

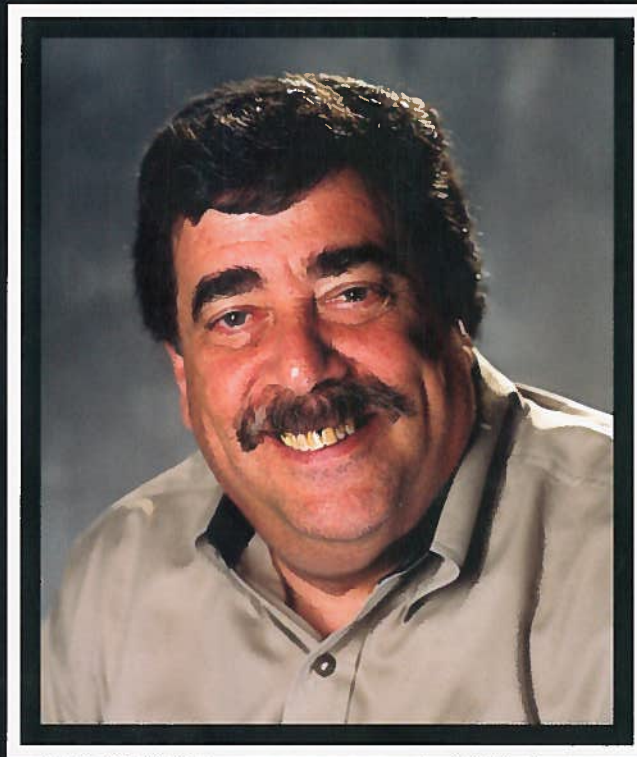
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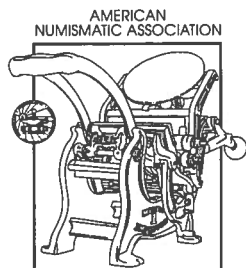
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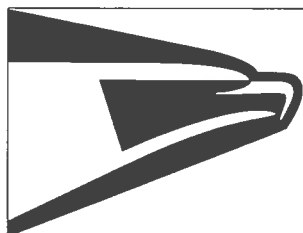
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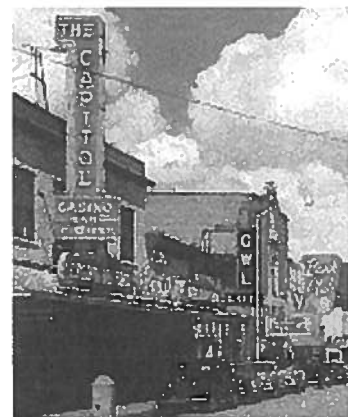
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From the Editor's Desk



Allan Anderson

The chip community lost one of its original members this past month; Bruce Landau passed away in December. I will miss hearing all of his stories about chip collecting through the years. He was always open to a deal, especially towards newcomers to the hobby. My sympathy and heartfelt condolences go out to Eileen and the Landau family. I will miss Bruce, as will the rest of the chip collecting community.

In this issue there are a number of inserts. There is an election ballot with a constitutional amendment vote, hall of fame ballot, COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY nomination form, a pre-registration form and a room reservation form for the 2003 convention. An envelope is also included to mail in your election ballot. Please note the dates that all these have to be postmarked by. If you have any questions about these forms, contact information can be found in this issue.

There are a number of shows coming up prior to the convention, Windy City Chip Show on March 15th, Casinorama on March 23rd, Chinook Winds Chip Show April 11th and 12th in Lincoln City Oregon, and the Hollywood Park Casino Show on May 17th. There are also chapter meetings in various parts of the country. If you're in an area where there is a meeting, stop by and enjoy the hospitality, the speakers and the trade sessions.

The convention is just around the corner. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Steffner, Convention Chairman (convention@ccgtcc.com) or go to page 107 of this issue to see what help is needed. Only a few hours of your time is required.

As always I'm looking for articles for future magazines. Send me a story on your chapter meeting, your collecting interests, casinos in your area, new chip finds or a trip you took looking for that elusive chip. Articles on slot cards, room keys, silver strikes and tokens are always welcome. I can only publish articles that are submitted. Don't forget to send pictures.

Lastly, don't forget to vote. It could make a difference.

President's Letter

Winter, 2003



Nate Pincus

I was ready to send my Presidents Report off to Allan when I heard the devastating news that Bruce Landau passed away. He was the smiling face of our club. As Charter Member 002, he helped start the club and served as our first Treasurer. Throughout the years, Bruce stayed involved and was presently serving as Auction Chairman and Hall of Fame Chairman. His service to the club was just a small part of what he meant to the club and the hobby. He was a mentor to many, including myself. For years, I would not buy a chip without first getting his opinion. And his stories of what it was like in the "old" days of chipping were legend. He traveled the state of Nevada hitting every small town in his quest to satisfy his collector's thirst. He is responsible for finding many chips and making countless attributions. Perhaps Bruce's greatest asset was his personality. There was something magical and electric about him. Everyone with whom he came in contact became his friend. He made us all feel good about our collections and ourselves. His service to the club was far-reaching, making the hard jobs seem easy and the impossible achievable.

The last time I saw Bruce was at the November Atlantic City Chapter meeting. In good spirits and vibrant as usual, he had a special gift for me, the Palace Station NCV chip with his picture on it. We laughed at the likeness. Then he went off to run the chapter auction. In the last few weeks, we spoke and emailed about the convention auction, the Hall of Fame, the club, family and of course, chips.

I'm going to miss him. We are all going to miss him. But we are all better for knowing him and we are all enhanced because of all that he has done for the club and the hobby.

The theme of my original Presidents Report was volunteerism, focusing on the new volunteers who have recently stepped forward. The example set by Bruce Landau no doubt inspired many of them as it did me.

There is much going on at this time in the club. This issue of the magazine includes some very important and crucial items for your action. The club officer election ballot is included as an insert. I would like to have all club members vote for the candidates of their choice. This is your club and it is your responsibility to elect the officers. Also on the ballot are two proposed amendments to the Constitution. Members need to give their utmost attention to these important proposals. I urge you all to participate and vote.

The annual convention will be here before we realize. We will again gather at the Tropicana in Las Vegas from June 25 through June 28. If you are planning on attending, make sure to pre-register for the convention and the opening banquet. And plan to stay on site at the Tropicana. There is nothing like being at the host hotel and being able to participate in all the convention activities. The rooms are reasonably priced and the club benefits when members stay at the Tropicana.

The Board of Directors has finalized their investigation into the complaint submitted regarding the sale of non-genuine brass core chips. You can read about it in this issue. This has been a long and difficult inquiry that resulted in the expulsion of one member. In the past eighteen months, this matter has been publicized and discussed. Articles have been written, the club's internet message board has been filled with debate and club Officers have heard opinions from many members. The good news is that there have been no other complaints or accusations involving the sale of non-genuine brass core material. What we do now know is that non-genuine chips can be produced, that chips can be altered and modified and that repairs can be made that substantially change the condition. And what we have hopefully learned is

that we all need to be diligent when acquiring chips. Know the seller, inspect the chip, ask questions about its origin and request a detailed receipt. And if not satisfied, our Code of Ethics includes a 10 day return provision. The brass core problem is a sign that our hobby has moved to another level and we must adjust our behavior accordingly.

Bruce was Chairman of the Hall of Fame and took a personal interest to insure that the most distinguished in our club and hobby were recognized. Again this year, the membership will have the responsibility to vote on the next inductee. A ballot is included as an insert with this issue. Please take the time to consider these remarkable candidates and cast your vote.

Some of the most exciting and meaningful awards that club bestows are those that honor the best chip, token, silver strike and slot card of the previous year. This is your opportunity to have your opinion heard. Included as an insert is the nominating ballot for the Chip of the Year, Token of the Year, Silver Strike of the Year and Slot Card of the Year awards. You need to be a nominator in order to receive the ballot for the final vote. Nominate your favorites and be a part of this important process.

I mentioned earlier that as a new collector I wouldn't buy a chip without first asking Bruce. As President, I also relied on his counsel on the issues that affected the club. As I wrote about the current club activities, I thought about how he felt about them. I know that he was excited about the elections since he felt that all the candidates were highly qualified and had the best interests of the club at heart. He would have been one of the first to cast his ballot. Of course, the convention was a highlight for him. He could always be seen running his table (and offering the biggest discounts in the hobby), organizing the auction, advising fellow chippers on the values of chips, making the Hall of Fame presentation, and just enjoying the food and nightlife with his constant companion and best friend, his wife Eileen, along with other friends.

Thanks again to Allan Anderson for another outstanding magazine and to all the volunteers who make this a wonderful organization. And thanks to Bruce for all that he did for this club.

Happy collecting.

Nate

Vice-President's Letter

Winter, 2003



John Zoesch

It is a privilege to have been nominated to the Board of Directors as Vice President of the Club. Normally the Vice President doesn't do a lot unless something happens to the President. That isn't the case this time. Shortly after accepting the nomination I was swamped with 10 or 20 e-mail letters with all of the Brass Core Investigation information included in it. The total included over 50 pages of reports to read through and understand. Then we started on the Walt Gonski and Bill Akeman investigations. Along comes the Pink Taco investigation and several others. I am personally surprised that most of these issues are near a decision as I thought that we would be lucky to get done by convention time. I do realize that no matter which way each decision goes there will be some people unhappy with it. Please keep in mind that one of the goals is to keep these types of problems from happening in the future.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors I was directed to oversee the Standards and Archives Committee. Since then that group has completed the final version of the Grade and Condition Description standards and it has been published on the clubs website and should be printed in this issue of the magazine. That group is now working on formalizing the issue of fakes, reproductions, alterations, non-genuine, repairs, etc.

One of my current projects is to try to encourage collectors to join the Club. Along with this is the ongoing problem of failure of current members to renew their membership. I think if we can continue to encourage casinos to advertise in our magazine and offer coupons good for two for one buffets or rooms or maybe matchplay coupons for table games there would be an additional incentive to pay the annual dues. Of course this isn't the reason for joining the club but it would be nice to be able know that you could get all of your dues back (and maybe more) just by using the coupons. I look forward to hearing from the members on what else we can do in this area.

Well that is about it for this time. I look forward to your support in the upcoming election and always keep in mind that this hobby should be FUN.

John Zoesch R-3145
vicepresident@ccgtcc.com

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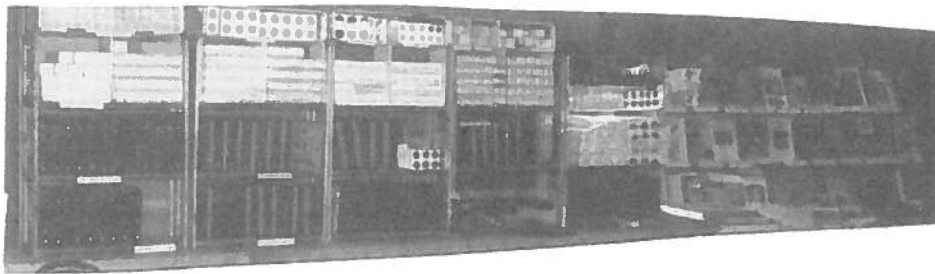
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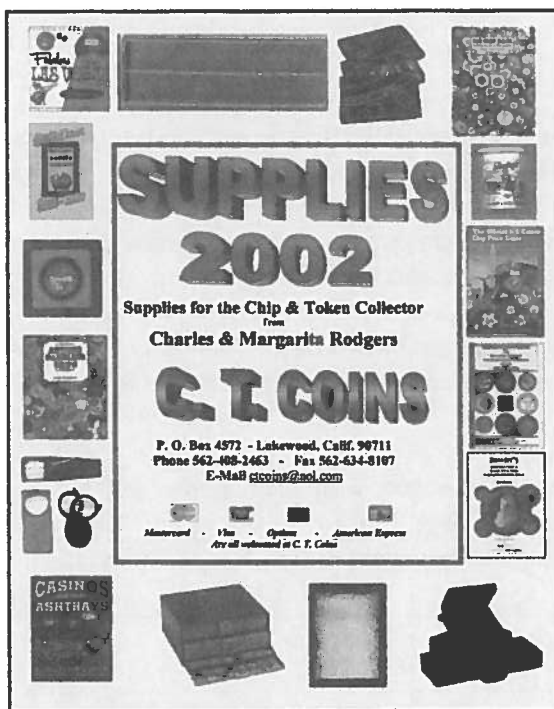
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Secretary's *Report*



Tyrus **Mulkey**

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Speaking of elections, it’s time for the big one - Our Bi-Annual Election of Club Officers and Amendment Proposals. Regardless of how active you are in Club or Chapter activities, Internet bulletin boards, ebay, Jackpot Auctions, or buying, selling, and trading, I encourage you to vote. Wait a minute; let me re-phrase that - VOTE! Each of the five elected positions is an important one, and, while some of them are unopposed, it’s still important to show your support of the Club by voting.

On the last Election Night here in Las Vegas, one of my co-workers told me that he was so tired of all the campaign ads in the previous months that he refused to vote for anyone out of spite. I was speechless. I knew a debate at that point would be a waste of time, so I let it go. But, mark my words, the very first time he criticizes a local politician, regardless of party, he’s going to get an earful!

Those of us on the Internet know that there has been a lot of public criticism of our officers over the last two years. I can’t help but wonder how much of it was by Club members that didn’t even vote in the last election. Every two years we all get a chance to “own” this Club by providing our input at the polls. Each election we can all see the total number of members vs. the total number of votes cast. As the difference in those numbers grows smaller, we know that more and more members are proud to have a constructive voice in the affairs of the Club. And that makes the Club stronger!

Of the three Amendment Proposals, it’s important to note that due to the nature of two of the proposals, both can not win. Therefore the ballot has been designed so you can vote for only one of them or neither. Please refer to the Voting Instructions page elsewhere in this issue.

Election Co-chairpersons Bettye and Vince Mowery are doing a great job this year with the elections and they’ll continue until all the votes have been counted and the results released. Please say “Thanks” to Bettye and Vince the next time you see them, just don’t mention that last election they were in charge of two years ago in Dade County. It’s a touchy subject!

Tyrus Mulkey
LM 2211-21

Membership Officer's *Report*



Ralph Myers

As you read this in the first quarter of 2003, Christmas and New Years are behind us. I hope your holiday season was everything you wanted it to be.

The fourth quarter of 2002 was very busy, with lots of renewals, and 69 new members joining our ranks. A thank you is in order to Andy Hughes and many other fellow chippers on the Internet. Andy started by offering a chip to new members who signed up in December, and many others joined in with a likewise offer. Needless to say we had a bunch of non-member Internet users take the leap with such a generous offer.

We are now on the home stretch of the two year term of our current officers who will be finished with their terms at the end of June. I am the only current officer who is running for another two year term.

In this issue is a ballot to elect the leadership of our club for the next two years. PLEASE vote. This is the most important thing you can do as a member of the CC>CC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me, phone me or write me.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Ralph Myers
LM-3957-57
Membership Officer



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Treasurer's *Report*



Mike Quinlivan

As of December 16, 2002, the cash balance in the club's accounts is \$126,942. For the first 11 and a half months of 2002, the club treasury increased its cash position by \$18,412. This includes all revenue (including Building Fund donations) and the expenses related to the 2002 convention, but do not include expenses for the Winter 2002 issue of the club magazine. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the cash accounts. Please note that the beginning Equity Balance has been adjusted by \$104, which now reflects the proper beginning balance.

Thanks to Pam Focazio and Jim Follis, the convention and promotional items have been transferred to a larger storage location. The Club has also entered into an annual agreement, saving 8.3% in rental expense. The Club Mail service will be discontinued effective December 20, 2002. The high monthly cost of \$250, unfortunately, was not offset by vanity email addresses. Thanks to Kyle Gorman for volunteering his services as Club Postmaster. In the event that a low cost alternative is found, I'm sure that Kyle will be happy to resume his duties as Club Postmaster. <g>

If you have any questions regarding the treasury, please feel free to contact me via phone, fax, email or snail mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer
December 16, 2002

CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through December 16, 2002

INCOME		\$49,666
Dues, including 1st class postage		
Convention:		
Auction	34,231	
Table Fees	27,720	
Promotion	16,079	
Registration	12,186	
Banquet	8,400	
Poker Tournament	6,160	
Convention Total		104,776
Building Fund Donations		11,013
Magazine Advertising		7,719
Directory Sales		210
Interest Income		190
Contributions		65
Total Income		\$173,639
EXPENDITURES		
Convention Expenses		\$87,513
Magazine		\$45,441
Poker Tournament		\$6,380
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$3,624
Website		\$3,391
Miscellaneous		\$2,514
Storage (Convention/Publicity)		\$1,670
Printing (Other than Magazine)		\$1,492
Insurance		\$930
Computer Expense		\$718
Telephone		\$603
Bank Charges		\$346
Promotional		\$340
Filing Fee		\$165
Donations		\$100
Total Expenditures		<u>\$155,227</u>
Net Income - 1/1/02 to 12/16/02		\$18,412
Beginning Equity Balance - 1/1/2002		\$118,286
Equity Balance Adjustment		(\$104)
Beginning Equity Balance - 1/1/2002 (Restated)		<u>\$118,182</u>
Net Income - 1/1/02 to 12/16/02		<u>\$18,412</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 12/16/02		<u>\$136,594</u>
Detail of Equity Balance - 12/16/02		
Certificate of Deposit	50,000	
General Fund	42,909	
Life Membership Fund	18,017	
Building Fund	16,016	
Total Cash Available		<u>\$126,942</u>
Inventory		<u>\$9,652</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 12/16/02		<u>\$136,594</u>

New Members Since Last Issue

Member	Last	First	State	Referral
5823	Irvin Jr.	Ivory	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5824	Lazarcheck	David	CT	Susong, Greg
5825	Boyko	Matthew	CA	Borenstein, Alan
5826	Van Zante Sr.	James	AZ	Pamperis, Sharon
5828	Greene	Tommy	NC	CC>CC Web-Site
5829	Evering	Jim	MD	Blanchard, Jim
5830	Vilas	Towar	OH	Lueders, Don
5832	Lewis	Don	TX	American Chip Enterprises
5833	Dunn	Hal	NV	past member
5834	Daiber	Terri	OH	CC>CC Web-Site
5835	Olivieri	Elena	FL	CC>CC Web-Site
5836	Devito	Joe	NY	Susong, Greg
5837	Weaver	Cynthia	GA	CC>CC Web-Site
5838	Cohen	Edgar	CA	Giorgi, Albert
5839	Smith III	Nelson	CA	Rodgers, C.T.
5840	Chizum	Terry	VA	Chizum, Eric
5841	Fascian	Mike	IA	CC>CC Web-Site
5842	Beckingham	Tom	Canada	CC>CC Web-Site
5843	Bracken	D. P.	NV	The Chip Rack
5844	Rau	Fred	PA	Burke, Carey
5848	Shintaku	Michael	WA.	CC>CC Web-Site
5849	Buckner	George	KY	Buckner, Jeff
5850	Cunha	John	MA	Shore, Josh
5853	Johnston	David	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5854	Lumpkins	Wallace	CO	The Chip Rack
5856	Whiting	Al	TX	CC>CC Web-Site
5859	Kellerman	Rochelle	OH	Kelly, Claire
5860	Moore	Terrance	CA	
5861	Bui	David	TX	CC>CC Web-Site
5863	Weinstein	Ed	FL	
5865	Sanders	Christina	NJ	CC>CC Web-Site
5866	Spagnola	Phyllis	MA	Tomarchio, Chuck
5868	Gloria	George	NY	Trimble, Gene
5869	Hall	Charles	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5869-A	Hall	S.M	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5871	Wisn	Kyle	NJ	Custodio, Mike
5872	Levi	Michael	VA	CC>CC Web-Site
5873	Quaschnick	Dr. Paul	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5874	Berten	David	IL	American Chip Enterprises
5875	Jackson	Harold	OH	
5876	Moore	Thomas	NV	Trimble, Gene
5877	Pearson	Richard	AZ	CC>CC Web-Site
5879	Colye	John	KY	CC>CC Web-Site
5880	Smith	Gary	MI	Bufton, Mark
5881	Knight	Will	FL	Episale, Jim
5882	Gagnon	Jim	CT	CC>CC Web-Site
5883	Bostrom	Robert	CA	CC>CC Web-Site
5884	Fletcher	Ron	MO	Susong, Greg
5887	McGhee	Andy	FL	Hughes, Andy
5889	Lovan	Michael	MO	Lueders, Don
5890	Cavaness	Brian	NV	Hughes, Andy
5891	Meister	Debra	NC	Lueders, Don



WAYNE THOMPSON

HLM -2733

CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

I am excited to announce that I am a candidate for Vice-President of the CC>CC in the upcoming election. I have been dedicated to growing the Club first as Convention Chairman in 1999, 2000, and 2001, and as Banquet Chairman for 2002 and 2003. I have also worked on special projects for the current Board of Directors. This has always been a labor of love and I have been fortunate to make many new friends. I was honored when the Club presented me with an Honorary Life Time membership for my contributions as Convention Chairman.

I'm now asking for your support, and vote, as I try to continue to increase my involvement with the Club. On a personal level I have been the owner of my own mortgage company since 1991. I have been married to my wife Middleton for 14 years. By being self-employed I have the flexibility and time to serve the Club as Vice-President.

I have a lot of ideas that I think will help the Club grow and stay strong. I appreciate you taking the time to read my goals and philosophy.

COMMUNICATIONS

First and foremost the officers have an obligation to the members to be available to answer questions and address issues. This includes keeping the membership informed on what is going on within the organization. The Club such endeavor to assist in the formation of as many Chapters as possible as this fosters new friendship and helps expose our hobby to new collectors.

INTEGRITY

With some of the issues the Club has faced recently we need to have strong and fair enforcement of the Code of Ethics. We should not tolerate anything that is detrimental to our Club or members.

LONG TERM PLANNING

We need to continue the Building Fund. We have volunteers who have done a great job in fund raising and the Club needs to offer this endeavor our full support. We need to take every opportunity to obtain historical items relating to gaming and casinos.

PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

First and foremost, this is a hobby let's never forget above all this is suppose to be **FUN!** I believe slabbing is a serious detriment to our hobby. If individual collectors want to collect slabs that is their right and I would never encroach on that, but we should make every effort to keep the slabbing companies out. I will make myself available to all members and will gladly address any issues that feel our important

I would like to thank the **SILVER STRIKE CHAPTER** and the **SLAB-FREE CHAPTER** for their endorsement of my candidacy!

**AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR VOTE AND SUPPORT.
I WILL WORK HARD TO EARN YOUR CONFIDENCE.**

Wayne Thompson Phone 859-252-5626 Fax 859-252-9168 wayne@casinocheques.com

Bruce Candau

CH-#002

1945 - 2002

by Archie Black

The chip-collecting world was stunned early morning on Friday, December 20th when they turned on their computers to learn that one of the pillars of the hobby had collapsed the night before while attending a company Christmas party with his co-workers. By the time the para-medicals, after being summoned to the party via a 911 call, had reached the restaurant where the party was being held ... Bruce was already gone.

A mighty Oak has fallen in the heavily wooded forest of chip collectors. This oak tree was so huge that its roots, branches and leaves affected untold numbers of nearby trees of all sizes. Much older trees, younger trees, and even small saplings were dramatically affected by the falling of such a huge dependable mainstay of the forest. The upper branches on this tree were so high above all the trees surrounding it, that it could be seen from as far away as the outer edges of the forest.

This huge tree did not fall unnoticed. The shock waves that trembled the forest floor were felt from coast to coast ... hundreds and thousands of miles away.

During its lifetime, this tree bore many acorns which dropped from its sturdy limbs, from which sprang up



hundreds of smaller trees and provided much nourishment in the way of food for many creatures scurrying about the forest.

Bruce Landau was like that mighty tree. His strong family roots that absorbed nourishment from his wife Eileen and sons Jason and Mike, and daughter, Jodi, supported the rest of the tree from which we as collectors benefited from Bruce's strength, friendship and camaraderie. Bruce was the proverbial tree of knowledge. His sharing of anything and every-

thing he knew about chipping is the standard that we should all try to emulate. Many adjectives have been used to describe Bruce. Caring giving, generous, humorous, affable, gregarious, gentle, smart, enthusiastic, positive, humble, etc.

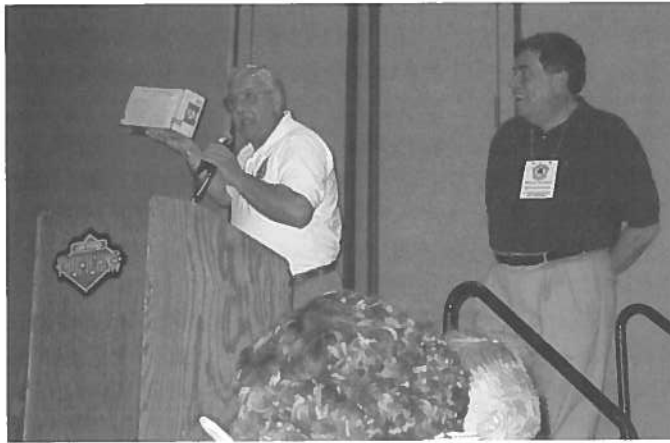
Bruce only got one shot at life after his mother, Edith, gave birth to him in December 1945. Most adults in their middle years usually get a wake up call before they exhaust their final breath. Single; double; triple; even quadruple bypass operations are not uncommon in today's medical miracle world. People recovering from these serious operations usually go on with their activities and resume productive healthy lives.

Unfortunately for Bruce, he never got that second chance. He was instantly taken from us as soon as he fell to the floor during that fateful day on December 19th, 2002 after walking off the dance floor with his ever-present wife of 35 years, Eileen. In spite of a couple of doctors' presence at the company Christmas party Bruce and Eileen were attending, they were unable to revive Bruce's failed heart.

Bruce was the company President of Tamron USA, Inc., one of the leading companies in the photo industry

at the time of his untimely death. He accepted the position of National Sales Manger and Advertising Manager of Bogen Photo Corp. In 1988 (the same year that CC>CC was organized) at 43 years of age he was promoted to Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Bogen. He was with Bogen until he went to work at Tamron and assumed the position of Vice President in August 1999. In January of 2000, Bruce was named President of the Tamron USA Company.

Bruce Landau was my inspiration to forming what we know today as the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. Bruce, along with Janice O'Neal, Michael Knapp, Earl Donley, Howard Herz, and a small handful of others, were simply a few chip collectors who regularly corresponded with each other during the late 1980's. We thought that we were the only crazy people in the world who would not cash in chips and tokens from our visits to casinos but instead take our treasures back home with us to add to our collections. It wasn't too long afterward that we discovered other people who were as



Chuck Tomarchio presents Bruce with the "Shoe Box"

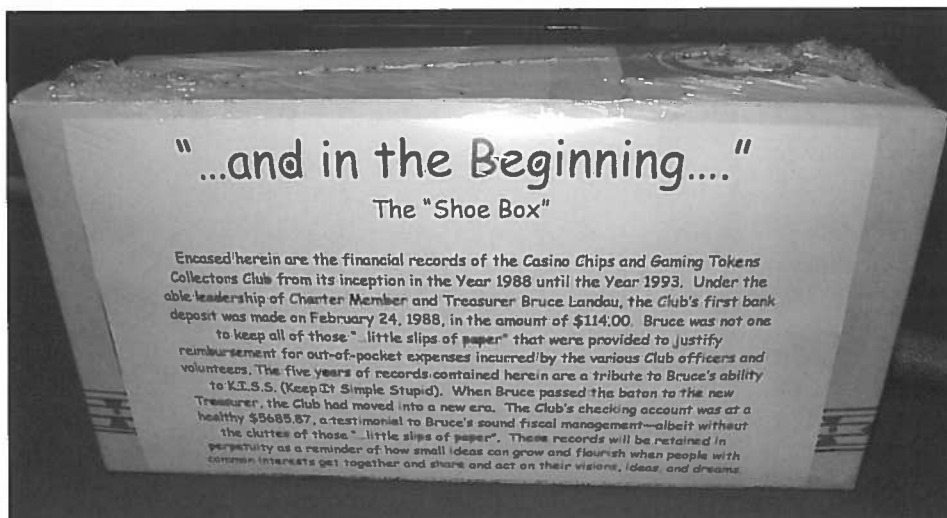
crazy as we were. When it was suggested that a club be formed in 1988, it was no accident that Bruce became Charter Member #002 after agreeing to serve as Treasurer. He was there from day one, ever the optimist, all the time pushing for a nationwide club of chip and token collectors.

Bruce's stories are legendary. Like when Bruce used to trade chips with other collectors simply by measuring up his stacks of chips on the kitchen table against whomever he happened to be trading with. No attention was paid to the denominations... just the evenness of the tops of the stacks. Of course that was a different time and different circum-

stances that we knew back then. Chuck Tomarchio, Bruce's successor as Treasurer, at the club's 2002 convention annual banquet presented Bruce with the very shoe box that Bruce had stored all the receipts and bills and scrap paper from his Treasurer's days for the club. After Bruce's terms of office were over, he continued to be active in the club by serving as the convention's Auction Chairman. His quick-wit and

charming smile would win over the most grumpiest of floor bidders. Bruce had the uncanny ability to predict in advance how much the prices realized for the annual convention sales gross. Usually Bruce's guestimate was within a few hundred dollars. During the break at one of the earliest convention auctions held at the old Aladdin Hotel & Casino, Bruce leaned over to me and said, "*Archie, I can't believe the prices these chips are bringing. We're rich!*" Of course he was referring to the value of chips in our personal collections that few of us had really thought to be overly valuable at the time... and that ended the trading by the stack scenario I described earlier.

From chippers early on, to the most recent chippers just joining the club, virtually all are eager to tell stories about how Bruce was the first person they traded chips with, and how generous he was with them. He truly loved people... not only people in the hobby, but his co-workers have nothing but glowing words to say about Bruce. Bruce was a unique person with a unique personality. Men like Bruce Landau come along only once in a lifetime. He was universally recognized as a man of tremendous integrity and generosity.



The "Shoe Box"

Bruce was a dependable, hard-working, mainstay of the Atlantic City Chapter, where he also served as Auctioneer ... a job he loved to do. Bruce always had time for the newcomers who eagerly solicited his advice ... as did the veteran collectors as well, who would seek out Bruce's opinion on values of rare or seldom seen chips. When I would ask Bruce for a price on one of his chips... Bruce would say something like; "well, I normally would get \$100 bucks, but for you ... make it \$65. I found out later that Bruce did that with almost everybody... that was part of Bruce's congeniality trait. Always the smile, always the laugh, life was just a bunch of fun for Bruce.

His wife Eileen was always at Bruce's side, like they were joined at the hip. Eileen told me at her surprise 50th birthday party that Bruce threw for her at Trump Marina, that she and Bruce were soul-mates ... and their deep love for each other was obvious everywhere they went. They were an inseparable couple. Bruce and Eileen celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary last month on the same day of their oldest son Jason's wedding. Their other son, Michael, is engaged to be married in

the summer of 2003. Their daughter Jodi is married and has a 1-year old daughter.

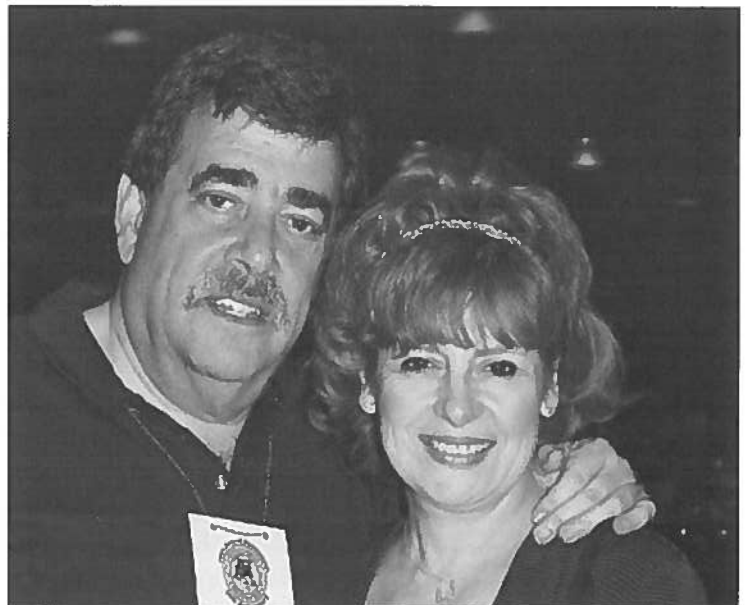
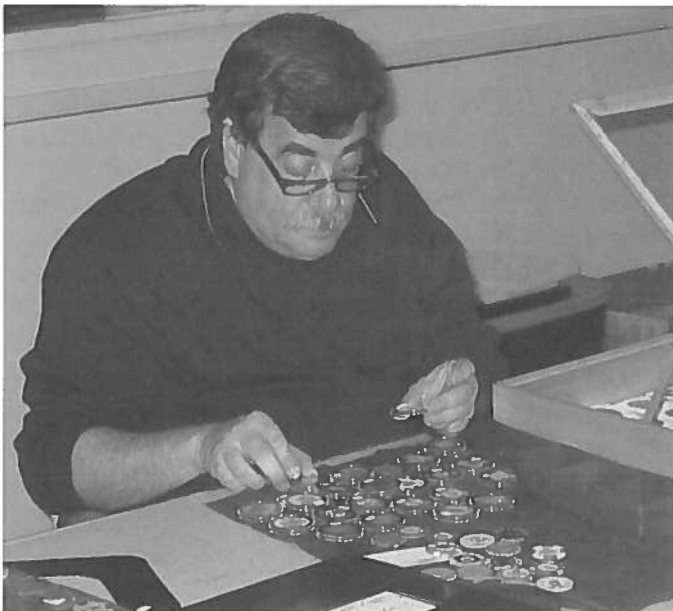
Bruce became involved in several disputes among club members in which he served in the role of peacemaker to resolve differences between members... not in any official club capacity, but simply as one who took it upon himself to make peace among chippers. He had a deep love of the hobby, and did not like anyone taking advantage of anyone else and encouraged everybody to get along with each other.

Bruce and another well-known departed club member, Gene Grossblatt, were the motivating forces behind initiating the CC>CC Hall of Fame... without question, the highest honor the club can bestow upon individual members for meritorious service. Gene and Bruce were responsible for setting up and administering the HOF program, and when Gene passed away, it became the sole responsibility of Bruce to continue the program. Bruce Landau; always the un-assuming guy to give recognition to others, would not take any credit for himself. Now Bruce is gone.

Bruce Landau died just a few days short of his 57th birthday ... far too young for a man who just became a grandfather a year ago, and unfortunately his new grand daughter, Emily, will not remember him as she grows up. The hobby will never be the same without Bruce. Bruce was robbed of his quality adult years in the prime of his life as he looked forward to a well deserved retirement with his beautiful high school sweetheart, Eileen ... and the hobby was robbed of a man who gave us his all ... and who had so much more to offer.

We are all saddened by the sudden loss of this giant of a man. However, life goes on in the forest. Hopefully, some of the seedlings that Bruce has nurtured and guided will grow to be huge oaks in their own way during their own years growing in the forest.

Rest in peace my good friend. Those of us who were a part of your life will always remember you and your infamous shoebox. There will never be another tree quite like Bruce.



by Howard W. Herz

More than anything else, Bruce Landau was a friend. He was also a friend to a hobby that I have enjoyed for more than 37 years. My first encounter with Bruce was more than twenty year ago when he visited my store in Reno, Nevada. Enthusiastic is almost too limiting a word for Bruce and chips. Fanatical would be better, but only if you delete any negative connotations. Bruce Landau was the world ambassador for the chip hobby. He lived and breathed chips when he was visiting Nevada or any other state on his frequent business trips for his employer, Bogan Photographic. Bruce loved his hobby

and he actively sought out other collectors. He was the original chip hound and would search every nook and cranny in Nevada for his quarry. The passion that Bruce had was not just limited to chips, but to his family and friends. He was a person who gave his hobby the fullest measure of his time, but could be counted on to always have a picture of his children and grand child to show his friends.

For as long as the CC>CC has had auction sales, Bruce Landau has helped to organize and conduct those sales. His support of the club

from its founding to the present time is one of the reasons that the CC>CC has been a success. As the club's first treasurer, Bruce served the membership faithfully. As the ambassador for chipping to the world, Bruce exceeded anything and anyone I have known in 37 years of collecting.

Bruce Landau will be missed greatly. He will be missed because he contributed far beyond what most of the membership would could do.

I will miss Bruce.

by Mel Jung

I remember sitting with Bruce just after Gene Grossblatt died. We reflected the same philosophy, that it was more important to celebrate life to the fullest, while alive, than mourn after a death. And that's why the "Brockway Celebration" got its start. Bruce's favorite place "out West" was Lake Tahoe where he and Eileen spent time with us each Spring at Northshore's, Brockway Springs. Gene and Bruce were inseparable as chippers. After Gene's wife, Arlene, passed away, and his bout with cancer was more threatening; Bruce suggested we have a party for him at Brockway. So we planned a week of non-stop chip runs and gaming around northern Nevada, in April 2000. It would end with a Saturday meeting for the Nor-Cal chapter when Bruce would finally speak publicly on his "*Sale of the Century*".

Before that, I want to tell you about one of Bruce's favorite pranks. When we drove down to Reno and met Gene at the airport, he came



"Sale of the Century" Award

through the gate with a 20ish young lady he had met on the plane that wanted to make sure "this nice man was meeting someone who would take care of him". Evidently Gene had conned this "chickie" into taking care of him during the flight. She also needed a ride to the lake. It was during the ride to the lake that Bruce thought it would be fun to fool all our wives and guests waiting to greet Gene at the condo. He asked Gene's

companion to pose as Gene's "girl-friend" from Los Angeles. When they went through the door, she was introduced, and Bruce whispered to everyone that she was staying with Gene; and we could sense their shock. It wasn't until it was time to unpack bags that we told them the truth, and our wives were ready to kill us. That was one of Bruce's finest moments with Gene.

The Sale of the Century

The only way I could get Bruce to publicly relate his finest hour in chipping, "The Sale of the Century", was to threaten to write an embellished article.....without his editing. To avoid this, he agreed to give a short talk about it before the entire Nor-Cal chapter. On a bright beautiful Saturday afternoon in the Brockway conference center overlooking the lake, a large crowd of chippers heard Bruce speak humbly of his "deal" with Jerry Wall. For years, Jerry had asked to see the renowned "Landau" collection, and stayed overnight with

them to view the collection in Suffern, New York. After many refusals to sell, Jerry demanded Bruce to name a price. Over the years, more than a few of us had asked if he would sell, and he consistently refused. This time, in exasperation, Bruce candidly said, "Half a million bucks!". Surprisingly, Jerry said, "Sold!!" Months later, after some turmoil and numerous mediations, the final amount passed was \$518,000.....for around 5000 chips!!! Not only would this be the highest price paid for a collection, we both agreed that it would stand forever. From then on, when we would sit around, I could just grin at him and say, "a half mil, Bruce!" and we

couldn't stop chuckling. Nothing would ever top the joy we always got out of discussing "chip deals" and the Wall deal was always the most fun. He sincerely felt Jerry "stole 'em" and I would never give him satisfaction and agree.

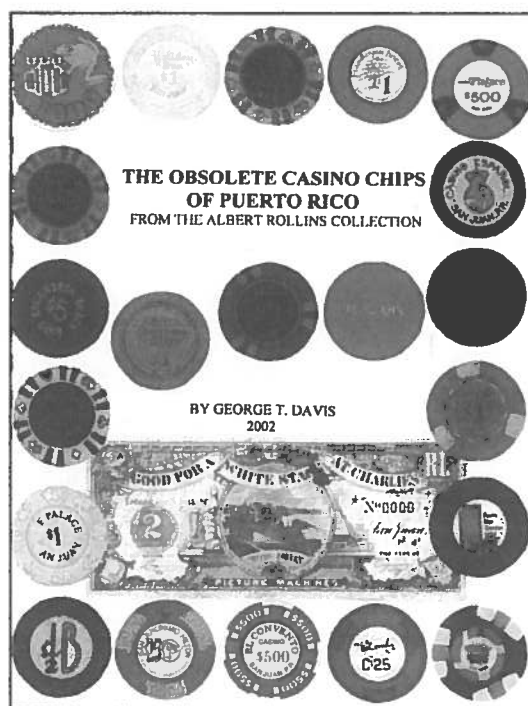
For years, I kidded chippers that Bruce and I met digging through the same garbage cans in Reno's old Douglas Alley. The only part that was true was that some of those old Reno/Sparks "sawdust joints" were very much like garbage cans. When I would ask casino owners, pawn shops, and old timers in gaming for old chips; the reply often was "some big guy from New York was just here

and got 'em already!".... That had to be Bruce. We shared the same routes scouting for obsolete chips and playing the casinos when new chip racks came out. That was well before 1990 and later days when chips sold out of the "cage". Well before "LE's, slabbing, E-bay, and the net", you just "chipped" and it was fun. And that's the way I'll always celebrate Bruce Landau. Chuckling, "a half-million bucks Bruce...!!!!" Bruce!.....what a guy. With a tear in my eye, I feel he's still chuckling with me. *



Eileen, Bruce and Lisa Jung

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Constitutional Amendment Position Statement

by Archie Black

I have been invited by Club President Nate Pincus to submit this accompanying article to support and explain the position I have taken with respect to my Constitutional Amendment question you will be voting upon that was published on page 16 in the previous issue of the club magazine.

The purpose of my proposal is to increase the size of the VOTING Board ... not to keep it at the same number of five Board seats ... as Marty Kaplan's proposal would do.

The purpose of my Immediate Past President proposal is to prevent a brand new "green" board from coming into office all at the same time without the benefit of keeping at least one experienced club officer on the Board for a historical perspective as to what has transpired in the past ... so that we don't make some of the same mistakes in the future.

The purpose of my proposal is to provide an "at-large" seat for someone who may not possess specific technical skills ... such as bookkeeping or accounting, but who has some common-sense attributes which are obvious to the membership and who would make fair and impartial judgments when it came to voting the club's conscience.

I fail to see what is gained by changing the current Membership Officer to a non-elected, non-Board member position, which is what Marty Kaplan's proposal would do.

Let's go back in history for a moment. During my 11-year term as CC>CC President, the elected club Board was made up of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, a CORRESPONDING SECRETARY and a RECORDING SECRETARY. I proposed an amendment to the Constitution back then (which passed by the membership vote) which combined the two Secretary positions into one and created the Membership Officer as an elected Board seat. The Membership Officers duties are to maintain the club's membership roster status, and to issue dues notices and membership cards and to record expelled or disciplined member status and record optional First Class Mailings of the club magazine and to provide address labels to the printer. I fail to see what tangible benefit is accomplished through Marty Kaplan's proposal to make the Membership Officer an appointed, non-voting position in this organization which would result in silencing one of the most active officer's working relationship with the membership by stripping him/her of his Board vote.

The Membership Officer's job, in my opinion, is the most important job in the organization and as such requires the most on-going work (daily) than that of any other Board seat in the organization and should not be relegated to a political appointed position. This position requires rigorous attention during the convention and throughout the year, which NO other Board seat requires. I'm well aware that at least two of the elected Board members during Nate's second term, one of them who resigned, have expressed their thoughts that their jobs should require maintaining the Treasurer's books solely, in the case of the Treasurer, and maintaining the Membership Roster in the case of the Membership Officer, and that they did not wish to be burdened with the "running of the organization" or "getting involved with the politics" or casting votes on "controversial matters".

Well, I strongly disagree. Being a club officer is more than just doing a particular function ... and wiping one's hands clean on how the organization conducts itself. Being a club officer also bears the responsibility of representing those who voted you into office. One can't say, "*well, I didn't have the opportunity to vote on such and such an issue*" when the proverbial stuff hits the fan... while hiding behind the credo; "*my sole job is to maintain the financial books*" or; "*my job is to maintain the club membership list*". How does one get voted out of office if these elected positions become appointed positions? Are the five Board Officers going to become figure heads in title only ... and require minimum duties under Mr. Kaplan's proposal ... and the elected "decision-makers" will appoint those who are going to be

doing the club's day to day operations and work? That's not my vision of what CC>CC is all about. If that's what CC>CC is to become, then we don't need a President, we should be hiring a Business Administrator or Executive Officer.

Keep in mind ... By Laws are not voted upon by the membership. The membership can only propose Constitutional changes. The Board is empowered to make By Laws changes. Of course some things that are changed Constitutionally by the membership are obligated to be revised in the By Laws as well, so that there are no contradictions where the Constitution says one thing and the By Laws say another.

In conclusion, let me say that in order to pass any one of the three proposals before you... one of them MUST receive a 2/3rd majority vote of those club members who took enough interest to cast a ballot. I urge you to use your vote wisely. The club's growth justifies two additional board members who will use their voting privileges in the club's best interest. Don't allow just five votes to control many of the important issues that will be decided these next two years by a new Board.

VOTE YES ON BLACK'S AMENDMENT FOR A BETTER REPRESENTED CC>CC

by Michael Knapp

I propose that the following resolution be presented to the membership for a vote, to coincide with the election of officers concluding at the 2003 convention:

RESOLVED that Article Four, Section 3(G) of the Constitution of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club be amended to read as follows:

- (G)(i) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs within the first year after installation of the officer, a special election shall be held to elect a successor to serve the remaining term of such officer. As soon as practicable after such vacancy occurs, the Board shall cause to be sent to each member in good standing, a call for nominations. Regardless of the manner of mailing, the call for nominations shall be sent within 30 days of the vacancy. The special election shall take place as soon as practicable after close of nominations, by mailing to all members in good standing.
- (ii) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs after the first year following installation of the officer, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to hold such office until the installation of the officer's successor.

THE REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL:

The purpose of the amendment is to provide the membership the opportunity to elect a replacement for any officer who cannot fulfill the duties of office or who resigns during the first year of his/her term. The procedure leaves open the method of distributing the call for nominations: if, for example, the next issue of *Casino Chip and Token News* is ready to be mailed within the 30-day time period, the Board might well decide to save the cost of a special mailing, by inserting a flyer with the magazine.

The second section continues the current practice (which was written when officers were elected only to one-year terms) for the President to appoint a replacement when the vacancy occurs during the second year of the term, because holding a special election with less than a year remaining would be cost-prohibitive to the Club.

A special election will not be cost-free, but the cost the Club will incur is relatively minimal. The cost of a special election though is something that a newly-elected officer should consider before considering the drastic step of resignation. Involuntary vacancies have certainly occurred on our Board, and this proposal permits the members to elect a substitute officer during the first year of a two-year term.

by Marty Kaplan

Several years ago the then Board of Directors put in place the changes necessary to make the Club's Membership Secretary the fifth voting board member. It was a mistake.

To be frank the mistake worked quite well because Jim Steffner was the Membership Secretary who became the Membership Officer. He brought with him sufficient computer skills to elevate the performance of the position. Prior to Jim's efforts the task was almost completely pen and ink. This is the crux of the issue.

The reason given for that change has been that the Membership Secretary does a lot of work and should therefore have a Board level vote. Actually that is not a real good reason.

Many, many members do a lot of work. Some members do an enormous amount of work on behalf of the Club. Some examples that immediately come to mind are the Club Members who carry the Club's materials to the convention and back – each and every year. The Convention Chairperson who oversees a task that is nothing less than a full time job – an enormous work effort. The Club Members that handle the Club's promotional materials and products. The Club's Publicity Director. And let's not overlook the Editor of this award winning magazine - the CC&TN. The Club's Auction Chair. There are others, I could go on and on. Quantity of work alone should not be the deciding factor. It shouldn't boil down to, "Member A, you do more than Member B so you get the vote."

Five (5) members elected by the membership should have the board level vote. A Club Member who expresses a desire to deal with the Club's administration, who expresses a strong interest in helping guide the Club, and possibly the hobby. Members who present a platform and gather member support for their platform. The five (5) who win the election get the Board level vote.

The relevant criteria for the Membership Secretary/Director position has been for someone with a willingness to hand write 2,500+ membership cards annually. That was then, this is now.

The Membership Secretary/Director job should go to someone with the skills to lessen that job's workload. Someone with technical savvy who can automate, computerize, design and implement processes that will cut down the hand work. Someone who has the skill set that can implement new (and readily available) club management software. In short, get us closer to where we as a Club need to be.

We need mailing lists transferred to the printer in a manner that will get us the lowest rates in handling the Club magazine. We need to facilitate membership renewals. We need to automate the printing membership cards. We need to integrate member information with other departments within the Club. We need to move up to club management software to aid in the Club's administration. We need to centrally locate the data rather than move it around after each election. It is the skill set that should drive an APPOINTMENT to Membership Secretary/Director.

Summarized:

The Membership Secretary, or Director, should have reasonably strong computer skills and understanding capable of helping direct the Club to better and safer handling of the Club's database. That person may well be a board member, but shouldn't have to be.

The five (5) voting board members elected to administer and guide the Club should simply be those who run for office, gain support and win.

The President and the Board of Directors should be free to recruit the member(s) best suited to the position(s), the member(s) most likely to accomplish the Club's needs. I frame it in the context of possible plural after watching how well the Club's growing team of computer people, led by Webmaster Greg Susong, has continued to administer and grow the Club's website

The passing of this amendment would also necessitate changes to the By-Laws which are controlled by the President and the Board of Directors. I have submitted to the current Board of Directors the suggested changes for the By-Laws that would be needed to properly implement this Constitutional Amendment. A copy of those changes is presented here (after the “special note”) for your review.

SPECIAL NOTE: There is another amendment being offered to the membership that increases the number of Board members to seven (7). This is another mistake in the making. The Club needs more members to step up and volunteer. It does not need to have two more people for the President to contact in discussing of each issue. Please remember that our Board only meets once a year, sometimes twice. The rest of the time they communicate by telephone and email, rarely, if ever, a full member conference call. Any decision that can be made by 7 can be made by 5. The last thing needed is more pre-decision busy work.

II. OFFICERS, APPOINTED POSITIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PRESIDENT

1. Preside at all officially-called Club meetings;
2. Appoint all committees and chairmen, an A.N.A. Club Representative, Historian, Magazine Editor, Convention Chairman, Election Chairman, Advertising Manager, Publicity Chairman, Librarian, *Membership Director* and such other positions and offices as shall from time to time become necessary; and

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

- 1. Process new membership applications, assign membership numbers and issue membership cards;*
- 2. Maintain the Club computer database and publish periodic membership directories;*
- 3. Print mailing labels for the quarterly magazine and other Club mailings and provide sets of labels to the Editor;*
- 4. Issue annual call for dues renewal and receive all payments of same;*
- 5. Forward all dues payments received promptly to the Treasurer; and*
- 6. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.*

3. To conduct the business of the Club, with the advice and counsel of the Board of Directors.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. Act in the absence of the President at all meetings;
2. Act as chairman for educational and special events, and
3. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

C. SECRETARY

1. Conduct the Club’s official correspondence and serve as the Club’s prime contact on all inquiries;

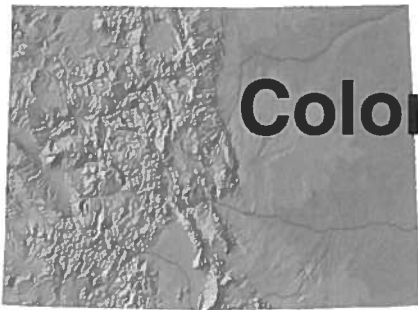
2. Act as Secretary to the Board of Directors by taking and maintaining all official minutes of Board meetings and official Club meetings, and preparing official documents;
3. Serve as liaison between the Club and its Chapters; and
4. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

D. OFFICER AT LARGE

1. *Perform duties as directed by the President or the Board.*

E. TREASURER

1. Record all income received. All payments made shall be evidenced by receipts, written certification of payment or canceled checks. All payments must be made by check when practical. Any disbursements in excess of \$500 must be approved by another officer;
2. Maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed \$100;
3. Prepare quarterly financial reports for publication in the official Club magazine, summarizing income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and submit an annual financial report to be reviewed with the membership at the annual convention meeting each year;
4. To have all accounts and records available for auditing during the month of January each year. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three club members appointed by the President, plus the President and the Club Treasurer. The written report by the Audit Committee shall be presented to the membership in the Club magazine issue following the audit;
5. Establish and maintain a separate interest-bearing account for the deposit of Life Membership dues, to maintain Life Members' benefits. Funds deposited into such account shall not be used for any other purpose; and
6. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.
7. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, or officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets upon the dissolution of the organization.



Colorado News

by Allen Banick



Rich Man, Black Hawk

In August, The Rich Man released two different \$10 10th anniversary chips. 500 of each chip were produced. This is the first \$10 chip ever issued in Colorado and the casino had to get a new ruling from gaming that made purple the official color of a Colorado \$10. The casino and a few local collectors have made this an “instant rarity” by hyping up the chip to prices that far exceed its rareness and collectibility relative to other Colorado chips. Any issue of 500 chips in Colorado is more than enough to satisfy the collectors. So far the casino has not sold the chips from the cage, they have instead awarded them to slot players. Sometimes it pays to be patient!

Colorado Central Station, Black Hawk

Colorado Central released a set of 4 different \$5 chips commemorating the 2002 Grand Prix of Denver. These chips were tough to get during the promotion when table players had to play for over two hours to earn each chip. Once the promotion was over and the race had “finished” the casino sold the chips to collectors. 300 of each \$5 chip were minted.

As always our beautiful Colorado Mountain casinos have been busy with new chips and tokens. It’s been a few months since my last article, so lets get caught up with Colorado happenings!

Bronco Billy’s, Cripple Creek

In June 2002, Bronco Billy’s issues their annual Donkey Derby chips. This is the 7th year Bronco Billy’s has done a Donkey Derby chip and each chip seems to be better than the one before it. 500 of these were minted.



Bull Durham, Black Hawk

No Bull, a new “Bull” was issued by Bull Durham as part of their 2002 series. This one commemorates the 4th of July. Nice as always!



Cracker Factory, Black Hawk

Well, this one isn’t exactly new but until this month NOBODY knew about it. A Chipco \$1 Cracker Factory token has been discovered. This token

has the familiar Parrot and Cracker logo using the same type of token we saw in the early days at Gilpin Casino, Elk Creek and Bronco Billy’s. Only one is currently known to exist. Thanks are extended to club member Charles Kaplan for the find and the scan.



Uncle Sam’s and Gold Rush, Cripple Creek

Uncle Sam’s and Gold Rush both give a player a special NCV token about the size of a quarter each time the player hits a 4 of a kind in video poker. After you have 3 of these you can redeem them for \$5 cash. Gold Rush has two different versions of the special token and Uncle Sam’s has one.





Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

Bronco Billy's released chips commemorating the 15th annual POW/MIA recognition ride this month. 500 of these chips were minted and I applaud Bronco Billy's for the significance of this chip. Patriotic and biker chips have always been popular amongst collectors and this one was no exception!



Gold Rush, Cripple Creek

The Gold Rush Casino released new \$1 tokens. These new tokens use the casino's new and improved logo.



Womack's Legend's, Cripple Creek

A shiny new \$5 token has been released by Womack's Legends casino in Cripple Creek. While this token uses the same art as the previous \$5, it does not have a mintmark on it.



Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

The 10th annual Bronco Billy's Race for The Cure golf chips were released in August. The casino minted 375 unnumbered chips and 125 numbered versions of this chip. The numbered were used as door prizes for golfers that paid to be in the charity tournament. Bronco Billy's donates the proceeds from the tournament and chip sales to the Race for the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation.



Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

The 2002 Bronco Billy's birthday token series were made available to the public in August. The 2000 version of this token won the CCGTCC token of the year award.



Bull Durham, Black Hawk

In October, The Bull Durham Casino in Black Hawk has issued a 500-mintage "I Love Chips" chip. The Bull has closed their live gaming tables and will replace them with more slot machines upstairs. This could be the last chip from the Bull Durham casino for a while.



Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

Bronco Billy's joined the Bull Durham casino in issuing a special Chip Collector commemorative chip. Bronco Billy's version includes the logo of the Colorado Casino Collectibles Club. 500 of these beauties were minted.



Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

Bronco Billy's hosted a "House of Horrors" slot tournament on November 1st 2002. 500 "really scary" chips were minted. I've noticed a trend over the years; there are a lot of chip collectors out there from all over the world who collect only Halloween chips. These chips were gone like a "bat out of hell!"



Harvey's, Central City

As most of you know, Harrah's purchased Harvey's early this year. Harrah's is trying to sell the Central City Harvey's, but until it is sold they are running it using many of the same promotions we see at Harrah's casinos all around the country. The current promotion features Elvis memorabilia and players have the

opportunity to earn a set of 4 "Elvis Coins". This coins feature different Elvis scenes on the obverse and the Harrah's Casino logo on the reverse. Officially Central City does not have a Harrah's casino, but for historical accuracy, these new Elvis Coins must be considered a Colorado Issue.

Casino Opening and Closings

Palace Casino in Cripple Creek closed back in February. I had been hearing rumors for many years that the casino was on the brink, but never

thought it would really happen. The remaining chips and tokens have been destroyed, all should now be considered obsolete. The new sign on the Palace says "future home of Womack's Hotel". Nobody knows if Womack's will have gaming in the hotel, if they do a new chip or token will be forthcoming!

Jazz Alley closed in September, but will supposedly reopen soon. The old Otto's casino is being refurbished and should reopen in the next

few months. No official name for the new casino has been announced.

Doc Holiday's casino will move from its current location in Central City down the street to the building formerly occupied by the Glory Hole casino. No new tokens are expected.

Allen Banick – CCGTCC
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2000 Official Convention Medal

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1999 Official Convention Medal

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1998 Official Convention Medal

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1997 Official Convention Medal

\$7.00 - Bronze, \$18.00 - Silver,
\$22.00 Set of 2



1996 Official Convention Medal

\$7.00 - Bronze, \$18.00 - Silver,
\$22.00 Set of 2

1995 Official Convention Medal

\$7.00 - Bronze,
\$20.00 Set of 2 (Silver)



1994 Official Convention Medal

\$7.00 - Bronze,
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2001 Convention Chip
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Chip & Medal Design Contest

The club is now accepting entries from members for our 2003, 11th Annual Convention Medal, Convention chip, and T-shirt design contest. The contest is open to all members in good standing. A nice prize will be awarded for the winning entry in each category. Winning entries will be announced during our 11th Annual Convention in June, 2003 at the Tropicana.

Contest rules follow:

- The obverse side of the medal shall be the standard club's logo; of which a die has already been prepared.
- The reverse medal design submitted should be presented in black & white on plain paper in a circular area about 6" to 8" in diameter.
- (This is the most important rule). The medal and or chip subject matter main theme should be depicted as large as the encompassing circle will allow. It is recommended that the main text wording or legend be placed outside the circle. Supplementary words such as the date can then be placed in any, or all of the remaining open areas of the field.
- The chip design subject matter may be presented in black & white or color as a photograph, decal, or penciled art layout; supported with or without pictures. Formal art is not necessary.
- The design for the T-shirt will be chosen from among the entries for both the chip and token designs.
- The subject matter of the designs should be relevant to Las Vegas.
- You may submit an explanation of your design.
- You may submit up to three different chip, medal, or T-shirt designs.
- If your entry contains private or commercial subject matter, written permission from the owner must be included with the design or it will not be considered.
- The Design Committee Chairman reserves the right to modify the winning design to meet the requirements of the minting or manufacturing process. Any modifications will be cleared with the designer.
- Only paid up members in good standing are eligible to participate. Place your name and membership number on the BACK of your submission sheet.
- All entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2003, and become the property of CC>CC. The winning designs will be selected by the Committee Judges appointed by the Committee Chairman. The design committee judge's decisions are final and no appeals will be considered.

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CHAPTERS

In some areas of the country, CC>CC members have formed local chapters and hold regular meetings with educational programs, swap meets, trading sessions, and auctions for their members. More chapters are being formed all the time, and every one welcomes members from other parts of the country when they happen to be visiting. Contacts for current CC>CC chapters are listed below.

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GOLDEN PHOENIX



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The Golden Phoenix

by Allan Anderson

The Golden Phoenix Hotel Casino opened to the public on Wednesday, November 27. The opening of the newly remodeled property (formerly the Flamingo Hilton) marks a significant and exciting change to the downtown Reno landscape. Golden Phoenix Owners, Ally and Amin Visram, Sam Kryger, Vice President of Operations, and General Manager, Barry Joannides, presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon officially opening the Casino and kicking off Grand Opening festivities.

Locals were among the first guests to explore the new hotel/casino and take part in the Grand Opening celebration. All guests received party hats and beads and enjoyed free cake and champagne from 4-7 p.m. each evening of Grand Opening week. There was live entertainment on the

Cabaret stage and food and drink specials in Golden Phoenix restaurants and bars.

The Golden Phoenix, Reno's newest hotel/casino, invites locals to come experience the fun and excitement of a casino designed just for them. The 45,000 square foot casino floor has been designed for your comfort and enjoyment. It features loose slots, both video poker and reels, and hot table games including Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Roulette, Pal Gow Poker, Let It Ride and Keno.

A full-service, first-class hotel, The Golden Phoenix has over 600 hotel rooms and suites, 14,000 square feet of meeting and convention space which can accommodate groups of 4 to 1,000, and plenty of free self and valet parking. The Golden Phoenix

Showroom, a beautiful retro style theater with tiered seating for 1,000 guests, will soon offer headline entertainment and exciting production shows. The showroom has state-of-the-art audiovisual capabilities and is also available for meetings, banquets and teleconferences. To plan a wedding, a professional team of wedding planners is available. Over-sized banquet halls and catering are offered for receptions.

Restaurants

The six Golden Phoenix restaurants offer a wide range of cuisine and ambiance.

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Reno mayor Bob Cashell reads a proclamation prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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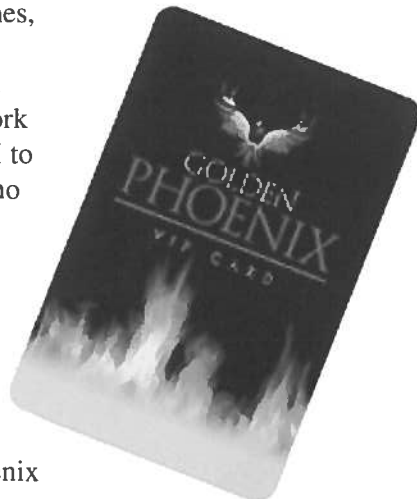
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We hope that everyone, whether in the Slabfree chapter, on The List, and in the general membership, will vote for this ticket to ensure that our voice will be heard on the board that will address this important issue. We understand that all the candidates bring something to the table, but with our club at the critical juncture, we must be focused now to rid the CC>CC of the ruinous practice of slabbing and these people have stated up front their opposition to slabbing. Let's elect them to the board to fulfill their campaign promise to eliminate slabbing from our club and our convention!

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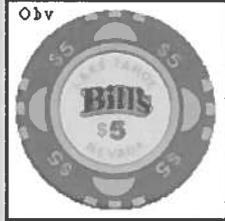

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by Larry Hollibaugh

March through December 2002

It's been ten months since my inaugural Reno Report, and from March through December 2002 we have seen 48 new chips issued in Northern Nevada. In early March, State Line Casino in Wendover released a \$5 LE to commemorate their Big Win Festival. Also in March, John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks replaced their \$100 house chip. Apparently, the chip they released back in 1999, when they replaced their brass core chips, had the wrong insert colors. If you didn't get one of the 1999 issued \$100 chips, you may be out of luck. They have been taken out of circulation.



In April, Rocky's Sports Pub and Grill casino in downtown Reno opened a single blackjack table, and populated it with \$5 and \$25 chips. There were no \$1s or \$100s. This table had a live dealer, but dealt the cards electronically. The players pushed buttons to indicate choices such as hit and stand, and the dealer pushed buttons to deal the cards and confirm each player's choices, and handled the payouts. This game didn't last very long.



These chips are no longer available at the casino. Also in April, Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay, on the northern shore of Lake Tahoe, released a new \$1 house chip. The older

chips were hotstamped. This new chip sports an inlay with a very attractive picture of the lake.

There were no new chips in May. June saw the release of three new limited edition chips in Wendover. Peppermill released a \$5 chip in honor of their 17th anniversary. State Line Casino released a \$5 chip for the Asian American Festival, and another \$5 chip entitled Paris at State Line.



August means Hot August Nights, the most popular category of Reno collector chips. A total of seven chips were released for this year's event, five \$5s and two \$25s. Caesars Tahoe and Reno Hilton each released a \$5 and \$25 chip. Atlantis, Harrah's and Peppermill each released a \$5 chip.



In July, State Line in Wendover released another \$5 collector chip, this time for their Asian Pioneer Festival. Caesars Tahoe, at the south end of the lake, hosted the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship. They made \$5 and \$25 chips commemorating this event.





September was another good chipping month. John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks and Jim Kelly's Nugget in Crystal Bay both released new \$1 table chips. Atlantis released a very unusual \$2 chip for use in their poker room. September saw only one Reno Air Races \$5 chip, from Harrah's. Reno Hilton and Club Cal Neva released \$5 Street Vibrations chips. Reno Hilton also issued a \$5 chip to commemorate the first Northern Nevada Casino Chips and Memorabilia Show. Strangely enough, the show itself was at the Circus Circus Casino in downtown Reno, not at the Hilton. Rounding out September was a beautiful \$5 Asian Moon Festival chip from State Line in Wendover.



In October Reno Hilton started a Win Cards promotion, which of course means a new NCV chip. Topaz Lodge at Topaz Lake released \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips to commemorate their 50th Anniversary.

Harrah's issued a \$5 LE to honor their resident headliner, Gordie Brown. After only 173 chips made it out of the casino, Harrah's pulled this chip.





November saw the opening of a new Casino in downtown Reno. The appropriately named Golden Phoenix Casino is the rebirth of what was the Flamingo Hilton. They released house chips in \$1, \$5, \$25, \$100, and \$500 denominations, tokens in \$1 and \$5 denominations, and a \$5 Grand Opening chip. November ends with another LE from State Line in Wendover, a \$5 chip issued for their Mayflower Festival.



ates the Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Gambling Hall and the Hacienda Hotel & Casino in Boulder City, now owns the State Line and has renamed it the State Line Nugget Hotel & Gambling Hall. What this means, of course, is new house chips at both casinos. Shown here are the \$1, \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips from each property. State Line Nugget also released a \$5 Grand Opening chip.



In December, the Silver Smith and State Line casinos in Wendover changed ownership. The Silver Smith was purchased by Peppermill, which also owns the Peppermill and Rainbow casinos in Wendover, and has been renamed Montego Bay Casino Resort. Peppermill plans to remodel this casino in a tropical theme. Generation 2000, which oper-



Finally, Caesars Tahoe has released their \$8 Year of the Ram chip about a month early, just in time for the Gregorian New Year. The Chinese New Year is actually February 1, 2003.



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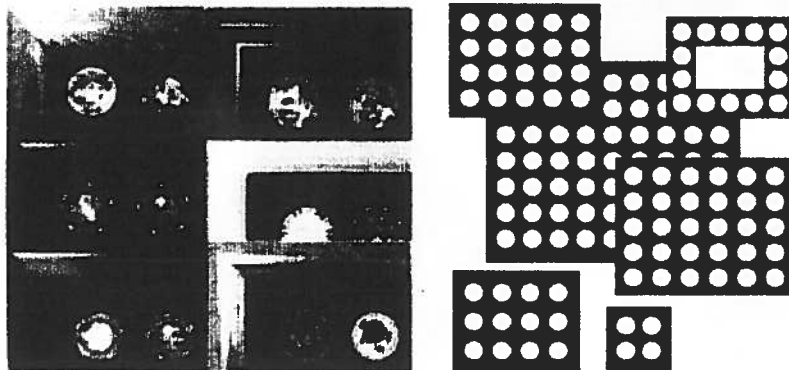
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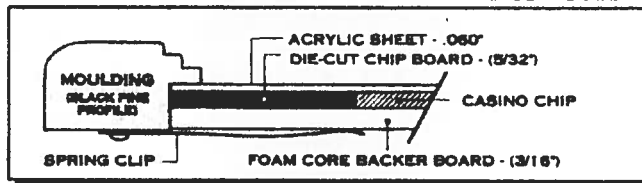
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RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

It looks like quarter craps must be all the rage in Tunica, MS. Both Sam's Town and Bally's have issued new 25c chips.

Hello riverboat collectors! It's been another slow, slow period for Riverboat chips. Like last issue, only 12 new chips to report.

Ameristar Casino in St. Charles, Missouri completed construction of their new Hotel & Casino and released these four chips. The first image is the common reverse.



The Copa Casino in Gulfport, MS has retired their old cruise boat in favor of a new barge based casino and issued this chip in honor of that.

The Isle of Capri in Biloxi, MS celebrated by changing their entire rack and issuing a \$5 10th Anniversary chip.





Thanks to everyone that helps keep me informed about new casino openings and new chip releases. It would be impossible for me to gather all this information without your help. If you are connected to the internet, please stop by <http://www.chipguide.com> <<http://www.chipguide.com/>> to see my complete online guide with all these photos and thousands more in full color.

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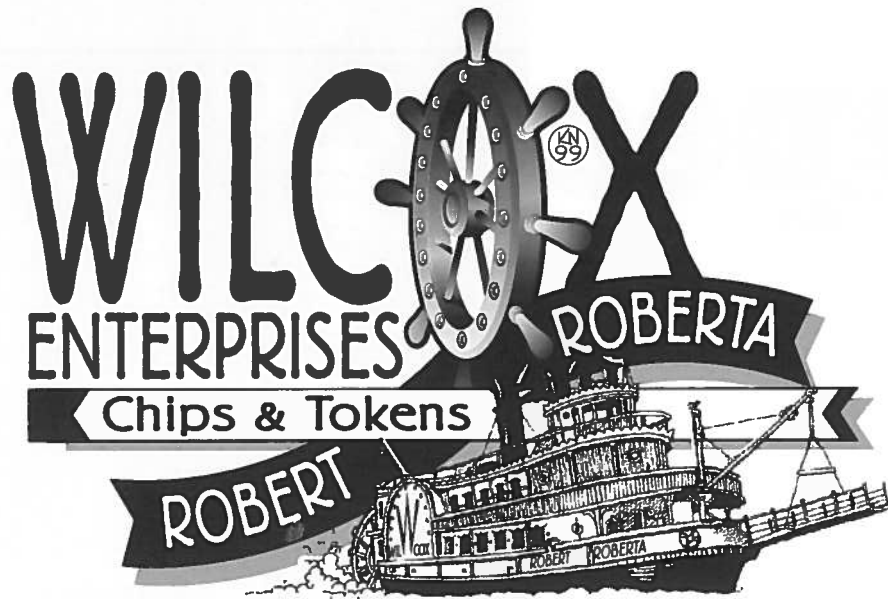
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Mapes

by Howard W. Herz

During the Reno chip show this fall, I ran into an old friend of my family. He had worked for the Mapes hotel since it opened in 1947. As a cashier for almost 20 years he had an intimate knowledge of the casino's chips. I remember as a child going to see Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen when they appeared in the Skyroom. That evening after the show we walked past the gaming tables on the south end of the hotel's top floor to the elevators. Years later, when I began collecting chips and tokens, I would be intrigued by the double color combinations in the same denominations. I asked my friend if he remembered why they had so many colors. He replied that the Skyroom had their set of checks and the main floor casino had their set. With the help of Reno collector Larry Hollibaugh's color collection catalog, my friend identified the two sets. Every day, he would exchange the main checks and the skyroom checks that had migrated to the other casino. His insight finally has clarified which casino used which checks. *



Mapes Hotel Skyroom



\$5 SmKey
purple w/ 3-1/4 red



\$5 T's
purple



\$5 T's
purple w/ 4-1/4 red



\$25 T's
green w/ 4-1/4 cream

Mapes Hotel Skyroom



\$5 HRGLS
blue w/ 3-1/2 alt.



\$25 HRGLS
red w/ 3-1/2 alt.



\$5 SmCrown
f-orange w/ 3-3/8r



\$25 SmCrown
blue w/ 3-3/8r

Mapes Hotel Main Casino



\$5 SmKey
brown w/ 3-1/4 orange



\$5 T's
maroon



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maroon w/ 4-1/4 green



\$25 T's
green w/ 4-1/4 cream



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2003 Exhibits Invitation

The club is now accepting entries for Exhibits for display at the upcoming 11th Annual GG>CC Convention. This year's convention is being held once again at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Quarterly Southern Nevada Limited Edition "Cheque" List



by Dave and Debbie Harber

As I write this, fall is gone and winter is here in Las Vegas. Maybe not winter to a lot of folks who are suffering in the cold northeast but the chill is in the air. Like the cold air, chip releases, one could say, have gone "cold" compared to those crazy hot summer months.

September

To start off the month The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino held their annual Pindex convention. There were 3 No Cash Value (NCV) chips released for this event. There was an orange chip, a red chip and a purple chip made for the convention. The 300 orange "Early Bird" chips were only available to the first 150 people who purchased "The Pindex Package". Included in the Pindex package was a room, admittance for 2 to the Pindex Show, 2 orange "Early Bird" chips, 2 red and 2 purple Pindex 2002 chips. There were 500 of the red chips and 500 of the purple chips with 300 of each color included in the packages.



The remaining 200 of each color were available for purchase on one of the days of the convention.

Binions Horseshoe was the next to come out with chips. They released a 5 piece set of five dollar chips depicting five World Series of Poker Millionaires. Those pictured were Brent Carter, Robert Varkonyi, Humberto Brenes, Julian Gardner and David Chice. They made 1,500 sets. At the same time they released another \$5 chip, Horseshoe Hall of Famer Johnny Chan with a mintage of 2,500.



The Las Vegas Club followed up with a chip release for the one year anniversary of September 11th. This \$10 chip has essentially the same artwork as last year except the words "America Still at War". There were 300 of these chips produced.



Excalibur replaced their chip of the month series this month with a chip for the de la Hoya vs. Vargas fight. They made 1,000 of these \$5 chips. Mandalay Bay, who hosted the event also had chips made. They made 500 \$5 chips with de la Hoya's photo and 500 \$5 chips with Vargas'

photo. They also had \$25 chips with both fighters pictured. The quantity on the \$25 chip is unconfirmed. As a side note, these chips were next to impossible to get. After calling and being told the chips were released, a chipper friend and I drove down to Mandalay Bay at peak time for people arriving for the fight. After battling the traffic, asking any one who would listen if they had seen the chips and literally searching every table, we left for home 2 hours later empty handed.



The next release was the long awaited release of the Hard Rock Who chips. They released a \$5, \$25 and \$100 chip for the concert. This had to be the longest chip line in the history of the hobby. The line wound around the casino, out the doors and on to the side walk that parallels Harmon Ave. The numbers for the

chips are as follows: 5,000 five dollar chips, 6000 twenty fives and 400 hundreds.



Sam's Town down on Boulder highway got back into limited edition chips this month after a very long hiatus. They have released a \$5 Wolf chip with the same artwork as that of the 1995 chip. The difference is this one is dated 2002. They released another \$5 chip at this time with a picture of a bear on it. Each of these chips have mintages of 2,500.



The Four Queens released a new limited edition \$1 chip to advertise their web site. There were 6,000 of these made.



The Palms released chips for the television drama Crime Scene Investigation that was being filmed there. There were 3000 - \$5, 500 - \$25, and 100 - \$100 chips made all with the same artwork. The Palms casino also hosted Playboy's Home Video 20th Anniversary and had chips manufactured to commemorate the event. These five piece sets feature past Playmates of the Year Jenny McCarthy (1994 PMOY) and Anna Nicole Smith (1993 PMOY), 2002 PMOY Dalene Kurtis, Pamela Anderson and the fifth chip is the bunny logo. These sets were available in five dollar, twenty five dollar and one hundred dollar denominations. There were 5,000 of the five dollar sets, 1,000 of the twenty five dollar sets and 250 of the hundreds. The first 3,250 sets were released with a free CD jewel case. Gene Trimble and the Palms hit a grand slam with these sets. Chips like these that penetrate a strong secondary market are fantastic for exposing other collectors to the limited edition chip hobby.





The Tropicana released its third mini set of \$5 Stadium chips. These are the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th chips released in the Tropicana's Baseball Series. Featured in this "sub-set" are the Houston Astros Enron Field (guess that name will change, huh?), The Minnesota Twins Metro Dome, the New York Mets Shea Stadium and our hometown, the Philadelphia Phillies Veterans Stadium. The mintage on these chips were 500 of each of the four stadiums.



There were six more chips issued in September. All were from outside Las Vegas. One was from Tonopah. It is a \$10 chip commemorating the Goldfield Centennial. The mintage on this chip has not been confirmed. The rest were all from Laughlin. The Colorado Belle issued the annual Blues & Brews chip. This chip has a mintage of 1,000. The Edgewater released a "Professional Bull Riders Laughlin Shoot out with a mintage of 750. Finally, Harrah's Laughlin issued a 3 piece set of \$5 chips. The chips are for entertainer, Earl Turner who performs at the property. Five hundred sets were made.



That's it for September. A mere 48 chips mostly due to the number of sets. Thankfully it did not take 48 stops to acquire them all!

October

October was busier but that is to be expected with all the chips for Halloween. Probably one of the most popular holidays to collect but I digress. We'll get to Halloween later. To start off October Harrah's released a Legends of the West set. It is a 5 piece set of five dollar chips depicting Jesse & Frank James, Geronimo, Annie Oakley, Kit Carson and Wyatt Earp. There were 1000 sets made.



Another set was released a few days later, this time from the Palace Station. The set included a \$1 chip depicting a 1953 Corvette Roadster (1,000), a \$3 chip with a 1956 Corvette Roadster (450), a \$5 chip with a 1957 Corvette Roadster (450), a \$25 chip with a 1958 Corvette Roadster (50) and a \$100 chip with a 1959 Corvette Roadster (20). Mintages of each denomination are in parentheses after the chip.



After leaving Palace Station it was off to another chip release at the Four Queens. It too was a set! Three hundred 4 piece sets were produced for the 2nd Annual Four Queens Poker Tournament. The set depicts the Producer of the tournament, the Director, the 2001 Champion and the 2001 Player of the Year.



The very next day it was over to the Palms for the Maloof Brothers Roast chip. This chip commemorates two of the owners of the Palms, Joe & Gavin Maloof. Fifteen hundred of these chips were made. Seven hundred of these chips were given out at the actual party where the brothers were roasted leaving only 800 for us chip collectors.



Now the pace is really picking up because the very next day, yet another chip to chase down. Jerry's Nugget manufactured 1,000 chips depicting a race car.



Three days later it was down to the Tropicana for the 4th mini set in the Stadium series. These are the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th chips released in the Tropicana's Baseball Series. Again 500 of each of the 4 chips were made. Featured in this "sub-set" are the Texas Rangers BallPark at

Arlington, the Colorado Rockies Coors Field, Chicago White Sox Comiskey Park and the Los Angeles Dodger's Dodger Stadium.



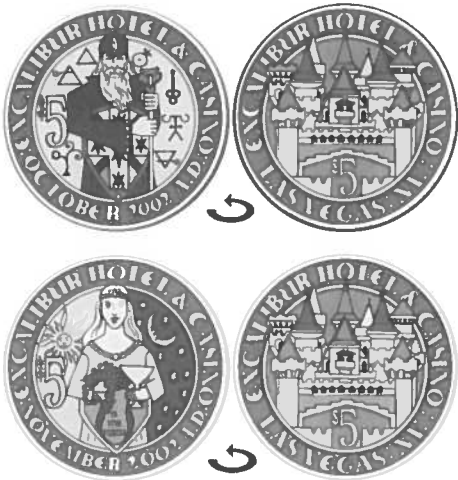
Two days go by and here we go again. The Palms issued a chip for a new game. A \$5 Lucky Ladies chip. There were 3,000 made.



The same day as the Palms release it was back to the Four Queens for a \$1 Halloween chip. You may think we scanned the FourQueens.com chip in error but in actuality it looks like the same chip. The distinguishing difference is the color of the lettering. The letters alternate orange and black! There were 6,000 of these chips made.



Excalibur then issued 2 different chips 2 days apart. The “October” chip and the “November” chip each with mintages of 1,000.



Opera House and Silver Nugget released chips commemorating Veterans Day. There were fifteen hundred \$1 chips, four hundred and fifty \$2.50 chips, four hundred and fifty \$5 chips and fifty \$25 chips manufactured for each casino. The Opera House chose to represent four different branches of the armed services, while the Silver Nugget depicted famous battles or wars.



Now for the flurry of Halloween chips. The Tropicana had a \$5 Halloween chip with a mintage of 500. The Four Queens released their \$5 Halloween chip next with an appropriate number of 666. The Aladdin made \$5 and \$25 chips with different artwork for the holiday. The five had a mintage of 800 and the twenty five a mintage of 200. The Riviera also issued Halloween chips. They made a five dollar (mintage 600), a twenty five dollar (mintage 75) and a one hundred dollar chip (mintage 31) all with identical artwork. As always, only the \$5 chip is pictured when the artwork is the same. On the 31st the Hard Rock issued their Halloween chip with a mintage of 5000. After the Hard Rock it was off to the Las Vegas Club for their \$10 Halloween chip. It has a mintage of 300.



If that wasn't enough to keep up with, interspersed with the Halloween issues, were a couple of others. The Palms was the place for the Ozzy Osbourne concert and with the show came 3 more chips. There were five thousand \$5 chips, five hundred \$25 chips and one hundred \$100 chips. All three denominations with the same picture of Ozzy. Another chip to be issued also coincided with an act. One thousand, \$5 chips were made for Penn & Teller whose show “Living in Las Vegas” is currently housed at the Rio.



Finally the last chip to report in October is from the Pahrump Nugget. It commemorates the Harvest Festival, a rodeo and fair, held annually. It is probably the event of the year in Pahrump. This is a \$5 Chipco with a mintage of 500.



That wraps up October. For those who weren't counting, a whopping 46 chips were issued. This again was due in part to the multiple sets released this month.

November

November gave us a small break. At least we weren't running every day or every other day to get chips. After quite a long time Slots A Fun issued a commemorative chip. The last being for the Millennium. This one depicts an eagle with the slogan "Slots A Fun Soars". Two thousand of these chips were made.



The next release was Hard Rock "Kid Rock". It was issued for the concert being held at "The Joint". In an effort to improve their chip program. The Hard Rock decided to change their chip dispensing policy. In previous releases everyone lined up and at the designated time for the chips to be sold. Each time approximately 15 minutes prior to the actual release the front of the line would swell due to those who were "holding spots" for their friends and family members. This time in an effort of fairness, a numbering system was instituted whereby everyone lined up at the designated time (2 hours prior to the release) to get a number. It was a good idea in theory, unfortunately this did not solve the problem of the line swelling and it actually added another issue. Although the numbers clearly stated on the back of the card "one number per person", the person handing out the numbers gave people additional numbers if they got back in line. Once the line dispersed the remaining numbers were available at the cage where it was a one per person policy. This enabled many to go through the line numerous times prior to someone else's first. We agree some sort of system is needed to free up the long tedious waits in line for a time designated release. It obviously benefits both the chipper and the casino. To be fair, it was their first attempt and one has to give them credit for at least trying to make everyone have an equal opportunity for their much coveted chips. However, it is clear the system is in need of some fine tuning. There were

5000 five dollar chips, 1,100 twenty fives and 300 one hundred dollar chips.



After the Hard Rock it was off to the Rio. The Rio had a second \$5 chip made for their "Show in the Sky". This is a Bud Jones chip with a mintage of 250.



This same day there was a chip show going on at the Palace Station. For the show NCV chips were manufactured in celebration of chippers. Eight chips were made honoring prominent individuals in our hobby. The following people were pictured, as a thank you for their contributions to the hobby: Archie Black, Steve Cutler, Howard Herz, Jim Kruse, Bruce Landau, Allan Myers, Greg Susong and Gene Trimble. There were 250 of each chip minted.



In the meantime, the Ramada Express in Laughlin released a \$5 chip in honor of Veterans Day. There were 1,000 made.



The Tropicana was next with a chip for Thanksgiving. It is a five dollar chip with a mintage of 500. Another casino to issue a Thanksgiving chip was the Pahrump Nugget. It is a Chipco with a mintage of 500. The last casino to release a

Thanksgiving chip was the Las Vegas Club. It is a \$10 serialized chip. There were 300 made.



During this time the Palms celebrated their first Anniversary. In commemoration of this milestone \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips were made with identical artwork. There were 1,500 fives, 250 twenty fives and 100 hundreds.



The El Cortez had a new one dollar chip made depicting owner Jackie Gaughan. This was not a house chip. This chip was handed out personally by Jackie Gaughan. Chippers at times can get lucky and get one from the cage if someone has cashed one in. The mintage on this one has not been confirmed but rumored to be 400.



Harrah's did it again! This time it was a 3 piece Aviation Milestones set. The \$5 chips depict Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose as the largest airplane in history, Charles Lindbergh for the first Atlantic crossing and the Wright Brothers, as inventors of the airplane. There were 250 of these sets made. At the same time they released their 2002 Rodeo chip for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR).



The Tropicana also manufactured Rodeo chips in honor of the annual WNFR. They made a run of 500.



In the meantime, the Santa Fe Station also celebrated a birthday. A \$5 chip was made for this their second anniversary. It has a mintage of 5,000.



In preparation of the holidays the last chips to be issued in November came from Harrah's. It is a set of 12 five dollar chips depicting the Twelve Days of Christmas. Only 200 of these sets were manufactured.

That sums up November. The chip count was 39, an inflated number, due in part to Harrah's and their two sets and the Palace Station with their NCV Celebrating the Chippers set.

Next quarter we know we can count on more rodeo chips, along with Christmas, New Years, football and Valentines Day just to name a few. Who know what else they'll



come up with! I guess we'll all have to wait and see.

Until then, as always, Happy Chippin!

At this time we would also like to recognize the following individuals for providing a few of the images contained in this article: Andy Hughes, Ralph Myers, and Pete Rizzo. Thank you for your contributions.

Dave and Debbie Harber have been limited edition chip collectors since 1993 and together own the World's largest Nevada LE chip brokerage, Cheques in the Mail, Inc. They can be reached through their websites at www.lasvegas-chips.com or www.lechips.com. *

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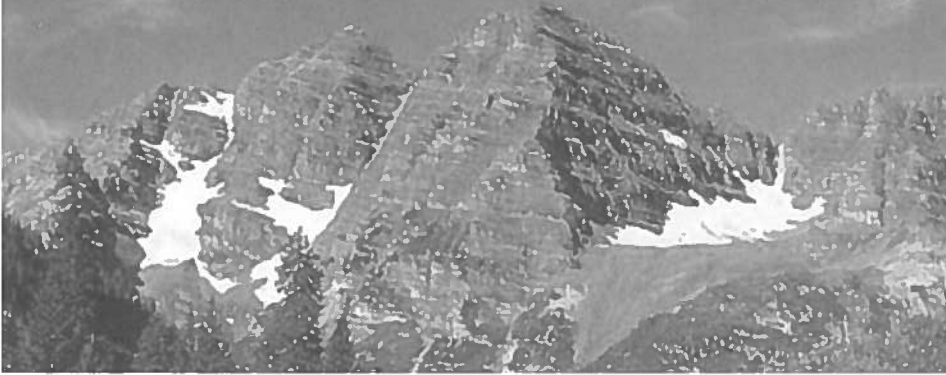
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1st Annual

Rocky Mountain Chip & Token Show



by David A. Niver

The Colorado Chapter of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collector's Club held its 1st Annual Rocky Mountain Chip & Token Show on October 4 & 5, 2002 at the Rivera Casino in Black Hawk, Colorado. Future shows will be held each year on the first weekend of October.

This year's show hosted dealers from California, Arizona, Illinois, New Mexico and Colorado. There were over 250 collectors and visitors that attended the show.



Bob Hayden

Bob Hayden went all out in setting up the show. He obtained over 50 door prizes that were distributed to the visitors and dealers. Each visitor

received a ticket stub when they entered the show. There was a drawing every two hours for various door prizes. At the end of the show there was a special drawing for the dealers. The grand prize was a pair of \$10.00 promotional chips from the RichMan Casino.

The show featured the first public showing of Gary Johnson's display covering the first seven years of Colorado chips and tokens issued. After the show, his display was moved to the second floor of the RichMan Casino near the Blackjack tables.

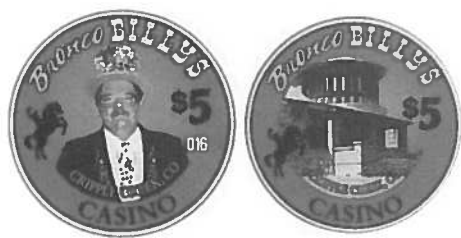
This display has 1,120 chips and tokens that were issued by the original casinos from Cripple Creek, Black Hawk, Central City and the two Indian Casinos. The collection is limited to the chips and tokens that were issued from Oct. 1, 1991 to

Oct. 1, 1998 representing the first seven years of legal gambling in Colorado. This display has four sides (each holding 280 chips or tokens) and took three years to construct. The chips are protected by tempered glass covering each panel and each slot holding a chip or token was hand drilled. The estimated value of the display is \$135,000.00. This collection is a MUST SEE if you can get out to the casino.

Gary Johnson is considered a legend by Colorado collectors and is well known by the Colorado casino's staff. Each year the Colorado Club holds one of their meetings at his house. He has one of the most complete collections of Colorado casino collectibles including matches, playing cards, slot cards, signs, slot card holders, chips and tokens. In fact, Gary has dedicated so much of his time to collecting chips, his picture and home were featured on a Chipco casino chip issued by Bronco Billy's Casino this year. There were two types of these chips issued which included a numbered and an unnumbered version.



Gary Johnson and his Colorado Chip Display at the RichMan Casino



Gary Johnson chip

It is fitting that Gary selected the RichMan Casino to be the first casino to display his chip collection. He spent many hours standing in front of the casino wearing a tux and a blinking hat, buying gaming chips from customers who had won them in the various casino promotions.

The RichMan Casino is a three-story building located on 101 RichMan Street in Black Hawk, Colorado. The casino was built next to the old Assay Laboratory & Smelter and opened on July 30, 1992. It also features over 100 slot machines, a snack bar, gift shop and three Blackjack tables. The friendly and courteous staff goes out of their way to insure that their customers receive first class service.

They recently added a new logo to the casino, which was placed above the entrance to the building. This new sign is very sharp and really stands out when viewed at night.



Dr. Sergio R. Alvarez is the owner of the RichMan Casino and also has a Cardiac-Pulmonary medical practice in El Paso, Texas. While attending medical school, a friend of his persuaded him to invest in some land at Black Hawk, Colorado. After graduating from medical school they decided to open a casino instead of selling the land. He eventually bought out his friend's share of the business and turned the casino into a family owned business. He hired John Dahm as General Manager, and a great staff to run the casino. The casino is large enough to meet the needs of its

customers, but small enough to provide the best service in the area. The staff really puts their hearts into serving the customers.

Dr. Alvarez stated that the casino also uses "Friendlier" type slot machines for the enjoyment of its customers. He has plans to expand the casino in the future. There is also a possibility of a pedestrian bridge being built across the main highway that will provide easier and safer access to the casino.

Dr. Alvarez was interested in learning views of Chip Collectors and how the casino could provide better service to collectors. He expressed interest in the possibility of issuing commemorative chips that collectors can obtain much easier.



Dr. Sergio R. Alvarez

The casino house chips and tokens are shown on the next page. The first \$5.00 chip, made by Chipco, was red with a picture of gold bars and was used for several years until they wore out. This chip was replaced by a red plastic composite token that is currently in use on the Blackjack tables and the slot machines. They also have a green \$25.00 Chipco chip with a picture of gold bars being used



RichMan Casino



House gaming chips and tokens

on the tables. There is a \$1.00 copper-nickel slot token manufactured by "CT"(Casino Tokens, N. Las Vegas, Nev.) in use at this time.

The Casino has used several gaming chips for various promotions held throughout the years. Many of these chips can not be purchased at the casino cage or on the tables. Many of their chips are highly sought after and are difficult to obtain. The only way to obtain these chips is to participate in their special promotions or to purchase them from a promotional winner.

The First series of gaming chips used in promotions were the \$1.00 white Chipco chip with a picture of gold bars and the \$100.00 black Chipco chip with a picture of gold bars.



1st group of gaming chips used for promotions

The casino had a "White Chip Club". In order to be a member the individual had to be nominated based of their frequency of play by two members of the casino staff. Then the nominee had to be approved by management. Later on a "Black Chip Club" was added and some members

of the "White Chip" club were elevated into the elite "Black Chip" club.

Members of the "White Chip Club" were given a \$1.00 gaming chip and the "Black Chip Club" members received a \$100.00 gaming chip. Later on this procedure was changed to other promotions listed below:

- Customers could buy in for \$1000.00 and play the money in their slot machines or table games.
- Some chips were given to customers for winning a jackpot of \$600.00 or more.
- The chips could also be obtained through special drawings held through out the night. Customers would receive one ticket per hour while gambling and at the end of the night drawings were held for the chips.

Three more gaming chips from Chipco were added to their program. All three red chips were \$5.00 denomination. The first had a picture of their current building and a picture of gold bars on the reverse side. The second was a picture of the proposed expansion of the current casino and the old logo on the reverse. The third chip honored the seventh anniversary of the casino with the old logo on the reverse.

The casino also ordered two gold plated gaming tokens to be used in another promotional program.

The first \$1.00 gold plated token had the same design as their regular \$1.00 token and was gold plated on both sides. The second \$1.00 gold plated token had the same design as their regular \$1.00 token except the gold plating was only on the front rim and the letter "R". The remainder of the front and back of the token was nickel.



2nd group of gaming chips used for promotions



Gold plated tokens

There were some \$1.00 tokens painted red and the machine number printed on the painted token. These special tokens were placed in the slot machines. The only way that a customer could get one of the gold plated tokens was to play a \$1.00 slot machines and received one of these painted tokens in their slot winnings. The customer would have to take the painted token to the cashier and exchange it for a gold plated token.



Painted tokens

The RichMan Casino was the first casino in Colorado to issue a purple \$10.00 gaming chip. Under Colorado gaming rules each denomination is assigned a basic color. As result they set the color standard for all future ten-dollar chips.



\$10 promotional chips

These purple chips were issued to commemorate the casino's tenth anniversary. The first chip is a picture of the casino at night. The second is a picture of their new logo. These new gaming chips are available through promotions or special circumstances.

The casino has two tournament chips that they use. The chips are from the diamond mold and one is purple and the other is black.



Tournament chips

The casino has four different levels of slot cards. The first level is "Sapphire", followed by "Emerald", "Ruby" and "Diamond". Under this program, customers receive points that are exchanged for meals or gift items. They plan to revise their slot program later this year.



The new revised program will be called the "Come Back Club" which will reward customers with cash on their next visit to the casino. There will be three levels: Silver, Gold and Platinum which is based on the level that the customer plays. The Silver will receive \$5.00 cash on the next visit to the casino and a 25% discount at the restaurant. The Gold will receive \$10.00 cash on the next visit to the casino and a 50% discount at the restaurant. The Platinum will receive \$20.00 cash on the next visit to the casino and free meals at the restaurant.

If you visit the Black Hawk, Colorado area I recommend that you make a visit to this casino.

For more information you can call (303) 582-0400.

Until next time, good chipping from Dave Niver (R5017). *



Election of Club Officers and Voting on Constitution Amendments

The Official Ballot enclosed with this issue of your magazine consists of two parts. Part I is for election of the five club officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Officer, with duly elected winners to be installed at the CC>CC 2003 convention. Biographies and statements by the candidates for each office appeared in the previous issue of CCTN. Part II is for the three proposed amendments to the CC>CC constitution. Statements and commentary for the proposed amendments appear elsewhere in this issue of CCTN. Note that a reading of the amendment proposals by Archie Black and Marty Kaplan reveals that both can not be adopted, therefore the ballot allows voting for one or the other or neither. Vote for **ONLY ONE** of the three options. Ballots containing a vote for more than one choice in this section will be disqualified for this section only. The remaining sections of the ballot will still be counted.

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Results of the balloting will be made available on the CC>CC website and an official statement signed by all election committee members will appear in the next issue of Casino Chip and Gaming Token News.

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Northwest Chippers' Get Together

by Steve Goodrich

On November 3, Northwest chippers gathered at club member Chet Pasternak's house just south of Seattle. About 15 collectors attended this time around and we have been averaging around 12 to 20 or more over the past few years each time we meet. Though we don't have any predetermined schedule (we aren't that organized!), we try to get together about 4-5 times a year. We meet at different locations, usually in the Seattle area but also in Portland on occasion.

It is very informal group, with fun, food and chipping always on the agenda and everyone is welcome to attend. If you live in Washington or Oregon (or even Idaho!), or if you are planning a visit to the great Pacific Northwest, just drop me a line ahead of time and I will be happy to fill you in on our schedule. We have even been able to call meetings at short notice when we know that a lot of chippers are in town.

For the moment, we are looking forward to Jim Fredrickson's annual Chinook Winds chip show on April 11 & 12 in Lincoln City, Oregon. The last two shows have been very popular and I am hoping to

see a lot of my friends and fellow chippers there.

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Atlantic City R E P O R T

by Archie Black

Where does all the time go? It seems like I've only recently submitted a report for the club magazine ... and here it is early December and another A.C. report is due. Those who still think the club magazine should be a monthly publication ... ought to try writing these articles every few weeks. I don't know how Editor Anderson finds the time to publish such a quality publication.

The last report left off with Trump Marina chip issues (Heart and T-Games) that were issued in September. Well in October, Showboat issued its second LE chip in the 15-year history of this Atlantic City casino with a tribute to Al Martino's 50th year in show business. 1000 \$5 Martino chips were issued and we certainly hope that it won't be another 15 years before Showboat issues their 3rd Limited Edition chip!



Later in the same month ... Trump Plaza issued what has become the first in a series of five historical restaurant chips. What is unique about this set is that they portray Atlantic City's landmark restaurants that have no connection to the casino industry. The chips bear an unusual denomination of \$20, which is a popular denomination in the game of

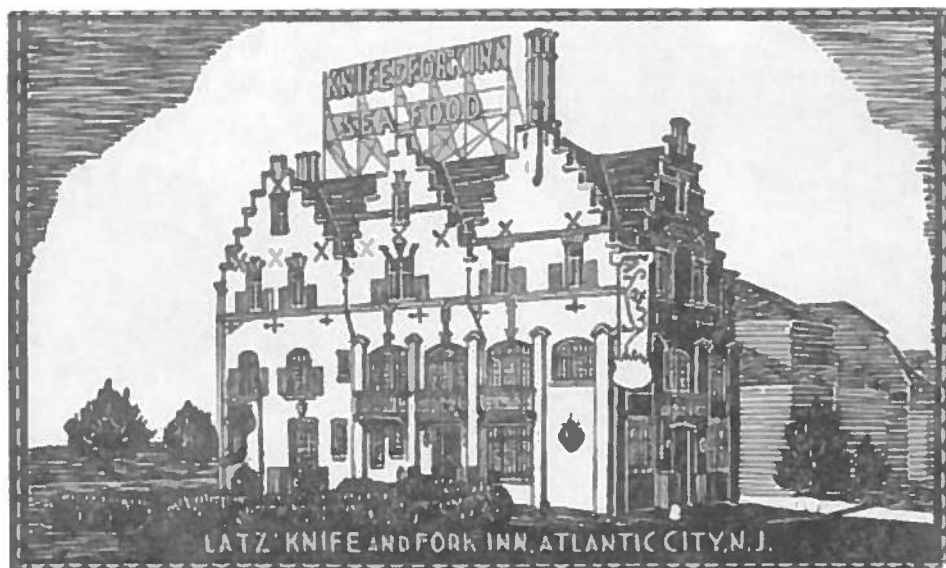
Pai-Gow, which the Plaza already has on its Pai-Gow table, but these extremely limited edition restaurant chips won't see much play as they were eagerly gobbled up by chippers who smelled a winner and lined up as early as two hours before the announced release time!



The first \$20 chip in the series commemorated the famous Knife & Fork Inn, which supposedly was the

very first steak and seafood restaurant that opened in A.C. some 90 years ago. Only 300 K&F Inn chips were manufactured ... but only 120 were brought out to the tables for public purchase. Over half the issue was held back in reserve for the five restaurant owners and casino "preferred customers" ... and I suspect employees, as not too many employees were in line.

In early November, it was Dock's Oyster House turn to be paid tribute.... Followed two weeks later with a White House Subs issue. Again, both issues were only 300 chips manufactured with 160 of Dock's issue made available and just 140 of the White House Subs. Virtually every entertainer, sports personality, politician (from Governors to President's) have visited the legendary White House Subs ... and their pictures are hung on the



walls to prove it. The sub shop's claim to fame is "over 23 million subs have been sold."



Once again; more than half the 300 chips made were held back in the cage for the five restaurant owners ..., and "others" by the casino. I'm also told that 40 key-ring type brass chip holders for the chips were purchased by Knife & Fork for distribution to K&F employees.

On the last day of October, three chips, including the long awaited Sammy Hagar chip were finally released at Trump Marina. An issue of 1000 \$5 Sammy chips and 400 \$25 chips were eagerly snapped up by hungry chip collectors and Hagar fans.



The same day, as the Hagar release, chippers were seen heading for the MAC machines as a third chip was released simultaneous with the two Hagar's. A \$5 commemorative chip to mark Marina's In-Water Boat Show made its appearance. 1000 boat show chips were manufactured but only half the boat issue and half the \$5 Hagar issue were delivered to the gaming table. A few hours later, the other half of both issues were delivered to the tables as a result of a reported snafu between the cage and the pit. According to well-known casino sources, it was an "embarrassing un-intentional foul-up." I must say this for Trump Marina.... when they make an announced quantity of chips, they usually send ALL of them out to the table and do not hold any back.



A delayed but very attractive "Year Of The Horse" chip was issued at Trump Plaza in late November. (Hey, the year ain't over yet!). This \$25 chip has the potential to qualify for the COTY 2002 nominations in January. 300 were made of this issue, but only 160 chips were put on the distribution table for sale to the public.



The 4th chip in this popular but controversial series was issued on Monday, December 9th at the Plaza.

Once again, severe limits were placed on this already restricted number of 300 chips that were manufactured ... and 150 set-asides, or holdbacks of chips, were in place again for the "restaurant owners". With over 25 chippers standing in line for the pre-announced 11 a.m. release, chip purchases were limited to four chips per person and those who needed or wanted more were allowed to return to the back of the line until the supply was quickly exhausted in less than fifteen minutes. Luckily, I had a few chipper friends in line who purchased chips for me ... but still not enough chips for all of my subscribers.

On the tokens front ... two new tokens were recently put into play. Thanks to JOHN BOLLINGER of Baltimore for keeping a keen eye out. A .50¢ token was issued at Resorts over two months ago ... according to my source. John says that this token was in play as long as two months ago, before the previous A.C. Chapter Meeting! It will be tough to find these tokens in un-circulated condition at this late date however. The fifty-cent machines are fairly popular and the tokens receive a lot of use.

A new bi-metallic \$100 slot token at Caesars has replaced the older issue. The new hundred matches the horses and Roman chariot design depicted on the current \$5 token.

This attractive issue is certainly worthy of an upcoming TOTY nomination.

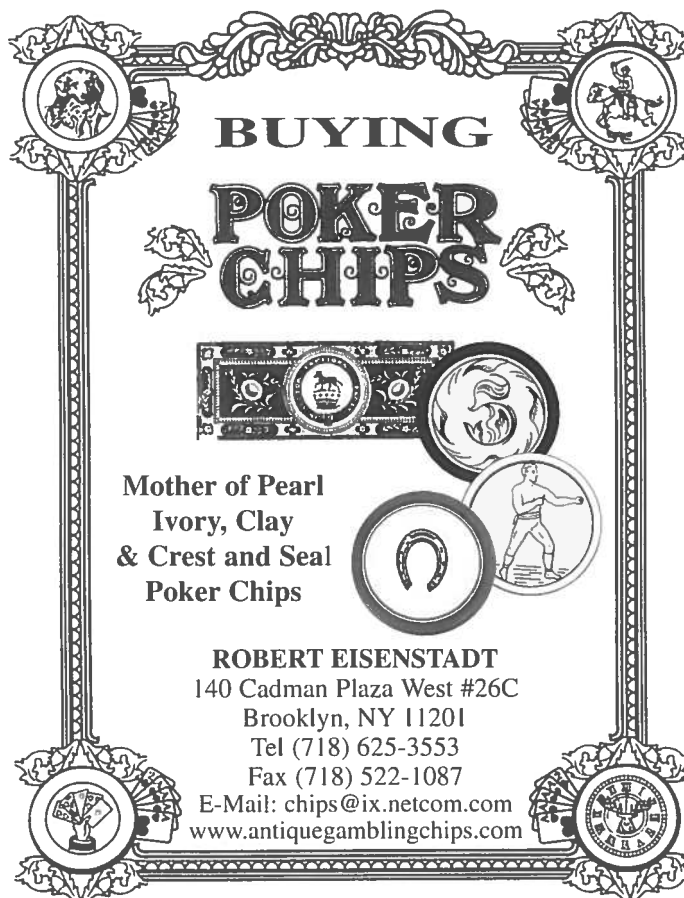
John also reported that the \$50 slot machines at Caesars have been removed from the casino floor. I'm sure that fact will be met with great consternation from many of our high roller token collectors!! <lol> Snooze; you lose. Should have gotten them while they were in play. BTW: Don't look for many of these \$50 tokens to appear on e-bay in the near future!

Hoping that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. Looking forward to continuing these reports from Atlantic City in the New Year! *

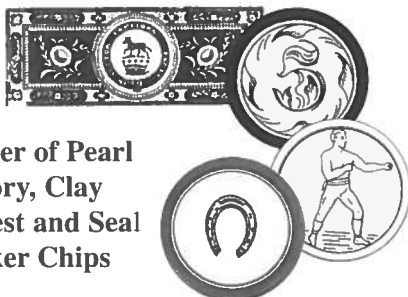
Casino Collectibles Show at Hollywood Park

On Saturday, May 17, 2003 Jim Munding will be hosting a Casino Collectibles Show at Hollywood Park Casino in Inglewood, California. The date is especially exciting because there will be live racing at the Hollywood Park Race Trace, which is next door to the Casino. The PREAKNESS Race will be held that day too and broadcast into the RACE AREA at the Casino. Hollywood Park Casino will be packed with racing fans and casino collectible collectors as well as the regular gambling crowds.

The location of the show will be in the main casino area in a very well lit area. Hours for the show are 10 am until 7 pm and admission is FREE. Anyone needing more information can see the full page advertisement in this issue or contact Jim directly at MUN3335@aol.com *



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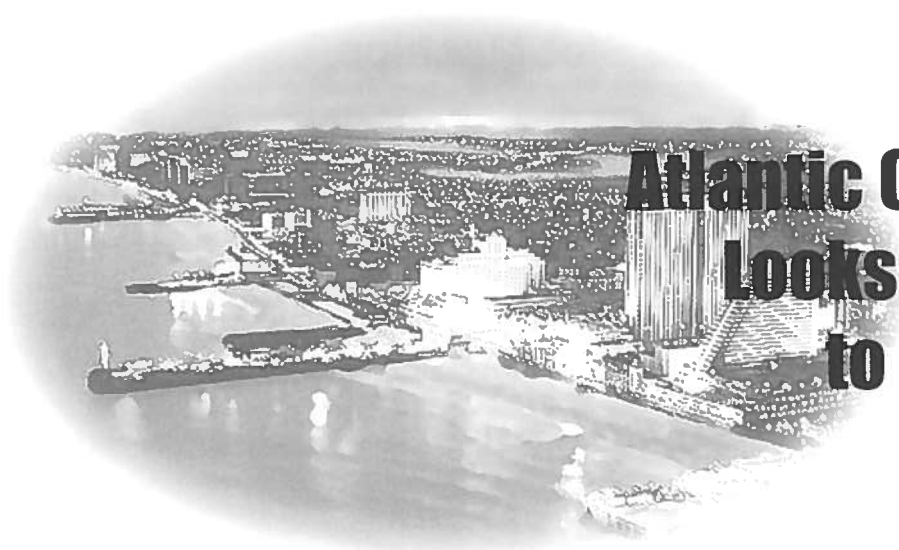
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dse = double-sided error chip, see notes err = error chip, see notes obs = believed to be obsolete

#	denom	casino	location	manufacturer	notes	condition
1	\$5	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson	good	
2	\$1	Marlboro VFD	Upper Marlboro, MD	Paulson?	obs, poor	
3	\$5	Marlboro VFD	Upper Marlboro, MD	Paulson?	obs, very good	
4	\$1	Branchville, VFD	Branchville, MD	Paulson	obs, excellent	
5-7	\$1, \$5, \$20	Patio Club	San Raf., CA	Chipco	obs, err blk king diam, ex.	
8	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	uncirculated	
9	\$1	Silver Hill VFD	Silver Hill, MD	Chipco	obs, excellent	
10	\$5	Silver Hill VFD	Silver Hill, MD	Chipco	obs, excellent	
11-15	\$.50, \$1, \$5, \$20, \$100	Floyd's	Martinez, CA	Paulson	obs, Pretty Boy (\$.50, \$1, \$5) & Ruby Floyd (\$20, \$100), excellent	
16	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	excellent	
17-20	\$.00	'89-'92 ANA Convention	unknown	uncirculated		
21	\$.00	'93 CC>CC Convention club chip	Chipco	uncirculated		
22	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	'93 CCGTCC convention, excellent	
23-28	\$5	Caesars	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	'92 David Copperfield, Buddy Hackett, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Red Skelton, George Burns, excel.	
29	\$5	Resorts	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson	good	
30	\$5	Resorts	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	excellent	
31	\$5	Showboat	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson	very good	
32-33	\$1, \$5	Kentland VFD	Kentland, MD	Paulson	obs, excellent	
34-35	\$5, \$25	Ranchinn	Elko, NV	unknown	obs, very good	
36	\$5	Trump Taj Mahal	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson	very good	
37-42	\$5	Caesars	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	'93 Ann Margret, Abe Lincoln, Geo. Washington, Bob Newhart, Joan Rivers, Johnny Mathis, excellent	
43	\$2.50	Bladensburg VFD	Bladensburg, MD	Chipco	excellent	
44	\$1	Boardwalk Regency	Atlantic City, NJ	Paulson?	obs, very good	
45	\$1	Gloria's	Petaluma, CA	Paulson	obs, very good	
46	\$5	Gold Coast	Las Vegas, NV	unknown	good	
47	\$25	Cinar Hotel	Istanbul	Chipco	notched, err \$100 on rim, uncirculated	
48	\$50	Floridian	Miami Beach, FL	US Playing Card Co.	obs, uncirculated	
49	\$1	Isle Vista	Red Cliff, WI	Chipco	excellent	
50	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	very good	
51	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	'92 Billy Ray Cyrus, excellent	
52	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	'93 Engelbert Humperdinck, excel.	
53	\$5	Harrah's	Lake Tahoe, NV	Chipco	'90 Chip of the Year, excellent	
54	\$5	Main Street Station	LV, NV	Chipco	'91 Chip of the Year, excellent	
55	\$1	Lilly Belle's	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco	'92 Chip of the Year, excellent	
56	\$5	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	'93 Chip of the Year, excellent	
57	\$5	Caesar's	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	'93 A.C.O.R.A. boat race, excel.	
58	\$5	Caesar's	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	'93 Intern. Handicap race, excel.	
59	\$5	Rouge Et Noir-Seaview	St. Maarten, VI	unknown	uncirculated	
60	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco	obs, excellent	
61-65	\$5	Cactus Jack's	Carson City, NV	Chipco	'92-'96 Coll. Ed., excell.	
66	\$1	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	obs, excel.	
67	\$2.50	Maj. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	obs, excel.	
68	\$5	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	obs, excel.	
69	\$25	Majest. Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	obs, excel.	
70	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco	'91 Collector's Ed., excellent	
71	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco	'92 Collector's Ed., excellent	
72	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco	'93 Collector's Ed., excellent	
73	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco	'94 Collector's Ed., excellent	
74	\$5	Carson Valley Inn	Minden, NV	Chipco	'95 Collector's Ed., excellent	
75	\$1	Jupiters	Queensland, Australia	Bud Jones?	excellent	
76	\$5	Crown	Melbourne, Australia	Paulson	very good	
77	\$5	Bally's	Las Vegas, NV	Paulson	very good	
78	\$1	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	"Egypt" under black light, excellent	
79	\$1	Legend of the Seas	cruise ship	Chipco	excellent	
80	\$5	Fascination	Carnival Cruise Lines	Paulson	excellent	
81	\$1	Santa Ynez Indian Casino	CA	R/J Plastics	'94 Limited Ed., excel.	
82	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco	'91 Wild Rice People, ex	
83	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco	'91 Wild Rice People, exc.	
84	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	rust color, excellent	

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85	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	blue color	excellent
86	\$.00	'94 CC>CC Convention club chip	Chipco	uncirculated		
87	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'94 CC>CC Convention	Chipco	excell.
88	\$.00	'95 CC>CC Convention club chip	Chipco	excellent		
89	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'95 CC>CC Convention	Chipco	excell.
90	\$5	Alladdin	Las Vegas, NV	'95 CC>CC Convention	Paulson	excel.
91	\$5	Foxwoods	Ledyard, CT	Paulson	very good	
92	\$1	Lac Vieux Desert	Watersmeet, MI	Chipco	excellent	
93	\$5	Claridge	Atlantic City, NJ	Chipco	excellent	
94	\$5	Mirage	Las Vegas, NV	unknown	excellent	
95-96	\$2, \$10	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco	New Year's '95, exc.	
97	\$1	Trump Plaza	Atlantic City, NJ	The Burt Co.	tournament chip, excel.	
98	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco	dse Indian Chief, excel.	
99	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", good	
100-107	\$1	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	err blank reverse, excellent	
108-111	\$5	Majestic Pines	Black River Falls, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	err blank reverse, excellent	
112	\$.50/\$25	Monte Carlo	Reno, NV	unknown	fake error chip, fair	
113	\$0	Merv Griffin Resorts	AC, NJ	Chipco	err double-strike roulette, ex.	
114	\$1	Luxor	Las Vegas, NV	Chipco	err different black light words, excel.	
115	\$.25	Trump Plaza	AC, NJ	Burt Co.	err promo chip has \$5 mold, ex.	
116	\$1	Trump Plaza	AC, NJ	Burt Co.	err promo chip has \$5 mold, excell.	
117	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.	
118	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Soda Fountain", un	
119	\$.00	Merv Griffin Resorts	AC, NJ	Chipco	err dbl. strike roulette, ex.	
120	\$.00	'94 CC>CC Convention	solid silver token	uncirculated		
121	\$.00	'94 CC>CC Convention	solid bronze token	uncirculated		
122	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.	
123	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	uncirculated	
124	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", good	
125	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", very good	
126	\$.00	'93 CC>CC Convention club chip	Chipco	uncirculated		
127	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.	
128	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	uncirculated	
129	\$2	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco	dse "vineyard worker", excell.	
130	\$10	Sonoma Joe's	Petaluma, CA	Chipco	dse "vineyard worker", exc.	
131	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", very good	
132	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", very good	
133	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "Pai Gow tiles", very good	
134	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", good	
135	\$10	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "Pai Gow tiles", good	
136	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco	dse "Walking Liberty", ex.	
137	\$1	Bowl of Gold	Cripple Creek, CO	Chipco	dse "Bowl of Gold", excel.	
138	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", very good	
139	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", very good	
140	\$5	CO Central Station	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco	dse "towers", excell.	
141	\$5	CO Central Station	Black Hawk, CO	Chipco	dse "no tower", exc.	
142	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "kings", excellent	
143	\$1	King Midas	Emeryville, CA	Chipco	dse "Pai Gow tiles", good	
144	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Big Jakes", uncirc.	
145	\$1	Goldberg Gaming	Deadwood, SD	Chipco	dse "Soda Fountain", un	
146	\$.00	'93 CC>CC Convention	solid silver token	uncirculated		
147	\$.00	'93 CC>CC Convention	solid bronze token	uncirculated		
148	\$5	Holland America Line	Paulson	cruise ship	very good	
149-150	100,000	Casino De Mexico	Paulson	excellent		
151	50,000	Casino De Mexico	Paulson	excellent		
152	\$.50	Menominee Nation	Keshena, WI	Chipco	'91 Wild Rice Pple, ex	
153	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	rust color, excellent	
154-159	\$.50	Red Cliff	Red Cliff, WI	Langworthy (ASM)	blue color, exc.	
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 Chapter Looks Forward to 2003

by Jerry Birl

The year of 2002 was a good one for the Atlantic City Chapter and it looks like 2003 may be even better. The Chapter's final two meetings of 2002 were held on September 22nd and November 24th in the Starlight Room of the Resorts International Casino in Atlantic City. The Chapter has been meeting at the Resorts Casino since June of 2001, but beginning in January of 2003 the Chapter's bi-monthly meetings will be held in the Sands Casino. The new meeting room at the Sands will be larger than the one we have been using at Resorts. We will have even more room to display our chips and tokens and we will be able to accommodate even more chippers.

The guest speaker at our September 22nd meeting was Steve Piccolo and his topic was "Specialized Chip Collecting". Steve's main point was that there are too many chips and tokens to collect everything from everywhere so

collectors must narrow their scope of collecting. Steve advised collectors to pick an area of interest and try to get as complete of a collection in your chosen area of interest as possible. Nate Pincus, National Club President was the guest speaker at our November 24th Chapter meeting. Nate gave a comprehensive overview of where he believed the National Club would be heading in the future. Nate said the Club was in transition and a lot of very capable members have come forward to take leadership positions in the Club and the future of the Club was very bright. Nate is confident that the new Club leadership would meet and overcome all the challenges facing the Club and we will continue to grow and prosper.

The A.C. Chapter will also hold election of officers in 2003 and any members who are interested in shaping the future of the Chapter should step forward and participate in the election process.

Following the January 12th meeting at the Sands Casino, the Chapter will sponsor our Annual holiday party at the Baltimore Grill in Atlantic City. All Chapter members are invited to this fun get together to kick off the 2003 Chapter activities. Members who attend our regular meetings, hear reports from Chapter officers, are able to swap chips with about 100 other collectors, participate in the 50/50 drawings and purchase items in the Chapter auctions. Come, join the Chapter, enjoy the fun activities and meet and become friends with other collectors. For more info on the Chapter check out our web site at <http://www.chiptech.com/acchapter>.

Thanks,
Jerry Birl
Mr. Roulette *



by Jim Noll

Ticket Purpose

The purpose of the Cashout Ticket is to reduce or eliminate the need for coin hopper fills and the related delays and labor; to simplify or eliminate hand pays; and to allow cashout tickets to be inserted like cash into another machine allowing the player to easily move from machine to machine. The cashout tickets can be redeemed at the cashier cage, by automated ATM like payout machines, or by attendants with hand scanners. The technology is called TITO; Ticket In, Ticket Out.

Implementation

The machine can be set up to pay out the entire amount by ticket; or to pay up to a set limit in coin and the amounts above that limit by ticket; or to pay any amount up to a set limit in coin and all amounts above that limit in total by ticket.

What is collectable

The Cashout Tickets are in general quite plain on the black and white face, simply showing in text the casino identification, "Cashout Ticket" title, validation number, bar code, amount, machine identification number, and validity duration information. Some recent issues have started to use some color on the face to make the tickets look more money like.

The Cashout Ticket back is much more colorful and is thus more collectable. The backs range from plain blank stock, to boiler plate stock designs with legal text to black or color casino names and logos.

History

Back in 1995 MGM Grand tried a system called GRAND DOLLARS which was a failure and rapidly removed. Demos followed in 1998 of a system called Casino Notes by Bally, IGT and others. It also did not go forward. Bally later showed a bar coded voucher on color base stock.



Initial EZPay development by slot vendor IGT was showcased at several Gaming Trade Shows including World Gaming Congress 2000. The technology was shown at a number of booths and tickets printed at one booth could be redeemed at another. The cashout ticket format used was what we collectors call the long form ticket.



Initial Nevada testing was at the Fiesta in N. Las Vegas in May 2000. It went well and the State approved the system to be used in other casinos in Sept. 2000. Major installs followed at the new Suncoast Casino and Terrible's Casino.



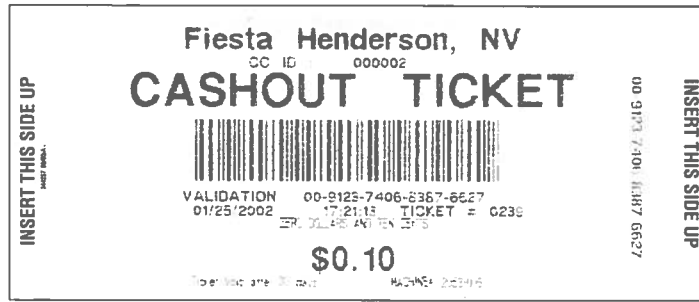
Around the same time Sierra Design Group was developing a format that we collectors now refer to as the short form ticket. Their test site was Barona Casino, an Indian casino in California. Initial tests were done on one small group of slots in the fall of 1999.

As Barona moved toward a major slot expansion due to the passage of Prop 1A in early 2000 they aimed at having a large number of their expanded slot population use the cashout ticket system; when their expansion opened in July 2000 they were up and running with short form tickets on multiple vendors' machines including SDG, IGT and Bally Gaming. Since then the system has moved into a number of California Indian casinos.

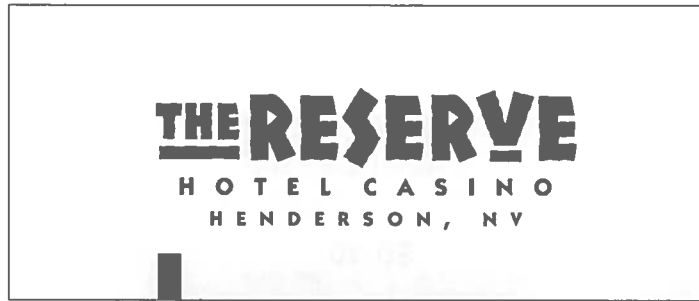


System expansion then moved into the Reno, NV area in March 2001, and testing was begun in Atlantic City, NJ in Jan. 2001. Mississippi approved usage and the system moved into the riverboat market. IGT now says that over 100 casinos are installed in the Nov. 2002 time frame. They are in over 16 jurisdictions including NV, CO, NJ, IN, IA, LA, MI, MS, MO, SD, AZ, CA, CT, MN, NM, WA and overseas use at US Military facilities in Germany and Korea. Tests are said to be underway in Canada. In excess of 60,000 slot machines are now using TITO technology, or about 10% of the total machine population.

Material shown in my Exhibit at the June 2002 CC>CC convention in Las Vegas, NV shows that the ticket designs change with time and casino developments much as chip and slot token designs change.

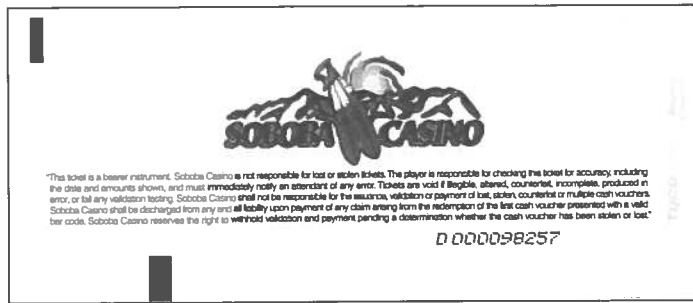


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Conclusion

Design ideas are still fluid. Tickets are being made more to look like money so customers realize their monetary value. The legalese messages are being moved to the backs leaving less room for logos. Redemption periods are dropping in length from 120 or 90 days to the now more common 60 or 30 days; a few casinos are shorter at 14, 7, 3, 2, or 1 day. Use is continuing to spread with MGM Mirage, Park Place Entertainment and other large casino companies beginning installs. New applications of the ticket vouchers are showing up including pay out for physical prizes such a diamond jewelry, Promo and Match Play, PayCheck Promos, Free plays, Birthday Promos, etc.. Viability of the tickets/vouchers as a long term collectable is still in question mostly because of the problem of some tickets with front printing fading caused by exposure to heat and light. A company, CSP, is now marketing paper to be used in voucher printers that has an anti UV coating that is said to extend ticket life to 10 years. *



And the Survey Says.

by Jim Steffner

Thanks to all the members who returned the Convention Survey Form that was included in the last issue of the Chip & Token News. Your comments, ideas, suggestions, and gripes were appreciated and will help improve our future conventions. While only 97 surveys were returned, many valuable comments were received.

Listed below are the survey results including comments. Rating scale ran from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest.

	Rating	Comments
Pre-Registration	4.74	Registration confirmations requested. Able to register on the club web site and pay by credit card. Need more registration pick up lines.
Location	4.4	
Time of Year	4.3	
Number of Days	4.5	Request additional days – add Tuesday.
Show Hours	4.5	Requests for a 9AM show start.
Banquet		Move dessert lines toward back of room. Food removed from buffet tables too soon. (ed. Food was available for 45 minutes minimum) Two food serving lines good idea Additional common foods such as pizza, bar-b-que, etc.
Auction		Runs too late. Too many lots. Have 2 sessions on different days
Seminars		Suggested topics: Brass Core Issues. Counterfeits Closed casinos and obsolete chips. Paulson production methods. More Saito stories. Cleaning, care, storage, inventory, and insurance.
Exhibits		Better voting method.
Raffles		More prizes. Pay for tickets with \$1 chips.

Misc Comments

Add dealer specialty to the program book.
Trade sessions conflict with seminars.
Need water station at the auction.
Try a silent auction for several items.
Magazine article for the newbies and first time attendees on what to expect at the convention.
Video tape showroom entrance for security.

The average attendee group was 1.59 people who stayed 5.52 days.

Many of the comments received are being reviewed and discussed and several have already been implemented for the 2003 show. More details to follow.

Congratulations to the five winners of a paid pre-registration for the 2003 show, drawn at random from those surveys returned –

Irwin Gross – R-0130

Jim Forsman – R-2164

Rick Pokracki – R-3113

Robert Barnes – R-0526

Bruce Bouwkamp – R-5261 *

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“TROPICAL STORM ISIDORE SHUTS DOWN MISSISSIPPI COASTAL GAMING”

by Ed Bigley

As I sit here writing this article on 9/24/02 Tropical Storm Isidore is making herself known on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. Sheets of rain and wind are hitting my Beau Rivage 14th floor window that overlooks the Gulf giving me a front row seat. With the Coastal communities evacuated, the real question is, “Why am I here?”

This journey starts back at the Convention in June. Jack Mayercik, the President of the Deep South Chapter, and I met to discuss the building of a web site for his newly formed Chapter. Right off the bat I told him I am in no way a professional web guy. It is something that I do as a volunteer that I enjoy on my spare time. He was familiar with my web dabbings with the recently completed Floridian Chapter website <http://home.cfl.rr.com/floridachapter> and my personal home page www.edbigley.com. So I told him I would put a few ideas together for him. After a couple months of back and forth emails, planning, and site development I have put together a proposal for him and the Deep South Chapter members to see. With the meeting scheduled for Saturday 9/27/02 at the Imperial Palace, I figured what the heck. Take a couple of vacation days off from work. Come up early and make a mini vacation out of it. Put some of my recently learned Stu Lovett Hold-em poker

skills to work. Little did I know that “Isidore” had other plans for me.

Set out early Wednesday morning from Orlando. It’s an 8-hour drive, but a drive I thoroughly enjoy. Ran into a lot of rain and wind but nothing major. Isidore is not due to make landfall until early morning Thursday. So taking my good ol’ time I get into Biloxi around 5PM. As you may/may not be aware, Gaming in Mississippi must be conducted over water. And most of the time this is no big deal. You would never know you’re over water. As I drive down Highway 90 which runs parallel to the Gulf Coast, it is evident that something is amiss. The first casino I pass is the Isle of Capri. Their parking lot is empty. I blow this off figuring that attendance may be down because of the incoming storm. Next is Casino Magic. Empty. Hm. Next is The Grand. It’s quiet as a ghost town. As I continue along the Coast.....no boats in the harbors. Houses are boarded up. Gas Stations? Closed. I pull up in front of my Casino of choice, the Beau Rivage. The place I am supposed to be calling home for the next 3 nights.

Now I am getting a little nervous. I am a long way from home and not sure I have a place to stay with Isidore on the way. So into the Beau I go. For those of you that may not be familiar with the Beau Rivage here is a little background. The Beau is 32

stories with 1,777 rooms and 66 suites. Opening in March of 1999 at a cost of 680 million dollars, she is truly a site to behold. Mirage Resorts thought of everything making it so you never have to leave the Beau property. There are 12 restaurants to include a full service Buffet and 24 hour room service. A state of the art spa, salon, and pool are also on site. Both the pool and the spa facility overlook the Gulf. The 10 million dollar marina is a resort of its own providing 100-foot yacht slips with telephone, cable TV, water and electricity hookups. And of course a 90,000 square foot Casino.



This is what I saw when I arrived at The Beau Rivage

So you can imagine my surprise walking into the Beau and finding it empty. As I walk through the Promenade shops from the Parking Garage.....not a soul in site. All of the shops are closed. It is truly amazing to walk through a building that is usually packed to the hilt....and being by myself. The only way I can put that in perspective is to imagine that you are inside The Mirage on a normal busy night, and no one is there. I get to the lobby. There is one lone employee behind the counter. Holding my breath I ask, "Are you still honoring reservations?" "Yes sir, we are." The feeling of relief! I request the highest room possible facing the Gulf. I want a courtside seat to greet Isadore personally.

Beside myself approx 300 people are staying in the Beau to ride out the storm. I find out through the skeleton staff of employees that Mississippi Gaming had shut down all Coastal Gaming Operations by 2pm. Hotel amenities like the pool, room service, etc. are closed. For dinner they open up one buffet line, which is the only warm food to be found. The only other option is the gift shop that has bag snacks. After dinner, with the wind howling outside, I decide to head to the room. The rain is beating down on the window and I am watching storm information on the Weather

Channel. It turns out to be a very long night.

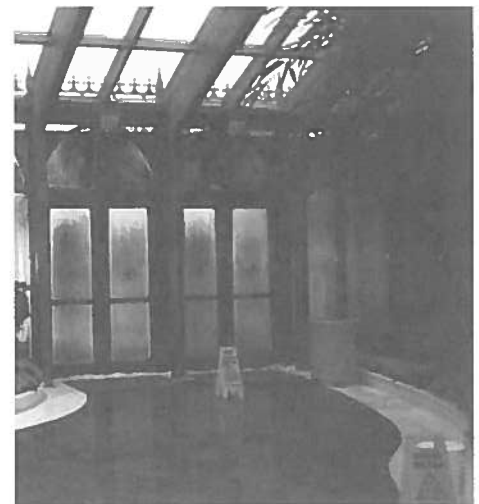
Thursday morning. With the light comes the view and reports of the storm damage. Isadore has passed over and is now north of Biloxi. Though still very windy, the rain has begun to let up. The casino to the west of the Beau Rivage called Treasure Bay is reporting the loss of its dock and moorings. The waves are still up over the beach pounding the storm wall. Because of the water the Biloxi Police Dept has Highway 90 (Beach Blvd) shut down due to flooding. Lots of tree limbs and debris but otherwise Biloxi survives Isadore. The Beau Rivage has suffered minor damage as well. The Promenade shops entrance is under water. The front landscaping has been blown all about along with palm fronds in the swimming pool. But all minor. I spend the day roaming and taking pictures of the damage. Thursday night the Mississippi Gaming Commission advises that at 0600am Friday morning gaming can resume.

The rest of my visit was fun and uneventful. I became one of the newest members of the Deep South



Front windows of Beau Rivage boarded up

Chapter. It was great to meet all of you! The website was adopted by the Chapter and seems to be a success! Feel free to pay it a visit at <http://home.cfl.rr.com/deepsouthchips>. The newly refurbished Copa is open and beautiful! But more on that another day. *



Boarded up windows and a flooded floor



By myself in the Beau Rivage



Water meets the dock and roadway

Happy New Year from the OLC

by Jim Follis

Well, the holidays are now behind us and I hope that everyone received that special casino collectible. If not, then keep in mind that the Convention is just around the corner. As we start the New Year, the Club has now officially opened the nomination process for the Chip of the Year, Token of the Year, Silver Strike of the Year and the newly established Slot Card/Room Key of the Year Award competitions. Included elsewhere in this issue of the Club's award winning magazine you will find an article about the competitions and also an insert to make your nomination selections.

Once again this year, our on-line members will be able to use the Internet to access the "... OTY Viewing Site". The "OTY Viewing Site" is an effort to acquire and display any and all chips, tokens, strikes and cards issued in 2002 that are eligible for nomination to the OTY Awards competitions. Everyone with internet access and scan(s) of eligible items are encouraged to log-on to the site and up-load their favorite candidates for the viewing pleasure of others.

To reach the ... OTY Viewing Site, just point your browser to one of these web addresses:

<http://www.thechipgallery.com/COTY/>

<http://www.thechipgallery.com/TOTY/>

<http://www.thechipgallery.com/SSOTY/>

<http://www.thechipgallery.com/CKOTY/>

Take a moment or two to read the instructions and then select the OTY category you wish to visit. At the bottom of the page you will find four hot-links, one to each of the four OTY categories. Please keep in mind that the viewing site is just that, a place to see images of eligible items. Nominations cannot be made through that site.

The Internet is also being used by a multitude of CC>CC Members for many, many purposes. Some members have sites that operate as a business. They list, display and sell chips, tokens, strike, cards, ashtrays, decks of cards and the like. Other simply list and display their collections, while others list their "want" and "for trade" lists. But I suspect that it is the Message Board sites that garner the majority of collector visits, in close competition with the auction sites.

CC>CC Message Board

The CC>CC has its own Message Board (http://www.ccgccc.com/cgi-bin/mb/webbbs_config.pl) which is restricted to Club-related business topics. It is often used to announce the various Chapter meetings, requests for attribution of various chips, offers to trade and interactive discussions of various topics relating to casino collectibles. Such discussions have focused on slabbing, the brasscore investigations, roulette harvesting, how best to display a collection, requests for casino histories, to clean or not to clean chips, the dangers of PVC flips, just to mention a few. And one of the great things about the message boards (often called BBS's) is that they are archived. All messages ever posted are kept in a special area that can be searched! The Club's BBS can be searched for message content, or message author, or date posted and you can even display every message ever posted as a chronological listing.

Several Chapters of the Club have their own BBS's, which tend to operate with different rules, especially in the arena of posting messages about auctions and items for sale. Examples are, the Silver Strikers Chapter of the CC>CC (<http://www.thechipboard.com/cgi-bin/tsp/tsp.pl>), the Atlantic City Chapter of the CC>CC (<http://www.chiptech.com/acchapter/bbs/>), and the Great Lakes Chapter of the CC>CC

(<http://www.boards2go.com/boards/board.cgi?user=gormanky>).

Again, each of these sites have their own rules about what can and cannot be posted, so when you visit, please be sure to read their posted Usage Policy before posting messages.

The Internet, for casino memorabilia collectors, is also filled with other related Message Boards, some of which are collector specific and collector generic. In the former instance there are two Slot Card and Room Key collector BBS's (http://www.slotcardbbs.com/webbbs_config.pl) and (<http://www.CasinoCardCollector.com/forum/index.php>). For roulette collectors there is the Roulette Collectors BBS (<http://www.rouletteharvester.com/bbs/>).

Of course the premier BBS for casino memorabilia collectors is The Chip Board (<http://www.thechipboard.com>). The Chip Board is so much used by the casino memorabilia collecting community that it's owner and web-master, Greg Susong has been several times recognized for his contributions to Club, it's members and casino collectors everywhere. The Chip Board however carries this warning to new users:

You have just wandered into a public, no-holds-barred, uncensored airing of many controversial issues in and outside the boundaries of the chip hobby. You are reading and digesting opposing opinions of many dedicated chippers. Some of these chippers are brand new to the hobby, just like you are. Others are seasoned veterans more than willing to share their experiences and the knowledge they have received in the hobby with others.

Please treat this bulletin board as if you lifted the receiver of your telephone at home and overheard some private heated discussions much as someone else has compared this board to listening friends argue at the neighborhood bar. Do not take these public exchanges for more than they are worth. Most posts are merely opinions others are very factual. Sometimes it is hard to distinguish between the two. You may agree with some of them. You may disagree with others. But in the final analysis, most of the posts on this board are meant to be informative and others are intended to be exposes of various conditions in the hobby.

Many heated exchanges you will be reading are between friends who have known each other for years and who will continue to be friends after the fire has died down. Some exchanges are between former friends who will never be friendly again. Some are just plain spiteful. So it is with that caution that I welcome you to thechipboard.com where everyone is encouraged to say what ever is on their minds. Hopefully, we can all appreciate where the other person is coming from when the day is over.

I encourage everyone to try and visit us on-line. In some respects, it's like receiving the CCTN on a daily basis. Although the Internet will never replace the CCTN it is also interesting to note that older issues of the CCTN are posted on the Club's site (http://www.anderson-design.net/html_nvr/magazines.html) about two issues behind the publication date.

Next issue I will be discussing and explaining "Collecting @ the Speed of Light", or "How to Grow your Collection Through the Round Robin Process". I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

See you on-line,

Jim Follis
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California Chips

by David Moore

Quite a few new chips for California collectors during the last quarter.

The Normandie in Southern California issued its first LE. It pictures the character who is on their slot card. Also on the card room side, the Cameo in Stockton issued \$1, \$2 and \$5 chips with pictures of attractive young women on them. Your correspondent doesn't recognize them so I hope they are local beauty queens rather than famous movie stars. If anybody knows who they are, drop me a line and I'll pass it on. The Oaks Club in Emeryville seems to have issued a new batch of their metal-center \$1 house chips. Still brass colored but definitely different and lighter.

Trump 29 issued a Marc Anthony chip on Sept. 28, 2002. The \$5 chip-co LE is marked GO but seems to have nothing to do with their Grand Opening.

Barona in San Diego County has issued a new rack of plain but attractive chips. Includes a snapper and a 50cent fractional for those who specialize in those chips. A new rack should be out in San Manuel in Highland by the time you read this report. The casino used the new Chipcos for a short time a few months ago and had problems with the security cameras and took them off the tables, now they will try again since the problems with the cameras are said to be fixed.

A second California "roulette" chip has surfaced. This one is being used at Cache Creek. No roulette table at the Brooks casino yet and the chips marked for table D were discovered in their poker tournament.



Smith River has a new red 5.00 chip, but all seem to have a very weak hot stamp.





Susanville casino has changed its name to Diamond Mountain casino, and is supposed to have new Chipcos by the time you read this. The road sign now reads Susanville Casino, the chips say Northern Lites and the sign on the casino reads Diamond Mt!

Missing from last quarter's report was the Red Fox (Laytonville) use of a new rack. The small casino has had limited gaming (weekends) for about 5 months. The casino at Geyserville (Sonoma county) is supposed to have table games anytime.

Finally, a tournament chip which hadn't been seen by any of the club members at the December Nor Cal-Nor Nevada chapter meeting was used by many of the members when the manager of the host Casino San

Pablo asked attendees to play a bit of mock poker to give a dealer-applicant a chance to show off her stuff. No word on if any of the hat-and-cane / spade Royal design NCV chips disappeared.

Thanks to Larry Odoms and Jim Noll for their contributions this quarter. If I've missed a new chip issued in the last three months or if you know of upcoming California chips, drop me a line, and I'll include them in the next issue of the club magazine.

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The Great Sahara Plaque Registry Project

by Jim Follis

Very early on in my casino memorabilia collecting interests I became intrigued with the Del Webb's Sahara (Las Vegas) baccarat plaques and decided to, over time, acquire the complete set. Plaques, although a staple in Europe are rather alien to American gaming tables and only a handful of American casinos have ever used plaques. The Sahara plaques are excellent examples of the striking beauty of gaming plaques and having seen this particular set on display at the Casino Legends Hall of Fame museum at the Tropicana, I knew I just had to get my own.

Seeing how expensive they were/are, I recognized immediately that the effort to acquire the set would likely be a long-term effort and probably meant getting one item at a time, and in fact it took several years. My first opportunity was buy a \$20 plaque in auction on eBay. No sooner was it delivered than a \$100 plaque showed up on eBay and I bid and won that as well. Months later another \$20 plaques showed up on eBay and I bid on it thing that it might be in part tradable towards a \$50 plaque. I won the auction, but soon discovered that it was not tradable towards the \$50 plaque simply because there were no \$50 plaques being offered.

During the 2002 Convention I came across a set of four plaques (the \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$500) for which I made a trade and suddenly I had three \$20's, one \$500, two \$100's and one \$500, but still no \$1,000 plaque. Well, my wife Pam fixed that the following month when she gave me the \$1,000 plaque as a birthday gift, and now I had a complete set! This was the first time that I had a complete set in my hands and almost immediately I could see that there were several design difference between the \$1,000 plaque and the other four. Most notably was that the \$1.000 plaque was completely flat on both sides. The other four denominations all had a raised rib, right along all four edges, on both sides. Another glaring difference was the foil used inside the plaques to give their overall coloration. In the four lower denominations the foil was crinkled, while the \$1,000 plaque used a foil that had a more even textured surface. Certainly not smooth, but definitely not crinkled.

Another difference, although not so noticeable, was the fact that the denomination color of the \$1,000 plaque was red while all the other denominations were gold in color. Not knowing very much about these plaques I was concerned that the \$1,000 plaque may have been produced at a later date, to include possibly being introduced after the plaques were discontinued by the Sahara, but I was soon to learn that this was not the case.

In late November 2002 a collector seeking to purchase a \$1,000 plaque posted a message on the Club's Internet Message Board. After several other chippers began discussing the rarity and value of Sahara plaques I then asked if anyone knew why there were differences between the \$1,000 plaque and the lower denominations. There were no specific known reasons so I verified that Bourgogne et Grasset (B&G) was the manufacturer and that I would simply ask them. So, on December 5, 2002 I sent the following email to a B&G sales representative:

Subject: I am researching the Sahara, Las Vegas, baccarat plaques.

Sir,

I recognize that you are in sales, however, the Bourgogne et Grasset web-site does not provide email addressing to representatives other than sales personnel.

I am certain that you are familiar with the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club (CC>CC), of which I am a member (Jim Follis, Life Member 3872-53). Recently, I acquired a set of the beautiful Bourgogne et Grasset made Sahara, Las Vegas baccarat plaques from the late 1960's. early 1970's. I am interested to learn if such information can be provided, several matters of interests to myself and many other collectors.

It is my hope that you can pass me to a Bourgogne et Grasset historian, or perhaps forward my email to such a representative. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

These are my questions.

1. I would like to verify that Bourgogne et Grasset is in fact the manufacturer of the Sahara, Las Vegas baccarat plaques in the following denominations: \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.
2. If all five plaques are of the same series, is there a reason that the \$1,000 plaque is very different in the absence of an edge rib, red, instead of gold coloring of the denomination, and a crinkle-free foil?
3. What were the quantities of each denomination made? Of particular interest is the number of \$1,000 plaques. If quantities are not available, then, did serial numbers always start at 0001?

Please understand that I am not asking these questions just for myself, but I will share the data with all other collectors. The purpose of my inquiry is to be knowledgeable of the "history" of this unique item within the Las Vegas community of gaming. As stated above, I already have my set of plaques and it will remain in my collection. I simply desire to know more about what I have which is an important element of the history of Las Vegas, the Sahara, Del Webb and even Bourgogne et Grasset.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing a reply.

Sincerely,
Jim Follis

Well, just 10 or so hours later, this was the reply I received:

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your message regarding the Sahara Casino plaques. We are glad to see that our French plaques are making collectors happy!

We are pleased to confirm the following:

1/ Bourgogne et Grasset manufactured and delivered these plaques to Sahara Casino in July 1974 (to Mr. Tod Early), as follows

- 2000 x plaques value \$20, size 82x57 mm, white lace material, light blue colour, numbered from 0001 to 2000
- 500 x plaques value \$50, size 95x66 mm, white lace material, green colour, numbered from 0001 to 0500
- 1000 x plaques value \$100, size 108x75 mm, white lace material, blue colour, numbered from 0001 to 1000
- 500 x plaques value \$500, size 119x82 mm, white lace material, red colour, numbered from 0001 to 0500
- 200 x plaques value \$1000, size 129x90 mm, gold lamé, numbered from 0001 to 0200

All plaques with a central lunette with casino logo printed inside.

2/ All these plaques were produced at the same period.

3/ The plaques value \$1.000 are slightly different from the others, and more sophisticated as it is the higher denomination. The material is called "gold lamé", while the other plaques are made of white lace. This is a more sophisticated material, which is much more difficult to counterfeit. The denomination is printed in red, as a gold colour would not be easily readable on the gold colour of the plaque.

We hope the above information will answer your questions and remain at your entire disposal for any further information you may require.

With our best regards,

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Meanwhile, back on the Club's message board, the discussion of rarity shifted to when and how these plaques came onto the market. At some point I was contacted by several dealers who were once approached by an individual who claimed to have been a former Del Webb executive and that he was offering for sale the total number of Sahara plaques remaining plus the Del Webb's Sahara, Bud Jones CIC chips (\$1, \$5, \$25, two different \$100's and \$500 chips) and a bunch of High Sierra casino chips. The complete booty was described to me as being a pick-up bed full of chips!

Both dealers had their offers rejected but one of them states that there were exactly 52 \$1,000 plaques at that time. The following day the entire lot was sold to Bill Akeman. His inventory has since evolved to being Mike Spinetti's inventory and Mike was kind enough to tell me that he has about 30 plaques remaining in his inventory, and they are all low denominations.

I am aware of the fact that the Sahara, some time after they discontinued using the plaques, created sets of plaques and gave them out to certain casino executives and employees. I have talked with one such employee (a pit boss at the time) who states that he received a set that included all 5 plaques. I am also aware of the existence of framed sets of plaques, however those sets do not contain the \$1,000 plaque, just the four lower denominations.

In the interest of transitioning my complete set of plaques to a matched serial number set of plaques, I must find a way to learn where certain serial numbered plaques are. This then leads me to this article's title, The Great Sahara Plaque Registry Project. This is my effort to record what serial numbers, which collectors have, of which plaques in an effort to create a match serial number set for myself, as well as anyone else owning a \$1,000 plaque, either now or in the future.

To date, I have just over 100 plaques registered, one of which matches the serial number of my \$1,000 plaque. I have discovered that serial number 0001 already exists as a matched set and it turns out to be the first set that I ever saw, the Casino Legends Hall of Fame museum set belonging to Steve Cutler. Also of the recorded numbers, several collectors have at least two matched number plaques, but no one has three or four, yet. I ask everyone reading this article (who also owns a plaque or two, or more) to contact me and tell me the serial number(s) of your plaque(s). I will add those numbers and your name to the Registry list which is located on the Internet, at all times, at:

<http://www.thechipgallery.com/ebay/pics/plaque.htm>

If you are not Internet connected, then please feel free to call and leave a message at (520) 529-3245, or simply mail me a letter at:

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Please be sure to always indicate your agreement to use your name (so that others may contact you in the event that you have a number they want). If you do not want to have your name listed, please allow me to have the serial number information and I will not post your name. *

Official CC>CC Grade and Condition Description Standard

by John Zoesch

It is with great honor that I am able to announce that the Standard and Archives Committee has completed the job of creating a new standard for the CC>CC and it has been approved by the Club's Board of Directors. The new standard is the Official Grade and Condition Descriptions that will standardize the way we describe chips and tokens when selling or trading. There are five grades that will adequately describe any chip as follows: New, Slightly Used, Average, Well Used and Poor. A detailed set of conditions is given for each Grade.

In addition to the Grade each chip or token may have damage or a defect that would affect its value. The six categories for Condition are: Cancelled or Modified, Damage, Manufacturers Defects or Modifications, Manufacturer Errors, Proof or Proof-Like (for tokens) and Cleanliness. Again each category has the possible defects listed.

I want to thank Michael Knapp, Allan Myers and Archie Black for doing the bulk of the work in generating this new standard. I also want to thank the other members of the Committee on Standards and Archives who helped with this project: Dick Covington, Howard Herz, Jeff Laudeman, Mark Lighterman, Ralph Pollack and Dale Seymour.

OFFICIAL CC>CC GRADE & CONDITION DESCRIPTIONS

I. GRADING DESCRIPTIONS or STANDARDS are a result of natural use of chips and tokens. The following five grades have been adopted and endorsed by the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club: **NEW, SLIGHTLY USED, AVERAGE, WELL-USED, POOR**

Grade	Chips	Tokens
New (N)	Never used in games; square and round edge chips will be as from the manufacturer with absolutely no wear, no dings or nicks; no scratches on surface of chip or inlay.	Never used in games or slot machines; only slight handling marks on higher relief surfaces, commonly referred to as "bag marks" from being jostled upon delivery; original mint luster and sheen present; no signs of wear. [Compare with coin standard "brilliant uncirculated" and "uncirculated."]
Slightly Used (SU)	Only slight signs of use, edge still crisp but ever so slightly dulled with very little wear; cross hatching may show slight wear near edge; few or no edge nicks; still retains luster in mold design; bold hot-stamp; inlays excellent.	Near mint condition with minimum circulation; very minor rubs & scratches; retains most of the luster & sheen. [Compare with coin standard "almost uncirculated."]
Average (A)	Typical chip found in play after months/years of use; slightly rounded edges; will have minor defects such as small nicks on edges; inlays are beginning to show even wear and about half of the cross hatching has worn from the body surface; hot-stamps have dulled, beginning to show even wear and may be missing a small amount of foil.	Typical token found in play after months/years of play; will display many surface scratches and edge dings; may still retain a little luster or sheen. [Compare with coin standard "circulated."]

Grade	Chips	Tokens
Well-Used (WU)	Moderate and uniform wear of edge, surface and hot stamp; noticeable edge nicks and/or surface scratches; no luster in mold design; cross hatching is nearly worn off; hot-stamp is still readable but much of the foil is missing.	Scratches, dents, no luster or sheen; well-used token that has seen considerable use. [Compare with coin standard "very circulated."]
Poor (P)	Edges that were formerly sharp and square, are now well worn like bicycle tires; original hot-stamp foil is mostly missing with only the recesses visible (may have to hold towards a light); moderate to large chips (nicks); surface cross hatching barely visible (if at all); severe scratches to inlay or chip surface; severe color fading; partial wear up to half of CHIP-CO design from the edge to the center of the chip. (Damage, such as cracks, breaks, missing inlay or other chip structure, do not apply to this category.)	Severe edge dings and/or scratches/ gouges; pitted, corroded or blackened. [Compare with coin standard "worn."]
Specimen, Sample, Prototype, Pattern	Produced by the manufacturer as imprimaturs of a type of chip, or for submission to a gaming operator or gaming control authority as representative, for approval. May or may not be completely finished.	Produced by the manufacturer as imprimaturs of a type of token, or for submission to a gaming operator or gaming control authority as representative, for approval. May or may not be completely finished.

II. CONDITION DESCRIPTIONS or STANDARDS are unnatural changes in chips and tokens as a result of other causes. Specimens in this "Condition" category may be graded in any of the five "Grading Descriptions." A cancelled, damaged or defective chip or token can be graded in any category from "NEW" to "POOR." However, a dirty, cracked or faded chip cannot be graded as NEW, even if it has not been played in a casino. It is not in the original grade as when it was made. The "Condition" category consists of the following terms that should be used as qualifiers to further accurately describe the five grades: (Examples: New/Clipped; Average/Warped)

Canceled or Modified
(Either by the manufacturer or the casino)

- A. Drilled
- B. Notched
- C. Overstamped
- D. Clipped
- E. Bent
- F. Painted
- G. Plated

Damage

- A. Severe nicks or chunks
- B. Loose or missing inlay
- C. Cracked
- D. Broken
- E. Warped
- F. Permanent stain
- G. Severe fading
- H. Cigarette burn(s), fire damage
- I. Over-cleaning

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- J. Severe scratching or gouging
 - K. Shaved edge (example: to fit in a bezel)
 - L. Water damage
 - M. Burial damage
 - N. Clouding of sterling silver tokens, a symptom of PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) exposure
 - O. Corrosion
 - P. Anodized for different colors
 - Q. Plated
 - R. Obliteration of details

Manufacturer Defects or Modifications

- A. Inlay or die strike off-center (slight, moderate, extreme)
- B. Some of the script or photo is missing from the inlay
- C. Some of the hot-stamp is missing
- D. Manufacturer modification (example: one side of chip includes manufacturer's advertising information, even though the other side uses the actual casino chip design)
- E. Ivory chips only - nerve holes (small, moderate, extreme, as a "see through")
- F. Foreign material struck into tokens

Manufacturer Errors

- A. Incorrect inlay or graphic (example: Inlay or graphic is supposed to be different on each side of chip, but it is the same; mismatched dies used for tokens)
- B. Wrong mold
- C. Double-strike (token) or of hot-stamp (chip)
- D. Mistake in color or number of edge inserts
- E. Strikes on metals other than standard (tokens)
- F. Railroad edge strikes
- G. Planchet clips (tokens)
- H. Strikes on wrong size planchets (tokens)

Proof or Proof-Like

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(or the lack thereof, resulting in a soiled chip or token)

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The Northern Route

by Pam and George Goertler

My husband, George, and I had been in Las Vegas for a week. During that week we'd gambled and browsed antique stores, we'd eaten at Binion's Steakhouse, The Great Moments Room (Las Vegas Club), and Center Stage (Plaza). We picked up and dropped off guests at the airport, and I visited the monthly meeting of the Las Vegas chapter of the CC>CC. We also went to Hoover Dam, and stopped at the Hacienda (formerly the Gold Strike) on the way. I'd even hit a \$1300 jackpot on nickel video poker, at the Las Vegas Club! With all of our guests gone, it was time for us to get out of Las Vegas for awhile.

On September 5, at 5:30 in the morning we left our hotel, to go to Reno for a couple of days. We headed North on 95, and were going through Beatty when we spotted the old archway that used to mark the entrance to the parking lot at the Last Frontier Village and the Silver Slipper! The lettering on the sign was changed, of course, but they'd left the Silver Slipper logo in the center of the sign! George stopped so I could take a picture, then I looked up and saw that we were in front of the Exchange Club, which first opened in 1906. A little further down the road

we stopped at the Stagecoach for juice and coffee.

On the highway, heading North again, we came to Tonopah. We stopped at the Tonopah Station (formerly the Station House Casino), which is under new ownership. They didn't have their tables open, so George went to the cashier to buy a chip. The cashier wouldn't sell him one, but the owner walked in just then and did sell him one. I was contributing to a needy video poker machine during those transactions. We headed West on Hwy. 6, past the Montgomery Pass Hotel and Casino,



Montgomery Pass Hotel and Casino

and crossed into California. Took 120 across to 395, then headed North again. Stopped for a minute at Mono Lake, to stretch our legs, then hit the road again. Crossed back into Nevada, and stopped at the Topaz

Lodge casino for a few hands of blackjack and some video poker. Then it was back on the road, with the next stop at Sharkey's, in



Gardnerville. It was nice that the new owner kept Sharkey's name on the place, but without Sharkey and his "stuff", the place no longer has the "personality" that made it unique. We stopped in Carson City long enough to visit a few antique shops. We bought a \$40 Harrah's Silver Strike, and a couple of pairs of dice. Then continued on to Reno and checked in at Fitzgeralds.

The next day, Friday, we hung around Reno and Sparks....visiting antique shops and casinos. Unfortunately, the camera spent the day in the room. I picked up chips at Silver Club, Diamonds (in the Holiday Inn), Rail City, John Ascuaga's Nugget, and Baldini's. At one of the antique shops, we found a dinner plate from the old Cal-Vada lodge.

Our original plan was to leave Reno on Saturday and go to California. Instead, we decided to stay in Reno for another day. So, on Saturday, we headed to Lake Tahoe for a couple of hours. We discovered that the Horizon still has one of the old Sigma Derby machines, which we used to play at the Pioneer Club



Sima Derby machine at the Horizon

(downtown Las Vegas)! We also went to Harvey's, Harrah's, and Bill's....picking up a few chips, a couple of silver strikes, and some Christmas ornaments along the way.

We left Tahoe, and I thought we were going back to Reno. I noticed that George "missed" the turn, and asked him where we were going. His reply was that he was going to show me some Nevada History. Shortly thereafter, he pulled into the parking lot of the Mustang 2 Ranch!! There was a padlock on the gate, but it was broken. We looked around a little, but there wasn't much to see. Across the parking lot was the Mustang Ranch, which had working padlocks on its gate. I was amused to see a van parked inside the fence with "Souvenirs" painted on its side...visualizing what might have



Mustang 2 Ranch

been available as a souvenir of a visit to a brothel!! We got back in the car and George drove down another small road, and into the parking lot of a "ranch" that was still operating. (How do men know where to find these things?!) A couple of the girls were sitting out on the porch.....just waiting for something to do...

for me. I pocketed my last \$5 chip, George cashed some, and we were back on the road.

Next stop: Battle Mountain. We went into the Nevada Hotel, where they had just 1 blackjack table. We tried to get a couple of chips, but they were locked up because the table wasn't open. When would it be open? Ohhhh....lemme see...in ummm, 3 days! Took a few pictures around town then onward to Carlin.



Nevada Hotel, Battle Mountain

Sunday we decided to leave Reno and take I-80 across to Wells before heading South, to Laughlin, where we had reservations for Monday night. It was a great trip!! We stopped in Fernley, for a quick Egg McMuffin and an "across the highway" shot of the Silverado Casino, then it was on to Lovelock. We drove through Lovelock, past Felix's Bank Club and Davin's, both closed. We also saw Sturgeon's, still open, on the outskirts of town. With a lot of miles to go, we headed for Winnemucca.

Carlin isn't much more than a spot on the map, but we did pass a little place called the State Inn. George pulled into the parking lot just long enough for me to take a picture.

Driving around Winnemucca we saw the Red Lion and the Sun Dance Casino. We were ready for a break, so we went in to Winners and played for awhile. We didn't have any luck on the machines, and the blackjack table wasn't much better

About the time we got to Elko we were ready for a little time out of the car. We went into the Commercial Casino, where I was excited to find a nickel progressive on Joker's Wild video poker. I was excited, that is, until I discovered that there were no



Felix's Bank Club, Lovelock



State Inn, Carlin



4 Way Casino, Wells

bill validators on the machines! I played a few rolls, then moved on to some machines that had validators. Didn't matter, I couldn't win anything either way. I searched for George, swiped one of his chips, and we soon left. It was starting to get grey and gloomy out. We drove around a little, and took a couple more pictures, then it was back onto I-80. I looked out the window, and saw a casino on the right....we were going about 80 mph, and I knew there was no chance of getting George to pull over for a picture! I grabbed the camera, got the lens open, and was able to get a quick shot of the Silver Dollar as we passed.

The skies had cleared a little by the time we got to Wells. We were able to get a few pictures, including a picture of a mystery! There was an

old, dilapidated building with a sign that read "Wells Chalet Bar & Casino". That place isn't in The Gaming Table, or Fuller's Index. Did it open? If anyone has any information on it, please share it. We took a short break at the 4-Way Casino. There were 3-4 people grouped around a blackjack table, reading a newspaper that was spread open on the table. George asked if a table was open, and the dealer moved over to the next table and started the game. Since I hadn't had any luck all day, I wandered to the gift shop. A few minutes later George asked if I was ready to go. He'd bought in for \$20, made a quick \$50, got a chip, and was ready to head out! He did that about 4-5 times that day....well, at least one of us was winning! A quick trip through Burger King, and we headed south on Hwy. 93.

Highway 93 was a long, straight, smooth stretch of road and we were able to make good time. A couple of quick pictures in McGill, and the last stop of the day was Ely.

It was about 7 p.m., when we got to Ely. I saw some old buildings with casino-like names on them, as we drove into town, but it was too dark to take any pictures. We stopped at the Nevada Hotel, and got a room there. As we were going down the hall, I noticed that most (all?) of the rooms had celebrity names on the doors. Ours was Wallace Beery. The room decor included a couple of posters, advertising his movies. We looked around a little, then played for awhile. George was still winning, and I was still losing. Then we went across the street to the Jailhouse Casino.



Silver Dollar at 80mph



Jailhouse Casino, Ely



McGill Club, McGill

All they had was a few slots, and the sound on them was turned waaaaay down. There were a few people playing, but it was so quiet I felt like we were in a library! Didn't like that, so we went back to the Nevada Hotel and played a little more before we went to bed. Monday morning we took a few pictures, then went into a small souvenir/collectible shop. The shop owner recommended that we take 318 south, and then pick up 93 again, which we did. It was a beautiful drive, but desolate. We drove around the little town of Alamo, and stopped to talk to an "old-timer". He told us he'd been there since 1934, and there's never been a casino. I think the town was so small, that everyone overlooked it!

We'd made good time, so we stopped in Las Vegas for awhile, then

continued south. A quick stop in Searchlight, at the new Terrible's (slots only), and then on to Laughlin for a few days, back to Vegas for a few days, then back home. It was a fabulous spur-of-the-moment trip!!! We've spent time in Las Vegas, Reno, and Laughlin, but I'd never been on "the Northern Route". I was amazed at the number of casinos that don't sell chips from the cage! When we travel, I don't pack most of the reference books...there just isn't room! So we had no idea what places we could look for in the towns we visited. I'd love to do the trip again, with a little more time....so we can actually go into the casinos that are open, and nose around the ones that aren't. We missed pictures of a few of the places we passed (Chinatown Casino in Wells...they even had a pagoda....and I didn't get



449'er, Elko

a picture! pout-pout!). Also, next time, I'll jot down addresses when we take the pictures. I depended on The Gaming Table to supply all the information, after we got home. In most cases, it did. However, Wells Chalet isn't in the reference books. There are 2 Owl Clubs listed for Battle Mountain and I only took pictures of one, but I don't know which one. TGT said that the 449'er in Elko is closed, well it isn't...but we didn't go in, so I don't know if they still have gaming, or maybe it isn't the same 449'er club. We'll just have to make the trip again, so we can get answers to the questions! *



New Victory, McGill



Owl Club, Battle Mountain

2003 Convention Update

June 25th - June 28th, 2003

Jim Steffner
Convention Chairman

June is just around the corner. The club's 11th Annual Convention is less than six months away. If you thought last year was good, just wait for 2003. Many new and exciting things are planned thanks to the many comments and suggestion that were received from past attendees.

The convention will have something for everyone... chips, tokens, casino memorabilia, ashtrays, dice, slot cards, silver strikes, educational exhibits, seminars, trading sessions, and best of all – great people.

The Tropicana Hotel & Casino will again be the site for the 2003 convention and the staff of the hotel is anxious to assist the club in presenting a first class convention. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Pre-Registration

Once again, pre-registration is offered to those who would like to eliminate standing in long lines when the show opens. There will be four lines this year broken up alphabetically to make the process even smoother and faster than last year. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker tournament table assignments (if participating), a show program, and any coupons, announcements, give-a-ways, and freebies that we can accumulate.

Price is the same as last year, only \$10. This price saves you \$5 over the three day admission. A photo ID with address will be required to pick up your packet, and each person MUST pick up their own packet. No packets will be mailed to non-attendees. Children under 12 years of age will not need to pre-register but if they will be attending the show, please list their names and ages on the form as we will have special junior goodie packets available that will contain items especially for our junior collectors. Pre-registration packets can be picked up after 9AM on Wednesday June 25th, 2003.

The contract signing table dealer will receive one pre-registration as outlined in the contract. Table helpers must order a pre-registration packet if desired. The registration form is included in this issue of the magazine. One form covers pre-registration, banquet, and poker tournament. Postmark deadline for pre-registration is May 15, 2003. Don't be left out, be sure your registration is POSTMARKED before May 15th 2003, or it will be returned.

This year you can pay for your pre-registration, banquet, and poker tournament with your credit card. Enter credit card information at the bottom of the form.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel room rates are \$45 per night, Sunday through Thursday and \$99 per night for Friday & Saturday. These rates are good for June 20 through July 01, 2003 for those who wish to arrive early. The club uses the number of booked room nights to negotiate our next contract. The weekday rate has been reduced based on the number of members who stayed at the Tropicana last year. Thank you! It is always more convenient to stay in the hotel where the show is being held. The room elevators are only a few feet from the showroom, banquet, exhibits and meetings.

A room reservation form is included in this issue of the magazine. Please use the form when registering by mail. If you choose to phone in your reservation be sure to mention the "code number" to insure you get the proper rate. Ask for your confirmation number and check back in a few weeks to make sure your reservation is in the system correctly. Deadline for reservations is May 28th, 2003 or until our block of rooms have been filled.

Exhibits

The exhibits will be of both competitive and non-competitive nature and there is no charge for entering an exhibit, but you must contact Joe Shaw, Exhibit Chairman to reserve a space. Showcases are provided free of charge for those who need one for their exhibit. We look forward to having some excellent presentations. If you have any questions regarding the exhibits, or wish to reserve a space, contact Joe Shaw, databzr@casino-chip.com

Early Bird Banquet and Trade Session

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday June 25th, 2003. This is one of the most popular events during the convention and seats fill up fast, and remember seating is limited. The registration form is in this issue of the magazine. One form covers pre-registration, banquet, and poker tournament. You can sign up for individual seats which are on a first come, first seated basis, or full tables of 10 seats are available at \$250.00 if you would like to be sure to be seated with friends. With the full table reservations your payment must accompany the form with all ten names and member numbers listed.

The cost for the event will be \$25 per person, same as last year. We are planning on having several serving lines, food available for a guaranteed time, fabulous desserts, and more seating than last year. Don't wait, send in your reservations today.

Remember, all attendees must be club members, so if you are bringing a spouse or friend who is not a member and has not joined the club, be sure they do so ahead of time. Associate membership is only \$5.00. There will be no chance to join on Wednesday. Banquet tickets will be included in your pre-registration envelope or can be picked up at the pre-registration desk. Each person must pick up their own tickets with proper ID, as above. **There will be NO tickets sold at the door.** You MUST reserve your seats in advance. Don't delay, once all seats are filled, checks will be returned. Postmark deadline is May 15, 2003 or until all seats have been sold, whichever comes first.

When the banquet ends at about 8pm, the room will be opened to all members for the trade session until midnight. The banquet and trade session is a **member's only** event.

If you have any questions about the banquet please contact Wayne Thompson, wayne@casinocheques.com, 859-252-5626.

Poker Challenge

The poker tournament will be held upstairs at the Orleans, same as last year, where it ran very smoothly. The action starts Thursday, June 26th at 8:00pm. The room will be set up for 12 tables or maximum of 132 players. Another special set of tournament chips is planned. Watch for details.

Advance signups are available by using the same form as for pre-registration and the banquet that can be found in this issue of the magazine. Cost is \$55 per player (regular member or associate), which includes \$25 buy-in + \$20 fee to Orleans + \$10 for 1 set of the 2003 Tournament chips. Tournament will have optional 1 time \$20 rebuy at the tournament. Players can also sign up at the convention if seats are still available. Table and seat assignments will be randomly assigned as the forms are received.

Additional sets of chips (maximum 5 per person) are available for \$15 per set, pre-paid or at the convention. Direct any questions to Bob Pardue, pardue@home.com

Chapter Meeting Rooms

Rooms are available for Chapter Meetings throughout the convention. If any of the chapters, or any member in good standing would like to make use of this space for a meeting or presentation please contact Jim Steffner to reserve a time. Call 440-647-4335 or e-mail convention@ccgtcc.com

Trading Sessions

Several trading sessions will be held throughout the convention. Each morning starting at 8am and lasting until the show opens at 10am. Trade till your heart is content. Several evening sessions are planned as well. Check the schedule at the show for exact times and locations. **REMEMBER** – these are trade sessions. **NO OUTRIGHT SELLING**. If you are caught, you will be asked to leave the room and will not be able to participate in future trade sessions for the remainder of the convention. If these infractions continue, trade sessions may have to be reduced or eliminated. Bring a few binders, don't monopolize the whole table, and have fun.

Last Dance Swap Meet

On Saturday, June 28th, after the conclusion of the convention, the club will sponsor another swap session for any interested members. The session will begin at 7pm and lasts until midnight or until all traders throw in the towel, whichever comes first. Limited refreshments will be provided. *

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Security Director

If you have some security or law enforcement background, we need your help – to monitor the show floor and provide assistance if needed. Contact Jim Steffner, convention@ccgtcc.com 440-647-4335

Special Events Coordinator

Las Vegas area resident who can assist with events and programs for convention attendees who are not collectors. Contact Jim Steffner, convention@ccgtcc.com 440-647-4335

Show set-up and teardown

Help needed on Tuesday morning before the show opens and again late Saturday afternoon after the show closes. Involves putting up signs, handling table covers, distributing showcases, etc. Contact Paul Bender, pbender134@aol.com if you would like to help.

Registration

Assist the registration crew in handing out pre-registration packets, registering members at the convention, and handling daily admissions. A few hours at a time would be a big help. Contact Brenda Black, ablack@optonline.net

Club raffle

Help is needed in running and promoting the club raffle. No stress, work a few hours at a time. Just sit & sell raffle tickets and help draw winning tickets. Contact Ralph Myers, Membership Officer, membership@ccgtcc.com

Membership table

Easy work, no lifting, just promote the club to prospective members and help sign them up for membership. Contact Ralph Myers, Membership Officer, membership@ccgtcc.com

Club promotion table

Assist with providing club promotional items such as chips, medals, shirts, jackets, etc. to show visitors and members. Contact Pam Focazio, promotions@ccgtcc.com 702-316-8697 to leave a message. *



John's Short Stories

by John Chamberlain

About two years ago I was in a store in Reno looking for chips with my sister. While I was in the store I overheard Bud Meter talking with someone, and I went over to say hello. Bud asked if I had seen the ladies chips up front, and I said no. So I walked up to the counter and asked what the lady had for sale. She said that she had two chips that she could not find in the book, additionally, she had two \$5 Cal Neva Biltmore chips for \$500 each. The two unidentifiable chips were a matching pair of the 1932 Reno commemorative crest and seal chips! I asked the lady what she wanted for them, and she said that she did not know. I offered her \$100 each, and she said that she would have to think about it. Then I took them over to Bud, and he could not believe what I had found. I told him that we had a problem, willing buyers, with an unwilling seller. Between us, we had \$1,200 which we agreed that we would offer for the four chips. Bud and I went to the counter and asked if she would take \$1,200 for the four chips. She thought for a long while, and asked the other clerk what she should do. After a moment, the other dealer told her that \$1,200 was a lot of money for four "pieces of clay", and that she might not have this chance again. She reluctantly agreed, and we walked out the door with our new find.

When Bud and I hit the parking lot, we both had big smiles, as we knew that we had made one of our best finds ever! It's ironic that she could not find the chips in her chip rack, as they are the first listing in the book!

About eight years ago when I first moved to Reno, I went up to Virginia City quite frequently. In the corner of the old Delta Saloon they had a "Flip-It" machine. Essentially, a large machine with three glass sides, that had about three levels of pushers, and a rotating bar at the bottom, right in front of the player. The goal of this machine was to insert a \$1 token, and have it flipped up to the top, where it might land in a position in front of a pusher that other coins might fall. A big win on the machine would have been \$10! Most people who have seen these machines know how bad they are. Other people would play for 4 or 5 coins and then walk away.

On the one day in question, a guy was playing the machine, and had about \$40 in front of him in tokens. Thinking the guy was a BIG winner, I complemented him and said that we must have been very lucky. He replied to me "Shoot no, this is all I have left of the \$500 I started on with this machine!" I guess that they guy was quite easily entertained, and that he had essentially lost his entire paycheck to flip-it, probably the first and only time that this has happened.

When I first moved to Reno in 1994, I had already been collecting chips for a while, from both Northern Nevada casinos, and from California card rooms, but I had never purchased an obsolete chip just to collect.

One afternoon, I was calling around to various coin dealers when one dealer said they had chips. I

immediately drove to the dealers house / office, where I found that he had many chips for sale. After talking with this guy for hours, we came up with a stack of chips that I was going to buy. We agreed that we would look up each chip in TCR #1, and that he would discount from there. After going through all of the chips, we had one left. I had never seen it before, and neither of us could find it in the book. It was a \$5 Club Harlem from Reno. I asked the dealer what he wanted for the chip, he told me that I could have it for \$4.00. I figured that I couldn't get stuck too bad for \$4.00, so I bought it.

Within several months of the purchase, Al Moe has a store and a catalog / magazine in his store in Reno. He had the same \$5 Club Harlem chip that I bought advertised for \$200. I called a different dealer who bought the chip from me for \$100. I was ecstatic, until about 4 years later, when I found out that the chip sold for \$800 - \$1,000! I guess that it goes to show you that today's junk might be tomorrow's treasure.

I was recently talking with a friend, with whom, we both share a mutual friend who ran the slot department for many years under Bill Harrah at Harrah's Reno and Harrah's Tahoe. My friend relayed the following story:

During the 195's and early 1960's, Harrah's would purchase real U.S. silver dollars for use in their machines. They would get these silver

dollars from the mint, in new, uncirculated form. The coin bags would frequently contain uncirculated silver dollars from the turn of the century up to the 1920's! When they would place the dollars into the machines, coin collectors would come in and buy many of these dollars leaving them short on coin for their slots. The solution that they came up with was to dump the coins into a cement mixer and tumble them until they were sufficiently used. This would eliminate the coins from walking out the door!

About 3 years ago I ran into a coworker at the airport. He saw that I was reading a copy of the Campiglia and Wells book, and asked why I was reading the book. I mentioned that I had been collecting casino chips, and that I was generally interested in keeping up to date with the hobby. He mentioned that his family had owned Hobey's in Sun Valley for many years. I asked him if I could get some chips. He said that if he found any, that I could have them.

Over the course of the next several years, I would enquire about the chips as I ran into my friend. After about the fourth time, he said to me that it was highly unlikely that his family had any chips. He then told me that one night many years ago, a group of professionals came in and cleaned out the blackjack table, and caused the casino to suffer a substantial loss. As a result, the next morning he and his family, removed the tables, chips and all, and threw them into the dumpster to be lost forever. *

Last Dance Trade Session and Fundraising Gala

by Jim Kruse

On Saturday, June 28th, after the conclusion of the convention, the club will sponsor another swap session for any interested members. The session will begin at 7pm and lasts until midnight, or until all traders throw in the towel, whichever comes first. Limited refreshments will be provided.

We are asking all members to call on casinos in their area to donate any items they can for our fundraiser to support the building fund. Explain our project to them and ask for items such as casino collectibles, free room nights, complimentary dinners, etc.. 100% of the money raised will go into the building fund in an attempt to reach our first goal of \$50,000.

We encourage everyone to attend this event. There will be a cash bar, a giant trade session, raffles and an auction of very special items.

See you there.

Jim

Brass Core Matter Announcement

by Nate Pincus
President CC>CC

The Board of Directors of the CC>CC has completed its investigation into the complaint filed by Dean Porter. In his complaint, he alleged that three club members sold him non-genuine brass core chips without disclosing their true nature and/or origin. A decision was previously reported on the part of the complaint that dealt with the allegations against Mel Jung. Porter made these allegations against Walt Gonski and Bill Akeman.

This is a summary of the matter, including the Board of Director's final decisions. The entire reports are available on the CC>CC website at www.ccgccc.com in the Reference section. If you don't have access to the internet, contact me and I will send you a copy.

Complaint against Walt Gonski

The complaint against Gonski involved three chips. Dean Porter has stated that Walt Gonski sold him the three specific chips that are the basis for the complaint. Walt Gonski has stated that he did not sell Dean Porter those specific chips. Gonski says that he sold Porter three other chips. Porter says that he did not obtain those chips from Gonski and that they were purchased from others.

Attempts were made to find corroborating evidence and information to substantiate statements made and evidence provided by Porter and Gonski.

David Whalen has repaired and produced brass core chips for Walt Gonski. There is no evidence that David Whalen produced or worked on any of the chips that Dean Porter alleges in his complaint for Gonski.

Throughout the course of this investigation, much information has been obtained from the parties involved. There has been an ongoing effort to corroborate and substantiate statements made by the parties involved. Since statements made by Dean Porter and Walt Gonski directly contradicted each other, and since there was a lack of corroborating evidence, the Board of Directors of the CC & GTCC found that there was not enough evidence to take any action in this matter.

The Board of Directors found as follows by a vote of 5-0.

In the matter of the complaint brought by Dean Porter against Walt Gonski, Porter alleged that Gonski sold him brass core casino chips without disclosing all information known about their true nature and/or origin. After investigating this matter, the Board of Directors of the CC & GTCC finds that there was no evidence of a violation of the Code of Ethics of the CC & GTCC.

Complaint against Bill Akeman

The complaint against Akeman involved three chips. Dean Porter has stated that Bill Akeman sold him the three specific chips that are the basis for the complaint. Akeman agrees that he sold Porter two of the chips and has stated that he did not recall selling Dean Porter the other chip.

Attempts were made to find corroborating evidence and information to substantiate statements made and evidence provided by Porter and Akeman.

Regarding the two chips that Akeman and Porter agree on, the evidence is clear that Bill Akeman obtained the chips from an unrelated party and had no knowledge of their nature or origin beyond what he was told by the seller. He related the circumstances under which he acquired the chips to Dean Porter at the time of the transaction.

Regarding the other chip involved in the complaint, there was conflicting information provided by the parties. Dean Porter presented his record cards to substantiate his claim that he obtained the chip from Bill Akeman. Akeman did not recall ever having this chip and does not believe that he sold the chip to Porter. According to his account, if he did sell the chip to Porter, he did so without any knowledge of the origin or nature of the chip.

The only source of non-genuine brass core chips that we are aware of is David Whalen. There is no evidence that Whalen ever produced this chip for Bill Akeman or for anyone else.

There is conflicting information regarding this transaction and there is no corroborating evidence to support or contradict either party's testimony.

The Board of Directors found as follows by a vote of 5-0.

In the matter of the complaint brought by Dean Porter against Bill Akeman, Porter alleged that Akeman sold him brass core casino chips without disclosing all information known about their true nature and/or origin. After investigating this matter, the Board of Directors of the CC & GTCC finds that there was no evidence of a violation of the Code of Ethics of the CC & GTCC.

Final Comments

The investigation into this matter has been long and difficult. While the Board has made decisions on the complaint brought against three club members, some of the issues raised are not fully resolved. The ability of individuals to produce non-genuine chips is a danger to our hobby.

During the course of this long and widely publicized investigation, no other individuals came forward with complaints or information that indicated that they obtained brass core chips without full and proper disclosure. We are now aware of at least some of the non-genuine chips that have been produced. And we must all be more diligent when buying, selling or trading chips whose origin is not readily evident. The lack of documentation hindered our investigation. One way to protect yourself is to know the person who you are dealing with and demand written documentation, such as a receipt.

It is important to note that the extent of the problem seems to be limited to chips in the possession of Dean Porter. Dean alleged that he was sold eleven non-genuine chips. All of these chips are off-colored chips, meaning ones that do not match the chips generally known for that particular casino and denomination. There has never been any evidence that more common, regular issue chips have been reproduced and sold as genuine. In some cases, repairs may have been made to enhance condition including eliminating a cancellation hole in the plastic.

As we continue to expand as a club and a hobby and as collectible values increase, we are subject to those who prey upon our desires. The Board of Directors only has jurisdiction over club members and our powers are limited. It is incumbent upon you to act with caution and restraint and to investigate before acting. I would like to be able to say that the club and the officers can protect you but that is not the case. There are thieves and others who look for opportunity to take advantage in all hobbies.

This brings to a close this matter. You are urged to read the entire report. If you have any questions, your officers will do their best to respond. The lesson for collectors is to be more diligent and for sellers is to be completely honest and upfront about the condition, origin and true nature of your material. *

It's Time to Get Judgmental!

by Jim Follis

Believe it or not, it is already time for the Club's annual awards competition where you, the membership, is asked to first nominate and then vote on the Best of the Best from 2002. This year's competitions, in addition to our distinguished *Chip of the Year* (COTY) and *Token of the Year* (TOTY) events, not to mention the recently added *Silver Strike of the Year* (SSOTY) competition, will include the inaugural competition for *Casino Card/Room Key of the Year* (CKOTY). This first-time event happens to coincide with the formation of the Club's latest specialty Chapter, the Slot Card and Room Key Chapter of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. I am looking forward to a lot of participation in this somewhat newer, yet highly popular casino collectible.

The 2002 Awards will also be marking the Club's 13th year of COTY and TOTY competitions and our 3rd year of the SSOTY competition. I am both honored and pleased to be serving as the COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY Awards Competitions Chairman. In doing so, I know that I can always call upon our past Chairman, Archie Black for his assistance and/or advise.

Aside from the addition of the CKOTY category (pronounced: ka-coat-ee), the rules will pretty much be the same as past competitions for the Club's most prestigious awards. In general, we will proceed as described, below.

In this issue of the CCTN you will find an Official Nomination form to be used for making nominations to any and all of the four categories. Between now and March 1, 2003 I will be accepting nominations from any and all Club members in good standing. **As a reminder to all Regular members, please be sure to make a copy (or copies) of the form for the Associate Member(s) tied to your membership number.**

Every member should keep in mind that YOU MUST NOMINATE, at least one item, in at least one category, IN ORDER TO QUALIFY YOURSELF AS A JUDGE in the final voting process. Simply stated:

YOU MUST NOMINATE TO PARTICIPATE!

Completed original nomination forms were designed to be completed, folded, taped (stapling is acceptable, but the Post Office prefers tape), affixed with 1st Class postage (.37 cents) and then mailed. Alternatively, complete forms (original forms or copies) may be sent in an envelope to the address that appears of the back of an original form. Which is also re-printed below for your convenience.

As the nomination forms begin arriving I will be very busy tabulating all the selections, in each of the four categories. The top ten nomination-getters, in each category, will then be designated as the Ten Finalist in their category. I will then acquire a complete set of the Ten Finalists and use them to produce a full-color Judge's Pamphlet. A Judge's Pamphlet will then be sent to each and every member who submitted a legitimate nomination form and will be used to view and judge all the Ten Finalists.

Note: Associate members making legitimate nominations will receive their own Judge's Pamphlet and will not have to share with their Regular member affiliate. Judge's Pamphlets, just like last year, will depict the front and back (obverse and reverse) of all Ten Finalists in each category in their actual size. A separate Balloting (Voting) form is included so that the pamphlet may be kept as a souvenir of your participation in the Club's highly prestigious COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY Awards Competitions for 2002.

Judging will take place from about April 1st to about April 19th. All ballots must be returned via the postal system and must be postmarked on or before April 19th, which is a Saturday. (This date may change.) ATTENTION International members, I am inclined to make allowances for nominating and voting if these deadlines prove to be a hardship.

By the end of April, I will likely know the top three place finishers in each category and will be going about the task of preparing the various award plaques, which like last year will be awarded through three places, Gold, Silver and Bronze, for a total of 12 awards. I will also be taking care of the Club's acquisition of the four First-place finishers to add to the Club's Permanent Display.

For our newer members, the Permanent Display is the Club's own collection of all past winners of the Chip of the Year, Token of the Year and Silver Strike of the Year Awards Competitions. That collection will once again be on display at the Convention as a non-competitive Exhibit right along side a complete set of all 40 Finalists, ten each from all four categories, from the 2002 competitions.

Well, that about covers it, except for the fine print below. I encourage each and every member to participate in this event, as I see these competitions as an opportunity for the Club's members to tell the casinos and their suppliers that we appreciate their efforts to produce a quality product.

The fine print

All nominees must have been issued, for use, for the first time, during the calendar year of 2002. Various members of the CC>CC may be called upon to verify this criteria for chips and tokens. The officers of the Silver Striker's Chapter of the CC>CC shall be called upon to verify this criteria for Silver Strikes. The officers of the Slot Card and Room Key Chapter of the CC>CC shall be called upon to verify this criteria for slot cards/room keys.

Chip of the Year eligibility criteria: A chip must be issued by a casino. It must also serve a gaming purpose.

Token of the Year eligibility criteria: A token is one that is intended to be inserted into a slot machine for play. Excluded are coins (money), currency and tickets. The emphasis is on slot machine play.

Silver Strike of the Year eligibility criteria: The criteria is more fully described by the Silver Striker's Chapter of the CC>CC, however, most simply stated, an eligible Silver Strike is one made by IGT under their trademarked Silver Strike program.

Slot Card/Room Key of the Year eligibility criteria:

Slot Cards must be issued by a casino and are intended to track player action at a slot machine.

Room Keys must be issued by an affiliated hotel/casino establishment. The key (looking like a plastic credit card) must be used to open a guestroom, but not as a burglar tool!

I imagine that there are other pertinent details, but I will discuss those in the next issuance of the CCTN. I trust that everyone had an excellent New Year's celebration and I look forward to receiving your nominations shortly. I may be contacted at (702) 316-8697 or via email: jim@gamingore.com.

Jim Follis

COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY Awards Competition Chairman *

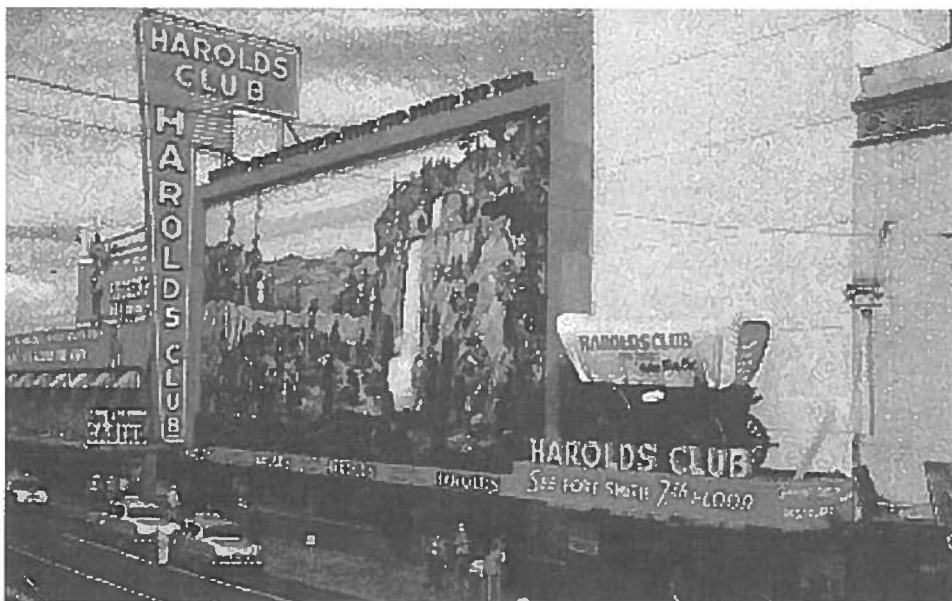
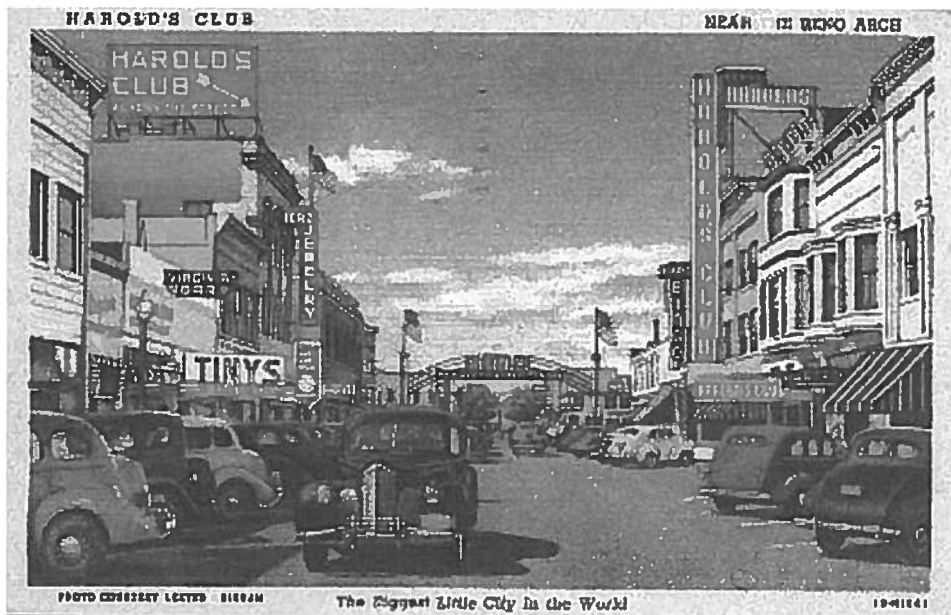
Dean and Jodi's Legendary Casinos

by Dean Richmond and Jodi Sones

Reno

Harold's Club 1935 to 1970

The Smith Family, Pappy, Raymond, Harold, Dorothy, Harold Jr., and George, did much to both legitimize and popularize gambling. Harold's Club was known throughout the world.



Winnemucca

The Overland Hotel

The Overland Hotel was located at 215 Bridge Street in Winnemucca, Nevada. It operated as a speakeasy during the 1920's and 30's. The photograph show the Overland during it's gaming period from 1953 to 1956.



Ely

Capital Club 1931 to 1955

The Capital Club operated in Ely, Nevada from March of 1931 to June 27, 1954 when it was gutted by fire. Two boxes of \$5 chips were reportedly "rescued" from the fire by a bystander. *





REGULATION 12 CHIPS AND TOKENS

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12.010 Definitions. As used in this regulation:

1. Except as otherwise provided, “chairman” means the chairman of the state gaming control board or his designee.
2. “Chip” means a non-metal or partly metal representative of value issued by a licensee for use at table games or counter games at the licensee’s gaming establishment.
3. “Token” means a metal representative of value issued by a licensee for use in slot machines or for use in slot machines and at table games or counter games at the licensee’s gaming establishment.

(Adopted: 6/87. Amended: 12/91.)

12.020 Approval of chips and tokens; applications and procedures.

1. A licensee shall not issue any chips or tokens for use in its gaming establishment, or redeem any such chips or tokens, unless the chips or tokens have been approved in writing by the chairman. A licensee shall not issue any chips or tokens for use in its gaming establishment, or redeem any such chips or tokens, that are modifications of chips or tokens previously approved by the chairman, unless the modifications have been approved in writing by the chairman.

2. Applications for approval of chips, tokens, and modifications to previously-approved chips or tokens must be made, processed, and determined in such manner and using such forms as the chairman may prescribe. Only nonrestricted licensees, operators of slot machine routes, or the manufacturer authorized by these licensees to produce the chips or tokens, may apply for such approval. Each application must include, in addition to such other items or information as the chairman may require:

- (a) An exact drawing, in color or in black-and-white, of each side and the edge of the proposed chip or token, drawn to actual size or drawn to larger than actual size and in scale, and showing the measurements of the proposed chip or token in each dimension;
- (b) Written specifications for the proposed chips or tokens;
- (c) The name and address of the manufacturer;
- (d) The licensee’s intended use for the proposed chips or tokens; and
- (e) A verification upon oath or notarized affirmation, executed by the chief operating officer of the chip or token manufacturer, or a person with equivalent responsibilities, that it has a written system of internal control, approved by the chairman, which describes in detail the current administrative, accounting and security procedures which are utilized in the manufacture, storage and shipment of the chips, tokens and related material. The written system must include at a minimum, a detailed, narrative description of the procedures and controls implemented to ensure the integrity and security of the manufacturing process, from design through shipment, including but not limited to those procedures and controls designed specifically to:

- (1) Provide for the secure storage or destruction of all pre-production prototypes, samples, production rejects and other nonsalable product.
- (2) Provide security over the finished art work, hubs, plates, dies, molds, stamps and other related items which are used in the manufacturing process.
- (3) Prevent the unauthorized removal of product from the production facility through the utilization of security devices such as metal detectors, and surveillance cameras.

- (4) Restrict access to raw materials, work-in-process, and finished goods inventories to authorized personnel.
- (5) Establish procedures for documenting approval of production runs.
- (6) Establish and maintain a perpetual inventory system which adequately documents the flow of materials through the manufacturing process.
- (7) Establish procedures which reconcile the raw material used to the finished product on a job-by-job basis. Significant variances are to be documented, investigated by management personnel, and immediately reported to the Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division and to the licensee who authorized the manufacturer to produce the chips or tokens.
- (8) Provide for quarterly physical inventory counts to be performed by individual(s) independent of the manufacturing process which are reconciled to the perpetual inventory records. Significant variances are to be documented, investigated by management personnel, and immediately reported to the Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division.
- (9) Establish a framework of procedures which provide for the security and accountability of products and materials sent to or received from subcontractors or satellite production facilities.
- (10) Document controls over the shipment of finished product, and
- (11) Provide such other or additional information as the chairman may require.

The chairman may in writing approve variations from the specific requirements of this regulation if in the opinion of the chairman the alternative controls and procedures meet the objectives of this regulation.

3. If, after receiving and reviewing the items and information described by this regulation, the chairman is satisfied that the proposed chips, tokens and related information conform to the requirements of this regulation, the chairman shall notify the licensee or the manufacturer authorized by the licensee to produce the chips or tokens in writing and shall request, and the licensee or the manufacturer shall provide a sample of the proposed chips or tokens in final, manufactured form. If the chairman is satisfied that the sample conforms with the requirements of this regulation and with the information submitted with the licensee's application, the chairman shall approve the proposed chips or tokens and notify the licensee in writing. As a condition of approval of chips or tokens issued for use at the licensee's race book, sports pool, or specific table or counter game, the chairman may prohibit the licensee from using the chips or tokens other than at the book, pool, or specific game. The board may retain the sample chips and tokens submitted pursuant to this subsection.

4. At the time of approval of a system of internal control, the chairman may require the manufacturer to provide, and thereafter maintain with the board, a revolving fund in an amount determined by the chairman, which amount shall not exceed \$10,000. The board and its staff may use the revolving fund at any time without notice, for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this regulation.

5. The amendments adopted March 30, 1995, shall become effective October 1, 1995.

(Adopted: 6/87. Amended: 12/91; 3/95. Effective: 10/1/95.)

12.030 Specifications for chips and tokens.

1. Chips and tokens must be designed, manufactured, and constructed in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and policies of the United States, Nevada, and other states, and so as to prevent counterfeiting of the chips and tokens to the extent reasonably possible. Chips and tokens must not deceptively resemble any current or past coinage of the United States or any other nation.

2. In addition to such other specifications as the chairman may approve:

(a) The name of the issuing gaming establishment must be inscribed on each side of each chip and token, and the city or other locality and the state where the establishment is located must be inscribed on at least one side of each chip and token;

(b) The value of the chip or token must be inscribed on each side of each chip and token, other than chips used exclusively at roulette;

(c) The manufacturer's name or a distinctive logo or other mark identifying the manufacturer must be inscribed on at least one side of each chip and token; and

(d) Each chip must be designed so that when stacked with chips and tokens of other denominations and viewed on closed-circuit, black-and-white television, the denomination of the chip can be distinguished from that of the other chips and tokens in the stack.

3. The names of the city or other locality and the state where the establishment is located must be inscribed on at least one side of each chip and token unless the chairman finds, after application by a licensee, that such an inscription is not necessary because:

(a) The name of the issuing establishment is unique to one readily identifiable establishment in all gaming jurisdictions; or

(b) The inclusion of the city or other locality and the state is not necessary or beneficial for any regulatory purpose relating to the applicant.

4. Any application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 must be signed by the chief executive officer of the applicant and be on a form prescribed by the chairman.

5. Any approval by the chairman for the deletion of such an inscription shall be in writing and be limited to that period of time in which the name of the licensee is limited to one establishment and conditioned so that it may be withdrawn in the future if the chairman determines that the deletion results in confusion with the chips or tokens of another establishment or if such inclusion is deemed necessary or beneficial for any regulatory purpose.

6. A copy of any approval or disapproval or other decision by the chairman pursuant to the authority delegated in subsection 3 must be submitted to the other members of the board and the chairman of the commission within 5 working days thereafter and may be relied on by the applicant if within 20 working days after such submission:

(a) A member of the board does not request a review by the entire board; or

(b) The chairman of the commission does not include the matter on the next available commission agenda.

7. In the event of such a request by a board member, or such action by the commission chairman, the application or other related issue(s) shall be considered and decided by the commission upon the recommendation of the board.

(Adopted: 6/87. Amended: 8/89; 12/91.)

12.040 Specifications for chips.

1. Unless the chairman approves otherwise, chips must be disk-shaped, must be .130 inch thick, and must have a diameter of:

(a) 1.55 inches, for chips used at games other than baccarat;

(b) 1.55 inches or 1.6875 inches, for chips used at baccarat; and

(c) 1.6875 inches, for chips used exclusively at race books and sports pools or other counter games.

2. Each side of each chip issued for use exclusively at a race book, sports pool, or particular game must bear an inscription clearly indicating that use of the chip is so restricted.

(Adopted: 6/87.)

12.050 Specifications for tokens.

1. Unless the chairman approves otherwise, tokens must be disk-shaped and must measure as follows:

(a) No token may be smaller than 1.459 inches or larger than 1.95 inches in diameter, and no token may be from 1.475 through 1.525 inches in diameter;

(b) One dollar denomination tokens must be from 1.459 through 1.474 inches in diameter, from .095 through .115 inch thick, and, if the token has reeds or serrations on its edges, the number of reeds or serrations must not exceed 150;

(c) Five dollar denomination tokens must be 1.75 inches in diameter, from .115 through .135 inch thick, and, if the token has reeds or serrations on its edges, the number of reeds or serrations must not exceed 175;

(d) Twenty-five dollar denomination tokens must be larger than 1.75 inches but no larger than 1.95 inches in diameter (except that such tokens may be 1.654 inches (42 millimeters) in diameter if made of 99.9 percent pure silver), must be .10 inch thick, and, if the token has reeds or serrations on its edges, the number of reeds or serrations must not exceed 200; and

(e) Tokens of other denominations must have such measurements and edge reeds or serrations as the chairman may approve or require.

2. The chairman shall not approve any tokens of denominations lower than one dollar.

3. Tokens must not be manufactured from material possessing sufficient magnetic properties so as to be accepted by a coin mechanism, other than that of a slot machine.

4. Tokens must not be manufactured from a three-layered material consisting of a copper-nickel alloy clad on both sides of a pure copper core, nor from a copper-based material, unless the total of zinc, nickel, aluminum, magnesium, and other alloying materials is at least 20 percent of the token's weight.

(Adopted: 6/87.)

12.060 Use of chips and tokens.

1. Chips and tokens are solely representatives of value which evidence a debt owed to their custodian by the licensee that issued them and are not the property of anyone other than that licensee.

2. A licensee that uses chips or tokens at its gaming establishment shall:

(a) Comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and policies of Nevada and of the United States pertaining to chips or tokens;

(b) Issue chips and tokens only to patrons of its gaming establishment and only at their request;

(c) Promptly redeem its own chips and tokens from its patrons by cash or check drawn on an account of the licensee;

(d) Post conspicuous signs at its establishment notifying patrons that federal law prohibits the use of the licensee's tokens, that state law prohibits the use of the licensee's chips, outside the establishment for any monetary purpose whatever, and that the chips and tokens issued by the licensee are the property of the licensee, only; and

(e) Take reasonable steps, including examining chips and tokens and segregating those issued by other licensees to prevent the issuance to its patrons of chips and tokens issued by another licensee.

3. A licensee shall not accept chips or tokens as payment for any goods or services offered at the licensee's gaming establishment with the exception of the specific use for which the chips or tokens were issued, and shall not give chips or tokens as change in any other transaction.

4. A licensee shall not redeem its chips or tokens if presented by a person who the licensee knows or reasonably should know is not a patron of its gaming establishment, except that a licensee shall promptly redeem its chips and tokens if presented by:

(a) Another licensee who represents that it redeemed the chips and tokens from its patrons or received them unknowingly, inadvertently, or unavoidably;

(b) An employee of the licensee who presents the chips and tokens in the normal course of employment; or

(c) A person engaged in the business of collecting from licensees chips and tokens issued by other licensees and presenting them to the issuing licensees for redemption.

5. A licensee shall not knowingly issue, use, permit the use of, or redeem chips or tokens issued by another licensee, except as follows:

(a) A licensee may redeem tokens issued by another licensee if:

(1) The tokens are presented by a patron for redemption to a cashier of the licensee's gaming establishment or, in the case of a location having slot machines operated by a licensed operator of a slot machine route, if a patron presents them to the operator's employee at the location; or

(2) The tokens are presented by a patron at a table game; and

(3) The licensee redeems the tokens with tokens of its own, separates and properly accounts for the redeemed tokens during the count performed pursuant to the licensee's system of internal control required by Regulation 6, and places the redeemed tokens in the table's drop box, if redeemed at a table game; and

(b) A licensee may redeem chips issued by another licensee if:

(1) The chips are presented by a patron for redemption at the cashier's cage of the licensee's gaming establishment; or

(2) The chips are presented by a patron at a table game, and the licensee redeems the chips with chips of its own, places the redeemed chips in the table's drop box, and separates and properly accounts for the redeemed chips during the count performed pursuant to the licensee's system of internal control submitted pursuant to Regulation 6.050 or 6.060; and

(c) An operator of a slot machine route or its employee may redeem tokens that are issued by the operator for use at another location.

6. Chips whose use is restricted to uses other than at table games or other than at specified table games may be redeemed by the issuing licensee at table games or non-specified table games if the chips are presented by a patron, and the licensee redeems the chips with chips issued for use at the game, places the redeemed chips in the table's drop box, and separates and properly accounts for the redeemed chips during the count performed pursuant to the licensee's system of internal control required by Regulation 6.

7. Tokens may be used only at gaming establishments operated by persons holding nonrestricted gaming licenses, including restricted locations at which gaming devices are operated by licensed operators of slot machine routes.

(Adopted: 6/87. Amended: 8/88; 12/91; 2/94.)

12.070 Redemption and disposal of discontinued chips and tokens.

1. A licensee that permanently removes from use or replaces approved chips or tokens at its gaming establishment, or that ceases operating its gaming establishment whether because of closure or sale of the establishment or any other reason, must prepare a plan for redeeming discontinued chips and tokens that remain outstanding at the time of discontinuance. The licensee must submit the plan in writing to the chairman not later than 30 days before the proposed removal, replacement, sale, or closure, unless the closure or other cause for discontinuance of the chips or tokens cannot reasonably be anticipated, in which event the licensee must submit the plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The chairman may approve the plan or require reasonable modifications as a condition of approval. Upon approval of the plan, the licensee shall implement the plan as approved.

2. In addition to such other reasonable provisions as the chairman may approve or require, the plan must provide for:

(a) Redemption of outstanding, discontinued chips and tokens in accordance with this regulation for at least 120 days after the removal or replacement of the chips or tokens or for at least 120 days after operations cease, as the case may be, or for such longer or shorter period as the chairman may for good cause approve or require;

(b) Redemption of the chips and tokens at the premises of the gaming establishment or at such other location as the chairman may approve;

(c) Publication of notice of the discontinuance of the chips and tokens and of the redemption and the pertinent times and locations in at least two newspapers of general circulation in Nevada at least twice during each week of the redemption period, subject to the chairman's approval of the form of the notice, the newspapers selected for publication, and the specific days of publication;

(d) Conspicuous posting of the notice described in paragraph (c) at the gaming establishment or other redemption location; and

(e) Destruction or such other disposition of the discontinued chips and tokens as the chairman may approve or require.

(Adopted: 6/87.)

12.080 Destruction of counterfeit chips and tokens.

1. As used in this section, "counterfeit chips or tokens" means any chip- or token-like objects that have not been approved pursuant to this regulation, including objects commonly referred to as "slugs," but not including coins of the United States or any other nation.

2. Unless a peace officer instructs or a court of competent jurisdiction orders otherwise in a particular case, licensees shall destroy or otherwise dispose of counterfeit chips and tokens discovered at their establishments in such manner as the chairman may approve or require.

3. Unless a peace officer instructs or a court of competent jurisdiction orders otherwise in a particular case, licensees may dispose of coins of the United States or any other nation discovered to have been unlawfully used at their establishments by including them in their coin inventories or, in the case of foreign coins, by exchanging them for United States currency or coins and including same in their currency or coin inventories, or by disposing of them in any other lawful manner.

4. Each licensee shall record, in addition to such other information as the chairman may require:

(a) The number and denominations, actual and purported, of the coins and counterfeit chips and tokens destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to this section;

(b) The month during which they were discovered;

(c) The date, place, and method of destruction or other disposition, including, in the case of foreign coin exchanges, the exchange rate and the identity of the bank, exchange company, or other business or person at which or with whom the coins are exchanged; and

(d) The names of the persons carrying out the destruction or other disposition on behalf of the licensee.

5. Each licensee shall maintain each record required by this subsection for at least 5 years, unless the chairman approves or requires otherwise.

(Adopted: 6/87.)

12.090 Promotional and tournament chips and tokens.

1. As used in this section, “promotional chip” means a chip- or token-like object issued by a licensee for use in promotions or tournaments at the licensee’s gaming establishment.
 2. Promotional chips must be designed, manufactured, approved, and used in accordance with the provisions of this regulation applicable to chips and tokens, except as follows:
 - (a) Promotional chips must be of such shape and size and have such other specifications as the chairman may approve or require;
 - (b) Each side of each promotional chip must conspicuously bear the inscription “No Cash Value”;
 - (c) Promotional chips must not be used, and licensees shall not permit their use, in transactions other than the promotions or tournaments for which they are issued; and
 - (d) The provisions of section 12.070 of this regulation shall not apply to promotional chips.
- (Adopted: 6/87.)

12.100 Other instrumentalities. Other instrumentalities with which gaming is conducted must be designed, manufactured, approved, used, discontinued, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this regulation applicable to chips and tokens, except as follows:

1. Such other instrumentalities must be of such shape, size, and design and have such other specifications as the chairman may approve or require; and
 2. The chairman, in his sole and absolute discretion, may deny approval of instrumentalities other than chips and tokens or may grant approval subject to such conditions as he considers appropriate.
- (Adopted: 6/87.) *

CC>CC Announcement Board

Nate Pincus <president@ccgtcc.com>

Date: 12/27/2002 10:33 p.m.

The untimely death of long time Auction Chairman Bruce Landau has left a void in the leadership of our annual convention auction. Fortunately, our club has members who are willing to step forward and take on vital tasks.

I have appointed Barry Weintraub as Auction Chairman for the 2003 convention auction. Barry has served the club in the past as Secretary and has volunteered his services at other times. Barry will be responsible for overseeing the entire event and we look forward to another successful and exciting experience at the Friday night auction.

If you haven't already sent your auction lots, please mail them to Barry at:

Barry Weintraub
The AGENCY
4370 Tujunga Avenue #212
Studio City, CA 91604

If you have any questions, please contact Barry at barrychip@aol.com .

Thank you to Barry for taking on this assignment at this crucial time.

Nate Pincus

Nate Pincus <president@ccgtcc.com>

Date: 11/18/2002 9:52 a.m.

The Board has decided to discontinue the ClubMail program due to lack of interest by the membership. An email is being sent by our ClubMail Postmaster, Kyle Gorman to all of those who signed up the service.

I would like to thank Kyle on behalf of the Board and the membership for all his efforts on this program.

Nate

Text of the email:

“Due to lack of interest it has been decided that the club will no longer offer free email. The free email service will end on December 20, 2002. This issue of club email may be revisited at a later date.

Please note you will have to turn off your forwarding option within your CCGTCC email account before December 20, 2002. If you need any instructions on how this is done please contact Kyle Gorman postmaster@ccgtcc.org .

I would like to thank all of those that helped in setting up this service and all those that used the service.”

Mike Quinlivan <treasurer@ccgtcc.com>

Date: 11/13/2002 9:56 p.m.

The Board of Directors recently voted to contribute \$100 to the American Numismatic Association. Since the CC & GTCC is a member of the ANA, the Board felt that it was appropriate to make a small donation on behalf of the Club.

John Zoesch R-3145 <vicepresident@ccgtcc.com>

Date: 11/6/2002 4:45 p.m.

The final version of the CC>CC Grade and Condition Description report has been put on the Club website under the References section. It has replaced the preliminary version that has been there for several months. This report will allow users to put a standard grade on each chip in their collection or available for sale. Along with each grade an additional qualifier can be added for condition (basically defects of some sort).

I want to thank Michael Knapp, Allan Myers and Archie Black for doing the bulk of the work on the final report. I also want to thank the other members of the Select Committee on Standards and Archives who helped with this report: Dick Covington, Howard Herz, Jeff Laudeman, Mark Lighterman, Ralph Pollack and Dale Seymour. *

Obituaries

Sue Dolce



Sue Dolce married to Joe Dolce passed away suddenly on December 25, 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada. I first had phone contact with the Dolce's in June 1996 while vacationing in Las Vegas, Nevada. A former chip dealer the Late Tony Arnello gave me Joe Dolce phone number to inquire about chips. That conversation lasted for nearly an hour from my hotel room. Joe Dolce was very nice and gave me a lot of information about chipping in that phone conversation. I did a couple chip mail orders with the Dolce's after talking to him on the phone. We talked many times before I finally met them both in person at the 1997 CCGTCC Convention at the Old Aladdin.

They sponsored my membership into this Great Club when I finally meet them in person at the Old Aladdin 1997 Chip Show. When I first met them in person, they made me feel very special and went out of their way to introduce me to my new club members at the convention. Our friendship grew and grew into like a second family away from home. My yearly vacation (sometimes twice a year) included, the Annual Convention, visiting Joe and Sue Dolce and chipping. I made it a point to see them and go chip hunting with both of them while I vacationed in Las Vegas.

We went riding around and visited the many Casino's in Southern Nevada. We went to Mesquite, Laughlin, Jean, all over Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, and the farthest place we visited was Beatty. Our eventual favorite places to visit was the Casino's in Henderson, and Boulder Highway. Though we frequented the El Cortez, and Klondike on the strip also. I'm blessed to have met Sue and Joe Dolce and become very good friends with them. While I was at home in Hawaii waiting for my next trip to Las Vegas, Sue would send me articles from the Las Vegas newspapers informing me on the current news about Casino happenings in Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. I'm at stuck for words to describe my feelings right now, but I'm honored to pay a tribute to Sue Dolce, My Second Mom, Guardian Angel and fellow chipper.

To Joe Dolce and his family my condolences. Sue's passing is a great lost to Me, the chipping fraternity, and the Las Vegas Coin Club where she was a former club officer. God Bless you Sue, thank you for the memories.

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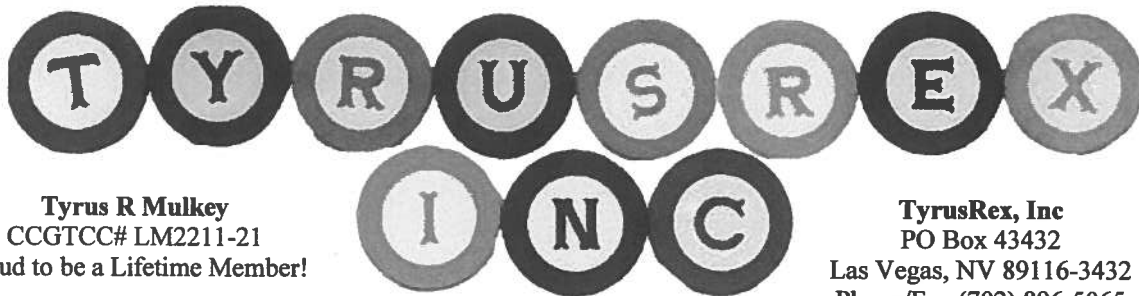
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