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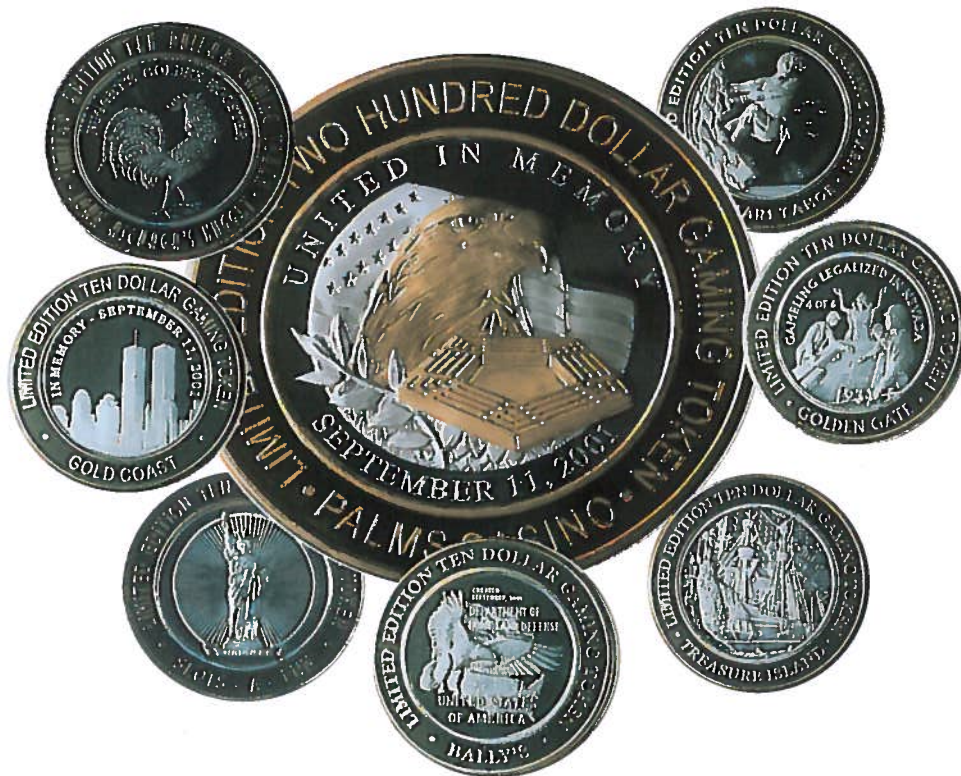
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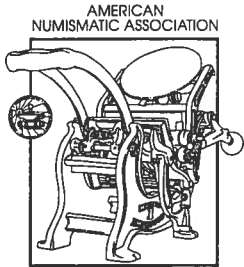
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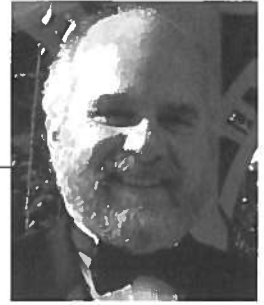
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## From the Editor's Desk

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Allan Anderson

The club has been getting some great publicity lately with the enormous efforts of Len Cipkins, CC&GTCC Publicity Director. The latest is the April, 2003 Issue of *Midwest Gaming & Travel* featuring two articles by Michael Knapp, titled "How Do I Get Started?", and "Illegal Clubs Of The Midwest", and another story by Janice O'Neal; "Michigan Indian Casino Chips". Len also was instrumental in getting an article in the Newark Star Ledger business section. Gene Trimble and I were interviewed by the Travel Channel for an upcoming episode, Playboy magazine contacted me also for an upcoming story on chip collecting and Terry Shaffer had a segment on WTOL-TV in Toledo, Ohio (see page 96). It appears chip collecting is becoming more and more popular.

Recently there has been a controversy on who we accept articles from. We accept articles from anyone, we do not accept articles from expelled members. Now, in the last issue I printed a tribute from Mel to Bruce. This was my only exception to the rule and it was only printed because of their friendship. It was not an article related to chip collecting or the brass core issue but just a tribute from a friend. Would I do it again, yes I would.

The guest speaker for our convention this year is Mrs. Claudine Williams. Mrs Williams and her husband owned The Silver Slipper in Las Vegas. After they sold the Silver Slipper they opened The Holiday Casino on the strip. After Mr. Williams passed away, Claudine built the Holiday into one of the most successful operations in Nevada. She eventually sold out to Harrahs and she is now Chairman Of The Board - Harrahs Las Vegas. She is a Philanthropist and sits on the board of many charities and companies. She is looking forward to meeting our members and speaking at our convention

As we head toward our annual convention, take a look inside the magazine and volunteer a few hours for the club. Contact Jim Steffner, convention chairman, or any of the other members looking for help. It will be a great convention and i'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

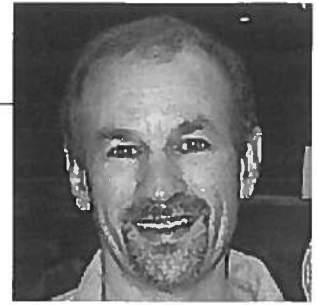
As always, I'm looking for new articles and advertising. If you have any comments or suggestions, e-mail me or write a letter to the editor and we'll print it.

See you at the convention.

# President's Letter

## *Spring, 2003*

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**Nate Pincus**

As I pen my final quarterly report to the membership, I take this opportunity to reflect on my experience serving as President of our wonderful organization. It has been interesting, eventful and rewarding. It has been my pleasure to lead this club for the past two years, meeting many members, working closely with our volunteers and hopefully making the hobby enjoyable for all of you.

This seems an appropriate time to review what has occurred during my term.

Slabbing was the hot issue during the last election and continued to be an important topic during the first few months of my term. Slabbing companies had ideas about entering the hobby. While the membership seemed to be overwhelmingly against slabbing, the manner in which the club handled this matter was severely debated. I am pleased to say that as I leave office, there is no evidence of slabbing in the hobby. Credit to the Slab Free Chapter for their diligence. Their efforts along with the club's educational initiatives gave all of us the information we required to make our own informed decisions. While not everyone has agreed on the best manner, the result is clear and reflects the members feelings that slabbing is not needed nor wanted in our hobby.

While still dealing with the slabbing matter, I received information that non-genuine brass core chips were appearing and allegations were made that these chips were being sold without proper disclosure. This was without a doubt the most difficult matter that the club Board of Directors had to deal with during my term and perhaps in club history. The decision to expel a member was most heart wrenching for me. I ran for office to move our club forward not anticipating that much of my efforts would be diverted to dealing with this situation. While the matter was very limited in scope, it provides a preview of what may be a larger problem in the future.

Three of your officers resigned during the past year. The circumstances of their resignations were regrettable. Each stepped down because of the criticism directed at the Board of Directors on the club Internet message board. A few members crossed the line of decency subjecting your Officers to constant condemnation, criticism, denunciation and accusation. They were dedicated volunteers who worked extremely hard on behalf of all the membership. Fortunately, we had some very capable members step forward to volunteer for these positions. After a very brief transition period, the new officers were busy carrying out the business of the club.

The club magazine continues as an outstanding publication. Editor Allan Anderson and his assistant, John Moore carry on the tradition with the help of all those who contribute articles.

Our annual convention is the highlight of the year. Jim and Sandi Steffner stepped in last year at our time of need and oversaw our tenth annual convention and remain in place for our upcoming affair in June. Of course, our conventions would not be wonderful and exciting events without the help of all of those who volunteer.

During my term, the Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) was formed. The CPC consists of all the chapter presidents and the Board of Directors. With the club Secretary taking the lead role, its purpose is to foster a working relationship between the chapters and the club and provides a forum in which matters affecting the chapters can be discussed with the club leadership. The initial meeting was held at last year's convention and another meeting is scheduled at the Tropicana this year. During the year, CPC members communicate using a private internet email system.

The newly established Committee on Standards and Archives completed work on the Official CC&GTCC Grade and Condition Descriptions. This allows for a common standard to describe chips and tokens. With Chairman Michael Knapp at the helm, this prestigious group of members will continue to work on projects that will benefit all members and the hobby. They are a key component in our mission to educate members and other hobbyists.

The financial position of our club is very strong. Our treasury has increased significantly in the past two years without having to increase dues. We have so many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise that it is not necessary for us to pay for services. And we have been fortunate to be able to negotiate favorable convention arrangements while maintaining reasonable room rates for the members.

The Building Fund is moving ahead full speed. They are organized, have collected donations for the fund and have big plans for raising more. Contact has been established with many of the leaders in the gaming industry, seeking a major benefactor. Jim Kruse and his enthusiastic assistants have planned activities for the upcoming convention, including raffles and an auction for Saturday night's trading session. Please make plans to attend.

I want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who worked so diligently on behalf of the club during my term. The club's success and progress is due to their efforts. We are fortunate to have many members who are willing to help.

Several members have been instrumental in assisting me and working on your behalf and I want to make special mention of them. Bruce Landau was a mentor and close advisor in addition to being the auction and Hall of Fame chairman. His efforts and advice will be sorely missed. We all need to recognize and thank all of the Officers who served during my term. Each provided me with inspiration and counsel in their own way and participated in the management of the club. I want to acknowledge a very longtime member (member number CH-003) for his quiet and efficient but very important contributions. Bob Pardue is our club Librarian, a member of the Building Fund Committee, oversees the club poker tournament, is a member of the Standards and Archives Committee and has helped other members and me in numerous ways and I am thankful for his contributions. Greg Susong continues as our Webmaster, managing our very fine [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.com) website. Greg and his very able assistants keep us up-to-date while adding new features and items. A relatively new member, Len Cipkins has stepped forward recently to assume the duties as our club Publicity Director. Len's background in public relations coupled with his intense interest in chip collecting makes for a talented and enthusiastic volunteer. Len has already been instrumental in having several articles published and I know that his efforts will have a meaningful long-term impact on our hobby. And finally, I want to thank Jim Follis for his tireless efforts in many areas. As the club's first On-Line Communications Director, Jim was a valuable link to the on-line community. Jim also took on the responsibility as Chairman of the Chip/Token/et al of the Year honors. He also worked on special projects and acted as advisor.

We are looking forward to the upcoming convention at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. This will be our eleventh annual and promises to be our most exciting event to date. Please make sure that you have pre-registered for the convention, banquet, poker and blackjack tournaments. Also, be sure to reserve your room at the Tropicana to insure that you don't miss any of the action.

I want to congratulate our new officers. I know that they will do a terrific job in leading the club for the next two years. I pledge my support to them and will work closely with Mike Skelton during the transition.

It has been my pleasure to serve as an officer of the CC&GTCC for the past four years, the first two as Treasurer and the past two as your President. We have made much progress during that time and I feel confident in handing over the leadership responsibility to the new administration. Again my thanks go out to all the volunteers who made everything possible.

Happy collecting.

Nate

# The CC&GTCC and the Hobby Protection Act

The Hobby Protection Act (HPA) was passed in 1973 to protect hobbyists against the reproduction, copying and counterfeiting of original numismatic and political items. The Act requires that imitation items be marked and the manner in which they must be marked is specifically prescribed.

Thirty years ago, the American Numismatic Association, in the interest of protecting the numismatic hobby and its members championed this legislation. The Act refers to coins, tokens, paper money and commemorative medals and does not specifically exclude any numismatic items. I would have to surmise that since casino chip and casino token collecting was enjoyed by very few collectors at that time and there was no organized club, the terms casino chips and casino tokens were not even in the scope of consideration.

While casino chips and casino tokens are not specifically stated in the definition of original numismatic items, it is the club's position that the definition of original numismatic items is broad enough to include casino chips and casino tokens. In doing research, I spoke with David Ganz. Mr. Ganz is an attorney whose practice includes cases involved in coin law. He is a past President of the ANA and a former member of their Board of Governors and has written more than 2000 articles and books, many related to the coin hobby and the law. He has been deeply involved in the legislative process with the ANA. He believes that without a doubt, casino chips and tokens are covered under the act. To alleviate any uncertainty, the next logical step is to have the HPA specifically make reference to casino chips and casino tokens.

During 2003, the Federal Trade Commission is initiating a review of the HPA and soliciting comments. I have written a letter on behalf of the club to the Federal Trade Commission.

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## Text of the letter to FTC:

Federal Trade Commission  
Bureau of Consumer Protection  
Division of Enforcement  
Attn: Mr. Neil Blickman  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Mr. Blickman:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club (CC&GTCC). With over 2500 members, the CC&GTCC is the largest member club of the American Numismatists Association (ANA). As collectors of casino chips and casino tokens, we are very concerned with protecting the hobby against counterfeiting and the introduction of non-genuine items.

Since the passing of the Hobby Protection Act (HPA) thirty years ago, there has been a remarkable change in the numismatic hobby relating to casino chips and casino tokens. In 1973, there were few collectors and casino chips and tokens had little collector's value. During the 1980's and 1990's, the growth of legalized gaming helped spawn growth in the hobby and caused the value of these collectibles to increase.

Casino chips and tokens have always been widely accepted and utilized numismatic items, used in exchange for cash in casinos. These chips and tokens are the accepted currency in the casino and in many casinos, are the only items with monetary value that can be used for gaming purposes.

At the time when the Hobby Protection Act was passed, there was not an active and organized group of citizens who collected casino chips and casino tokens. The reason for counterfeiting these items at that time was to pass them off

in the casino for face value. With the advent of a strong and vibrant group of collectors, many casino chips and tokens now have a collector's value far in excess of face value. These chips and tokens are generally from casinos that have closed or from casinos that have issued replacements, rendering the previous issue obsolete.

We in the hobby are pleased that the Hobby Protection Act covers the broad definition of "imitation numismatic" items, and consider casino chips and casino tokens to be fully covered under the act. But we also feel that the time has come to amend that HPA to specifically include casino chips and casino tokens. Technological advances over the past thirty years have made reproduction possible and the vast increase in the value in the collector's market has made counterfeiting much more profitable.

It certainly was not possible to anticipate the change in the industry, the technological advances and the boom in the hobby of casino chip and token collecting three decades ago. A modification would now clarify and bring up to date the HPA and deter those who might consider counterfeiting casino chips and tokens.

I am requesting that the Hobby Protection Act be amended to add the words "casino chips, casino tokens" to Section 304.1(f). The last line of that section would then read "Such term includes coins, tokens, paper money, casino chips, casino tokens, and commemorative medals."

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at the address above, by telephone at 610-668-4273 or by email at [president@ccgtcc.com](mailto:president@ccgtcc.com) .

Very truly yours,

Nate Pincus  
President, CC&GTCC

# Secretary's *Report*

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Tyrus **Mulkey**

Discussion is continuing in the Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) on issues important to the Club and the Chapters. If you haven't received a report from your Chapter representative, ask them for details! We'll be meeting at the convention in June to wrap up some of the items we've been discussing and to put together a new agenda for next year.

Our annual convention is quickly approaching. If you are able to make it, I encourage you to attend. It gets bigger and better every year and this year will, once again, be a great one. Get plenty of sleep ahead of time, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring lots of traders!!!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Tyrus Mulkey  
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# Membership Officer's *Report*

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**Ralph Myers**

As you read this in the second quarter of 2003 the convention is rapidly approaching. If you haven't pre-registered for the convention, banquet, poker challenge, or blackjack tournament yet, do it NOW. Time is running out.

The first quarter was very hectic both at work at the MGM, and with club business. Work had the end of the football season, and the Superbowl, as well as college basketball and March Madness. Lots of overtime to buy chips with.

With the club, first quarter renewals (over 600) and online pre-registration for all that's available for the convention. We had 93 new members join our ranks (one a day on average) during the first quarter, and three new life members take the plunge.

As this issue goes to press, the voting for the new officers for 2003 to 2005 is still under way. Win or lose, I want to thank every one of you for your support the last two years.

I want to also thank my fellow officers for their support and guidance. I've learned much from every one of them.

If you are attending the annual convention this year, please stop by the membership table, and say hello.

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



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# Treasurer's *Report*

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**Mike Quinlivan**

As of December 31, 2002, the cash balance in the club's accounts is \$141,435. For the calendar year of 2002, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$21,006 (excluding Building Fund donations of \$11,894). This includes all revenue and the expenses related to the 2002 convention, but do not include expenses for the Winter 2002 issue of the club magazine. Some of the 2002 income and expense entries have been classified differently than those shown in the December 16, 2002 financial statement. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the cash accounts.

Thanks to Pam Focazio and Jim Follis, a complete physical inventory of the convention and promotional items was accomplished prior to the end of December. Due to the results of the physical, the inventory value was increased by \$6,733, as noted in the equity section of the financial statement.

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## Highlights for 2002:

The establishment of separate interest bearing accounts for both the Life Membership Fund and the Building Fund.

2-signature requirement established for all treasury accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
March 15, 2003



## CASINO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

### Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through December 31, 2002

INCOME		
Dues, including 1st class postage		\$53,122
Convention:		
Table Fees	37,025	
Auction	34,421	
Registration	9,080	
Banquet	8,400	
Poker Tournament	6,160	
Other	3,106	
Convention Total		98,192
Promotion		14,151
Building Fund Donations		11,894
Magazine Advertising		8,904
Other		1,928
Interest Income		224
Directory Sales		210
Contributions		65
		\$188,690
EXPENDITURES		
Convention Expenses		\$87,513
Magazine		\$45,441
Poker Tournament		\$6,380
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$3,957
Website		\$3,391
Miscellaneous		\$2,519
Storage (Convention/Publicity)		\$1,670
Printing (Other than Magazine)		\$1,646
Insurance		\$930
Computer Expense		\$718
Telephone		\$629
Bank Charges		\$391
Promotional		\$340
Filing Fees		\$165
Donations		\$100
		\$155,790
		\$32,900
Net Income - 1/1/02 to 12/31/02		
Beginning Equity Balance - 1/1/2002 (Restated)		\$118,187
Net Income - 1/1/02 to 12/31/02		\$32,900
Physical Inventory Adjustment		\$6,733
Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/02		\$157,820
Detail of Equity Balance - 12/31/02		
General Fund	56,487	
Certificate of Deposit	50,000	
Life Membership Fund	18,036	
Building Fund	16,912	
Total Cash Available		\$141,435
Inventory		\$16,385
Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/02		\$157,820

Respectfully submitted by Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
March 15, 2003

## New Members Since Last Issue

5892	Isayama	Pedro	FL	web site
5893	Merryman	Bill	TX	
5894	Baker	Randy	NV	Hoffman, Michael
5895	LaBarre	Philippe	NV	web site
5896	Stolte	Heather	MD	web site
5897	May	Ben	AZ	web site
5898	Wirzman	Ray	IN	Susong, Greg
5899	Gratzer	John	CA	Borenstein, Alan
5900	Smith	Brad	OH	web site
5901	Patterson	Linda	WI	web site
5901-A	Patterson	William	WI	web site
5902	Basso	Sherri	FL	web site
5903	Kaben	Axel	Germany	web site
5904	Shackelford	Ron	CA	web site
5904-A	Shackelford	Linda	CA	web site
5905	Phillips	Ted	CO	web site
5905-A	Phillips	Danille	CO	web site
5906	McCune	Gary	CA	web site
5907	Perry	Thomas S.	MO	Hughes, Andy
5908	Minsterman	William	NY	Wegner, Brian
5909	Gizowski	Dan	CO	Knizer, Diane
5910	Ocker	Jonathan	CA	web site
5911	DeVito	Jeff	WA	Rizzo, Pete
5912	Horrigan	Sean	TX	web site
5913	Sirard	Jack	CA	Blust, Steve
5914	Coombs	Ted	WA	Coin World Magazine
5915	Colton	Michael	MD	Steffner, Jim
5916	Beach	Harry	CA	former member
5917	Langley	George	TX	
5918	Borroff	Chris	IL	Susong, Greg
5919	Kelly	Anita	TX	web site
5919-A	Kelly	Kevin	TX	web site
5920	Lightfoot	Austin	ID	Bailey, Kevin
5921	Albright	Glenn	WI	web site
5922	Hanagriff	Dan	LA	Knapp, Michael
5922-A	Hanagriff	Danielle	LA	Knapp, Michael
5923	Soehner	David	NY	web site
5924	Charbonneau	Paul	NY	web site
5925	Petrone	Wayne	PA	club web site
5925-A	Petrone	Lynn	PA	club web site
5926	Hunter	Michael	PA	Steffner, Jim
5927	Diamond	Carole	WA	silver strike chapter
5927-A	Diamond	Billy	WA	silver strike chapter
5928	Kommers	John	IL	coin world magazine
5929	Dee	Bugsy	MA	Anderson, Richard
5930	Tomazewski	Chris	NY	Clem, Norman
5931	Townsend	Herb	AZ	Rizzo, Pete
5931-A	Townsend	Peggy	AZ	Rizzo, Pete
5932	Redwine	Don	TX	Springer, Ellen
5933	Elliott	Keith	CA	Campiglia, James
5934	Guess	John	IN	Anderson, Richard
5935	Cataloni	John	CA	Cassidy, Jim

5936	Bottemiller	Tracy	WA	Tereno, Lloyd
5937	Van Horn	Alan	KS	Club web site
5938	O'Dell	Kristina	MN	Club web site
5939	Murrey	Keith	OH	Club web site
5940	Hitselberger	Paul	MD	Hitselberger, Thomas
5941	Terry	Tod	CA	Rizzo, Pete
5942	Lewis	Frank L.	IL	Club web site
5943	Davis	Charles	CA	club web site
5943-A	Davis	Carol	CA	club web site
5944	Schaeffer	Howard	NJ	club web site
5945	Rachan	William	IL	club web site
5946	Schneider Sr.	Paul	CA	Trimble, Gene
5947	Ciaramelia	Bob	NV	club web site
5948	Curry	Robert	NV	club web site
5949	Hamada	Chris	CA	Hamada, Ken
5950	Waterman	Gene	CA	club web site
5951	Johnson	Robert E.	IL	club web site
5952	Engstrom	Beth	ME	Okiec, Brian
5953	Shwier	Pamela	NV	Anderson, Allan
5954	Barone	Joe	NJ	American Chip Enterprises
5955	Rachan	Michael	IL	Rachan, William
5956	Crane	Ronald J.	CO	the chip rack
5957	Beadle	Bruce	CO	Porter, Roger
5958	Sitarik	Mark	CO	club web site
5959	Terry	Shelli	CA	Terry, Tod
5960	Hinkle	Mark	CA	silver strike chapter
5961	Wilson	Larry	CA	American Chip Enterprises
5961-A	Wilson	Jerri	CA	American Chip Enterprises
5962	Swank	Joel H.	OR	Hollibaugh, Larry
5963	Forcier	Edward	NH	club web site
5964	Freer	Michael	CA	Freer, Diane
5965	Kneisley	Elizabeth	UT	Jacob, Doug
5966	Williams	Heath A.	TX	club web site
5967	Pavlik	Joe	IL	
5968	Shobe	Richard M.	OH	silver strike chapter
5969	Warnock	James	CA	club web site
5970	Newman	Luellen M.	CA	silver strike chapter
5971	Warosh	James	WI	club web site
5972	Heinz	Gary	CA	silver strike chapter
5972-A	Heinz	Carol	CA	silver strike chapter
5973	Hall	Rick	CA	Garrett, Henry
5974	Knazek	Robert J.	OH	
5975	Ostler	Buster	IN	silver strike chapter
5976	Cashero	Dottie	CA	silver strike chapter
5977	Kennedy	William	CA	the Chip Rack
5978	Bernard	Gary	TX	Feeney, Bob
5979	Petrucelly Jr.	Robert	NY	Volberg, Peter
5980	Vesper	Bill	NY	club web site
5980-A	Vesper	Karen	NY	club web site
5981	Chaffin	Robert	CA	silver strike chapter
5981-A	Chaffin	Kathy	CA	silver strike chapter
5982	Lamphier	Robert	FL	silver strike chapter
5983	Johnson	George	OR	club web site
5984	Conlee	Diane E.	KY	Turner, Charlie

# Last Dance Trade Session and Fundraising Gala

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

7 pm until midnight

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.

The fundraising gala is to raise funds for the building fund. 100% of the money raised will go into the building fund in an attempt to reach our first goal of \$50,000.

There are a lot of donations coming in. Examples are:

Slot card collections

\$1 chip collections

Items from casinos (room nights, etc)

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# CASINO MATCH COVER COLLECTING

by Jim Munding

Collecting casino match covers and match books has been one of my favorite hobbies for years. Match books are generally known as the ones having the matches still in the match book and match covers are the ones with the matches removed. Many collectors prefer the matches removed because they can be housed easily in plastic pages and in binders. Others think collecting full match books is better because it preserves the original product.

Matchbooks usually contain 20 or 30 matches. The 20 strikers are the smaller ones and the 30 strikers the larger ones. There were also larger size match books as well as "miniatures" which held 10 matches. Match boxes are also used. Feature matches were popular in the 1940s and 1950s and are the ones having words or pictures on the actual matches. Several of the casinos in Nevada used features on their matches.

If you have looked at Greg Susong's board lately on the Internet you have seen the vast array on matches used by the various casinos over the years. Several collectors put pictures from their collections on the bulletin board to share with others.

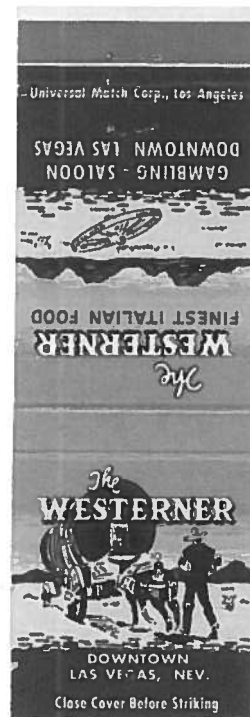
To start collecting today, simply pick up a few books at casinos near you and then offer to trade your

duplicates. It is a fun and inexpensive way to collect casino items. If you choose to collect match covers and want to collect "match covers", be very careful when removing the staple to remove the matches. It is very easy to damage the match cover.

I have found that many of our club members do collect matches, but there is a large group of people that collect casino matches that never heard of our club. There are several match cover only clubs that I would be happy to refer you to if you are interested.

Included with this article are several pictures from some downtown Las Vegas casinos....many are gone now, but having these in my collection helps me picture what it must have been like years ago.

If you are a collector and want to do some trading, look me up at CASINORAMA, the Hollywood Park show or the Convention. I will have a bunch looking for new homes. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at [mun3335@aol.com](mailto:mun3335@aol.com), or write to me at P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, CA. 91791





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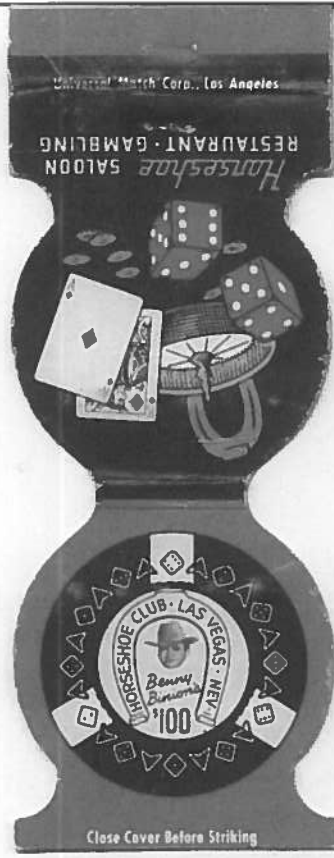
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by Allan Anderson

The Reno Tahoe “Job Training Academy” began operations in Reno, Nevada on November 17th, 1977 as Sierra Square Dealers School and later as Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy. Originally opened by Club Cal-Neva Casino for the basic training of it’s dealers, the school became a stepping stone for promising students that went on to become casino dealers, school instructors and later casino supervisors and surveillance personnel. The demand for trained professionals in the casino industry has grown steadily with the spread of gaming across the country.

Chips from both schools have been found lately and has generated a new interest in chips from dealer schools.

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- \$25, White, H&C, HS Gold

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# Convention 2003 Update

by Jim Steffner, Convention Chairman

Do you have your hotel room booked at the Tropicana, airline tickets in hand, traveler's checks purchased, a long chip want list made out, and are you ready for some FUN? Then you're good to go – to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CC&GTCC Convention and Show at the Tropicana, June 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 is ready, willing, and able assist the club in presenting a first class convention.

## 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 and blackjack 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 and blackjack tournament. Postmark deadline for pre-registration is May 15, 2003. Don't be left out, be sure your registration is POSTMARKED before May 15<sup>th</sup>, or it will be returned.

This year you can pay for your pre-registration, banquet, blackjack tournament, and poker tournament with your credit card – VISA or MasterCard only. Enter credit card information at the bottom of the form. Observe the postmark deadline – MAY 15<sup>th</sup> 2003.

## 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 and the club gets credit for your stay. 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. I have heard rumors of a gigantic display of \$2.50 chips, really something to see. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003. This is one of the most popular events during the convention and seats fill up fast, remember seating is limited. We have added some additional seating this year, so hopefully no one will have to be turned away. The registration form is in this issue of the magazine. One form covers pre-registration, banquet, blackjack and poker tournaments. 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 full 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. For any members who returned the form from the last issue of the magazine, there was an error of the banquet price listed on the form. If you paid the \$35.00 you will receive a refund script in your registration envelope which can be redeemed at the show either through one of the dealers, at the club promotional table, or used toward your membership renewal. If you signed up for the banquet, but did not pre-register, your banquet tickets can be picked up at the pre-registration booth.

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. 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.

Our banquet speaker this year will be the living legend of Las Vegas, Claudine Williams who owned the Silver Slipper and the Holiday Casino. Claudine is presently on the Board of Directors of Harrah's.

If you have any questions about the banquet please contact Wayne Thompson, [wayne@casinocheques.com](mailto:wayne@casinocheques.com), 859-252-5626.

## Poker Challenge

The poker tournament will be held at the Palms Hotel & Casino. The action starts Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. The room will be set up for 14 tables or maximum of 154 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, age 21 and over), 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, [librarian@ccgtcc.com](mailto:librarian@ccgtcc.com)

## Blackjack Tournament

The First Annual CC&GTCC Blackjack Tournament will be held at the Palms, starting at Noon on Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, and ending by 5pm. Location will be Pit #3.

Entry fee is \$75.00 per player, open to CC&GTCC members and associate members, age 21 and over. There will be a maximum of 108 players. Your entry also gets you some nice gifts and a set of commemorative tournament chips.

See the related article in this issue for all the details. Another great fun event for convention attendees. Direct any questions to Bob Pardue, [librarian@ccgtcc.com](mailto:librarian@ccgtcc.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](mailto:convention@ccgtcc.com)

The Deep South Chapter, Colorado Chapter, and the Silver Strike Chapter have already scheduled meetings during the convention. The Silver Strikers will have special guest speakers Gene Trimble of the Palms, and Hal Welch representing the

California and Main Street Casinos at one of their meetings. In addition the newly formed Slot Card and Room Key Chapter will be hosting a member's only swap meet on Wednesday from 9am to Noon. They will also offer raffles and grab bags. Memberships will be available at the door.

### Trading Sessions

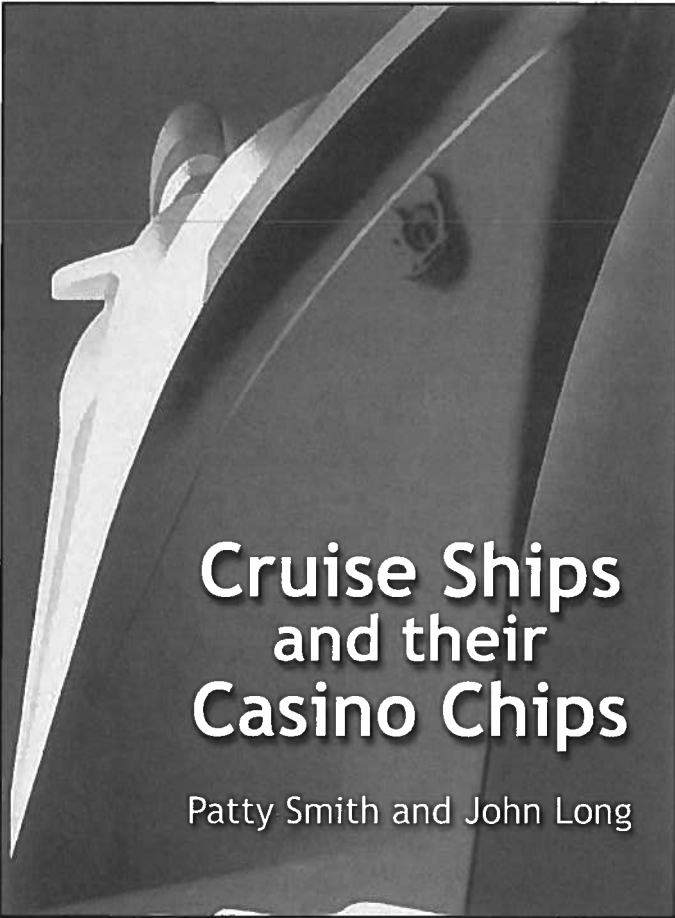
Several trading sessions will be held throughout the convention. Each morning starting at 8am and lasting until the show opens at 10am. Trade

till your hearts 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 & Building Fund Gala Extravaganza

On Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. We will have a cash bar available and the club will provide refreshments. See an associated article in this issue for more details on the Building Fund event. Plan on staying Saturday night, you won't want to miss this.



## YOUR SHIP HAS COME IN AND YOUR CHIP GUIDE IS ON IT!!!

This limited first edition will be available at the Casino Chip Convention at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas on June 25-28, 2003. This 60 page guide contains over 725 full color current and obsolete cruise ship chips with values. RSVP to reserve your copy by calling Patty Smith at 818-784-5076 or John Long at 480-391-1064

## Cruise Ships and their Casino Chips

Patty Smith and John Long

# Help Wanted

Part time positions open for dedicated club members. No experience necessary. Positions require only a few hours during the convention. No salary, but the benefits are great. Join your fellow club members in making the 2003 convention one of the best ever.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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, [ablack2@optonline.net](mailto:ablack2@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](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com)

## **Membership table**

Easy work, no lifting, just promote the club to prospective members and help sign them up for membership.

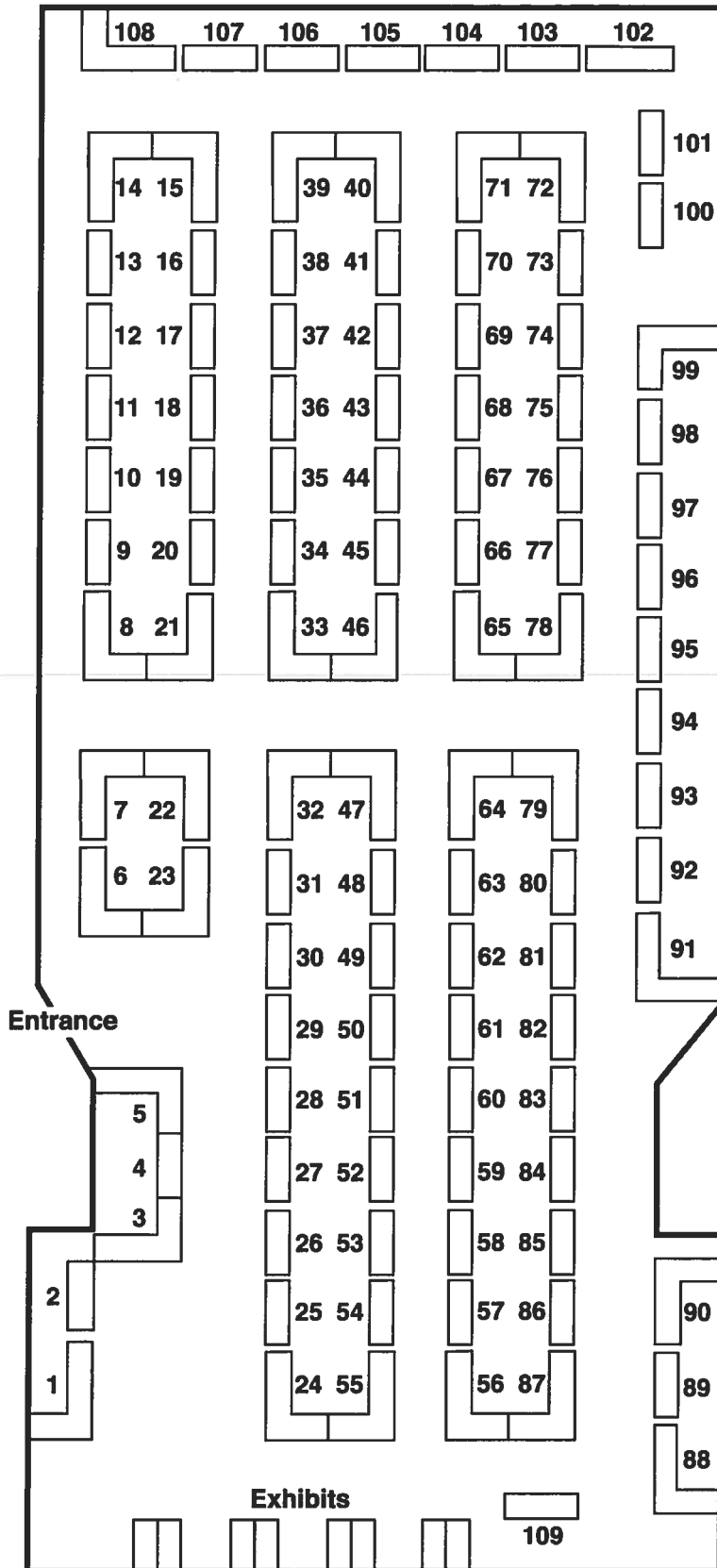
Contact Ralph Myers, Membership Officer, [membership@ccgtcc.com](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com)

## **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](mailto:promotions@ccgtcc.com) 702-316-8697 to leave a message.

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- 11 **Tom Pleau** Casino chips, gaming tokens, silver strikes, magazines
- 12 **Tom Pleau** Casino chips, gaming tokens, silver strikes, magazines
- 13 **Tom Pleau** Casino chips, gaming tokens, silver strikes, magazines
- 14 **Bob Feeney** Casino chips, matchbooks, ceramic casino items. [chips250@aol.com](mailto:chips250@aol.com)
- 15 **Doug Saito** Nevada & California chips, Atlantic city, Colorado & foreign chips. Postcards, matchbooks.
- 16 **Doug Saito** Nevada & California chips, Atlantic city, Colorado & foreign chips. Postcards, matchbooks.
- 17 **Steve Passalacqua** Casino collectibles, Crest & Seal chips. [tds4chips@webtv.net](mailto:tds4chips@webtv.net)
- 18 **Allen Banick** Chips & tokens from Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, cruise ships & international. [allen@cochips.com](mailto:allen@cochips.com)
- 19 **Jack Haddock** Silver Strikes [jackhaddock@mindspring.com](mailto:jackhaddock@mindspring.com)
- 20 **Ron Minsberg** Silver Strikes
- 21 **Scott Hartman** Chips, gaming antiques, supplies [scott@chipman.com](mailto:scott@chipman.com)
- 24 **Michael Spinetti** Chips [finnetti@aol.com](mailto:finnetti@aol.com)
- 25 **Ralph Strandwold** Ivory & Clay poker chips [strandwold@aol.com](mailto:strandwold@aol.com)
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- 38 **Ted Brown** Old chips, Nevada and elsewhere [wtbibr@aol.com](mailto:wtbibr@aol.com)
- 39 **James Campiglia** Better obsolete casino chips [jvcinsb@cox.net](mailto:jvcinsb@cox.net)
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- 42 **Rick Lonski** Vegas & Michigan casino chips, slot cards, limited edition chips. [casino@ameritech.net](mailto:casino@ameritech.net)
- 43 **Frank Lonteen** Nevada chips, ashtrays, other casino items.
- 44 **Peter Nathan** Casino chips, all denominations, world wide, specializing in fractionals, \$1 & \$2.50, US, Caribbean and Canada [vegaspetie@aol.com](mailto:vegaspetie@aol.com)
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- 63 **Howard Kaplan** Cruise ships & fireign chips, tokens, silver strikes. [kkaplan@cfl.rr.com](mailto:kkaplan@cfl.rr.com)
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- 67 **Steve McLendon** Casino chips, prints & photos of old Nevada clubs. [chipman@cwnet.com](mailto:chipman@cwnet.com)
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- 80 **Robert Cook** Chips & tokens from riverboats, indians, Deadwood, and Colorado. [robert@wlcxnt.com](mailto:robert@wlcxnt.com)
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- 82 **Rick Olsen** Casino dice, ashtrays, postcards, chips, casino memorabilia. [vintagedice@hotmail.com](mailto:vintagedice@hotmail.com)
- 83 **Rick Olsen** Casino dice, ashtrays, postcards, chips, casino memorabilia.
- 84 **Dwight Harouff** Chips, ashtrays, silver strikes, & misc. [goldplated@aol.com](mailto:goldplated@aol.com)
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# Convention Schedule

Wednesday – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 9:00 AM            **Registration Opens** – Dealers and Members
- 9:00 AM            **Slot Card/Room Key Chapter Meeting**  
*Hawaiian Room 1 & 2*  
9AM to 11AM – Chapter Members Only  
Meeting, Raffle. Memberships Available at Door  
11AM to 4PM – Open Swap session
- General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Room 3 & 4*  
9AM to 4PM – Trade Session - No Sales
- 12:00 NOON        **Dealer Setup Begins** – **DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**  
**CC&GTCC Blackjack Tournament**  
*Palms Resort-Casino* – until 5:00 PM
- 4:00 PM            **Slot Card/Room Key Swap Session Closes**  
**General Trade Session Closes**
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- 5:30 PM            **Early Bird Banquet** – **TICKETED EVENT – ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*
- 8:00 PM            **Member Trade Session Opens**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*
- 11:00 PM          **Dealer Setup Closes**

Thursday – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 7:00 AM            **Dealer Setup Continues** – **DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**
- 8:00 AM            **General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Room* – until 10:00 AM
- 8:30 AM            **Educational Forum**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*
- 9:00 AM            **Registration Opens**
- 10:00 AM          **Opening Ceremonies – 2003 Show Begins**  
*South Pacific Ballroom*  
**General Trade Session Closes**

# Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collector's Club

## 2003 *Blackjack* Tournament

**June 25, 2003**  
**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Palms Casino – Pit #3**

**\$1,700 FIRST  
PLACE PRIZE\***

*\*Based on 108 players*

All players receive a complimentary set of tournament chips plus a Palms hat and T-shirt.

Entry fee \$75 per player. Open to CC&GTCC members and associate members only.

## 2003 *Poker* Tournament

**June 26, 2003**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Palms Casino Poker Room**

**\$2,287 FIRST  
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*\*Based on 154 players*

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4:00 PM **Silver Strike Chapter Forum**  
*Caribbean Ballroom – until 6:00 PM*

5:00 PM **Colorado Chapter Meeting**  
*Hawaiian Rooms*

5:30 PM **Show Floor Entrance Closed – EXIT ONLY**

6:00 PM **Show in Recess – until 10:00 AM Friday**

6:30 PM **Annual Club Business Meeting**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*

8:00 PM **General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Rooms*  
**Silver Strike Chapter Meeting**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Challenge**  
*Palms Casino*  
**Show Floor Secured**

Friday – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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8:00 AM **General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Rooms – until 10:00 AM*  
**DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOWROOM**

8:30 AM **Educational Seminar**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*

9:00 AM **Registrtaion Opens**

10:00 AM **Show Floor Opens to MembersS**  
**General Trade Session Closes**

10:30 AM **Deep South Chapter Meeting**  
*Hawaiian Rooms*

4:30 PM **Show Floor Entrance Closed – EXIT ONLY**

5:00 PM **Show in Recess – until 10:00 AM Saturday**

6:00 PM **General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Rooms – until 9:00 PM*

6:30 PM **Annual Club Auction Begins**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*  
**Show Floor Secured**

Saturday – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003

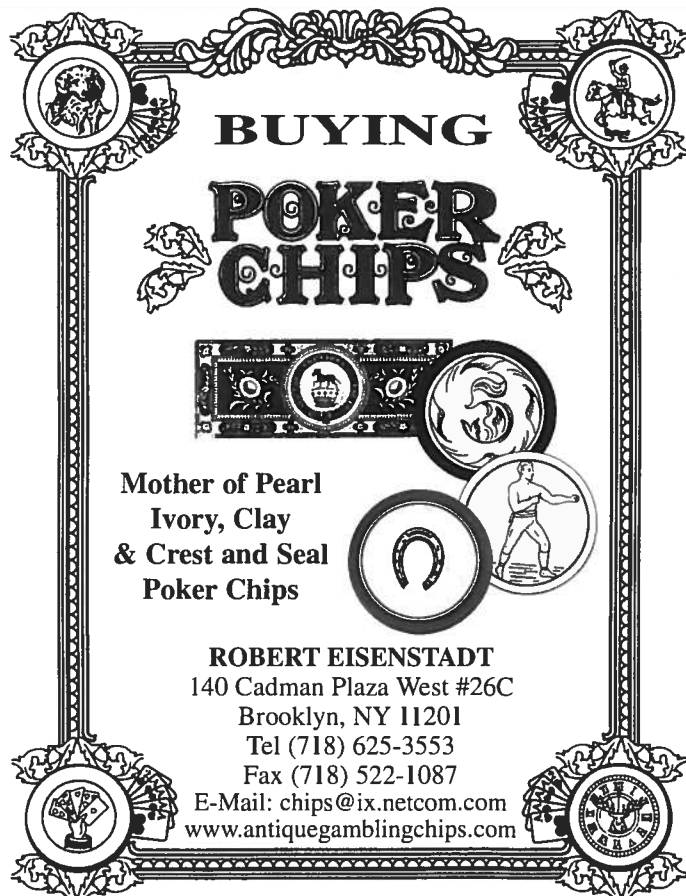
- 8:00 AM            **DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOW FLOOR**
- General Trade Session**  
*Hawaiian Room – until 10:00 AM*
- 8:30 AM            **Eductaional Seminar**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*
- 9:00 AM            **Registration Opens**
- 10:00 AM           **Show Floor Opens to Members**
- 3:30 PM            **Show Floor Entrance Closed – EXIT ONLY**
- 4:00 PM            **2003 Show Closes**
- 6:00 PM            **ALL DEALERS MUST VACATE SHOW FLOOR**
- 7:00 PM            **“Last Dance” Trade Session and**  
**Gala Building Fund Raising Event**  
*Caribbean Ballroom*

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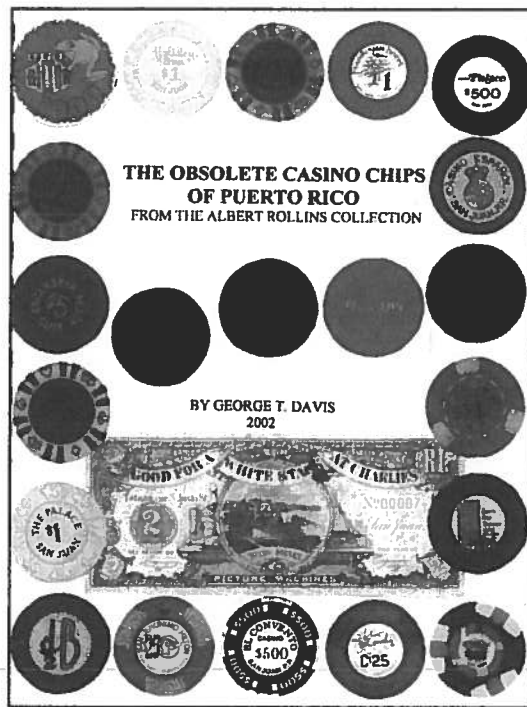
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# ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

by Dale Seymour, and Ken Craig

Recently some bone chips have surfaced with old west saloon names hot stamped on them. One such chip is stamped with with the name of Wyatt Earp's Dexter Saloon in Nome, Alaska. A number of factors which are unusual about these chips have resulted in suspicions that the chips are not authentic or maybe at best they are commemorative chips like other commemorative saloon ivories made in the 1920's. Consequently, we are not assigning them a code or promoting, them as antique gambling chips. If the chips had been made of ivory and not bone, we might have placed them in the recent creation or commemorative category. We have not coded any bone chips.

When chips are promoted as rare and authentic, it is wise to do some serious investigating and extensive



communicating with long time collectors. When one thinks he's come upon a rare find, there is a risk in telling several others about it. He might lose the deal, but h could also get taken. Cavaet Emptor. As collectors, we need to pass the word and discourage counterfeiting whenever we can.

In a previous article we featured several cardboard chip boxes from various chip manufacturers and distributors. Some collectors value these boxes as well as the chips they hold.

Robert Eisenstadt (NY) has a rare wooden chip box which is to be envied. It is shown here and was the container for clay chips, Tiger Head (PB-TZ). This box probably cost the US Playing Card Co. more to manufacture than the chips it held. Possibly why they went to cardboard as a solution.

New finds by collectors are shown on the following two pages. Thanks to Eisenstadt, Ralph Strandwold (CA), Jim Myers (OH), Rich Hanover (NJ) and Harry McNear (MI) for sending in there recent finds.

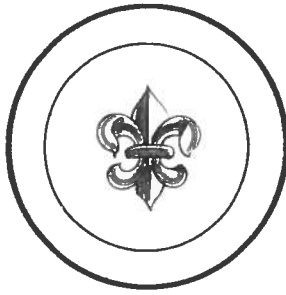


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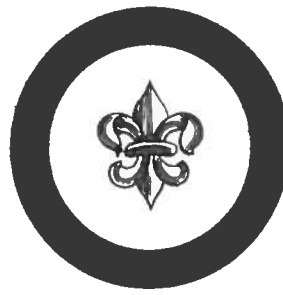
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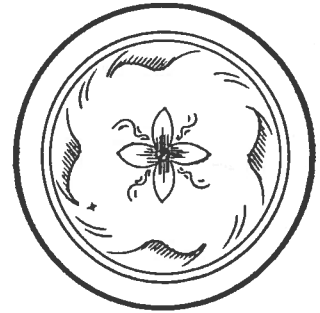
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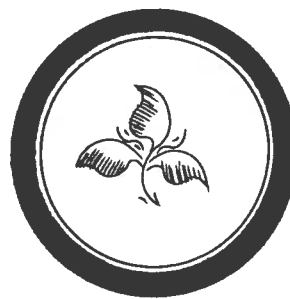
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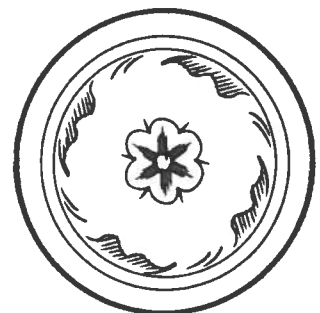
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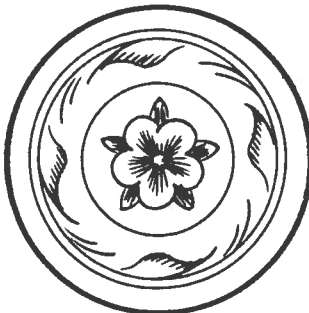
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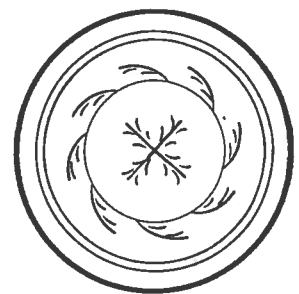
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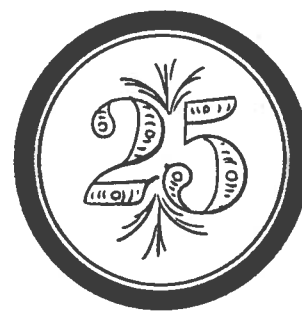
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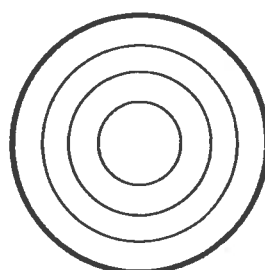
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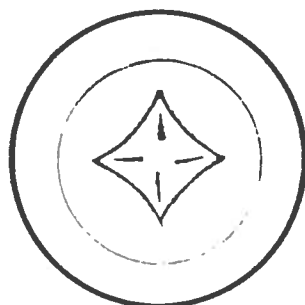


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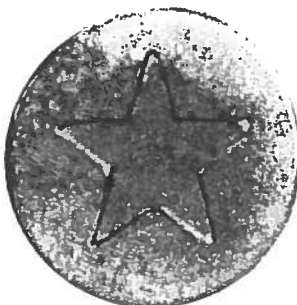


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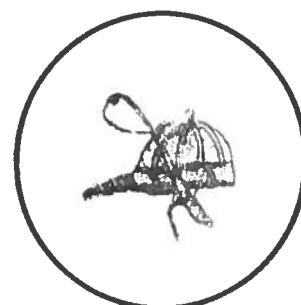
PD-CU Kite  
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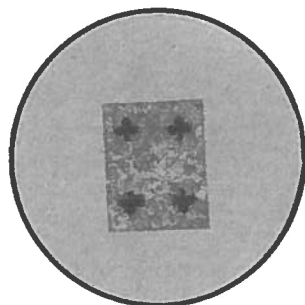
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PE-TR T. Roosevelt  
Embossed / v:h



PS-GN Cap & Whip  
Engraved / v:h



Examples of recently found chips. Personalized clay chips are not coded.



by Larry Hollibaugh

### January - February 2003

The year 2003 is getting off to a great chipping start in Northern Nevada. In the first two months we've seen 18 new chips issued, including two Reno casinos that completely changed their racks.

In January, the Eldorado Casino in Reno replaced their entire rack. They have new \$1, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 chips, all sporting the "1997" logo first featured on the previous \$25 and up chips.



The Peppermill Casino in Wendover released Year of the Ram chips in \$8 and \$25 denominations. They made 500 of the \$8 chips and only 50 of the \$25 chips. Most of both denoms were sent to their Asian high-roller customers as incentives. Very few of the \$25 chips have come back in, making this an incredibly difficult chip to get.

In February, the Club Cal-Neva Casino replaced their Paul-Son metal-center chips with a new Bud Jones rack. They have new \$1, \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips.

The Reno Hilton and Harrah's Reno both released Year of the Ram chips. The Hilton is an \$8 chip,



while the Harrah's is a \$5 Chipco in the same style of the rest of their Chinese New Years chips.

Finally, Jim Kelley's Nugget in Crystal Bay, on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, released \$1, \$5, \$25 and \$100 limited edition chips to honor Jim Kelley, who passed away in 1993. The chips are all serial numbered, and were sold in sets. There are 200 each of the \$1, \$5 and \$25, which each sport a design from a classic old Nugget chip from years ago. Only 25 of the \$100 was made, making it a very hard chip to find for sale today. This \$100 is possibly the first LE advertising a slot club.



If you would like to join my Northwest Nevada new issues service, just email me at [Larry@RenoCasinoChips.com](mailto:Larry@RenoCasinoChips.com). Let me know what types and denominations of chips you are interested in and I will send you an email when new chips are released that match your interest.



And feel free to check out my web site at [www.RenoCasinoChips.com](http://www.RenoCasinoChips.com), where you can see all the new chips issued in northern Nevada since January of 2002.





## Revisited

by Mike Quinlivan

It all started on June 19, 1974 as I was driving my souped up '72 Vega GT to Las Vegas. I was a 20-year old Airman in the Air Force and on my way to the base at Nellis, located northeast of Vegas. Since base housing for the two-month stint working on the Nellis control tower was non-existent, the crew of seven and I were assigned to military contract quarters: **The Flamingo Capri**. Now it wasn't a hotel by any stretch of the imagination in 1974. It was a renovated 180-room motel, with parking wrapped around the front of the two-story L-shaped building. To the left of the parking lot, there was a decent sized rectangular pool, and near the entrance was the lobby and casino building. Across from the lobby was the restaurant. Checking in, I asked if the Capri was an offshoot of the neighboring Flamingo Hotel. I was told that, no, they weren't affiliated, but that the owners received permission to use the name. As you may have noticed, they also used the same "font" or type style and the now famous Flamingo bird.

I didn't do much gambling in the Flamingo Capri casino, as I was underage and I did not want to take

too many chances in my own backyard. However, the Flamingo Capri casino had a number of penny slots.....remember, I was a lowly Airman in the Air Force – the pay wasn't why I joined! Nothing computerized on the casino floors — the one-armed bandits, with their cherries, plums, watermelons and "triple 7's" were the slots of the day. Oh, don't forget the free breakfast coupons the Capri handed out!

As for our assignment, we worked for the Air Force Communications Service, updating the older transistor communications systems to highly sophisticated integrated circuit designs. On this assignment, we upgraded the ground-to-air communications systems in the new control tower, working odd hours to not interrupt the pilot training program. The highlight of our 2-month assignment was the "christening" of the control tower by the Thunderbirds. The ace flyers did a low altitude fly-by, not in formation, but one after another. It was a most exhilarating, awesome, scary and LOUD experience, and was Nellis' way of saying, "Thanks for a job well done!"

When I left for home in August 1974, all I took as a souvenir of the Capri was this matchbook below!



Flamingo Capri Motel & Casino c1974



Two years later, now a Sergeant, I was once again assigned to Nellis for 2 months, this time to help update their microwave relay station at Angels Peak, close to Mount Charleston. Five years ago, I took my family up to see if I could still find the small building where I had toiled for 2 months that summer long ago. I don't know which I am more amazed of – that the building was still there (looking virtually the same) or that I had found it!

Once again, in 1976, I was assigned off-base housing at the Flamingo Capri. A few things changed from the previous stay – now the motel had turned into a hotel and was a member of the Friendship Inns of America. It was on this trip that I recall live table games being available, as they were not there during the summer of 1974. It would appear that the first time chips were used at the Capri was sometime between the summer of 1974 and the summer of 1976. The newly designed matchbook (shown on the right) again was my only souvenir. Had I known then!!!!

Fast forward to December 1995. My wife, Corni, and I were in Vegas for the weekend. We lucked out and saw the opening ceremonies for the



Flamingo Capri Hotel & Casino c1976

Fremont Street Experience light show. Fabulous! Somewhere between revisiting some of the older downtown casinos and the new light show, I got the “unique” idea that I should collect a \$5 casino chip from every casino in

Las Vegas ... then that morphed into every casino that ever existed in Las Vegas (how hard could that be?) ... then that changed to collecting a \$5 chip from every casino that existed in Nevada! Seemed easy enough. How many casinos could there have been?

Somewhere between 1995 and 1997, I ran across a neat website called Cheques in the Mail, run by Dave Harber. His site linked me to an actual club for chip collectors. Who would have thought there were others out there who collected gaming chips! At the first CC&GTCC convention I attended in 1997, I met Dave and Debbie Harber in person, and became a club member. I thought I had run across a gold mine of like-minded people. My wife just rolled her eyes! She couldn't believe there were enough chip collectors out there to warrant a convention!

Around that time, I realized that my goal of collecting from every Nevada casino that ever existed was pure folly. Records of some smaller casinos in out-of-the-way places were spotty at best. I had a better chance of flying under my own power! So, I decided to focus on collecting older chips that had beautiful inlays (in my opinion) or were historically significant.

Well, at least the Flamingo Capri is historical to me. Again, had I known in 1974 and 1976 that I would be collecting gaming chips from Nevada in 1995 ...

My first Flamingo Capri chip was purchased on EBay, the 50 cent yellow hot stamp (right). Not very impressive, but it was a piece from my past. It is thought that it is from the first issue, but it may predate the set of three inlay DIECAR chips below, thought to be from the mid-1970's. Why would they have two 50-cent chips in the first issue? As I delved further into collecting, Flamingo Capri chips were few and far between. It was almost as if the casino barely existed .....



Yellow



Lime green



Pink with lime inserts

A series considered to be the first issue from the mid-seventies (above), about the time I could have brought a few of these babies home ... but didn't!

A series of chips with a more artistic logo is considered the second issue, which would have been issued after my stay in 1976. I have never seen un-notched examples of the \$25 or \$100 chips.

**Fabulous Fakes!** Yes, I learned about, and purchased some Flamingo Capri Borland imitations – really counterfeit chips. Bill Borland purchased the rights to the NEVADA and DIECAR molds, and the hot-stamp dies used by a number of casinos, including the Flamingo Capri. He produced some pretty decent hot stamp imitations of several chips. Not all subsequent sales of these Borland chips alluded to their “remanufactured” status.



Over the last few years, I have collected most of the known, and a couple not previously known, Flamingo Capri chips. Using *The Chip Rack* and *The Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide* as reference, some of the chips in my collection include:

An “FC” chip, attributed to the Flamingo Capri, but I'm not sure if that has been validated. It is currently not listed in TCR.



Red with black inserts



Green with black inserts



Black with beige inserts



Rust



Purple







Chocolate Brown



Brown



Orange (Obverse)



Orange (Reverse)

The Match Play \$2 for \$1/Non Negotiable chip above (in obverse and reverse views) is listed as a Borland counterfeit. I do not believe that to be the case. The hot-stamp is not medal-aligned and the hot-stamp itself is gold rather than bronze

One indication that you have a Borland chip is to see if the hot stamp on each side is "medal- aligned". In



Imitation (identically aligned)



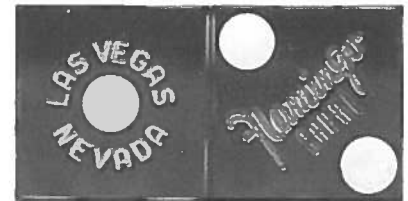
Genuine

other words, does the image appear at the same "clock position" on both sides? Usually, genuine chips do not have their images aligned perfectly on both sides. Also, the hot stamp is usually a bit darker, having a bronze appearance rather than gold. Frequently, the hot stamp overflows at the edge of the letters (but that's not always the case), and often times the chip body is of a slightly different shade of clay than the original. An example of the front and back of a genuine chip and a Borland counterfeit are shown below. Note the differences in the hot-stamp alignment. Though the black and white image may not show it, the color of the hot-stamp and the shade of the imitation chip are different from the genuine. The genuine \$1.00 NEVADA mold beige chip (the bottom 2 images) is currently not listed in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of TCR.



Quite by accident, I found more information about the changes the Flamingo Capri went through just before it officially became the Imperial Palace. Janice and Jerry O'Neal sent me some scans of Flamingo Capri matchbooks (next page). The matchbook on the left mentioned that the Capri now had 300 deluxe rooms and featured the *Shangri-La* pool. The matchbook on the right boasts it now has "650 rooms and.....The Best Kept Secret..."

*The Flamingo Capri is on the move! On July 1, 1977 we completed our new Imperial Palace Tower. On July 1, 1978 we will add a new dimension in Las Vegas with an oriental flavor. A new casino, showroom, lounge, restaurant, meeting and convention facilities, complimented with a most unique shopping arcade...Who knows, we may even call ourselves...The Imperial Palace."* Both matchbooks show that the Capri had now become part of the Best Western chain of motels/hotels.



Dice - 1976 or later



Free Play Token - date unknown



Playing Cards - 1977 or later use

I believe that the late 70's chips were used on Capri tables around the time they were expanding from 300 to 650 rooms. Once the Imperial Palace became the hotel and casino, the Flamingo Capri faded into oblivion.

Scan courtesy of Janice and Jerry O'Neal



Interestingly enough, we purchased a time-share at the Hilton Grand Vacations Club in 1994, right behind the Flamingo Hilton, and our rooms every summer overlook this huge blue-tile roofed tower named the Imperial Palace. I seem to have come full circle!

Examples of matchbooks issued prior to becoming a casino

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# Silver Gambling Counters of the Simon van de Passe School

by Colin Narbeth

The collector of Casino chips is often tempted to study the history of gambling which of course takes the collector far back before casinos were introduced. The study of the Mississippi gambling steamers of the early 19th century has attracted a lot of attention - and has plenty of room for enthusiastic researchers. Going back a bit further we find that in Europe gambling in the 16th/17th/18th centuries was a major occupation of the population. Remember, they did not have TV or anything like it and gambling gave a bit of excitement in what was otherwise generally a fairly drab life. Gambling took hold so much that Kings and governments introduced legislation to restrict gaming to certain times of the year - like Christmas, and introduced fines for even the aristocracy, and sometimes prohibited gaming altogether (without much success!).

Of course anything could serve as chips and the most common in Europe were the jetons, primarily introduced for accounting, but later produced simply for gambling. Sometimes, however, very famous engravers would turn their skills to gambling pieces. Without doubt one of the greatest of these was Simon van de Passe. Famous for the quality of his work - particularly in engraving frontispieces and bookplates. He did much work for Royalty and finally became Regius Sculptor to King Christian IV.



Silver container showing portrait of King Charles I on top and his Queen, Henrietta Maria, bottom.



Front and back of the container box

For some six years (1616-1622) he worked in England and established a Van de Passe school continued by his brother Willem. In 1616 Simon had engraved a number of Royal plaques thereby gaining exemption from the monopoly granted to Nicholas Hilliard in the Royal patent of 1st May 1617 for "graving and imprinting medailles" and small portraits of the King. The patent exempted those who worked under "our special warrant or command" and also those who wished to reproduce their own work originally made prior to the patent.

There are many examples of his work in gold and silver in the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and various museums in his birthplace, Utrecht in the Netherlands. His school produced many silver gambling counters, often in sets of 25 or 36, and encased them in beautifully made silver containers.

The quality of the work is such that experts still discuss the probable methods of production - a discussion which has been going on since at least 1915 when G.F. Hill wrote his treatise "The technique of Simon van de Passe". In 1916 Helen Farquhar wrote extensively on the subject concluding that the probability was that various methods were tried over a period of years and that the more common counters, such as the Full Length sovereigns, were cast. H.C.



Early silver counters of 1616-1625 (re-issued in 1628) show King James I on one side and Prince Charles (to become King Charles I) on the other. His portrait starts with no beard at all – and as he grows up, the beard is added in progressive degrees over the ten years of production.



Carruthers, a practical engraver and jewel -setter “was so good as to look through a large number of counters with me (Helen Farquhar), and whilst pronouncing most of the earlier series to be hand-engraved throughout, he picked out others as showing signs of casting, and others again which were, he said, distinctly the product of a die.” More recently, Mark Jones “The technique of Simon van de Passe re-considered” concluded: “In the light of this it seems probably, that, while de Passe engraved the models for his medals and on occasion, directly engraved medals not intended for reproduction, the reproductive technique used in his workshop was neither stamping in imitation of engraving, nor engraving, whether or not assisted by transfers, but simple casting. Admittedly very skilful casting, of the order seen in contemporary work by Guillaume Dupre and others, and presumably followed by a polishing process which produced the ‘clear and sharp’

surface.” Many numismatists disagree citing the half-length sovereign gambling counters where the quality and sharpness of work on such thin flans mitigates against the casting processes available at the time of King Charles I. The debate continues.

Simon de Passe died in Denmark in 1644. The last gambling counters produced by his school turned away from royal portraits to subjects like “Street Cries” and “Classical portraits” that were not likely to offend either side in the Civil War which ended in the beheading of Charles I.

These gambling counters which average 28mm diameter are now getting hard to come by. Worn pieces of the Full Length sovereigns, the most common, are sometimes found in the London markets at between \$50 and \$100. Extremely fine pieces can be \$200 to \$300. Sothebys

recently illustrated a 34 out of 36 set of these counters together with the container estimated at £600-£800. They went under the hammer at £3000.

A detailed cataloguing of these gambling counters with numerous illustrations can be found in “Jetons, Medalets and Tokens” (British Isles Circa 1558 to 1830), Volume 3, by Michael Mitchiner (Hawkins Publications London 1998) - pages 1661 to 1680.



Left: A typically worn gambling counter by the Simon van de Passe School showing Edward the Confessor. From the most common “full length” sovereign set of 36. These were issued between 1630 and 1635.

Right: The much scarcer “half-length” sovereign set, showing Harold. Issued between 1635 and 1637.



# KNAPP ON BOOKS

by Michael Knapp

For several years, many of those of you with computers have been able to read my reviews of chip and token collecting books on the Chequers website. For now, however, that site has been taken down, and “Knapp on Books” no longer exists.

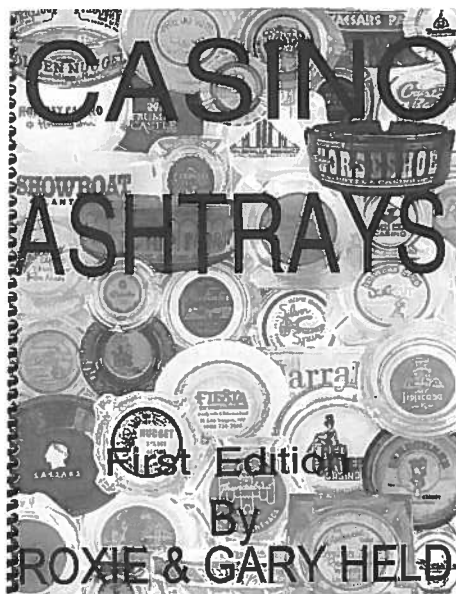
At the urging of several collectors, “Knapp on Books” will now become a regular feature of *Casino Chip and Token News*, available to all Club members. I’ll try to review all books as they are published, and will fill in with books published some time ago, but which are still available from their authors or in bookstores.

If you’ve written a chip or token collecting book, please drop me an e-mail at [ChipProf@aol.com](mailto:ChipProf@aol.com), so we can arrange for a review copy. For readers of the column, if there are books you’d like to see reviewed in this column, please also drop me a note and I’ll be glad to try to accommodate your request.

As with all reviews, please keep in mind that this column contains my opinions. Let’s get started!

## **CASINO ASHTRAYS (2002), First Edition, by Roxie and Gary Held**

The Helds’ book is not the first on casino ashtrays, but it is the most recent and most inclusive. Unlike many price guides, *Casino Ashtrays* is not limited to Nevada ashtrays, but includes ashtrays from U.S. casinos in many jurisdictions.



Inevitably, the Helds’ book will be compared to Art Anderson’s *Casinos and their Ashtrays*, published in 1994 and still available from specialty bookstores. Anderson’s book was the first such publication, and rather than replacing it, the Helds have sought to expand and update Anderson’s work. They’ve done an outstanding job.

It became apparent when the Anderson book was published that many collectors had ashtrays not included in the book. And Anderson decided early on that he would not write a followup edition to supplement his original work.

The Helds have taken Anderson’s seminal work and enlarged it, adding descriptions of hundreds of trays not included in the earlier book. They found it impossible to continue with Anderson’s catalog numbering system, but with his permission, they have included his numbers for the ashtrays in both books, while creating

a new numbering system of their own. Thus, additions bear RG numbers, but not Anderson numbers.

Imprints are shown in their actual language, and bolded to distinguish what appears on the ashtrays from descriptive material in the book.

One of the major features of *Casino Ashtrays* is a built-in inventory system for the collector. For each listing, there are four blanks contained within the listing itself: “have,” “cost,” “traders,” and “obtained,” which allows the collector to indicate whether he collected the tray himself, purchased it, or traded for it.

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“The Helds have shared their passion for casino ashtrays with the hobby”

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While there are many photos of ashtrays, there are many more blank spaces, marked “Photo Wanted.” In time, the Helds will add to the database that comprises the book’s content. If *Casino Ashtrays* has a failing, it’s the quality of the illustrations. Given the printing-on-demand method they’ve used, rather than professionally printed content, the quality of the pictures doesn’t match what appears in the Anderson book. But in most cases the pictures are clear enough to read, and certainly to distinguish each type of ashtray from another.

Values are shown in ranges, as they are in the Anderson book, although updated. As the authors point out, values are there as guides, not as “prices.” On occasion, and depending on the area of the country, ashtrays can be purchased at flea markets for very little. To the serious ashtray collector though, more purchases are likely to be made at casino collectible shows where the values shown should be more common.

The Helds have shared their passion for casino ashtrays with the hobby, and their book is a valuable one for others so infected! It’s available from the authors by e-mailing them at [rheld@att.net](mailto:rheld@att.net).

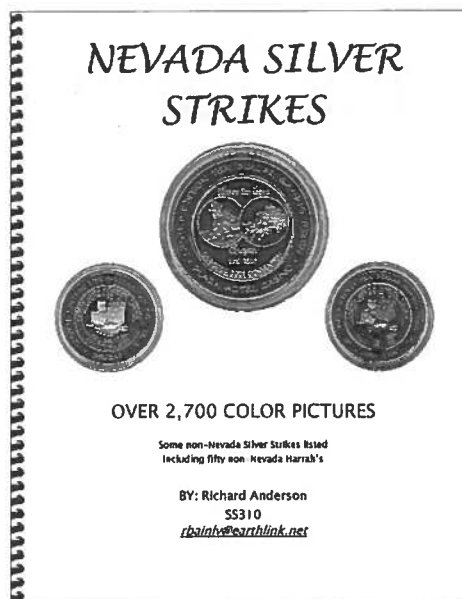
### **NEVADA SILVER STRIKES (2002) by Richard Anderson**

As the collecting of silver premium tokens has grown, so has the need for an authoritative and inclusive catalog and price guide for collectors. Richard Anderson’s book is just that.

Anderson’s book, 275 pages worth, contains sharp, color photographs in almost full size, of silver premium tokens from Nevada casinos, as well as a few from outside Nevada.

One of the most valuable things about a catalog or price guide for the collector is the extent and consistency of catalog numbers. Catalog numbers can be shorthand for a complete description of an item, and they certainly aid in helping to make sure that two collectors are talking about the same item.

Anderson’s book shows a catalog number for each token listed, and the numbering system is intuitive: ALLV,



for example, is used for the tokens of the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.

*Nevada Silver Strikes* indicates when silver premium token machines were pulled from a casino’s inventory, as well as showing the dates casinos closed.

This is a “no-frills” book: not much space is used for narratives, discussions or descriptions. The entire 275 pages consists of pictures, details, catalog numbers, and values of tokens, five to a page. Both the obverse and reverse of each token (with few exceptions) are shown.

The taciturn approach, however, leads to some usability issues. For example, it took me five minutes of careful study to determine the difference between HCLV-02 and HCLV-02a,

when it would have been easy to point out that the wording under the logo is different on each version.

I’ll admit that I’m not a silver strike collector (although I do have a few in my collection, of course!). For that reason, I may not be the best judge of the accuracy of the values shown in the Anderson book.

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Unlike some price guides, *Nevada Silver Strikes* shows a specific price for each token listed, rather than a value range. That makes it very easy for a collector to determine relative values. But many of the values seem a bit high to my untrained eye. I’ve seen quite a few silver premium tokens going for less than the value that appears in the Anderson book, and I’ve usually obtained the few I have for less than the prices shown.

That being said, the quality and inclusiveness of the Anderson book is extremely high, and it will certainly find a place on every silver striker’s bookshelf. Copies may be obtained from the author by e-mail at [rbainlv@earthlink.net](mailto:rbainlv@earthlink.net).

# Blackjack Tournament

by Robert **Pardue**

Blackjack and Poker Tournaments Chairman

In response to numerous requests, CC&GTCC will hold its first annual Blackjack Tournament during the 2003 convention. Thanks to the Palms Casino Resort for hosting the tournament. This should be lots of fun!

You may register for the Blackjack tournament by mail or on the club website until the preregistration deadline. Clearly mark "BJ tournament - \$75" on your registration form and add \$75 for each player. We will also accept walk-up entries at the Palms on the day of the tournament, prior to the 12 noon start time, based on space available.

## Time

**Wednesday afternoon, June 25,  
12 noon to 5:00pm**

**at Palms Casino pit #3.**

See specific schedule below.

## Entry info

Entry fee: \$75 per player. No rebuys. Open to current CC&GTCC members and associate members ONLY. (Age 21+ of course.) Maximum 108 players, as explained below. Each player gets 500 in NCV tournament chips. Optional 100 NCV extra chip for \$3 at the start of the tournament, which goes into a dealer's token pool.

## Prize pool

\$45 per player goes to prize pool; \$20 to Palms for hosting the tournament, providing dealers & manage-

ment; \$10 for cost of one set of 5-piece CC&GTCC 2003 special tournament chips awarded to each player. (Since the tournament chips will be used for *both* the BJ and poker tournaments, players won't get their chip sets until Thursday night after the poker tournament, or pick them up Friday at the club table on the convention floor.)

## Prizes

Each player will receive complimentary Palms hat & t-shirt, plus set of tournament chips. First place winner receives custom-framed plaque with tournament chips. Final round players win the following portion of the cash prize pool. If we sell-out, 1st place will be \$1700 !!! — 1st place - 35%, 2nd- 25%, 3rd - 15%, 4th - 10%, 5th - 5%, 6th - 3% of prize pool. Also, the semi-final round 2nd place players at each table will receive 1% each (total = 6%). Finally, one "wild card" player, excluding above finishers will receive 1%, awarded by random draw.

## BJ Tournament Format

Three (3) initial rounds, followed by 1 semi-final round, followed by 1 final round. You may play in any one of the initial rounds (12:00 noon, 1:00pm or 2:00pm) with player start times assigned randomly. Semi-final round at 3:00pm and Final round at 4:00pm ending at 5:00pm. Each round starts promptly; late players will be disqualified.

Initial rounds: 6 tables with 6 players each table. Maximum 36 players start at 12:00 noon; 36 additional players start at 1:00pm and 36 additional players start at 2:00pm. The FIRST and SECOND place players with the most chips from EACH table advance to the semi-final round.

Semi-final round: 6 tables with 6 players each (assuming sell-out in initial rounds). The FIRST place player from each semi-final table advances to the final round. The SECOND place player from each semi-final round wins a portion of the prize pool (see above).

Final round: 1 table with 6 players. Final position based on order of busting-out. Players with chips remaining at end of final round, the final order of finish determined by chip count.

## Tournament play

Each round begins with each player receiving 500 in NCV chips (plus optional 100 NCV for \$3 dealer token pool in initial rounds only.) Betting limits: 10-500 anytime. Players make betting decisions in turn for each hand, with "chung" marker at first-base player for first hand. Chung moves clockwise each hand, so new player acts first each time. After twenty (20) minutes of open play, then five (5) additional hands will be played at each table before round of play ends. Maximum of 1 minute per player to make betting decision.



Blackjack tournament will use 6-deck shoe, with cards dealt face up. Dealer must hit soft 17. Blackjack plays 3-to-2. Double down on any two initial cards. Split any pair, resplit to total of 4 hands. Resplit aces to total of 4 hands if additional ace(s) dealt immediately. Double down after split permitted. Surrender permitted.

#### **Additional tournament rules**

One player per hand — No coaching from other players or spectators.

Must leave table when no chips remaining. All standard Palms Blackjack rules apply. If there is a tie between two contestants who may advance to the next round, one (1) card will be dealt in normal order to each contestant. High card dealt will determine who will advance to the next round. (Ace high, deuce low.) All disputes resolved by the pit floorperson whose decision is final. All decisions will be based on normal house rules. Any extenuating circumstance will be based on the fairness of

all participants. And finally, absolutely NO harvesting tournament chips!

#### **Questions**

Contact Robert Pardue, Blackjack & Poker Tournaments chairman.

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# RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

Bally's in Tunica, MS issued a nice set of River Kings chips with 3 different \$1's and 2 different \$5's.

Hello riverboat collectors! There are a few new riverboat chips to report on this time.

The Argosy Casino in Baton Rouge, LA has a new .50 H&C chip to replace their old Unicorn mold chips.



The Gold Strike in Robinsonville, MS issued two very nice looking Chipcos. The first is a nice \$25 to celebrate New Years, then a \$5 for Valentines Day.



The Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS issued a nice set of 3 Year of the Ram chips.





Bally's has also issued a new .25 chip.



The Isle of Capri and the Grand Casino, both in Biloxi, MS have both issued new roulettes recently. The ones from the Grand are especially nice looking.



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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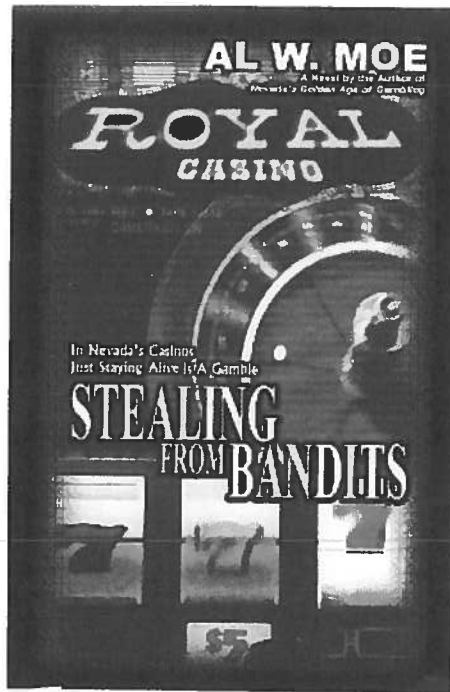
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by Allan Anderson

Tracking play and rewarding patrons playing blackjack has always been hit and miss. While slot play has become a science using slot cards and rewarding players with food, free rooms and other comps based on their play, blackjack players, especially those that bet the minimum, have not been given the comps they deserve. That is, until now.

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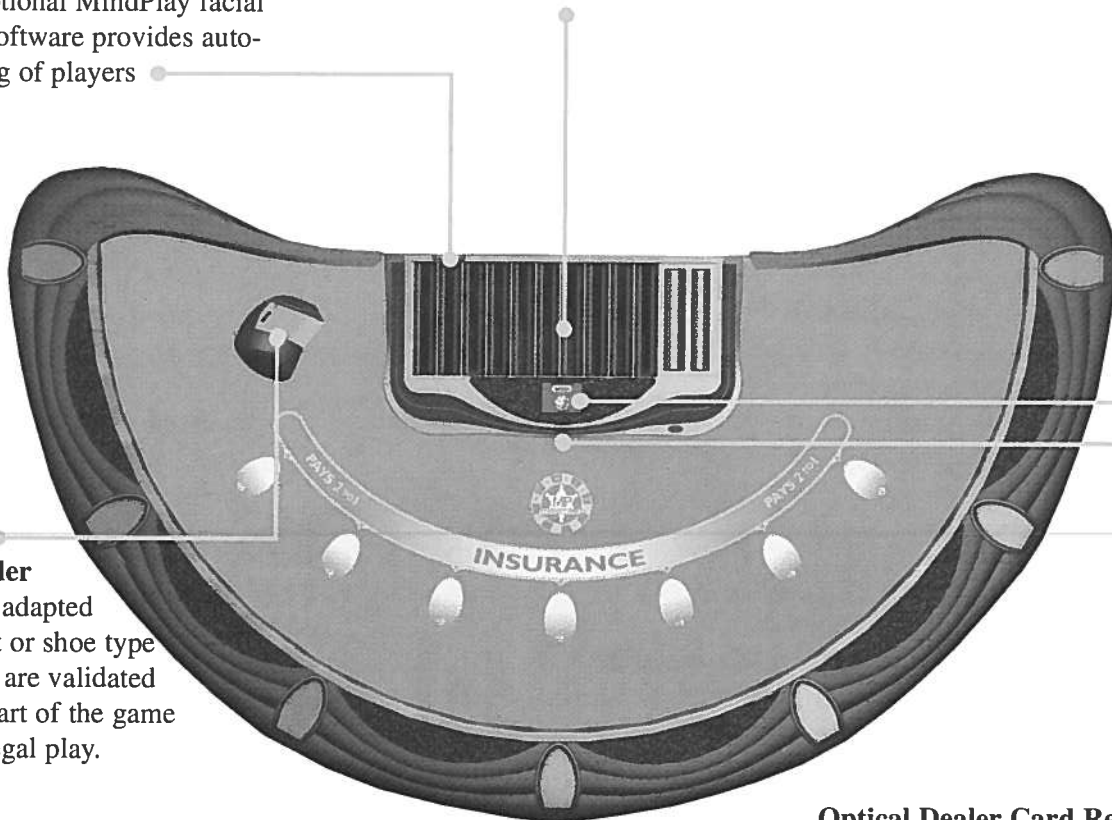
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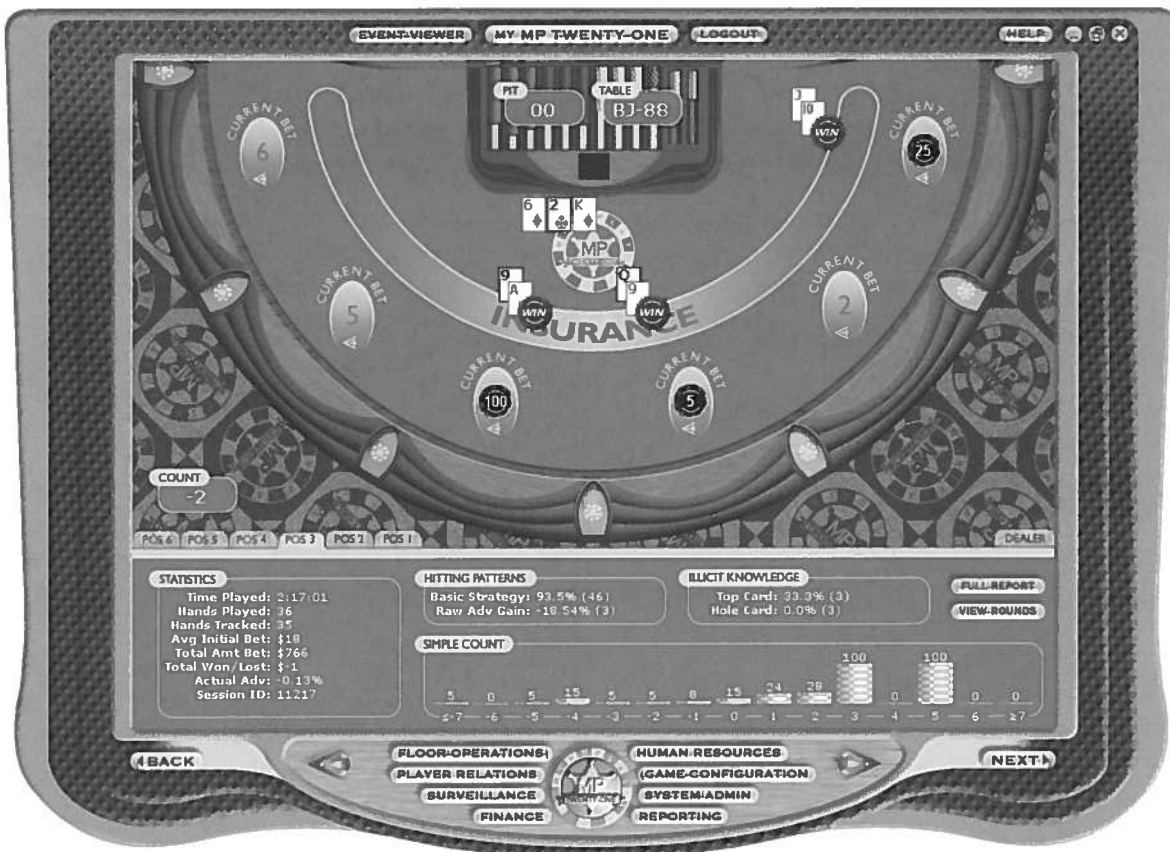
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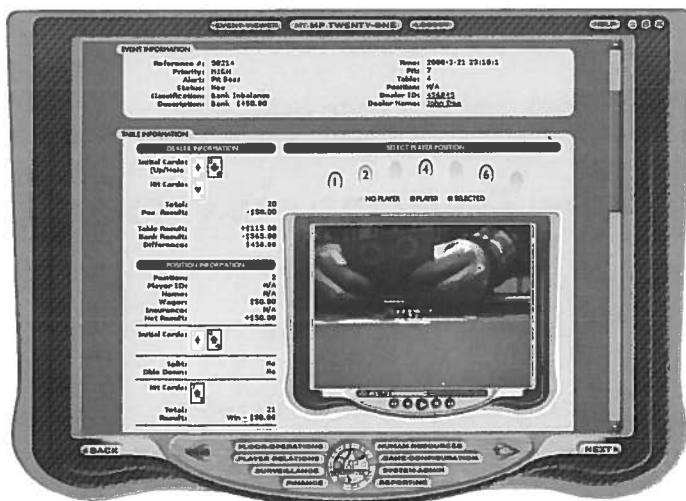
basic hitting strategies. The software also lets you monitor the dealer hands per hour, table actual win percentage and table occupancy. Live video of any player position is also available.

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top/hole card knowledge, and backs up the alert with digital video playback.

I'd like to thank Rob Mouchou of the Eldorado and Richard Soltys of MindPlay for providing me with the information for this article. Pictures courtesy of MindPlay.



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Table:	00-16-2001 11:15:07	Table:	437

STATISTICAL INFORMATION			
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Total Hands:	520	Maximum Bet:	\$250.00
Playoffs:		Average Bet:	\$100.00
Total Wagers:	\$17,000.00	Total Wins:	\$100.00
Total Losses:	\$16,900.00	Actual Advantage:	0.0%

PLAYER PERFORMANCE		Insurance	
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Hands Lost:	190	Insurance Taken:	77
Hands Pushed:	15	Insurance Correct:	53
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HITTING PATTERNS		Top Card Error	
Basic Strategy:	88.0%	Top Card Error:	95.0%
Simple Count:	88.0%	Hole Card Error:	66.0%
		Advantage Error:	8.1%

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# Quarterly Southern Nevada Limited Edition "Cheque" List



by Dave and Debbie Harber

By the time you read this, spring will have sprung for most of the country and we will be talking about Christmas chips! December is notorious for a lot of chips. This year was no different. There were the usual chips for rodeo, chips for Christmas, chips for New Years plus some others thrown in for good measure.

## December 2002

December started off with the early release of Christmas and New Years chips out in Pahrump. The Pahrump Nugget had 500 chips made for each holiday.



For Las Vegas releases, the Palms was the first one this month to issue a limited edition chip. They released the \$5 Bingo Ellie. It was the start of a series of chips to be given to their bingo players each week. In the following weeks a \$1 chip, a \$2.50 chip and a \$4 chip were also released. Each chip had "Bingo Ellie" in a different hat. There were 3,000 of each denomination made for this promotional event.



The next day Excalibur issued their "December" chip. They made 1,000 chips with a rodeo theme and WNFR on the chip.



To continue with the rodeo theme, the Hard Rock made a set of 4 five dollar chips. Each chip pictured a different rodeo event. The events included, barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback and saddle bronc. An unfortunate thing about this release was that the chips somehow got mixed up. To make a long story short, after the chips were all doled out people had incomplete sets. This prompted many posts on "The Chipboard" looking for the missing pieces and making trades to complete the sets.



Slots a Fun was the next to release a chip. This one was also for the National Finals Rodeo (NFR). They made 1,000 sequentially numbered five dollar chips.



The Gold Coast continued with their traditional 4 piece rodeo sets. According to the Gaming list the chips were made in \$5, \$25 and \$100 denominations. While the \$5 chips were readily available at the cage, only 3 of the \$25 chips and none of the \$100 chips were found. Each year the chips picture different champion rodeo cowboys. This years cowboys included, Roy Cooper, Flint Rasmussen, Ty Murray, and Rob Smets. The mintage on these chips has not been verified. These are the last of the commemorative chips for the National Finals Rodeo to report.

Christmas chips were the next chips to make it out of the casinos and into the collector's hands. The Four Queens released a \$1 chip. It is the same chip as the \$1 FourQueens.com chip and the \$1 Halloween chip with one subtle difference. As you may have



guessed, the text is done with the letters alternating red and green.



The Tropicana came out with a \$5 Christmas chip early in the month. It had a mintage of 500.



The Hard Rock was the next one to issue a Christmas chip. There were 5,000 of these chips made. Of interest if you look very closely at Santa's hand he is holding this exact chip.



Sunset Station had five chips made for the holiday. There was a \$1 chip (1,250), a \$2.50 chip (500), a \$5 chip (500) a \$25 chip (70) and a \$100 chip (25) included in the set.



During this same time period, the Fiesta in Henderson celebrated their first anniversary. A five dollar chip with a mintage of 1,000 was released to mark the event.



New Years chips were the next chips to pick up as these are very popular with the casinos. In addition to the Pahrump Nugget, 7 other casinos rang in the New Year with limited edition chips manufactured specifically for the holiday. The first to put their chips on the table in the Las Vegas Valley was the Stratosphere. There were 2,000 sequentially numbered Stratosphere New Years chips made.



Slots a Fun was next with a sequentially numbered \$5 chip for the New Year. It also had a mintage of 2,000.

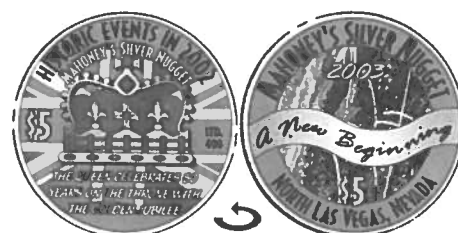


That same day Harrah's came out with their New Years chip. It is a \$5 chip with the very low mintage of 250. Chips with this low a mintage will now become rare to nonexistent. You are probably wondering why we say this. In case you haven't heard,

the Nevada Gaming Commission instituted a new rule regarding mintages. The lowest mintage permitted is now 500.



The Opera House and Mahoney's Silver Nugget followed suit and each issued a \$2.50 chip and a \$5 chip. These chips commemorated historic events in 2002. There were 400 of each denomination at each casino.



The Tropicana also had two New Year's chips available to add to your collection. Five hundred of the \$5 chips and fifteen hundred of the \$100's were produced. As with

previous years, the one hundred dollar chips were given out to invited guests. It was up to them whether they wished to save them or play them.



Treasure Island followed the previous years and only had \$100 chips made for the celebration. The mintage is unknown.



A set was issued by Sunset Station for this holiday as well. This set includes a \$1 chip (1,250), a \$2.50 chip (500) and \$5 chip (500).





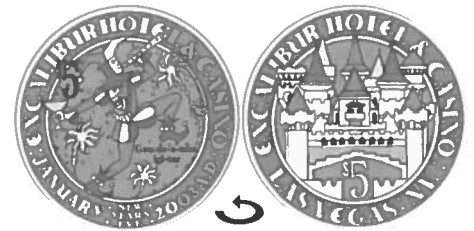
The next chips to be released for the New Years holiday came from the Hard Rock. These chips depicted the Red Hot Chili Peppers who were performing at "The Joint", the Hard Rock showroom. There were 5,500 \$5 chips, 1,250 of each of the four different \$25 chips with each band member pictured and 500 one hundred dollar chips made. While we were not at this release, we were told by many the line for these chips was the longest to date.



Finally, the last chips to report on for New Years came from the Rio. There was a \$5 chip and a \$25 chip with identical artwork depicting fireworks over the Hotel/Casino. A second \$25 chip pictured the headliner Mary Wilson who was appearing in the showroom that evening. The mintages have not been confirmed on any of these chips.



tion of their chip of the month series. The mintage for the \$5 January chip was 1,000. At the same time they also issued 9 more chips for the Thunder Down Under who were appearing at the casino. These were the first in male "beefcake" chips. For the ladies, it's about time somebody thought of the women in this hobby especially when you take into consideration how many "cheese-cake" chips have been geared to the male collectors. The chips depict 8 of the guys individually with the ninth chip being a group shot. There were 500 of these sets manufactured.



### January

With the New Year holiday over, we look onward to 2003 and what chips would be coming out in January.

The first limited editions of 2003 were released from Green Valley Ranch Station. They celebrated their first anniversary and had a \$5, a \$25 and a \$100 chip (all with the same artwork) made to mark this event. There were 1,500 fives, 500 twenty-fives and 100 hundreds manufactured.



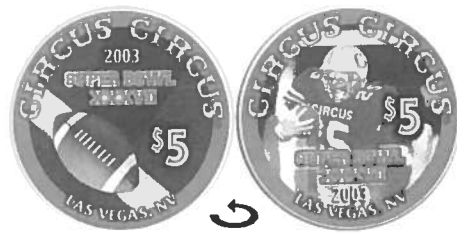
Next was the Excalibur. They hit us all hard by releasing 10 chips this month. One chip was the continua-



With football season winding down and the Superbowl imminent, 4 casinos issued chips for the big game. The first to come out was at the Tropicana. This five dollar chip has a mintage of 500.



That very same day Circus Circus released a \$5 chip as well. This chip has one major difference than all the others. It has the term "Superbowl" written on the chip. For those of you who are not aware, "Superbowl" is trademarked and owned by the National Football League. We first thought how wonderful it was that the chip actually said "Superbowl XXXVII". We later found out that Circus Circus did not get the permission required from the National Football League to use the term "Superbowl" thus making it an illegal, unauthorized product. Circus then pulled all the chips from circulation. Of the 750 chips that were made, we do not know how many of them actually got out before the casino took them out of play. In our opinion, this one is sure to be a highly collectable, highly sought after chip.



The Four Queens also issued a chip for their football party on "Super Sunday". This \$5 chip has a mintage of 1,000 and depicts the ex-Dallas Cowboys football player, Ed "Too Tall" Jones.



The last football chip from Las Vegas came from Harrah's. It too is a \$5 chip. Mintage is 500. Of interest this Bud Jones chip has identical artwork on one side to that of the Chipco manufactured Circus Circus chip.



Meanwhile, down in Laughlin, the Colorado Belle and Edgewater made their annual football chips. These five dollar chips each have a mintage of 1,000.



This is also the time when Chinese New Year is celebrated. Las Vegas tends to go all out for the Asian holiday. This year four of the casinos had chips manufactured for the occasion. The first to issue their chips was the Palms. They had 888 eight dollar chips, 288 twenty five dollar chips and 188 hundred dollar

chips made. A little piece of trivia for those who are unaware, the number 8 is considered lucky in Asian culture.



Next Harrah's released a five dollar, 1,000 mintage Year of the Ram chip for the New Year. Their sister property, the Rio, released a chip with the same artwork on the inlay as depicted on the Harrah's chip. The only significant difference was the Rio chips mintage of 500.



The last of the Chinese New Year chips were not to be released until the beginning of February.

**February**

Mandalay Bay was the last to issue chips in celebration of Chinese New Year. This year was different than the previous years. This years chips were not given to their high rollers as had been done in the past. Instead, they

were delivered to the tables where, we are told, they were quickly gobbled up by casino employees. We are not completely sure why they deviated from the previous years method of distribution. We have heard rumors that it was because the chip has "Year of the Goat" rather than "Year of the Ram" written on the inlay and the casino did not want to chance offending their guests.

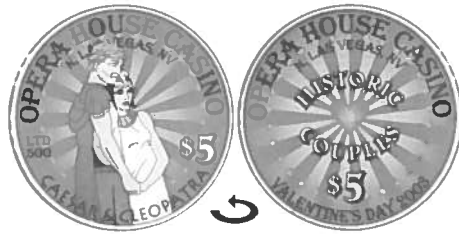


The next few days would bring a few early Valentine's Day chips. The first of what would turn into a string of 10 chips, came from Harrah's. This \$5 chip has a mintage of 1,000. Excalibur was next combining their chip of the month series with Valentines Day. This chip too has a mintage of 1,000.



Opera House and Mahoney's Silver Nugget also released chips for the occasion but reduced the number of denominations in their sets to two. There was a \$2.50 and \$5 chip made at each property. Each of these limited edition chips for Valentines Day has a 500 mintage. The Opera House chip theme was famous couples

and the Silver Nugget a story book romance.



The two Valentines chips from the Hard Rock pictured Melissa Etheridge as she was performing there. The five dollar chip has a mintage of 5,000 and the twenty five a mintage of 1,500.



The Riviera's Valentine's chip seems to be a companion or a continuation of the theme of last years wedding chapel chip. This years 1,000 mintage chip featuring a Claddagh ring with "We Tied the Knot". Of course as you will remember shortly after this chip was released last year they came out with a chip quite the opposite of this one. We'll talk about those later. For now, we need to finish up the chips for Valentine's Day.



The Rio also participated and thankfully did not repeat the same artwork used at Harrah's on this one. Instead, this last chip to come out this Valentine's Day holiday was associated with one of the shows at the Rio, "Tony & Tina's Wedding". It is a \$5 chip and has a mintage of 1,000.



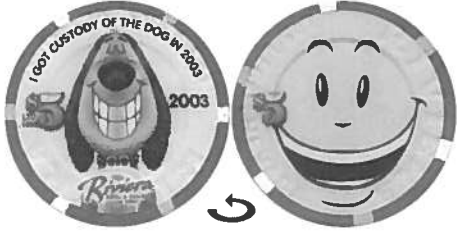
That was not the end of the chips for this month. The Riviera had two more \$5 chips. The first was for the World Archery Festival. 750 of these were made. The other chip to come from the Riviera was, as we mentioned above, a continuation of 2002's theme. The follow up to last year's divorce chip is a "Custody of the Dog" chip. It has a mintage of 1,000.



Finally, to finish off the month, the Fiesta issued 2 chips for an act performing at the casino. A \$5 chip (mintage 800) and a \$25 chip (mintage 200) was made for the entertainers known as the Doo-Wopp's.

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

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The Eldorado in Henderson, who are rarely involved in the limited edition business, issued a chip to commemorate the golden anniversary of the Henderson Police Department. It is a 3,000 mintage \$5 chip.



That's all for the quarter. Next quarter, we can bet on limited edition chips being issued for March Madness, St. Patricks Day, Easter, April Fools, River Run, Kentucky Derby, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's day and Memorial Day. Besides these, there will be some other surprises thrown in. So, stay tuned fellow chip-pers as we can't predict them all!

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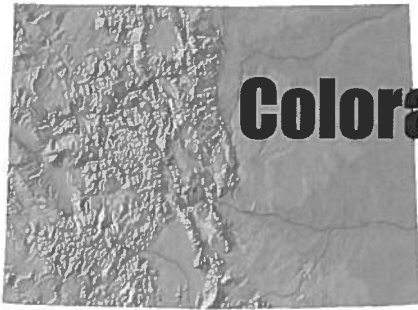
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# Colorado News

by Allen Banick

As I prepare to write this issues Colorado article, it occurred to me that we just aren't getting as many new Colorado chips and tokens as we used to. While that is good budget news to those of us who "must have" one of everything, it is a trend I hope does not continue. Just for kicks I played around with my Colorado Chip and Token database and discovered that the chip and token issue slowdown is for real and can be clearly seen in the graph of chip and token issue by year.

Our peak year, 1992 saw 423 new chip and token issues that kept collectors busy! Many new casinos were coming on-line during the boom years of 1991 – 1993 as reflected in the early years issue numbers. After the boom years our chip and token issues had been averaging about 100 per year, until 2002 when we only saw 35 new chips and tokens. 2003 appears to be following the trend we saw in 2002 but we do have a couple of potential new casino openings as well

as the re-racking of the older properties. What does all this mean? Heck, I don't know! I prefer more chips to fewer, but it can be argued that excessive chip issues dilute the hobby.

## New Colorado Chip & Token Issues

### Bronco Billy's, Cripple Creek

Bronco Billy's issued what could be its' last commemorative chip. The tables in Bronco Billy's have been shut down and moved to Buffalo Billy's casino. This 1,300 mintage chip commemorates Christmas 2002 and New Years 2003.



### Buffalo Billy's, Cripple Creek

With the closure of the tables at Bronco Billy's comes the opening of tables at the sister casino Buffalo Billy's. These new "house" chipcos are currently available in \$5 and \$25 denominations.

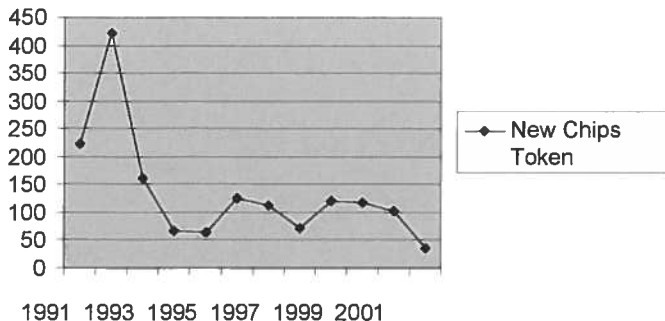


### Lodge Casino, Black Hawk

The Lodge issued a brand new \$2.50 and \$100 chip for use on their Carnival game tables. These new chips feature the Lodge Logo with beautiful pink and black backgrounds.



New Colorado Chips and Tokens





**Richman, Black Hawk**

For the NCV collector, Richman has a new “Wooden Nickel”. Apparently the value of the nickel and the manner in which you are awarded one varies. Last time I checked any non-wild 4 of a kind on the bar top video poker machines got one of these babies. Once you collect 4 of them you can redeem them for \$20. Special thanks to club member Lee Bruton for the scan.



**Buffalo Billy’s, Cripple Creek**

Buff’s issued a 250 mintage “Wrong Date” Slot Tournament chip as well as a 150 mintage “Correct Date” slot tournament chip. The “Wrong Date” chips were sold by the casino to anybody who wanted one while the “Correct Date” chips were given first to Slot Tournament players with a few available for collectors. These two chips should not be considered errors as the differences between the two are significant and the error was intentionally produced.



**Golden Gulch, Black Hawk**

Golden Gulch opened back in January without \$1 or \$5 slots. While they still do not have their \$1 or \$5 machines, they do have the tokens and are selling them to collectors. I’ve never seen a casino open in Colorado without the higher denomination machines and I suspect they are holding back the higher denomination machines for tax reasons.



**Casino Opening and Closings**

The Jubilee casino in Cripple Creek has been purchased with the intent to re-open it under a new name.

The new Golden Gulch Black Hawk opened in January in the old Jazz Alley building. It seems that at opening time, the casino didn’t have any machines with a denomination greater than a quarter.

Work is being done in the old Otto’s casino and the tentative name is “Winners Haven”

Doc Holiday’s has moved into the old Glory Hole casino property. Apparently they only open on weekends.

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# What's In A Chip?

by Howard W. Herz  
and Dale Seymour



Behind the scenes is always a term that seems to pop up in the world of gaming. Take a look at the original artwork for the Silver Slipper \$25 and what do you see? A great classic Las Vegas gaming check with lots of nostalgia and history from the romantic days of the strip.

The Silver Slipper began as the dance hall for the Last Frontier in 1951. At one time it was the Golden Slipper Gambling Hall, but the name was changed in 1951. Using the large silver slipper from the Silver Slipper Club that was originally in Henderson, the outside of the building was decorated in a western dance hall theme.

Originally under the ownership of Beldon Katelman and Jacob Kosloff, the Slipper went through a number of ownerships. Operating both slots and table games, this small strip operation eventually became the property of Howard Hughes. The last ownership before Hughes included a 26.317% interest by Shelby Williams who was listed as the executive vice president of the company. The original artwork for this gaming check however reveals some interesting information that confirms that this issue for the Silver Slipper was the last before Hughes Suma Corp took over the operation. Check out the lettering that is found in the wreath (highlighted in the artwork at the left).





# Once Around the Northwest: A Washington Success Story

by Steve Goodrich

Hello again friends. I can't believe it has already been two years since I finished my reference book, *The Casino Chips of Washington State*. As they say, time flies when you are having fun! During that duration, I have received so much additional and new information that a second edition is now in the works. The good news for collectors is that Washington casinos continue to produce new chips at a remarkable rate.

The success story of Washington clubs is truly amazing. What started out as a marginal business of modest poker rooms in the early 1970s has turned into a major industry in the "Evergreen State." In fact, Washington is third only to Nevada and California in number of clubs. Over the past decade dozens of large, spacious clubs have opened across the state. Casinos have come a long way from the small, one and two table



businesses that once dotted the state. In Washington, casinos are not "restricted" to certain areas or towns such as in Colorado, South Dakota and other locales; they may be operated in nearly any part of the state (with the exception of a few local ordinances, such as within the city limits of Seattle where clubs are excluded). There are now well over a hundred casinos in existence, most offering the familiar house-banked card games popular in Nevada clubs. Several large Native American casinos are found across the state, many that feature the same kinds of modern slot machines you would find in a Las Vegas casino. And even today, a few of the original "poker clubs" are still operating.

The tremendous proliferation of chip issues throughout the 1990s gave me cause to finally consolidate the information into my first guidebook two years ago. Casinos have generated

Grand Opening and commemorative chips, beautiful Chipco and Paulson graphic inlays, and a bevy of other great looking house editions. Even the small clubs, once known only for their cheap looking and generic chips, have joined the party with some splendid chips.

Over the past two years this trend has continued and expanded and the casinos of Washington state have given us so many fantastic chips that I thought I would share a few updates and pictures with you. Chips are most often found in the standard \$1.00-5.00-25.00-100.00 scheme, with a few quarters, halves and 2.50 "snappers" mixed in, depending on the club. I have included a few scans of some of the better-looking Washington chips issued over the past year.

The trend toward larger casinos has continued, though the initial exuberance has finally slowed as the



market becomes “saturated” with the numbers of clubs that the state’s population is able to support. A few casinos have closed in the past two years, though many others have opened for business during that time. During this period, no major Indian casinos opened, however, a few of those already in existence either planned or completed major expansions. These are the largest casinos in the state and the gamblers seem to enjoy them tremendously, especially since they are the only clubs offering slot machine gaming at present. (However, keep paying attention to the news as this situation may change this year and more clubs may be allowed to offer slots).



If you are interested in picking up the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of my Washington State chip guide, or if you have any questions or comments about chipping in the great Pacific Northwest, you can contact me at: P.O. Box 3162, Moscow Id 83843 or via email at SteveMrPNW@turbonet.com.

I will also have copies of the book available at my table at the upcoming convention in Las Vegas. Drop by and let's talk chips—one of my favorite topics!



# An OTY Progress Report...

by Jim Follis  
OTY Chairman

As of this writing the Top Ten Finalists in each of the four OTY categories have been determined by this year's group of OTY participants. I thank each and every member that took the time to complete their Nomination Forms and submit one or more eligible candidates for the 2002 competition. Within each category, the top ten finalists represent a fair representation of casino chips, tokens, strikes and cards/keys, the mainstays of our collectible interests.

This year there were approximately 1,100 individual items put into nomination by about 175 different members. Both are an increase over last year's competition. By far, the vast majority of nominations were for chips, followed by Silver Strikes, followed by cards/keys and lastly by tokens. This year is the inaugural event for cards/keys, so I am rather pleased that they made such a fine showing. At the same time I am rather depressed at the shrinking interest in tokens. Perhaps this is reflective of the increase in E-Z Pay equipped slot machines.

For those who made nominations, you will shortly be receiving your Judge's Pamphlet and Ballot form. Please be sure to use the full-color pamphlet to review all OTY offerings and select the three, in each category, that you feel best exemplifies those qualities you believe that the OTY Awards are about. Be sure to rank your three selections, as each placement carries a different value. A first place selection garners 5 points. A second place selection awards 3 points and 2 points are given to 3<sup>rd</sup>

place selections. Return the Ballot within the deadline and be sure to keep the Judge's Pamphlet as a souvenir of your participation. Within a week of the deadline I will know who the winners are, but that will not be released/announced until June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Convention Banquet.

In a related matter, I would like to point out that in addition to running the OTY Awards Contests, the OTY Chairperson is also responsible for the continuance of the Club's Permanent Collection of all past OTY's. In keeping with that responsibility I am now preparing to acquire the winning COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY for 2002.

Part of that process is to first obtain loaners of each of the top ten finalists in each category from Club Members (which should be completed as of publication of this issue of the CCTN). Loaners will be used to make high quality scans (therefore condition is important) which will be used to create the Judge's Pamphlet and also be put on display at the Convention.

Those loaners are returned at the end of the Convention. However, when the judging (voting) is completed, the Club Member whose loaner also happens to be the winning entrant is given first right of refusal to donate that item to the Club's Permanent Collection.

If a refusal is given, I will then solicit donation(s) of the winner to the open membership. If that fails, I will then purchase the item, at the

best price I can find, and then create a group of donors who share equally in donor credit.

HOWEVER, prior to either of these acquisition methods there is a third option available to all Club members, on a first come, first served basis!

That option is the privilege to donate the required item(s), sight unseen, and up until the very moment that I have learned the four winners based on voter tallies.

This means that the first Club member(s) who contacts me and advises that they will commit to donating the winning item(s) from any or all OTY categories for this year's competition, or any years in the future, will then have that obligation and privilege to do so!

Please note: I already have commitments for COTY 2002 and CKOTY 2002!

Otherwise, all other OTY's for 2002 are available (TOTY and SSOTY) and all OTY's beyond 2002 are available. I can be contacted at (520) 529.3245 or [oty@ccgtcc.com](mailto:oty@ccgtcc.com).

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# Atlantic City R E P O R T

by Archie Black

The A.C. Chapter is undergoing new elections of officers ... and the winners have not been announced at the time this report was being prepared. We still have fond memories of dearly departed Bruce Landau in our daily thoughts in Atlantic City ... and will continue to have them for some time to come.

The month of March did indeed come in like the proverbial Lion here on the east coast, with record-setting snow accumulations that we hadn't seen in many, many years. Hopefully, the month of March will go out like the proverbial Lamb ... and we can focus on the opposite extreme climate conditions come June in Las Vegas!

Speaking of March; the five-piece \$20 Trump Plaza historical restaurant series, which began back in October with the Knife & Fork Restaurant, was completed in mid-March with the issuance of the fifth chip; a \$20 Angelo's Fairmount Tavern chip. Prior to the Angelo's Fairmount Tavern chip, the 4<sup>th</sup> \$20 chip in the series was The Irish Pub that was released at year's end. Only 300 each of these popular restaurant series chips were issued ... and all five were routinely sold out within a half hour after being released as lines of chip collectors began to form 2-3 hours prior to the announced release time.

Working backwards in the order of issuance ... Trump Plaza, in conjunction with a sold-out no-holds-barred



Ultimate Fighting Championship event being held next door at Boardwalk Hall (the former A.C. Convention Center), issued a 3 piece set of UFC chips (1000 of each) in late February.

Also in mid-February ... and also at Trump Plaza, was a release of a colorful chip commemorating the appearance of zany head-liner character, Carrot Top; plus a Chinese New Year chip for Year of The Goat /Sheep? Both were \$25 chips issued a week apart ... and the quantities issued was 300 each ... and DID NOT sell out as the restaurant series had.

Resorts still has their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NCV chip promotion

going on. For those who are not familiar with what it takes to get some of these elusive chip issues, one must be a platinum card holder and accumulate 25 points in slot play on their players card, or accumulate four-hours play on any table game in order to qualify for ONE CHIP in a sealed envelope that is picked blindly out of a Lucite drum. Those players who complete the 25-chip series are eligible for the grand prizes to be distributed at the conclusion of the promotion in May. Rather than show all 25 chips here, and eat up valuable page space, you may view the complete series on my A.C. chips web-site at [www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm](http://www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm)



Common Back



Trump Marina issued four new LE chips in January. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 300 Alice Cooper \$25 chips were released in tandem with a \$25 Happy Holidays chip (300). A week later, collectors found themselves staring at another quarter chip (300), plus a companion nickel chip (1000), to commemorate the appearance of legendary performer James Brown

The last LE chip of the year 2002 to ring in the New Year was issued by



Resorts with a \$5 Temptations release of 1000 on December 28th.

As you can see, not a tremendous amount of activity has taken place at



Atlantic City's dozen casinos this past quarter ... but we're happy to see that the Trump properties are maintaining our collecting interests by issuing the chips they have issued on our behalf.

Too bad other properties in town have significantly scaled back their LE programs.... although I'm sure some collectors welcome the respite.

All Claridge chips have been "retired" ... or if you prefer; are now considered to be "obsolete". They have all been removed from the tables and replaced with Bally's rack chips. While an occasional Claridge slot token can be found in the pay out mixture coming out of the machines; for all practical purposes, the Claridge tokens have also been removed from play.

Finally; please forgive me for this shameless plug ... but my new 2003 Edition of "*Black's Catalog of Atlantic City Chips & Gaming Tokens*" has finally been released and is now available from the author.

We're still patiently awaiting the release of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$5 and \$25 CC&GTCC chips by Trump's Taj Mahal. Latest estimate I've heard is to expect them sometime during the month of April and will be mailed out by Mike Custodio. 'Till then..., happy collecting everyone.

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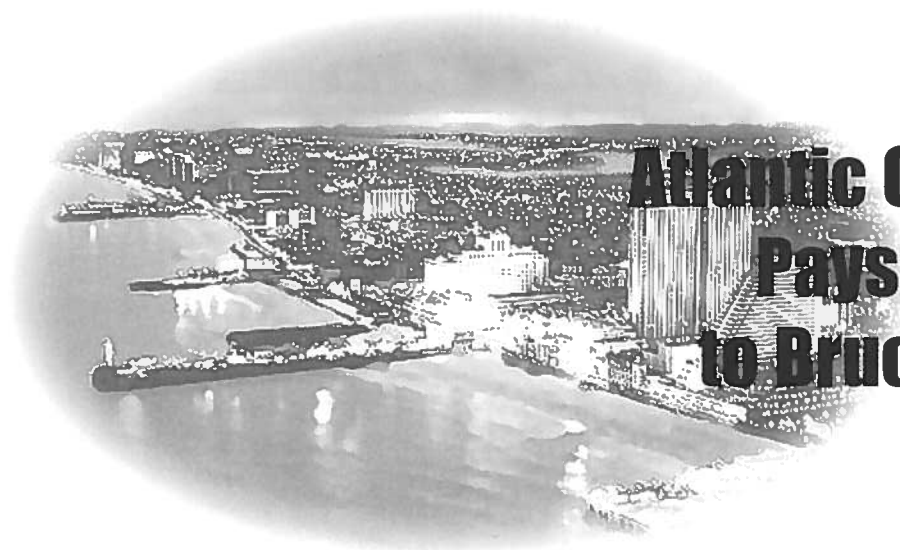
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# Atlantic City Chapter Pays Tribute to Bruce Landau

by Jerry Birl

Along with everyone else in the Chip Collecting Community, the members of the Atlantic Chapter were shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of Chip Club Pioneer Bruce Landau. Bruce was also a member of the A. C. Chapter from its inception in 1995. Bruce always conducted the Auctions at the Chapter meeting and his chip stories, comments and quips were priceless and always a delight to all of the members.

Bruce's widow, Eileen, and his son, Michael, spoke at the A.C. Chapter meeting on January 16, 2003 and expressed how big a part chip collecting had played in Bruce's and also their lives. Bruce loved this hobby and everyone in the hobby loved Bruce. His family was overwhelmed and strengthened by the outpouring of sympathy, concern and support shown by Chippers for the loss of this truly remarkable human being. Bruce was not only a Pioneer and a renowned expert on chip collecting, but also a beloved and trusted friend, counselor, arbitrator, and a very wise, generous and caring man. Everyone who met Bruce instantly liked him and realized he was somebody special.

Archie Black, Founder of the National Club, and a close friend of Bruce, attempted to read a eulogy he had written about Bruce, but he had to stop when he was overcome by his emotions and feelings for his dear friend. There were many, many Chippers who had tears in their eyes as Archie spoke about Bruce.

The Chapter, on the recommendation of President Brach, approved a donation of \$250.00 to the National Club Building Fund in Bruce's memory.

Also at the January 12th meeting, candidates for the Office of National Club Vice President, Wayne Thompson and John Zoesch addressed the members and gave their positions on important Club issues. Both of these men are very competent and truly want to give their time and effort to make the Club grow and prosper.

Other business at the meeting included Nominations for A.C. Chapter Officers. President Brach and Secretary Birl were unopposed and will serve another two-year term in their respective positions. Russ Diaz stepped aside as Vice President, and there will be an election between Michael Custodio and Brian Freiermuth for the position of Vice

President. Bill Kaar, also, chose not to run for re-election and Bob Irving volunteered to take over the Chapter Treasurer's duties.

This was the Chapter's first meeting at the Sands Casino and a Casino representative welcomed all Chapter members to the Sands, and pledged that the Sands would do whatever they could to provide a comfortable setting for our future Chapter meetings.

The Taj Mahal - CC&GTCC 15th Anniversary chip project is still being completed and the chips probably will be in the Casino sometime in the next couple of months. Net proceeds from the sale of these chips will be donated to the National Club Building Fund.

The Chapter's Annual Pizza Party was held at the Baltimore Grill after the conclusion of the regular meeting. Everyone who attended the party enjoyed the food and fellowship. Many stories were told about the special moments and experiences that Chippers had shared with Bruce Landau over the years.

Bruce Landau may be gone from us, but he will never be forgotten, especially by his many, many friends in the Atlantic City Chapter.

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# OLCD Stuff!

by Jim Follis

Well... the Convention is just around the corner and the web-sites have been abuzz with the excitement. There was many a thread regarding Club Elections on the Club's Message Board (<http://www.ccggtcc.com>). Meanwhile, the several other casino collectibles focused Message Boards (aka: BBS's) have been lit up with message traffic about where to stay (the Tropicana, of course), and when to arrive (before the Convention, of course) and when to leave, well lets not talk about *Leaving Las Vegas!* <g>

If you are wondering what that symbol at the end of my last sentence is for, allow me to explain. It is part of the on-line lexicon called *emoticons*. This particular emoticon "<g>" means that when I wrote my statement ("*Leaving Las Vegas*") I was grinning or chuckling. Emoticons are intended to impart a little body language, or gestures with the printed language medium of BBS's (remember, Message Boards).

The lowercase letter "g" means grinning/laughing, an uppercase "G" means laughing hard! ROFL means *rolling on the floor laughing*. And on it goes with representations for sadness, anger, and many, many other emotions. From time to time I will include them here in my CCTN articles, as they can be very useful in clarification of intent and purpose in the written language away from the computer.

Although the release date of this copy of the CCTN is beyond the deadline for returning votes, as of this writing there are no official results known, however, early returns reflect un-contested winning campaigns by Mike Skelton and Mike Quinlivan. I guess if you are going to throw your hat into the ring, it helps to be named Mike. <G>

Congratulations as well to the other victorious office seekers, may you lead the Club where it needs to be.

Well, some mighty interesting things seem to take place on the various BBS's. We recently had a question from an individual who wanted to know a few basic things about casino memorabilia collecting before he committed to joining the Club or getting serious. He was referred to a "Newbie FAQ" site that is chock full of beginner collecting questions and answers. What is rather interesting is that the Beginner FAQ site was put together by another newbie, Will Knight. It seems that Will decided to keep track of his many (and I do mean MANY) newbie questions and then consolidated them to a single location on the Internet. Will's FAQ page is at: <http://www32.brinkster.com/chipjunkie/beginners.htm> Good job Will.

"BTW" (which is on-line speak for "By The Way"), did you notice the several other on-line verbage I used above? One was "FAQ" which is short for facts presented in a questions and answers format. I also capitalized the word "many" the second time I used it. This is the same as shouting, which is to emphasize it. It is very much like using bold letters, but bolding is not always simple to do while on-line, so using capital letters does the same thing.

In other developments on the BBS's, I want to express appreciation to Andy Hughes (<http://www.nevadacasinochips.com/>) and Mike Skelton (soon to be the next CC&GTCC President). Independently they both ran contests in which the winners were given free chips. In Andy's case, many chips were pledged by other collectors (as well as by Andy himself) to new members. Too many to thank here, but their names are known to the new Members that received chips; they are also noted on the BBS.

From time-to-time a Club member decides to run a quickie contest, where the prize is a chip or two. I have seen contests for answering gaming history trivia, actors from old TV shows or movies and even a best caption contest for a particular photograph of a Club Member. Often, during the play-off seasons a pool or two is started. The largest, recurring contest is that of Andy Hughes' Annual Christmas Contest. The prizes are wonderful and the questions are tough.

As I mentioned in my last column, this column would address a unique phenomenon in collecting called Round Robins. One of the benefits of on-line collecting is the ability to expand your collection in leaps and bounds on a more frequent basis than attending collectibles shows and/or buying from dealer catalogues. The on-line method is called a Round Robin, abbreviated to "RR" and RR's come in fairly wide variety to suit nearly every ones collecting tastes and preferences.

The basic idea is to take about 30 chips (or tokens, or cards, or even a mix of all of them) and mail them around from one collector to the next. At each stop, the recipient pulls what he/she wants and replaces each with a like item and mails this new mix to the next person in line. What the originator receives at the end is a lot different than what was sent, and sometimes the participants along the way add an extra item or two as a thank you.

The singular, over-riding constant rule about RR's, is to only put in what you would find acceptable to add to your own collection! Adding junk is very obvious, very traceable and will likely only happen just once. As I mentioned before, RR's can come in a wide assortment and varieties, but there are two primary types at the present time. One is called a regular RR and the other is a Shotgun RR. Regular RR's are pretty much as described above, moving from one person to another, and can be themed in any number of ways. I have seen \$1 Nevada-only RR's, Anywhere but Nevada RR's, Atlantic City-only RR's, Riverboat-only, Indian-only, etc. The same holds true for \$1 only RR's, \$5 only RR's, or Mixed RR's (fractionals, \$1's, \$2.50's, \$5 combined). Some Mixed RR's can include roulettes, NCV's and regular issues, while some are mixed denominations. The originator is free to select the structure.

An off-shoot of the Mixed RR, is the Mixed Deluxe RR. A Mixed Deluxe RR mixes chips with tokens, with matches, with swizzle sticks, with room keys, with slot cards and even dice! Again, this is left to the imagination of the originator.

Generally, most items within an RR trade for like items and in the cases of chips and tokens, they tend to be face-for-face, i.e., a \$5 chip for a \$5 chip. But some of the most interesting RR's I've seen are those billed as a "TCR Valued" RR. "TCR" of course standing for The Chip Rack (a value/price guide) implies that chips in the RR are exchanged based on their collector value and not on face value. TCR-Value RR's have a tendency to be shipped from participant to participant with a fair amount of insurance coverage, and all RR's use Priority Mail. Therefore, there is always a price to pay for the ability to participate in any given RR, but some can be more expensive than others.

The second major RR-type is the Shotgun RR. Instead of having a single collection of items passed from one participant to another, the Shotgun RR is geared more toward instant gratification. In a Shotgun RR the theme is selected, participants are solicited, a mailing list is created and then every participant mails the required number of chips, or tokens, or cards, etc. to every one of the participants on the mailing list. Over the next several days each participant's mail box fills with surprise packages from the other participants.

Something to keep in mind when participating in any RR; **YOU MUST HAVE TRADERS!** In the first RR I participated in, I had three traders, but wanted to pull 18 chips! Talk about angst! From that time forward I adopted a rule of buying at least 10 \$1 chips from each casino I visited and if I could, I would buy at least 4 \$5 chips. I would gather as many slot cards as I could possibly find, because you can never have too many traders of anything!

Well, those are the basics of an RR and this is the end of this Quarter's OLCD Stuff. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention, be sure to stop by and say hello. I will be there for the duration helping my wife (Pam Focazio) running the Club's Promotions Table. I know, I know.... It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it! <VBG>

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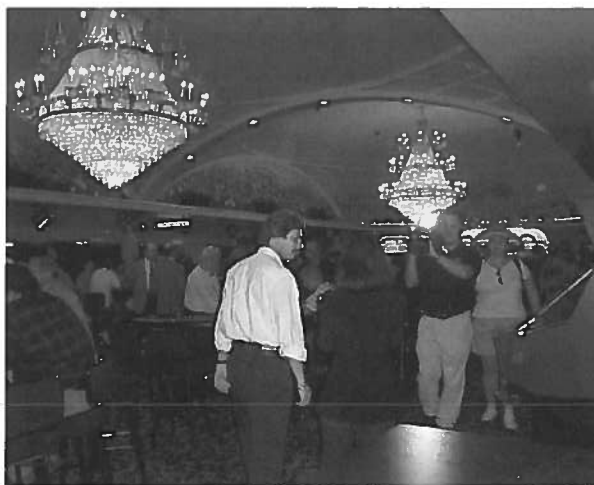
# A FREE VEGAS TRIP BECOMES A CHIP COLLECTING TV SPECIAL REPORT

by Terry Shaffer

## Winning A Free Trip to Las Vegas

It was a very cold and cloudy Monday in early January when I arrived home from a long, grueling eight hours of sitting on my butt at the office. I found my beautiful wife Debi sitting in front of the computer with a Cheshire cat grin on her face. It didn't take long for Debi to come out with what she was so obviously excited about telling me. "Want to get a free trip to Vegas?" she said. It took all of three seconds to give her the affirmative response she knew that I would give.

She went on to explain that the local CBS television affiliate, WTOL-TV 11 News, Toledo, Ohio, was running a contest which was awarding a four-day trip to Las Vegas to three lucky couples. The station was planning a month long series called "The Best Bets in Vegas" which would air every Thursday night on the 11:00 p.m. news. All I had to do was to write an email telling that I knew about Vegas and could be an asset to the program. Debi exclaimed, "Who knows more about Las Vegas than you? You'll win for sure!" I told her, "lots of people know more about Vegas than I do, but I'll write up a quick email and give it a shot". After all, I had nothing to lose.



So, I wrote up an email going through the usual things like talking about the free shows at the Mirage, Treasure Island, Fremont Street, Bellagio and Sam's Town. I threw in a little talk about the world of "comps" with a touch of the common sense things like the best payoffs for slots were at the off the strip casinos. I, of course, had to make mention of my casino chip collecting and the world of casino chips and chipping in Vegas! As soon as I hit the send button, Debi was deciding what to wear.

According to the news channel's website, the winners would be notified that Friday. Two days after sending the email, I received a telephone call from the News Director of the TV Station informing me that we were one of the ten couples selected out of over 400 emails

as "semi-finalists". I would need to come down to the station the next day for an interview, after which they would make the final selection of the three winning couples. I'm assuming that they needed to make sure that the people didn't have naked women tattooed on their necks or a serious case of Turrets Syndrome. On Friday morning, I got the call that we were "Going to Vegas".

So we were off. The three couples, news director, reporter, cameraman and about 3,000 pounds of miscellaneous camera equipment were off for four days in Vegas.

After arriving at the airport, we were picked up by a stretch limousine and taken to the MGM Grand where we stayed in the Grand Towers. The trip also included tickets to Cirque Du Soleil, along with tickets to the big Super Bowl Party at the Harley Davidson Cafe.

The three couples each had a different focus to their individual stories. The first couple would be "Vegas for the first timer". The second couple was to be "Vegas on a Budget", and we were to be the veteran Las Vegas couple who took advantage of what Vegas had to offer. Our activities would be things like the buffet at the Aladdin, attending the top shows and playing at table games at the casinos.

Of course, how could a chipper come to Las Vegas without doing some serious chipping? Low and behold, the Cannery had just opened three days prior to our arrival. We were scheduled to go to the big Super Bowl Party at the Harley Davidson Cafe at 2:00pm.



Morning was set aside for a trip to check out the Cannery in North Vegas. A short \$26.00 cab ride later we were there. Nothing to write home about, but it was a nice place with a decent crowd. Debi (my beautiful wife) informed me that I had better get busy and win our cab fare before we left, so I sat down at the Black Jack Table. I decided to play \$25.00 a hand and hoped that I could make quick score and be on my way. I won the first hand, but lost the second. For the third and fourth hands I was dealt twenty each time and won both hands. So with my \$50.00 winnings in hand, we decided to run down to the Fiesta for some more chips. I had to use the special dedicated CAB-PHONE (the Vegas version of the Bat-phone) and called for a cab.

Shortly there after, we arrived at the Fiesta and ready to get some of those great Chipco \$1.00 chips. For those of you that aren't familiar with the Fiesta chips, there is one of each suit with the picture of a royal flush, which makes perfect sense since their claim to fame is that they are the Royal Flush Capital of the World. I don't know if that's really true, but it sure looks good on the chips.

I decided for some reason to get the chips from the Craps table. Being Sunday afternoon, there was only one table open, and it was filled. I was able to squeeze in and laid my money down. I didn't have a good feeling when I noticed that everyone's rack was pretty empty. That was okay. I wasn't there to actually play much, but rather to just get the chips.

The player to my right rolled a few more times and then sevens out. Yes,



Debi at the slots

that's right, I squeezed into the left of the shooter, a major Craps faux pas! Luckily, the players were all very nice about it, and there was to be no beheading today.

Now was my turn with the dice. I rolled, and rolled, hit lots of numbers and then finally made the point. I wasn't betting into the roll because my objective was not to really play and win, but rather to collect lots of \$1.00 chips. So I kept my bets at \$10.00 and \$12.00, a level that would pay \$14.00 each roll.

I was laying out the \$1.00 chips into four separate stacks, one for each suit. For some reason the other players were more interested in my rolling the dice. Go figure. I rolled again with more of the same result, numbers, numbers and more numbers. Finally I realized I had better bet into this amazing shooter and give up on the silly chip thing. This was fine now because I had easily forty \$1.00 chips in my pocket at this point.

My rolling of numbers and points continued complete with high five's, cheers and even a few hugs for a full 50 minutes straight. It was the first time ever that I've had someone actually pick me up and hug me!

When I actually sevens out, it took a good five full seconds of everyone looking and trying to understand what the combination of 4 plus 3 added up to. Then came the applause. Even the dealers were clapping. A grand time was had by all. I cashed out with a profit of over \$600.00, a pocket full of chips and a silly grin on my face that would stay for hours.

Now it was time to relax and enjoy the Super Bowl Party at the Harley Davidson Cafe. Again, it was a good day, as I caught a couple of T-shirts that the cute little waitress was tossing out and Tampa Bay won.

Monday was to be the big day of our filming. To our surprise, the news director suddenly decided that the focus of our segment would be the gambling side of visiting Vegas. Being an experienced table player, I have lots of do's and don'ts about gambling and little ways of trying to minimize the house edge while playing Craps and Black Jack. They then decided that I was now their "Gambling Guru". I didn't have the heart to remind them that Las Vegas was built with the money of gamblers who had systems!

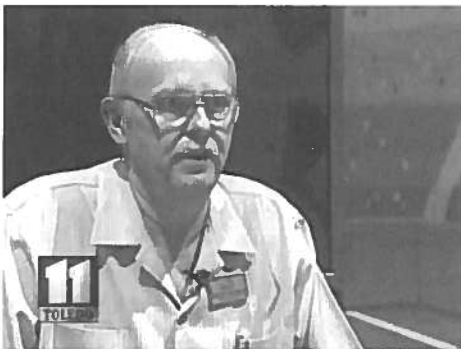
Prior to coming out to Las Vegas, I had set it up with Gene Trimble, fellow chipper and Poker Room manager of the Palms Casino, to bring cameras into the Palms to do some filming. I had been successful in talking the news director into filming some of my table play at the Palms as well as taking some time to film an interview with Gene on chip collecting.

The interview with Gene went very well, as did the filming of my Black Jack play, which couldn't have been better. The last thing I would

want to have happen would be to have the cameras rolling, filming away as I lost. But Lady Luck was with me and I got decent cards. For the icing on the cake, the dealer didn't.

Next, it was off to the Hotel San Remo on Tropicana Blvd. for more filming. As it turns out, Mike Hennesy, the Executive Vice President of the Hotel San Remo, is a native of Toledo. We filmed as I played both Craps and Black Jack there, and Debi (you remember, my beautiful wife) playing the slots. My Craps play was nothing to write home about as I came out about even, but Black Jack was again kind to me, and I enjoyed the unusual luxury of getting two black Jacks in a row...on film!

That evening we finished off our busy day by enjoying our free eighth row center seats to the Cirque Du Soleil "O" show at the Bellagio.



Gene Trimble



Terry and his chips



### Chip Collecting Special Report



Jerry Anderson

The news director was extremely interested in the fact that I was a collector of casino chips. He wasn't aware that people would actually choose NOT to turn them in to the cashier for cash but rather deliberately collect them instead. Thus was born the idea of a special TV segment

dedicated entirely to my chip collecting. Although the main focus of the report was of me, Gene Trimble was also featured. The majority of the filming for this segment was done in my home with our local CBS Television newscaster Jerry Anderson. The segment that was filmed of Gene Trimble, on location at the Palms Casino, was blended into the segment quite smoothly. Jerry Anderson did a fabulous job with the interview. We discussed some of the old time illegal casinos that had operated in the Toledo area such as the Hollywood Club, the Maumee Club and the Dixie. He even gave a nice plug for my website. Unfortunately, my discussion about the CC&GTCC and the benefits as well as much of my talking about Greg Susong's Chipboard were lost on the cutting room floor.

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# What Do You Collect?

## Part II

by Joe Shaw

Previously, I had shared some of my experiences as to what I collected during my early years of chip collecting. Commemoratives, Dovetails, Quarter Pies, Arodies, Paulson Metal Centers, 25 centers, 50 centers, Brass Cores, & \$2.50's were some of the areas that I had collected in and out of. However, I was not content with just collecting by mold, chip type or denomination. I was still searching for different things or ways to collect to make chip collecting interesting and fun. Picking up from where we left off previously, here are my answers to the often asked question of "What do you collect?"

In my early years of chip collecting, every time I went to Las Vegas on business, I would always make it a point of getting a few \$1 chips from as many casinos as possible. Interestingly enough, since collecting \$1 Las Vegas was not on the agenda (at that time), I only got them for trading purposes. Still, I was glad I did. Maybe it was a premonition of things to come. More on this later on.

My earlier attempts to collect by mold lasted only a very short time. My choice of Arodies, which seems to be the most popular mold, was probably not a good choice for a beginner. Regardless of price, there was never a great supply of them. With high demand for them, it should not be a surprise to anyone that the prices of Arodies are going to be higher compared to others.

I still wanted to pursue the idea of collecting by mold. Picking which mold was no easy task. I settled with Christy and Jones mold chips. I should have known that Christy's was my favorite mold, given the fact that I've always liked Dovetails and Quarter Pies. I don't recall when I officially started collecting Christy's, but I do remember the strange moment when I decided that Christy's was the answer to my age old question of what to collect. Up until this point, my exposure to Christy's was with my limited Dovetails and Quarter Pies that I had in my collection. I do recall reading about them in one of the early issues of Chip Chat, Doug Saito's newsletter. Then came the day when I got my very first Christy that was neither a Dovetail nor Quarter Pie. Oddly enough, the chip that spawned my Christy collection over the next few years was not a rare or hard to find chip. It was a common \$5 house chip from the Mint Club in Reno. The Christy's trademark characteristics of "Long canes" and "shiny" hats stood out immediately. Even old, worn, used Christy's have shiny hats. The shiny hat phenomenon is unmistakable on a uncirculated Christy. Darker color chips can also enhance the shine. Christy's that are black have the most pronounced accentuated shine.

There was something indescribable about seeing that chip for the first time. Maybe it was the appealing color combination of the red inserts on a mustard colored chip, accentuated

with the green "Mint Club" wording. In uncirculated condition, with razor sharp square edges, it made everything look even better. To top it off, the weight of the chip seemed to feel different. It felt heavier and more solid. I think I had my first out of body experience in chip collecting. It was like seeing God. At that point in my life, I decided that Christy's was what I was missing in life. Here is the chip that started it all.



I was consumed with collecting Christy's. It was like a sickness. I was willing to exchange my children's inheritance for Christy's. Over the next few years, I bought (almost) every Christy that I came across. My response to what I collect was a simple "Any NEVADA Christy and Jones mold chip". My "criteria" for Christy's was simple. Denomination did not matter. They just had to be from Nevada. I had denominations ranging from a 10 center all the way up to the \$100's. Included was the odd denomination of a 12 1/2-cent chip from the Sans Souci. Free Plays, No Cash Values, Non Negotiables, ND, Roulettes, FARO & PAN chips also found their way into my Christy's collection.

I actually adhered to my own "criteria" of only collecting Christy's

from Nevada for awhile. I stayed away from Christy's from California, and other unknown locations. That rule was broken when Dennis Owen found out that I collected Christy's. I had known Dennis from my Silver Strike collecting days. Through his store at the time, Consolidated Collectibles (Reno), he was one of the first Silver Strikes/chips dealer that I dealt with. During a phone conversation, I recall him saying "if you collect Christy's, you've got to have these C&J sample chips". That sounded like the ultimate. What better chip to augment my Christy collection than C&J sample chips in pristine new condition. I told Dennis to send the chips, and he did. I'm sure that there must have been a surprised look on my face when I opened the box of chips that was sent. I had expected 5 or 10 chips. In the box was over 40 different sample chips. Combinations of possible variances of chip and insert colors, along with shapes of inserts. All were in sharp pristine new condition. Edges so sharp that you could shave with it. To this day, they have remained one of my favorites. Interesting part about these sample chips is the fact that I have never been able to add any new ones to my collection. I know they exist, I just have not been able to find any.

After a few years of collecting just Christy's, I again went off on a tangent in what I collected. What triggered it was not because I was getting tired of Christy's, but rather

how some of them looked. Specifically Hot Stamp ones. Let's be honest, chips with graphic inlays are much more appealing to the eye than Hot Stamp chips. At about the same time I also noticed that Rectangle mold chips all "seem" to have inlays, and nice looking inlays too! I then had a vision about collecting Rectangle mold chips. This would solve the problem that I had with Hot Stamp chips. In fact, it was a great solution. This was all based on my theory that if all Rectangle mold chips have inlays, and chips with inlays looks great, then Rectangle mold chips must all be nice looking chips. My high school math teacher would have been proud of me. I actually applied what I learned in Math decades earlier.

If A is equal to B, and if B is equal to C then  
A is equal to C

So, in addition to Christy's, I was now also collecting Rectangle mold chips. Most of which seem to hail from Las Vegas, another plus point in my collectibility scale. I started with a great looking El Rio \$5 chip. More were added as the months went by. I soon discovered that Rectangle mold chips feel real "smooth" to the touch. They almost feel like there was a laminated coating. Some collectors like this feeling. I hated it. I also came across a slight problem. As my high school math teacher would remind us, "A = C", **if and only if** "A = B" & "B = C". Neglecting to make

sure that the conditions were met, my theory about Rectangle mold chips and inlays came to a quick end a few months later when I came across not one, two, but three Rectangle mold Hot Stamp chips. So much for my theory about inlays! The 3 culprits that shattered my visions of chips with inlays were the Yep Luckie \$5, Bunnies Bar \$1 and Sans Souci \$1. All are Hot Stamp chips. Rectangle mold chips were added to my formerly collected list.



Ironically, while I sold or traded off most of the Rectangle mold inlay chips that I had, I actually kept 2 of the Hot Stamp ones. That was because the Bunnies Bar \$1 & Sans Souci \$1 fit the criteria of another one of my major areas of collecting.

As mentioned before, I've always accumulated \$1 chips from Las Vegas from various trips over the years. Realizing that I had unknowingly built a \$1 chip collection over for a few years, I decided that collecting Las Vegas \$1 chips would be a fun thing to do (although I still loved my Christy's).

This turned out to be another area that was really fun to collect. For starters, there were plenty, which meant that it would keep me occupied and interested for the next few years. Pricing was



Christy Samples

reasonable on “most”. So, now I was collecting Christy’s & LV \$1 chips. In looking back, 1999 was a good chip-collecting year. I recall being at Jerry Wall’s table at that year’s Convention. It was the time that he decided to sell everything. Elbowing my way in, I recall spending many hours each day of the Convention at his table looking through binder after binder of chips. Not just common stuff either. I saw many chips that I have never seen before (or since). A few Christy’s were added to my collection. Not many, but that was because I was concentrating on getting LV \$1’s instead. Here is a sample of where I spent my children’s inheritance on in 1999.



In my eyes, Elko must be a great place. Great because it is also home to the Commercial, where is where 3 great Christy’s came from.

I started off the millennium with another buying frenzy. It all started when another Jerry decided to sell his \$1 chip collection. My first purchase(s) for 2000 was from Jerry

- Oliver’s Castaways, LV \$1 in uncirculated condition.
- Thunderbird, LV \$1 host chips with Bill Deer & Lee Dee
- New Town Tavern, LV \$1 Orange HHR

As the year went on, I added many more Christy’s and LV \$1 chips. Too many to even list my favorites. I bought fewer chips than in the previous year, but that was because I was concentrating on the hard to find chips. The year ended with the addition of 2 more Christy’s. A Thunderbird \$5 red NCV and a Thunderbird 50 cent green/maroon dovetail.



However, without a doubt, my favorite addition was a unique \$1 cream colored Christy from Stockmen’s in Elko. It will go well with the other \$1 & \$5 Christy’s from Stockmens. All 3 chips feature the famous Stockmen’s bull.

Hoover. I started off the year 2000 with these 5. There were more, but these remained my favorites.

- Landmark, LV \$1 with inlay of Black Tower
- Mint, LV \$1 both brown/lavender dovetails

For someone who was not intentionally collecting Thunderbird chips, I certainly had my share of chips from them. Most of my favorite Christy’s came from there. The 50 cent dovetails, the HS 50 center, the different \$1 host chips, along with the famous \$1 & \$5 inlay chips with the bird.

I found it interesting that no Christy \$2.50’s existed in all my years of collecting Christy’s. I had my chance when I was offered the Mint, LV \$2.50 dovetails. Both green/purple tail versions. \$800 was the asking price, which was something that I could live with. However, I had to back out of the deal when I realized that the \$800 was not for both chips. That was the last time that I found a \$2.50 Christy. In looking back, I often regretted not getting the chips when I had my chance.





Aside from being a great chip, it was also one of those that fulfilled 3 of my collecting “criteria” (past and present). It was a Christy, it was a dovetail, and it was a \$2.50. My high school math teacher would again be proud of me, since this would have been a perfect example to use in defining the terms “mutually inclusive” and “mutually exclusive”. Along with the diagram of the circles intersecting each other. Chips of course, would be substituted in place of the circles. (Maybe that can come in another time.)

Christy’s & LV \$1 chips continued to be my main focus in 2001. Only difference was that I was buying much less. After buying furiously for the past years, I was actually finding it hard to find something that I needed. Keeping track of what I had was another problem that surfaced. Often, I bought chips, only to find that I already had them after getting home. Other chippers’ solution of carrying a binder of printouts or scans of their collection did not appeal to me either. Having to haul binders around just seemed to take the fun out of collecting. I kept on going, even though I

had no solution to the things bothering me.

The Thunderbird chips gave me the idea of collecting by casino, something that I had never done before. The end result is one of my latest ideas of collecting all chips from the MGM, LV. I’ve always liked the MGM. I liked the lion logo. Best of all, no Hot Stamp chips either, not even on their roulettes. My original idea was to collect all of their \$5 chips. Eventually this was broadened to include the \$25 & \$100, Baccarats, prototypes, roulettes (all 3 issues) and the Jetons that I wished I kept. Commemoratives were not included.

This turned out to be another fun one, as I was also able to find some unlisted variations to add to the collection. As to my original goal of collecting all of their \$5 chips, I’ve managed to get all except for the \$5

Bicentennial in H&C mold. Hardest part about this one was finding their Jetons. Here are some of the MGM chips that I managed to procure.

It was actually refreshing to work on the idea of collecting MGM chips. Reason being that I found myself losing interest in chip collecting. Maybe it was because of my frustration of not finding chips, or maybe it was just burn out from the pace that I was adding Christy’s & LV \$1’s. There were just too many chips. Too many to keep track of. The Inlay vs. Hot Stamp chip issue started to really bother me. In my mind, I questioned myself as to why I would spend \$300 or more on a Hot Stamp chip. I would buy the chip simply because it was a Christy or a LV \$1. and because I did not have it already. I did not care for the looks of the chip. I simply bought it because I “needed it”.

“Why buy something you don’t like” was the question that I was seriously pondering. After some thought, I eventually decided that if I was to spend money on a chip, it should at least look good. The likelihood of new Hot Stamp chips being added to my collections seems remote. I also had a solution for the problem of too many chips. I still love Christy’s and chip collecting in general. I just needed some way of sparking the interest factor back. I then made some minor adjustments to what I collected. Nothing that really deviated from my original path either.



Instead of collecting all LV \$1's, as I did before. I now only collect LV \$1 chips dating back to when I sort of officially started chip collecting. It made sense and had more meaning since these were casinos that I have at least set foot into. It did not seem very meaningful to collect something that I know nothing about its looks or location.

What I collect for Christy's was also narrowed down. Instead of collecting all Nevada Christy's, I narrowed it down with one more criteria. Since the shiny hats of a Christy shows up the best when it's on a black chip, I decided to limit Christy's to only black ones. This is what I have for black Christy's. Nothing new, just what I had from before.

It's special to me because I believe that it's a rare chip. The chip that I have is the only one that I have ever seen for sale. I've never seen one since. It was the first BLACK Christy that I bought. What makes this addition to my collection so special is because it was made possible by Bruce Landau. Many years ago, as a beginner, Bruce had sold me my very first black Christy. Every time I look at the chip, I cannot stop but think of Bruce. Thanks Bruce.

In my quest for an area of collecting that would entail only chips with inlay, I actually did come up with an answer. This is my latest venture in chip collecting. What I collect are chips with "split" inserts, or "inserts within inserts". I am collecting by "Insert Marks", as opposed to molds,

- ALL of them come with an inlay.
- There are no Hot Stamp chips.
- They come in LgKey, HCE, House or GN mold only.
- The inserts style is always the same. (3 of one color within 6 of another)

I believe it's unique in terms of what to collect. If you like inlays on chips, this may just be the thing that you are looking for. Give it a try. It's certainly different. If anything, it's a great conversation piece when you meet up with other chip collectors for the first time. It will take you a good 15 minutes trying to explain what it is that you collect.

This pretty much sums up what I've been collecting all these years. I've had fun doing it, and hope to continue for many more years to come. Happy chipping and see you all at the Convention.



Because of the contrasting black color, it almost seems that even hot stamps are more accentuated on a black Christy. While there are a few Hot Stamped black Christy's in my collection, there is one that stands out above the rest and holds a special memory in my mind. The chip is a \$5 black Christy from the Battle Mountain Club in Battle Mountain.

which I believe is a first. Viewing these examples might be easier than trying to explain.

This is what I have come up with concerning "split" insert chips. I could be wrong or missed something, but based on what I have seen so far...



# Tahoe BILTMORE a brief history and Mary

by Allan Anderson

The history of the Tahoe Biltmore is difficult to trace because the casino industry, in general, kept a low profile of ownership due to past unsavory characters. This is not to say that any of this property's owners were involved in any wrong doing.

The story begins in 1946, when the Tahoe Biltmore was built by Joseph Blumfield.

The Tahoe Biltmore later changed it's name when Sanford "Sandy" Adler bought it in 1951. Adler, who owned the Cal-Neva Lodge at the same time, renamed the Tahoe Biltmore the Cal-Neva Biltmore.

The Cal-Neva Biltmore was sold again to three new owners: David Crow, Eddie Hopple, and Jacki Gonn in 1952. Jacki Gonn now owns three other casino interests in Las Vegas.

In 1956, the Biltmore went through another exciting development, when Joby Lewis built a casino adjacent to the west side of the Cal-Neva Biltmore and called it Lewis' Monte Carlo.

In 1958, after 12 years in the business, the Cal-Neva Biltmore was remodeled and renamed the Nevada Lodge by Meta and Lincoln Fitzgerald. In 1959, the Fitzgeralds purchased Lewis' Monte Carlo and combined it with the Nevada Lodge.

The Fitzgeralds were fascinating owners of the Biltmore. Lincoln

Fitzgerald came to Reno in 1946 from Detroit, MI. Fitzgerald is credited with being the first individual to put a restaurant in a casino in Reno, NV.

Rumors said that Fitzgerald was a former member of the Purple Gang from Detroit. This was never proven, but he was shot twice while in Reno by an unknown assailant. Interestingly, Fitzgerald requested that the police not investigate "the incident".

One last note of interest is the past of the upstairs Nevada Room. Stars like Phyllis Diller (who startled tourists and locals alike with her green hair), Helen O'Connell, Rowan and Martin, and Rudy Vallee, all performed in the Nevada Room. It didn't stop there—Soupy Sales and Regis Philbin also appeared in the Nevada Room.

In 1985, the Nevada Lodge was purchased by Tahoe Crystal Bay, Inc. In 1986, the Nevada Lodge reverted back to its original name, the Tahoe Biltmore.

In addition to the colorful history of the Tahoe Biltmore concerning its owners and performers, the Biltmore boast its very own ghost. Just ask any member of the staff about Mary.....

Mary has been with the Biltmore since the 1960s. She was a cabaret dancer when they used to do full stage shows. She has appeared in

many places throughout the facility including the front desk, the employee breakroom, the laundry room, the lobby bar, the Aspen Cabaret Showroom and as recently as a few weeks ago, in the boiler room. She generally makes her presence known via the electrical system, either by turning lights on or off or with flickering lights. There are several employee reports of hearing footsteps in the dressing room near the stage when there is no one around. She also has made her appearance known by being visible, but when the employee looks they never really get a visual of her face, just her clothing (1960's mini skirt).

The story goes that Mary died in a car accident on Mount Rose Highway. If you ask the staff, many have Mary stories to share.

## Past and Present Chips



When Lincoln Fitzgerald came to Reno and purchased the Nevada Club in Reno and the Nevada Lodge at North Lake Tahoe, he brought with him some chips which had been used at the illegal Chesterfield Club near Detroit. These chips were used as \$1 chips before Fitzgerald had new Nevada Lodge chips made.





Cal-Neva Biltmore



The Nevada Lodge



The Tahoe Biltmore today. The coffee shop at the left was the old Monte Carlo Casino.



# The Binion Hoard: A Tale of Murder

by Charles Surasky

A homicide investigation in Las Vegas unearthed a collector's cache of nearly 46,000 pounds of silver dollars and bullion stored in a secret, underground vault.

Ted Binion's hoard of silver dollars came to public attention in a rather dramatic way. It was dug up in the Nevada desert by the collector's alleged murderer. The story of Binion's life, and that of his silver dollars, reads like a television mini-series. At the center of this epic drama was a man who tried to follow in the footsteps of his successful father, a legendary casino owner on the wild and often dangerous Las Vegas Strip. The younger Binion also led a colorful life, to say the least. He was a man who distrusted paper money but, as fate would have it, had daily access to a seemingly endless supply of circulating silver dollars. And he was a man who knew about numismatic values and had the funds and foresight over the years to set aside a vast quantity of high-quality silver dollars and other silver coins. And, finally, he was a man killed by those he trusted.

The discovery of the Binion Hoard also sounds faint echoes of two famous holdings of silver dollars — the Redfield Hoard of Nevada and the huge stash of Carson City dollars from United States government vaults. These two hoards sparked a huge upswing in the demand for silver dollars and changed the numismatic world. Now the revelation of Binion's cache joins the exclusive

ranks of these storied events. Let's take a quick look at how and why Ted Binion's historic hoard was assembled. The truth often is stranger — and much more entertaining — than fiction.

## Living Large in Las Vegas

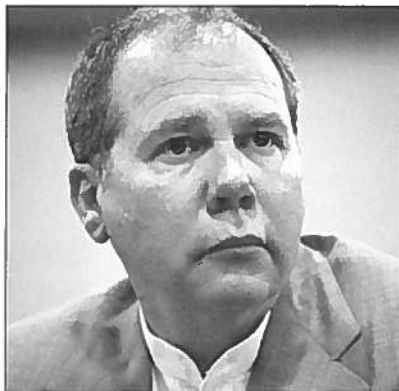
Binion's real first name was Lonnie, but everyone knew him as "Ted". He grew up surrounded by money — literally and figuratively. His father, Lester "Benny" Binion, was a well-known gambler who left Texas for legal gaming opportunities in Nevada. In 1951 Benny opened Binion's Horseshoe, a small Las Vegas casino that, with his energy and marketing sense, grew into a multi-state enterprise.

It was an empire built on cash. Lots of cash. In fact, one of the most famous tourist attractions in Las Vegas was Benny Binion's \$1 million cash exhibit. Every year, thousands of visitors stopped in at the Horseshoe to have their picture taken with Benny's display of 100 \$10,000 bills. Benny was a master promoter.

Ted grew into adulthood surrounded by mountains of money on the gaming tables, in the cashiers' booths and in the casino's vaults. But as Ted saw it, all cash was not the same. To paraphrase the famous quote from George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, in Ted's mind "some dollars were more equal than others."

Binion's personal philosophy was straightforward: a dollar bill was merely a questionable paper promise printed by politicians. His understanding of history made him skeptical of such promises. Silver, on the other hand, had proven its value as real money since Biblical times. Silver, he believed, could be relied on to keep its value. That's why Ted liked owning silver dollars, lots of them.

Working in the cashier's office at Binion's Horseshoe, Ted saw a constant flow of money. In the 1950s and early '60s, that meant both paper money and silver coins. Ted worked every day with the minor silver coins commonly found in circulation: Mercury and Roosevelt dimes, Stand-



The value of Ted Binion's hoard of silver dollars grew from an initial investment of \$100,000 into more than \$3 million. When Binion died under mysterious circumstances, one of the co-conspirators in his murder was found raiding the collector's secret, underground vault.

ing Liberty and Washington quarters, and Walking Liberty and Franklin half dollars. He also handled silver dollars, which were used at the casino's tables and slot machines. He often found scarce and rare pieces and, over time, became acquainted with the collector value of the coins. Perhaps this experience helped spark his desire to own silver dollars in quantity.

(Silver dollars commonly were used at Nevada's gambling tables before the rise in their intrinsic value caused the disappearance of all silver coinage from circulation — Gresham's Law ["bad money drives good money out of circulation"] in action. When silver rose above \$1.29 an ounce in mid 1963 and American silver coinage disappeared from circulation, casinos started using tokens. as they continue to do today.)

The silver dollars the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino ordered at face value from the bank were delivered from the vaults of a Federal Reserve or Mint facility. Ted closely inspected the dollars as they arrived in sealed bags of 1,000 coins. When he spotted an especially "high quality" bag, he purchased it for his personal holdings.

At first, Binion stored these carefully selected coins in an unused walk-in freezer in the casino's basement. Later, he moved them to a \$40,000 underground vault, located at a secret location at his ranch in the desert near Pahrump, Nevada, some 60 miles west of Las Vegas. There the silver dollars sat, protected and undisturbed.

It was no secret that Binion, like his father, led a rather wild life — so wild that numerous books have been written about him. After years of run-ins with family members, law-

enforcement officials, drug dealers and reputed organized-crime figures, Ted died at the age of 55 under mysterious circumstances on September, 17, 1998.

The dramatic sensationalism of his death drew avid coverage from local and national media. Paramedics, dispatched after a frantic "911" call from Binion's girlfriend, arrived at Ted's home to find him deceased, stretched out on a sleeping bag with an empty bottle of the prescription sedative Xanax beside him. Reports of a possible suicide or accidental heroin overdose were heard. But Binion's family suspected something more sinister.

On Friday, May 19, 2000, two people were convicted of Binion's murder. One was Ted's live-in girlfriend, Sandy Murphy, a former exotic dancer some 20 years younger than the casino heir. On his death, Murphy stood to inherit Binion's 8,000-square-foot house and all its contents, \$300,000 in cash and a \$90,000 Mercedes. Court testimony revealed that Ted spoke to his lawyer about removing Murphy from his will the day before his death.

The second person found guilty of Binion's murder was Rick Tabish, a contractor with a shady past and connections to the Chicago "mob." Ironically, it was Tabish who built Binion's hidden vault and helped him move silver dollars and other assets there from the Horseshoe less than two months before his murder. Ted trusted Tabish with the combination to the hidden vault containing his desert treasure. When police came across Tabish and two helpers in the process of extracting the silver from its hiding place on September 18, the contractor reportedly stated that Binion had requested

the removal of the coins in the event of his death. During the trial, it also was reported that Tabish was seen around town with Sandy Murphy — before and after Binion's death. Murphy, found guilty on six counts including murder, was sentenced to 22 years to life in prison. Tabish, found guilty on 11 counts, including murder, received 25 years to life.

### **The Silver Saga Continues**

In late 2001, Ted Binion's collection of more than 100,000 silver dollars, plus additional silver coins and assets, was purchased by Spectrum Numismatics International, Inc., of Irvine, California, for more than \$3 million. Goldline International, Inc., of Santa Monica, California, was designated the exclusive marketing agent, with some coins to be sold at auction.

The majority of the silver dollars have been certified by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) and encapsulated in tamper-proof holders with a green label depicting three cowboys from the Old West. The unique label lists "BinionCollection.com" to further identify each piece's pedigree and refer interested parties to a web site dedicated to the collection. Because of Binion's careful selection and protection of his coins, many have been graded MS-65, -66, -67 and -68 by NGC.

Collectors and investors are intrigued by the high quality and the notoriety surrounding Ted Binion's long-hidden treasure. Goldline International reports that initial sales of the Binion dollars have exceeded expectations. That's because today's market is much larger and better developed than it was when the Redfield Hoard and Treasury holdings

were sold. There are far more silver dollar collectors, investors and dealers than ever before, and the availability of third-party certification and grading further enhances liquidity.

I expect all Binion's silver dollars will be snapped up. After all, high-quality treasure burnished with a bit of scandal can be quite appealing.

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#### Ted Binion's Father: A Las Vegas Original



Lester "Benny" Binion was born on November 30, 1904, near Pilot Grove, Texas, about 60 miles north of Dallas. As a kid, he worked at numerous jobs, including stints as a cowboy and horse-trader. Whatever he did, Benny always made time for his favorite pastime — gambling. He was good at it. He discovered his true calling when he got a job in Dallas in what is now referred to as the "gaming industry."

Binion's first gaming job was as a "steer man," guiding customers to his boss' craps games. Later, he ran the games. It mattered little that these diversions were against the law. Dallas had unofficially adopted a policy of tolerance toward minor vices, which was especially good for the local economy when tourists and Texans alike celebrated the 1936 State Centennial. When Dallas elected a reform administration, Benny and his family left Texas for a more hospitable location, taking along a reported \$2 million in cash.

In 1946, the same year Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel opened the Flamingo

Hotel and Casino for Meyer Lansky and his associates in organized crime, Binion (along with his wife, Teddy Jane, and their children, Barbara, Jack, Brenda, Ted and Becky) arrived in Las Vegas. It soon was evident that Ted was most like his father.

In 1951 Benny opened his own place on Fremont Street, calling it Binion's Horseshoe. He startled the sleepy town by setting the craps betting limit at \$500 — 10 times higher than the maximum at other casinos. Benny made news in Las Vegas in many other ways as well. He was the first to put carpeting in a downtown casino, the first to have limousines pick up customers at the airport and the first to offer free drinks to slot-machine players.

Benny had a few brushes with the law and other notorious gamblers along the way. He was, as they like to say in the West, "colorful."

In addition to turning the Horseshoe into a gaming powerhouse for "average Americans," Benny is remembered for popularizing the "World Series of Poker" and its \$1 million cash prize (even though Reno's Riverside Casino actually came up with the concept). And he's remembered for attracting the well-attended National Finals Rodeo to Las Vegas.

Benny Binion, the man who wore gold coins for buttons on his cowboy shirts, died on Christmas Day, 1989. He was a true Las Vegas original.

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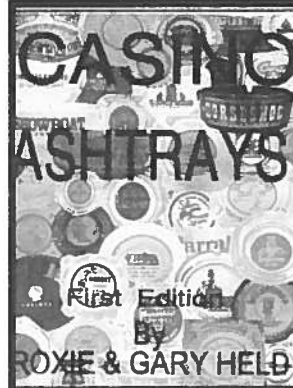
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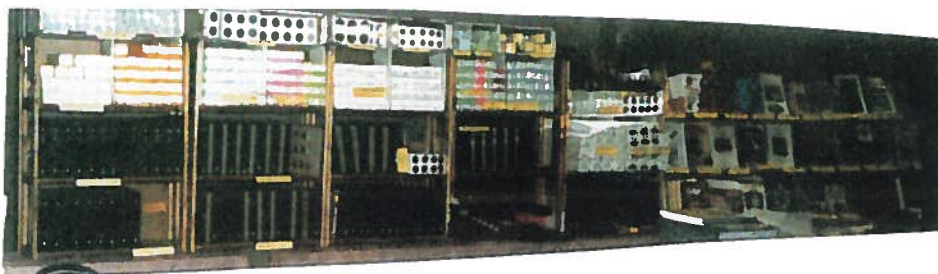
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