The Second Street Grill was recommended by Don Lueders, a well-known chip collector, fellow food lover, and wine connoisseur. We were joined by Bruce & Eileen Landau, Dick & Charlene Brock, Russell Diaz, and John Yee. The restaurant's décor is quite elegant and well appointed, but somewhat dimly lit (a romantic ambiance, but a disadvantage to senior citizens who need glasses), and the service is attentive. After we ordered our entrees, hot freshly baked sourdough was brought to our table along with butter and delicious garlic guacamole. Our entrees came with a salad served with honey mustard dressing. The entrée portions are quite substantial. We were so impressed with the presentations that Mel left to go get our camera to capture the beauty of our table. My scallop & shrimp pasta came with Portabella mushrooms served in a garlic tomato sauce and was garnished with fresh basil and a pansy. Mel's huge serving of crab legs (\$30) were heaped on a large dinner plate and were almost falling off the edges; they were served with lots of lemon wedges and drawn butter. The only criticism he had was that there was no empty plate provided for the shells and no hot damp towel or finger bowl. Several diners at our table had the ribeye steak that was served on a large bed

of pesto-mashed potatoes, and stir-fried vegetables; it was topped with thinly shredded fried onions, and garnished with fresh basil and a sprig of fresh rosemary. Everyone was too full to order dessert; this was a shame as the desserts on the other tables looked beautiful. Most entrees are \$19 to \$28.

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California Market Street Café California Hotel & Casino

In spite of the long lines (fortunately, the line moves very fast), the California Market Street Café is worth the wait for basic food at reasonable prices in a casual, no frills atmosphere. The night we went for dinner, the specials included were chicken marsala for \$6.75, filet mignon for \$7.99, and crab legs for \$8.99. Mel's filet mignon was cooked medium-well when medium was ordered, but it was very tender and the charcoal broiling added a nice flavor. The huge pile of crab legs was more than one person could possibly eat; looking around the room, I saw that it was a very popular entrée. The crab was well prepared and tasty. An empty plate was brought for the shells (in contrast to the previous restaurant); although no hot towel arrived (I didn't expect one in this humble restaurant for a \$9 entrée), they did bring wipe-ups. Both entrees came with rice or potato and a vegetable. The service is fast and efficient.

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Main Street Garden Court Buffet Main Street Hotel & Casino

No matter which meal you go for, the Main Street Garden Court Buffet offers such an extensive selection that anyone should be able to find several items that they like. Breakfast is \$5, lunch is \$7, dinner is \$10, (except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, dinner is \$11; Friday dinner is \$14), and Saturday & Sunday brunch is \$9. The service is excellent and very efficient, and the dining room is in an elegant Victorian setting.

We were there for Saturday brunch. They serve a large variety of breakfast items: scrambled eggs, omelets or other eggs made to order, corned beef hash, Belgian waffles, French toast, bacon, sausage, ham, cheese blintzes, cream of wheat, donuts, sweet rolls, and muffins. There is also a nice salad bar: besides the usual lettuce greens, there is seafood salad, potato salad, pasta salad, and fresh fruit. Entrees include sliced to order turkey, roast beef & corned beef. Then if this isn't enough, you can have fried chicken, Mexican lasagna, tacos, enchiladas and Mexican condiments to go with them, such as guacamole, cheese & sour cream. Asian entrees included chow mein, beef & broccoli, oyster sauce tofu, fried rice, barbecued ribs flavored with 5 spice (must have Asian cooks), and an entree no other buffet offers, oxtail stew. There is sometimes a line for this last item. If you still have room left, their dessert

selections include a large assortment of pies: chocolate, custard, pecan, lemon, and pumpkin. Then there are plain or fruit topped cheesecakes, and tapioca pudding.

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LAS VEGAS STRIP

Mandalay Bay Buffet Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino

I particularly like the décor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel; any restaurant in this hotel is going to be in an elegant setting, and the Mandalay Bay buffet is no exception. The selections are not as extensive as the Bellagio or Main Street buffets, but they do serve some outstanding items, such as grilled duck legs, Mexican strata (creamy & delicious), and tiramisu (to die for!). They serve pasta with your choice of three sauces: marinara, carbonara, and bolognese. Their polska kielbasa and Chinese stir fried greens are excellent. They serve chicken chow mein and pot stickers with five sauces: mustard, chili pepper soy, plum, chili sauce, and vinegar. As it was early, breakfast pastries and rolls, French toast, Belgian waffles, bacon, and sausage were still available. They offered many varieties of cakes, pies, cheesecakes, rice pudding, bread pudding, and soft serve ice cream. Their tiramisu, as I mentioned, was the best; the mascarpone cheese was flavored with espresso and a touch of rum.

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Calypso's 24 Hour Coffee Shop Tropicana Hotel & Casino

Calypso's offers a wide variety of choices; many of them are available 24 hours. The service is fast and efficient; sometimes there may be a line as they don't take reservations, but the wait is usually not long. Most

entrees are reasonable, between \$6 and \$12. We have dined there many times (once with Terry Lazarus & Rhonda and once with Estelle & Scott Hartman) and we try to order different items for evaluation. Their entrees come with a choice of soup or salad. (Be sure to ask for the dressing on the side; otherwise, your salad may be drowning in dressing.) All of their servings are very generous; be prepared to take home a doggie bag if you order the ribs and chicken. Their snow crab legs (\$11) are served with whole melted butter, which is more flavorful than clarified or drawn butter. Shrimp with penne pasta is served with a creamy tomato sauce. They offer an excellent club sandwich (\$8).

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Las Vegas Hilton Buffet Las Vegas Hilton Hotel & Casino

I always wondered why there is usually a long line for this buffet; it does not offer the extensive variety or the quality in their food preparation as the previous buffets. (Perhaps, they give out a lot of comps?) At \$14 for dinner, I thought it was over priced in comparison (breakfast is \$9; lunch is \$10). There is a limited salad bar. The Chicken Angelo was very tender, but it was made with canned mushrooms. However, the shortribs were good and flavorful. The duck was dry and very red (like food coloring was added). The fried won ton was hard; I had to search for the sweet & sour sauce which was placed across the room at the salad bar, so it was cold. I didn't bother with dessert, but Mel liked their chocolate cream pie (Bill Cosby would have approved as it tasted like Jello instant chocolate pudding). Their saving grace is that their wait personnel are so accommodating and friendly.

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RENO

Fairchild's Oyster Bar Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino

I enjoy sitting at the counter so I can watch the chefs in action. Entrees include pan roasts, which are a combination of your choice of seafood, like clams, shrimp, or crab, in a creamy tomato sauce with a touch of wine. We tried the crab cakes (this time it was too salty), fried oysters (7 huge oysters) that came with fries (spiced with a little chili powder), and coconut prawns (5 large prawns that were crunchy with shredded coconut) that were served with a delicious and slightly spicy and sweet sauce, and rice pilaf. Most entrees are about \$10.

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LAKE TAHOE

El Vacaro Harvey's Lake Tahoe Hotel & Casino

This is a very popular Mexican restaurant and is guaranteed to be crowded on weekends. Service can be slow during popular times on weekends. Its location is very convenient if you're staying at either Harvey's or Harrah's, as it is on the ground floor of Harvey's at the end of the underground tunnel from Harrah's. Their entrees are well prepared and tasty. The enchiladas, tamales, and tacos are made with shredded meat as they should be, and not with ground meat. The quality comes close to the excellent and authentic Bamboleo's at the Rio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

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by Robert Pardue

Introduction

Interest in players club cards has mushroomed in recent years among casino memorabilia collectors. While chips and tokens remain the predominant casino collectibles, it seems that players club cards may have equalled or surpassed most other casino-related items (dice, ashtrays, swizzle sticks, playing cards, etc.) in popularity. As a free – or inexpensive – “go-with” collectible, players club cards can be a colorful and fun item to add to your casino collections. With the addition of two collector guides on slot cards in the past year, watch for this casino collectible to grow rapidly.

Players Club cards (often simply called “slot cards”) evolved from VIP cards and other non-electronic methods for identifying regular players in the casino. When table-games were the primary focus on casino floors just 10 to 15 years ago, it was the responsibility of pit bosses and casino executives to know their repeat guests by sight and name. A regular table player was – and still is – greeted with a friendly “Hello, Mr. X”. Comps for table game players were calculated manually, but comps for slot players were non-existent. As profitability for slot machines increased and the mix on casino floors changed to mostly slots rather than tables, casino executives looked for a better way to identify and reward

their newly favored customers – the repeat-visit slot player. Slot players proved difficult to track precisely as they moved from machine to machine, and their interaction was more frequently with the change person than the casino manager.

Slot clubs were created about the same time that slots were wired for multi-machine jackpots (for a whole carousel of machines or for multi-site games such as IGT’s Megabucks). As slot machines were wired to report into a central location on their performance and accounting, the next logical step was to gather information on *who* was playing each machine and the *total value* of their play on the machine.

VIP Clubs and direct rebate tickets — forerunners of today’s slot clubs

Even before slot machines were networked to collect player information, some casinos issued VIP cards to

their better players (or to all players who asked). As examples: Dunes “Special Guest Card”; Pick Hobson’s Riverside Casino – Reno identification card; and Sahara Hotel Casino – Las Vegas: “VIP Gold Card”, a non-automated card issued to players during a prior ownership. (This VIP card was not inserted into the machine, but instead, used to identify the player when buying tokens. The change person recorded the amount of buy-in, and enough buy-ins translated into comps.)

One of the early casino slot club programs was at the Golden Nugget-Atlantic City slot club (1982) and the Golden Nugget-Las Vegas program (1983). Initially, the \$1 slot machines



in the Las Vegas program dispensed a ticket for every \$75 played in the machine. The ticket, which resembles a “skee-ball” amusement ticket, was good for 50c cash back at the slot player booth. Players redeeming large numbers of tickets would become familiar to slot hosts and be invited to receive casino comps and invitations to slot events. This first generation slot rebate

program did not include individual player tracking. Later, the Golden Nugget added full-fledged player tracking with the introductory and permanent player cards used today.



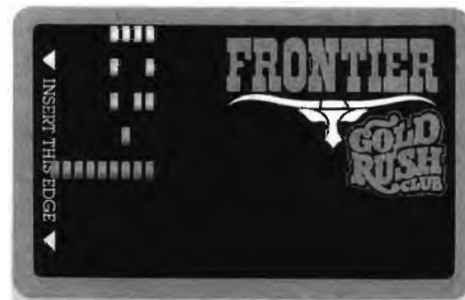
Slot Clubs: How they evolved & How they operate

Casinos use slot clubs for two primary purposes. (1) Identify slot players by name, in order to attract and retain good players with offers of comps and invitations to slot tournaments. (2) Offer cash and/or comp rebates on volume of slot play, in order to create an incentive for players to choose their casino over other properties.

Initially, slot clubs were introduced selectively at some of the larger properties in Atlantic City and Nevada. At the same time, other casinos proudly advertised their *lack* of a slot club. Originally, casinos such

as Palace Station and the Horseshoe-Las Vegas marketed *against* slot clubs, with the notion that the overhead costs of operating a slot club were detrimental to player returns. Today, however, nearly all casinos – large and small, tourist or locals oriented, old or brand-new – offer a slot club. The exceptions are usually tiny or marginal clubs or some smaller slots-only clubs, and a few others.

Even the tiny “Treasury” casino in Sparks operated a slot club. And several small locals casinos and bars in Las Vegas have jumped on the slot club bandwagon with hand-scan cards.



The Frontier Hotel Casino-Las Vegas initiated one of the first (maybe *the* first?) computer-tracked slot card programs in the 1970's with their “Gold Rush Club” card. The New Frontier continues to run a player tracking system today, though it has evolved considerably from its original roots.

In 1985, Harrah's Marina (Atlantic City) claims the distinction of being the first on-line slot player tracking system, developed with their vendor, Electronic Data Technologies. This “Captain's Circle” program was the first modern slot club, according to Harrah's. The Harrah's slot programs evolved, with separate programs and cards at each location over many years. Harrah's finally became the first nationally-branded casino to introduce a multi-site card, the Harrah's Gold Card, which could be used at every Harrah's property. The formula for earning points differs among Harrah's locations, but it allows players to earn points in one (or many) locations, then redeem points for cash or comps at other properties. The fully-networked card system allows a card issued from one property to be recognized in another property's card reader in just seven seconds. Most recently, Harrah's has transformed its player card program into 3 tiers or rewards — gold, platinum and diamond — with their Total Rewards program. Harrah's Rio and Showboat brands have adopted this program too.



Describing Slot Cards in your collection — some terminology

Slot cards are challenging to describe completely, unless accompanied by a photo of both sides of the card. This is because a number of slight variations can exist for similar-looking cards. If you are attempting to describe, in writing, the characteristics of your slot cards, you will probably need to track at least 8 data elements, preferably with a computerized database or spreadsheet file.

- Casino name & location
- Name of Player/Slot card program
- Type of card — regular, permanent, introductory,
- Senior/Over 55, etc.
- Size/shape and Material — plastic, paper
- Holes & embossing/printing
- Punchboard reader or mag-stripe
- Card face — Various colors, logos, writings
- Card reverse — manufacturer (if any), writings, mag stripe, signature block

Some of these details are hard to describe, so a scan or photo (preferably in color) is very helpful, unless you have a great memory and aptitude for detail.

Can you spot the differences in the San Remo “Money Club” photo? (And these distinctions are easy when compared with some cards!)



Slot card collections may be sorted in any way you choose, but a common sort is by location (state, then an optional sort by city), then listed alphabetically by casino name. Note that in many cases, the slot club name is different from the casino name, and the casino may have used several different names for its slot club over the years. A cross-reference between casino name and slot card name(s) is helpful.

The recent publication of two books on slot card collecting can be a big help in organizing your collection, especially if you have many cards. (These books, by Carolyn Donley and by Lamb & Wells are available through their authors.)

Segmenting the slot players market — more slot cards

As casino marketing departments learned to mine their database of players, they discovered differences in play — casual vs. frequent players; quarter players vs. dollar or higher players; “Seniors” (often starting at age 55); and sometimes slot vs. table games, or combination players. The volume of play determines eligibility for discounts or comps for food,

rooms and special slot party invitations. Comps may affect accrued point totals, or may be offered independently; cashback is usually a straight formula on points accrued, although points can be awarded faster on higher-denomination machines and/or lower payback machines.

For the slot card collector, this means more cards to collect. Introductory or Qualifier cards, Seniors cards, tiered-award cards, special event cards. The list is endless. Some clubs even issue multiple cards with different images, just to keep their program fresh.

Looking for more card categories to collect? How about paper cards, like the early Club Rio and Sands temporary card. Or manufacturers sample cards, like the PPC and High Roller cards pictured to the right.

Key cards, reminder cards, bungee cords and “go-withs”

If you’re not overwhelmed yet, you can always branch out into door key (key card) collecting, as there are some very colorful plastic keys being issued. A more limited collectible is the plastic “reminder card” which a few casinos issued with their slot



cards. (The idea was to attach the reminder card to the slot card, allow it to dangle outside the card slot, so you wouldn’t forget your slot card when finished playing.) Four key cards and 3 reminder cards are shown on the next page.

While I haven’t seen much evidence of bungee cord collecting and trading, you never know if it will become popular in the future. Interesting “go-withs”, such as the Mr. O’Lucky key chain from Fitzgerald’s may have some collectible value in the future.



Extending players card programs into Air Miles and Visa Cards

For some time, the use of slot cards has been expanding beyond the slot box attached to your favorite machine. The card may be used for a discount in the casino’s gift shop or logo shop. It can be used to enter the express line at some casino restaurants and buffets. And with an integrated database, some casinos are using the card to track play at table games as well as slot play.

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Multi-property “master” cards means fewer collecting opportunities

Even as the big properties add “tiers” to their player card programs, some multi-casino owners are combining their programs into one card. Harrah’s is the undisputed leader in the one-card approach, but Station Casinos recently combined its Boarding Pass program into one card for most of its properties. MGM Grand is planning on consolidating to one card for its Las Vegas properties, and Mandalay Bay intends to consolidate some of its properties into one card program. These moves make sense for the big gaming corporations, and for players too. However, it will mean fewer cards available to collectors.

Building your slot card collection — trading and buying

The easiest way to build your collection is to sign up for all the slot clubs during visits to your favorite gaming destinations. Round-robin trading and one-on-one trading is popular for obtaining cards from distant geographic areas. If you live near some casinos, especially outside Nevada, you may be able to trade your local cards with other collectors in other parts of the country. A few casinos will send cards in the mail, without visiting the casino, though it’s not common. Some even allow enrollment through their internet website.

One of the appeals to slot card collecting is that it is inexpensive, but sometimes it may be necessary to purchase a card you are seeking. Most cards are still in the “few dollars” range, but genuinely rare cards have sold for \$100-\$300. These price levels are definitely the exception though., for now. As with chips, the older cards are usually harder to find and will cost more, other things being equal.

At least two casinos have/had an affiliate credit card program in which dollars spent on a special Visa or Mastercard will earn points or other benefits in the casino’s slot card program. These two casinos are Harrah’s (Visa card) and Caesars (Mastercard). The Caesars program is being discontinued, however. In addition, an independent Visa card company issued an interesting “Visa Las Vegas” credit card which had connections to the affiliated property.

While these credit cards are interesting additions to a slot card and room key collection, you will need to obtain your own cards. I doubt that many collectors would want to trade “live” credit cards. (The numbers are blocked in the attached scan, for obvious reasons!)



At the moment, California slot cards are in demand, because the American Indian casinos in California have just installed “real” slots and slot card programs.

Published information on slot clubs and slot cards

As mentioned previously, there are 2 slot card guides, published by their respective authors — Carolyn Donley and Pat Lamb & Steve Wells. Both are useful reference guides for the avid slot card collector. Janice O’Neal publishes an inexpensive list of slot cards too.

The Las Vegas Advisor Guide to Slot Clubs, by Jeffrey Compton, is a 1995 book which explains how slot clubs work, how to evaluate their added-value. Useful, but dated. Compton also writes a monthly “Slot Club Spotlight” column for Casino Player magazine. Reviews and compares a few slot clubs each month from various jurisdictions.

Don’t forget to check out the slot card brochures and materials which explain how the program works. If you are playing their machines, it’s important to know what to expect in

the way of cashback and comps. Slot card brochures may also include useful information on tiers or variety of cards available.

A few final thoughts

In my observation, the essence of slot card collecting, for most collectors, is to have fun without spending a lot of money. Slot cards and room keys may be the central focus for some casino collectors, but I suspect it is an add-on collectible for most collectors whose main collectible is chips or tokens... or occasionally dice, ashtrays or even swizzle sticks. The pursuit of new cards is challenging enough to keep it interesting without the dead-ends and frustration of reaching budgetary limits, especially as compared to the “rare” chip market.

It can be fun to trade, card-for-card, for only the postage involved in the trade. While the increased interest in slot cards, and the availability of price guides, will probably change the nature of some trading, and buying & selling, slot card collecting can be a refreshing change of pace in the world of casino collectibles.

There’s more to cover about slot cards — harvesting techniques, trading etiquette, storing your collection and more — but for now, I’ll close with a scan of some of my favorite cards, just because I like the graphics. Some cards are common, cheap, even free if you’re in Las Vegas. But I like them anyway, just ‘cause they look pretty. ♦



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GOLFING IN NEVADA



by Susan Kobylarczyk

I'm back again with another installment of golfing in Las Vegas. Dan and I just got back from the annual CCGTCC Convention in Las Vegas. A great time was had by all and I recommend it highly if you've never been. We have been to every convention and each year they fine tune it even more so that it gets better and better. The time spent at the auction was the highlight of the convention. This year was the best ever so make your plans to attend next year.

Now down to business. Dan and I planned this trip very carefully so that we could get the maximum amount of golf and convention time. When we arrived in Las Vegas on Wednesday afternoon, we had already made a tee time at 2:15 for Los Prados Country Club in North Las Vegas. Contrary to popular belief, the country club here is not snobby, nor expensive. The rate here is \$45.00 and that includes the cart. We got there about 1 P.M. and were told that we could go out as a twosome and the rate would be \$35.00 per person. Yet another bargain in Las Vegas. The course is short and very user friendly and for the most part, never crowded. The entire time we were out there, we never ran into another group of golfers. It was like having our own private course. Beware of some of the sand traps as a few of them have very hard sand, making it almost impossible to get out of. The fairways are green and lush and in great condition.

For those of you who golf, put this course on your list of courses to hit.

A few days later, Dan and I decided to "treat" ourselves to an expensive round of golf. Yes, good old bargain golfer me couldn't resist my husband's two-for-one coupon from American Golf. He had been wanting to play The Badlands in the Summerlin section of Las Vegas and I finally gave in. (After all, he was letting me run amok with the checkbook at the convention.)

All I can say about the Badlands is that. It is BADLANDS. This is a tough set of three nine hole courses that will try your patience. You don't necessarily have to hit long, but you do have to be very accurate. This is a very unforgiving course, and I would not trade my experience here for any amount of money. Speaking of which — as I said before, it was expensive,



Angel Park Mountain Course

even with the two-for-one, plus \$8.00 for a cooler of 4 drinks of your choice, it came to \$180.00. A once in a few years type of splurge. You can call 60 days in advance for a tee time, unless you have the two-for — one then you have to go there or call 1 day in advance for a time. We lucked out as it had to be the hottest day of the week while we were out there, 108 degrees.

At 7 a.m. we started out on our adventure. We played Diablo and Outlaw for our two nines. Again we got to go out as a twosome. Diablo was tough because there was not much room for error and the greens seemed fast. We got some relief on Outlaw. The greens were user-friendly but there was water on 4 of the 9 holes. It did not come into play unless you missed your fairway. I am happy to say that I only lost 1 ball, Dan lost 4. All in all, not as bad as we were warned that it would be. For all of you long ball hitters that want a challenge, I recommend it highly. Just bring a lot of balls.

The last course that I need to tell you about is a little known secret called Craig Ranch Golf Course. It is located between I95 and I15 as you head north. The course is reasonably priced at about \$30.00 including the cart. I will warn you, that you better make your reservation a week in

advance because it is where all the locals golf. This course is always crowded and I can't figure out if it is because there are no sand and water traps, or the locals just like domed greens. These fairways can sometimes be dry so if you hit those worm burner shots, it can be very helpful to you. There



Angel Park *Palm Course*

are some mature trees that offer quite a bit of shade if you tend to play what I call "Vegas Golf" (always along the tree line and in the shade). Since I haven't progressed to where I get height on every shot, the trees don't bother me much. It is a good course for a quick round of golf. Better than a driving range.

I will leave you with one last idea that can be fun for the whole family. At Angel Park there is another group of courses located in the Summerlin section of Las Vegas. They have an 18 hole putting course that has real grass and water hazards. It is a good place to practice those tricky putts or a nice place to bring the family. It is not something that you can whip through in an hour like miniature golf. These are par three greens and require some accuracy or you will be wading through water to retrieve you ball. Danny and I have putting contests there to hone up our putting skills. After that if the gaming bug hits, you can always go across the street to the REGENT LAS VEGAS and the new SUNCOAST to quench your gambling urge.

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9	\$28, SS, Aladdin	\$150	R-950 Gary Shepherd
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11	8 pc set, Atlantis Casino, AC	\$500	R-749 Ralph Pollack
12	\$5 & \$25, Ballys	\$350	R-207 James Campiglia
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22	\$500, Boomtown	\$450	R-2487 John Riggins
23	5 pc set, Boon Dock's	\$75	R-4405 Michael O'Keefe
24	10c, Brad's Palace Club	\$120	R-1456 Graham Bramlette
25	\$5, Brighton, AC	\$310	R-3050 Kent Bennett
26	\$5, Bunny's Bar	\$500	R-950 Gary Shepherd
27	\$25, Caesars Palace	\$590	R-1243 Alex Cilento
28	\$500, Caesars Palace	\$400	R-1002 Steven Cutler
29	\$100 Caesars Palace	\$175	R-207 James Campiglia
30	\$100, Caesars Palace	\$125	R-761 Richard Brach
31	\$25, Caesars, AC	\$160	R-3835 Ron Kirzner
32	\$25, Cal-Nev-Ari	\$100	R-4526 James Hackett
33	\$25, Cal-Neva Biltmore	\$250	R-3226 Bud Meyer
34	\$1, Cal-Neva	\$175	R-581 David Shron
35	\$25, Cal-Neva	\$200	R-761 Richard Brach
36	\$5, Cal-Neva Lodge	\$125	R-690 Susan Kobylarczyk
37	\$25, Cal-Neva Lodge	\$300	R-207 James Campiglia
38	25c, Cal-Neva	\$120	R-2733 Wayne Thompson
39	\$25, Cal-Neva Lodge	\$40	R-424 Scott Brodsky
40	\$1000, Cal-Neva Lodge	\$225	R-1715 David Sarles

Lot	Description	Bid	Winning Bidder	
41	\$100, California Club	\$170	R-207	James Campiglia
42	3 pc set, Capri Casino, Cuba	\$60	R-4557	Bernie Sloan
43	\$100, Casino de Capri	\$50	R-173	Eric Rosenblum
44	4 pc set, Casino de Capri	\$80	R-173	Eric Rosenblum
45	100 Casino de Paris	\$300	R-2260	Cliff Ruff
46	Group, Casino de Vichy	\$125	R-3784	David Peters
47	Group, Ivory checks	\$250	R-54	Henry Garrett
48	\$1, CBH, Condado Beach	\$30	R-2012	George Davis
49	10c, China Mint	\$160	R-1002	Steven Cutler
50	ND, City Club, Carlin NV	\$75	R-749	Ralph Pollack
51	5c, Club Harlem, Reno NV	\$775	R-1715	David Sarles
52	\$500, Continental	\$400	R-3226	Bud Meyer
53	\$5, Cotton Club, LV NV	\$90	R-3209	Douglas Smith
54	18, ivory, paper, pearl chips	\$325	R-58	Dale Seymour
55	Group, Dunes & Riviera	\$325	R-1002	Steven Cutler
56	\$25, Hoot Gibson D4C	\$110	R-1715	David Sarles
57	42 checks, Deadwood, SD	\$750	R-2134	Bob DeWitt
58	\$1, Desert Inn, Wilbur Clark	\$235	R-3784	David Peters
59	4 Desert Inn roulettes, W.C.	\$150	R-2487	John Riggins
60	\$5, Diamond Jim's, Jackpot	\$140	R-3622	Jim Pierre
61	\$5, Dunes	\$625	R-3737	Dennis Kiefer
62	ND, Dunes	\$125	R-2640	LaDorna Bunt
63	\$5, Dunes Hotel & CC	\$120	R-3784	David Peters
64	\$5, Dunes	\$250	R-761	Richard Brach
65	\$5, Dunes Casino	\$345	R-3784	David Peters
66	\$25, Dunes	\$190	R-1963	Gainor Brooks
67	\$25, Dunes Hotel & CC	\$600	R-207	James Campiglia
68	\$25, Eddie's Fabulous 50's	\$225	R-207	James Campiglia
69	\$100, El Capitan	\$106	R-37	Jim Dalzell
70	\$500, El Convento, San Juan	\$40	R-2012	George Davis
71	\$5, El Cortez	\$100	R-4557	Bernie Sloan
72	\$1, El Cortez Hotel	\$975	R-677	Vincent Monaco
73	\$100, El Rancho	\$150	R-1243	Alex Cilento
74	\$1, El Rancho Hotel	\$110	R-2558	Charles Kaplan
75	\$100 El Rancho Vegas	\$100	R-1705	Asher Thompson
76	8 pc, El Rancho Vegas & GN	\$200	R-4157	Dan Weiland
77	\$25, El Rey Resort	\$225	R-1715	David Sarles
78	\$1000, El Rey Resort	\$50	R-1461	Don Lueders
79	\$500, El Tropical, San Juan	\$125	R-1715	David Sarles
80	\$5, Exchange Club	\$70	R-3833	Jim Gritis
81	Group of \$100 NV checks	\$300	R-343	Thomas Hitselberger
82	\$5 Fernley Nugget	\$90	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
83	\$25, Ferris Hotel	\$50	R-761	Richard Brach
84	\$5, Flamingo	\$800	R-207	James Campiglia
85	\$5, Flamingo	\$500	R-4557	Bernie Sloan
86	*2* Flamingo Hotel	\$325	R-610	Scott Morgan
87	ND, Flamingo	\$300	R-2733	Wayne Thompson
88	50c, Flamingo	\$125	R-3737	Dennis Kiefer
89	50c, Flamingo Capri	\$70	R-749	Ralph Pollack
90	25c, Fortune Club	\$90	R-950	Gary Shepherd
91	\$5, Fortune Club	\$180	R-3113	Richard Pokracki
92	25c, Four Queens	\$300	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
93	\$1, Four Queens	\$175	R-2535	Chris Burns

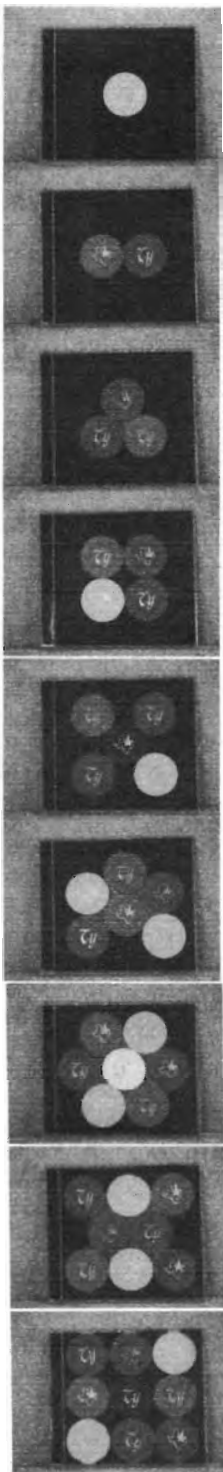
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94	Group international checks	\$50	R-2134	Bob DeWitt
95	50c, Fremont Hotel	\$170	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
96	\$1, Fremont Hotel	\$125	R-501	Scott Hartman
97	\$100, Fremont Hotel, (Faro)	\$800	R-3737	Dennis Kiefer
98	\$5, Frontier Hotel	\$100	R-4557	Bernie Sloan
99	Pr checks, Frontier Club	\$125	R-749	Ralph Pollack
100	Pr of FT, Frontier Tavern	\$50	R-3372	John Karczewski
101	20 pc,\$1, checks NV	\$90	R-2558	Charles Kaplan
102	Group 19 Caribbean checks	\$50	R-4157	Dan Weiland
103	\$5, Gamblers	\$75	R-1705	Asher Thompson
104	\$5 Glass Crutch	\$110	R-690	Susan Kobylarczyk
105	\$1, Gold Strike Inn	\$80	R-3372	John Karczewski
106	\$5, Golden Gulch	\$140	R-761	Richard Brach
107	\$25, Golden Nugget	\$158	R-4722	Michael Haas
108	\$25, Golden Nugget	\$450	R-207	James Campiglia
109	\$100, Golden Nugget	\$750	R-1669	Lawrence Markman
110	\$100 Golden Nugget	\$200	R-501	Scott Hartman
111	11 pc, Grand Opening LV	\$90	R-109	Ernie Wheelden
112	50c Green Shack	\$350	R-1715	David Sarles
113	\$1, Gregors St. Casino, CO	\$600	R-2558	Charles Kaplan
114	20 pc, cruise checks & token	\$55	R-2134	Bob DeWitt
115	8 pc, bicent checks, NV	\$1,000	R-749	Ralph Pollack
116	7 pc, roulette, 1 Hard Rock	\$400	R-1963	Gainor Brooks
117	NCV set, Hard Rock	\$175	R-1461	Don Lueders
118	\$5, Harolds Gun Club	\$250	R-1715	David Sarles
119	\$2.50, Harrahs Club	\$850	R-2730	Barry Weintraub
120	\$1, Harrahs, AC	\$150	R-4943	Jill Bitner
121	Harrahs Marina roulette set	\$250	R-1429	Bob Bosseler
122	2 Harveys, Stateline NV	\$30	R-4338	Dwight Harouff
123	10c HC, Hawthorne Club	\$130	R-761	Richard Brach
124	Habana Cuba casino paper	\$90	R-2824	Jim Episale
125	Havana Riviera set, Cuba	\$130	R-722	Jim Belligan
126	\$1, Holiday Queen	\$1,550	R-677	Vincent Monaco
127	Hollywood Pk, New Year set	\$60	R-3622	Jim Pierre
128	\$5, Honest Johns	\$70	R-1705	Asher Thompson
129	50c, Horseshoe, LV	\$200	R-749	Ralph Pollack
130	25c, Horseshoe, LV	\$150	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
131	Hunt & Co. sample chip set	\$550	R-774	Gerald Birl
132	\$20, Hunters Lodge	\$75	R-212	Robert Hoadley
133	Imperial Palace, Biloxi, LEset	\$150	R-4557	Bernie Sloan
134	\$5, International	\$200	R-2098	Jack Jenkins
135	\$5, Kactus Kate's	\$100	R-207	James Campiglia
136	\$5, Keith's Model T Truck Stp	\$110	R-207	James Campiglia
137	King Inn, set of checks	\$200	R-2663	Sal Ignoffo
138	\$1, Lady Luck	\$250	R-4846	Don Zeni
139	\$1, Landmark Hotel	\$400	R-2733	Wayne Thompson
140	\$5, Landmark Hotel	\$750	R-207	James Campiglia
141	\$5, Landmark	\$325	R-1555	Roger Morgan
142	10c, Las Vegas Club	\$50	R-4182	Peter Sanders
143	25c, Las Vegas Club	\$75	R-3622	Jim Pierre
144	Group of LE's, Southern NV	\$175	R-4157	Dan Weiland
145	\$25, Lucky Nevada Club	\$50	R-2640	LaDorna Bunt
146	Group of\$1, LV checks	\$70	R-4756	John McCarthy

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147	\$5, MGM Grand	\$150	R-7	Michael Knapp
148	\$5, MGM Grand	\$450	R-3737	Dennis Kiefer
149	\$25, MGM Grand	\$300	R-3737	Dennis Kiefer
150	\$100, MGM Grand Hotel/Cas	\$275	R-3799	Dave Richardson
151	\$2.50, Mill bay Casino	\$20	R-2683	Doug Jones
152	\$1, Mint	\$800	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
153	Group, Mint & Nevada Club	\$100	R-291	Mel Jung
154	Pr of checks, Mom's, Austin	\$200	R-2123	Dean Porter
155	\$1, Money Tree Casino	\$90	R-7	Michael Knapp
156	ND, Monte Carlo	\$175	R-7	Michael Knapp
157	ND, Monte Carlo, TK , Reno	\$50	R-4182	Peter Sanders
158	ND, Monte Carlo, Joby's	\$25	R-4338	Dwight Harouff
159	\$1, Monte Carlo, Lk Tahoe	\$60	R-7	Michael Knapp
160	\$5, Mother Load	\$50	R-2123	Dean Porter
161	\$5, Nevada Club Ltd, Oddie	\$225	R-761	Richard Brach
162	Set of checks, Nevada Hotel	\$50	R-2640	LaDorna Bunt
163	\$1, New Brown Derby	\$75	R-2640	LaDorna Bunt
164	\$100, New Cal-Vada Lodge	\$150	R-207	James Campiglia
165	\$5, New Frontier	\$100	R-1705	Asher Thompson
166	4 roulettes, New Frontier	\$75	R-4058	Dave Steiner
167	\$25, New Frontier	\$175	R-722	Jim Belligan
168	\$5, New Town Tavern	\$250	R-1715	David Sarles
169	\$1, Overland Bar, Carlin	\$125	R-2558	Charles Kaplan
170	40 pc, 25c Nevada checks	\$129	R-37	Jim Dalzell
171	Group, 50c, Nevada	\$80	R-971	Don Covello
172	33 Asst chips and checks	\$75	R-291	Mel Jung
173	13 gaming checks, Nevada	\$500	R-950	Gary Shepherd
174	\$20, Palace Club	\$100	R-1002	Steven Cutler
175	\$5, Paradise Hotel	\$400	R-3	Robert Pardue
176	Partial set from Park Tahoe	\$70	R-109	Ernie Wheelden
177	\$1, Pioneer Club	\$350	R-677	Vincent Monaco
178	\$1, Pioneer	\$175	R-2558	Charles Kaplan
179	\$5, Pioneer Club	\$325	R-2487	John Riggins
180	\$2.50, Playbor, AC	\$100	R-54	Henry Garrett
181	\$2.50, Playboy, AC	\$430	R-2683	Doug Jones
182	\$25, Playboy, AC	\$480	R-4722	Michael Haas
183	\$100, Ponderosa	\$400	R-291	Mel Jung
184	\$1, Primadonna	\$450	R-4846	Don Zeni
185	\$2.50, Primadonna	\$300	R-4846	Don Zeni
186	\$25, Rainbow Club	\$550	R-1002	Steven Cutler
187	50c, Ranch House	\$150	R-291	Mel Jung
188	\$1, Ranchinn	\$40	R-1170	William Kaar
189	8pc, Reliable mfg samples	\$125	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
190	Assortment slug core checks	\$50	R-4338	Dwight Harouff
191	\$10 SS, Reno Cannon Airprt	\$100	R-4338	Dwight Harouff
192	\$100, Riviera, baccarat	\$175	R-665	Jon Cybulski
193	\$100, Royal Nevada Hotel	\$350	R-1715	David Sarles
194	\$5, Sage Brush	\$50	R-306	Steve Goodrich
195	Set, Sahara, baccarat plaque	\$600	R-3036	David Cresey
196	\$100, Sands	\$415	R-3784	David Peters
197	\$5,\$25,\$500, Sands	\$325	R-7	Michael Knapp
198	\$5, Sands, baccarat	\$150	R-4334	Rodney Qualls

Lot	Description	Bid	Winning Bidder	
199	Pr, Sands Hotel checks	\$70	R-5212	Robert Bizzell
200	3 checks, Sands	\$125	R-1461	Don Lueders
201	\$20, Sands	\$250	R-207	James Campiglia
202	25c, Sans Souci	\$100	R-3113	Richard Pokracki
203	\$1, Sans Souci	\$150	R-494	Charlie Hendrick
204	\$25, Sans Souci	\$80	R-4052	George Barclay
205	\$25, Sans Souci Casino	\$300	R-749	Ralph Pollack
206	6 pcs, Savannah Lady, GA	\$60	R-4228	Bob Hayden
207	25c, Sierra Lodge	\$50	R-2535	Chris Burns
208	\$5, Sierra Lodge	\$50	R-291	Mel Jung
209	\$5, Sierra Tahoe	\$225	R-3194	Mike Quinlivan
210	\$10 SS, Silver City	\$100	R-3552	Dennis Finn
211	\$1, Silver Slipper	\$152	R-1411	George Quick
212	ND, Sphinx, Reno	\$125	R-2733	Wayne Thompson
213	\$25, Splash Casino	\$90	R-821	Stephen Piccolo
214	\$5, S.S. Rex	\$90	R-1715	David Sarles
215	Three Stardust checks	\$150	R-207	James Campiglia
216	\$100, Stardust	\$500	R-1715	David Sarles
217	\$1, State Line Casino	\$200	R-2730	Barry Weintraub
218	\$1, Tahoe Colonial	\$75	R-3372	John Karczewski
219	\$5, Tahoe Nugget	\$90	R-690	Susan Kobylarczyk
220	ND, Tahoe Village	\$150	R-3113	Richard Pokracki
221	4 pc, Tahoe Village, C&S	\$400	R-749	Ralph Pollack
222	\$5, Thunderbird Hotel	\$550	R-2733	Wayne Thompson
223	\$5, Town Tavern	\$25	R-5259	Steve Bedo
224	\$1, Travelodge	\$300	R-501	Scott Hartman
225	3 pc, Tropicana, Cuba	\$80	R-173	Eric Rosenblum
226	50c, Tropicana	\$750	R-722	Jim Belligan
227	\$25, Tropicana Hotel	\$150	R-3835	Ron Kirzner
228	\$100, Tropicana Hotel	\$300	R-722	Jim Belligan
229	100 NCV, Tropicana	\$100	R-722	Jim Belligan
230	\$5, Tropicana, AC poker club	\$50	R-1262	William Cooper
231	\$5, Royal Flush set, Castle	\$175	R-5212	Robert Bizzell
232	\$100, Trump Taj Mahal, AC	\$150	R-2260	Cliff Ruff
233	V (old english) Unknown	\$60	R-2812	W. Ted Brown
234	Group of checks, Vapors, AR	\$35	R-5273	David Vinson
235	\$5, VC, Victory Club, CC NV	\$200	R-1715	David Sarles
236	5000 pesos, Casino Munic	\$50	R-109	Ernie Wheelden
237	\$100, Virginian Hotel	\$75	R-4338	Dwight Harouff
238	\$25, VS, Villa Sierra, Reno	\$60	R-761	Richard Brach
239	\$25, Wild Horse Saloon	\$300	R-2063	Keny Stewart
240	Group roulettes, Winners	\$25	R-3226	Bud Meyer
241	W.C. Des Inn\$1	\$350	R-581	David Shron
242	Club Chip #1	\$110	R-774	Gerald Birl
243	Club Medal set	\$25	R-774	Gerald Birl
244	O'Shea SS #1	\$450	R-3524	Ed Ciesla
245	O'Shea SS #2	\$500	R-3658	Johnny Long
246	Race Horse Game	\$25	R-85	Howard Herz
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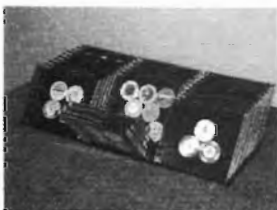
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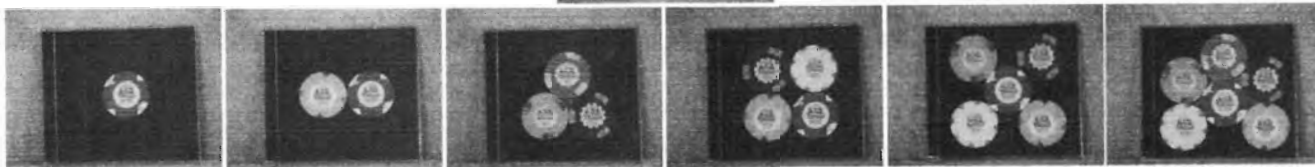
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A Brief History of the Flamingo Hotel/Casino

by Allan Anderson

Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel came to Nevada after running a national horse race wire service and gambling ships off the coast of Southern California. After gambling was shot down in the state, Siegel and his partners purchased the El Cortez Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Six months later the group sold the hotel and negotiated to purchase the Flamingo property from Billy Wilkerson.



Legend has it that the Flamingo was named after the legendary legs of his girlfriend Virginia Hill. She was nicknamed “The Flamingo” due to her red hair and long legs.

The grand opening of The Flamingo was scheduled for December 26, 1946, with Jimmy Durante as the opening act. In order to attract and transport celebrities to the grand opening, flights were char-

The Flamingo, having the reputation of being the first hotel/casino on the strip, was actually built five years after the El Rancho Vegas and four years after The Last Frontier.

Some say “Bugsy” Siegel muscled in on Billy Wilkerson, the original

dreamer of the resort; others say he did indeed at least scuff a foot in the sand to mark the unofficial groundbreaking for his “real class joint.” It was Siegel who took 30 acres of flat desert and turned it into 105 beautiful rooms surrounded by a health club, gymnasiums, steam rooms, tennis, badminton, squash and handball courts, stables with riding stock, a championship swimming pool, a trapshooting range and a nine-hole golf course. Siegel convinced his underworld colleagues to bankroll his dream.

Del E. Webb was hired as the contractor and construction began in 1946, without a complete set of plans. Webb’s company would build what Siegel wanted and an architect would draw up the plans from what was built.

tered but bad weather in Los Angeles grounded the planes. Few celebrities showed up and, as a result, the opening consisted mostly of locals. Since the hotel had not been completed, gamblers took their winnings with them to where they were staying which caused the casino to lose money in its first week of operation. It shut down after the second week. The casino re-opened in March, 1947, after the hotel was finished. By May, the casino started showing a profit.

On June 20, 1947, in Virginia Hill’s mansion in Beverly Hills, California, Siegel was assassinated by a volley of bullets. Rumor has it that Virginia Hill helped set up the assassination. The day after, Meyer Lansky, Morris Rosen, Gus Greenbaum and Moe Sedway met with El Rancho owners Charlie Resnick and Sanford Adler to talk about a new partnership for the Flamingo hotel. After a brief



Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel

partnership, Greenbaum took over as owner and ran a profitable business including turning a \$4 million profit the first year.

Greenbaum surpassed the standards of elegance and showmanship that Siegel dreamed about. In the early 1950's, the cream of the entertainment world performed on the hardwood stage at the Flamingo. Over the years, some of the entertainers who performed were Pearl Bailey, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin, Nat "King" Cole, Lena Horne, Ted Lewis, Ray Bolger, Jimmy Durante, Shelly Winters, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, Jack Benny, Count Basie, Danny Thomas, Bobby Darin, Wayne Newton, Phyllis Diller, Led Zepplin, Bobby Vinton and many others. Joey Bishop was the last to perform on the stage on July 13, 1988. Long running revues took their places.

Greenbaum sold the Flamingo in 1955. From there, the hotel underwent several ownership changes and would-be changes, including a failed attempt by a Japanese corporation to take control. In 1967, Kirk Kerkorian agreed to pay \$13 million for the Flamingo. Kerkorian started a massive expansion and renovation program by adding a 350 seat casino theater lounge and a sky-room restaurant and demolishing the legendary champagne tower. The entertainment changed from the old school to the hottest pop groups of the 1960's. In 1970, after acquiring MGM studios, Kerkorian signed away his first two Las



The Flamingo with the champagne tower in the 1950's

Vegas hotels, the Flamingo and the International, to Hilton Hotels Corporation. In 1971, the name changed to the Flamingo Hilton.

In 1976, construction of the now world-famous flowering marquee fronting the Las Vegas strip was completed, and a new 28-story tower was added. The room total climbed from 700 to 1,250 rooms. Four years later, the Flamingo Hilton added another 500-room tower. Three years later, 500 more rooms were added, bringing the total to 2,250 rooms. Another tower with 800 rooms was



These last remaining buildings, where Bugsy Siegel holed up amid thick walls and a maze of tunnels, came down in 1994

added bringing the total to 2,920 in 1989. In 1990, the fifth tower was erected, upping the room total to a whopping 3,530. It was the second largest hotel in the world at that time. Four years later, the final phase began and with it came the demolition of the last of the original buildings – 489 garden rooms that stood in what is now the Flamingo Hilton's lavish new Wildlife Habitat area which consists of flamingos, penguins, swans, parrots and ducks. A sixth tower in 1994, added 612 more rooms and the first timeshare in Las Vegas to adjoin a hotel or casino.

In December 1998, Hilton Corporation created Park Place Entertainment and spun it off as a separate company. In 1999, Park Place decided to remove the name "Hilton" from the Flamingo name.

The Flamingo has 3,638 rooms, a 70,000 square foot casino with a Race and Sports Book, 25,000 square feet of meeting space, two olympic size swimming pools, a health spa, one kid's pool, two Jacuzzis, waterfalls, streams and lagoons and four tennis courts. There are luxurious restaurants for every taste, a chapel as well as an outdoor gazebo and a variety of shops. ♦

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\$5 Sheraton Hotel cat. \$35 -----	\$15
\$1 Tropicoro cat. \$100 -----	\$50
Condado Holiday Inn, Baccarat, set of the 5 chips, cat. \$260 -----	\$95
Mayaguez Hilton, 2 different \$100 chips, cat. \$150 -----	\$50
\$25 Mayaguez Hilton, cat. \$50 -----Special!-----	\$10

Instant Casino Chip Collections:

100 different obsolete Casino Chips -----	\$1000
150 different obsolete Casino Chips (A few are current, like 5) -----	\$1500
225 different obsolete Casino chips (A few are current) -----	\$2500
350 different obsolete casino chips (A few are current) -----	\$4000

Non-Casino Tokens:

20 Different "Programa de alimentos autorizados" Tokens (Circa: 1970's) -----	\$40
LECHE CO-OP Cooperativa de Ganaderos token from Mayaguez PR (Circa: 1950's) -----	\$5

All orders under \$50 please add \$5 Shipping and Handling and Insurance. Rarer chips are available!
Collectors... are you looking for a particular chip... Ask! Dealer Prices are available but in Quantity!

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Nevada's Gaming Token List

by Earl Donley

The following tokens were approved for use by the Nevada Gaming Commission on the dates indicated.

Barley's Casino	Henderson	1.00	04/24	5 th Anniversary
Boulder Station	Las Vegas	100.	03/16	Rhodium / Gold Plated
Circus Circus	Reno	2.00	02/01	Smartmark
		10.00	02/01	Smartmark
Gambler Casino	Reno	1.00	02/13	Logo
Harrah's Casino	Reno	1.00	04/13	Logo / Smartmark
Harrah's Casino	Stateline	100.	02/27	Rhodium / Gold Plated
Tahoe Biltmore	Crystal Bay	10.00	04/10	Smartmark

The following list are the Silver Strike tokens that were approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission on the dates indicated.

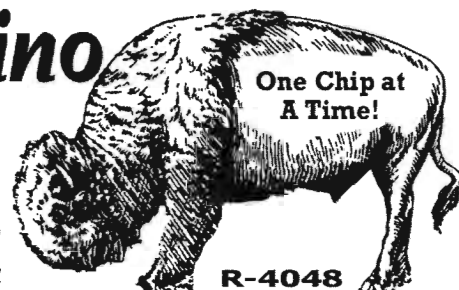
Aladdin Resorts	Las Vegas	10.00	03/13	Sinbad the sailor
				Genie of the lamp
Barbary Coast	Las Vegas	10.00	03/14	Scheherazade
				The London Club Building
California Hotel	Las Vegas	10.00	03/15	Roulette wheel
				Year of the snake
El Cortez	Las Vegas	10.00	03/14	Royal Flush Building
				Jackie and Charlie
Flamingo Hilton	Reno	10.00	02/27	Careful Kitty's Café
				Roberto's Café
Horseshoe Club	Las Vegas	10.00	04/10	Jackie Gaughan
				Year of the snake
Imperial Palace	Las Vegas	10.00	04/10 02/21	Welcome all bowlers
				50 th Anniversary
				Benny Binion – 1951
				Benny Binion – 1989
				Pagoda / 2001
				1966 Corvette
				1929 Cadillac
				1955 Ford
				1930 L-29 Cord

Luxor Hotel	Las Vegas	10.00	04/10	Building / 2001 Tutankhamun / 2001 Rameses chariot / 2001 Nefertari / Isis / 2001 Nefertari / 2001 Isis / 2001 Re / 2001 Hyrus / 2001 Toth / 2001 Anubis / 2001 Ra / 2001 Nefertiti / 2001 Cat / 2001 Tut / Bow / 2001 Cleopatra / 2001 Rameses / 2001 Sphinx / 2001
New Frontier	Las Vegas	10.00	02/21	Building Bull Rider Guns / Spurs Gilley's
New York – New York Pioneer Hotel	Las Vegas Laughlin	10.00 10.00	02/27 03/13	4 th Anniversary Annie Oakley / 2001 Doc Holliday / 2001 Billy the Kid / 2001 Jesse James / 2001 Saloon Girl / 2001 Bargirl / 2001
Reno Hilton	Reno	10.00	03/21	20 th Century / Radio 20 th Century / N.Y.S.E. 20 th Century / Nuclear Age 20 th Century / New Deal 20 th Century / Civil Rights 20 th Century / Pearl Harbor 20 th Century / Hollywood 20 th Century / Rock 'N Roll Year of the snake
Union Plaza	Las Vegas	10.00	04/26	CC>CC Logo Silver Striker's Chapter

The approval list for Colorado can be found on the Internet under, <http://www.gaming.state.co.us/chipstoken.htm>.
Where can Club members find the approval list in your state ? ♦



Indian Casino News in New Mexico Steve Snowden



IT'S A TWO-FER!!

New Mexican collectors are still catching their breath after a busy couple of months of new chip releases, new slot card designs, and the Grand Openings for two brand-new Casinos in our state. Couple that with a recent 13 hour, 350-mile casino run and I'm ready for a breather!

Albuquerque's Sandia Casino closed the doors of its 65,000-square-foot tent-like structure to the public on May 18th, and the heavy lifting began as the "Slot Machines Crossed the Road" to their brand new home less than a mile east on the other side of Interstate 25. The new \$80 million Sandia Casino opened to the public on the evening of May 25th and the excitement still continues. This is the benchmark of casinos in this entire region. This 200,000-square-foot casino is like nothing this side of Las Vegas – and actually "out-classes" a bunch of Las Vegas facilities I have visited. Sandia keeps the guests busy with 1,350 slot machines and 33 gam-

ing tables. From gourmet restaurants and lavish buffets to bargain prices on burgers in the Bingo hall – Sandia Casino is the first stop for many tourists traveling through Albuquerque.

Highlights include fresh, New Mexico air continuously being pumped into the building. Air is not simply filtered and re-circulated within the casino. The air you breath is totally replaced six to eight times an hour using an intricate, state-of-the-art climate control system.

Sandia is once very classy casino! 40-foot picture windows grace the Eastern wall of the casino giving table game players an awesome view of the Sandia Mountains and foothills. Beautiful, intricate stonework, custom designed carpeting, life-sized bronzes, marble counter tops abound from the Peak Rewards Players Club Room to the bathrooms. Over five acres of outdoor parking handles the overflow of the over 400,000-square-foot under-

ground parking facilities. Sandia's underground parking lots are unique to New Mexico casinos and a welcome relief in a state where the summer sun can melt the dashboard of a car!

Sandia Casino's general manager is Steve Penhall and Steve Neely is marketing manager. They keep the place running smoothly and were both very helpful in allowing me early access to the new Sandia Casino. And another observation – the pit bosses and dealers all seem to be savvy to the world of chip collecting. They were very helpful as quantities of chips were purchased for collections around the world!

Sandia Casino purchased brand new Chipco racks for their new facility. The beautiful Native American designs and symbols are helping to create a whole bunch of new chip collectors here in New Mexico. Players couldn't resist pocketing a couple of these great looking chips on their way to the Cashier's cage.

Besides the 25,000 sheets of dry-wall and 2.5 million linear feet of wire that snakes through the walls and ceilings of Sandia, a lot of "heavy metal" was involved. Sandia Casino opened their doors on May 25th cocked and loaded with over 117,000 slot tokens! The 3 token sets include a \$25 bi-metal featuring the American eagle.

Sandia Casino Opened May 25, 2001





ONE WAS NOT ENOUGH...

The excitement of Sandia's opening was still in the air when we learned of the pending Grand Opening of another New Mexico casino. Three weeks later on June 15th, the New Mexico town of Espanola hosted the opening of the first venture of the Santa Clara tribe into Indian gaming. While the rest of New Mexico casinos are located far from heavily populated areas or at

least on the outskirts of town – Santa Clara's Big Rock Casino Bowl is located in the heart of Espanola as part of the Big Rock Shopping Center. The inside facilities were ready to greet the eager players at 5:30pm on Grand Opening night, but the heavy equipment continued to haul and steam-roller asphalt in the still unpaved parking lot as the dice rolled and the slot machines dinged inside.

As for a bit of trivia, Big Rock Casino Bowl took its name from the VERY big rock located about 30 yards from the casino entrance! Legends abound as to the origin and history of the "Rock" – but as is often the case, the story is sometimes better than the real story. I'm continuing to track down both the truth and fiction about the "Rock" and hope to set the record straight in a future column!



Big Rock Casino Bowl's 12,000-square-foot casino is small by physical comparison... but it is big on friendliness, hospitality, and fantastic Mexican food in Joann's adjoining restaurant. It hosts about 350 slots, a

Big Rock Casino Grand Opening June 15, 2001



24-lane bowling alley, and 7 table games that include Craps and BJ. The absence of a \$2.50 and a Grand Opening chip was a disappointment. However, the \$1 - \$100 Bud Jones' chips are attractive and feature the official symbol of the Santa Clara tribe. The slots at Big Rock only go up to \$1 at this time. Indefinite future plans will add \$5 slots and accompanying tokens to their lineup.

Big Rock is the result of a business partnership between the Santa Clara tribe and First Nation Gaming, which was created by the Tunica/Biloxi Tribe of Mississippi. A number of officials and dignitaries from both the Santa Clara tribe and the Mississippi tribe attended and spoke at the pre-Grand Opening ceremony.

I was accompanied by one of the club's newest members at the Grand Opening of Big Rock on June 15th. Dave Niver (R-5017) who drove the 3 hours from Las Cruces and then we continued North for a fast-track New Mexico casino tour! Fourteen individual casino visits, 8 different casinos, a Grand Opening (Big Rock Casino), 13 hours, & 350 miles later, we were finally back in Albuquerque!



NEWS FOR SLOTTERS...

Out travels discovered the new slot card for Club Rico at Big Rock and a lovely new slot design in use for members of the Winners Club at Ohkay Casino. Camel Rock's Club Rock slot card design and logo remains the same, but the beige background has been changed to a darker, "camel" color, no pun intended!

AND CHIPPERS...

Several new chips are gracing



the tables and cages of New Mexico. Camel Rock replaced their old roulette chips sporting a stylized "Joe Camel-like" logo with personalized ones featuring the silhouette of the famous New Mexico Camel Rock natural monument. The Cities of Gold Casino has replaced their generic roulettes with ones featuring the casino name and logo. A special treat was discovering the Win Card packets at Cities of Gold Casino. These include \$5 Cities of Gold chips. These are interesting chips in that they contain a typo – with the improper spelling "Non-Negotiable". Both the Player's Club Booth and Cage personnel were surprised when we pointed out the spelling error to them but said they didn't think that corrected chips would be ordered by the casino.

ON THE HORIZON...

What's coming? Well, just more casino activity and construction than we can keep up with! The Santa Ana Star Casino located North of



Albuquerque is in the midst of a major expansion. They're adding an additional 100,000-square-foot of casino space, over 500 slots, and a 3,000-seat indoor events center. That is all supposed to be operational by early October 2001. Big Rock Casino Bowl is already calling their Espanola casino an "interim approach". They are already in the planning and hard copy stages for a much larger Casino Resort and a professional golf course South of Espanola.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN...

The next issue of this magazine will accompany cooler days and nights. It'll be a great time to cruise your state to watch the leaves turn their Fall colors and do a little chipping along the way. Please share the news from Indian Casinos in your area. Just email me at Snowden@thuntek.net. Share your hobby and passion with someone else and introduce them to this fun endeavor.

Happy Chipping till next time... ♦

Back in Time



About one and one-half hours east of Phoenix, Arizona, are the towns of Miami, Claypool and Globe. They are reached via Route 60, more commonly known as the “Superstition Freeway”, which takes you past the fabled “Lost Dutchman’s Mine” located somewhere near Weaver’s Needle in the Superstition Mountain.

Danko Gurovich owned and ran a very successful hotel in the Globe/Miami Area. He was also a long time friend of John Wayne. Danko died in September 2000, shortly after I interviewed him for this article. Although Danko was almost 90 years old, he had vivid memories of “those days”, as he so often referred

The first “joint” to appear in Miami was probably “Fitzpatrick’s”. Others were the “Stark Club” which was owned by the mayor, Art Turner and another fellow named Stark. In addition there was “The Monte Carlo”, “Cowboy Johnnie’s”, “Ben Eldson’s Smoke Shop”, “Lester Quinn’s”, “Fred Hills”, “Ben and Rudy’s”, “Fred Whitton’s”, “Harold Montgomery’s”, “John Jakes’s”, “The Silver Front” and the “Keystone Rooms” which also offered prostitution. Although gambling was illegal in Arizona, places were clearly visible and gambling was tolerated, accepted, and profitable for all but the players.

Mining for Old Poker Chips

by John Long

Globe, Claypool and Miami are copper mining towns that at their peak, were home to approximately 40,000 people. Today Miami has a population of about 2,000 and Globe has about 7,000 people and Claypool doesn’t appear on most maps.

Many of the men who worked the mines came from Idaho and Montana. They would work in Arizona in the winter and return to their home state for the summer. Because these men had no families with them the only forms of entertainment were drinking, gambling and prostitution, which seemed to be tolerated in the local towns.

Most of the information that I learned about this area was told to me by local residents, one of them,

to the years from the 1920’s to the 1950’s. For a brief period, Danko worked for the local chief of police, “One-eyed John Welsch”, who served as chief from 1925 to 1958. John Welsch was one tough customer who on occasion had to shoot a man or two to maintain the peace. He was tried for murder three times but never convicted. The chief received his share of gambling profits by looking the other way or maintaining the peace when there were disputes. Tex Montgomery kept watch over the local whorehouses which, according to Danko, numbered around 20.

Danko stated that there were probably 15 “gambling joints” where a man could enjoy Roulette, Poker, Monte (Faro Bank) and the big wheel.

According to Danko most of these places had their own cheques with their name on them. I am at a loss to explain why we have not found a few more of these cheques. I was able to locate two owners who ran illegal games; both were very reluctant to talk with me. I can only guess that they were afraid Uncle Sam would be after them for not reporting gambling income. I was able to find chips from the “Monte Carlo”. They are a four-chip set of Large Crown Mold with the letters “MC”. The Monte Carlo was located in Claypool which is located between Globe and Miami. The building where the bar was located still stands today and is operating as a bar called the “Double J”. Originally, John Gay built the building as a bakery that was





run by his daughter. The Fodera family later bought the building and converted it to a bar and named it the Monte Carlo. The Foderas were one of the families that chose not to talk with me.

While reading a book about the history of Miami, I came across a line, which stated, "there was very little information available about the vice that took place in the area".

There are still several people here who know all about the illegal gaming and probably have pictures of the interior of some of these places but I have not been able to get anyone to come forward with evidence to show what the activities look like. I will continue to seek information about these times. ♦

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO CHIPS FOR SALE

ATL-100	\$95	Notched	GOL-25	\$250	
BAG-25	\$125	Near Mint	HAR-100	\$395	
BAG-100	\$450		HAR-100A	\$350	
BOA-2.5	\$250	Mint Uncirculated	HIL-25	\$750	Mint Uncirculated
BOA-5	\$75		HTP-25	\$350	
BOA-20	\$1,950	Mint Uncirculated	HTP-100	\$995	GEM
BOA-20A	\$1,200	Near Mint	SAN-20	\$150	
BOA-25	\$625		SAN-25A	\$75	
BOA-25A	\$150		SAN-100A	\$350	
BOA-100A	\$850	Near Mint	SHO-25	\$95	
BPP-5	\$175	Near Mint	SHO-100B	\$450	
BPP-25B	\$75	Mint Uncirculated	TAJ-100A	\$195	Mint Uncirculated
BPP-100A	\$450		TPP-25	\$595	Near Mint
BPP-100B	\$350		TPP-100A	\$595	
CAE-5 Golatta	\$50	Mint Uncirculated	TRO-5 W.Espin	\$75	Mint Uncirculated
CAE-25A	\$295	Mint Uncirculated	TRO-25	\$350	Near Mint
CAE-100	\$995		TRO-25A	\$75	
CAE-100A	\$850		TRO-100A	\$950	
CAE-100B	\$850	Near Mint	TRO-100B	\$450	
CAS-25	\$95		TWD-25	\$75	Mint Uncirculated
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CAS-100	\$350				
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WALL HANGINGS

CASUAL CASINO CHIP COLLECTING IN CLARK COUNTY

by Dennis Allen

I know! What and where in the world is Clark County? Well, to almost everyone in the world, except for locals that is, Clark County is Las Vegas. To almost anyone who thinks of Las Vegas today, what is envisioned is the “Strip”, that glorious row of lights, casinos, hotels and twenty four hour entertainment along Las Vegas Boulevard, extending from about the landmark Stratosphere Casino and Hotel Tower south to the airport. No matter how it is known, nearly all of the “Strip” is in Clark County but it is *not* in the City of Las Vegas. The City of Las Vegas stops approximately at Sahara Boulevard, south of the Stratosphere Tower and alongside of the Sahara Hotel and Casino

The older section of Las Vegas, the area that once was downtown and is now primarily casinos and hotels, is in the City of Las Vegas. This section of town is now often advertised as the Fremont Street Experience and is becoming known for its mall setting and distinctive overhead light shows that take place hourly after dark. This display is well worth a trip to the downtown center as well as seeing the Strip when visiting Las Vegas.

The City of Las Vegas and surrounding Clark County all have the same mailing address. The writer himself lives in Clark County but has a Las Vegas mailing address. Matters are simplified somewhat in that the City-County operates unified Metropolitan Police and Fire Departments. There are three other

jurisdictions in Greater Las Vegas. They are the cities of Henderson, North Las Vegas and Boulder City. For the purposes of **chip collecting**, this writer collects chips from all of the Las Vegas Valley, no matter the jurisdiction, mounts them in 63-hole mounting boards and displays them on the wall in the family room of his Las Vegas home. His chip collections then become “Wall Hangings.”

At the present time, the collections consist of two 63-chip boards, displayed as wall hangings, plus another 60 or 70 chips that are extras, duplicates etc. and are not displayed but might one day serve as trading material to up-grade the displayed boards. Why display chips as wall hangings? If you live in Las Vegas, lots of people visit from out of town and gambling (gaming is the euphemism officially used) is something everyone is interested in and a chip collection immediately draws their attention. I am not a chip collector in the sense of large investments, rare chips, etc., but Hay! Anyone can put together something that pleases himself just for fun, and that should be a good enough reason.

The writer’s collection contains no rare chips and is intended to be a just a general, all around presentation of current and recent casino chips from the Las Vegas Area. All of the \$1.00 chips are ones that were regular-play chips in the casinos; although many of them are new and have never been used at the tables.

As information for those people who might like to collect chips and have never tried, most casinos are glad to sell them to you at the main cashier cage. If special editions are available, that is also where they will be. Sometimes when special editions are available they will be displayed, but normally you have to ask for them. You can buy either circulated chips or new chips, if they have any on hand, because they only cost the casino about thirty cents or so per chip and each chip removed from circulation is pure profit. I did find two casinos that refused to sell chips at the main cashier cage. They had to be obtained from a dealer at an active table, presumably to encourage play. These casinos are not represented in this collection.

The first 63-chip board that I started contains \$1.00 chips from 60 casinos. Two casinos are represented more than once, owing to ownership changes and the issuance of new chips. Three chips are from casinos no longer in operation. One casino is represented by two chips for no reason other than I wanted to display them. When a new casino opens, the extra chip will be a candidate for replacement. After all the primary thing about any collection is that it represents the owners wants and desires and his pride of ownership. That is what makes a collector. The chips are arranged alphabetically commencing at the upper left and ending at the lower right. One disadvantage to this presentation is that when a casino is sold and there is a

name change, the two chips are not adjacent to each other. As an example, Boomtown Casino is now the Silverton Casino. Also, when a new casino is added, every chip located after it has to be moved.

Soon after starting my \$1.00 chip board, I began to see all of the \$5.00 special and commemorative chips that are displayed at some casinos main cashiers cage. A few casinos have issued literally dozens of commemorative chips never designed for general circulation. I soon decided that I would do a \$5.00 board, but that I would limit the collection to special chips such as commemoratives, ones with pictures on them and/or limited edition chips. Some of the special chip editions note the numbers of chips produced and have a number such as perhaps 1,000 stamped on them. Does this make them more valuable? Well, maybe. The value of anything is set by supply and demand and if they are not collected by very many people, they will not have much value regardless of the number produced.

It should be noted that all casinos do not produce special chips, while others do but only in denominations larger than \$5.00. What this means is

that for my collections, the \$1.00 board has more casinos represented than does the \$5.00 board. I couldn't always find appropriate \$5.00 chips that fit my selection parameters as noted above. My \$5.00 board has chips from 46 casinos, four of which have two chips owing to casino name changes and three that represent closed casinos. The others are casinos that are represented by two chips just because I liked the chips. The \$5.00 board chips are not arranged alphabetically. Therefore, when a casino is represented by two chips either because of a name change or my desire to present two of its chips, the two chips are always placed one above the other. As a general rule, I placed chips near the center of the board which have pictures of famous Las Vegas personages. I have chips with pictures of Sam Boyd, Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, Benny Binion, Jackie Gaughan and current Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. Did I personally collect all of the chips from all of the casinos? No I didn't, I bought some of them at two annual meetings of the CC>CC, of which I am a member, here in Las Vegas. For the record, I collected 60 of the 63, \$1.00 chips by going to the casinos and bought three at a small premium. I bought about 10 of the 63, \$5.00

chips, also at a premium. I only have two chips that cost \$10.00 or more. In addition, I bought four, \$5.00 chips mounted in a sealed plaque at about \$10.00 per chip. The plaque is shown in the attached picture mounted above the \$5.00 board. These four chips were sold at the Sunset Station Casino after its opening. Three of these are opening day commemoratives for three of the Station casinos and one an original chip from Station's first casino. I didn't like the sealed presentation because I couldn't put them in my chip board, but the sealed plaque was the only game-in-town, so to speak, so I bought them.

Most chip collectors don't live in Las Vegas and can't go to 60 or 70 casinos as I did; however, if they attend one annual CC>CC, they could very likely duplicate these collections at a relatively low premium over face value. As an example, most of the ten, \$5.00 chips that I bought cost seven or eight dollars each and the common \$1.00 chips cost two or three dollars each. Prices do go up as chip collecting expands, so who knows what tomorrow will bring.

Happy chip collecting. ♦



New Books & Videotapes

for the Club Library

by Robert Pardue

Yo-lleven!! Eleven new additions to the Club Library

The club received donations from four members in the last few months. And I'm writing this prior to the annual convention where I hope to pick up even more books and chip guides. (I'll report on convention donations via the club website, and will list them in next quarter's magazine article.)

Archie Black donated a copy of the 2001 edition of his popular *Black's Catalog of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens*. This 2001 edition includes new AC chips and tokens issued in the past year. Featuring full color pages of all the chips, the 133-page guide is always a popular item in the club library. This

year, the guide also includes an informative article written by club member Stephen Piccolo titled "History of Legal Gambling in New Jersey."


Greg Susong provided a copy of his 2nd edition (2000) *An Illustrated Guide to the Casino Chips of American Riverboats*. The guide is well-organized and easy to use. The 128-page guide lists all the riverboat casinos in 7 states in the USA. Information includes the location, open & close dates, and color pictures of each chip — both sides, if different. All kinds of chips — value checks, roulettes, NCVs — are here, along with a retail value estimate. Internet users are probably familiar with chips posted on Greg's website at www.chipguide.com. This compan-

ion guide is useful when you don't have a computer handy (like at chip shows), and it also features price estimates not found on the website.

Richard Covington and Michael Knapp conducted a great chip seminar at the 2000 convention titled *Chipology 101*. You can find the slides to this presentation on the club website in pdf format (Acrobat Reader), but if you prefer a computer CD version, you can get the same pdf presentation on 2 CD's donated by Richard Covington. New and experienced chippers alike will find the information in *Chipology 101* to be very informative.

Last, but certainly not least, is a collection of 7 books and guides donated to the club by Neal


"Black's Catalog"
Of
**Atlantic City
Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens**



2001 Edition

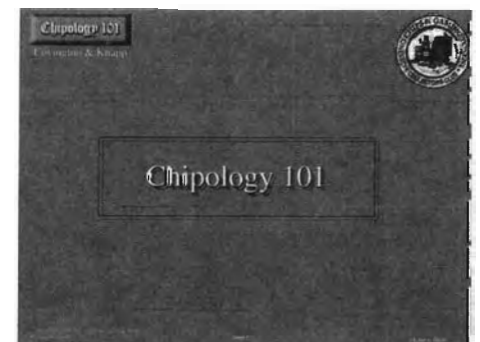
For members of Atlantic City Casino, this book is a must-have. It contains the most up-to-date information on the casino's history, including detailed descriptions of all the chips and tokens issued in the past year. It is a comprehensive reference for anyone interested in Atlantic City casino chips and gaming tokens.

**An Illustrated Guide
To The Casino Chips Of
American Riverboats**



By Greg C. Susong

**2nd Edition
INCLUDES MORE THAN 1,800 COLOR
PHOTOS AND PRICE GUIDE**



Silverman. Thanks to Neal, we now have *The Dice Man Speaketh - Las Vegas Edition* and *The Dice Man Speaketh - Reno/Lake Tahoe Edition*, both by Jeff Laudeman.

These dice books feature color copies of dice, plus a catalog description and price guide for dice from these Nevada locations. The books were published in 1996 and 1999, respectively. These guides are a welcome addition to the library. Neal also donated extra copies of books already in the library, including *The Chip Rack* (6th edition); *The Official U. S. Casino Chip Price Guide* (1st edition, hardback); *Casino Chips & Tokens of the Dutch Caribbean* (1998 edition); and *A Guide to Florida's Gaming Chips Checks and Tokens* (1996). Having extra copies is really useful when multiple requests for library materials come in at the same time. *Volume II* of the Florida guide (also 1998) was also included with Neal's generous donations.

New Videotapes

Thanks to Michael Ludwig for continuing to compile new videotapes of gaming-related programs. This quarter we received 3 additional tapes in the series of videos available to club members. The videos - #11 through #13 - contain the following programs.

Video #11

- "Beyond Closed Doors with Joan Lunden" - The Aladdin Implosion & Cirque du Soleils in LV (2000) - *A&E* - :30
- "Haunted History: Haunted Nevada" (2000) - *The History Channel* - 1:00
- "Extreme Homes" featuring Dale Seymour's home (2000) - *HGTV* - :30
- "E! True Hollywood Story" featuring Wayne Newton (2000) - *E!* - 2:00
- "E! True Hollywood Story" featuring Frank Sinatra (1998) - *E!* - 2:00

Video #12

- "E! True Hollywood Story" featuring Liberace (1998) - *E!* - 1:00
- "E! True Hollywood Story" featuring Dean Martin (1998) - *E!* - 2:00
- "Best Of" - "Las Vegas" (2000) - *The Food Channel* - :30
- "E! True Hollywood Story" featuring Donald Trump (2000) - *E!* - 1:00
- "FBI: The Untold Story" - Harvey's Casino bomb extortion case (1999) - *The History Channel* - :30

Video #13

- "Vegas Nights" (2000) - *The Discovery Channel* - 1:00
- "Biography" featuring Wayne Newton (1997) - *A&E* - 1:00
- "Casino Diaries" - #1 "Cat & Mouse" *The Discovery Channel* (2000) :30
- "Casino Diaries" - #2 "Executive Host" - *The Discovery Channel* (2000) :30
- "Travelers" - "Las Vegas" - *The Travel Channel* (1999) - 1:00
- "World's Best Places To Strike It Rich" - *The Travel Channel* (2000) - 1:00
- "Las Vegas: Get Lucky" - *The Travel Channel* (2000) - 1:00

For complete contents of the library, see the updated list posted on the club website, or request a copy by mail.

If you are interested in these or other club library materials, contact me by email at: pardue@home.com or at the address listed in the front of the magazine.

Till next quarter, hope you find that special chip or token you're seeking! ♦



Book Review by Robert Pardue

The First 100... Portraits of the Men and Women Who Shaped Las Vegas

Edited by A. D. Hopkins and K. J. Evans

THE FIRST 100



Portraits of the Men and Women
Who Shaped Las Vegas

edited by A.D. Hopkins and K.J. Evans

The first thing you'll notice about "The First 100" is that it's a BIG book — a 10 1/2" x 14" coffee table size book, to be exact. Within its 272 pages are vignettes of 100 of Las Vegas' most influential contributors over the past 100 years. This collection of 2 to 3 page mini-biographies focuses on the lives of some early settlers, politicians and other founders who set the stage for Las Vegas' later growth. You will recognize names like explorer John Fremont, William Andrews Clark (Clark County named after him) along with some lesser known figures.

A collection of Las Vegas biographies wouldn't be complete without a number of casino owners and operators.

The book includes stories and photos about Mayme Stocker, Tony Cornero, Thomas Hull, Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, Moe Dalitz, Del Webb, Benny Binion, Kirk Kerkorian, Howard Hughes, Jay Sarno, William Bennett, Don Laughlin, Bob Stupak and Steve Wynn. If you don't recognize some of these names, this book will give you an overview of their contributions to Las Vegas — the famous and infamous alike.

Entertainers are featured, including Frank Sinatra, Liberace, and even the King himself...Elvis Presley. Other modern-day "movers and shakers" are included. Through these pages, you will get a pretty good view of how Las Vegas transformed from a

small railroad stop, to a staging area for building the Hoover Dam and providing magnesium for wartime munitions, to the modern day world's largest center for gambling (or is it gaming?).

I've read quite a bit of Las Vegas history, and yet I found that these biographies include a good mix of well known facts along with some tidbits I hadn't heard elsewhere. The editors were both associated with the local newspaper, the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, so the reporting includes lots of facts, figures and dates in a concise format. The many photos are another strength for the book.

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Obituaries

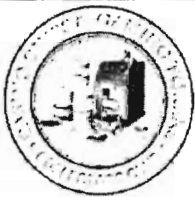
For Rosetta Stenneche

It is with deepest sorrow that I must tell you of the passing on of my aunt Rosetta Stenneche R-527 A. She passed away April 23 2001 from complications from Liver Cancer. She was a loving lady who enjoyed being in our club. Though she did not collect any of our do-dads and bobbles, she loved the adventure and fun of rooting them out. I remember the time she and I went looking for Casino Omaha and Winna Vegas in Iowa. We got lost !!! We stopped and asked people (lots of people) and though everybody gave us directions, it became obvious by noon that nobody had the slightest idea on where they were or for that matter what they were. Has we liked to put it, we scouted a lot of new territory that day. We finally found them despite the best efforts of the locals. She especially loved going to the yearly conventions, we went to six in all. She enjoyed looking around and talking to the people. At the swap meets she watched my stuff and chatted with all who came by, will I hunted and haggled. She even got lucky for me one year at the convention. At the Excalibur I had tried to get there fifth anniversary chip and was told that it had been sold out for weeks. She was standing in line at the cage and noticed that the man ahead of her had two in his handful of chips he even had a fourth anniversary chip. She talked him into selling them to her and I got my chips. She will be missed by all who knew her and it just won't be the same hunting without her.

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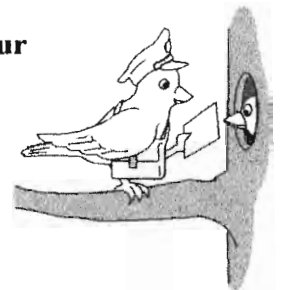
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