

Casino Chip And Token News

A Quarterly Magazine for Members of
the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

Fall Issue

October, November, December, 2001

Volume 14, #4

A Member of the
American Numismatic Association
(C-140538)



Cal-NEVA
RESORT HOTEL & CASINO

In this issue

**Cal-Neva Resort, Lake Tahoe
75th Anniversary**



is proud to present the
**World's First Silver
Strike Tournament**

O'Shea's Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
Saturday & Sunday, December 1st & 2nd, 2001

- ♥ Each participant is guaranteed to receive a Silver Strike Token limited to 150 and a one night complimentary room at the Flamingo Hotel Saturday, December 1st. The Silver Strike Token will say "World's First Silver Strike Tournament".
- ♦ Two sessions of play shall commence on Saturday, December 1st and the final session shall be held late Sunday morning, December 2nd.
- ♣ 50 Winners! The top fifty winners shall receive a gold plated #10 Silver Strike numbered one through fifty. Prizes shall be awarded at a Campaign Brunch 2 p.m. Sunday, December 2, 2001.
- ♠ CC>CC members are invited to participate. Must be 21. Management reserves all rights and verification of registration.
Limited to first 150 participants.

O'Shea's Christmas strike limited to 750, O'Shea's \$200 strike limited to 400 and the Flamingo's release of two \$200 strikes will be available at the time of this event.

Call Today!

(800) 225-4882 code 1SS12

*to confirm and hold a spot in the Tournament,
entrants must prepay using a credit card.*

No refunds after November 15th.

Extremely Limited!

Entrance Fee \$300

FREE BONUS
Stay an additional night
(Friday or Sunday) at a
reduced casino rate.



CASINO CHIP & TOKEN NEWS C.C. & G.T.C.C MAGAZINE

OFFICIAL Quarterly Publication of
The Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collector's Club

EDITOR

John Yee

602 35th Avenue
San Francisco CA 94121
415-981-5967
editor@ccgtcc.com

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Allan Anderson

775-851-3079
assteditor@ccgtcc.com

ADVERTISING MANAGER

Charles T. Rodgers

P.O. Box 4572
Lakewood CA 90711
advertising@ccgtcc.com

All rights reserved. No part of this magazine may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording or in any information storage or retrieval system without the prior express written permission of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club.

Previously unpublished, original articles are encouraged and are welcomed by the Editor. However, no assurance is implied that such material will be used or returned to the author. Proper credit for all materials that are published will be acknowledged. *No articles will be published without a byline.*

SCHEDULE OF PUBLICATION DATES

1st Quarter January, February, March
Mailing Date: Early January

2nd Quarter April, May, June
Mailing Date: Early April

3rd Quarter July, August, September
Mailing Date: Early July

4th Quarter October, November, December
Mailing Date: Early October

CLUB OFFICIALS

Got a question or a problem? Listed below are the names and the addresses of the CC>CC officials and volunteer contacts to whom your requests should be mailed.

President

Complaints/Suggestions,
By Laws Changes,
Committee Reports

Nate Pincus

P.O. Box 693
Havertown, PA 91401
president@ccgtcc.com

Vice President

Chip & Token Update,
New Issues Report

Neal Silverman

585 Merrick Road
Lynbrook NY 11563
vicepresident@ccgtcc.com

Treasurer

Finances,
Bookkeeping

David Shron

1109 Royal Birch Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89144
treasurer@ccgtcc.com

Secretary

Chapter Club Info.

Marty Kaplan

P.O. Box 24
Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750
secretary@ccgtcc.com

Membership Officer

Club Directory,
Address Corrections

Ralph Myers

P.O. Box 35769
Las Vegas, NV 89133-5769
membership@ccgtcc.com

Convention Chairman

Dealer Table Contracts,
Exhibitor Applications,
Hotel Reservation Cards

George Conrad

3609 Dalecrest Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89129
convention@ccgtcc.com

Promotions Chairman

Commemorative club medal,
Club chips, logo patches,
Meeting woods, decals,
Back issues club magazine

Richard Allard

7500 W. Lake Mead Blvd. #9-124
Las Vegas, NV 89128
promotions@ccgtcc.com

Publicity Director

Richard Burgel

282 Macsnap Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89123
publicity@ccgtcc.com

Club Librarian

Robert Pardue

P.O. Box 2014
Laguna Hills, CA 92654
librarian@ccgtcc.com

Webmaster

Greg Susong

P.O. Box 654
Wellington, KS 67152
webmaster@ccgtcc.com

CC>CC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____

My collection interests are:

- Chips Tokens
 U.S. Foreign

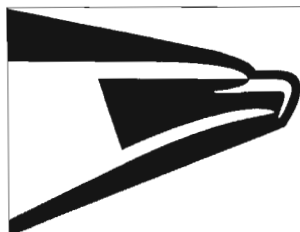
I would like you to publish my . . .

- Name and address
 Phone
 Do not publish my name and address

I have enclosed my annual dues for:

- One year \$20.00 U.S.
 Associate \$5.00 U.S.
 Foreign \$35.00*

* postal money order or U.S. funds



First Class Mail

Check here
for First Class Postage
Just \$12 more a year

Foreign mailings are at the First Class rate. All other mailings are via 3rd class mail.

Annual dues will be renewable in the same quarter in which the membership application was processed. Check our address labels for your membership expiration dates. Mail your completed application with your check made payable to CC>CC to:

CC>CC Membership Officer
Ralph Myers
P.O. Box 35769
Las Vegas, NV 89133-5769

Sponsored by: _____

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Our club C.C.&G.T.C.C. is founded under the ANA, maybe you would like to join it too. It is the largest organization of coin collectors in the world.

Regular Student Junior Senior Associate

Present or former ANA number, if any _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name, please print _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Date of Birth _____

ANA bylaws require the publication of each applicant's name and state.

Please check here __ if you DO NOT want your name and address forwarded to the ANA representative in your area. Please check here __ if you would like your name provided to companies with offers we feel may interest you. I herewith make application for membership in the American Numismatic association, subject to the Bylaws of said Association. I also agree to abide by the Code of Ethics adopted by the Association.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Proposer

Casino Chips & Gaming Token Collectors Club

Check Money Order Credit Card Type _____

Credit Card all Numbers _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature of Cardholder (Required) _____

Dues

- Regular (age 23-64) \$29* outside US \$36*
- Student (age 18-22) \$11 Junior (age 17 or younger) \$11
- Senior Citizen (age 65 older) \$25* outside US \$32*
- Associate (child or spouse of regular or life member living at member's address) \$4

*plus \$6 application fee, first year only

Forward completed application to:

ANA
818 Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279

ADVERTISING RATES
CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS
COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.
QUARTERLY PUBLICATION

“Camera Ready” advertising deadline is the 1st of the month prior to the mailing date. These rates are for camera ready display ads only. Need help with your ad? See next the column over. Please allow 3-4 weeks delivery for 3rd class mail.

DISPLAY AD RATES

1/8 Page	(Business Card) Standard size 2" x 3.5"	\$20.00
1/4 Page	(Camera Ready) Width: 3.50" x Height: 4.75"	\$35.00
1/2 Page	(Camera Ready) Width: 7.50" x Height: 4.75"	\$60.00
Full Page	(Camera Ready) Width: 7.50" x Height: 9.50"	\$100.00
Back Cover with Full Color		\$500.00
Inside Covers with Full Color	Width: 7.50" x Height: 10.00"	\$325.00
Inside Facing Pages	Width: 7.50" x Height: 10.00"	\$150.00

Note a business card is a business card not a two inch ad worked up for this space.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

These rates are for ads per column inch that are up to 3 1/2" in width and \$7.50 per inch in Height (about 6 lines). Additional overrun copy will be billed at the rate of \$1.50 per line for less than full inches, or fraction of an inch.

All ad copy must be accompanied by payment made out to “Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Club Inc.” or CC>CC. No ad will be run without payment.

Publisher assumes no responsibility for statements made by advertisers and reserves the right to reject any advertisement.

CONTRACT DISCOUNT ADVERTISING RATES

Sign up for a full year of advertising and save up to 25% on some ads. Take a look at the table below and see how much you will save.

Full payment must be sent in with your contract ad request

Ad Size	One Issue	Full Year	You Save
1"	\$10.00	\$35.00	\$5.00
2"	\$22.00	\$80.00	\$8.00
Business Card	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$10.00
1/4 Page	\$35.00	\$130.00	\$10.00
1/2 Page	\$60.00	\$220.00	\$20.00
Full Page	\$100.00	\$360.00	\$40.00

Just check off the type of ad you would like. You make changes in any of these ads in each quarter of issue. Full payment must be sent in with your contract ad request.

Yes, I Would Like	Ad Size	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	1"	\$35.00 with placement of ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	2"	\$80.00 with placement of ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Card	\$70.00 with placement of ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/4 Page	\$130.00 with placement of ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Page	\$220.00 with placement of ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page	\$360.00 with placement of ad

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

CC>CC# _____

Need help in working up your ad? Just give us a call at
 562-408-2463 and ask for C.T. Rodgers
 Fax - 562-634-8107
 E-Mail - ctcoins@aol.com

Send full payment payable to “CC>CC”
 with your advertisement to:

Charles T. Rodgers
 Advertising Manager, CC>CC
 P. O. Box 4572 Lakewood CA 90711

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
IN PUBLISHING THIS NEWSLETTER.**

PLEASE NOTE

- Do not send in ads that are folded. May we recommend that you send in your ads by Priority Mail in a flat pack marked "DO NOT BEND", this will only cost you about \$3.00 and we will receive them in about two to three days.
- When you place a one inch or two inch ad for more than one issue, you may make changes in that ad for each issue. Once again try to get the changes to us well before the deadline of each issue.
- Need help with placing an ad, size wording, give me a call at 562-408-2463 and we will work with you for the best results on placing your ads.
- When ordering items from one of our advertiser let them know what issue of the magazine you noticed their ad in.

Send full payment made out to "CC>CC"
with your advertisement to:

Charles T. Rodgers
Advertising Manager CC>CC
P. O. Box 4572, Lakewood, CA 90711

NEXT DEADLINE

1st Quarter Issue 2002
is December 1st 2001

Publication and Ad Deadline Dates

1 st Quarter: Jan-Feb-Mar	Deadline for Ads: Dec 1 st
2 nd Quarter: Apr-May-Jun	Deadline for Ads: Mar 1 st
3 rd Quarter: Jul-Aug-Sep	Deadline for Ads: Jun 1 st
4 th Quarter: Oct-Nov-Dec	Deadline for Ads: Sep 1 st



**CASINO CHIP & TOKEN NEWS
C.C. & G.T.C.C MAGAZINE**

*OFFICIAL Quarterly Publication of
The Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collector's Club*

EDITOR JOHN YEE
ASSISTANT EDITOR ALLAN ANDERSON
ADVERTISING CHARLES T. RODGERS
PRINTING PALMER PRINTING

PRESIDENT NATE PINCUS
VICE PRESIDENT NEAL SILVERMAN
TREASURER DAVID SHRON
SECRETARY MARTY KAPLAN
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER RALPH MYERS

CONTRIBUTORS

Allan Anderson • Amnada Anderson • Allen Banick
Archie Black • Rich Burgel • Ken Craig
Lisa Jung • Mel Jung • David Moore • David Niver
Nate Pincus • Dale Seymour • David Shron
Steve Snowden • Greg C. Susong • Gene Trimble
Mary Lou Waterbury • John Yee

COPY EDIT
JOHN YEE

DESIGN AND LAYOUT
ALLAN ANDERSON

WWW.CCGTCC.COM
GREG C. SUSONG
WEBMASTER

Letter

from the editor

John Yee



This is the most difficult editorial since taking over this position a little over a year ago. Admittedly, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, I along with millions of other Americans, have been paralyzed with my daily routine. Fortunately, I found comfort with my family and friends. After being glued to ABC and CNN for 36 hours taking a walk on the beach with the family momentarily gave relief to the insanity around us.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of a few club members who have given their time and money to help those involved in the tragedies of September 11th. Let us never forget the innocent men, women, and children affected by this heinous act. The Atlantic City and Southern California Chapters raised money, a few private internet auctions, and a donation from our President on behalf of the club members were made. Special acknowledgement to Andy Hughes who solicited contributions and organized one of the first auctions conducted on the Greg Susong's Chipboard bringing in several hundreds of dollars. I salute your efforts!

As we try to bring ourselves back to normalcy, I remind you that involving yourselves in our hobby is a great stress reducer. Look at your casino collectibles and give a friend a call. And the greatest stress reducer is attending a casino collectible show in your area. We've got regional chapters and shows all over the country. This year we will have two Super Bowl shows, one in January and another in February in Las Vegas. Arcadia, California produced by Jim Munding occurs twice a year. Jim Kruse's Tunica, Mississippi show is coming up. The point is, there's a show coming up in your area or close proximity and there's no better way to support the hobby than going to a locally produced show. Next year's 10th Annual International Convention will be held June 5th through June 8th, 2002 at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas. For additional information please email George Conrad, convention@ccgtcc.com

My apologies to everyone checking their mailbox daily for this quarters issue. This issue is a bit late to two things; the birth of our third child, Bryce Cole Yee and our assistant editor's relocation to Reno, Nevada. Allan has been doing a fantastic job and has been instrumental in producing this magazine. Please let him know how much you appreciate his hard work and dedication the next time you see him. And while I have your attention, how about a few more stories.

Next issue we are featuring Silver Strike tokens. If you have unusual pictures or a story please contact me.



Big brother Justin with newborn Bryce

Convention 2002

June 5th – June 8th

Dealer Tables

Dealers who had tables in 2001 will receive information by mail.

New dealers – please contact me for information and application.

Application return deadline is January 16, 2002

Al Golovin
5200 Summit Ridge Dr. #5621
Reno, NV 89523
(775) 747-4495
alisez@aol.com

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.

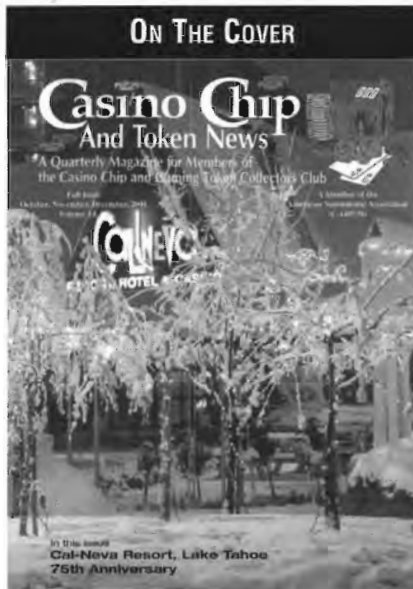
If we are going to continue to have successful Conventions we must have more people get involved. We hope you will consider helping your Club and offer to volunteer some of your time to help make the 2002 Convention the most successful ever.

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

George Conrad
3609 Dalecrest Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89129
702-645-1955
convention@ccgtcc.com

contents . . .

October · November · December 2001 Volume 14 Number 4



Cal-Neva Resort 75th Anniversary

Photograph courtesy of Cal-Neva Resort

Cover photo by
Sherrie Dita

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 5 | Letter from the Editor | 47 | New Caesars Palace Silver Strikes |
| 6 | Convention 2002 | 50 | Riverboats |
| 8 | President's Letter | 55 | 10th Annual CC>CC Convention 2002 |
| 12 | Treasurer's Report | 58 | Dining Tidbits |
| 13 | Auction 2002 | 63 | 2002 Chip and Medal Design Contest |
| 14 | California Chips | 64 | Siena Grand Opening |
| 16 | Club Merchandise | 67 | Colorado News |
| 18 | Indian Casino News | 69 | Pacific Northwest Chippers Gather |
| 21 | Cal-Neva Resort 75th Anniversary | 72 | Silver Strikes Chapter |
| 31 | Atlantic City Report | 75 | Antique Collectibles |
| 34 | New Members | 79 | Living in Amazing Las Vegas |
| 39 | Mel's Chiphistry | 80 | Sky City Casino |
| 43 | Mysteries of the Arrowdie Solved! | 83 | Atlantic City Newsletter |

President's Letter

Fall, 2001



Nate Pincus

I am writing this while the events of September 11th are still fresh in my mind. It has been difficult to think about hobbies during this period, with so many lost and so many more grieving. I know that I join with all of you in mourning for those who died and to salute the brave volunteers who displayed so much courage. The club and many of our members have helped with donations. The club has made a \$1000 donation to benefit the families of the police and firemen lost in the tragedy. I know that the Atlantic City and other chapters have contributed. Members have also been auctioning chips on the internet with the proceeds going to help.

Your new officers are working hard handling the day-to-day functions of the club. This is especially true in the case of our Membership Officer, Ralph Myers and our Treasurer, Dave Shron whose positions require on-going diligence as well as coordination with Board members and with other volunteers. We are getting used to working with each other, seeking advice and counsel and making decisions as a group.

During the past quarter, your officers took under consideration the very difficult and controversial issue of slabbing. We specifically dealt with slabbing as it relates to our convention. The outcome of the initial Board vote was split. In an effort to strike a compromise, we had further discussions and were able to come to a unanimous decision. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for my fellow Board members for the intelligent and professional manner in which they handled this issue. Here is the decision on the slabbing issue.

1) IN REGARD TO THE CLUB'S ANNUAL AUCTION:

“Graded and encapsulated chips or tokens, commonly referred to as ‘slabbed’, shall not be accepted in auction lots for the annual CC>CC Auction conducted during the CC>CC’s Annual Convention.”

2) IN REGARD TO “SLABBING” COMPANIES AS CONVENTION EXHIBITORS:

“Companies whose primary business purpose as it relates to our hobby is the grading and slabbing of chips or tokens shall be considered for dealer tables for the Club’s annual convention under the same terms and conditions as all other applicants.”

3) IN REGARD TO “SLABBING” BEING PERFORMED AT THE CLUB’S CONVENTION:

“The process of slabbing, grading and encapsulating of chips or tokens and the selling of slabbing services shall not be permitted in the convention host’s facility during the Club’s Annual Convention.”

4) IN REGARD TO THE SALE OF “SLABBED” CHIPS OR TOKENS:

“The sale of slabbed chips or tokens shall be permitted during the CC>CC’s Annual Convention.”

5) IN REGARD TO CHIP OR TOKEN EXHIBITS:

“Slabbed chips or tokens will not be accepted in any exhibit during the CC>CC’s Annual Convention.

Plans continue for the 2002 convention to be held at the Tropicana from June 5th through 8th. Convention Chairman, George Conrad is working hard to make our 10th annual convention the best ever. An important and exciting convention event is the club auction. A form is included in this issue of the magazine for submitting auction lots to Bruce Landau. Please note that there are some new rules. In addition to the regular lot submittals, Bruce will be taking a limited number of high value chips on which a reserve will be allowed and a lower commission premium will be charged. Remember, only a limited number of these chips will be accepted. I want our club auction to be the premier venue for members to auction their best chips. If you want to get the best value for your chips, submit them to our club auction.

In this issue is the notice for our convention chip and metal design contest. This is an opportunity to use your imagination and design skills and submit an entry to the club. And this is a real contest. Real cash prizes will be awarded along with the honor of having your design made into a chip or token that forever will be part of the hobby and club history.

I am very pleased to announce that club members manned a CC>CC table at the ANA convention, which was held in Atlanta in early August. Special thanks to Mark Lighterman for overseeing the club table and running the club meeting. Also volunteering were Myrna Lighterman, John and Cindy Zoesch, Rich Bernhard and Luke Rapley. There is a Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens exhibit category within ANA. The three entries in category were all awarded prizes. Congratulations to club member Robert Hoadley who was awarded Second Place.

I want to make all members aware of a situation that the Board is investigating. Earlier this year, it came to my attention that reproductions of brass core chips were appearing for sale. Examples of brass core chips are the types that have been used by Harrah’s in Lake Tahoe and the Ranch House in Wells, NV. Apparently, some of the brass cores are available and they are being molded into chips. I also understand that some existing chips are being melted down and the brass core is then re-molded back into a chip. This is being done to enhance the condition of the chip, sometimes eliminating a cancellation hole or other damage. At this time, there is no reason to believe that the problem is wide spread or that it affects lower value chips, but I do caution that you should know the person from whom you are acquiring any chip and you should ask about its history. I hope to have a further report in the next issue of the magazine.

I take comfort in these difficult times in knowing that we are part of a wonderful and generous hobby community. Many of us find solace in the friendship of fellow members during this most challenging of times.

Happy collecting and best regards to all.

Nate

Another Exciting Show Coming . . .

CASINORAMA

America's PREMIER casino collectibles show will be held in Arcadia on...

Saturday, March 23rd, 2002

Show hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. \$5 admission (Kids Free)

***** BUY — SELL — TRADE *****

**CHIPS — TOKENS — DICE — SLOT CARDS
SILVER STRIKES — POST CARDS
ASHSTRAYS — CHINA — much more**

Bid Board, Great food, Free Parking, Friendly Folks, Famous Authors
of Hobby Related Books, Plenty of Experts to Answer Your Questions,
ENJOY THE DAY WITH US!!!!

ARCADIA MASONIC HALL

50 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, California

Foothill Freeway (210) South on Santa Anita to Duarte Road, or North on Santa Anita
from San Bernardino Freeway (10). Easy to Find, bring your traders

Contact: Jim Munding

P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, CA 91791

(626) 919-0603 for information E-Mail: MUN3335@aol.com

Next Show - October 19th, 2002

WE BUY OLD SLOT CARDS

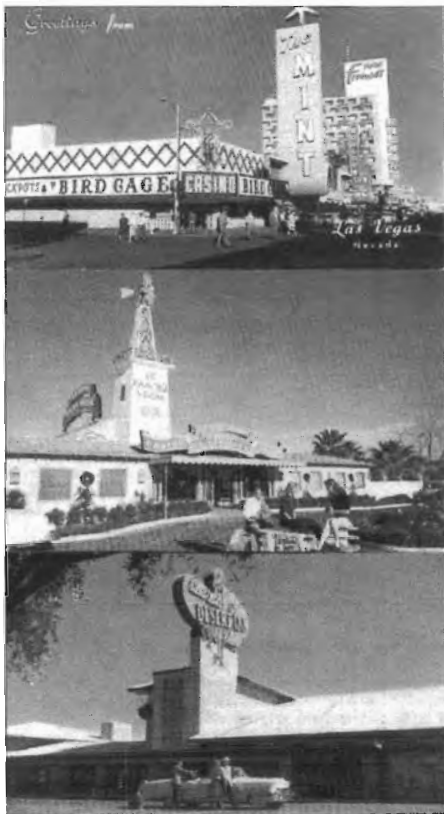
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

TOP DOLLAR PAID

Send an old slot card and receive an old 1950-1970 Post Card

Have different post cards, Limit 10 only.

Send three SLOT CARDS and receive one POST CARD



Joe Benon@earthlink.net

Joe Benon
Casino Chip Enterprises
P. O. Box 18456
Beverly Hills, CA. 90210
Phone 310-470-5100

Treasurer's *Report*

As of September 30, 2001 the balance in the club's operating and interest bearing accounts was \$100,437.00. This includes monies received from lifetime memberships in the amount of \$11,000. These funds are invested in an interest bearing account and have been reserved by the board for only this purpose. All substantial expenses have been paid.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail, telephone or mail with any questions and comments regarding the club's financial position.

Thanks for your continued support.



David Shron
Treasurer

A collage of casino-related items including various chips, tokens, a key, dice, and logos for the club and Tropicana. The central text reads: "Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club 10th Annual International Convention & Show June 5th - June 8th, 2002". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "For Info Contact: George Conrad - convention@ccgtcc.com".

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club
10th Annual International Convention & Show
June 5th - June 8th, 2002

For Info Contact: George Conrad - convention@ccgtcc.com

AUCTION 2002

At the Annual Convention of the CC>CC, June 7, 2002

All of us will agree that the 2001 Convention was a huge success and the Club Auction was one of the highlights. It is now time to consign lots for our 2002 Auction. There is one change this year, so please read carefully.

Each member (and Associate Member) may submit 2 lots – please, no current or common items. They should be sent insured return receipt request to:

**Bruce Landau
44 West Gate Road
Suffern, NY 10901**

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

This year we are making a modification to the auction and we ask you to consider the following when consigning your lots. As we have done in the past, lots will carry no minimum or reserve. We plan however; to include approximately 15-20 lots valued at a minimum of \$1,500. These lots will be only ones with a reserve. If the lot is not sold, the consignor will be charged \$100. Also, while all other lots have a 10% buyers and sellers fee, these lots will only carry a 5% fee for both the buyer and seller. In addition, these lots will be featured in color on the cover of our auction catalog and an extensive write-up will be included for each lot. So, if you have that “special” piece you want to sell, this is the best opportunity for you. There is virtually no risk and a potential of a very high return. When the piece is consigned, please be sure to indicate that it is a “Reserve” piece and state your requested reserve.

If you want, please feel free to write a description and a “sales pitch”. We of course reserve the right to edit the copy. No slabbed or graded chips will be accepted for auction. There will be no other changes for the Convention Auction.

All Lots Must Be Accompanied By A Copy Of The Submission Form. Upon receipt of your lots, Bruce will return a signed copy of the Submission Form which will be your acknowledgement of receipt. In case of duplicate submissions, the first one received will be accepted. Your auction deadlines are as follows:

December 31, 2001: Last day to submit auction lots.
March 31, 2002: Last day to order Auction Catalogs.
May 15, 2002: Auction catalogs will be mailed.
10 Days before Sale: Last day to submit mail bids.



California Chips

by David Moore

Not a lot to report in the cardrooms that I know of. The Saigon Casino in Stockton did finally issue their \$1 chip with a King design to match their 50 cent and \$5 new rack.

Another late-summer anniversary chip was Viejas Casino's \$5 LE for their 10th anniversary.

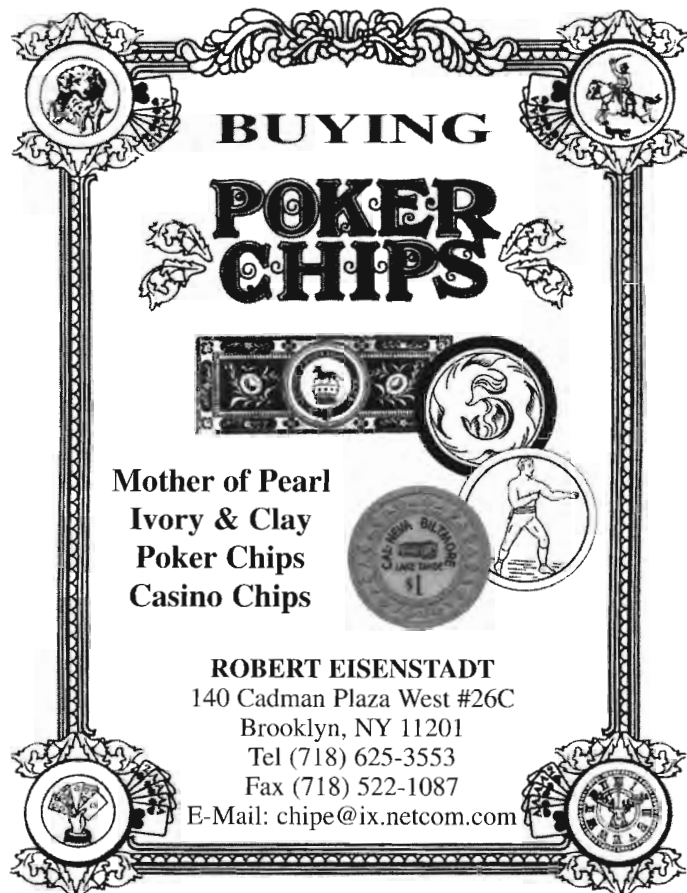
Lots of new Indian casino chips have appeared since the last report, mostly in Southern California. The Valley View Casino released a \$5 Grand Opening chip for their April 18th kickoff. The rack chips start at \$5.00. Also releasing a Grand Opening \$5 chip in April was Aqua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage. Aqua Caliente also has \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and up rack chips. Another April opening was Pala Casino in San Diego County on April 3rd with a \$5 grand opening and \$1 and \$5 rack chips. May saw the Casino Pauma open in Pauma Valley. Their \$5 grand opening featured a parrot along with plainer \$1 and \$5 rack chips. Farther north, Eagle Mountain in Porterville changed their rack to Chipcos with a new \$1, \$5 and up. They also did a "2001, Year of the Eagle" limited edition. The Golden Acorn in Campo, in my opinion, deserves a prize for dullest rack with their \$5. They don't have anything lower as it uses slot tokens instead of \$1 chips. Jackson Rancheria released a 10th anniversary \$5 limited edition in August showing off their expanded casino. Also creating a limited edition during the summer was San Manuel in Highland, which released a \$5 15th anniversary chip.





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

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



BUYING POKER CHIPS

Mother of Pearl
Ivory & Clay
Poker Chips
Casino Chips

ROBERT EISENSTADT
140 Cadman Plaza West #26C
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel (718) 625-3553
Fax (718) 522-1087
E-Mail: chipe@ix.netcom.com

Club Merchandise

Official Convention Chips & Medal Sets



2000 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$17 - Silver, \$22 Set of 2



1999 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$17 - Silver, \$22 Set of 2r



1998 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$17 - Silver, \$22 Set of 2



1997 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$17 - Silver, \$22 Set of 2



1996 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$17 - Silver, \$22 Set of 2



1995 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$22 Set of 2 (Silver)



1994 Official Convention Medal
\$5 - Bronze, \$22 Set of 2 (Silver)

2000 Convention Chip
\$4



Packaged sets are available from 1994 thru 2000

Miscellaneous Items



Member Pin
\$5

2000 Convention Pin
\$4



1997 Convention Pin
\$2.50

One color Logo Sticker
\$2



1999 Convention Pin
\$3.50

3 1/2" Embroidered Patch
\$5



Five color Logo Sticker
\$3.50

1998 Convention Pin
\$3



2000 Poker Tournament Set
\$15 - 5 chip Set

Convention T-Shirts



2000 Official T-Shirt

XXL - \$11
M, L, XL - \$10



1999 Official T-Shirt

XXL - \$11
M, L, XL - \$10



1998 Official T-Shirt

L, XL - \$8



1997 Official T-Shirt

L, XL - \$8

Casino Chip & Token News Back-Issues

Volume 6 issue 3	Volume 10 issue 2	\$5 each postage paid
Volume 6 issue 4	Volume 10 issue 3	
Volume 7 issue 1	Volume 10 issue 4	
Volume 7 issue 2	Volume 11 issue 2	
Volume 7 issue 3	Volume 11 issue 3	
Volume 7 issue 4	Volume 11 issue 4	
Volume 8 issue 1	Volume 12 issue 1	
Volume 8 issue 2	Volume 12 issue 2	
Volume 8 issue 3	Volume 10 issue 3	
Volume 8 issue 4	Volume 12 issue 4	
Volume 9 issue 2	Volume 13 issue 1	
Volume 9 issue 3	Volume 13 issue 2	
Volume 10 issue 1		

**11 inch gold rim battery
operated clock with club logo**
\$25



Make checks payable to:

CC>CC
Richard Allard, Club Promotions
7500 W. Lake Mead Blvd. #9-124
Las Vegas, NV 89128
promotions@ccgtcc.com

Casino Chip Auction Catalogs

(with prices realized)

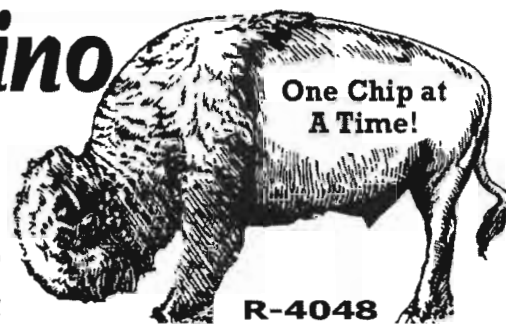
1994	1998	\$10 each postage paid
1995	1999	
1996	2000	
1997		

Please include
\$1.00 postage for orders under \$3.50
\$2.50 for orders up to \$10
\$4.50 for orders over \$10 (including medal sets & clock)

Nevada Residents subject to 7.25% sales tax



Indian Casino News in New Mexico Steve Snowden



Hoping for the Best...

I hope that this 4th Quarter issue of our club magazine finds everyone safe and sound. The tragic events back in September have forever changed our world, as we knew it. These past few months have given us time to reflect on family and friends and I wish everyone the best as we enter our holiday season.

Casino Happenings in New Mexico

These past few months in New Mexico have been rather mundane from a chip collector's point of view. Things quieted down after our 3 Grand Openings in the first half of 2001. There were not any new chips added to our casino tables since June. Banks of \$5 slot machines and their tokens finally started spinning at Espanola's Big Rock Casino a number of weeks after their Grand Opening.

The Santa Ana Star Casino located about 5 miles north of Albuquerque is still in the middle of some extensive remodeling and expansion. They are planning their Grand Opening in the Spring of 2002. New racks are planned all around and we'll be there to document it!

Preserving Gaming History

And speaking of documenting the pending Grand Opening of Santa Ana Star Casino, this is a good time to talk a bit about what I consider an obligation to this hobby and future collectors. How many times have we

asked for information on the casinos that we visit or collect? Simple questions to cage personnel, pit bosses and management all the way up the ladder are many times answered with blank stares and shrugged shoulders.

When did this casino open? When did these chips start being used on the tables? How many different slot token designs are in use at this time? When did this chip become obsolete? What is the square footage of this casino? There are seldom any knowledgeable answers to these and other questions as I visit my state's casinos. There doesn't seem to be any awareness of history nor interest in documenting on the part of casino management that I have visited with. I suspect that many of our members would get the same response from their casinos. I believe that we collectors have an obligation to our hobby to help document events related to our hobby.

I am aware that the University in Las Vegas has done a very good job of documenting gaming history for Nevada. But, I have seen very little 'official' interest by the casinos in preserving gaming history in many of the other 48 states that allow gambling. Several of our club members have written some excellent books that will be used by collectors for decades. Archie Black's Catalogue of Atlantic City Chips and Tokens and Greg Susong's

Guide to the Chips of American Riverboats are just two come to mind. Greg's site at www.chipguide.com documents most every casino in the United States with thousands of chip scans. But you can help by keeping track of opening and closing dates, new chips and tokens, etc. That's where each of you in those states come in. It reminds me of the old saying, "If you don't do it, it probably won't get done". Please consider documenting the various casino activities in your state. Grand Openings, Expansions, new chip racks and other events at your casinos may seem common place to you at the time, but collectors in the decades ahead may ONLY get that information if YOU take the time to document it now. Which segues into my next topic...

The Casino Chip & Token News magazine

HOW can you document happenings at your state's casinos? Well, you could keep track of it in a spiral notebook and store it away in your desk drawer. That's good for you, not so great for other collectors. The best way to archive information on 'your' casinos is to make it a part of this club magazine. Back issues of our magazine are kept by the Club Librarian and are available to all members in good standing. Issues are also donated to non-profit organizations such as the University for reference and study. The short time you

spend putting together a short article for this magazine will very likely be the ONLY written documentation on the subject. You'll be doing the hobby and future collectors a great service by submitting articles on gaming in your area.

But, HOW???????

You've probably noticed that this issue of our club magazine is a little 'slim'. Your article will make the difference in our next issue. It's really simple to be a part of this magazine. Articles can be typed and mailed to editor John Yee... but the preferred method is via email. Just type up your article in "Word" or similar program just like you would type a letter to a friend. Use around a 12-point type in a common type face such as Times New Roman. If you would like to add photos, you can use your digital camera or scan photos taken with your 35mm camera. Scan the pictures at 220 dpi and save them as 'black & white'. Email all of the items to John at editor@ccgtcc.com and you'll officially be a 'Contributor'!! It doesn't have to be a long article with lots of pictures. Even 100 words or so are welcome. YOUR contribution will be published and become a permanent part of gaming history. John Yee is very 'user friendly' and will take as much time as necessary to explain any questions that might come up. If he could teach me how to do this... ANYONE can learn!

A Visitor from Las Vegas...

I had the pleasure of meeting with "Goldplated" Skip from Las Vegas a couple of months ago as he and his wife casino-hopped their way across this nation. Skip gave my wife and me a crash course in 3-Card Poker and passed along a pair of comps to a Johnny Rivers concert at Isleta Casino! We visited several of our Albuquerque area casinos and

then it was back on the road for the Skipman. It was a short but fun visit with a fellow collector!

Gambling to the Oldies

And speaking of documenting gambling history... Music has done its part in helping to document gaming and gambling through the decades. I have been collecting



"Goldplated" visits Santa Ana Star Casino in New Mexico



Steve & Skip under the watchful eye of undercover security at Sandia Casino

records and music for over 45 years and I have recently started culling through my collection for gambling related songs. Music tells the story... From Kenny Rogers singing "The Gambler" to Blues legend Lightnin' Hopkins lamenting the "Three Balls Blues" (a story of having to visit a pawn shop after losing all his money gambling) and Lloyd Price telling the tale of "Stagger Lee" getting shot full of holes for cheating at dice.... the stories go on and on.

The Ink Spots - Life is just a Gamble
*** Herb Alpert - Casino Royale ***
Bob Seger - Ramblin' Gamblin' Man
*** Confederate Railroad - Roll the Dice ***
Different versions of Wheel of Fortune by the Cardinals and Kay Starr ***
The Coaster's Charlie Brown, "gambling in the hallway"
*** the list goes on and on. Like Frankie Laine - The Midnight Gambler ***,
Dolly Parton's Kentucky Gambler and the Rolling Stones doing Tumblin' Dice. If you have any suggestions for other gambling related songs, please email me at Snowden@thuntek.net so I can start working on Volume #2!

I have compiled a CD of a bunch of these gambling related songs and have donated several copies to the CCGTCC Club Library. Any member in good standing can check-out and review these music CD's along with many gaming related videos, books and magazines from the club library. A complete listing of what is available can be seen on the club's official website at www.ccgctcc.com. Look over the site or contact our Club Librarian Robert Pardue at librarian@ccgtcc.com for details on using the library.

Till the Springtime...

I wish the best to everyone and their families during this upcoming holiday season. Stay safe and happy harvesting till we meet again. ♦

CAL NEVA RESORT

75th ANNIVERSARY

by Amanda **Anderson**
and Allan **Anderson**

When Robert Sherman constructed a log cabin in 1926, he was undoubtedly ignorant of the rich history that he was building alongside his modest endeavor. Over the course of 75 years, long after it left Sherman's hands, the Cal-Neva has become the proud owner of an intriguing life, steeped in star-studded glamour, seedy underworld legend, and historical significance. Over the years, its profound place amidst Nevada and California history has led to it being called "The Lady of the Lake" and "The Castle in the Sky," names well applied because of its pristine setting. If Sherman could stand now, in 2001, and look back on the impact his creation had on Nevada history, it would probably bring a startled smile to his face.



Nevada. This eventually led to the moniker "Cal-Neva" a name that would stick with it throughout its illustrious history.

Little else appears to be known about the man who founded the Cal-Neva, and, in the late 1920s, the property left his

Sherman was a wealthy businessman from San Francisco, California, when he decided to tackle real estate in Nevada. With two partners, Harry Comstock and Spencer Grant, Sherman had a hand in developing King's Beach, Tahoe Vista, and Lake Vista. He decided to have a log cabin built in order to entertain guests and potential real estate clients. Modeled after Frank Bacon's cabin in the hit Broadway play, "Lightnin", he chose to construct his cabin straddling the border between California and

hands and he faded out of the lodge's history. For commissions owed to another real estate mogul, Norman Blitz, Sherman deeded the property to him in 1928.

Norman Blitz, like Sherman, was a real estate businessman from the San Francisco Bay Area. At the age of 25, he began selling properties along Lake Tahoe's coast, as well as buying up property in his own name. By the year 1932, Blitz owned 42,000 acres around the lake. Establishing

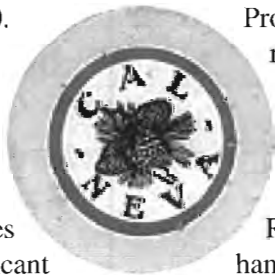


Gaming at the Cal-Neva Lodge - 1944

his fortune in Nevada, he also had a strong hand in forming the state's history. His influences brought many notable people to the state, leading to the creation of the Washoe County Library, KCRL television and radio, and the University of Nevada, Reno's Planetarium. Despite his overwhelming presence in Nevada, he represents only a small fraction of the Cal-Neva's history, having leased it out from the moment he came to own it and selling it by 1930. However, that this "Duke of Nevada," as he came to be called by *Fortune Magazine*, owned the Cal-Neva demonstrates the historically significant past of lodge. That two of the Lake Tahoe region's most prominent founders were the first two owners of the lodge places it dramatically within important Nevada history. Of course, the lodge would go on to collect an even fuller, richer history on its merits alone.

In 1930, for what today would be considered the meager amount of \$65,000, Bill Graham and Jim McKay bought the Cal-Neva

from Blitz. While Graham and McKay, like the lodge's previous owners, helped to shape Nevada culture and history, their influence was of a far more infamous nature than that of Sherman and Blitz. In the late 1920s, McKay and Graham bought and renovated Rick's Resort in Reno. Ironically, Rick's Resort was forced to close because of Prohibition, and Graham and McKay reopened it as a speakeasy called The Willows. By the 1920s, Graham and McKay also were in control of the Stockade of the Cribs, the red-light district of Reno; essentially, the two single-handedly ran the prostitution business in that city from the 1920s to the World War II. It was with the money from these investments that they were able to purchase the Cal-Neva in 1930. Unfortunately for the pair, they were arrested for mail fraud in 1934 and sent to jail for a nine-year prison sentence. This allowed the Cal-Neva to fall under the control of a gentleman by the name of Elmer "Bones" Remer, who was best known for liquor smuggling and his rough-and-tumble demeanor.



On May 17, 1937, the Cal-Neva suffered its first great tragedy when a fierce blaze raced through it, burning the still-young lodge to the ground. However, apparently having captured the affection of a previous owner, the Cal-Neva's history was not destined to end on that fateful day. Norman Blitz, the brief owner from 1928 to 1930, and contractor Adler Larsen attended to the lodge's speedy recovery. Employing over 500 men to work around the clock, the lodge was resurrected in just over 30 days.

The lodge next came under the ownership of Sanford "Sandy" Adler, who, while not seeming to have contributed heavily to the lodge's general historicity like Blitz, contributed many of the Cal-Neva's famous and enduring features. Under his rule, the Indian restaurant, initially called the Wigwam, was built, featuring a collection of trophy heads, antlers, and skins along its walls. Three wigwams, giving the room its original name, graced the stage, and, even more impressively, a grand fireplace was set into the wall near the entrance. Massive granite boulders, effectively bringing the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe inside the lodge, flanked the fireplace, which is still in existence today.

A few of Adler's contributions have not lasted to the present day. During his time as owner, the lodge's land included a small beachfront on which a sizeable steel pier was constructed. As one of the perks for his wealthy clients, Adler had a small fleet of fast speedboats available for their disposal. At any time of day or night, these boats would escort elite guests to any destination that they wished to visit. In addition to this luxury in transportation, Adler commissioned the building of a

commissioned the building of a trolley car so that his guests could tour Lake Tahoe's north shore at leisure. Although setting him back over \$18,000, the trolley became a regular tourist attraction of Lake Tahoe, later transporting tourists staying at the Tahoe Biltmore (then named the Nevada Lodge) and currently being housed at Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village, Nevada.

At the age of 30, the Cal-Neva left the extravagant hands of Sandy Adler and entered into those of Wingy Grober. This era began the draw of celebrities to the lodge's comforts. Throughout his life, Grober found success starting up businesses in various locations, including places like Miami, Philadelphia, and Havana. An acquaintance that fostered into friendship from his Miami Beach days was a man by the name of Joe Kennedy, the father of future president, John F. Kennedy. The Kennedys, over the next span of years, often visited the Cal-Neva for recreation and to escape the public eye.

This marked the beginning of the Cal-Neva's most decadent and luxurious era, brought to a climax with the introduction of Frank Sinatra. The incredibly popular entertainer had become so attached to



the lodge and its pristine surroundings that he chose to undertake its ownership. Convinced that, under the right management and with the proper investment power, the lodge could achieve unparalleled success, Sinatra bought out Grober and his partners in 1960. After receiving his gaming license, the singer threw himself into reviving the Cal-Neva, initiating extensive remodeling and construction.

Among his many projects, the well-known Celebrity Show Room was built, featuring a helicopter pad on its roof. As its name suggests, this room became the showcase of a parade of celebrities that visited during Sinatra's reign. The names of those that joined the attraction ranged from glamorous Hollywood starlets to notorious underworld figures. Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Ella Fitzgerald, Jimmy Durante, Lena Home, Tony Bennett, and the McGuire Sisters are some of the stars that patronized and performed at the Celebrity Show Room. Marilyn Monroe as well as President John F. Kennedy's family members were also regular visitors, which sparked anticipated rumors of secret trysts.

In those early days, the lodge not only consisted of the main building complex that housed the casino but also included 57 chalets that served as guestrooms. Sinatra had one of the best chalets with an incomparable view of Lake Tahoe reserved for Monroe to use during her many visits. Sinatra also kept a private chalet for himself on the grounds. During his ownership, he had a secret tunnel installed between his chalet and the main casino that allowed hassle-free trips back and forth. The brick tunnel is still in existence and boasts a staircase with the original patterned casino carpeting of Sinatra's heyday. Both Monroe's and Sinatra's chalets are still available for the Cal-Neva's guests to rent but, understandably, the entrance to the singer's tunnel has been closed off.

Of course, in addition to the other slew of famous faces frequenting the lodge, Sinatra's famous closely-knit group, the Rat Pack, was often in attendance. Consisting of Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, Joey Bishop, and Peter Lawford (who was married to Patricia Kennedy, President Kennedy's sister), this group alone carried with it an immeasurable amount of star power. On occasion, Martin and Sinatra were even known to have given impromptu performances on the Celebrity Show Room's stage. Davis Jr., Monroe, and singer Juliet Prowse also took the stage for awe-struck audiences. At this time, however, it appears that the multitude of celebrity faces was more expected than abnormal. While those like Martin, Prowse, and the lodge's owner crooned through songs on stage, other equally recognizable stars and politicians sat in the audience and played at the casino.





Circle Bar as seen in 1945

However, despite what some may assume, Sinatra did not only increase the number of celebrities in the area. He brought two stores into the lodge, housing them outside of the Show Room: Joseph Magnin's and another men's shop became available for curious shoppers. From a Los Angeles artist, Ben Mayer, Sinatra also commissioned two large murals to flank either the Show Room's stage. The murals elegantly depicted the evolution of show business throughout history, beginning with the Stone Age and bringing it into modern times. Sinatra also helped in redecorating the widely known Circle Bar. In a move that amusingly shows Sinatra's sense of humor, he personally chose various stuffed animals to place around the room's high ceiling. Each animal was named after a personal friend of Sinatra's, which no doubt initiated a lot of teasing and ribbing among the elite group that had the honor bestowed upon them.

In his three short years of control, Sinatra ushered in the Cal-Neva Lodge's most profitable and popular era yet experienced. Not too surprisingly, Sinatra was not ready to

sit back, relax, and enjoy his accomplishments. He had the desire to extend the lodge's season year-round (at that time, it was only open for business during the summer months, closing on Labor Day of each year). He also had plans to utilize his helicopter pad for guest excursions to Reno, where he planned to build Sinatra's Shangri-La. Opening up that route of transportation between the two cities could have increased the lodge's profit margin considerably. With a seemingly endless potential for improvement, the lodge was an

alluring challenge. Unfortunately, for Sinatra, that challenge ended after three years.

Nevada kept what was known as its Black Book – a list of individuals who were unwelcome in the state's casinos. They were not allowed to enter any gaming establishment, even if invited as guests. Sam Giancana, an acquaintance, if not close friend, of Sinatra's was on that list.

Giancana had the notorious reputation of being linked to underworld crime organizations, and Nevada was heavily trying to discourage that world's influence on its own. Many people have commented that Giancana was Chicago's most flamboyant mob boss since the days of Al Capone, having wide social circles, an intense amount of power, and a tendency to mingle with Hollywood stars. Whether or not Giancana visited Sinatra at the Cal-Neva in the past is unknown. What is definite, however, is that he did show up in 1963 and was subsequently caught by the FBI.

In 1963, Sinatra invited the McGuire Sisters to perform in his



The Nevada/California border divides the pool

Celebrity Show Room. The musical combo consisted of three attractive sisters, and Phyllis McGuire, the youngest of the combo, was known to be Giancana's girlfriend. When Giancana went to visit her at the lodge, authorities somehow got wind of it and controversy ensued. Despite the fact that Sinatra had an inarguable impact on the local economy with his flashy guests and premier entertainment, he broke one of Nevada's inflexible rules when he allowed Giancana to enter the Cal-Neva. Sinatra, as he did every year, closed the club on Labor Day that year. On October 22, 1963, the Nevada Gaming and Control Board revoked his license and deprived him of the ability to reopen the club in its new season. It was in this way that Cal-Neva ended the most extravagant, profitable, and awe-inducing reign of its existence. Even though it has gone through many incarnations over the years, by bringing the glamour of Hollywood to its floors, Sinatra arguably provided the lodge with its most fascinating era.



The ensuing decades were ones of decline, at least when compared to the sudden resurgence of interest in the early 60s. Obviously, after that glamorous, short-lived era ended, it was difficult for people to look at the lodge with something other than indifference. The famous figures drifted away taking with them their draw and their money. The following twenty years saw the popularity and the prestige of the lodge fade into obscurity.

A succession of several investment companies moved in to run the lodge but they never remained for more than a few years at a time. In 1964, the Crystal Bay Development Company leased the

Cal-Neva; to their credit, they introduced the area's first ice show to the Celebrity Room that summer. A California man with a varied past, Robert Peccole, was next in line to lease the lodge, running it from 1965 to 1966. Peccole came to the Cal-Neva in the early 50s when he worked as a dealer for Sandy Adler. Over the years, his involvement in the Nevada business world increased with the ownership or management of several gaming establishments, such as Caesar's Palace, Howard Johnson's in Sparks, A and P Slots in Reno, and the Lake Tahoe Hotel in Incline Village. It was the purchase of that latter hotel that caused him to leave the Cal-Neva. The next owners of the lodge were, coincidentally, the owners of Club Cal-Neva in Reno; they purchased and operated the lodge in Tahoe until 1969, spending only two years with the property. The following two operators of the Cal-Neva Lodge were investment companies – the Ohio Investment and Trust Company which bought the lodge in 1970 and Kirk Kerkorian's Tracinda Investment Corporation which took over the property in 1976.

It was the Cloud family – Ronald, Jessman, and their son, Stephen – that purchased the Cal-Neva in July of 1980. Like the early creators and owners of the lodge, Ronald Cloud was a Californian that began dealing with real estate in order to make his fortune. His ensuing ventures involved a variety of arenas, including wholesale heating and plumbing concerns, wine vineyards, and a national bank. The Cloud family eventually moved to Incline Village in Nevada, where Cloud gained the reputation of being a skilled gambler. Nine years after their move, in 1980, the Cloud family purchased the Cal-Neva Lodge. Despite his constant assurances that he was a very involved owner, Jessman Cloud was once quoted as commenting that "Cal-Neva [was] just a toy" for Ronald. Regardless of how directly he was involved in the running of the Cal-Neva, Ronald Cloud never denied how heavily he relied upon managers and advisors; his son, Stephen, an attorney in Fresno, supplied his father with legal counsel regularly. Perhaps the greatest skill that Cloud lacked was that of public relations, at once being a very determined and inflexible businessman. He preferred pursuing the business aspects of his lodge than



Poolside in the early 50's



70th anniversary chip set by Chipco. This was the first stackable set made for any casino.

mingling with the guests that it served.

Beginning with the Cloud family's ownership, the Cal-Neva Lodge became the center of a whirlwind of legal battles. Cloud was forced to deal with several hassles, involving various Nevada branches of government. At one point, when 46 slot machines were tampered with, the Nevada Gaming Control Board and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency stepped in. While it resulted in accusations and, ultimately, a large fine and unflattering press, Cloud was exonerated from the charges. Yet, other problems followed and, in 1983, Cloud lost his gaming license and was forced to give the lodge up. In January of 1985, it was sold to Cobalt Capital Corporation.

Unfortunately, the Cal-Neva still had a while to wait before reaching calm waters. The Cobalt Capital Corporation was a newly formed organization who's Vice President, John R. Perroton, had questionable business tactics. The Corporation paid an exorbitant amount for the lodge, in excess of \$17,000,000, and consisted of ten shareholders that Perroton refused to name. One of the factors that allowed Perroton to purchase the lodge was a loan he obtained from Hibernia Bank. Ironically, barely a week after the

loan was issued, Perroton was convicted of fraud and jailed; that criminal activity surrounded a completely separate loan that Perroton had taken out from another bank. In connection with an auto leasing company, Perroton defrauded Crocker National Bank of \$1,000,000 and was subsequently caught by the FBI. Unfortunately, for Hibernia Bank, the federal agency did not catch him before they handed over their loan. When Perroton testified that the Sheraton Corporation had promised to back him, guarantee the loan, and lease the lodge, he presented documents with made-up names and forged signatures. He was charged a \$1,000,000 fine and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

Hibernia Bank gained possession of the Cal-Neva and moved to liquidate the property as quickly as possible, having claimed Chapter 11 in the federal bankruptcy court. Several potential deals took shape, one of them made by a trio of businessmen that offered a cash bid of \$16,500,000. For unexplained reasons, this and

other deals fell through. However, in the grand view of the Cal-Neva, these collapsed business deals ultimately worked in its favor. In 1985, the Cal-Neva was finally sold to another California man, Charles Bluth, who would change the face of the aging lodge.

Just as Sherman, Blitz, and Cloud were Californians with backgrounds in real estate, Bluth and his family hail from Arcadia, California, where he was a real estate developer and builder. He was a newcomer to the gaming industry and the Lake Tahoe area, but, because of that, his vision for the Cal-Neva Lodge was an entirely unique one. While waiting for his application for a gaming license to be accepted, Bluth threw himself into reviving the dormant



A cabin at the Cal-Neva Resort



75th Anniversary chip set

Common Back

lodge with this new vision. When his license was approved, on August 21, 1986, his ambition and excitement opened the lodge's door only a short 21 hours later.

Yet, before his license was approved, Bluth had taken steps to transform the Cal-Neva, and his work continues to this day. When it came into his hands, he immediately began renovating the lodge, restoring it to the original appearance it held after being gutted by fire in 1937.

Completely renovating the hotel rooms, coffee shop, and kitchen, he's also retained some of the famous landmarks of the lodge, such as the massive stone



fireplace with its natural boulders. This fireplace, beloved by so many of the Cal-Neva's patrons, has once again become the focal point of the Indian Room. When Sinatra took over the lodge from Wingy Grober, the Indian Room had virtually disappeared, being replaced by the more extravagant Celebrity Show Room and such additions as the helicopter pad. For the first time in the lodge's history, both the Indian Room and the Celebrity Room exist side-by-side, exhibiting the many phases of the Cal-Neva's history within the main building. In fact, instead of simply resurrecting the Indian Room, Bluth

has converted it into a virtual shrine to Native American culture. The room has regained its original open beam ceiling, and its walls are adorned with Native American art, historical artifacts of the local Washoe Indian tribe, and memorabilia from the original lodge. The delicate skill of Native American art is depicted in baskets dating to the turn of the century as well as two Kachina dolls that are rumored to protect the Cal-Neva from evil spirits.

To also express the respect he carries for Native American culture and history, Bluth commissioned a bronze statue from David Manuel, a highly respected sculpture in the American art scene. The 16-foot-high statue is an elaborate depiction of Chief Joseph, the man that led 700 of his people over 1,800 miles in the pursuit of freedom in Canada. Captured only 50 miles from the Canadian border, where he was attempting to meet up with Sitting Bull, Chief Joseph represents bravery, spirit, and endurance during difficult times, traits that all people can admire. Bluth has made this statue a very visible focal point for his lodge, knowing that the area the Cal-Neva resides in acted as a resting spot for the Washoe Indian tribe for thousands of years.



Bluth's renovations did not end there. He also introduced many new stores and a children's arcade into the spot that J. Magnin's used to claim. The arcade is a lavish distraction for guests' children, including a pizza bar and up-to-date video games. The Circle Bar was also retained, now boasting a dazzling crystal dome that is suspended from the bar's ceiling. Containing over 7,000 hand-cut pieces of German crystal, the impressive structure took six months to engineer. To draw those beginning new lives together, he incorporated several venues for weddings onto the lodge's premises. A chapel for indoor weddings, a pool-adjacent gazebo for outdoor weddings, honeymoon suites, catering services, reception facilities, and florist shops have all been added. In 1991, he also added a 3,000 square foot European Health Spa that personalizes its treatments for every individual. Dim lighting, soothing music, and complimentary bathrobes and beverages all add to the relaxing atmosphere that draw patrons looking to pamper themselves.

In fact, from the moment he opened the doors of the lodge, Bluth transferred the emphasis from a gaming establishment to an atmospheric resort, a change non-existent in the lodge's past. When he reopened the Cal-Neva in 1986, there were no keno or poker tables; instead, he provided a little over 200 slot machines and less than a dozen table

games. In 1994, he cut these amenities down by an additional 40 percent. His preference was to focus on the lodge's ability to provide a more traditional vacation, evidenced in his tasteful, historical décor, the introduction of wedding and spa facilities, and the introduction of children's entertainment. In line with all of these changes, Bluth renamed the decades-old lodge to fit with its new transformation: after 70 years of history, the Cal-Neva Lodge became the Cal-Neva Resort.

Built in 1926, this year brings the Cal-Neva Resort its 75th birthday. Not only can it boast the proud title of "the country's oldest casino," it can also demonstrate with pride the history that that name implies. Over three-quarters of a century, the Cal-Neva Resort has been a witness to a varied past, from its humble

beginnings to luxurious, celebrity-studded times to worrisome decline and, finally, to a much-deserved revival. The progression of Nevada's history, its diverse people and culture, is evidenced within its four walls. From its ideal setting, amid rugged

snow-clad peaks and the serenity of Lake Tahoe, to its rich history, the Cal-Neva Resort epitomizes enduring vacation ideals. And with the new-found interest and care being placed in it, it will be sure to retain its title as "the Lady of the Lake." ♦



A NEW PUBLICATION

By Dale Seymour, Ken Craig & Ralph Strandwold

Contains pictures of previously uncoded antique gambling chips found in the past 4 years.

More than 350 illustrations and new codes.

Spiral bound with colored cover.

Price: \$16.00

Please add \$3.50 for priority mail or \$2.00 for book rate.

Send payment to:

PAST PLEASURES
11170 Mora Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

Supplement of Chip Codes

Antique Gambling Chips



Dale Seymour
 Ken Craig
 Ralph Strandwold

NEW RENO CHIP FIND

MINUTES OF NEVADA GAMING CONTROL BOARD WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 25, 1956

RENO CARD ROOM—POKER GAMES (FRANK ALLEN WEAVER)—RENO

Mr. Frank Weaver, accompanied by his counsel, Ralph Tucker, appeared before the Board in support of his application for a license for the Reno Card Room.

Mr. Tucker explained the leasing situation at the proposed premises, 20 1/2 East Commercial Row.

Mr. Weaver outlined to the Board his proposed financing for the operation, the source of his funds, and his personal background

The following action was taken on applications:

Reno Card Room — Poker Games, Reno —Frank Allen Weaver 100% Approved

One of the most thoroughly researched and authenticated Nevada chip finds. Researched and attributed by Gene Trimble and Larry Hollibaugh. You will receive 10 pages of documentation including a copy of the Nevada Gaming Control Board minutes and the grand opening advertisement that appeared in the Nevada State Journal on March 2, 1956.

76 complete sets were found. Less than 50 are currently available for purchase @\$156.90 per set (including priority mail, insurance and delivery confirmation). A set consists of the 5 cent, 25 cent, \$1 and \$5 denominations.



Send check or money order to:

Wayne Murphy, 2508 Parkview Court #301 Suffolk, VA 23434

Murph4qs@msn.com

Member CC>CC R-5244/AC R-467

CHIP COLLECTION AUCTION

Complete Collection Only – No Individual Chip Sales

Call, Write, or Send E-mail for Closing Date and Additional Info

Jack Carson (R-0928), 700 Auburn Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912-5853

301-270-2096 tymetraveller@att.net

dse = double-sided error chip, see notes err = error chip, see notes obs = believed to be obsolete

#	denom	casino	location	manufacturer	notes	condition	#	denom	casino	location	manufacturer	notes	condition
1	\$5	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson		good	85	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	blue color	excellent
2	\$1	Marlboro VFD	Upper Marlboro, MD	Paulson?		obs, poor	86	\$.00	'94 CC>CC	Convention club chip	Chipco		uncirculated
3	\$5	Marlboro VFD	Upper Marlboro, MD	Paulson?		obs, very good	87	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'94 CC>CC	Convention	Chipco, excell.
4	\$1	Branchville	VFD, Branchville, MD	Paulson		obs, excellent	88	\$.00	'95 CC>CC	Convention club chip	Chipco		excellent
5-7	\$1, \$5, \$20	Patio Club	San Raf., CA	Chipco		obs, err blk king diam, ex.	89	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'95 CC>CC	Convention	Chipco, excell.
8	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		uncirculated	90	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'95 CC>CC	Convention	Paulson, excel.
9	\$1	Silver Hill VFD	Silver Hill, MD	Chipco		obs, excellent	91	\$5	Foxwoods	Ledyard, CT	Paulson		very good
10	\$5	Silver Hill VFD	Silver Hill, MD	Chipco		obs, excellent	92	\$1	Lac Vieux Desert	Watersmeet, MI	Chipco		excellent
11-15	\$.50, \$1, \$5, \$20, \$100	Floyd's	Martinez, CA	Paulson		obs, Pretty Boy (\$.50, \$1, \$5) & Ruby Floyd (\$20, \$100), excellent	93	\$5	Claridge	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		excellent
16	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		excellent	94	\$5	Mirage	Las Vegas, NV	unknown		excellent
17-20	\$.00	'89-'92 ANA	Convention	unknown		uncirculated	95-96	\$2, \$10	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco		New Year's '95, exc.
21	\$.00	'93 CC>CC	Convention club chip	Chipco		uncirculated	97	\$1	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	The Burt Co.		tournament chip, excel.
22	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		'93 CCGTCC convention, excellent	98	\$50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco		dse Indian Chief, excel.
23-28	\$5	Caesars	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		'92 David Copperfield, Buddy Hackett, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Red Skelton, George Burns, excel.	99	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", good
29	\$5	Resorts	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson		good	100-107	\$1	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		err blank reverse, excellent
30	\$5	Resorts	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		excellent	108-111	\$5	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		err blank reverse, excellent
31	\$5	Showboat	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson		very good	112	\$5/\$25	Monte Carlo	Reno, NV	unknown		fake error chip, fair
32-33	\$1, \$5	Kentland VFD	Kentland, MD	Paulson		obs, excellent	113	\$0	Merv Griffin Resorts	AC, NJ	Chipco		err double-strike roulette, ex.
34-35	\$5, \$25	Ranchinn	Elko, NV	unknown		obs, very good	114	\$1	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		err different black light words, excel.
36	\$5	Trump Taj Mahal	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson		very good	115	\$2.50	Trump Plaza	AC, NJ	Burt Co.		err promo chip has \$5 mold, ex.
37-42	\$5	Caesars	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		'93 Ann-Margret, Abe Lincoln, Geo. Washington, Bob Newhart, Joan Rivers, Johnny Mathis, excellent	116	\$1	Trump Plaza	AC, NJ	Burt Co.		err promo chip has \$5 mold, excell.
43	\$2.50	Bladensburg VFD	Bladensburg, MD	Chipco		excellent	117	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.
44	\$1	Boardwalk Regency	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson?		obs, very good	118	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Soda Fountain", un
45	\$1	Gloria's	Petaluma, CA	Paulson		obs, very good	119	\$.00	Merv Griffin Resorts	AC, NJ	Chipco		err dbl. strike roulette, ex.
46	\$5	Gold Coast	Las Vegas, NV	unknown		good	120	\$.00	'94 CC>CC	Convention	solid silver token		uncirculated
47	\$25	Cinar Hotel	Istanbul	Chipco		notched, err \$100 on rim, uncirculated	121	\$.00	'94 CC>CC	Convention	solid bronze token		uncirculated
48	\$50	Floridian	Miami Beach, FL	US Playing Card Co.		obs, uncirculated	122	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.
49	\$1	Isle Vista	Red Cliff, WI	Chipco		excellent	123	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		uncirculated
50	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		very good	124	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", good
51	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		'92 Billy Ray Cyrus, excellent	125	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", very good
52	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		'93 Engelbert Humperdinck, excel.	126	\$.00	'93 CC>CC	Convention club chip	Chipco		uncirculated
53	\$5	Harrah's	Lake Tahoe, NV	Chipco		'90 Chip of the Year, excellent	127	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.
54	\$5	Main Street Station	LV, NV	Chipco		'91 Chip of the Year, excellent	128	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		uncirculated
55	\$1	Lilly Belle's	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco		'92 Chip of the Year, excellent	129	\$2	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco		dse "vineyard worker", excell.
56	\$5	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		'93 Chip of the Year, excellent	130	\$10	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco		dse "vineyard worker", exc.
57	\$5	Caesar's	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		'93 A.C.O.R.A. boat race, excel.	131	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", very good
58	\$5	Caesar's	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco		'93 Intern. Handicap race, excel.	132	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", very good
59	\$5	Rouge Et Noir-Seaview	St. Maarten, VI	unknown		uncirculated	133	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "Pai Gow tiles", very good
60	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco		obs, excellent	134	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", good
61-65	\$5	Cactus Jack's	Carson City, NV	Chipco		'92-'96 Coll. Ed., excell.	135	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "Pai Gow tiles", good
66	\$1	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, excel.	136	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco		dse "Walking Liberty", ex.
67	\$2.50	Maj. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, excel.	137	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco		dse "Bowl of Gold", excel.
68	\$5	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, excel.	138	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", very good
69	\$25	Majest. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, excel.	139	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", very good
70	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco		'91 Collector's Ed., excellent	140	\$5	CO Central Station	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco		dse "towers", excell.
71	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco		'92 Collector's Ed., excellent	141	\$5	CO Central Station	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco		dse "no tower", exc.
72	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco		'93 Collector's Ed., excellent	142	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "kings", excellent
73	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco		'94 Collector's Ed., excellent	143	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco		dse "Pai Gow tiles", good
74	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco		'95 Collector's Ed., excellent	144	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.
75	\$1	Jupiters	Queensland, Australia	Bud Jones?		excellent	145	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco		dse "Soda Fountain", un
76	\$5	Crown	Melbourne, Australia	Paulson		very good	146	\$.00	'93 CC>CC	Convention	solid silver token		uncirculated
77	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Paulson		very good	147	\$.00	'93 CC>CC	Convention	solid bronze token		uncirculated
78	\$1	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco		"Egypt" under black light, excellent	148	\$5	Holland America Line	Paulson			cruise ship, very good
79	\$1	Legend of the Seas	cruise ship	Chipco		excellent	149-150	100,000	Casino De Mexico	Paulson			excellent
80	\$5	Fascination	Carnival Cruise Lines	Paulson		excellent	151	50,000	Casino De Mexico	Paulson			excellent
81	\$1	Santa Ynez Indian Casino	CA	R/J Plastics		'94 Limited Ed., excel.	152	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco		'91 Wild Rice Pple, ex
82	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco		'91 Wild Rice People, exc.	153	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		rust color, excellent
83	\$1	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco		'91 Wild Rice People, exc.	154-159	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		blue color, exc.
84	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		rust color, excellent	160-168	\$1	Maj. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, exc.
							169-173	\$5	Maj. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)		obs, exc.



Atlantic City REPORT

by Archie Black

I'm sort of embarrassed to have to report basically what I've reported in the previous issue of the club magazine. Nothing doing here in A.C. this past quarter either!! Other than a \$25 Lynyrd Skynyrd chip that was issued by Trump Marina in late August, and a pair of \$5 & \$25 Hooters hologram style chips in October everything is relatively quiet. The \$5 Hooters chip created somewhat of a scramble for the very restricted number of 600 issued, making this chip the second lowest number of a \$5 L.E. issued in Atlantic City. The lowest \$5 L.E. issued (500) was a Caesars \$5 fight chip Lewis vs. Golata.

Oh, there are some rumored chips on the horizon that are scheduled to be released.... but no official confirmation as to when. As of this writing, two weeks before the annual Miss America Pageant is scheduled to be held ... no definite word has been leaked about any commemorative chips being issued to mark this major National event. I also hear a rumor about a couple of Limited Edition chips to be released at Trump Marina.... to commemorate a few of the more upscale restaurants at Marina.

Still waiting for the \$100 Taj Mahal Casbah LE chip to be released "soon". Everything seems to be up in the air here in "Vegas By The Sea". While not chip related, The Donald has announced that he is planning a 1.5 Billion Dollar mega-resort 70+ story casino to be built on the former Trump World's Fair boardwalk site that is presently being demolished. The name of the proposed new casino has not been divulged. Available additional land space and financing seem to be the major hurdles to be presently overcome.

I have really nothing else of significance to report... other than the long-awaited Tunnel is now open, connecting the A.C. Expressway and the new Convention Center with the Marina District where the new steel for the Borgota Casino is steadily rising skyward from the foundations. ♦



ATLANTIC CITY CHIPS SALE

CHUCK TOMARCHIO
P.O. BOX 247
SOUTH ELGIN, IL 60177-0247

SEE BLACK'S CATALOG

TRUMP'S CASTLE ROYAL FLUSH SERIES SET	-	\$175.00/\$5 POSTAGE
CAESARS A.C. CELEBRITY/COLLECTOR SERIES	-	\$150.00/\$5 POSTAGE
<i>WITH FIRST CAESARS BUST CHIPCO & PLANET HOLLYWOOD (18 CHIPS)</i>		
ATLANTIS \$1.00 (ATL-1)	-	\$18.00 POSTAGE PAID
ATLANTIS \$2.50 (ATL-2.5)	-	\$80.00 POSTAGE PAID
ATLANTIS \$5.00 (ATL-5)	-	\$80.00 POSTAGE PAID
BRIGHTON \$1.00 (BRI-1)	-	\$18.00 POSTAGE PAID
PLAYBOY \$2.50 (PLA-2.5) (WORN)	-	\$40.00 POSTAGE PAID
BOARDWALK REGENCY \$1.00 (BOA-1)	-	\$18.00 POSTAGE PAID
BOARDWALK REGENCY \$1.00 (BOA-1a)	-	\$ 8.00 POSTAGE PAID
BOARDWALK REGENCY \$2.50 (BOA-2.5a) (WORN)	-	\$35.00 POSTAGE PAID
BOARDWALK REGENCY \$5.00 (BOA-5a)	-	\$50.00 POSTAGE PAID
THE GRAND NUMBERED CAR SET	-	\$75.00 POSTAGE PAID
CAESARS \$5.00 LEWIS vs. GOLOTA (CAE-5aa)	-	\$50.00 POSTAGE PAID
GOLDEN NUGGET \$1.00 (GOL-1)	-	\$ 8.00 POSTAGE PAID
GOLDEN NUGGET \$1.00 (GOL-1a)	-	\$12.00 POSTAGE PAID
GOLDEN NUGGET \$2.50 (GOL-2.5)	-	\$60.00 POSTAGE PAID
GOLDEN NUGGET \$5.00 (GOL-5)	-	\$75.00 POSTAGE PAID
GOLDEN NUGGET \$5.00 (GOL-5a)	-	\$75.00 POSTAGE PAID
HARRAH'S TRUMP PLAZA \$1.00 (HTP-1,1a,1b,&1c)	-	\$80.00/\$2 POSTAGE
HARRAH'S TRUMP PLAZA \$2.50 (HTP-2.5)	-	\$80.00 POSTAGE PAID
HILTON \$1.00 (HIL-1)	-	\$12.00 POSTAGE PAID
HILTON \$5.00 (HIL-5)	-	\$225.00 POSTAGE PAID
RESORTS NCV SET (21 CHIPS)	-	\$75.00/\$5 POSTAGE
SANDS \$20.00 (SAN-20a) MISS AMERICA #0444	-	\$75.00 POSTAGE PAID
TROPICANA \$5.00 WILL ESPIN	-	\$30.00 POSTAGE PAID
<u>I WILL INSURE MAILINGS AT BUYER'S EXPENSE</u>		

COLORADO COLLECTION OFFER

<u>CRIPPLE CREEK</u>	-	17 \$1.00 CHIPS, 18 \$5.00 CHIPS
<u>BLACK HAWK</u>	-	14 \$1.00 CHIPS, 12 \$5.00 CHIPS
<u>CENTRAL CITY</u>	-	17 \$1.00 CHIPS, 8 \$5.00 CHIPS, 1 \$.50 CHIP

MANY OF THESE CHIPS ARE LISTED AS OBSOLETE. CHIPS COLLECTED FROM THE START OF COLORADO GAMING IN LATE 1991 UNTIL 1993-94. I OFFER A FREE PRINTED LISTING OR A COLOR COPY OF ALL CHIPS FOR \$5.00. MINIMUM BID FOR ALL CHIPS (ONE LOT) WILL BE INCLUDED WITH BOTH LISTINGS (I DIDN'T HAVE TIME BEFORE AD DEADLINE TO EVALUATE THE COLLECTION). WANT TO KNOW THE MINIMUM BID? GIVE ME A CALL. BID CLOSING IS MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 15, 2001 (MAIL, E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE). REMINDER: THIS OFFER IS FOR THE WHOLE COLLECTION AS ONE LOT.

E-MAIL: cmtomarchio@prodigy.net

QUESTIONS: Call me at 847-429-1924 (Please leave your name and telephone number)



Hotel and Casino NEWS



One of the most spectacular opening nights in Las Vegas took place this July at the new Carver House Hotel and Casino. This beautiful new installation is an 88-room hotel with casino, lounge bar, coffee shop, swimming pool, men's apparel shop, 24-hour beauty and barber shops and "Mr. B's Supper Club." The gaming casino, which formally opened July first, has 32 slot machines, two craps tables, four "21" tables and a keno booth. Rooms at the Carver House are as low as \$8 with special rates available to social, fraternal and professional groups. Principal owners of the new hotel are Paul Woodward, George Smith, Jr., and Abe Cohen.

Carver House is promoting regular excursion trips every weekend from Los Angeles. Guests travel by air-conditioned Greyhound buses, leaving Los Angeles at eight p.m. Friday and returning noon Saturday, and one leaving Los Angeles at nine a.m. Saturday and returning two a.m. Sunday.

The torrid "Le Jazz Hot" is currently showing in "Mr. B's Supper Club," starring popular John Bubbles, Nichelle Nicole, and the beautiful Carverettes. Choreography is by Lon Fontaine, with Eagle I. Shield's orchestra providing background music for the dazzling show.

A \$100 million merger between the Sahara-Nevada and the Del Webb Corporations is presently being consummated. The recently formed Sahara-Nevada Corporation includes the Sahara Hotel, Mint and Lucky Strike Clubs, in addition to other real estate belonging to the Corporation. Ten of the Del Webb Corporation's "Highway-house Motor Hotels" have been sold for more than \$6.5 million. Reportedly the sale was to gain suf-

ficient capital for the merger and subsequent enlargement of the Sahara and Mint Hotels.

Addition of a 24-story, \$5 million tower at the Sahara is planned. The new structure will reach 253 feet skyward, containing 396 rooms. This would bring the total number of rooms at the Sahara to an even 1,000. The 17-story "Mint Hotel" in Downtown Casino Center is also part of the merger's expansion program, bringing the total expenditure of building program to \$11.5 million. The Lucky Strike Club is not included in the expansion plans.

Purchase of the 1-point interest in the Sands Hotel by singer Dean Martin was approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission. The Commission also gave its approval to a 2½ percent, \$62,500 interest in the Hotel Riviera on the Strip, purchased by Columbia Pictures' vice president Irving Briskin. A bid to put the Thunderbird Hotel under new management has been postponed by the Gaming Board.

No action was taken this month by the Gaming Commission on Couer d'Alene banker Frank Webster's application for 98% of the New Frontier Hotel and Casino operation in Downtown Casino Center. Earlier this month, the Gaming Control Board deferred action on a recommendation on Webster's application, saying it was "not ready."

Construction of the Downtown Casino Center's Horsehoe Club will soon be completed, with the final work being done on its sign. This will be the brightest sign on Fremont Street, reaching 102 feet into the air and extending the length of the building on both Fremont and Second Streets. It will combine 8 miles of neon tubing with 50,000 individual light bulbs.



New Members Since Last Issue

Member Number	Last	First	State	Referral
5298	Grossblatt	Ron	CA	Landau, Bruce
5298-A	Grossblatt	Sue	CA	Landau, Bruce
5299	Wohle	Deborah	NV	Trimble Gene
5300	Reyes	Michael	CO	Steffner Jim
5301	Owens	Robert	CO	Steffner Jim
5302	Milne	Thomas	OR	Steffner Jim
5303	Carbonetti	Donald	AZ	Steffner, Jim
5304	Shur	Emanuel	NV	America Chip Enterprises
5305	Thomas	Floyd	KA	
5306	Maxwell	Roger	AZ	Steffner Jim
5307	Anderson	Donald	CO	Anderson Gary W
5308	Davis	Ronald	TX	Web site
5309	Sorensen	Harlan	CO	Anderson Gary W
5310	Moyer	Todd	NV	Web site
5311	Kereluk	Glenn	Canada	Web site
5312	Lathan	Greg	NC	Rodgers, C.T.
5313	Shane	David	CO	Hughes, Andy
5314	Wilson	Don	TN	Web site
5315	Gottlieb	Sheldon	NV	Steffner, Jim
5316	Bartley	Dick	CT	Susong, Greg
5317	Ewert	Ron	WA	Susong, Greg
5318	Wellner	Shepard	VA	Web site
5319	Tedeschi	Nicholas	RI	American Chip Enterprises
5320	Skinner	Duane	AR	Susong, Greg
5321	Gaudet	Donald	MA	Hartman, Scott
5322	Anderson	Gerald	UT	The Chip Rack
5323	Grimaldi	Michael	NJ	Steffner, Jim
5324	Norris	Julia	KS	Legends Hall of Fame
5325	Domanico	Frank	PA	Web site
5326	Hsia	Lawrence	TN	Web site
5327	Schultze	Zach	IL	
5328	Deno	William	IL	
5329	Soccio	Joseph	FL	American Chip Enterprises
5330	Ulinski	Raymond	OH	Web site
5330-A	Ulinski	Kathleen	OH	Web site
5331	Cerrito	Joseph	OH	Molter, Carol
5332	Parigian	George	CA	Parigian, Gary
5333	Moulder	Patty	NY	Web site
5334	Whobrey	Jim	CA	Web site
5335	Pohl	William	AZ	Web site
5336	Grabow	Albert	IL	
5337	Priest	Burkeley	UT	
5338	Lawyer	Joseph	PA	Web site
5339	Hamper	Richard	MI	Web site
5340	Munz	West	CA	Web site
5341	Reisinger	Rex	IN	Campbell, Allen
5342	Rous	Daniel	France	Nezhoda, Rene
5343	Hagaman	Margie	OH	Steffner, James
5344	Lumsden	Allen	FL	Bernhard, Richard

Member Number	Last	First	State	Referral
5345	DeVree	Roger	MI	Nienhuis, Nelson
5346	Simmons	Dallas	WV	Steffner, James
5347	Honda	Stephen	HI	
5348	Dautrich	Pete	CT	Moutz, Ray
5349	Duke	Linda	OH	American Chip Enterprises
5350	Brown	Mark	MI	Web site
5351	Vergatos	Jerry	CO	Web site
5352	Viscione	Paul	FL	Web site
5353	Swanson	Craig	CA	Web site
5354	Owczarzak	David	NY	Web site
5355	Cotton	Mark	NM	Susong, Greg
5356	Dotson	Richard	TX	Web site
5357	Schelhas	William	IL	Susong, Greg
5358	Toma	Keith	HI	Rubino, Sal
5359	Stoops	William	AZ	
5359-A	Stoops	Kitty	AZ	
5360	Lowery	Linda	CA	The Chip Rack
5361	Szyolowski	Stan	IL	Susong, Greg
5362	Ulrych	John	MI	American Chip Enterprises
5363	Zubrzycki	Chester	IL	Finn, Dennis
5364	Grael M.D.	George	OH	American Chip Enterprises
5365	Duckworth	Angela	IN	Web site
5366	Sessums	Matt	MI	Web site
5367	Spisjak	Mickey	NY	Web site
5368	Roberts	Michael	NY	Maheu, Dick
5369	Polis	Thomas	IL	Web site
5370	Springer	Ellen	FL	Web site
5371	Keller	Chuck	NV	Lomprey, Lorne
5372	Reichmuta	Quentin	NE	Rodgers, C.T.
5373	Kuhart	Harold	NE	American Chip Enterprises
5374	Rodgers	Carl	PA	Web site
5375	Bailey	Kevin	ID	Web site
5376	Deer	Brian	CA	American Chip Enterprises
5377	Englebretson	Mark	WY	Bothwell, James
5377-A	Englebretson	Lynneta	WY	Bothwell, James
5378	Smith	Hershel	SC	Susong, Greg
5379	Krouse	Robert	FL	Web site
5380	Sima	Robert	NY	Web site
5381	Garman	Gary	VA	Web site
5381-A	Garman	Patt	VA	Web site
5382	Mills	Crystal	NV	Web site
5383	Paponetti	David	OH	Web site
5384	Graves	Dean	NM	Rodgers, C.T.
5385	Stephens	Dick	PA	Black, Archie
5386	Maisenhelder	Gwen	MO	American Chip Exchange
5387	Rodenborn	Larry	CA	American Chip Enterprises
5388	Jordan	William	VA	Murphy, Wayne
5389	Smolarek	Daniel	NY	Web site
5390	Wagner	Dan	AZ	Web site
5391	Stanton	William	OH	Web site

Frame Your Chips!

Give your chips the best! Create a display to be proud of, and find out what so many others have. The **beauty, craftsmanship, quality** and **value** of a Cassidy Frame product. Visit www.cassidyframes.com and use our secure online shopping cart! Now in our **6th** year of delivering you "the goods"!

SECURE SHOPPING CART
WWW.CASSIDYFRAMES.COM

- High-quality 1-1/2" solid moulding in a beautiful natural honey oak hardwood finish.
- Crystal Clear thick ACRYLIC to protect your chips.
- Sturdy 3/16" foam core backing board.
- Heavy Duty Spring Clips for quick installation. (Except 8x10; has open-door easel back for hanging or standing)
- Choice of TWO velvet display board colors. (see below)



Honey Oak Frame Prices 16x20 - \$69.95 11x14 - \$48.95 9x12 - \$39.95 8x10 - \$29.95

NOTE: Frames include items below. The frame parts below are sold as an option for the do-it-yourselfer. Visit www.cassidyframes.com for many more items!

Crystal Clear Acrylic

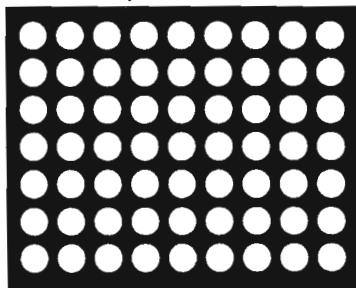
All of our frames come equipped with a thick crystal clear .060" acrylic (Lucite) front, which has many advantages over glass. One clear advantage over glass is that acrylic will not shatter like glass can, thus being much safer to handle and ship. Another advantage being the protection it provides your chips from the harm light can cause. Our acrylic naturally filters out 45% of Ultraviolet rays to prevent your chips from the effects of light.

Acrylic Prices 16x20 - \$7.95 11x14 - \$5.95 9x12 - \$3.95
8x10 - \$2.95 5x5 - \$1.25

Velvet Display Boards

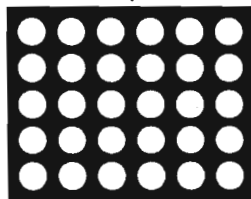
Save money and use your own frame by purchasing our velvet display boards (with sturdy 3/16" foam core backer / not corrugated cardboard). Die cut for a perfect snug 39mm (standard chip) fit and available in your choice of Jet **Black** and Emerald **Green**! Get the best! These are an unbeatable value! Order yours along with its matching acrylic sheet **TODAY!!**

16"x 20" (63 chips) **\$15.95**

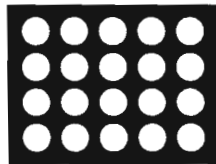


WEBSITE SPECIALS!

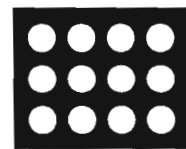
11"x 14" (30 chips) **\$9.95**



9"x 12" (20 chips) **\$7.95**



8"x 10" - 2 styles **\$5.95**
(12 chip & 14 chip + 3.5"x 5.5" window)



5"x 5" - 4 chips **\$2.95**



"Honey Oak" Frame!



90 DAY NO-RISK 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEE!

ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	BOARD COLOR	QTY.	ITEM PRICE	PRICE



PACKAGE SHIPPING & HANDLING
Up to \$20 add \$4 \$50.01 to \$80 add \$10
\$20.01 to \$35 add \$6 Over \$80.01 add \$12
\$35.01 to \$50 add \$8

MERCHANDISE TOTAL
SHIPPING & HANDLING
MA RESIDENTS ADD 5% SALES TAX
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

METHOD OF PAYMENT Check or Money Order
 Visa Mastercard Discover American Express
 YOUR CARD NUMBER

 We won't charge your card until we ship! Expiration Date _____
 Signature _____

Billing Address
 Name _____
 c/o _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
Toll Free Hotline
1-800-941-4491
OR
(Copy and) Fax This Page
1-508-829-3415

www.cassidyframes.com
OR
SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:
Cassidy Frames
P. O. Box 157
West Boylston, MA 01583-0157
Jim Cassidy
CC>CC Member #1221

CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK'S
HOLIDAY SPECIALS



N1283 = \$7



N8417 = \$22



V6988 = \$50

Giudici's (Sparks, NV.) – Set of All 3: \$5, \$25, \$100 = \$69



N2701 = \$7



N2716 = \$22



V4293 = \$50

The Gambler (Reno) – Set of All 3: \$5, \$25, \$100 = \$69

BOTH SETS...GIUDICI'S + THE GAMBLER...6 CHIPS...\$125



Sahara Gardens (Santa Cruz, Ca.) – Complete Set of 7 = \$69

TO ORDER, CALL TERRY LAZARUS
TOLL-FREE: 1-888-CHIPS-97 (1-888-244-7797)

**‘2001’ WINNER OF THE
Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club**

‘BOOK OF THE YEAR’ AWARD

CASINOS of
ARUBA, BONAIRE, CURACAO, ST. MAARTEN
& INTRODUCING SURINAME
THE DUTCH CARIBBEAN

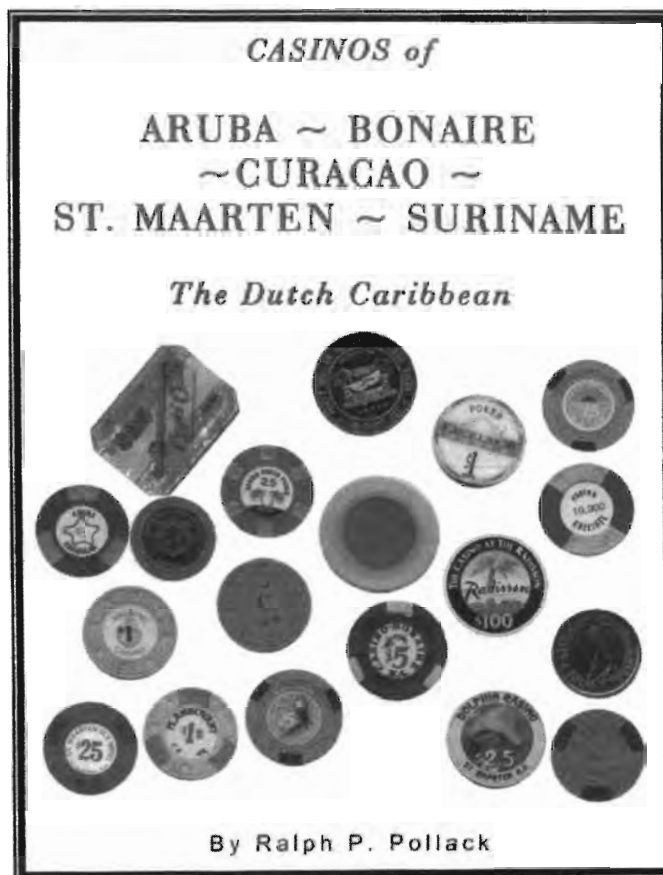
By Ralph P. Pollack

~ Over 1000 CHIPS & TOKENS ILLUSTRATED ~

Regular issue ONLY \$36.95

Limited Edition HARD BOUND copy

Only 64 produced \$55.95



PLEASE SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Ralph P. Pollack

P.O. BOX 79216

DARTMOUTH, MA 02747

Please add \$3.95 for priority mail.

MA residents, please add 5% MA tax.

MEL'S CHIPHISTORY

Bill Borland and Starr Warrick

by Mel Jung

Before another decade expires, we need to recognize the contributions of Bill Borland and Starr Warrick. Not only did they provide early chippers with their "Blue Book of Casino Chips and Tokens", the Gamblers Store in Las Vegas, and their publication, "The Gambler", they provided chipping history with colorful character and personalities.

You could not avoid knowing Bill for more than 10 minutes without forever identifying him as a past casino VIP host. He was gregarious, hilarious and outgoing almost to a fault. Anyone that walked into the Gamblers store would be greeted by his assistant Henry and within 5 minutes Bill would have you in his office ranting about chips, Las Vegas, gaming and the last Hollywood star that sat right where you were sitting. He seemed to know everyone that was anyone that ever came to Vegas and he loved the whole scene. I'm sure he worked showrooms in a number of casinos, but I can only recall his stories from the Dunes from which he had photos on all his walls greeting celebrities.

Starr Warrick was the opposite side of the personality coin. Quiet with the elegance of past chorus glamour not that long ago in her past, she was the glue that kept the couple together and provided stability. The 'chippers' of that era seemed to be fortunate in teaming up with beauties that provided the association with

"brains". Starr was the talent in providing values to chips, organizing the "Blue Book" and seeing that Bill had some accuracy to his character. She would tone down his embellishments and make sure that he could deliver on some of his grandiose promises. If Bill told me he could get all the Wilbur Clarks I wanted, Starr would correct that down to exactly how many and at what price. And only she knew where the chips were located. After she passed away in the early 90's, Bill could never find the better chips she had stashed everywhere in the house including under their bed. From that point on, it was increasingly hard to expect Bill or Ted to find some of the chips that had been cataloged and for sale.

The Gamblers Store

Off Tropicana Blvd., either on or just a block from Reno St., there is a small strip mall that used to house The Gamblers Store. It was hard to find and harder to leave once you entered. It wasn't very big and the front half had shelves of gaming books and magazines. Layouts, wheels, chuck-a luck machines, and gaming tables filled the back and Bill had his enclosed office next to an area that always seemed busy with Henry (also known as Ted or Bill depending on when you visited) working at filling orders and creating new hot stamped chips. The telephone was always busy, but Borland would be more than happy to have 2-3 chippers chatting while he spoke on

the phone with the big-wigs of Vegas. And that's how a lot of us met other chippers...while Bill was on the phone. You seldom saw Starr at the store since she probably spent her nights and days working on the volumes of materials available in the catalog... and counting chips.

In the mid- 90's the store was sold to one of their best customers, Jerry Wall. Most of the chips eventually were purchased from Wall by the current Gamblers Store and are handled today by Bill Akeman. We lost a central point for chippers to meet whenever we got into town and it was the end of an era when chipping seemed to be friendlier... specially in Las Vegas.

The Blue Book

Copywrited in 1988, but not really available until early 1989, few collectors paid the price of around \$50 for a copy. I think I bought mine in 1990 and received copy #324 which does not mean he sold that number in that short period of time. A discount was offered to members of the newly formed CCGTCC, but the price was still about \$49.50 and retail was about \$60. We were all amazed at the amount of work it took to put it together because it covered chips and tokens from every venue known to gamblers in the world. The most complete selections were from Las Vegas and Southern Nevada, and he included foreign countries and a large miscellaneous section asking for

attribution from collectors. The page of listings from Las Vegas that I chose for this article gives you an idea of the prices on chips he offered only a short 10 years ago. One of the most vivid memories I have of dealing with Bill was my reluctance to pay his price for a bi-centennial chip from

"The Casino" in Las Vegas. He booked it for \$12 and I asked for two of them for \$20. He refused the discount and I only bought one. The same chip was sold to Gene Grossblatt 5 years later for over \$800. When I ventured to collect all the chips from the 1976 bi-centennial, it

was important for me to get at least two of each enabling me to later sell one to afford collecting one. In those days, most of the chippers and dealers usually had more than one of each to work with, but Borland only had about five of these and held out for that \$12 price. As you might note, the Landmark \$2 was also \$12. Very few chips were over \$20. All of us knew chips would increase in price, but absolutely NO ONE dreamed of the prices we see today.

The Magazine/Mailer/Freebie called "The Gambler"

This was really a periodical that was a tool to sell chips and gaming supplies. It did not have a subscription cycle and was issued whenever they felt it was time to bring in some more money. I have chosen a page that had the Silverbird, non-incused issue featured for sale. It was one of the few chips that caused differences of opinion that continue to this day. Some accuse Borland of knowingly selling counterfeited chips. Bud Jones told me he had this set as backup for the casino and it was used for tracking. After they were no longer needed, they were returned to Bud Jones and he sold them all to Borland. I can recall seeing them for sale in bezels and tie clips for under \$5 each. Now they seem harder to find than the incused rack issues and the debate continues. I don't believe Borland ever did any injection molding...but who really knows for sure. I hope that some of the old timers will write a letter to our editor and contribute to some of these questions so we can all be enlightened.

Bill and Starr were a huge contribution to my life of chip collecting and I regret not spending more time hearing what Bill had to say. Most of the time I was too busy

Mel, Hope you enjoy this book. Collectively Bill Borland

The Official

BLUE BOOK of CASINO CHIPS and GAMING TOKENS

WORLD WIDE CASINO EXCHANGE
P.O. BOX 14827 * LAS VEGAS, NV 89114-4827
Tel: (702) 734-6089

PERSONAL PROPERTY of MEL JUNG

Copyright © 1988
ISBN #0-924719-00-1
(International Standard Book Number)
Library of Congress Card Number: #88-90482

FIRST EDITION
REGISTRATION #BB-324

FIRST EDITION		WORLD-WIDE CASINO EXCHANGE * PO BOX 14827 * LAS VEGAS, NV 89114.....TEL: (702) 734-6089				FIRST EDITION		
"LAS VEGAS Casino Chips"								
X ()	CHIP #	DEN.	CASINOS	HISTORY and FACTS	QIP	STAT CL	MID COLOR DES	CON PRICE ()
X ()	NC-1477	\$1.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/4-ORANGE)-(HOTEL LOGO in the center)-(L L ON OUTER RIM)	54 CU	6	WHITE MI	AU \$3. ()
()		\$1.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-RED).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	WHITE C1/R	()
()		\$1.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-BLACK).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	WHITE C1/R	()
X ()	NC-1478	\$1.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-PINK).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	WHITE C1/R	AU \$8. ()
X ()	NC-1479	\$1.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-PINK).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	WHITE C1/R	C/N \$5. ()
()		\$2.50	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-RED).....(SMALL FACE ON INLAY)	84 CU	6	YELLOW MI	()
()		\$2.50	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-RED).....(LARGER FACE ON INLAY)	84 CU	6	YELLOW MI	()
X ()	NC-1480	\$2.50	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-RED).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	YELLOW C1/R	UNC \$12. ()
()		\$2.50	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-RED).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 OB	5	YELLOW C1/R	()
X ()	NC-1481	\$5.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/4-ORANGE).....(HOTEL LOGO in the center)-(L L ON OUTER RIM)	84 CU	6	RED MI	AU \$8. ()
X ()	NC-1482	\$5.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-TAN).....(SMALL FACE ON INLAY)	84 OB	5	RED C1/R	C/N \$12. ()
()		\$25.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(ORANGE INSERTS)	84 OB	5	GREEN MI	()
()		\$25.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/3-PURPLE).....(PIC OF A "LUCKY LADY" in the center)	84 CU	6	GREEN C1/R	()
()		\$100.00	LADY LUCK CASINO	(IN/8-4)PURPLE-(4)ORANGE	84 CU	6	BLACK MI	()
X ()	NC-1483	\$.25	LA MIRAGE CASINO	(FORMERLY THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL)-(LOCATION: 377 East FLAMINGO ROAD)	2/86 CU	15	PINK HS	UNC \$2. ()
X ()	NC-1484	\$1.00	LA MIRAGE CASINO	(FORMERLY THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL)	2/86 CU	15	BLUE HS	UNC \$4. ()
X ()	NC-1485	\$5.00	LA MIRAGE CASINO	(IN/6-YELLOW).....(FORMERLY THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL)	2/86 CU	6	RED MI	AU \$8. ()
()		\$1.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/6-(3)RED-(3)WHITE).....(SMALL METAL RED INLAY in the center)	7/69 OB	6	BLUE MI	()
X ()	NC-1486	\$1.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	"ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1961 BY FRANK CARROLL-(NEVER OPEN UNTIL	7/69 OB	1	BLUE HS	AU \$5. ()
X ()	NC-1487	\$1.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	"HOWARD HUGHES BOUGHT THE HOTEL ON JULY 2, 1969	7/69 OB	1	GREEN HS	UNC \$8. ()
()		\$1.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(PIC OF HOTEL in the center).....(DENOMINATION IN RED)	7/69 OB	2	MARON C1/R	UNC \$12. ()
X ()	NC-1488	\$2.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/6-(3)RED-(3)WHITE)-(SPECIAL BI-CENTENNIAL CHIP)....."SCARCE"	7/69 OB	1	BLUE MI	UNC \$18. ()
()		\$5.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/3-GOLD).....(PURCHASED BY HOWARD HUGHES JULY 2, 1969)	7/69 CU	1	RED HS	AU \$8. ()
X ()	NC-1490	\$5.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/3-GOLD)-(SMALL METAL INLAY).....(ORIGINAL NAME "LANDMARK TOWER")	7/69 OB	1	RED MI/X	UNC \$15. ()
X ()	NC-1491	\$5.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/3-PINK).....(PICTURE OF LANDMARK TOWER in the center)	7/69 OB	1	GOLD C1/R	AU \$12. ()
()		\$5.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/3-FUCHSIA).....(INCENTIVE CHIP... "NO CASH VALUE")	7/69 OB	1	YELLOW HS	()
()		\$25.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(OPENING SHOWROOM ACTS comedian "BARRY THOMAS" and singer "BOUVAN")	7/69 OB	1	GREEN C1	()
()		\$100.00	LANDMARK HOTEL	(IN/6-(3)BLUE-(3)YELLOW)-(LOCATION: 364 CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE)	7/69 CU	1	BLACK C1	()
X ()	NC-1492	\$5.00	LA RUE'S	(IN/3-WHITE).....(BECAME PART OF THE SANDS HOTEL)	40's CL	7	BROWN HS	AU \$28. ()
()			LAKELLE BAR	(LOCATED ON 2nd ST /Block 16/ A "CLASS JOINT" IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS)	30's CL			()
()			WEST FRONTIER VILLAGE	WAS LOCATED BETWEEN THE "SILVER SLIPPER" and "THE FRONTIER HOTEL"	50 CU			()
X ()	NC-1493		LAS VEGAS CLUB	(PICTURE OF A ONE-ARM-BANDIT IN THE CENTER)-("PAN CHIP")....."SCARCE"	31 OB	26	BLUE HS	CIR \$6. ()
()			LAS VEGAS CLUB	(ROULETTE CHIP)-("A", BASEBALL PLAYER, "21" HAND, FLAGS & BANNER)	31 OB	2	PINK C1	()
()			LAS VEGAS CLUB	(ROULETTE CHIP)-(ORIGINAL ADDRESS: 21-23 East FREMONT ST)	31 OB		BLUE HS	()
X ()	NC-1494	\$.10	LAS VEGAS CLUB	(.10 cent CHIPS HAVE SELDOM BEEN USED IN CASINOS SINCE THE 60's)	31 OB	35	BLACK HS	CIR \$3. ()
()		\$.10	LAS VEGAS CLUB	(IN/3-RED).....(LOCATION: 18 East FREMONT ST.)	31 OB		BLACK HS	()

looking through piles and stacks of chips and trying to figure out what I could afford to buy on that trip. It sure kept some of my gaming budget away from the games and into his pockets. As usual, I just wish I could have afforded more and had the insight to buy chips that we will never see again. No one seemed interested in junket/no cash value chips and wheel chips were seldom even suggested to collect. Even low denomination chips under a dollar took a back seat. Again, please write a letter for the editor to publish and enlighten us to your memories of Bill and Starr. If you have a picture of either, I would appreciate a copy. I have tried to find a picture for this article but the deadline is past and none of my sources seem to have any.

Thanks... ChipperMel ♦

CHIPS ... CHIPS ... CHIPS ... CHIPS ... CHIPS



"NEVADA CHIP"
"Personalized — Center Inlay"
This is the same inlay chips that are used in the casinos with a white vinyl center. "Any Name, Denomination, Art Work" can be custom printed on both sides of the chip with "No Additional Die Charge", i.e., Around the top "Bill's Casino", "Denomination in the Center", your registration number, telephone number, address, etc. at the bottom. All chips are registered to you, with the same strict control that is used by the Casinos. A permanent record of your registration number and (code name) is kept in our confidential files and can only be re-ordered by you. (This makes it impossible for anyone to trace or duplicate your chips) Minimum Order: 100 each of the same imprint on both sides. (Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery, they are worth waiting for, no "rush" orders please.) Available in Solid Colors or any combination of Edge Spots. Your Logo or Art Work can be used. We use them as a V.I.P. business card.
(See Color Charts on page 6)
"MINIMUM ORDER 100"
(Casino Weight 9-gram, Clay Chip)
#PC-101/H.....(Solid Color).....65¢
#PC-101/L.....(Edge Spots).....65¢
Add .06¢ per Edge Spot per Chip.



METAL CHIPS: (Flying Eagle)
Heavy-Duty (14-gram) metal chips that have the look, the ring and the feel of real silver dollars. The base metal is zinc and each color is treated and anodized. "Will not Tarnish". The chips are 1-1/2" in diameter (casino size) with a sculptured three dimensional flying eagle design on both sides. True heirloom quality. Available in Copper, Silver, Gold.
"No Minimum Order"
#PC-121.....(each).....35¢



CARD SUITS: (Personalized)
Attractive "two-color" casino-quality (9-gram) chip with card suits on the outer rim. The second color is a lighter shade of the base color. Select only the base color. Chips can be "Custom Printed" in gold with your initials, Denomination, Special Design, or your choice of the Gambler's "Free" House Dies. Price includes imprint on both sides of the chips. Minimum Order 100 each of the same imprint.
(See color chart for selection.)
Not Available - Plain
Registered Casino Design
"Minimum Order 100"
(Casino Weight 9-gram, (Special Formula)
#PC-102.....(2-Color).....50¢



CARD SUITS: (Personalized)
This chip is a "solid color" and has card suits on the outside rim. This is a medium weight (7-gram) chip that is used in a lot of casinos today. Most casinos use this weight for low denomination chips. Chips can be "Custom Printed" in gold with your initials, Denomination, Special Design or your choice of the Gambler's "Free" House Dies. Price includes imprint on both sides of the chips.
(See color selection chart)
Not Available - Plain
Registered Casino Design
"Minimum Order 100"
(Casino Weight 7-gram, (Special Formula)
#PC-104.....(Solid-Color).....40¢



"AMERICAN CHIP"
This is the Nevada Chips sister. It too has been around since the early 1950's and was restricted for casino use only. The list of Nevada casinos that have used this chip reads like a "Who's Who". It has also been very popular outside of the United States. It is known as "The American Chip" from Alaska to Zimbabwe. The only difference between the Nevada Chip, and American Chip is the design. It is available in all the same ways at the same prices as the Nevada Chip except for the Las Vegas Commemorative Series. "See Nevada Chip" Waiting for more information and prices on this chip:
#PC-107. (Same Prices as #PC-101 Chips)



"AUTHENTIC CASINO CHIPS"
"From Closed Casinos"
These are "Authentic" Casino Chips from closed Nevada casinos. They have the name of the casino and location on them. They are not cancelled or defaced in any way. Most of the chips are like new especially the "Coin Inlay Chips". We waited years to acquire these chips in any kind of quantity, and it has finally happened. All Chips are rare collector's pieces and can only increase in value. Nevada Gaming Control Board destroys all chips from closed casinos. We guarantee their authenticity 100% but we can not guarantee how long they will last. The name of the Casino depends on the availability at the time of your order. (If you are looking for cheapies, these are not for you.) "Chips are in Limited Supply" For details and availability send a S.A.S.E. (See Helpful Hints in center column)
#PC-108.....(Price on Request)

#7 © THE GAMBLER • P.O. BOX 14827 • LAS VEGAS, NV 89114-4827 • TEL. # (702) 734-6889 • FAX # 702/737/6963 #7

TOKEN COLLECTORS

Finally a book has been published that lists all of the gaming tokens that are known to exist in the world. The book lists over 10,500 tokens and a completely new issue is published every 3 months. Every new issue grows by 200 to 350 new entries. Each month, anyone that has a copy of the present issue is sent a list that has all of the new token information that has been found since their issue was published. Orders are mailed USPO Priority Mail with USPO Delivery Confirmation. The \$35.00 cost of the book includes all mailing costs. This is the book that you have been waiting for. Why try to use numerous, small, incomplete lists. **THIS ONE BOOK HAS ALL THE KNOWN GAMING TOKENS IN THE WORLD.** Contact: Earl Donley, The Token Book, P.O. Box 80572, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89180. His phone number is 702-876-8939.

CC>CC # R-380

PUERTO RICO

Casino chips & tokens

Dealer & Collector orders welcome!!!

Casino Chips:

One (1) \$1 current casino chip or slot/ gaming token (issued from 1988 – present) My choice	—\$5
One (1) \$1 1987 1 st year of issue slot/ gaming token (These were issued from 1987–present)	—\$10
One (1) obsolete casino chip from any of these denominations: \$1, \$5, \$20, \$25	-----\$5
One (1) obsolete casino chip from any of these denominations: \$2.50, \$100, \$500	-----\$10
One (1) unlisted obsolete casino chip in Black's Catalog	-----\$10
Set of the only two (2) PR chips ever made in ceramic, Caribe Hilton \$1 & \$5. CV	\$125.-----\$30
Set of 8 different Condado Beach Hotel chips (1-\$1, 2-\$5, 2-\$25, 2-\$100, 1-\$500) Cat.	\$205–\$50
Rare unlisted Condado Beach Hotel Roulette chip. Says "CBH" on Obv & Rev Made of clay!	—\$500
Complete set of the rare Casino Español de San Juan de Puerto Rico	-----\$500-2500
Set of the only two known denominations of the Clarion, \$1 & \$5. Catalogs for	\$210 -----\$100
\$5 Flamboyant Hotel, Tree Logo center. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$75.-----\$35
\$5 Helio San Jeronimo. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$100.-----\$40
Complete set of the Hilton, Mayaguez PR (1-\$1, 5-\$5, 1-\$25, 1-\$100) Catalogs for	\$220-----\$45
La Ceiba y la Fuente obsolete casino chip	-----\$10
The New Palace \$1, \$25 & \$100 chips. Catalogs for	\$130 -----\$30
\$1 Clarion, very beautiful obsolete chip	-----\$5
12 different Palm H & C chips. \$1 to \$100. Obsolete. No roulettes!	-----Special!-----\$60
17 different Ramada chips Catalogs for \$290. Obsolete.	-----Special!-----\$85
4 different La Concha chips. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$80-----\$25
\$5 Sheraton Hotel chip. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$35.-----\$10
\$1 Tropicoro chip. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$100.-----\$40
Set of the 5 Condado Holiday Inn chips. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$260.-----\$60
2 different Mayaguez Hilton \$100 chips. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$150 -----\$25
\$25 Mayaguez Hilton. Obsolete. Catalogs for	\$50-----\$8

Instant Puerto Rico Casino Chip Collections:

100 different obsolete Casino Chips	-----\$ 500
150 different obsolete Casino Chips	-----\$ 1000
225 different obsolete Casino Chips (A few are current)	-----\$2250
350 different obsolete Casino Chips (A few are current)	-----\$4000

All orders under \$50 please add \$3 for shipping and handling and insurance. Rarer chips are available! Collectors... are you looking for a particular chip... ASK! Dealer prices are available
Tel: (787) 315-7905 E-mail: iss_hogai_21@yahoo.com Paypal: pr_chips@yahoo.com

Carlos Mendez
(CC>CC#: R-5256)
P.O. Box 10901
San Juan, PR 00922-0901

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ARROWDIE SOLVED!

WELL . . .

NOT EXACTLY

by Gene Trimble

The arrowdie mold is one of the most collectable chips in our hobby. One reason is, it is shrouded in mystery. The actual chips were made at the Burt Company in Maine. The distributor has generally been accepted to be Tommy Haines. Most new collectors will ask, who was Tommy Haines? I have been doing research on Tommy since about 1995, and could not really answer that question. The mystery caught my attention because of the Four Queens arrowdie delivered in 1966. Not all, but most collectors put distribution of the arrowdies in the 1950's only.

Earlier this year Jim Blanchard owner of poker-chips.com and Atlantic Standard Molding who also owns the old Burt molds, ask me to once again look into the arrowdie mystery. Jim had information previously unknown to me concerning an arrowdie connection to a Reno distributor. The name, Reno Game Supply, was on a Burt order card from 1953.

Here are the only known Burt records of inlaid arrowdie molded chips. There are no Burt records pre 1953. They were destroyed in a fire.

Reno Game Supply

orders: 1953 to 1956

- 1) Sands
- 2) Topaz Lodge
- 3) Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn
- 4) Horseshoe Club, LV
- 5) Cal-Neva Biltmore
- 6) New Boulder Club



Precision Inc.:

Starting 1956 ending 1958

- 1) Stockmens Hotel
- 2) Stardust Tahoe
- 3) Boulder Club
- 4) Horseshoe Club, LV

Tom Haines Co.: 1958 to 1967

- 1) Fremont
- 2) Horseshoe Club, LV
- 3) El Cortez Hotel
- 4) Las Vegas Club
- 5) Four Queens

Reno Game Supply

822 S. Virginia Ave
Reno, NV

1951 to 1954 (as best we can tell from phone book and Polk criss-cross

listings) As you can see they received arrowdies as late as 1956. Owner HN Garrison One employee listed for RGS and only listed in 1952, was Tommy Haines. No phone number or residential listing in Reno for Haines. Larry and I believe, the RGS arrowdie chip is a business card chip for Reno Game Supply. I can not prove it, so you are free to disagree.

*Interesting item: from Las Vegas 1952 phone book and criss cross listings.

Nevada Club Room Supply
8 E. California Ave
Las Vegas



Owners Tommy Haines & Glen M. Anderson.

1952 is the 1st LV listing I can find for Tommy Haines in Las Vegas. Tommy's 1st telephone listing in LV is 1953. NCRS was in business for a number of years pre 1952. Haines is not listed as part owner nor an employee in pre 1952 criss cross directories. I am not saying Haines did not live in Las Vegas pre 1952. I just can not prove it.

Precision Inc
214 W. Wyoming
Las Vegas, NV
1956 to 1959

Owners HN Garrison president, ML Garrison secretary, and MC Barnes as part owner. No employees listed. HN Garrison seems to have closed Reno Game Supply in 1956 and opened Precision Inc in Las Vegas the same year.



black was the 1st known shipment of inlaid arrowdies and it came through Reno Game Supply. The Sands issue beat The Topaz Lodge issue in shipment by 1 day.

Interesting notes:

- 1953 to 1956, Tommy Haines is listed as pit supervisor at various clubs including the Golden Nugget and Western Club.
- 1954 (Only) Tommy Haines & Co – Casino Equipment. 1923 Sutro Las Vegas, NV. No known shipment of arrowdies to Tommy Haines & Co in 1954.
- 1956 Haines School Of Dealing
- 1956 to 1968 Tommy Haines listed as pit supervisor California Club, downtown LV.
- 1957, Glen M Anderson is now listed as sole owner of Nevada Card Room Supply and moves it to 1000 Nellis Blvd. This listing holds through the 1980's.
- 1976, March 28, Tommy Haines obit appears in the LV Review Journal. It says Tommy sold his share of Nevada Club Room Supply in 1952. Business records contradict that date.

The Burt records show Tom Haines Co receiving arrowdies from 1958 to 1967. I do not doubt the Burt records but there is no business records or phone book listings, that show this company existed in those years. In my opinion, when Precision Inc went out of business, Haines obtained the rights to the arrowdie mold and sold casino supplies on the side, without a business license, while he was working at the California Club.



Another mystery in the Burt records is this 1966 note.

1966 Four Queens record.” Telephone order from Thomas Callahan (Four Queens, Inc.) note: refer letter 9/22 Hotel Fremont, Mr FJ Mooney granting the Four Queens permission to use the arrowdie mold. Letter attached 4 Queens order.” Mr. FJ Mooney was the controller (chief financial officer) of the Fremont in 1966. Why did he have to give the Four Queens permission to use the arrowdie mold in 1966 if Tommy Haines owned the mold? How could Tommy Callahan phone in an order if Tommy Haines owned the mold? It looks like Haines gave the Fremont Hotel some sort of exclusive rights to the mold. The Burts always sold chips through a distributor. A Purchase Order should have been issued to a distributor. The distributor should have been the one to talk to Burt. The following from the Burt records, contradict this.

This is from a 1962 Fremont order. (PO #16372), “Ordered thru Tom Haines & Co.” and “Shipped direct to: F. J. Mooney Fremont Hotel Inc., Las Vegas, NV.

When you factor in the phone order from Tommy Callahan, Four Queens, I suspect the Tom Haines Co name was being used, but Tommy Haines had very little to do with the ordering. I can find no business connection between the Fremont and The Four Queens. The Fremont was controlled from New York in those years. The best I can determine, The Four Queens was not controlled by the same people.

Tommy Callahan was the GM of the Four Queens and had points in the operation, when it opened in 1966. You can find more information about Tommy Callahan in my 5 part series of research on the Arrowhead Inn, Branch Hill, Ohio, circa 1937 at Chequers.com. Callahan started his

At this point I feel it is safe to say that HN Garrison owned the Arrowdie mold and in all likely hood, designed and ordered the mold to be made. I feel that Tommy Haines as part owner of Nevada Club Room Supply acted as a salesman for sales of arrowdie chips in Las Vegas, for Reno Game Supply. Garrison's main business in Reno was the manufacturing of precision dice. His LV business name was changed to reflect this. The Burt Company records list our mystery mold only as “Dice”. In my opinion, it is an appropriate name from the man who made a living from manufacturing dice.

The Sands arrowdies, April 22, 1953 in 3 colors, \$5 blue/3 red, \$25 green/3 yellow, and \$100 white/3

career as food and beverage manager at the Arrowhead. He went on to become a major player in the illegal casino operations in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky. The Cleveland Syndicates czar for northern KY, Sammy Schrader said that Callahan was the only man he ever made a call for, to be put to work in Las Vegas. Callahan started at the Desert Inn and at one time had a piece of the Pioneer Club.

The last recorded order for arrowdies, in the Burt records was a December 22, 1967 order for the Fremont totaling 88,000 chips. See scan of inlay on the chips in this order.



The last entry in the Burt records concerning the arrowdie mold (no date on the entry) indicates the mold is NG and returned to owner. NG meaning worn out. This would have been after the 1967 delivery of arrowdies to the Fremont. Although Tommy Haines did not start out with our mystery mold, it looks like he wound up with the actual unusable mold, or did he? Is it possible the unusable mold was returned to FJ Mooney at the Fremont?

The facts presented here date our mystery mold from 1953 to 1967 for printed center (inlay chips) only. There are other factors. There are no records for hot stamped chips or the

shipment of blanks to produce hot stamped chips, to any of the distributors. Hot stamped arrowdies have been documented in Illinois, Arkansas, and now Texas. There are many initial UFC arrowdies, I doubt we will ever identify. Once again the mystery continues.

Now that I have dated the inlay arrowdies 1953-67, I need to mention a couple more little factors. The Pioneer Club Vegas Vic arrowdie is not on the distributors list. It is not in the 1953 Burt journal. Did someone forget to enter it? Could it have been made in 1952 or earlier? There was a shipment of hubs to the Pioneer in 1953. I have been told, only one of these are known. I had to settle for a scan of a bad color copy.



Jim Blanchard feels the arrowdie metal die cut with the Phoenix on it, is pre 1953. No records exist on this chip. As far as Jim can tell, metal die cuts were not made after 1950. Our mystery mold, remains a mystery. Will the mystery ever end? I have my doubts.



Special thanks to Larry Hollibaugh for his hospitality

and relentless Reno and Carson City research. We spent two days researching Reno Game Supply and The Reno Card Room. Thank you Allan Myers for making TCR and TGT database available for searches. Thank you to all the fellow club members, I pestered for information, Steve Cutler, Janice O'Neal, David Sarles, Jim Perlowski, Robert Eisenstadt and all others that have been lost in this poor old mind of mine.

Thank you to the dedicated public servants of the LV Library, LV Historical Society, UNLV Library, Reno Library, Reno Historical Society, NV State Historical Archives in Carson City, and last but not least NV Gaming Control. Make that a Special thank you to NV State Historical Archives. The lady brought tears to my eyes when she said, No, We do not have any old phone books, but "We do have the minutes from all of the Nevada Gaming Control meetings since its inception in 1955." Hollibaugh and I did a small high five and said, SHOW US THE RECORDS!

The biggest THANK YOU goes to Jim Blanchard. Without Jim's prodding me and searching of the Burt Company records, this article would not have been written. Jim is busy writing a book on the entire Burt Company records of Nevada chips. I think the book will be the biggest help our young hobby has ever received. This book will be a "Gotta Have" for Nevada collectors. ♦

Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club
 10th Annual International Convention & Show
 June 5th - June 8th, 2002
 For Info Contact: George Conrad - georgecon@aol.com



Add a CD Flipper!

We have CD Flippers that hold 20, 30, 60, and 80 Jewel Frames. These are a great way to allow friends and customers to browse through your chips!



	Aluminum	PVC
Holds 20	\$29.95	\$8.99
Holds 30	\$34.95	\$10.99
Holds 60	\$63.99	n/a
Holds 80	\$84.99	n/a



Add a Clip-It!

Clip-Its hold up to four Jewel Frames. Double-sided tape allows you to stick them anywhere, then display your Jewel Frames, and rotate them whenever you like! \$1.95 each!



Baccarat Sizes shown below



Tyrus R. Mulkey
 CC>CC# LM 2211-21
 Proud to be a Lifetime Member!
 Southern NV Chapter # R-137
 PACK #99
 Member of Slab-Free Chapter

**WWW.
 TyrusRex
 .com**

TyrusRex, Inc.
 2657 Windmill Pkwy #408
 Henderson, NV 89074
 Phone/Fax (702) 896-5065
 Toll Free (800) 317-1614

!!!Please note our NEW Zip Code!!!

The TyrusRex Jewel Frames each hold 1 to 9 standard size chips or 1 to 6 baccarat size chips!

- Totally modular!
- See BOTH SIDES of your collection
- Enclosed case provides protection!
- Each unit holds from 1 to 9 chips
- Easily mix and sort standard chips, oversize chips, LE's, sets, special chips, even *obsoletes*!
- Easily fits into almost any storage unit designed to hold CD's!
- Easily transported!
- NOT A CD CASE! CD cases leave an opening on the front left side. These are completely enclosed!
- Polystyrene and high quality felt will not damage your chips!

1 or more	Only \$3.95 each!
12 or more	Only \$2.96 each!
50 or more	Only \$2.77 each!
100 or more	Only \$2.56 each!
200 or more	Only \$2.37 each!

Please specify number of chips per frame and standard or baccarat when ordering.
 Shipping is \$2.00 per order, no matter the size!
 NV residents please add 7.25% sales tax.

We also have available quality cabinets to conveniently store your collection! Visit our website!

NEW CAESARS PALACE *Silver Strikes*

Two new silver strike commemorative gaming tokens honoring the 35th anniversary of Caesars Palace will be available only to winners at designated Silver Strike slot machines in the resort's Palace Casino beginning Oct. 1. Both coins are decorated with 24-karat heavy gold electroplating (HGE).

The first reads, in silver lettering, "LIMITED EDITION FORTY DOLLAR GAMING TOKEN *1966*" around the perimeter. The center is inscribed in gold with "CAESARS PALACE LAS VEGAS-NEVADA, 24 KARAT HGE, .999 FINE SILVER" with the original 1966 Caesars Palace logo (a reclining Caesar being fed grapes by a goddess). The reverse shows a rendering in gold of the "Victory at Samothrace" statue with the inscription "WINGED VICTORY." Each \$40 token is 1.875 inches in diameter and .115 inches thick. Only 500 of the \$40 tokens were ordered initially.

To win the two-ounce token, players may wager up to three dollar tokens on each spin of the \$1 Silver

Strike machine in the Palace Casino. Lining up three single "COIN" words on a single pay line wins one coin; lining up three double "COIN" words wins two coins; three triple "COIN" words on a single pay line wins three coins. Top jackpot on the machine will be \$1,000. Each commemorative coin will be enclosed in an acrylic case, and will be dispensed by the slot machine upon the win.

The second coin is a one-pound silver strike commemorative crafted from fine silver and 24-karat HGE. In the center is the original Caesars Palace logo in both silver and gold with the inscription, "CAESARS PALACE LAS VEGAS-NEVADA 1966." Lining the outside of the coin in gold is the phrase "\$200 REDEEMABLE CASH VALUE * 1 LB. FINE SILVER & 24 KT HGE." The reverse of the coin is centered with the "Victory at Samothrace" statue and the words "Winged Victory" in silver. Lining the outside is "\$200 REDEEMABLE CASH VALUE * CAESARS PALACE." Each is individually numbered, 3.485 inches in diameter and .297 inches

thick, and is presented in a protective acrylic case and a blue velvet box. Only 50 of the coins were ordered. To win the coin, players may wager up to three five-dollar tokens on each spin in the three-line Silver Strike slot machine located in the Palace Casino. The top jackpot on the machine is \$5,000.

Both coins were manufactured by Global Minting of Las Vegas for Anchor Games, Inc. At the time we went to press with the magazine, no pictures were available.

Caesars Palace is a wholly owned subsidiary of Park Place Entertainment, Inc. Park Place is the world's largest gaming company and owns, manages or has an interest in 29 gaming properties operating under the Caesars, Bally's Paris, Hilton, Grand and Flamingo brand names, with a total of 2 million square feet of gaming space, more than 28,000 hotel rooms and 60,000 employees world wide. ♦




My list of Casino Chips & Tokens number over 1,000 pieces including Indians, Nevada, Deadwood and others.

Send \$2.00 For Catalog
(To Cover Postage, Refundable With Order)

Gary Snover • P.O. Box 9696 • San Bernardino, CA 92427
e-mail: garysnover@cs.com

MITCH HELLER
CHERYL HELLER
CC&FTCC #2038



281-277-8073 Home
281-277-8079 Fax
cmrheller@aol.com

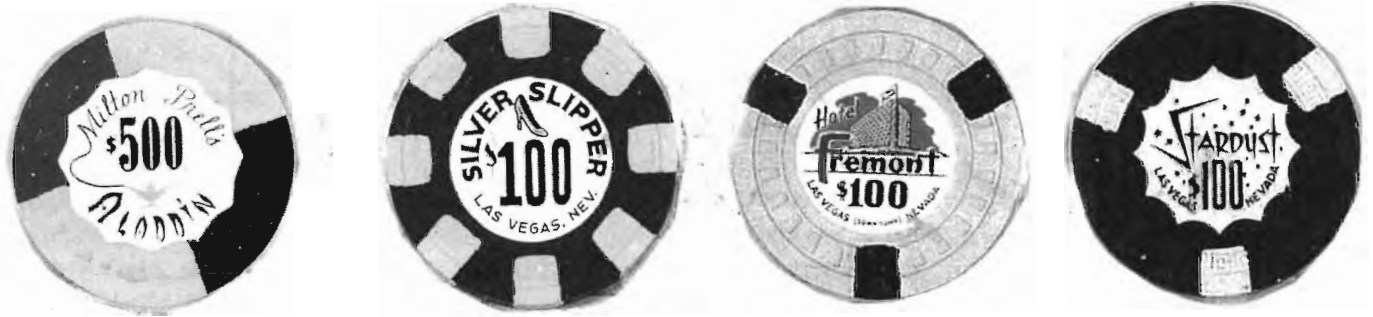
A Chip For You And Me
Nobody can collect just one

Wanted old Nevada
And Arodie Chips

Buying collections
1 Chip or Bunches

FOR SALE – \$100 to \$5,000 FACE VALUE LAS VEGAS CASINO CHIPS

Purchased at the Atlantic City Gaming Emporium Auction in 1998



- 1966 Aladdin (Milton Prell) – \$500 Face – Inserts (2 Org/2 Yel) – Gem Mint – \$1,600
- 1951 California Club – \$100 Face – Inserts (2 Beige) – Mint – \$300
- 1970 Caesars Palace – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 each Pink, Grn., Org.) – Near Mint – \$250
- 1960's Dunes – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 White, 3 Pink) – Near Mint – \$250
- 1960 Fremont Hotel – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Black) – Gem Mint – \$700
- 1948 Last Frontier – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Gray) – Mint (off color) – \$175
- 1950's Little Casino – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Yellow) – Mint – \$400
- 1970's Nevada Club (Reno) – \$500 Face – Inserts (Pie) – Gem Mint – \$200
- Sahara – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Blue, 3 Pink) – Near Mint – \$250
- 1970's Sands – \$500 Face – Inserts (3 Blue, 3 Pink) – Near Mint – \$500
- 1976 Silver Bird – \$500 Face – Inserts (6 Black) – Gem Mint – \$175
- 1976 Silver Bird – \$1,000 Face – Inserts (6 Black) – Gem Mint – \$200
- 1964 Silver Palace – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Black) – Near Mint – \$275
- 1960 Silver Slipper – \$100 Face – Inserts (8 Yellow) – Gem Mint – \$700
- 1960 Stardust – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 White) – Gem Mint (small spot on inlay) – \$1,100
- 1958 Stardust – \$100 Face – Inserts (3 Purple) – Gem Mint – \$1,250
- 1977 20th Century – \$100 Face – Inserts (4 Hot Orange) – Gem Mint – \$300
- 1980's Vegas World – \$1,000 Face – Inserts (6 Navy) – Near Mint – \$175
- 1980's Vegas World – \$5,000 Face – Inserts (6 Split White) – Mint – \$175



Terms of Sale – Check with order. No credit cards. If not satisfied, chips may be returned with 15 days. Free Shipping.

HYGRADE COLLECTIBLES, 101 West 23rd Street, PMB 2160, New York, NY 10011
Att: Larry Grossman Phone 212-367-8155 Fax 212-242-1843

WANTED

For Cash: Your loose chips, individual chips, or complete collections!

TOLL FREE (800) LUCK - 707

GOD BLESS AMERICA

SCOTT HARTMAN — “THE CHIP MAN”

P.O. Box 387, Agoura Hills, California 91376-0387

Tel: (818) 706-1197 / Fax: (818) 706-1986

Web: <http://www.chipman.com> E-Mail: scott@chipman.com



RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

It was great to see everyone at the convention. As usual, from my point of view it went off without a hitch. The banquet is a great new addition to the event. One of my avenues of collecting is anything from anyplace relating to Bob Stupak. I was lucky enough to be able to speak with Bob at the banquet this year. I got to shake his hand and get his autograph. When I first realized he was there I was desperate for a nice Vegas World chip for him to autograph. I neglected to bring any chips to the banquet. Luckily, my buddy Jim Follis had some chips with him. He didn't have anything from Vegas World, but he did have a nice big \$1 baccarat chip from The London Club he gave me.



The Station Casino in Kansas City, MO was purchased by Ameristar Casinos early in the year. On February 14th they changed chips.



The Isle of Capri in Kansas City switched their \$5 chips without warning on February 22nd. All the old style with the full graphic inlay have been removed from play.



Ameristar Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa celebrated their 5th Anniversary with a commemorative \$5 chip. They haven't missed an anniversary yet, and even issued 4 chips to celebrate their 3rd anniversary.



The President Casino in Davenport, Iowa closed on March 4th, reopening as the River City Casino on March 9th.



In early April I was playing blackjack at Harrah's in Kansas City and noticed that they had a bunch of new \$1 chips on the tables. The appeared to be the same chips as before, so I took several home so I could upgrade my traders. After returning home I realized that the inlay was different on this reorder. The first chips had a textured inlay but this new order has smooth inlays.



As far as I know, Beau Rivage, Biloxi, MS was the only riverboat casino to celebrate The Year Of The Snake with a chip release. They did a great job with this really sharp looking \$25 and \$100.



Harrah's in Shreveport, LA replaced their rack in April. All the new chips are two sided and with the exception of the \$2.50, they advertise one of the casinos many restaurants on the flip side.





During the convention I ran into Brad Keller who I had not met before. He had a great chip from Bally's in New Orleans that I did not know existed. I wonder if they will do more presidents as time goes on?

On May 1st, the Grand Palais in Lake Charles, LA replaced their very worn Chipco's with a new rack from Paulson.



On May 5th, the Empress Casino in Hammond, IN became the Horseshoe Casino, replacing all chips with brand new Chipco's. Anyone who frequents my online chip guide at <http://www.chipguide.com> will recognize the name of my friend Paul Hegge. Paul often loads his pockets with cash and heads to the casinos on the weekends to pick up some great photos of some of the higher denomination chips for my guide. Paul heads out armed with his scanner and laptop, buys the chips, scans them in his car or hotel room and then takes them back to recoup his cash. Paul did another great job at the Horseshoe and furnished us with the pictures you see of the \$100, \$500 and the over-sized \$1,000. Thanks Paul!





Harrah's in Kansas City, MO has completed work on the new addition to their casino. They had two casinos, the first a riverboat floating in a moat and the second, a much larger barge. They have added to the barge and moved the riverboat to Metropolis, IL. They issued this chip to celebrate the new addition.



The Copa Casino in Gulfport, MS continues their Memorial Day tradition this year with the 4th in their series of All Harley Memorial Day Blowout chips.



William Grace has opened Missouri's newest casino in La Grange on July 25th. At first glance it is hard to tell which of his 3 casinos you are driving up to. This 3rd effort looks almost identical to the other two in Osceola, IA and St. Joseph, MO. Nice looking places, but still the same.



Casino Magic in Bossier City, LA has replaced the \$1 chips from their all Bud Jones rack with these new Paulsons. So far, the \$1's are the only ones replaced.

Harrah's opened their Pride Of Lake Charles boat in Lake Charles, LA on August 2nd.





Thanks to everyone that helps keep me informed about new casino openings and new chip releases. There is no way I could gather all this information without your help. If you are connected to the internet, please stop by <http://www.chipguide.com> any time to see my complete online guide with all these photos and thousands more in full color. There are several hundred chip collectors who get together every day and discuss the hobby on The Chip Board at <http://www.thechipboard.com>. Please feel free to join in.

Greg C. Susong
www.chipguide.com ♦

HAVE YOU TRIED BLACK'S ATLANTIC CITY NEW ISSUE SERVICE?

For several years now, many collectors of Atlantic City casino chips and gaming tokens have taken advantage of my unique "New Issue Service" and have built excellent collections at a very reasonable price. You receive the chips and tokens as they are released from the casinos before any price increase takes place in the secondary marketplace.

NO MONEY UP FRONT. If you are a Club Member, I trust you. Simply send your name, address and CC>CC membership number to me on a postcard, telling me which denominations of new chips and/or tokens you wish to receive as they are issued and I will automatically send them to you.

You will receive the chips and/or tokens you wish to receive in brand new condition as they are issued by the casinos with a billing invoice, along with my popular "Atlantic City Newsletter".

The only charges are as follows:

\$1 chips/tokens	\$3.00@
\$2.50 chips	\$4.00@
\$5.00 regular chips	\$7.00@
\$5.00 commemoratives	\$8.00@
\$5.00 tokens	\$7.00@
\$10.00 tokens	\$14.00@
\$10 chips	\$15.00@
\$20.00 chips/tokens	\$25.00@
\$25.00 chips/tokens	\$30.00@
\$50 tokens	\$60.00@
\$100 chips/tokens	\$110.00@

Plus reimburse my actual postage and insurance

Mr. Chips, Inc.

P.O. Box 63 - Brick, NJ 08723

E-Mail: ablack2@optonline.net

"When the chips are down, you can bet that "Mr. Chips" will be there to pick them up".

10th Annual CC&CTCC Convention 2002

June 5 - June 8
Tropicana Resort Casino

Plans are well underway for the CC>CC 10th Annual Convention June 5 - June 8 at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. The convention will start with a trade session on Wednesday and end with the Last Dance trade session on Saturday night. Sandwiched between will be the annual banquet, more trade sessions, educational seminars, exhibits, and poker tournament as well as over one-hundred dealers selling casino related memorabilia including casino chips, tokens, and silver strikes.

Registration information and registration forms will be included in the next issue of the club magazine as well as posted on the Club Bulletin Board. You will definitely want to pre-register to receive the pre-registration package that we hope will contain some pleasant surprises.

Please look elsewhere in this issue for Club Chip and Club Medal design contest and, nomination forms for the COTY/TOTY/SSOTY awards and dealer tables. Last year's dealers will receive information in the mail by the first week of November. These forms are also available on the Club Bulletin Board. Be sure to observe deadline dates.

A successful convention requires the help of a lot of people. An outstanding volunteer team has been assembled to help ensure that the 2002 Convention is a huge success. We still need more volunteers, particularly in the areas of registration, dealer floor setup and teardown, and numerous other tasks. The following volunteers have already started with preparations for the 2002 Convention. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for our 10th annual convention, please direct them to the appropriate director or chairman.

Convention Co-Chair: Liz Conrad (Physical Arrangements)

Convention Co-Chair: George Conrad (Convention Operations)

Directors

Club table: Richard Allard

Program Book: Allan Anderson

Publicity and Promotions: Richard Burgel

Educational Seminars: Dick Covington

Dealers: Al Golovin

Registration: Donna Herhold

Auction: Bruce Landau

Poker Tournament: Bob Pardue

Exhibits: Joe Shaw

Convention Finance: David Shron

Banquet: Wayne Thompson

Chair persons

Dealer floor setup/teardown: Paul Bender

Registration desk: Vern and Alice Blanck

Photography: Mark Lighterman

Pre-registration packages: Bruce and Mary Ann Massey

Club property: Nick and Andrea Moericke

Trade sessions: David Moore

Registration desk: Art and Muriel Sanderson

Club chip and Medal contest: Joe Shaw

State tax collection: David Shron

On-line video: Greg Susong

Dealer registration desk: John Yee

We Do Casino Parties!

**We are an
Entertainment production company
We bring the party to you.**



Casino Del Sol Entertainment

SPECIALIZING IN

**Casino and Turf Club Events
Beautiful, New Gaming Equipment
Formal Attire on All Personnel**

(800) 299-5825

Web Site www.cdse.com

Email sales@cdse.com

NEVADAMINT.COM

**Club members receive 10% off everything
in our store! Even sale items. \$\$\$\$**

**10%OFF
coupon**

FREE ADMISSION TO MUSEUM!

*"See the Worlds Largest Gambling Museum"
Open 7 days a week! 7am till 9pm daily*



**Visit our unique collectibles store, at the Tropicana Hotel
next to, "The Casino Legends Hall Fame, Museum"
Downstairs near The Deli & Sports Book.**



**Rich Burgel, sole proprietor
www.nevadamint.com**

**702-739-5444
VISA /MC /AE**

**1000 Chips! On Display!
SilverStrikes - Ashtrays
Slotcards - Memorabilia**

Dining Tidbits

Poor Service Ruins Spectacular Food at a Well-Known Las Vegas Restaurant

by Lisa Jung

Pinot Brasserie at the Venetian

What better way to end a busy and hectic, but successful, CC>CC convention than to spend a whole day relaxing by the pool at the Rio and then heading to the Venetian to have dinner with friends at Pinot Brasserie. The restaurant is described as a Franco-Californian Bistro. They serve poultry, pasta, steak, and seafood, and also have an oyster bar. The dinner was organized by our fellow chipper and foodie, Don Lueders; we looked forward to this event as it had been planned for weeks. We were joined by Estelle & Scott Hartman, and Mary Ann & Skip Harouff.

The evening was not off to a good start. Mel and I were a few minutes late (we had a little trouble finding the restaurant in the vast casino), and the hostess would not seat the others until everyone in the party had arrived. They would have been left standing in the crowded foyer (there weren't many seats available) until one person in the party insisted that they be seated. Service went well, until it came to refilling our water glasses. Our party seemed to be abandoned. There was a service table with a pitcher of water next to our table, so Estelle refilled our glasses for us. I joked that we should give Estelle part of the tip (we were not aware at that point that a tip would be automatically added to our bill). The bus boy saw Estelle pouring our water, but he didn't say anything or apologize; he just walked past our table. After we ordered, bread was brought to the table along with small ramekins containing 2 small pats of butter. We repeatedly ask the waiter and bus boy for more butter.

Three in our party ordered the lobster bisque which was excellent. When the waiter brought the entrees, he had to ask who ordered each entrée as he started placing the wrong entrée in front of us. Experienced waiters have a system of remembering which person ordered each entrée (I believe it's called a pad of paper and a pen). I can understand a mix-up if we had played musical chairs, but we hadn't moved. Our entrees were beautifully plated, but the portions were miniscule. Skip ordered halibut (\$30), and he said it was the smallest piece of fish he had ever seen. Estelle and Don had the filet of sole; it consisted of three tiny rolls of sole (about an inch in diameter) on a bed of spinach (\$30 or \$10 per inch). I had crisp salmon with pesto; it was delicious (what there was of it). It was served with potato wedges and garnished with 3 to 4 mini cherry tomato halves and pesto oil. I estimated the piece of salmon to be about 2 inches by 3 inches; at \$30 for the entrée, that's \$5 per square inch (half as much as the sole). Would it have broken their budget to add another square inch of fish for any of these fish entrees? Mary Ann wasn't feeling too well, so she just ordered Caesar salad and French Onion soup (a total of \$20). Unfortunately, she wasn't able to taste it; I hope it was good since it was expensive for soup and salad. The only entrees that were an adequate portion were Scott's lobster (\$35) and Mel's ribeye steak (\$36) which was served with grilled onions, mushrooms, potato wedges, and a rich demi-glace.

The chocolate soufflé had to be ordered 25 minutes ahead of time; that was not a problem. However, the chocolate soufflé was brought to the table before we had even gotten any dessert menus.

We had to ask the waiter for dessert menus. When we complained about the poor service, pointing out that the soufflé was brought before we were asked if we wanted any dessert, the waiter gave the excuse that the soufflé was ready. (But the dessert menus were not?) By the time we got the dessert menus, and especially when we saw that desserts were \$9 to \$11 each, we didn't feel like ordering any. Coffee was brought to the table, but the cream was curdled.

After the waiter brought us the bill, he apologized for our opinion that we received poor service. (Notice that he didn't apologize for the poor service.) He then had the nerve to say that had we ordered dessert, he would have comped it (to his credit, he did comp the one chocolate soufflé that was ordered). We should have told him that we changed our minds and wanted dessert, after all! After the way we were treated, we just wanted to get out of there. The topper was that the tip was automatically added (I believe it came to about 18%), so that we couldn't express our dissatisfaction about the service in the tip. My only satisfaction is in writing this review and letting others in our club know about our experience. There are some talented chefs in the kitchen who are well-trained in their field, but the wait staff is clueless and ruined what could have been a wonderful dining experience. Go to Pinot Brasserie for outstanding well-prepared cuisine, but bring your magnifying glass to look at your entree and don't expect too much of it. And be prepared to pour your own water.

Food Quality: ☆☆☆

(Would have given ☆☆☆☆ if the portions had been larger) Service: 0

Seafood Grotto at Harvey's, Lake Tahoe

On a happier note, the service was very good at the Seafood Grotto at Harvey's; the portions are substantial, too. Salads and sandwiches are \$7-11, and seafood and pasta entrees are \$11-16. A cup of thick and creamy clam chowder is \$2.50 (only \$1.50 if ordered with a meal). At dinner, there are fish specials for \$16-20. I had the Seafood Del Mar that consisted of fettuccini with prawns, scallops, rock shrimp, artichoke hearts, spinach, broccoli, cauliflower, and pine nuts in a marinara sauce; this entrée could be ordered in an Alfredo sauce (\$14). Mel had a calamari sandwich on sourdough with avocado, sliced tomato, sliced onion, and alfalfa sprouts; it was served with a mound of fries. Both of these entrees were excellent; hot sourdough bread and butter came with the entrees.

At a table near by, we observed an interesting entrée being served; it was what Harvey's called a Seafood Clambake. It was so large that it served three adults and one child. The entrée consisted of a whole lobster, clams, prawns, and corn on the cob. It is listed on the menu at market price; this time it was \$66.

☆☆☆

Oyster Bar on the Sky Terrace at the Atlantis Casino in Reno

The Atlantis' Sky Terrace atmosphere is unique in that it is enclosed in glass and overlooks Virginia Street; it gives diners a beautiful view of the city, especially at night. I always enjoy sitting at the counter to watch the chefs at work; if a restaurant offers this option, I try to take advantage of it. The disadvantage is that I could see all the cream that went into my entrée, but then that's probably why my entrée was so rich and delicious. I had the Atlantis Scampi Combo (\$14) that consisted of salmon, prawns, and scallops in a cream sauce; it was served in a French bread boat with fries. Mel's Oyster Stew (\$11) had a very generous number of large oysters in a tasty broth consisting of clam juice, cream, and

seasonings. Since I was at the counter (and if any of you are curious and want to try this at home), I was able to see some of the ingredients that made their dishes so tasty: lots of garlic, clam juice, wine, Tabasco, Worcestershire sauce, fresh lemon juice, and about a cup of cream. Other popular entrees are Cioppino (\$15), New Orleans Jambalaya (\$12), and Pan Roasts (shrimp, \$14; lobster, \$18; oyster, \$12).

☆☆☆

Rainforest Café at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas

This chain of unique cafes has won many awards; according to the Las Vegas guide, "What's On" magazine, this restaurant is a visitor's choice award winner. The wonderful jungle atmosphere is a show all by itself. Picture the Amazon with waterfalls, monkeys, parrots, crocodiles, gorillas, and tropical fish. It even rains periodically. The heavy mist that rains down on diners is welcome on a hot day. Don't sit at a table too close to the edge if you don't want to get damp. Our Hawaii born waiter was charming and helpful. He recommended the Paradise Pot Roast as a specialty of the café. Our guest, Randy Char, a Las Vegas realtor, took his advice; when I had a taste of the pot roast, I wished that I had listened to our waiter and ordered it, too. Instead, I had the Rasta Pasta which was penne with chicken and broccoli in an Alfredo sauce (\$16). Mel had Maya's mixed grill (\$20) that included shrimp, chicken, and ribs. Both of these entrees were good, but not as good as the pot roast. Other selections include appetizers, \$7-14; many of them have cute names, like Leaping Lizard Lettuce Wraps (\$11) and Awesome Appetizer Adventure (crab, chicken, and calamari, \$14). Safari Salads are \$4-13. Soups are \$4-5 that includes clam and Jungle Safari Soup (sausage, eggplant, spinach and other vegetables). Sandwiches and burgers are \$9-11. Seafood entrees are \$13-17; lobster is \$28. There are also beef, pork, and chicken entrees for \$14-22. The menu is very interesting to read as it includes bits of information on orchids, ferns, and various animals like elephants and monkeys.

☆☆☆

Carnival World Buffet at the Rio Hotel, Las Vegas

It had been years since we had eaten at this buffet; once we had discovered Rio's Seafood Buffet, we always seemed to gravitate there. We're glad we made a return visit as there have been many changes: they have certainly added more food stations which help alleviate some of the lines. The stations include a Pizzeria, Glitter City Diner (hamburgers), Fish & Chips, Golden Crane (teppanyaki & sushi), Rico's Amazon Grill, The Lazy Lizard (Mexican), Bolos Western Barbeque, Mani Yen's (Chinese), Ludovico's Trattoria Pasta Specialties, USA, and the Rio Bar. The hardest decision to make is, with so many selections, where do you start? During popular times, sometimes the answer has to be where ever you can find the shortest line. The Amazon Grill had very long lines; that may have indicated the best food, but, with so many other choices, I passed up this station. The cold shrimp with cocktail sauce, shrimp & corn chowder, crab salad, and Asian pasta salad with mushrooms, snow peas, and broccoli were very good. Also excellent was the filet mignon. However, the quality of the food is uneven; I found that the barbecued ribs and the egg foo young were tough. The fish at the fish & chips station was over cooked; so was the grilled liver. The quality of the Asian food was good, especially the pad thai, chow mein, eggplant, cashew chicken, and spareribs. The service that we were given was exceptional; our server never let us see the bottom of our glasses of iced tea, coke, and skim milk until we finally had to tell her to stop! The only dessert worth mentioning is the chocolate mousse torte. The cream puffs were filled with baker's cream, not real whipped cream. Breakfast is \$8, lunch, \$11, dinner, \$15.

Food: ☆☆

Service: ☆☆☆

Snack Bar at the Rio, Las Vegas

For a quick snack or for a convenient lunch to take with you to enjoy by the pool, try the snack bar at the Rio. They offer a variety of sandwiches, including a delicious grilled chicken panini. The bread is made with sun-dried tomatoes, pesto and cheese (\$4.50). They also have ham & cheese or turkey paninis. The white chocolate strawberry napoleon consisted of flaky puff pastry layers filled with white chocolate mousse, but I suspected baker's cream instead of whipped cream (\$3.25). The long-stemmed strawberries seemed to be very popular; they were dipped in white or dark chocolate with chocolate shavings (\$1.75).

☆☆

Food Court at the Peppermill, Reno

The cafeteria style Food Court at the Peppermill offers a variety of choices: the Asian Chinese Wok has rice plates with entrees like Mongolian beef, cashew chicken, chow mein and General chicken, the Mexican Taco Bar has tacos, burritos, and enchiladas, the Italian café has pasta, pizza, and deli sandwiches, and the American café has steak sandwiches, fries, a variety of hot & cold sandwiches, fried chicken, and meat loaf. There is also a soup and salad bar; desserts include pies, cakes, cookies, and ice cream. The steak sandwich was cooked perfectly (medium rare), but the General chicken was too salty. Prices are reasonable; many entrees are around \$4. Salads and soups are \$2, and desserts are \$1.50 to \$2.50.

☆

DO I HAVE A PRICE LIST FOR YOU?

1. FRANKLIN MINT PROOF-LIKE 50¢ AND \$ TOKENS
2. NEVADA CASINO \$1 GAMING TOKENS
3. NEVADA \$1 ROUTE TOKENS
4. NEVADA CASINO CHIPS (CHECKS)
5. NEVADA SILVER STRIKES \$7-10-20-40
6. GAMING TOKENS FROM AROUND THE U.S.A.
7. GAMING CHIPS FROM AROUND THE U.S.A.

SEND \$1.00 FOR PRICE LIST OF YOUR CHOICE
OR SEND \$3.00 FOR LIST AND \$! CHIP OR TOKEN

EDWARD B. HOFFMAN, R-2872, CHSS-103

MAIL: PO BOX 6039-G, ELKO, NEVADA 89802-6039-39

PHONE: 775-753-2435 FAX: 775-777-2667

EMAIL: HOFFMAN@RABBITBRUSH.COM



Dennis M. Finn Silver Strikes Collector

www.pe.net/~dmfinn

Email: dmfinn@pe.net

Phone: (909) 882-9700

Fax: (909) 276-1407

3544 University Ave.

Riverside, CA 92501

Member R-3552

*Proud supporter and member of the CC>CC and
the Silver Strikers Chapter!*

NEVADA OBSOLETE CHIPS

Steve Soden

SEND FOR FREE LIST

234 Ohua Ave #103

Honolulu, HI. 96815

COLORADO & DEADWOOD

CASINO CHIPS

Send One Buck and Receive One
Obsolete Chip and Large List

Bob Dimler

2873 So. Ivan Way

Denver, CO. 80227

303 985 7341

CC>CC R-1338

ANA K-144833

Interested in Silver Strikes?
Come and join the world wide Chapter of CC>CC

Silver Strikers



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- *NEWSLETTER 6 TIMES A YEAR FILLED WITH SILVER STRIKE INFORMATION
- *SEVERAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES AT THE ANNUAL CC>CC CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS – INCLUDING AN AUCTION, EDUCATION FORUM, TRADE SESSIONS, MANY SILVER STRIKE DEALERS AND EXHIBITS
- *ROSTER CONTAINING NEARLY 400 MEMBERS

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BELOW AND SEND TO:

Silver Strikers
C/o Evelyn Grosklaus
3436 Bocage Drive #305
Orlando, FL 32812-7598

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST

- ALL \$7 \$10 \$20 \$40 \$200
 ALL Nevada Colorado Atlantic City Riverboats Other

May the above information be published in the club roster? YES NO

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$10.00/ROSTER \$5

THE SLABFREE CHAPTER

DEDICATED TO KEEPING THE HOBBY SLABFREE!

This new chapter of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club is being formed for those members who wish to collect ONLY Slabfree chips, tokens and silver strikes. Membership is open to all members of the CC>CC. There is no "LIST" to sign or become a part of, no Boycott Pledge to take. Just the belief that the slabbing of chips and tokens brings nothing of value to our hobby. To gather with members who share the same sentiment about this issue and to promote our hobby in a manner that is respectful of everyone's opinion.

"The purpose of this organization is to promote support of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club and to promote the hobby of collecting casino chips and tokens which have NOT been commercially graded or slabbed."

SLAB FREE AND PROUD OF IT!

SLABFREE CHAPTER MEMBER APPLICATION

LIFETIME DUES ONLY \$5.00!

Name _____ CCGTCC# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Mail Application and dues to: Amy Andrae, P.O. Box 76275, Highland Heights, KY 41076

Copy this application or send the above information, with dues, to the above listed address

We believe that Commercial Grading and Slabbing of Chips/Tokens is a serious threat to our hobby. IT ADDS NOTHING OF VALUE! Be sure to visit WWW.SLABFREE.COM for more information on the Slabfree Chapter and this important issue.

SLABBIN' AIN'T CHIPPIN'

2002 Convention Chip and Medal Design Contest

The Club is again accepting entries for our official 2002 Club Convention Chip & Medal Design Contest. These club convention commemorative issues are very collectible and popular with our membership. All members are welcome to compete. Entries can be hand drawn or computer generated. Winning entry (for both Chip & Medal) will win prizes as follows:

1st Place: \$50 & Plaque
2nd Place: \$50

The second place design may be used for illustration on the official convention T-Shirt.

CONTEST RULES:

- ☞ Designs must be submitted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
- ☞ Artwork must be at least 6" to 8" in diameter.
- ☞ All artwork must include your name and membership number on the reverse.
- ☞ Artwork can be in color or black & white, matted or unmatted.
- ☞ All entries become the property of the CC>CC and are not returnable.
- ☞ The Club Board of Directors will serve as the judges for this contest.
Their decision is final and no appeals will be allowed.
- ☞ Deadline for entries is February 28, 2002.

Please submit your entries to:

Joe Shaw
CC>CC Design Contest
10301 East Estates Drive
Cupertino, CA 95014



Siena Hotel Spa Casino, the nation's newest boutique hotel, opened in July, 2001 on the banks of the Truckee River in Reno, Nevada. The \$70 million, 214-room hotel has a unique combination of services and amenities, including a full-service day spa, high-energy 24-hour casino, eclectic art, riverside fine dining, and distinctive food and wine experiences. Designed by architect Mark Whipple of The Russell Group, this four-star caliber property was modeled after its Italian namesake and dedicated to the discriminating traveler.

Like other boutique hotels, Siena has an underlying dedication to comfort, service and value with exceptional finishing touches. 214 tastefully appointed rooms and suites have river or panoramic mountain views, including Floor dei Nobili, an all-suite floor with butler service. Siena features comfortable room interiors with plush down comforters, Egyptian cotton linens, robes, coffee makers and the newest technology conveniences — high-speed Internet access, Web TV, data lines, safes with chargers for laptop computers and



\$70 Million Siena Hotel Spa Casino Announces Grand Opening

by Allan Anderson

cell phones, and two-line speaker-phones. Hotel services also include daily newspaper delivery and turn down service.

Guests at Siena will enjoy food and wine experiences that reflect the rich traditions of the town of Siena. Executive Chef Antonio Caggiano - a celebrated Tuscan chef - brings his passion for food, wine and the Italian lifestyle to the new hotel.

Conrada, Siena's 24-hour coffee shop, features a fresh, hearty cuisine augmented by an open kitchen with rotisserie meats and poultry, homemade sausage, a live fire oven, and fresh breads and desserts baked twice daily. Lexie's, a contemporary Italian restaurant and lounge overlooking the Truckee River, offers an abundance of fresh seafood, sizable portions of organic beef and an expansive wine list. Lexie's also has a climatized smoking room, cognac bar and walk-in humidor where guests can partake in a premium cigar or imported cigarette paired with a smooth, aged cognac and specialty food appetizers. The lounge area will be a popular after hours spot for conversation and entertainment.

The Enoteca (Italian for "wine cave") is home to a wine bar/lounge that serves more than 200 fine wines by the glass with a special appetizer menu featuring foods which accentuate the taste of each wine. Visit the 18,000-bottle wine cellar or retail wine shop, or celebrate the good life at the Tuscan Table, a seven-course meal paired with highly

allocated wines complete with tasting/pairing discussions led by the executive chef or the Siena's own Master Sommelier Barrie Larvin. Larvin, an internationally recognized Master Sommelier, was responsible for creating the world's finest wine cellar at the Rio Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The Spa at Siena will rival other acclaimed day spas in treatments, services and ambiance. The Spa has 11 therapy rooms for massage, facial and body treatments. Trained therapists offer personalized consultations that enhance well being and desired effects. The atmosphere combines serenity and special service in a quiet sanctuary filled with fragrant flowers and meditative music. Prior to treatments, guests relax on comfortable lounges in the Serenity Room and sip herbal tea or fruit juice while waiting to be led to their private room. Just outside the spa quarters is a fully

equipped fitness room, outdoor lap pool, spa tub and a juice and smoothie bar.

Siena's 23,000 square foot casino will quickly distinguish itself with its décor, size and atmosphere, as well as Reno's most innovative gaming technology and ambassador service. The environment will be unique – a high-energy casino amidst Roman Italian ruins set outside the city of Siena. Crumbling stone pillars, mammoth archways, high ceilings and Tuscan countryside frescos combine to create this ancient village atmosphere. The casino has 26 table games, 800 slot machines, Keno, a Race/Sports book and an intimate balcony overlooking the main floor for high limit table games and slots.

Keeping the business traveler in mind, the resort also has a full service business center, high-speed Internet access, a newsstand and

sundries shop. Guests can arrange for complimentary, on-demand luxury sedan or limousine transportation service to and from the airport. Valet parking, same day dry cleaning, and a professional concierge round out the services.

Siena Hotel Spa Casino is located in the heart of Reno, Nevada's river walk district and the city's river-front cultural arts community. The Hotel is within walking distance to downtown properties and other recreational points of interest.

For reservations or more information on Siena Hotel Spa Casino, please call 1-877-SIENA33 (877-743-6233) or visit www.sienareno.com.

Thanks to Larry Hollibaugh for the chip scans. ♦



 Search

keyword username

Welcome To
JackpotAuctions.com

Where BOTH the Buyer & Seller WIN!

About Jackpotauctions.com	Register Now!	How To Buy!	LIST AN ITEM NOW!
Search For Items!	MY PAGE!	How To Sell!	MONTHLY SUPER JACKPOT!

WE SPECIALIZE IN CASINO CHIPS & COLLECTIBLES!

OVER \$1,000 in JACKPOTS!

[Click Here For Details!](#)



OVER \$1,000 in JACKPOTS!

[Click Here For Details!](#)

WIN 1 OF OUR JACKPOTS!

Come visit us online at www.jackpotauctions.com

The 1st & ONLY online SLABFREE Auction site!

The LOWEST FEES on the Internet!

IT'S ONLY 25 CENTS TO LIST AND 25 CENTS COMMISSIONS ON THE SALE!

REGARDLESS OF THE SELLING PRICE!

FREE PICTURE HOSTING!

GREAT JACKPOTS!

SLABFREE & PROUD OF IT!

Colorado News

by Allen Banick

In this month's issue, I will attempt to bring everybody current with all of the wonderful new chips and tokens released in Colorado. As always, it has been busy around here!

New Chip and Token Releases

The Lodge Casino, Black Hawk

This year's Lodge chip theme features "funny holidays". These are fun chips and feature some interesting art!



Nuclear Reactor Day, Released April 26, 2001 400 Made



Lost Sock Memorial Day May 9, 2001 400 Made



Belated 2nd anniversary \$1 Issues June 24, 2001 but dated June 24th 2000 1000 Made



3rd Anniversary \$5 Issued June 24, 2001 400 made



Pina Colada Day July 10, 2001 200 made

Gold Diggers, Cripple Creek

While not a new chip, this version of the Gold Diggers \$25 is a new discovery. Shown are both variations. If you are a serious "quarter" collector, you will want to make sure you have both of these in

your collections! Unknown quantity of each was minted, but both version are available at the casino cage.



Variation 1



Variation 2

Gilpin Casino, Black Hawk

Gilpin is continuing it's tradition of issuing holiday chips. So far in 2001, the following have been minted.



Easter 2001, 400 Minted



4th of July 2001, 400 Minted

Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

Bronco Billy's has slowed the pace of new chip issue this year, but as always they have produced some very nice ones!



Donkey Derby Days 2001, 500 Minted



2001 POW MIA 14th Annual Recognition Ride

Gold Rush and Midnight Rose, Cripple Creek, Colorado Central Station, Black Hawk

As featured in the previous Colorado article, POKER 208 is a roulette like game played with cards. It received gaming approval and can now be found in the 3 mentioned Colorado casinos. The final approval required the casinos to include their name on the hot stamped unicorn chips. Both the Midnight Rose and Colorado Central used 10 different colors while Gold Rush uses only 6.

Isle of Capri, Black Hawk

The Isle issued a new \$2 token (not pictured) as well as a new \$100 chip. What does Colorado do with a \$100 chip you ask? They are used on 3 card poker and Let it Ride for the jackpot pays!



Womack's, Cripple Creek

Speaking of \$100's, Womack's issued a few of their own, 50 to be exact!



Harvey's, Central City

Harvey's (now owned by Harrah's), issued what has been billed as "The Final Cosby Chip".



Harvey's St. Patty's Day 2001, 1500 minted and given away to players

Mardi Gras, Black Hawk

The Mardi Gras issued a 1st anniversary chip featuring their trademark mask design's.



Mardi Gras, 1st Anniversary 500 Minted

Black Hawk Station, Black Hawk

One of our most popular chips didn't disappoint this year. The Station's annual tribute to the charity bike run is a beauty!



Colorado Division of Gaming

A 10th anniversary set of division chips, designed by division employees was un-officially released. PLEASE do not call the division for these chips they are not selling them. 200 of each were minted.

Upcoming Releases

Look for a few 10th anniversary chips from Colorado casinos when we celebrate the 10th anniversary of gaming in October. See you in the next issue!



Colorado Division of Gaming 10th Anniversary Chips

Club Meetings!

The Colorado Chapter meets on the third Sunday of every month, usually the meetings start at 11:30. Most meetings are held in Lakewood Colorado, but the location can change. For meeting information, please email Allen Banick at

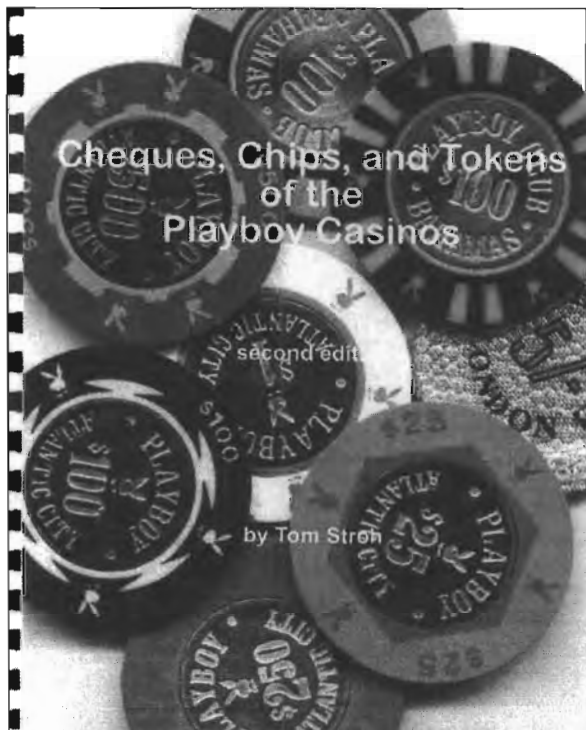
allen@cochips.com or call club officers Ken and Sarah Fisk at (303) 361-6151.

Allen Banick
allen@cochips.com (303) 683-0433 ♦

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHIPPERS GATHER!

On August 24th, the Northwest group of chip collectors gathered in Seattle. The usual group features chippers from Washington, Oregon and even Idaho. We get together a few times a year to trade chips and stories. It's fun and very informal. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Jim Forsman at 425-482-3199 or Steve Goodrich at SteveMrPNW@turbonet.com ♦



PLAYBOY

Cheques, Chips, and Tokens

Second Edition

**8 1/2" x 11" 90 pages,
paper back, spiral bound**

No two-legged bunnies here, just chips and tokens in full color from around the world by Playboy. Background information, History and complete listing of Atlantic City, Nassau, England, Rhodes, Fun Night, Training School, & Fantasy chips.

\$27.00 + \$3.50 Priority shipping

**Tom Stroh
179 Jones Creek Circle
Pine, CO. 80470**



Faux Leather Chip Case

#215 Price \$20.00
Facsimile Leather Chip Case
Holds 200 Chips
Size 7 1/2" x 7 1/2" x 3"

#216 Price \$30.00
Facsimile Leather Chip Case
Holds 300 Chips
Size 7" x 11" x 3"



Black Vinyl Chip Case

#204 Price \$55.00
Black Vinyl Chip Case With Lock
Holds 300 Chips
Size 8" x 12" x 3"

#205 Price \$55.00
Black Vinyl Chip Case With Lock
Holds 400 Chips
Size 8" x 11 6" x 3"

#206 Price \$60.00
Black Vinyl Chip Case With Lock
Holds 500 Chips
Size 8" x 19 1/2" x 3"

#207 Price \$80.00
Black Vinyl Chip Case With Lock
Holds 1000 Chips
Size 14 1/2" x 19 1/2" x 3"



Wood Chip Case

#201 Price \$45.00
Made of rubber wood with removable
trays, and space for cards below
Holds 200 Chips Size 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" x 3"

#202 Price \$60.00
Made of rubber wood with removable trays,
and space for cards below Holds 300 Chips
Size 8 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 3"

#203 Price \$75.00
Made of rubber wood with removable trays,
and space for cards below Holds 500 Chips
Size 8 1/2" x 20" x 3"

Maxie Case # 6100

Size 11 1/4 x 11 3/4 x 5 1/2 Holds 10 trays
Trays have felt inserts to protect items
Inserts come in Red, Blue or Green

Tray # 6106

For Chips & Tokens without holders. Tray holds 36 items

Tray # 6105

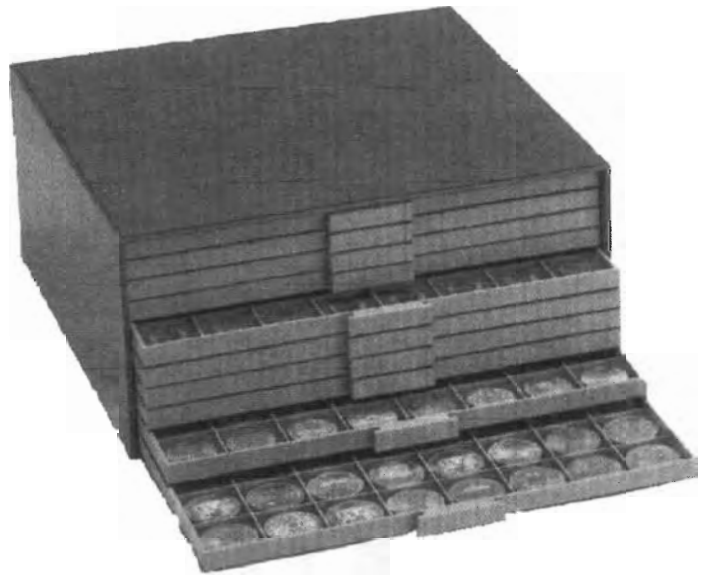
For Chips & Tokens In Air-Tight cases, \$10.00 Silver Strikes in cases. Tray holds 25 items

Tray # 6107

For \$1.00 slot tokens only
Not in cases. Tray holds 49 items

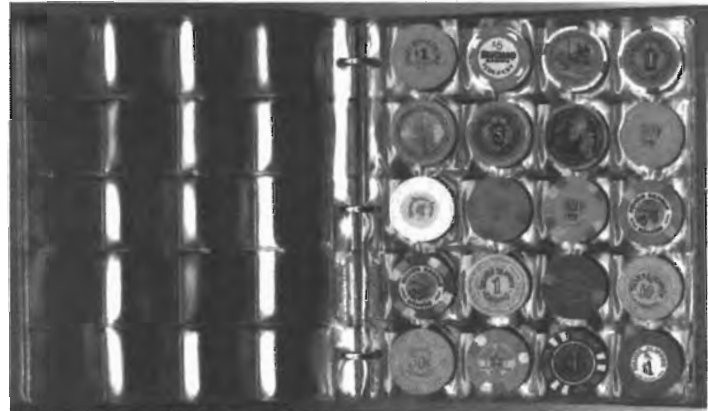
Maxie Case and 10 trays only \$182.95

You may mix trays & felt inserts any way you like



CASES TO KEEP YOUR CHIPS IN From
CHARLES & MARGARITA RODGERS - P.O. BOX 4572 - LAKEWOOD, CA. 90711
Phone 562-408-2463 - E-Mail ctccoins@aol.com





Hygrade Binders Item #cc-200 Price \$20.00

Hygrade Binders are 8" x 9" come with 10 pages with 20 pockets each and you need know holders to hold the chip in. Chips will not fall out. Replacement pages are .70¢ each or 12 for \$7.00

**SUPPLIES
2002**

Supplies for the Chip & Token Collector
From
Charles & Margarita Rodgers

C. T. COINS

P. O. Box 4572 - Lakewood, Calif. 90711
Phone 562-408-2463 - Fax 562-634-8107
E-Mail ctcoins@aol.com

Mastercard - Visa - Optima - American Express
Are all welcomed at C. T. Coins

SUPPLIES 2002

Is just full of goodies for the Chip & Tokens Collector
Over 30 pages with some of the following

- ◆ Informational Books
- ◆ Binders for Chips, Tokens
- ◆ Silver Strike Cases
- ◆ Air-Tight Cases for Chips & Tokens
- ◆ Chip & Token Cleaner
- ◆ Postcard & Matchbook pages
- ◆ Slot Card Binders & pages
- ◆ Display Cases & trays
- ◆ Magnifiers
- ◆ Chip & Token Wallets
- ◆ Flips- 2 x2 and 2 ½ x 2 ½ Holders
- ◆ Storage Tubes and Boxes

**FREE
FOR THE ASKING**

**Are you on our mailing list ???
No junk mail**

A name to remember when you need supplies
Charles & Margarita Rodgers
C. T. Coins - P. O. Box 4572 - Lakewood, CA. 90711
Phone 562-408-2463 - E-Mail ctcoins@aol.com



Silver Strikes Chapter

by Mary Lou Waterbury

I am writing this in September just after the terrible events in New York City. We know the events in New York will change us and our country, but we don't know how. For the most part the rest of us will have to go on with our lives. Perhaps if any good can come from this, it will be that we are kinder to our relatives, friends, and associates.

The Silver Strikers community was saddened by the sudden illness of Donna Killman of Anchor Games. By this time this is in print, we will hope that she is well on the way to recovery. I saw Donna just this last convention when she was at the Plaza setting up the new machines for the strikers.

Speaking of the Plaza strikes, wasn't that one of the most marvelous things that has happened to our Chapter? We have only been a Chapter a short two years and we had a strike that was minted with our logo. I am not sure how many of you thought about this feat, but it was quite an undertaking. We need to thank Jack Haddock and Rick Ronca of the Plaza who worked with Anchor Games on getting our own strike minted. We don't just wake up one morning and say we want a strike with our logo on it. It takes a lot of work to get it shepherded through the system.

Our bulletin board did not get off to an auspicious start, but as a few



Officers at the Silver Strikers Meeting. Absent, Ray Moritiz



Mary Lou Waterbury, President & Rick Ronca, Plaza Slots Manager at the ribbon cutting at the Plaza



Rick Andrae & Jack Haddock during our first auction

rules were set up, it seems to be working much better. I would like to suggest that if there is a person who has nothing better to do than tear down other people that he or she get a life and stop hiding under assumed names. For the rest of us if any more negative messages show up — do not answer. As fire needs oxygen, these type of people need to see other folk get angry and fire off a reply. Don't feed them!

As I said at the beginning, we are proud to be featured in the CC>CC magazine. I especially want to thank you John and your staff for making the "Chip & Token News" a magazine for the 21st century.

Mary Lou Waterbury
President, Silver Strikers ♦



Left: Mary Lou Waterbury & Evelyn Grosklaus taking their turn at the Silver Strikers table.



Dennis Finn introducing the speakers at the Silver Strikers Seminar.



Rick Ronca, Slots Manager at the Plaza

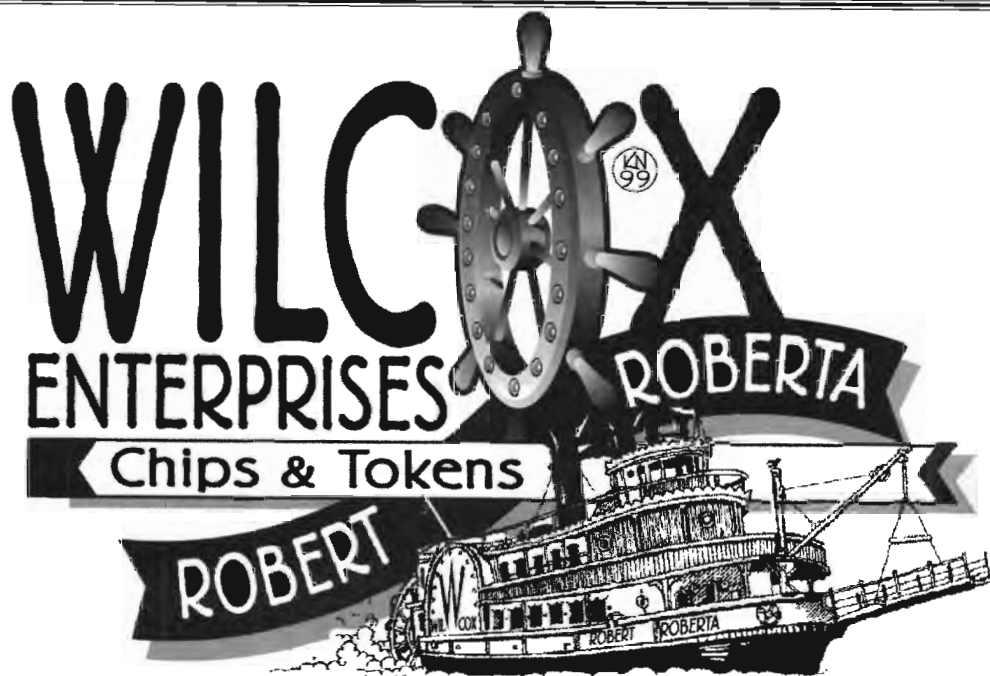
Left: Jack Haddock and Andrae Coleman, Casear Palace representative accepting the SSOTY Award



Right: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Ciesla who got to win the first logo Chapter & Club logo strikes at the plaza



Tom Power, Production Manager at Sunshine Mine Co. giving his presentation



NEW ISSUE SERVICE

**RIVERBOATS
INDIANS**

**COLORADO
DEADWOOD**

We specialize in keeping your collection up-to-date. If you collect Riverboats, Indians, Colorado or Deadwood, let us track down the chips and tokens and send them to you in our monthly shipments. With a 10% discount off our regular retail price, \$1 items cost \$2.70 and \$5 items cost \$7.65. You can specify what items you want us to send you and still return any items you do not want.

See our monthly ad in the "Gaming Times" for a list of new items available each month. We also maintain a Web site at <http://www.adams.net/~rwc/wilcox> where you will find a copy of our catalog, recent ads announcing new items and trip notes. We receive e-mail at rwc@acm.org and regular mail at:

WILCOX ENTERPRISES
P.O. BOX 395
CARTHAGE, IL 62321

You can reach us by telephone at 217-357-3308. Sunday afternoon and evening is when we process orders and is the best time to call, unless we are off chasing chips, in which case everything stops until we get back.

We have an extensive collection of both current and obsolete items from the area we service. Orders are generally processed over the weekend and shipped on Tuesday, but larger complex orders may take longer. If we can be of assistance to you, we would like to make your acquaintance. Please either phone, write or e-mail.

Robert Wilcox Cook

CC>CC # R-0577

Roberta Cook

ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

by Dale **Seymour** and Ken **Craig**

New finds of previously unknown gambling chips continue to surface. That's great because discovering a "new find" is one of the big thrills in collecting. The first listing of antique gambling chips appeared in 1983 in the book of that name. In 1997 a major revision of the book included several hundred new finds. This spring, at the chip convention in Las Vegas, a supplement to the second edition was introduced. The supplement contains pictures of more than 200 new ivory chips and their codes and over 80 new clay codes. It looks as though you can expect a new supplement every four or five years. We thought "we had found them all" back in the 90s.

Recall that we do not code numeral chips, monogrammed chips, nor do we code chips made later than 1960. It is not always easy to approximate the manufacturing date of a chip so we make a guess and sometimes we code a chip that was made in the 60s or 70s. Even though this article focuses on providing new chip codes for new finds, we welcome input from you on any old chips. Dale just purchased a very unusual chip on Ebay which was purported to have come from a gambling house in West Baden, Indiana. The square mother-of-pearl chip is coated in gold on the back and was supposedly used as a member identification for entry to the club. Hmmm? Mother-of-pearl chips in Indiana? Got more info for us?

Ralph Strandwold (CA), who seems to come up with more new finds than anyone, found some wood-

en hand-stamped chips depicting a standing eagle. He found them in four different colors. These were probably home-made by some enterprising individual so we won't code them. Collectors often assume that wooden and paper chips are not old. Not true. Wooden and paper poker chips were available for purchase at stores and through catalogs one hundred years ago.

Speaking of hand-made or altered chips, Rich Hanover (NJ) has an altered Tango chip with a four leaf clover on the reverse side. According to Allan Myers (KY), who is the authority on Tango chips, the color was probably changed slightly during the altering process. Another hand-made chip was found by Rick Robinson of Cheyenne, Wyoming. This "marriage chip" shows a photo of the groom on one side and the bride on the other. A possible gift to the couple from a chip-maker friend?

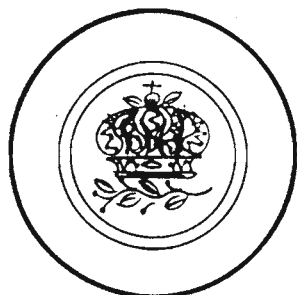
Mike Parr (AZ) and Rich Hanover both came up with a new Elk Head chip (PA-HW). It is an inlaid litho that is definitely different from PA-HV. This makes 13 different Elk Head chips. The chips were for sale to the general public, so we do not consider them to be club chips and have consequently coded them. The chips may have been used in various Elks Clubs until members started sneaking their Elk Head chips in the game. At that point, if discovered, the club may have decided to special order Elks chips with their lodge number on the chips. We know a few collectors who have nice Elks Lodge collections.

Doc Finstuen (TX) and his son Kevin own an unusual numeral chip. It is a "10" that is very similar in design to the paper chips found in Russian casinos. Doc's sources say the chip was from China, brought into the USA before World War II.

More than 25 years ago, when the senior author of this column was gathering clay chips for *Antique Gambling Chips*, he was told of a clay chip with an engraving of a railroad engine on it. One of those "they were here for months and we finally sold them last week" experiences. Sometime later, a similar "miss" happened with apparently the same chip. At least it was described identically by a different antique dealer in a distant part of the country. This seemed like enough evidence to assign a code to a never-seen chip. The code LOK - Locomotive was assigned to a chip in the transportation section of the 1983 edition of the book, even though no one had ever seen the chip. Finally, in 1998, one of you found a chip with a train engine graphic on it. The chip was assigned the new code PT-FT and the assumption was made that this was the railroad chip we had all been looking for. As Paul Harvey says "And now for the rest of the story". Recently Jim Myers (OH) found a beautifully engraved clay railroad engine chip in a "tray of stuff" in a Michigan antique shop. Which was the real chip described by the dealers in the 1980's? Maybe there is a Zepher chip out there somewhere.

A typical set of 100 old clay chips would contain 50 whites, 25

New Ivory Finds



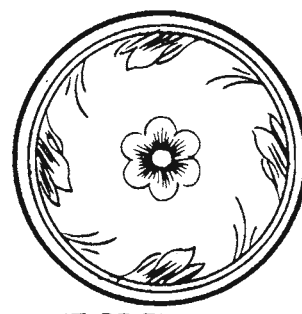
ID-RN Crown
v:p



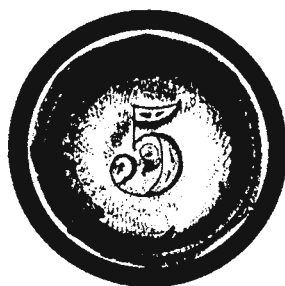
ID-RO Crown
v:p



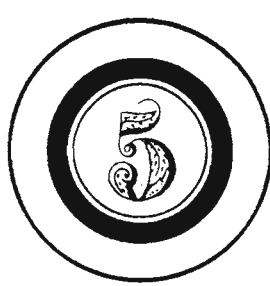
IE-BZ Four Leaves
v:k



IE-OB Blossom
v:k



IO-FQ Five
v:m



IN-CM Five
v:m



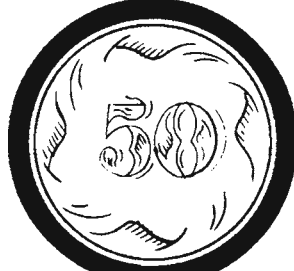
IO-ME Five
v:m



IP-SG Fifty
v:q



IP-SH Fifty
v:q



IP-ST Fifty
v:q

reds and 25 blues. Usually yellow or gold chips were available to purchase separately from a chip manufacturer. Some old poker chip designs, however, have never been found in a yellow or gold color so we are assuming they were never made in that color. A gold clay chip therefore is worth more than a red, white or blue because it is rarer. Colors that are very unusual are brown and green. Finding a new code in a brown or green color is a double thrill. Dave Woody (CA) made such a find recently of a chip sporting two concentric circles (PD-SW). Good find Dave.

Mike Cuddy (NJ) submitted two advertising chips for coding. One was an engraved chip (PY-DO) stating that the company specialized in administrative and financial relations and did manufacturing, marketing and engineering. By the time the company touted all of that and added a couple of slogans, there was no room to put the name of the company on the chip. What do we call it? We decided to call the chip Do-It-All. The other chip Mike found was an engraved Lockheed chip (PY-LJ).

We have no way of knowing whether the chip we are calling Box and Three (PD-HT) was a chip designed for sale to poker players for their home use or whether the design depicted a club or company logo. We decided to give it a code. Mike Spinetti (CA/NV) found this nice chip.

Fifty-dollar ivory chips have been exceedingly rare, but three new ones have turned up recently. Ken Craig and Tom French are responsible for finds that necessitated ten new ivory codes this issue.

For more information on the newly published supplement to *Antique Gambling Chips* write to Dale Seymour, 11170 Mora Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024 or e-mail seymourdg@aol.com. ♦

New Antique Chip Finds



Mother-of-Pearl chip
from Indiana Club



Tango Obverse



Tango Reverse



Clay chip from China (?)



Hot stamp on
wooden chip



Marriage Chip
Husband



Marriage Chip
Wife



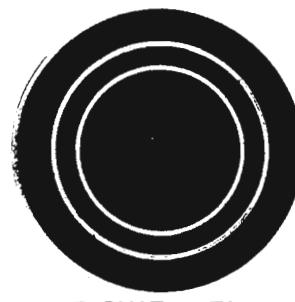
PA-HW Elk Head
Inlaid Litho / v.f



PA-TS Tiger Head



PD-HT Box & Three
Engraved / v.g



PD-SW Two Rings
Engraved / v.e



PT-FS Train Engine
Engraved / v.g



PY-DO Do-It-All
Engraved / v.f



PY-DO Reverse



PY-LJ Lockheed
Engraved / v.f

HELLO FROM PUERTO RICO

SUPER SPECIAL

P. R. COLLECTORS & DEALERS

- 3 Different Current \$1.00 Chips \$5.00**
- 3 Different OBSOLETE \$1.00 Chips. \$5.00**
- 3 Different OBSOLETE \$500.00 Chips \$5.00 ea.**
- 5 Different Las Vegas Current \$1.00 Chips \$5.00**
- 5 Different Atlantic City Current \$1.00 Chips \$5.00**
- 3 Different River Boat Chips Current \$1.00 Chips . . . \$5.00**
- 3 Obsolete Cruise Ship Chips \$5.00 \$25.00 & \$100.00 \$5.00**

CUBA - CUBA - CUBA

1 GENUINE CUBAN CHIP *priced at only* \$5.00

100 Different P. R. Obsolete Casino Chips \$1250.00
Color Photo \$25.00 Refunded with order

500 Different P. R. Obsolete Casino Chips \$55,000.00

1000 Different P. R. Obsolete Casino Chips \$500,000.00
"O.K!" I will take \$255,000.00

Orders under \$55.00, Please add \$5.00 S&H HELP
Please send for my current list., only \$5.00, Stamps OK
Refunded with first order
CC>CC # R-0278

ALBERT H. ROLLINS

P. O. Box 190449

San Juan, P. R. 00919-0449

Living in "Amazing Las Vegas"

by Rich **Burgel**

It's 7:00 am Saturday morning in the big beautiful Las Vegas Valley. My good friend Lou Lucci and I are on the road in search of Casino Collectible Treasures! Our first stop, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for some hot & gooey glazed doughnuts and strong plain American coffee. Now that our bellies are full along with the coffee jitters, we are ready for the hunt!

As we head down towards the Las Vegas Strip we see dozens of moving sale & yard sale signs. So many to choose from, which driveway do we turn into? We find a big house having an estate sale. Behold I find several pieces of old Casino Slot Glass \$2 each, also old sets of dice from the Sands, Dunes, Treasury, and Horseshoe Casinos. Bingo, we are now happy campers.

Las Vegas has approximately 6,000 people moving into our valley each month. With so many people coming and going Las Vegas is not only the gaming capitol, but also the yard sale capitol as well. Many of my best casino collectibles have come from yard & garage sales. It's a feeding frenzy when the community of Sun City Summerlin has its annual community garage sale. Over 10,000 homeowners are allowed to participate in this fabulous sales event. Last year I found dozens of classic chips and other casino related goodies from long gone casinos. The Casino Collector who lives in Las Vegas has

a terrific chance of hitting the jackpot now and then. I love this town and the thrill of the hunt for Casino Treasures.

It's now around 12:00 noon and Lou and I are on the way to Cashman's Field Convention Hall for the "Las Vegas Gun Show" many chips can be found at Gun Shows around the country. A few blocks away we come upon a huge fenced in yard full of all of the old classic Casino signs waiting to be restored by the Neon Museum. The original Royal Nevada Crown sign, the original old Stardust hotel sign "Out of this World"... Kings Castle Casino, Sassy Sally's sign and many more. What a thrill to find these old beauties resting in the sun.



Amazing Las Vegas living... there is not one day here that ceases to amaze me. I love this town of excitement and beauty. I call it "LOST VEGAS" because the old history is still here... you just have to find it! VIVA "LOST VEGAS" Hope to see you at a yard sale soon! ♦



by David Niver

Sky City Casino

Sky City Casino is located approximately 61 miles west of Albuquerque NM and 16 miles east of Grants, NM on Interstate 40 at exit 102.

The original casino opened in February 1994 after converting a combined grocery store restaurant and ice cream stand into a bingo parlor with a slot machine area. Around March 1996 an extension was added to the building and gaming tables were added. The casino continued to expand until reaching the current facility in 2000. The original building was torn down in 1999 as part of the expansion program.

The original set of house chips included a 1.00 (Picture of a cliff), \$5.00 (Picture of a canyon), \$25.00 (Picture of a two headed bird), and a \$100.00 (Picture of a bird & flower) which were manufactured by Chipco. These chips were taken out of circulation around April 1999.

Part of the expansion program was to include a hotel, which was completed in March of 2001. With the addition of the hotel there is a combined space of 164,000 square feet for the pleasure and enjoyment of

the customer. The modern three-story hotel has 150 rooms, which include 30 - economy-size rooms, 90 - standard rooms, 15 - two-room suites, and 2 - governor suites. I had an opportunity to check out the rooms and they were very nice. The hotel features a southwestern design, original Indian artwork and has a pottery pot shaped swimming pool.

The new casino has over 700 slot machines, a Roulette table, a Big 6 wheel, a Crap table, 6 Blackjack tables, 6 Poker tables and Keno. In addition there is a 550-seat bingo parlor



and by the time this article is published the casino will have live simulating horse racing.

An interview with Denis Floge, General Manager Sky City Casino, revealed that casino chip collectors are always welcome at the



casino. Dennis stated he is aware of their interests and he has kept this in mind when ordering the current house chips. The current chips were manufactured by Chipco and put on the tables when the new expansion opened. These chips are in the denominations of \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$25.00, and a \$100.00.

Almost immediately it was noted the new \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$25.00 chips had the same white edge design making it difficult to determine chip denominations when viewed by the security equipment. These chips were removed from the tables within 48 hours after being placed in play. The original chips had to be returned to

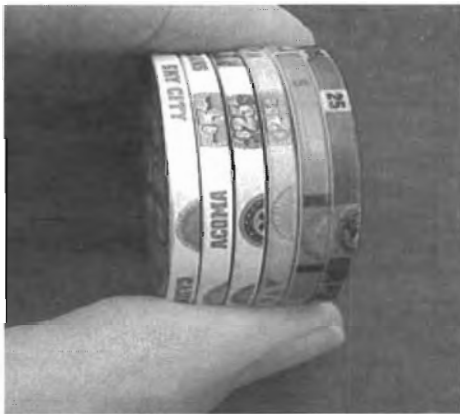
the table until replacements could be obtained.



to their rack in the near future.



b. Three stacked \$2.50 chips will show a picture of the “\$2.50” chip on the side



Original chips (Left) & replacement chips (Right)

The casino uses seven different tokens, which include a 50-cent (Deer), 1.00 (Pottery jar), 1.00 (water jug), 1.00 (Wedding pot), 5.00 (Lizards), 10.00 (Bird), and 25.00 (Pueblo village)

For the serious collector the casino will be adding a \$500.00 chip

Denis pointed out that the current house chips are like pieces of a puzzle. When any three chips of the same denomination are stacked together in the correct order they form a unique design on the sides. Most of the stackable chips require a specific group of chips to form a design and are not interchangeable. The following designs can be created.



c. Three stacked \$5.00 chips will show a picture of the “\$5.00” chip on the side.



a. Three stacked \$1.00 chips will show the “Sky City Logo” on the side.



d. Three stacked \$25.00 chips in the correct order will show a picture of the “\$25.00” chip on the side

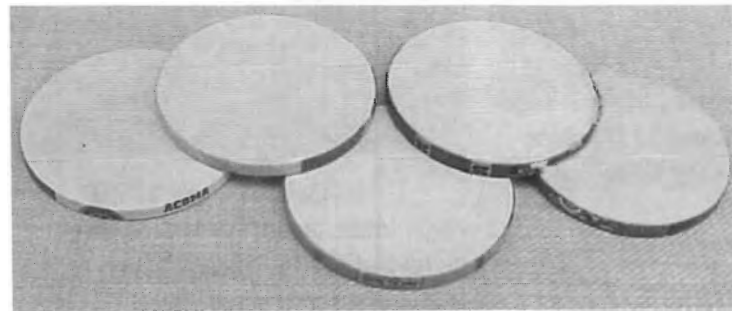


e. Three stacked \$100.00 chips will show a picture of several “Pottery pots” on the side.



f. Too peak a collectors interest even further you can also stack these same chips by taking one each of the \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$25.00, and a \$100.00 to form another unique design. When stacked in the correct order you will see a picture of a "Moon over Acoma Mesa".

Dennis had a few sets of blank chips with only the edge design made to show his staff what stackable chips looked like. These chips were blank on the front and back and had only the edge designs from \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$25.00, and a \$100.00 chips.



The casino has an American style Roulette (0-00) wheel that has 7 different color Chipco chips for use.

Sky City Casino has a player's slot card program. A player can earn a variety of rewards based on the level of play. These rewards include merchandise, meals, rooms and cash.

The casino doors are always open and chip collectors are welcome to stop by and expand their collections. Dennis also pointed out you may want to try and get some free chips or tokens by trying their slots and table games.



For more information call 1-888-SKY CITY (1-888-759-2489)

Until next time, Good chipping from Dave Niver (R-5017) ♦





Atlantic City NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2001

by Archie Black

Computer Woes

I have had more damn computer problems this past year ... This time it was as a result of the Sir Cam virus. Those of you who are on-line are probably familiar with the devastating effects this can have if your computer is infected with a virus as mine was.

After attempting several "fixes" which all failed, I had to resort to doing a last resort, complete system-restoral, which wiped clean everything off my hard drive and reformatted everything back to the original factory settings. Fortunately, I had my more important data backed up on 3" x 5 " diskettes. It was quite a chore though to re-construct e-mail addresses, which were not backed up and I had to re-install all my software programs and hardware settings that were added since the original installation. I did lose many scans of photos and chips which were not backed-up. Most of them I can retrieve by re-scanning chips in my personal collection. Scans that I lost were of chip images that were e-mailed to me, or color copies of chips that belonged to other collectors.

Please excuse any typo's on address labels or email addresses until all the errors are corrected once again.

Trump Marina Issues a New \$25 Lynyrd Skynyrd Limited Edition



Trump Marina has issued a \$25 Lynyrd Skynyrd chip on August 30, 2001 to break the long FIVE MONTH draught of no new casino chips issued in the city since March 17th, when Tropicana issued it's St. Patty's Day \$25 LE chip! Only 600 of these non-impressive chips were issued.

Note:
I've purposely delayed sending this chip out as soon as it was issued, as I've received an un-official report that a Hooter's \$5 & \$25 chip is scheduled to be issued in two weeks following the Lynyrd Skynyrd issue.

Also, while I was at Trump Marina picking up the new \$25's I noticed that a new slot card had been issued featuring an attractive photo of what is rumored to be "The Donald's" new flame.



Check Out My Brand New Atlantic City Website

<http://www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm>

Dave Juergens, who has granted to me the exclusive use of his former website images, and thanks to Dennis Garnier for offering to maintain this terrific site on my behalf ... I'm proud and pleased to be able to publish the greatest site on Atlantic City casino chips on the world wide web internet! If it sounds like I'm bragging like a proud new father ... I plead guilty! Check it out. I'm sure that you too will be impressed.

2001 Edition of Black's A.C. Catalog now available!

"Buy The Book Before The Chip"

In this 8 1/2" x 11" format, spiral bound, heavy-duty laminated covers, 140 pages ...22 of which are in full-color on glossy page stock, are illustrations of every known Atlantic City chip and token issued ...up to the \$100 denomination. All of the current \$500 and several \$1000 current denomination chips are also illustrated for the first time.

A comprehensive section on Silver Strikes is also included as are all the Fun Nite paper and Fun Nite chips; Tournament chips; shoe chips; and several illegal A.C. chips in play prior to legalized gambling are illustrated, as well as new chip discoveries since the previous catalog issue was published.

A new "History of Atlantic City" article by Steve Piccolo has been introduced in this latest issue of "Black's Catalog". An updated price guide for this 2001 Edition is also included in the \$32.50 price.

You may place your order directly with the author at P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723-0063. Please add \$3.50 for U.S. Priority postage.

Upcoming New Chip Issues

Trump Taj Mahal is reported to be considering issuing a series of new chips to commemorate their different restaurants and lounges on the property. No additional details are available at this time. I'm fairly certain that we will see some Miss America issues in September. It's been too long of a long, long dry spell since a lower denomination LE has been issued in Atlantic City.

Don't Forget to Send Me Your E-Mail Address or Address Change

If you've already sent the information to me, I've already entered it into my database. If you

have not provided it, please do so.

If you have received my e-mailing of this newsletter via electronic means, then I already have your e-mail address on file. If you did NOT receive an advance copy of this newsletter via e-mail, prior to this hard-copy, it means that I don't have your e-mail address on file.

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A NICE SUMMER? IT'S OVER!!!!

A.C. Chapter Meetings

The Atlantic City Chapter of CC>CC held their historically well-attended bi-monthly meeting on July 22nd at Resorts International Hotel Casino.

Well over 100 collectors from several states filled the spacious room on a hot summer afternoon, spreading out a wide variety of casino collectibles for trade and/or sale. A very lively auction was held in which some excellent material that was available, found new adopted homes. The next A.C. Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd, again at Resorts International. A free gambling seminar is to follow the regular meeting.

Club's 2002 Convention Dates Announced

Those of you who were in attendance at the National Convention in Las Vegas don't have to be reminded what a wonderful show it was. For those of you who have never been to one of the CC>CC conventions, you really ought to budget some money and reserve some time off from work in order to take advantage of all the goings-on. If you've received your club magazine by now,

you can vividly imagine what this great convention has to offer.

I was overwhelmingly pleased when fellow New Jerseyan, Russell Diaz, was declared the winner of the club's Annual Poker Tournament that was held during the 2001 Las Vegas Convention. Congratulations Russ!

The 10th Annual International Convention of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club will be returning once again to Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Convention Chairman, George Conrad has announced that the next convention will be held from June 5th through June 8th, 2002. Hope to see many A.C. Subscribers in attendance. Would strongly suggest that you notify your employers early and make your flight arrangements early.

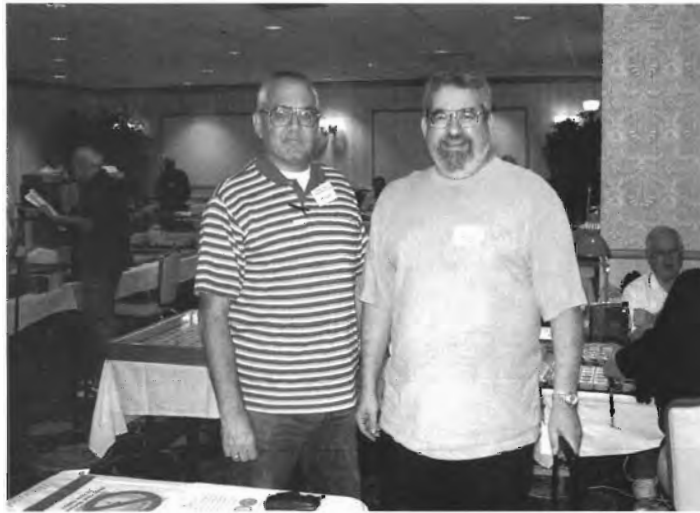
Recent A.C. Chip Transactions of Note

Two significant A.C. chips changed hands during this month of August. In a private sale, I'm aware of a rare \$100 Brighton that was sold for \$4,500 to a North Jersey collector. This sale represents the highest price paid for a single Atlantic City chip.



On August 15th, a previously unknown CHIPCO \$100 Claridge back-up chip was sold on E-bay for a \$410 winning bid. ♦

Pictures from Palace Station





WANTED

Plain mold, Litho inlay chips of particular
interest is Crest & Seal & BPOE
Will Buy or Trade

Richard F. Hanover (LM-4191)
1427 Forest Ave. - Brick, NJ. 08724
Phone (732) 840-1602

Web Address: <http://www.angelfire.com/extreme/chipper/index.htm>

Magician Chips and Silver Strikes WANTED

We need Harry Blackstone (Bally's), Magical Empire
(Caesar's), Millenium Magic (Gold Strike). Danny Gans
(Mirage) and others, including any silver strikes with
"magical" themes. Describe and price!

Paul Cunningham
Box 1
Tecumseh, MI. 49286

NEVADA OBSOLETE CHIPS FOR SALE OR TRADE

Write for list

L. C. Meredith

P. O. Box 11216N - Reno, NV. 89510-1216

<http://members.ebay.com/aboutme/chips9163@aol.com>

DAN'S CASINO TOKENS

Dan Wickett - R2958

Specializing In Nevada Tokens
Buy or Sell

Visit my website: www.casino-tokens.com

Phone: 515-224-0061
Email: dwickett@dwx.com



SCOTT HARTMAN
"The Chip Man"

BUY • SELL • TRADE
CASINO CHIPS & COLLECTIBLES

Member ANA #R-108004
Life Member CC>CC LM-501-6
P.O. Box 387, Agoura Hills, CA 91376
TOLL FREE 1 (800) LUCK-767
1 (818) 706-1187 FAX 1 (818) 706-1886
Internet: <http://www.chipman.com>
E-mail: scott@chipman.com

Send 10-20 Slot Cards, Receive the same
609-652-8192
CHIPS
PLAYING CARDS
DICE
CASINO COLLECTABLES

www.chipboy.com

cc>cc # R-2945

Ken Scornevaca
P.O.Box 94
Oceanville, N.J. 08231

Email: chipboy@bellatlantic.net
Auctions on Ebay
User Name: chipboy1

WANTED

OLD NEVADA CASINO & HOTEL ITEMS

SUCH AS: BROCHURES, MATCHES, CHINA
BLK/W POSTCARDS, ADVERTISING
ITEMS, PHOTOS, DICE, KEY CHAINS, ECT.

SCOTT FAWCETT CH-049
8739 HUDSON RIVER CIRCLE
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA. 92708

(949) 756-8677 Work (714) 968-5000 HOME

BUYING NEVADA CASINO CHIPS

BRUCE LANDAU CH-002
44 WEST GATE RD.
SUFFERN, NY. 10801

Day (631) 694-8700 Eve (845) 357-0837
E-Mail: brucechips@aol.com

Take part in **YOUR club** by advertising in your magazine, it's a great way of meeting new members and making new friends. Looking for a chip, token or other casino collectible? This is the place to find it. If you have items to sell or trade, once again this is the place.

WANTED: \$2.50 chips & Foreign Chips
Send for my list of European, Maryland, Russia, Czech,
New Mexico, Etc.
Bob Feeney
Box 2478 - Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

CASINO CHIPS FOR SALE

Current, Face Plus \$1.00, Obsolete start at face plus \$2.00
Send two first class stamps for list and a current chip
Ken Knoff R-805
75 Connoley Circle - Chula Vista, CA. 91911

I'm
Yours for only \$22.00 per issue
or \$80.00 for four issues

USE YOUR BUSINESS CARD &
I'm
Yours for only \$20.00 per issue
Or \$70.00 for four issues

• Buy • Sell • Trade •

Charles Kaplan

11 Calais Court • Rockville Centre, NY 11570 • (516) 783-2327
<http://pws.prserv.net/ckaplan> • ckaplan@attglobal.net
CC>CC R-2558 • President, NY Metro Chapter

Collector of \$1.00 casino chips from everywhere
*Nevada, Atlantic City, Colorado, Deadwood, Riverboats,
Indian Reservations, Caribbean, Foreign, Cruise Ships*

CASINO SLOT CARDS TO TRADE

Send 10 - 15 Receive the same
Don K. Phillips R-3464
121 West Monticello Street - Brookhaven, MS. 39601-3304
Phone or Fax 601-833-6891

FREE LIST of \$1.00 Chips - NEW, LOWER PRICES

Jerry Hoover (R-2572)
10655 Kinnard Ave., #204
Los Angeles, CA. 90024-5939

310-441-1171

jerry.hoover@pepperdine.edu

PREMIUM LAS VEGAS CHIPS

I'm always looking to improve my collection of obsolete Las Vegas cchips.
Please contact me if you have rare chips from Las Vegas for sale:
especially \$25 and \$100 denominations. Thanks
Alex Ciento R-1243
(949) 494-2707 e-mail: alex@aspventures.com

NEVADA & Miscellaneous

Chips --- Tokens --- Silver Strikes
Send For The Free List/s That You Need
Gary Acquistapace (LM-0289-14)
P. O. Box 6091, San Jose, CA. 95150
E-Mail: Intochips@aol.com



Send up to 10 different Unc.
\$5.00 or \$1.00 cheques and receive
the same number back Unc.

P. Scott Jaske #4018
P. O. Box 08224
Chicago, IL. 60608

MOVING ?!

Don't forget to let our
Membership Director
know your new address.

Ralph Myers
9124 Chenin Ave.
Las Vegas, NV. .89129



NEXT AD DEADLINE IS DEC. 1st



Est. 1995

Tiny Treasures, Inc.

5546 Camino Al Norte,
Suite 2-269
No. Las Vegas, NV 89031

Christopher Colangelo
CC>CC Member
R-1658

Phone: 800.747.8469
Fax: 800.419.3603
E-Mail:

chris@tinytreasures.com

Displays for:

Casino Chips
Silver Strikes
Tokens
USA Quarters
Slot Belly Glass
Hard Rock Pins
Casino Dice
Zippo Lighters
Guitar Picks
Slot & Phone Cards
Matchbook Covers

Airtight Holders for:

Casino Chips
Oversize Chips
Silver Strikes & Tokens
USA State Quarters

Replacement Capsules
for \$10 Silver Strikes
(NOT airtight)



Tiny Treasures News

If you COLLECT it, We can FRAME it!

Why hide your collectibles . . . when you can show them off in a Tiny Treasures display frame!

Internet SPECIALS

Get our popular "Black Tie"
Frames along with our signature
Casino Chip Boards for one low
price.

12 Chip Frame with Black Tie
Molding, Only \$19.90

20 Chip Frame with Black Tie
Molding, Only \$24.90

35 Chip Frame with Black Tie
Molding, Only \$29.90

63 Chip Frame with Black Tie
Molding, Only \$39.90

Airtight Holders

for Casino Chips \$0.50
for Oversize Chips \$0.65
for Silver Strikes \$0.65
for Tokens \$0.65

Casino Dice

Two displays to choose from:
Small display for 48 Dice
Large display for 221 Dice

Zippo Lighters

Two displays to choose from:
Small display for 8 Zippo's
Large display for 32 Zippo's

Frames for Strikes

We have small displays for 1 - 6 Silver
Strikes and larger displays for 12 and
42 Silver Strikes.

Casino Chip Binders

These incredible binders come with
ten 20-pocket, 8" x 9" pages that hold
a total of 200 chips snugly. Now
available in two different colors, Brown
or Black.

USA State Quarters

Don't put your quarters in a binder,
display them proudly in your favorite
room. We have the only display that
uses airtight holders to protect your
quarters.

Hard Rock Collectors

We carry a full line of Hard Rock Cafe
pins as well as Hard Rock Hotel pins,
chips, dice and playing cards.

Baccarat Chips

We have small displays for
1-15 Oversize Chips and one large
display for 42 Oversize Chips

Thank you for your support in this and other past years. We would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family during the upcoming holiday season. We look forward to serving you in 2002.

Visit our web site today or call for a free catalog.
www.tinytreasures.com

