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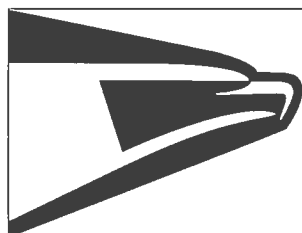
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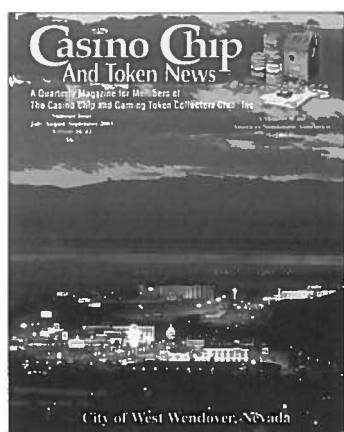
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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC>CC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2002.

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

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

In our opinion, the Treasurer's Report referred to above, presents fairly the income and expenditures of **THE CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2002, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.


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June 26, 2003.

From the Editor's Desk



Allan Anderson

The 11th Annual Convention has come and gone for another year and we all owe a great big thank you to Jim and Sandi Steffner and all the volunteers who gave their time to make it a success. It's hard to comprehend the amount of time and effort that goes into making the convention the huge success it was.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me pictures of the convention, auction, seminars and tournaments. It would be impossible to print them all in the magazine without going into volumes. I will use the pictures in upcoming issues.

In this issue you will find highlights of the convention along with our regular articles and other informative pieces. A very special thanks to Kerrie Supanich, West Wendover Tourism and Convention Bureau, who supplied me with the background information for the Wendover article and who also tolerated my many phone calls.

Also in this issue you will find an article by Eric Rosenblum, club council, explaining the importance of using our club name properly. It is important that we all start using the proper name in all of our print and electronic media.

The purpose of the magazine is to provide communication, information and entertainment to our readers. We supplement the cost of this through advertising. Often our advertisers are also dealers in chips and accessories for chip collecting and are important to the production of this magazine. Many valuable and interesting articles have been contributed to the magazine by advertisers/dealers; such contributions should in no way be construed as an endorsement of the advertisers/dealers or their products.

I hope you enjoy the issue, if you have any comments send them to me at editor@ccgtcc.com. Keep those articles coming.

President's Letter



Mike Skelton

Webster defines it as “enjoyment or pleasure; a source or cause of amusement or merriment; intended for, or giving, pleasure or amusement.” The word is FUN! And that's what we need to remember was the reason we all got into this great hobby to start with. Remember how it felt the first time you attended the Club Convention, the feeling you get when you find an elusive chip for your collection or find a great chip at a flea market for \$5.00. The hobby part of it still must be FUN. That is a word you will hear a lot from me during the next two years. The Club has grown to a size where the business part of it needs to be handled and run like a business. And it will be. This Board will take our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously. We will protect our assets. We spend our money wisely and efficiently. And we will safeguard the integrity of this organization and its members.

Throughout this issue, you will see many reports and pictures of the Club's 11th Annual Convention. It was our largest and most successful Convention to date. We all owe our Convention Co-Chairmen, Jim and Sandi Steffner, a large round of applause for a job well done. This show could not be staged without the hundreds of hours that are contributed by countless members who freely give of their time in volunteering before, during and after the convention. Their unselfish acts allow each attendee to show up for the week and have FUN! Thank You to each and every one of these volunteers, we appreciate your efforts on behalf of the rest of the membership.

Even though the current Board has been in place less than a month, we are working on several initiatives and projects. We have been and will continue to review every expenditure that the Club makes. If we can find a more efficient and economical way to conduct our business, then we will make the appropriate changes. We will give our full support to the Building Fund Project and will be announcing the next step in this process in a coming issue. There are other projects that will be reported on the following pages by some of the other Board members and still others will be announced as work on them proceeds. All the decisions made by this Board will be done with the best interests of the Club in mind. What is best for the Club as a whole, for all 2800 members. Not every individual is going to agree with every decision this Board makes. And that's OK. We understand that 2800 people will never agree 100% on anything.

We look forward to the next two years and if you would like to discuss any matter pertaining to Club business, please contact any of the Board members. And more importantly, have FUN!

Mike

Vice President's Letter



Wayne Thompson

I would be remiss if I did not start this report out by saying thank you to Jim and Sandi Steffner for putting on the best Convention ever. They along with all the volunteers who gave up so much of their time deserve our utmost gratitude. The dedication of everyone involved means the rest of us have the opportunity to enjoy the most exciting event of the year. I also want to give a special thank you to Jim Kruse who has been responsible for getting the speakers for the banquet the last two years. This year he really outdid himself with Claudine Williams. She is such a classy lady and everyone I talked with couldn't say enough about how much they enjoyed her. Now if we can only figure out the mystery of the Holiday Queen chips!

The new Board met for the first time to set the agenda going forward. As Vice-President I have been asked to pursue two initiatives that have been discussed by previous Boards. The first is to find a way that we can provide additional value to our members in an effort to increase retention. The option we are looking at is to create a coupon book for casinos around the country that we can distribute to every new and renewing member. In order to accomplish this it is going to take the work of a lot of volunteers from all parts of the country. Please consider volunteering to assist in this effort. The second initiative is to create a Corporate membership category that will allow entities such as casinos, chip manufacturers, etc to support the Club and develop a closer relationship with our individual members. Again this is going to take the work of a lot of people. I hope everyone will consider stepping up and volunteering to help with either or both of these efforts.

Last, but certainly not least I want to give my sincerest thanks to all the individuals as well as Chapters who supported me in the last election. I made a promise that I will always be available to answer any questions or concerns that any member may have. I want to reiterate that I'm always available. Contact me by e-mail at vicepresident@ccgtcc.com, by snail mail at 191 Kentucky Avenue, Lexington, KY 40502, or by phone at 859-252-5626 (EST). Again thank you for your support!

Never forget the most important part of this hobby is having FUN!

Wayne

Business Meeting Convention 2003



Nate Pincus

As I leave office, we all have much to be proud of. You have heard the reports from my fellow officers – the treasury is strong and we are on sound financial footing, all without a dues increase. Membership is vibrant, averaging a new member everyday. New collectible type membership cards are planned. The constitution and by-laws have been updated. We now have 17 chapters and an organized structure for communication between chapters and the club – the Chapter Presidents Council. Our website continues to improve and is our best recruiting tool and the Standards and Archives Committee completed their Official Condition Descriptions and continue work in other areas.

Just recently we have started two new important and special relationships. Tyrus, Ralph and I met with representatives of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. We were given an opportunity to present the club and talk in detail about what the club is about, especially our educational programs. We discussed many matters and have paved the way for what will be an important and meaningful relationship.

The second significant relationship that was initiated was with the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. They have an outstanding collection with many items of interest to all of us who collect casino memorabilia. More information will be coming in the future about what they have to offer to our members. One immediate benefit is that our featured guest at Friday morning's educational seminar is from UNLV and will speak about their collection. I hope to see you all there.

Much of my time during the past two years has been dominated by two major issues – slabbing and the brass core matter. These are now behind us and hopefully will never again rear their ugly heads. Slabbing failed in our hobby due to a lack of interest. And the brass core matter taught us that those who pass non-genuine chips into our hobby without disclosing their true nature will be dealt with severely. And all of us, through our association with the CC>CC and because of the club's educational efforts, are aware of the ramifications of slabbing and the existence of non-genuine chips.

I have been fortunate throughout my term that I have been able to report that the club magazine is one of the outstanding collector club publications. It has been in good hands and remains so thanks to Allan Anderson and John Moore.

We are here again, meeting at our annual convention. As we all know, our 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 this year's event. Of course, our conventions would not be wonderful and exciting without the help of all of those who volunteer. My thanks go out to all of those many members who give their time and abilities to this event.

The financial position of our club is very strong. Our treasury has increased significantly 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 convention, including raffles and an auction for Saturday night's Last Dance trade session. Please make plans to attend and support the Building Fund and to do some last minute trading.

I can't let this moment pass without observing that in the past year we lost a man that I considered to be the heart and soul of the club and the hobby. Bruce Landau passed away suddenly last December, leaving a tremendous void. I miss having him as a friend and close advisor, both on chips and club matters. The club misses his leadership as Hall of Fame and Auction Chairman. And we all miss his infectious optimism and joyful spirit. In his honor, the club auction has been named in his memory – The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction.

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.

Many members have been instrumental in the club's success during my term. All the many officers who worked along with me – John Zoesch, Tyrus Mulkey, Mike Quinlivan, Ralph Myers, Neal Silverman, Marty Kaplan and Dave Shron. Our magazine Editors, Allan Anderson and John Moore and our former Editor, John Yee. Our Convention Chairpersons, Jim and Sandi Steffner and their predecessors, George and Liz Conrad. Our Webmaster, Greg Susong and all of those who assist him. Jim Follis for being Online Communications Director and for taking over as the "OTY" Chairman. Barry Weintraub, Howdy and Gregg Herz and Jim Kruse for their dedication to the club auction. Archie Black, who has served us in so many ways. Eric Rosenblum who continues his long-term service as legal counsel. And Jim Kruse for heading up the Building Fund Committee along with his many volunteers. Robert Pardue for being Librarian and helping in many other ways. Pam Forcazio for taking control of the club promotions area. She took over after Dick Allard was unable to continue. Dick, our long time Promotions Chairman still helps in other ways. Jim Pierre is our Claims Director and Vince and Bettye Mowery served as Election chairpersons. And Len Cipkins, a relatively new member has done a fabulous job as Publicity Director. Thank you to all of you and to the many others too numerous to mention who work on the club and chapter levels for all our benefit.

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 and the other new officers during the transition.

It has been my pleasure to serve as an officer of the CC>CC for the past four years, the first two as Treasurer and the past two as your President. I am very proud of all the progress that was made during this time and I feel confident in handing over the leadership responsibility to the new administration.

In closing, I am overwhelmed by having the opportunity to serve as President of our wonderful organization and look forward to volunteering in the future. Thanks again to all who have volunteered their time and to all who showed their support in so many ways.

Secretary's Report



Belinda Hixon

The first meeting of the new BOD took place at 12:30, June 27th. In attendance were: Mike Skelton, Wayne Thompson, Mike Quinlivan, Ralph Meyers and Belinda Hixon.

Convention Chairman Jim Steffner, gave a report on the convention. Vendor tables, the banquet and poker tournament were sell outs. The Blackjack tournament had approximately 96 participants. There were relatively few problems to report except that the online registration and credit card transactions for the convention were problematic due to logistical difficulties. It was decided to discontinue online registration and credit card transactions through the mail for next year.

The BOD received a briefing on the Chapter President's Council meeting held on Thursday, June 26th. President Skelton, Vice-President Thompson and Secretary Hixon attended the meeting that was chaired by outgoing Secretary Mulkey. The BOD looks forward to working with the chapter presidents.

A discussion regarding mandatory CC>CC membership for all chapter members followed and was tabled until the legal issues surrounding the 501 (c) (7) status for chapters are resolved. It is hoped that the opinion will give the Club a better idea of what the relationship between the Club and Chapters has to be in order to protect the Club's 501 (c) (3) status. President Skelton will inform the BOD as soon as a legal opinion is obtained.

The BOD voted 5-0 to approve a chip design submitted by the Deep South Chapter. The chip will be produced for their Second Annual Meeting to be held in February 2004.

A new Hall of Fame committee consisting of all living HOF members was appointed. This committee will present the BOD with their criteria and process for future inductions and will be charged with reviewing the nominees and selecting the members.

A vote was taken on a member's proposal to explore making regular charitable donations in the name of the Club. The proposal was defeated by a 5-0 vote by the BOD. In the future the BOD will consider any such request on a case-by-case basis.

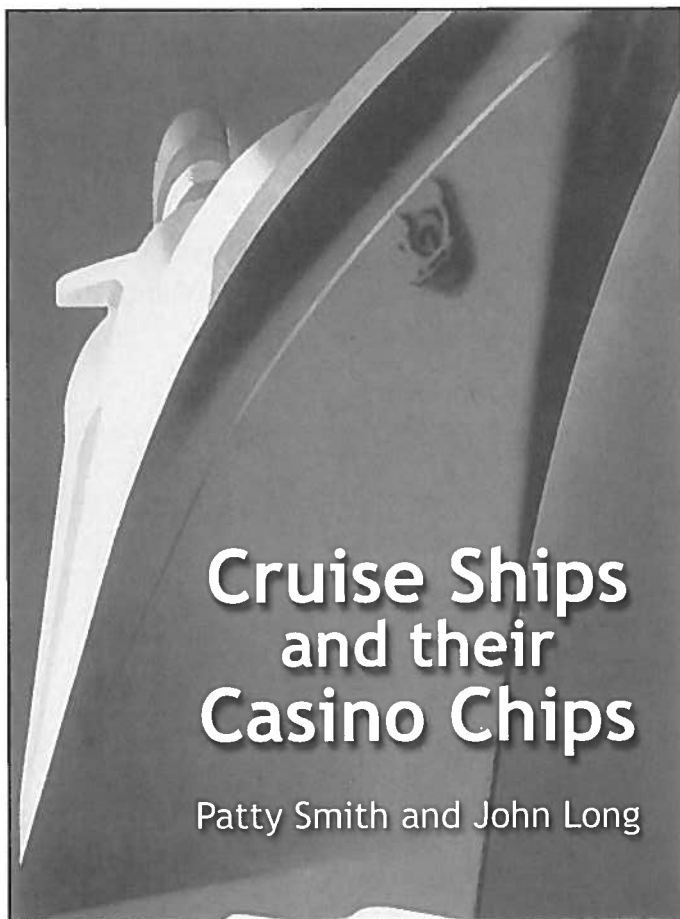
A 5-0 vote to match the Building Fund dollars raised at the Saturday night function passed. The full Board was present for the announcement at the Last Dance/Building Fund Gala.

A follow-on committee will be formed in anticipation of the current Building Fund Committee reaching its target of \$50,000.00. The original charge of the Building Fund Committee was to raise the \$50,000 and then a separate committee would be formed to do a feasibility study, continue the raising of the necessary funds and move this project another step closer to reality. President Skelton will select the members to this committee.

Other business included:

- Investigating year-round liability insurance coverage for the Club.
- Vice President Thompson will work on ideas to retain members and to set up Corporate memberships.
- A history page will be added to the Club website. Nate Pincus has volunteered to organize the information.
- Tyrus Mulkey was appointed CC>CC liaison to UNLV and the Special Collections at UNLV.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Hixon
CC>CC Secretary



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Treasurer's Report



Mike Quinlivan

As of May 31, 2003, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$170,191. For the first five months of 2003, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$26,304 (excluding Building Fund donations of \$2,452). This includes the expenditures for the Fall 2002, Winter 2003 and Spring 2003 issues of the Club magazine. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the cash accounts.

Highlights for the first 5 months of 2003:

1. Online pre-registration was made available for Club members to use their credit card to register for the convention, banquet, poker tournament and blackjack tournament.
2. The Wells Fargo Certificate of Deposit matured in early January 2003 and was transferred into a Certificate of Deposit account at Fullerton Community Bank that offers the flexibility of deposits and withdrawals the 12-month term.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer
July 14, 2003

Income & Expense/Equity Statement

January 1 through May 31, 2003

Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$20,365
Convention:		
Table Fees	\$26,345	
Banquet	\$9,695	
Poker Tournament	\$7,835	
Registration	\$7,256	
Blackjack Tournament	\$4,575	
Auction Catalogs	\$945	
Convention Total		\$56,651
Building Fund Donations		\$2,452
Interest Income		\$1,590
Magazine Advertising		\$1,360
Promotion		\$607
Directory Sales		\$110
Total Income		<u>\$83,135</u>

Expenditures

Magazine		\$44,461
Convention Expenses		\$5,155
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$1,405
Bank Charges		\$718
Advertising		\$549
Election		\$530
Website		\$490
Miscellaneous		\$389
Printing (Other than Magazine)		\$253
Supplies		\$141
Filing Fees		\$140
Telephone		\$107
Publicity		\$41
Total Expenditures		<u>\$54,379</u>

Net Income - 1/1/03 to 5/31/03 \$28,756

Beginning Equity Balance - 1/1/2003	\$157,820
Net Income - 1/1/03 to 5/31/03	<u>\$28,756</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 5/31/03	<u><u>\$186,576</u></u>

Detail of Equity Balance - 5/31/03

Certificate of Deposit	\$74,550	
General Fund	\$56,591	
Life Membership Fund	\$19,622	
Building Fund	<u>\$19,428</u>	
Total Cash Available		<u>\$170,191</u>
Inventory		<u>\$16,385</u>
Ending Equity Balance - 5/31/03		<u><u>\$186,576</u></u>

Respectfully submitted by Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer

June 21, 2003

Membership Officers Report



Ralph Myers

Hello from the land of 115 degree weather.

First a big thank you to all of you who voted to keep me in office. I truly believe the club would be well served regardless of which one of us won.

I'm finally caught up from the convention, and what a convention it was. I heard nothing but good things from everyone I talked to, and thanks to everyone who came by and said hello. I'm also happy to report that I lasted longer in the poker tournament than a certain club member from Illinois, and he knows who he is.

At this years convention as we have done in the past, the club honored the top ten new member recruiters for 2002. The top recruiter for 2002 was American Chip Enterprises. Followed by (in no special order) Greg Susong, Andy Hughes, Pete Rizzo, Alan Borenstein, The Silver Strikers Chapter, Gene Trimble, The Chip Rack, Richard Anderson, and James Steffner. Again Thanks to all of you, and the many others who help the club grow.

FYI...At the convention this year, we signed up twenty new members, three new life members, and renewed hundreds of memberships.

One last important note. In order to help keep the cost of the magazine down, I am now ordering less extra copies each quarter. The reason I bring this up, is it's more important than ever to renew on time. Don't be left without a magazine. Remember you can now renew on line at www.CCGTCC.com using your Visa or MasterCard.

As always, feel free to call me, email me, or snail mail me with any problems, concerns, or questions.

Best regards,
Ralph Myers
Membership Officer



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New Members Since Last Issue

Member	Last Name	First Name	State	Reference
5985	Ryan	Peter	FL	Anderson, Richard
5986	Pellerin	Michael	MA	club web site
5987	Bennett	William Hawk	TX	Black, Archie
5987-A	Bennett	Beth	TX	Black, Archie
5988	Patin	Brett	NY	Rizzo, Pete
5988-A	Patin	Julie	NY	Rizzo, Pete
5989	Levine	Bill	CO	
5990	Burwick	Billy	MA	club web site
5991	Woluewich	Alex	NY	club web site
5994	Wallace	Bryce	AZ	Anderson, Richard
5995	Gaito	Jim	CA	former member
5996	Mazariegos	Ingrid	NY	Sima, Robert
5998	Norris	Howard	MO	Clewell, Ron
5999	Kountz	David	IL	club web site
6001	Lewis IV	Grenville	TX	Madison, Michael
6002	Carille	Dan	NJ	club web site
6003	Dietz	John	NJ	Black, Archie
6005	Reilly	Sean	CA	Reilly, Jim
6006	Stapleton	Mark	NC	Bailey, Russell
6006-A	Stapleton	Gwen	NC	Bailey, Russell
6007	Adams	Roger	CA	Hoffman, Edward
6009	Kerrn	Theodore	IL	club web site
6012	Novelli	Michael	NV	former member
6013	Moriguchi	Gregg	HI	club web site
6015	Harris	Howard	AZ	club web site
6018	Cochrane	John	GA	club web site
6020	Klingler	D. Jack	CA	club web site
6021	Church	Gregg	CA	Rizzo, Pete
6022	Munroe	George D.	NC	Munroe, Joseph
6022-A	Munroe	Patricia	NC	Munroe, Joseph
6023	Horsman	Dr. Tom	WV	Numismatic News
6024	Fry	Dale W.	CA	club web site
6025	Dreiling	Daren D.	KS	Rizzo, Pete
6025-A	Dreiling	Allison	KS	Rizzo, Pete
6026	Phillips	Maureen	FL	Richter, Michael
6026-A	Phillips	James	FL	Richter, Michael
6027	Klackie	Mike	FL	Rodgers, Charles
6028	Goeser	Charles J.	AZ	club web site
6029	Bachrach	Adam L.	CA	club web site
6030	Brown	Andy	PA	club web site
6031	Dolphin	Phyliss	AZ	Ben
6032	Gabsch	Karl	MD	Steffner, Jim
6033	Schnackenberg	Shirley	IL	Brown, John R.
6036	Kountz	Daniel W.	Ill	club web site
6037	Gallio	Edward	CT	club web site
6039	Altman	Nolan	NY	Knight, Will
6040	Alvarez	Luis A.	FL	Florida chapter
6041	Marrs	Daniel	CA	the Chip Rack
6041	Shollmier	Ken	LA	club web site

Member	Last Name	First Name	State	Reference
6043	Berkowitz	Geoffrey	NJ	Black, Archie
6046	Lodge	Arlene	NV	Carter, Lester
6046-A	Lodge	Frank	NV	Carter, Lester
6047	Barton	Don	TX	Anderson Richard
6047-A	Barton	Judy	TX	Anderson Richard
6048	Klein	Gregg M.	NJ	club web site
6050	Rees	Don	NE	Silver Strike Chapter
6051	Fakahua	Nale	UT	Olsen, Rick
6052	Hocking	Dale	NV	American Chip Enterprises
6053	Stambaugh	James	IL	club web site
6054	Seufert	Dave	WA	club web site
6055	Shaplin	Kevin	MD	club web site
6056	Jadloski	Michael	OH	club web site
6057	Schweder	Verne	KS	Steffner, James
6058	Beach	Bill	OH	club web site
6060	Shoop	Dennis	OH	Shore, Josh
6061	Konecny	John	CA	Kenny, Martin
6063	Mills	Sabrina	NV	
6069	Rape	Walter G.	WA	Myers, Ralph
6069-A	Rape	Lynne	WA	Myers, Ralph
6070	DeCecco	Linda	NY	the Chip Rack
6071	Uno Manros	Carl	NV	Lucci, Lou
6072	Wright	Rosanne	NV	Spinetti, Mike
6074	Parcels	Wally	HI	club web site
6075	Ferrara	Joseph	NJ	club web site
6076	Plofkin	Thomas M.	CT	club web site
6080	Vogel	Robert	MI	Shore, Josh
6081	Timineri	Norman A.	CA	club web site
6082	Dukeminier	John W.	CO	club web site
6083	Beckman	Bruce	FL	Kelly, Ed
6084	Royle	Sharon	PA	club web site
6085	Beckers	Marty	CA	club web site
6085-A	Beckers	Wendy	CA	club web site
6086	Morris West	Joe	TX	club web site
6087	Robertson	Dawn	TX	Poll, Stan
6088	Kesgen	Jeff	NV	club web site
6089	Schulze	Randy	KS	club web site
6090	Wilson	Steve	TX	club web site
6091	Yeargin	John C.	OH	Knapp, Michael
6092	Snider	Jim	WV	club web site
6093	Kreindel	William S.	NJ	Rizzo, Pete
6095	Grogran	Terrance	OH	American Chip Enterprises
6097	Wilkinson	D.	CA	club web site
6098	Seto	David	CA	Finn, Dennis
6099	Birrell	Steven	IN	Black, Archie
6100	Klein	Don	AZ	former member
6101	Moushey	Ursula	NV	Mills, Tammy
6102	Wu	Norm	CA	convention
6103	Vincent	Wayne	CO	convention
6104	Curtis	Gary	UT	Silver Strike Chapter
6104-A	Curtis	Robyn	UT	Silver Strike Chapter
6105	Wallace	Bridget	AZ	Silver Strike Chapter

Member	Last Name	First Name	State	Reference
6108	Luo	Frank	NV	
6109	Sanderson	Russell	CA	convention
6109-A	Sanderson	Mary	CA	convention
6111	Khan	Karl	NV	former member
6112	Seyfert	Mike	MT	former member
6113	Miller	John	CA	silver strike chapter
6113-A	Miller	Sherry	CA	silver strike chapter
6114	Ridgeway	John	SC	Follis, Jim
6114-A	Ridgeway	Laurie	SC	Follis, Jim
6117	Lemons	Joseph	NV	Hoffman, Ed
6118	Mitchell	Mark	CA	convention
6119	Urist	Larry	FL	convention
6120	Jones	Steve	NV	convention
6121	OConnell	Dennis	MA	convention
6122	Cole	Barry	OH	former member
6123	Hoskins	James	TX	Waterbury, Mary Lou
6124	Reske	Jerry	WA	Waterbury, Mary Lou
6125	Rosenberg	Scott	NY	Rizzo, Pete
6127	Kompier	Steve	CA	club web site
6129	Burgess	Harry	NV	Rizzo, Pete
6130	DuPerow	Dustin	OH	Finn, Dennis
6131	Iacueo	Louis	CA	
6132	Hyer	Frank	LA	club web site
6133	Harvey	Raymond	AZ	Rizzo, Pete
6134	Arensen	James A.	CO	Rizzo, Pete
6135	Bruggman	Warren	NE	Rizzo, Pete
6136	Stroup	Doug V.	CA	
6137	Xenos	Myron	OH	former club member
6138	Kitchens	George W.	TX	club web site
6139	Hyde	Terry	England	club web site
6140	Myers	Robert	NJ	Rizzo, Pete
6142	Goetz	Jim	FL	Rizzo, Pete
6143	Whitaker	Gregory	CA	Rizzo, Pete
6144	Hatcher	Walter J.	AZ	Hoadley, Robert
6144	Boyd	Douglas	AZ	Campiglia, James
6146	Frasier	Charles A.	AZ	Sommer, Harry
6147	Lukacko	Peter O.	PA	Black, Archie
6148	Orth	Ron	VA	Anderson, Richard
6148-A	Orth	Carol	VA	Anderson, Richard
6149	Trentacost	Anthony	NJ	club web site
6150	Pettitt	Tricia	NV	Rizzo, Pete

The CC>CC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes



For a donation of \$100 or more you get the above numbered oversized (44mm) chip. Only 100 made.

CC>CC Building Fund Mission

There has been discussion for several years among the club members about how nice it would be to have a location where meetings could be held, materials stored and just have a place to call home. Some have even suggested a casino chip museum could be located in the new home. The problem was money - how much and how to get it. Since maintaining a building, even if it is leased space, is rather expensive the Board of Directors decided that before any plans are made it would be necessary to see if there was enough interest in this project to raise the needed funds.

It was determined that while it may not be enough to complete the project it would be necessary to get at least \$50,000 just to get things started. In April 2002 the Board of Directors approved setting up a committee to work on collecting the necessary money to accomplish the goal.

In the first year, through the hard work of many club members, the donations to the building fund totaled about \$20,000 and are being kept in a

separate bank account. Once the \$50,000 total is raised a different committee will decide how to proceed in locating the permanent home. This could include purchase of a building, leasing space or working with a government organization such as the City of Las Vegas or a University. Committee members have met with the Mayor of Las Vegas and his people in an attempt to develop something a lot faster than we ever thought possible. These meetings have been very productive and will continue as the project comes closer to reality. There have also been meetings with various casinos concerning our needs.

When this project is completed we will have a place we can be proud of, a place that belongs to the membership, and probably most important, a place where future members will be able to honor the memories of all of the great members and collectors that started and built this great hobby and club.

CC>CC Building Fund Committee

The Building Fund Committee is comprised of the following club members:

Jim Kruse (Chairman)
Robert Pardue
Andy Hughes
Archie Black
Greg Susong

To make a donation, send a check to Mike Quinlivan at:

Mike Quinlivan
Treasurer CC>CC
P.O. Box 249
Atwood, CA 92811-0249

Mike will let the committee know if a donation of \$100 or more was made and you will receive your chip in the mail.

CC>CC Convention Building Fund Volunteers

by Jill **Bitner**

This year, through the support of our Members, the CCGTCC added a Building Fund Table to accept cash and merchandise donations during the convention. The table was staffed by volunteers and we wish to thank the following members and associate members for their assistance during the convention:

Brian & Jill Bellous

Jim Reilly

Mark Cotton & Cindy Abbott

Cindy Zoesch

Barbara Episale

Patrick Fleming

Tommy Leggio

Lloyd Tereno

Paul Donohue

Pete Sanders

Steve Bedo

Jim Pierre

Bob Orme

Dawn Citino

Thomas Moore

Howard Pryor

Wayne Murphy

Kevin Aydellot

George Dmitrevsky

We'd like to thank everyone for their donations - with special thanks going to those who provided merchandise donations for our Saturday Night Gala. We must also thank the following people who undertook significant fundraising projects and/or provided incentives for cash and merchandise donations: Jim Kruse, Andy Hughes, Travis Lewin, Greg Susong, Luke Rapley, Wayne Murphy, Gene Trimble & the Palms, Janice O'Neal, Donna Karli and Debby Meister.

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CC & GTCC

Voting Results

April 21, 2003

OFFICERS

President:

Mike Skelton 597

Secretary:

Belinda Hixon 569

Treasurer:

Mike Quinlivan 588

Vice President:

Ken Hallenbeck 55

Wayne Thompson 453

John Zoesch 112

Membership Officer:

Ralph Myers 440

Sunday Silverman 168

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Submitted by Michael Knapp

YES 423 – 73.3%

NO 154

Submitted by Archie Black 366 – 61.3%

Submitted by Marty Kaplan 57 – 9.5%

Neither 174 – 29.1%

Proposal Passed

Neither Proposal Passed

Counted by the following committee:

Bettye Mowery Co-Chairperson Bettye Mowery

Vince Mowery Co-Chairperson Vince Mowery

Carey Burke Carey Burke

Tyrus Mulkey Tyrus Mulkey

Pat Burke Patricia Burke

Wayne Sone Wayne Sone

CC>CC at UNLV

by Tyrus Mulkey

On May 15th, Nate Pincus and I spent a few hours at the UNLV Gaming Studies Research Center. Our host was the Coordinator of the Special Collections, Dr. David Schwartz.

The purpose of the visit was twofold. We intended to formally introduce the CC & GTCC to the Center and discover what possible treasures the Center might hold for our members. We accomplished both goals.

While Dave had heard of us and seen the CCTN, he wasn't that familiar with our Club. We informed him about our Club, including our purpose, number of members, number of Chapters, and locations of Chapters. We gave him a copy of the CCTN (although the UNLV library has been a recipient of our magazine for 10 years) to keep for himself and invited him to attend the annual convention in June.

Dave took us to the website he has been instrumental in building: <http://gaming.unlv.edu> It contains a listing of all materials that are contained in the Special Collections at UNLV, as well as many great

pictures of old Las Vegas. It even has a website for the Hotel El Rancho Vegas – a sample of what might have been had the Internet been here when the El Rancho Vegas was in business. We were also able to take a look at the drawings and designs of casino architect Martin Stern. The website has many exceptional areas and I encourage everyone to check it out.

We were introduced to Su Kim Chung, who works as the manuscripts librarian in the Special Collections department. Ms. Chung also put together a great photo book titled "Las Vegas Then and Now". She and Dave showed us around and demonstrated how easy it is for anyone to come in and research documents, photos, maps, magazines, and just about anything else that deals with the history of Las Vegas or gaming. Nate was even able to take a look at a photo of Keely Smith. It was just one of the thousands of photos available for viewing.

The Special Collections Department is pretty incredible. I highly recommend a visit the next time you're in Las Vegas.

As a result of our meeting, Dr. David Schwartz was invited to be the speaker at Friday's Education Forum during the convention by CC>CC Educational Director Dick Covington. He accepted and gave a great presentation to about 90 attendees. He discussed all the opportunities for learning and researching that the Special Collections Department holds for the casino history enthusiast. He showed some older photos and discussed what the Special Collection has and doesn't have. It was very informative!

On a personal note, I'm proud to be an author of a paper on reserve in the Special Collections Department. Back in 1994, while earning my BS in Hotel Administration at UNLV, I wrote a paper for a class I was taking – Sociology of Gambling. The paper is titled "Howard R. Hughes, Jr. and his influence on the transition from gambling to gaming". It is still available for reading at the UNLV Library Special Collections Department. If you stop by, take a look!

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11th Annual CC>CC

Convention Highlights

by Jim Steffner

Photography by John Yee

Well, are you home and unpacked? A long week that went by too fast. So many friends that I haven't seen since last June, and unfortunately won't see again for another year. Las Vegas is such a great city, all the happy people, always smiling because they are on vacation or like me remembering the cold and rain back in Ohio. There are those who say "Hello" in the elevators and carry on a conversation as if they've known you for years, and of course the many club members beaming from ear to ear when they saw all the great chips, tokens, and other collectibles as they entered the show floor. They're like kids in a candy shop. Ahhhh what a fun time in a fun city.

The 15th Anniversary and 11th Annual convention are now history, and many are already counting the days till June 2004. The fun filled



Opening day ribbon cutting. Mike Quinlivan, Ralph Myers, Sandi Steffner, Nate Pincus, John Zoesch, Tyrus Mulkey and Jim Steffner

days of festivities started out with a Blackjack Tournament hosted by the Palms Casino with the help of Bob Pardue and Gene Trimble. Ninety three members joined in to "hit" or "stay" for the afternoon. This turned out to be a very popular event and will be repeated again next year.

The excellent Early Bird Banquet, arranged by Wayne Thompson was overstuffed with 370 hungry participants. The Tropicana Hotel staff effi-

ciently and quickly had them all thru the buffet line and back to their seats in less than 30 minutes. And a special thanks to Jim Kruse who persuaded one of the most wonderful and down to earth ladies you could ever want to meet, to be our speaker. Miss Claudine Williams, owner of the Silver Slipper and the Holiday Casino in Las Vegas and presently on the Board of Directors at Harrahs entertained the audience with her stories of the old days of operating a casino in Las Vegas as well as tales about Howard Hughes.

Volunteer Directors and Chairpersons were recognized with an award presentation. Numerous other members who volunteered to help in one way or another and deserve our gratitude for their efforts. Their names are listed elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. A tribute to Bruce Landau was read and a presentation plaque was shown that



Claudine Williams



Claudine Williams receiving her plaque from Jim Kruse

will be given to Eileen Landua. Hall of Fame inductee, Phil Jensen was presented with his prestigious award and a standing ovation recognized his past efforts and contributions to our hobby. Jim Follis, "OTY" chairman, presented the "best of" awards in several categories to casino representatives accompanied by a slide presentation of each of the ballot nominees. An energetic trading session followed the banquet with many chips and tokens changing hands.

Several hundred members attended the educational seminars on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings organized by Dick Covington. Dick lined up a bevy of excellent speakers and panel members. Dick was also responsible for the graphic Power Point display of auction lots shown on the big 10 x 10 foot screen Friday evening at the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. For the first time, bidders were able to view each lot in full living color. Great job Dick!

Thursday morning the show opened to a multitude of eager collectors swarming onto the show floor about to devour 108 tables of every imaginable casino collectible. Thanks go to Paul Bender and Barb Jones



Jim Steffner

and their hard working crew who made sure everything was in place on the show floor, all the tables, chairs, table covers, sign holders, signs, and display cases. Business was brisk and the throngs kept coming in all day long. Many dealers reported an excellent day of selling, buying, and trading.

The new Board of Directors was sworn in and assumed their duties at



Several Chapters held meeting and manned tables at the show and the Building Fund had a table to accept

donations for the fund or for their auction and raffle on Saturday evening in conjunction with the Last Dance Trade Session which incidentally raised over \$9000 for the Building Fund.



Bruce Landau presentation plaque



Hall of Fame, Phil Jensen



Auctioneer, Jim Kruse

the Thursday evening business meeting. Following the business meeting, the Fifth Annual Poker Challenge, staged by Bob Pardue, was held at the Palms. More than 160 eager, energetic, playful, but fiercely competitive and winning spirited players joined in for an evening of battle.

On Friday the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction brought out several new bidders securing some excellent lots. The auction totaled over \$77000. Thanks to Barry Weintraub and the many auction assistants for making this event one of which Bruce would have been very proud! Many times during the evening I had the feeling he was looking over my shoulder, as he usually did, checking on the bid total. We missed you Bruce!

Over the four days of the convention 3690 people came through the doors, what a great turnout. The pre-registration and daily registration went smoothly thanks to the well organized efforts of Brenda and Archie Black, plus Art and Muriel Sanderson, Registration Co-Chairs and their hard working crew. Four alphabetical lines kept everyone moving quickly,



The New Board of Directors
Ralph Myers, Mike Quinlivan, Mike Skelton, Wayne Thompson, Belinda Hixon

Thanks go to the many dealers who donated items for the club raffle that raised over \$700 and produced a lot of happy winners. Thanks also to the Riviera for putting out a special commemorative chip for the convention and to the Stardust for the raffle Grand Prize of a three night room package including dinner and show tickets, and for their coupon for the nice bronze paper-weight/ coaster which was offered to all club members. Also thanks to club member Don Totoian, California raisin farmer who donated a multitude of sample raisin packets for our members to taste. Great raisins Don, wish we could get the same good taste in the stores.

Next year we head to the Riviera, our host for the 12th Annual Convention, June 17th to June 19th, 2004. Look forward to a larger show floor, bigger meeting rooms, expanded activities,

and a beautiful banquet facility at the Top of the Riv which will hold close to 560 while providing a spectacular panoramic view of the city and the strip. The mid strip location puts collectors in the midst of casino country. The Riviera offers close parking, easy loading for dealers and quick access to the show floor. Watch for more details in future issues of the Chip & Token News.



As an insert in this issue of the Chip & Token News, you will find a survey form. Please fill it out and return by September 30, 2003. This form gives you an opportunity to let us know what you liked, or disliked about your convention. You can also make suggestions for next year if you have some changes in mind. Five names will be drawn at random from the returned forms and those 5 members will receive a paid pre-registration for the 2004 Convention.

If you would rather not give your name, I'd still like to hear what you have to say, but without a name you can not be included in the drawing. Either way, please send in the form and help make the next convention another great event.

The Megabucks is still at almost 12 million, and for now, it's back to reality (work), but I can start day dreaming and planning for 2004.



New board members. We just wanna have fun.
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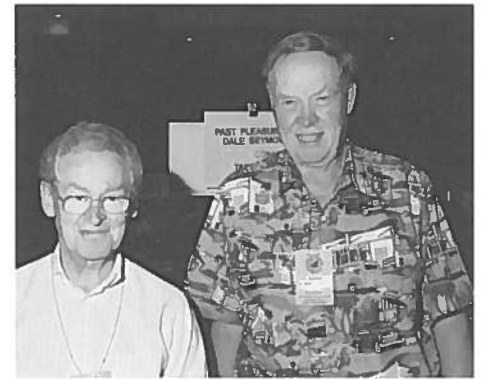
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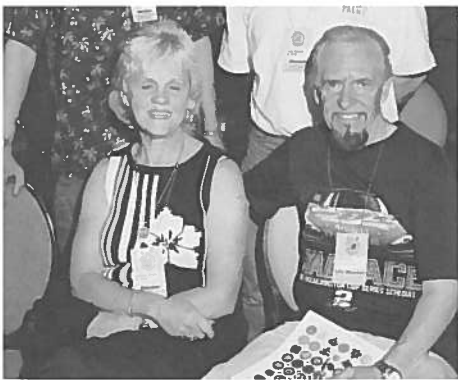
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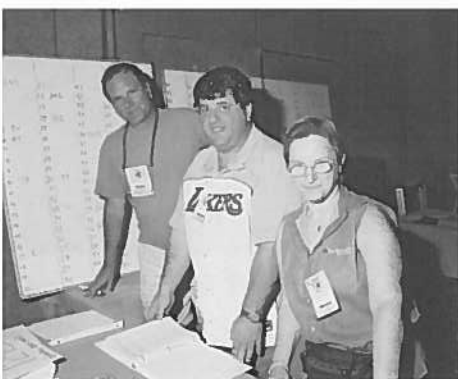
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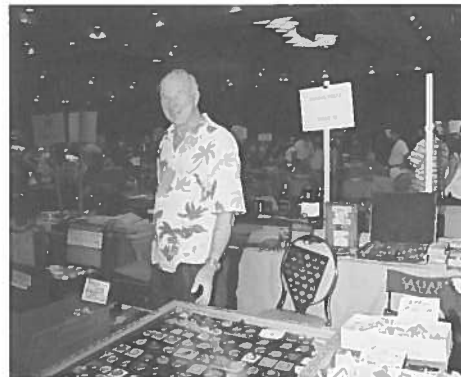
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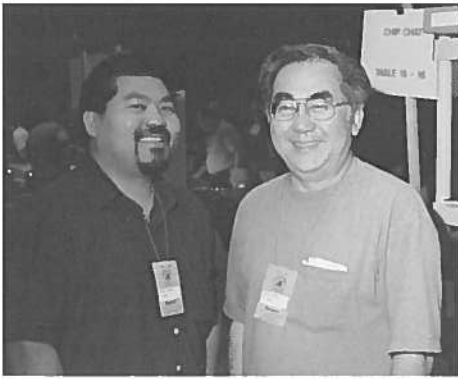
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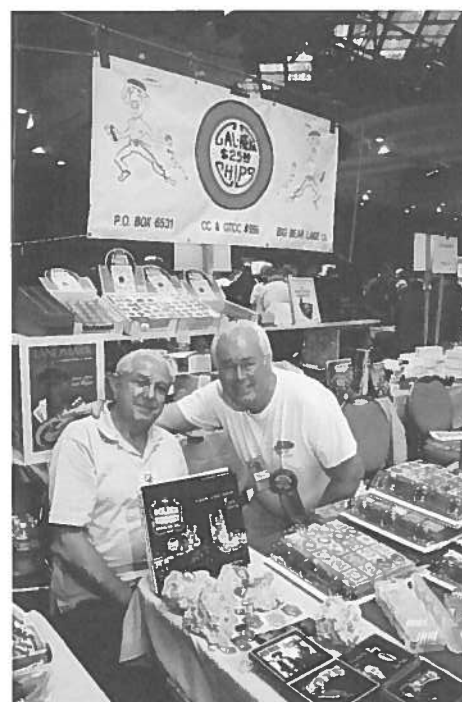
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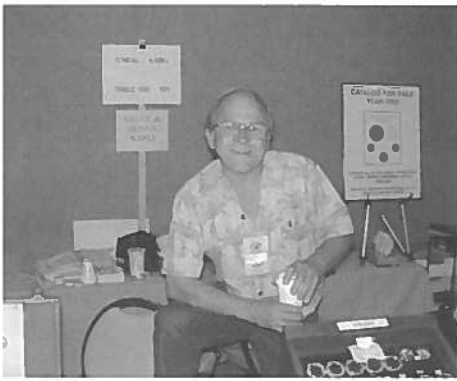
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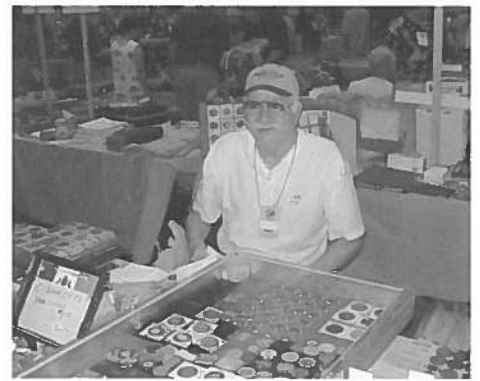
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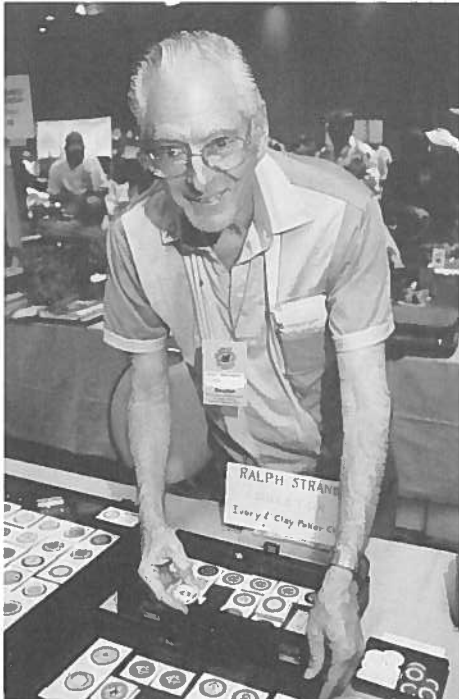
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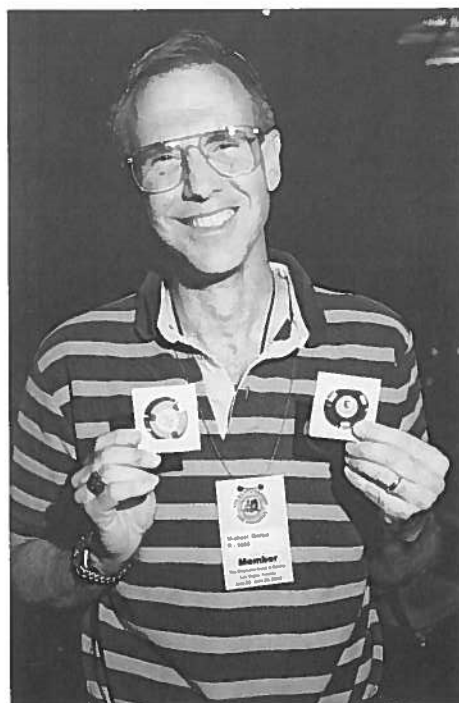
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by Joe Shaw



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by Jim Steffner

Below are listed other volunteers who helped make this past convention a great success. Without all your help, it would not be possible. You all played a big part. Thank you!

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CITY OF WEST WENDOVER

by Allan Anderson

The community of Wendover came into existence in 1906 as a railroad town, serving the steam engines of the Western Pacific Rail, which is now part of the Union Pacific Rail Road. The community boasted a population of around 150 people. Wendover included a train depot, water towers, a round house and other ancillary buildings needed for the operation of an emerging and growing railroad. Wendover became a main stop on this route, which provided service across the Great Basin deserts of Utah and Nevada connecting Salt Lake City to San Francisco. During the early 1900's Wendover was a cross road for many significant undertaking including arsenic mining 25 miles south of Wendover mainly for the efforts of World War I and the connection of the first transcontinental telephone line connecting the U.S. from east coast to west coast.

Wendover was established in the 1920s when Bill Smith built a small cobblestone service station that provided weary travelers with a place to rest.

This facility became the State Line Hotel and Casino. A light bulb Bill Smith erected on a tall pole was only a tiny speck of light that served west-bound motorists as a welcome beacon as they crossed the Bonneville Salt Flats. Thus Wendover developed as an outpost of civilization in the midst of isolation.

The Wendover area saw its first boom in the 1930's and 40's with the introduction of legalized gambling in the State of Nevada. The State Line Hotel Casino was the oldest continually operating licensed casino in Nevada. As equally important to this new business spirit in the area was the role the United State Military played in building and operating Wendover Field. Construction on

Wendover Field began in November of 1940. By 1943, Wendover had become the largest military reserve in the world with over 23,000 military personnel, a total of 668 buildings and encompassing 3.5 million acres of property. The facility became the mainstay of the United States Military's training mission for bomber crews. Wendover field was home to 21 heavy bomber groups including the most notable; the 509th Composite Group commanded by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, along with its counterpart the 1st Ordinance Detachment, which was responsible



Wendover Field today *Photos Courtesy Howard W. Herz*

for the assembly and modification of the atomic aerial devices. The 1st Ordinance Detachment later became part of the Manhattan Engineers. These two groups' mission which were recorded in history as the atomic missions over Japan (Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945) was to be the first and to date, the only atomic bombardment exercised by one nation against another.

Along with these and other significant events, Wendover has also been home to one of the most time-tested man vs. the elements matches, the Bonneville Speedway, which lies on about 30,000 acres of public land. The salt flats were named for Captain L. E. Bonneville, an officer and explorer. The Salt Flats are what is left of a huge prehistoric lake which was once 145 miles wide and 346 miles long and as deep as 1,050 feet. Some of the ancient shore line is still visible above the salt in the mountain areas. The famous Bonneville Speedway is about 4 miles east of Wendover on the border between Utah and Nevada. the salt floor of the speedway has been witness to hundreds of individuals and their cars, rather they be stock or modified, internal combustion or rocket, attempting to reach for speeds on land which no other human has. Most notable is Gary Gabelich and the "Blue Flame", in 1972, of over 626 M.P.H. Though the 1970's and 80's Wendover began to emerge as a destination resort.

Now a neon cowboy greets the travelers along Interstate 80 and Wendover is booming again. Additional businesses arrived constructing more casinos, hotels and many different types of service establishments as well as recreational venues such as the Toana Vista Golf Course.

Today, Wendover has five large casinos. With over 600 lavish rooms and suites, the Peppermill and Rainbow Hotel Casinos are renowned

as legendary entertainment and gaming establishments. With the largest Poker room and the only Race and Sports book in town.



Peppermill Hotel, Casino

Photo Courtesy Peppermill Casino



Peppermill Casino Chips



Rainbow Hotel, Casino

Photo Courtesy Peppermill Casino



Rainbow Casino House Chips



Red Garter Hotel, Casino

Photo Courtesy Howard W. Herz



Red Garter Casino House Chips



State Line Nugget

Photo Courtesy State Line Nugget

Other casinos include The Red Garter, Bill Smith's old place, the State Line, has become the State Line Nugget,

and the Smith family's Silver Smith has been purchased by the Peppermill and re-named Montego Bay.



Montego Bay Casino House Chips



Montego Bay

Photo Courtesy Howard W. Herz



State Line Nugget Casino House Chips

Wendover's closed casinos include Jim's Casino and Saloon which operated from 1979 to 1983. Jim's was torn down to make room for The Silver Smith Casino. The A-1 Casino operated from 1956 to 1967, the Gold Rush Casino operated from 1981 to 1984 and was razed to make room for the Peppermill, the Hideaway Casino operated from 1976 to 1980.

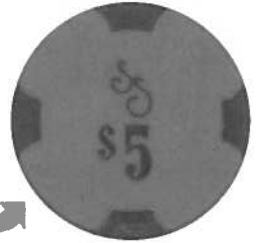


Jim's Casino



Silver Smith Hotel, Casino

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Silver Smith Casino House Chips



NCV Chip comes in 3 colors,
Green, Orange and Blue

Silver Smith Limited Edition Chips



Hide-Away Club

Gold Rush Casino

A-1 Casino



State Line Hotel, Casino

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State Line Casino House Chips



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The Nevada Crossing hotels casino is now closed but there is a walkway to The Rainbow Casino next door.

Bill Smith's little light bulb would be lost in the glare of Wendover's neon lighting now. As growth continues to spiral up, the citizens of Wendover, Nevada, which was operated by a town board under Elko County Commission, elected to incorporate in 1991. West Wendover has been one of the fastest growing border towns in Nevada with an average growth rate of between 8 and 10 percent.

I'd like to thank Chris Melville, City Manager for supplying me with the cover photo, Kerrie Supanich, West Wendover Tourism and Convention Bureau for the background information, Howard W. Herz and Larry Hollibaugh, www.RenoCasinoChips.com, for the chip scans.



Nevada Crossing Hotel

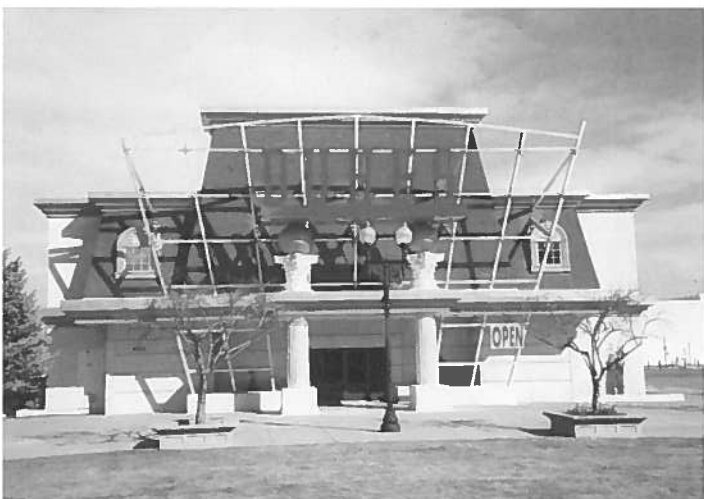
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Nevada Crossing Casino Chips

Northern Nevada New Casinos. **DUKES**

by Allan Anderson



Dukes Casino opened in February 2003 at the location of the old Victorian Gambling Hall in Sparks, Nevada. Dukes is a slots only casino with ticket in, ticket out technology. They have no plans at this time for table games.

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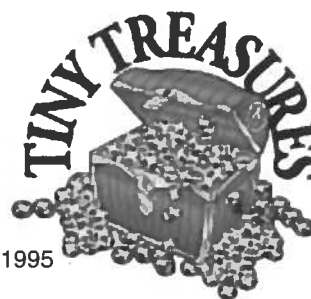


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New Zealand

by David Moore

When an American arrives in New Zealand he definitely feels like he's a long way from home. Getting there involves what for most will be the longest plane trip of a lifetime. Practically every bar and restaurant has a sign on it advertising "casino" but chip collectors will be sorry to discover the sign only means the establishment has slot machines, which are called "pokies" in both New Zealand and Australia. Each establishment is limited to no more than 18 pokies. None of the machines seem to use tokens but instead all take the thick \$2.00 coin. The machines are set to register a different numbers of credits for a \$2.00 coin, giving 100 credits, 40 credits, 20 credits or 2 credits, depending on the machine. Complicating figuring out what you're gambling for an American is that a New Zealand dollar is worth about 60 cents U.S at this time. Almost all the machines seem to be Aristocrats, which are made in Australia.

Incidentally, New Zealand has the second highest number of slot machines per capita of any country in the world (Australia is first). As an example of how the inhabitants of "Down Under" love to gamble, the average amount lost gambling as a percentage of total consumer spend-

ing in the United States is one percent. In Australia and New Zealand the figure is 5.5 percent! Another example is that as of a couple years ago there were about 180,000 slot machines in Australia, compared to 500,000 in the U.S. although the United States has a population roughly 15 times greater than Australia.

But what about the chips? New Zealand has six "real" casinos" which use chips in the usual assortment of games played in an American casinos. The main game you won't find in

New Zealand is craps. Apparently the largest of the casinos, Sky City in Auckland, did have a crap table for a year or so but discontinued it because, with its high staffing requirements, it wasn't profitable enough.

Sky City is by far the largest casino in New Zealand, which isn't surprising since Auckland is by far the largest city in the country with more one million inhabitants. The casino is located alongside the imposing Sky Tower, which at 1076 feet is the tallest structure in the Southern Hemisphere. (If gambling



Sky Tower



isn't enough excitement, another diversion offered is jumping off the tower attached to a bungee cord. This writer passed on the opportunity because of the possibility that chips might come flying out of pockets in the endeavor.)

The main Sky City casino includes a 14,000 sq ft. gaming floor with 80 blackjack tables, 24 single-zero roulette wheels, money wheels, keno, Caribbean stud poker and pai gow, as well as over 1000 slot machines. Gaming takes place 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The smaller Alto Casino and Bar, which has a more intimate atmosphere, is open from 4 p.m. to late. Players must be over 20 years and the posted signs at the entrance of both casinos say patrons are required to "dress smartly." From my observations of the customers, it appeared as long as your T-shirt didn't have too many holes you were admitted.

Chips are not available at the cage, but only from the tables in denominations of 25cents, \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100 and \$500. The casino also uses a yellow plastic \$5 "match play" chip. The roulette chips are marked with the Sky City name. Sky City is the only New Zealand casino not to use generic roulettes.

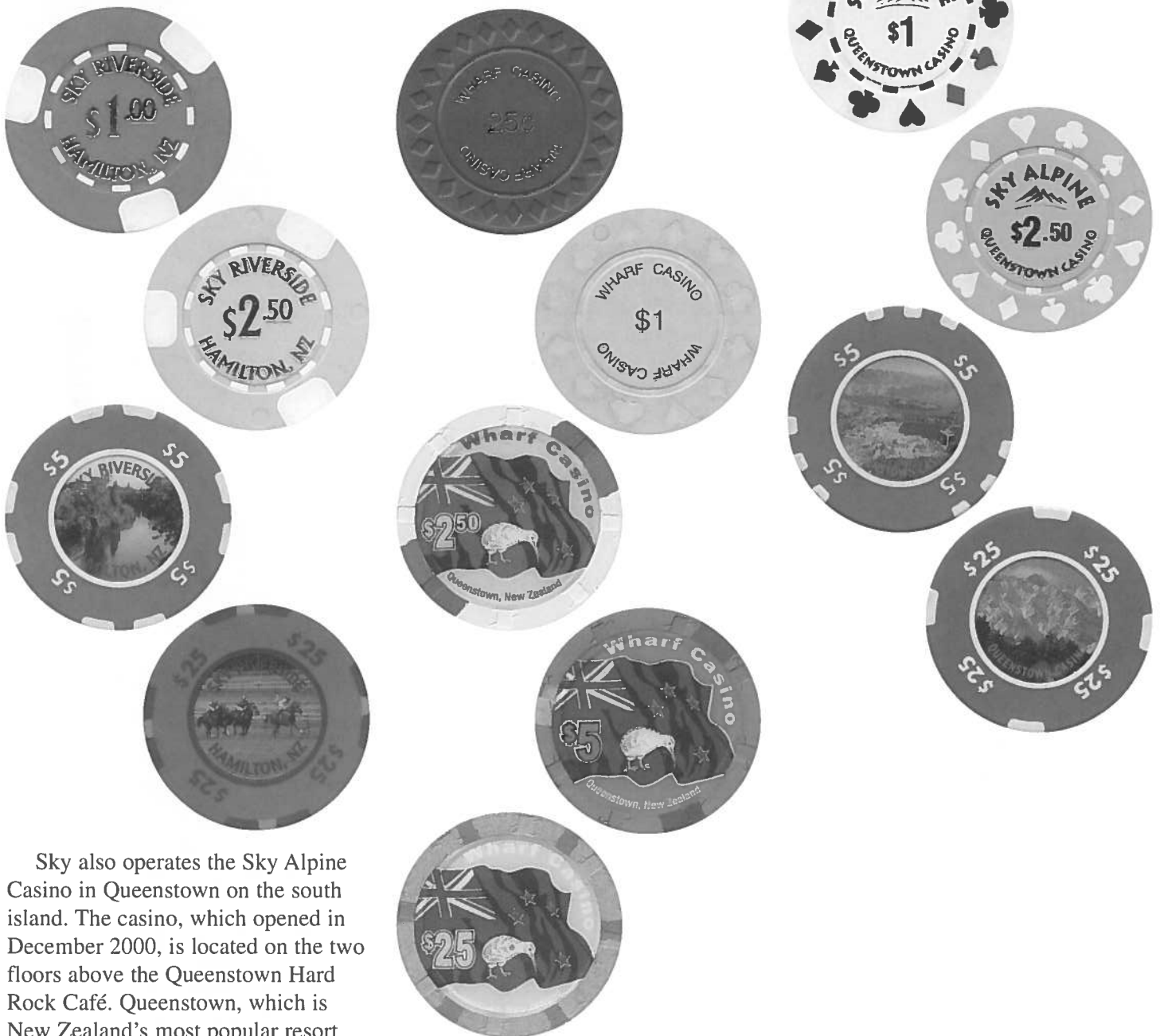
The second-largest casino in New Zealand is the Christchurch Casino in the city of the same name. Christchurch is the largest city on the south island and its casino has about 35 table games and 500 slots. The chips in Christchurch were in the same denominations as Sky City, as was true in all the casinos except for the casino in Hamilton, which didn't use a 25-cent chip. Incidentally, Christchurch, which was the first casino to open in New Zealand (1994) appears to be the only casino

to have issued a grand opening chip, which was given out when a patron bought a \$50 phone card. The chip, with a roulette wheel on it, apparently was a no-value \$50 chip.



Next in size is the Sky Riverside Casino in Hamilton, which is about an hour and a half south of Auckland on the north island. The Riverside is the newest casino in New Zealand, having opened in February, 2003. It is also likely to retain its stature as newest for some time as there is currently a moratorium on any new casinos in New Zealand.

seems to get less business than the Sky Alpine. Their chips seem designed to appeal to tourists, featuring New Zealand's national icon, the kiwi bird and the New Zealand flag. The tables look out on the stunningly beautiful snow-capped Remarkables of the Southern Alps and the lake. This view is featured on the casino's slot card.



Sky also operates the Sky Alpine Casino in Queenstown on the south island. The casino, which opened in December 2000, is located on the two floors above the Queenstown Hard Rock Café. Queenstown, which is New Zealand's most popular resort town, both for skiing in winter and water sports on the lake in summer, is the only city with two casinos. The Steamer Wharf casino in Queenstown



Dunedin Casino

The Dunedin Casino, which opened in 1999, is located in the Southern Cross Hotel, which was formerly the Grand Hotel, built in 1883 as the finest hotel in the Southern Hemisphere. Dunedin advertises itself as a “boutique casino” and is small with perhaps a dozen table games. Dunedin issued a \$5 millennium chip in 2000 and after polite inquiries on several visits from this American visitor the night shift manager was able to provide one. Rules, however, required that that chip be bought off the table, so a fill was ordered and a clear plastic box was brought from the cage accompanied by a security guard. The fill contained exactly one chip, the \$5 millennium chip.

All of the New Zealand casinos have slot cards. Obtaining one is a little like getting an American Express card, with a great deal of information requested. Although the three Sky casinos (Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown) all have slightly different designs on their cards, any of the cards can be used at any of the casinos.

When the American visitor applied for a Sky card at the Hamilton casino, the worker in the booth said that since the computer showed the player already had two cards there might be a charge for another card. After checking with a manager it was decided a card could be issued without a charge. My wife said quietly that we were careless and had lost a lot of cards. This produced a chuckle from the staff member at the desk. The charge apparently is a deduction of 500 points from the player’s account if too many cards are lost. No “lost” card were observed lying around at unattended slot machines so the system does seem to get players to keep a close eye on their cards. Another “trick” in the collector’s arsenal that doesn’t work in New Zealand is offering a tip. All of the casinos have a strict no-tipping policy and when the unknowing American offered a tip after beating the dealer with a four-of-a-kind in Caribbean stud he was told that accepting the tip could lead to the firing of the dealer. The dealers seemed unfailingly friendly and completely professional despite the policy. Incidentally,



low-rollers will be happy to hear that almost all table games in New Zealand have a \$5 minimum bet, which comes to \$3 U.S. Typically the minimum straight-up bet on a roulette wheel is \$1, or 60 cents U.S. One of the strangest things about visiting New Zealand is returning

home. Flying back to California, the 747 arrives 7 hours BEFORE it left, thanks to crossing the International Dateline. (Makes it hard to figure if its time for breakfast or dinner.) For Americans, it probably isn't worth traveling all the way to New Zealand for the casinos alone because a great

many U.S. states each have far more than the six casinos in New Zealand. But few American states can rival the diversity of natural beauty and allow a vacationer to stretch the dollar as much as New Zealand.

Northern Nevada New Casinos. Winchester Club

by Allan Anderson

The Winchester Club in Carson City is located in the garage of the Ormsby Hotel, Casino. It has been created to keep the gaming licence active for the Ormsby which at this time is scheduled to open around October of 2004.



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A Rose By Any Other Name Is a Rose Is A Rose.....

Or some such other thing with apologies to William Shakespeare and Bette Midler

by Eric S. Rosenblum, Esq.

Club Counsel since.....the beginning of time...

I love Greg's Bulletin Board. I usually don't participate. I lurk. Yes, I am one of those infamous lurkers. But every once in a while an issue comes up that screams at me to participate, and shortly before he convention one of those arose. People were debating what the real name of the club is. Or should be. Or could be.

OK, let's end the nonsense now. As well intentioned as these discussions may be, the name is not changing, cannot change, and what is worse, those who are using it improperly are jeopardizing our very institution. At the convention I saw banners announcing meetings, chapters, special promotions, etc., misusing and/or misspelling our name. We are :

The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

We are alphabetized under "T". "Chip" and "Token" are singular. "Collectors" is plural (although it should probably be plural possessive, it is not). And under no circumstances can we omit the "Inc."

I am one of the earlier members, as you can tell from my number, R-173. I was asked by our President Emeritus, Archie Black, before we ever thought about a convention, to incorporate the club and look into tax exempt status for us. I incorporated the club under New York's Not For Profit Corporation Laws at the address of my law firm on Long Island.

Just as a side note, I see references on the BB to us as a Non Profit Corporation which is incorrect. Lots of companies are non profit, despite their best efforts. Just check the bankruptcy filings. We are Not For Profit, which means, in a nutshell, that we are not here to make money for stockholders. No one owns the corporation and no one gets dividends. The money we make is used to sustain ourselves, educate others, do good deeds, etc.

I then prepared reams of documentation for the Internal Revenue Service to qualify us as a Not For Profit § 501 (c) (3) corporation. This is the highest charitable / educational status that the IRS bestows. Not only can we purchase goods and services tax free, but any donations to us are tax exempt. Need a good tax deduction? Give us money. Or goods. You can donate chips and get a tax deduction. This started us on the path to tax exempt status.

In the meantime, Archie, Bruce Landau, Chuck Tomarchio and Michael Knapp thought it would be a good idea to have a convention. With an auction. I should have seen the headaches coming. In order to have a convention, we had to register as a foreign corporation. Foreign, in legal corporate parlance, does not mean Iraqi or Senegalese. It means a different state than your home state. Our home state was New York, so we had to register in Carson City as a foreign (out-of-state) corporation, pay a fee (the real purpose of registering) and designate a state resident to accept

service of process for us in case we are sued.

At that time Archie, Chuck, Bruce, etc. thought we might alternate annual conventions between Nevada and New Jersey, so we also registered as a foreign corporation in Trenton, New Jersey. And paid their fees.

Our first convention went smoothly. Other than proving to Las Vegas that we were registered to do business in Nevada (our foreign filing in Carson City), they required nothing but their fees. In the second year, it was very different. Las Vegas officials decided that we could not have an auction because we might deceive the public. They had had several auctions of jewelry and Persian rugs where people were taken for tens of thousands of dollars, and the city officials wanted to stop that practice. Michael Knapp and I ran from city office to city office and finally got our license to run the auction by restricting attendance to only club members. That way no members of the public were being "duped." After all, these city officials could not imagine that people would really buy old casino chips.

In the meantime, each time I saw Archie he asked, "What's doing with the IRS?" What was doing was that every time I turned around they wanted more information, more documents, copies of check stubs, tax returns, etc. After four arduous years and six trips to the Brooklyn office of the IRS, we were given our § 501 (c) (3) status. When they finally issued

the document, it was like hitting megabucks. § 501 (c) (3) status is like gold, and it is something we must never give up or jeopardize. It was issued to The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., partly because New York had accepted us as a Not For Profit Corporation.

So, to summarize, for those members who would like a more catchy name, all I can say is that this is not Marketing 101 and we are not selling toothpaste or potato chips. Not only is the name not changing, but it is incumbent upon the board to enforce the proper use of the name, everywhere.

I have made the following suggestions to President Mike Skelton, and I

am sure that he will discuss them with the Board:

- 1) Everything connected with the club must use the exact name: The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.
- 2) This must be enforced at the convention and at the chapter level, also.
- 3) The logo should be reworded to use the exact corporate name.
- 4) The logo should be redesigned to add a banner at the bottom that says "Member # XXXX" with the X's being the member number. This banner must be used by every member

anytime they use the club logo, so that those people dealing with that member know that they are only a member, not speaking for the club. This applies to business cards, web sites, ebay auctions, etc.

- 5) We should take steps to trade mark our logo on a federal level to protect the integrity of our organization.

Yes, we are all here to have fun, but we also need to protect our assets. They are valuable.

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Our Clubs Tax Exempt Status

by James Perlowski

Years ago when Archie Black was our first club President the original Board of Directors he presided over appointed Eric S. Rosenblum club counsel. One of the first tasks Eric was asked to accomplish was to incorporate our club under New York's Not-For-Profit Corporation law. The second task was to obtain from the Internal Revenue Service approval for our federal tax exempt status. The official name of our organization was "The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc."

Eric submitted our club application for approval to the Internal Revenue Service requesting Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c) (3) tax exempt status. The significance of this request is our club would have the same status as any other public charity operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes. The 501(c) (3) is a coveted status not easily obtained for any organization. Back then, the approval process involved our application being reviewed by the Tax Exempt group located in the New York office of the Internal Revenue Service. The application would be assigned to a Tax Exempt Agent for review to insure our organization was truly founded for public charity operated exclusively, as in our case, for educational purposes.

The Internal Revenue Service makes sure, generally through a rigorous review process, that the organization will do exactly what it was created to do. It took Eric over 3 _ years to obtain approval. The only

aspect surprising me is he accomplished it in ONLY 3 _ years. I am aware of some applications taking 5 or 6 years only to be turned down or relegated to a lesser status.

Is IRC Section 501(c) (3) status difficult to obtain? Well let me inform you of this; my local Southern Nevada Chapter of our National organization was only able to obtain Internal Revenue Service Code section 501(c) (7) tax exempt status. What does this mean in plain English? It means our National Club has the same status as any federally accepted charity. In other words any donation to our National Club is tax deductible for federal tax purposes to the donor. The building fund donations are included. Yes, even our yearly dues are deductible. The Southern Nevada Chapter even though it is tax exempt can not have its contributions deductible for federal tax purposes by the donor. So you see how distinct and valuable the IRC Section 501(c) (3) status is.

If someone were to donate their collection to our organization it would also be tax deductible for federal purposes. How we would control such a donation is another issue for another article at a future time.

With our tax exempt status comes responsibilities. We must always insure we meet our "educational" requirements so as not to jeopardize our tax exempt status. In addition, we must never allow ANYONE to try and convince us that our club should ever become a public corporation with its members holding stock regardless of how large we should

ever become. Beware of any individual who would even suggest such a change for he/she would not have the best interests of our club at heart.

In conclusion, our club owes Eric its eternal gratitude. Obtaining the coveted IRC Section 501(c) (3) status was a long, difficult and drawn out process. Eric stuck with it and we as club members will reap the rewards of his hard work for years to come. On behalf of all club members I thank you Eric for your unselfish dedication and hard work.



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by Allan Anderson

Thunder Valley Casino Brings Gaming Excitement to Northern California

The Sacramento area's newest casino, Thunder Valley, is set to offer Californians the most exciting games in the gaming industry. With 1906 slot and video poker machines and a host of traditional table games, Thunder Valley Casino is a place where Californians will find all their favorite games.

"Loose slots are the name of the game at Thunder Valley Casino," said Jessica Tavares, chairperson of the UAIC Tribe and the Casino's Business Board. The slot floor includes games like Jackpot Party Cash for Life, Hot Properties, Pink Panther, and popular progressive games such as Megabucks and Wheel of Fortune.

"Multiple progressive games are very popular and we've got them at Thunder Valley," said Tavares. "Of course, all players can earn and redeem Boarding Pass points at machines throughout the casino and redeem those points for free meals at any of the casino's dining locales," added Tavares.

In addition to an incredible selection of slot and video poker machines, the casino includes 100 table games, with an Asian Gaming Room set to open this fall that will feature traditional favorites such as Single-Deck Blackjack, Pai Gow Poker, Mini-baccarat, Let It Ride and Three-Card Poker.

For those who prefer higher-stakes action, the 16,000-square-foot high-limit gaming area is adjacent to the

casino pit. With 10 tables and 50 slot and video poker machines, the high-limit area will cater to those looking for an exclusive gaming experience. Slot and video poker denominations begin at \$5 and include \$10, \$25 and \$100 machines.

The heart and soul of the 75,000 square foot casino area is the ultra-cool Falls Bar that features cascading waterfalls and a sparkling handcrafted crystal chandelier. The 100-seat Falls Bar is located in the center of the gaming pit amid the action of the surrounding table games. The modernistic surroundings of the bar provide a sharp contrast to the stack-stone archways, wrought iron gates and dark woods that are prevalent throughout the property.

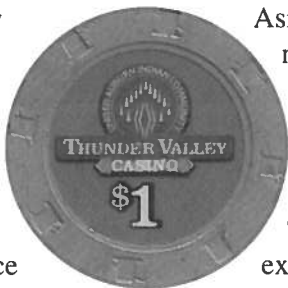


Guests at Thunder Valley Casino with an appetite will have a host of different dining options ranging from a first-class steakhouse and a gourmet Asian restaurant to an upscale cafe/bistro, five quick service food outlets and a 500 seat Feast Around the World buffet featuring five “action” cooking stations.

“Our guests will have a wide variety of dining choices at Thunder Valley Casino, from casual to elegant,” said Jessica Tavares. “We think there is a dining selection here that appeals to everyone and are confident our guests will find what they’re looking for to meet their specific mood or appetite”.

Guests will find it hard to decide given the selection of eateries that are unmatched in quality and variety. The restaurant line-up includes Austins Steakhouse (opening fall 2003), which is both elegant and casual and features a selection of USDA Prime steaks, lamb, filet mignon, seafood and chicken. The Las Vegas Review Journal has named the Austins steakhouse at the Texas Station Hotel & Gambling Hall in Las Vegas best steakhouse three years in a row.

If guests are hungry for authentic Asian food, then Shanghai Fat’s is their place. The 7,000 square foot, 200-seat restaurant, which is expected to open in fall 2003, will open daily at 11 a.m. Shanghai Fat’s will be operated in conjunction with the Fat’s Family of Restaurants that are famous in the Sacramento community for their long tradition of excellent service and award winning cuisine. Executive Chef, Lina Fat creates imaginative cuisine in the influence of the Pacific Rim countries and will also offer guests many traditional



Asian favorites. Fat’s was named “The Best Chinese Restaurant” by the Roseville Press-Tribune, and the Sacramento News & Review called Fat’s “the ultimate local dining experience”.

For those seeking a quick bite or simply to satisfy a fast-food craving, Thunder Valley Casino also includes a food court open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Outlets include the famous Fat Burger, Gordito Burrito, Villa Pizza, Panda Express and the premier coffee company Starbucks.

Thunder Valley Casino also features seven bars including The Thunder Bar, Falls Bar and 3 VIP bars.

Thunder Valley Casino is owned by the United Auburn Indian Community – a federally recognized tribe composed of Maidu and Miwok nations whose aboriginal territory includes Placer County.

With just a brief review of the challenges that have faced the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) over the last half-century, one can easily understand why tribal members eagerly awaited the opening of the much-anticipated Thunder Valley Casino on June 9.

“After many years of struggles, we are set to enter a new and exciting chapter in our history: one that we believe will be marked with renewed hope and economic self-sufficiency,” said Jessica Tavares.

The reestablishment of the United Auburn Indian Tribe began when the Department of Interior documented the existence of a separate, cohesive band of Maidu and Miwok Indians, occupying a village on the outskirts

of the City of Auburn in Placer County.

In 1917, the United States acquired land in trust for the Auburn Band near the City of Auburn and formally established a reservation, known as the Auburn Rancheria. Tribal members continued to live on the reservation as a community despite great adversity.

In 1953, the United States Congress enacted the Rancheria Act, authorizing the termination of federal trust responsibilities to a number of California Indian tribes including the Auburn Band. With the exception of a 2.8-parcel containing a church and park, the government sold the land comprising the Auburn Rancheria. The United States terminated federal recognition of the Auburn Band in 1967.

Finally, in 1970, President Nixon declared the policy of termination a failure. Eight years later, both the United States Senate and House of Representatives expressly repudiated this policy in favor of a new federal policy entitled Indian Self Determination.

In 1991, surviving members of the Auburn Band reorganized their tribal government as the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) and requested the United States to formally restore their federal recognition. An Act of Congress passed the Auburn Indian Restoration Act, which restored the Tribe’s federal recognition in 1994. The

Act provides that the Tribe may acquire land in Placer County to establish a new reservation.



Following consultation with Placer County officials and community organizations, in 1997 the United Auburn Indian Community selected land in the unincorporated area of Placer County. With plans to build a gaming and entertainment facility, the Tribe carefully chose the land in order to meet the economic needs of tribal members as well as the compatibility concerns of the surrounding communities.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors approved a land use contract, known as the Memorandum of Understanding, in order to mitigate impacts from the Tribe's developments. As part of the agreement, Placer County submitted a letter to the United State Department of the Interior supporting the Tribe's application to place the land in trust.

In September 2002, the U.S. Department of the Interior took into trust a 49-acre parcel of property at the corner of Athens Avenue and Industrial Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Placer County for the United Auburn Indian Community.

Thunder Valley was built around one of the most aggressive construction schedules ever seen for a project of this scope and size. Ground was broken on the Tribe's state-of-the-art gaming and entertainment facility on October 26, 2002 and on June 9, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. the facility opened to the public.

Thunder Valley Casino is operated by Las Vegas - based Station Casinos, Inc. through a seven-year management agreement. Station Casinos owns and operates Palace Station

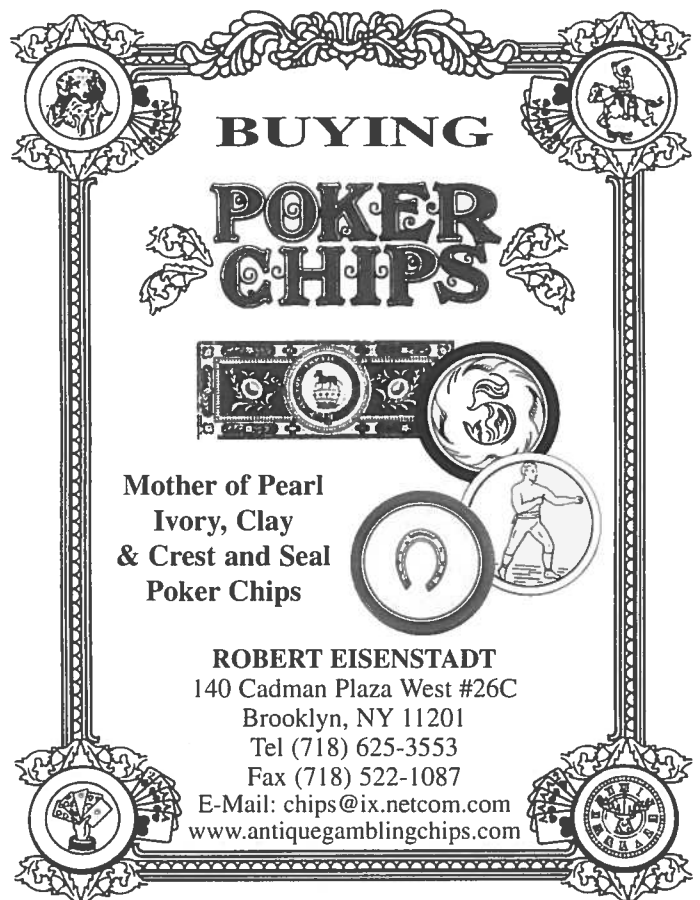
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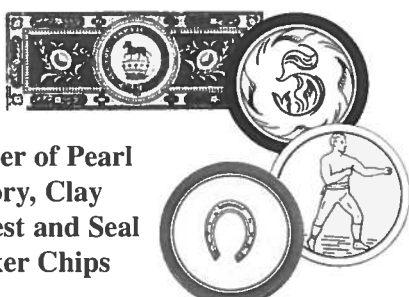
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Artistically Attractive European "Chips"

by Colin Narbeth

As the hobby of collecting gambling chips grows and spreads attention will be drawn to some of the overseas items. Many are very attractive. Recently a "bag" of 120 chips was sold by an English auction house which included the items pictured. The 100 pesetas octagonal multi-coloured chips are extremely rare because of their condition. They were made of compressed cardboard circa the 1920s and usually turn up in very worn and damaged shape. They are from the Gran Casino San Sebastian.

The oval 500 pesetas has a silver centre with royal arms while the rectangular plaque for 5000 pesetas has a silver cherub in the centre. All are believed to be about the same period. Some lovely mother of pearl chips were included from French casinos. The oval piece was issued by the Cercle Artistique de la Seine and was for 500 francs. The rectangular mother of pearl monogrammed (CNC)? Has "Mille Francs" on the reverse. Can anyone identify the casino.



Upcoming Chip Shows

2nd Annual Great Lakes Chapter Chip Show

September 13th, 2003

Fraser Lions Den - Fraser, Michigan

Contact Doug Cundiff for more information: Doug48001@Yahoo.com

The Reno Casino Collectibles Show

September 19th & 20th, 2003

Golden Phoenix Hotel & Casino - Reno, Nevada

Contact Jim Munding for more information: mun3335@aol.com

2nd Annual Colorado Chip Collectors Show

October 3rd & 4th, 2003

Riviera Casino - Black Hawk, Colorado

Contact Bob Hayden for more information: oldmanchipper@yahoo.com

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October 18th, 2003

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Notes from the 2003 Convention Auction

by Barry **Weintraub**

The Friday night auction was opened with the announcement that the auction would now and for evermore be known as the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. The auction is now named for our recently departed friend and fellow chipper. It was in Bruce's memory that I agreed to step in and take over the running of the Club Auction.

There were over 250 lots in the auction and the total spent was over \$77,000. This is a new record for the Club Auction. Last years former high total was \$57,000.

A breakdown of the auction by lots is in a listing following this article.

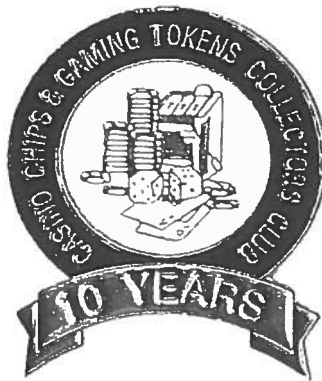
Below is a breakdown chart of the auction results; 19 chips sold for over \$1,000 and almost 50% of the lots sold for under \$100.

Over \$1,000	19	7.4%
\$500 - \$999	20	7.8%
\$300 - \$499	27	10.5%
\$200 - \$299	33	12.8%
\$100 - \$199	60	23.3%
\$50 - \$99	60	23.3%
\$10 - \$49	35	13.6%
DNS	3	1.2%
	257	100.0%

We added a new feature in this years auction, with the help and expertise of Dick Covington, we were able to project all single chip lots up on a big screen. This added a wonderful element to the excitement and interest in the auction bidding.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this years auction the most successful to date. As the largest fund-raiser for the Club, I am happy to announce that the Club raised over \$13,000 from the Auction.

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0804	Tobiasz	Michael
0804-A	Tobiasz	John
0805	Knoof	Kenneth
0809	Wilson	Bill
0811	Haddock	Harold
0815	Tucker	Gary
0817	Romo	Michael
0817-A	Romo	Mary
0821	Piccolo	Stephen
0821-A	Piccolo	Christine
0826	Garbowsky	Charles
0827	Goudie	Dick
0827-A	Goudie	Pearl
0828	Eskin	Dr. Avram
0828-A	Eskin	Belinda
0830	Reynckens	Marc-Andre
0831	McIntyre	Allan
0831-A	McIntyre	Margaret
0832	Lomprey	Lorne
0843	Bowden	Roger
0848	Millerd	Edward
0856	Lighterman	Myrna
0864	Brounstein	Ed
0866	McColum	Robert
0868	Wilker	Stan
0868-A	Wilker	Betty Jo
0869	Jeoffre	Leo
0872	Spencer	Donald
0873	Cunningham	Bob
0878	Gentleman	Leo
0886	Tucker	Jim
0889	Rouleau	William
0907	Irving	Robert
0909	Secatore	Frank
0911	Rizzo	Pete
0911-A	Rizzo	Chantal
0915	Saint	Gary
0915-A	Saint	Rose
0920	Coyle	Joseph
0926	Hall	Jon

0928	Carson	John
0943	Early	John
0946	Pincus	Nate
0946-A	Pincus	Marsha
0950	Shepherd	Gary
0952	Simpson-Brown	Ronda
0955	Romagnoli	David
0955-A	Romagnoli	Kathleen
0964	Gelb	Michael
0967	Covington	Richard
0968	Gentle	John
0971	Covello	Don
0972	Sugiyama	Shigeo
0973	Jensen	Ford
0975	Di Nobile	Stephen
0976	Welden	Ron
0977	Yeomans	Steven
0985	Rauzy	John
0985-A	Rauzy	Sue
0987	Best	Bruce
0988	Hay	Glenn
0992	Fisher	Jim
1002	Cutler	Steven
1002-A	Cutler	Sheryl
1003	Skelton	Michael
1003-A	Skelton	Ann
1009	Ucci	Jim
1012	Gove	David

1014	Weaver	Marvin
1014-A	Weaver	Wayne
1016	McDonald	Michael
1023	Hirtle	Michael
1029	Stupka	George
1033	Tennett	Ronald
1035	Mancinelli	Steve
1040	Porro	Pete
1054	Gartner	Ray
1057	Romaniello	James
1059	Ferrara	John
1065	Smith	William
1065-A	Smith	Myrna
1069	Miller	Steven
1073	Tucker	Dick
1077	Giliberti	Louis
1080	Kamiyama	George
1083	Noel	Ed
1088	Corbett	Patrick
1095	Burke	Carey
1095-A	Burke	Pat
1096	Fritz	Sharon
1097	Davis	Helen
1098	Mahan	James
1099	Haifley	Charlott
1105	Matzke	Robert
1110	Isaacson	Dewey
1111	Weston	Bruce
1113-	Lonstein	Dr. Eugene
1117	Mancinelli	Ralph
1120	UNLV	LIBRARY
1121	Cashman	Brian
1130	Kupihea	David
1134	Sandor	James
1137	Horvath	Richard
1143	Barnard	William
1143-A	Barnard	Betty Ann
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11th Annual CC>CC Convention

Auction Results

Lot	Description	\$ Bid	Lot	Description	\$ Bid
C	CCGTCC Medal Set	55	43	25c California Club	150
A	N.D. Keno in Reno	0	44	25c California Club	100
1	Unknown 25, 25	350	45	3 Checks from Capri Casino	70
2	Riviera Club	55	46	\$1, The Casino	3000
3	Pointer Dog	90	47	Samples, Casinos Nationals	225
4	6 Bone Gaming Counters	110	48	4 NCV, Casino Magic	30
5	49'r Club	80	49	50c Casino Queen	40
6	49'r Club	80	50	\$2.50 Casino Queen	40
7	13 Checks from 633 Club	30	51	\$100 Castaways Hotel	695
8	\$1 Aladdin, Prell	125	52	\$100 Castaways	50
9	\$25 Aladdin	60	53	\$100 Circus Circus	1500
10	\$1000 Aladdin	300	54	10 Native American checks	80
11	\$5000 Aladdin	350	55	\$1 Coin Castle	35
12	\$5 Atlantis Casino	50	56	\$5 Coin Castle	38
13	8 Checks from Atlantis Casino	400	57	\$1 Colorado River Hotel	175
14	\$25 Bally's	175	58	\$1 Colorado Belle	120
15	\$100 Bank Club, Reno	150	59	\$5 Colorado Belle	90
16	100 Bank Club, Reno	35	60	\$5 Commercial Hotel	550
17	\$25 Barney's	1600	61	\$5 Copa Lounge	555
18	\$5 Beverly Hills	70	62	N.D. Queen City Club	60
19	\$1 Token, Boardwalk Regency	25	63	\$25 Crystal Bay Club	1200
20	\$2.50 Boardwalk Regency	100	64	50c CT	25
21	\$25 Boardwalk Regency	200	65	11 Cuban checks	150
22	\$1 Hotel Bonanza	325	66	Group Cuban ivory checks	95
23	\$5 Boomtown	125	67	3 C&S Denver Athletic Club	220
24	\$25 Boulder Club	725	68	\$100 Desert Inn6	100
25	\$5 Brighton	75	69	\$1 Desert Inn	125
26	\$5 Burro Inn	45	70	Desert Inn Roulettes	130
27	\$25 Burro Inn	150	71	\$1000 Desert Inn	275
28	\$5 Cactus Pete's	350	72	\$100 Desert Inn	300
29	\$25 Caesars, AC	100	73	\$500 Desert Inn	210
30	500 NCV, Caesars	230	74	\$5000 Desert Inn	300
31	\$100 Caesars Palace	175	75	\$25 Desert Inn	90
32	\$100 Caesars Palace	180	76	3 low denom checks	225
33	3 NCV, Caesars Palace	115	77	\$5 Diamond Jim's	77
34	1000 NCV, Caesars	250	78	\$20 Dopey Norman's	90
35	1000 Caesars Tahoe	80	79	N.D., Dunes	525
36	7 Gardena CA Card Rm Checks	61	80	\$1 Dunes Hotel	100
37	\$1 Cal-Neva	500	81	\$5 Dunes Casino	295
38	\$5 Cal-Neva	500	82	\$25000 Dunes Hotel & CC	225
39	\$25 Cal-Neva	800	83	\$20000 Dunes	400
40	50c Cal-Neva	120	84	\$25 Dunes	125
41	2 Cal-Neva Lodge Checks	70	85	\$1 El Capitan Club	975
42	\$100 Cal-Neva Lodge	125	86	\$25 El Cortez	350

Lot	Description	\$ Bid	Lot	Description	\$ Bid
87	\$5 El Morocco Club	50	136	10 International checks	60
88	\$5 El Rancho Hotel	80	137	5 sets, Gregory Street Casino	50
89	5 El Rancho Vegas	335	138	Colorado scene sets	40
90	25 El Rancho Vegas	275	139	Alibi Club & Kit Carson	40
91	25 El Rancho Vegas	750	140	\$1 Hacienda	200
92	\$25 El Rancho Vegas	285	141	10 in H, 10 in Circle	200
93	\$5 El Rey Resort	100	142	4 portrait checks, Harolds	80
94	\$5 El Ray Resort	50	143	\$5 Harrah's Club Reno	1000
95	El Ray Resort promo chips	160	144	\$25 Harrah's Club	1000
96	3 checks, Eldorado Club	75	145	\$25 Harrah's Club	0
97	\$100 Exchange Bar	0	146	25 LE's, \$5	210
98	\$5 Exchange Club	30	147	\$5 Haymarket	225
99	\$5 Exchange Club	40	148	\$10 AC Hilton	125
100	\$1 Exchange Club	60	149	2 checks, Holiday Lodge	250
101	\$5, Flamingo	1750	150	31 checks, Northern Nevada	175
102	5 Flamingo Hotel	150	151	\$5 Holiday Queen	675
103	5 Flamingo Hotel	100	152	100 Hotel Last Frontier	80
104	5 Flamingo Hotel	1550	153	50c Hotel Thunderbird	375
105	5 Flamingo Hotel	2200	154	\$100 Incline Village	80
106	50c Flamingo Hotel	275	155	\$1 Jim's Casino	125
107	N.D. Flamingo	165	156	\$100 Tahoe Nugget	550
108	50c Flamingo Hotel	330	157	\$5 La Mirage	250
109	\$1 Flamingo Hotel	75	158	\$25 Lady Luck	600
110	\$1 Flamingo	70	159	8 Riverboat checks	100
111	\$5 Flamingo Hilton	50	160	2 Landmark checks	100
112	12 auto checks, Flamingo	96	161	\$5 Landmark Hotel	750
113	50 Floridian Casino	179	162	\$5 Landmark	150
114	10, \$5 LV Checks	80	163	\$100 Las Vegas Club	1300
115	50c Fremont Hotel	200	164	3 roulettes, Las Vegas Club	100
116	\$5 Fremont Hotel	1000	165	\$5 Las Vegas Club	1450
117	\$5 Fremont Hotel	2000	166	N.D. Last Frontier Guest	75
118	\$25 Frisco Club 1	75	167	\$100 Little Casino	275
119	\$100 Frisco Club	200	168	3 Little Caesars sports bk	300
120	\$5 Frontier Club	50	169	\$5 Mattys	50
121	10c Frontier Club	40	170	4 checks MGM Grand MI	300
122	\$5 Frontier Hotel	75	171	\$5 MGM Grand	40
123	\$1000 Frontier	500	172	\$25 MGM Grand	300
124	2 C&S Frontier Nights	80	173	MGM Grand LE's	50
125	10, \$1 Nevada checks	100	174	Issues of Minden Hotel	120
126	\$100 Gold River	75	175	\$1 Miners Club	200
127	25c Golden Gate Club	850	176	Monterey Club	60
128	25c Golden Gate Casino	125	177	\$100 Moulin Rouge	175
129	\$5 Golden Nugget	1585	178	100 Moulin Rouge	1150
130	\$1 Golden Nugget	40	179	3 \$1 Las Vegas checks	40
131	\$1 Golden Nugget	335	180	Mother of Pearl counters	185
132	\$5 Golden Nugget	150	181	3 unlicensed checks	50
133	\$25 Golden Nugget	125	182	Kentucky unlicensed cks	55
134	\$25 Golden Nugget	500	183	\$5 NCOM Loring	20
135	Elvis Medallion	30	184	25c Nevada Club	40

Lot	Description	\$ Bid	Lot	Description	\$ Bid
185	Group 25c Las Vegas cks	130	221	Sahara CC membership cd	75
186	10c New China Club	45	222	\$25 Sands	1750
187	\$100 New Frontier	80	223	\$1 Sands	350
188	\$5 Tahoe Nugget	45	224	Sands Baccarat plaques	1418
189	\$25 Nugget	400	225	\$20 Sands Hotel	200
190	10c Orbit Inn	45	226	\$100 Sands Hotel	125
191	6 checks, Ore House	220	227	\$500 Sands Hotel	345
192	50c Ormsby House	75	228	3 checks, Sands Casino	30
193	\$25 Paradise Hotel	250	229	\$5 Scotty's Club	90
194	\$100 Park Place	250	230	\$5 Shamrock Hotel	95
195	\$5 Phenix House	10	231	5 Showboat	550
196	\$5 Phenix House	15	232	\$5 Sierra Sid's	60
197	N.D. Pioneer Club	500	233	Showboat roulette	10
198	\$5 Pioneer Club	25	234	\$5 Silver Dollar Saloon	50
199	25c Pioneer Club	190	235	\$25 Silver Slipper	1395
200	Playboy AC set	150	236	\$1 Silver Slipper	130
201	\$2.50 Playboy, AC	70	237	\$5 Silver Slipper	200
202	\$5 Playboy, AC	70	238	\$100 Silver Slipper	375
203	\$25 Playboy, AC	450	239	\$1 Silver Slipper	110
204	10 Playboy Club, London	100	240	\$25 Silverado Casino	40
205	\$5 Playboy, Bahamas	70	241	Sky Harbor checks	150
206	5 Players Club, LV	270	242	\$25 South Tahoe Nugget	450
207	\$25 Railroad Pass Casino	200	243	\$1 Stardust	50
208	\$100 Ranchin	300	244	Pair checks, Stardust	300
209	\$25 Ranchin	400	245	5 Tahoe Village	80
210	\$5 Resorts International	195	246	Taylor & Co, mfg samples	150
211	Rio Slot Card	40	247	\$5 Thunderbird Hotel	170
212	Pair checks, Riviera, Miami	210	248	\$5 Tony's Club	125
213	\$1 Riviera	120	249	\$100 Tropicana	250
214	\$25 Riviera	150	250	\$5 Tropworld token	100
215	Riverboat checks	45	251	\$5 Tropworld token	90
216	French & American checks	30	252	Pair Nevada \$25 checks	70
217	35 Gaming tokens	40	253	25c Westerner	200
218	20 Nevada checks	125	254	Group, Wilbur Clarks, Cuba	300
219	\$1 Las Vegas checks	125	B	Casinbo Chip Guide	25
220	Sahara Baccarat plaques	825			

A Special Offer for the Chip, Chip! Chip



The Club wishes to recognize and thank the Riviera Hotel and Casino's Barbara Wolfe. Ms. Wolfe was the individual behind the "A little birdie told us" chip pictured here. That chip, issued in a quantity of 500, was made available to Convention Pre-Registrants, by inclusion of a certificate good for one chip in pre-registration packets.

The terms of the certificate required visiting the Riviera Hotel and Casino (site of next year's Convention), signing up for the Riviera's slot club program, upon which you received one of these specially made, commemorative NCV chips.

Evidently, schedules being what they were, it turned out that some of the certificates were not negotiated and Ms. Wolfe was kind enough to turn all of the unclaimed chips over to the Club to support its Building Fund efforts. Accordingly, those chips will now be sold to Club members under the following conditions.

First off, there is a limited supply of just 84 chips available. A deadline for interest shall be established, and requests received after that date will not be considered (unless chips are leftover).

We expect the demand to be greater than the supply and in that event all requests will be pooled and a lottery will be conducted.

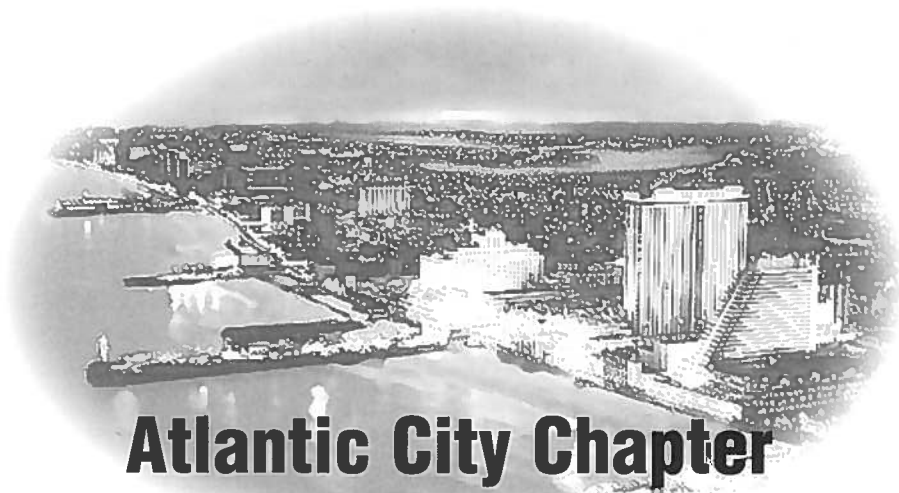
Members already in possession of this chip are ineligible.

If you are eligible and interested in this NCV chip you must send a check or money order in the amount of \$10.00 to the address below. Your check/MO will be your lottery ticket, so be sure to have your name on the check/MO. Your check/MO MUST arrive by September 27th (a Saturday). On Sunday, 28 September a drawing will be conducted to determine the 84 lucky winners. (If less than 85 entrants are received, then every submission will receive a chip. If less than 84 submissions are received then the unclaimed chip(s) will be sold on a first come, first served basis from Club Promotions, just as all other Club merchandise is currently sold. The price will remain at \$10.00 and proceeds will be designated as Building Fund proceeds.

Again, we thank Ms. Barbara Wolfe of the Riviera Hotel and Casino for creating the chip and for also making the unclaimed chips available for the Club's Building Fund fundraising effort. We also thank (in advance) all Club members that will be inclined to take advantage of this offer, because they will be making a donation to the Club's Building Fund project.

Send your entry (a check or Money Order) to:

Jim Follis (Chip, Chip!)
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Atlantic City Chapter Elects New Officers and Raises Money for the Building Fund

by Jerry Birl

At the March 16, 2003 Chapter meeting, Bob Touts, Election Chairman, reported that over 70% of the Chapter members had returned their mail back ballots and the following Club Officers had been officially elected to serve a two year term:
Dick Brach-President
Mike Custodio-Vice President
Jerry Birl-Secretary
Bob Irving-Treasurer.

Nate Pincus, National Club President was the guest speaker and he gave a detailed report on the activities that have been planned for the National Convention in June.

Mike Custodio, newly elected Vice President gave a report on the results of the Collecting Survey that had been completed by Chapter members. A detailed breakdown of Chapter Members collecting preferences can be found on the Chapter Bulletin Board at <http://ccgtcc.com/chapter/ac/>.

The Chapter Auction was conducted by Bernie Sloan and over 100 Members and guests attended the meeting.

At the May 18th Chapter meeting held at the Sands Casino in Atlantic City Mike Custodio reported that the Taj Mahal CC>CC 15th Anniversary chips have been approved from the Casino Control Commission.. The National Club Building Fund will receive almost \$700.00 from the sale of the five hundred \$5.00 chips and two hundred \$25.00 chips that are going to be produced.

Once again over 100 members and guests attended the May meeting and took part in the trade session, 50/50 drawing and the Chapter Auction. The next Chapter meeting will be announced on our web site. If you are in the Atlantic City area you are invited to attend the Chapter meeting and participate in the Chapter activities.



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- An option to save your file as a fully coded HTML table.

Blackjack & Poker Tournaments a Hit during the 2003 Convention

David Lazarcheck wins Blackjack; Patti Norris wins Poker

by Robert Pardue

Blackjack Tournament

The annual convention activities started early this year, with the 1st annual Blackjack Tournament on Wednesday afternoon. Hosted at the Palms Resort-Casino, 93 club member entrants vied for a piece of the \$4185 prize pool. The top two winners at each preliminary-round table advanced to the semi-finals, and the top winner from each semi-final table advanced to the final round. The runners-up from each semi-final table also received a cash award, as well as one winner from a random draw of non-finalists.

First place winner David Lazarcheck received a framed set of tournament chips and \$1465 prize money. Other final table winners (2nd through 6th place) were: John Zoesch, Brett Patin, Joe Fiore, John Schwartz and Diane Myers. The runners-up prizes went to: Greg

Susong, George Gloria, Chuck Linsey, Bob Weingarten, Bob Feeney and Mike Quinlivan. The random draw winner was Lloyd Tereno.

Thanks to Roy Brennan and Terri Abshire of the Palms, and all the dealers for running a smooth tournament for the club.

Poker Tournament

A record 160 players entered the 5th annual Poker Tournament on Thursday evening, competing for a prize pool of \$7170. Also hosted at the Palms Resort-Casino, Gene Trimble and his crew of poker dealers managed the 5-hour tournament without a hitch.

The tournament was structured to pay the final 10 places. First place winner Patti Norris takes home the travelling trophy, a framed set of tournament chips and cash. Norris and 2nd place winner, Chuck Mades, each received \$1887 when they elected to split the money for the top two spots. The remaining final table winners (3rd through 10th place) were: Dave Shron, Brian Watts, Fred Lamb, Jim Blanchard, Charlie Sill / George Davis (tied for 7th & 8th), Will Knight and



Terry Lazarus / Christine Smith (tied for 10th).

Tournament Chips

Club member Kevin Norris provided the design idea for the 5-piece set of chips, which included tournament information on one side and the Palms logo on the reverse. The tournament chips were used in both tournaments. Chips are still available through Club Promotions at \$15 per set, plus mailing.



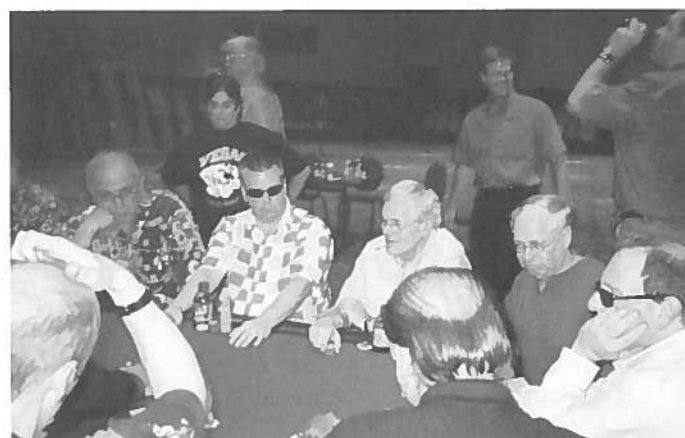
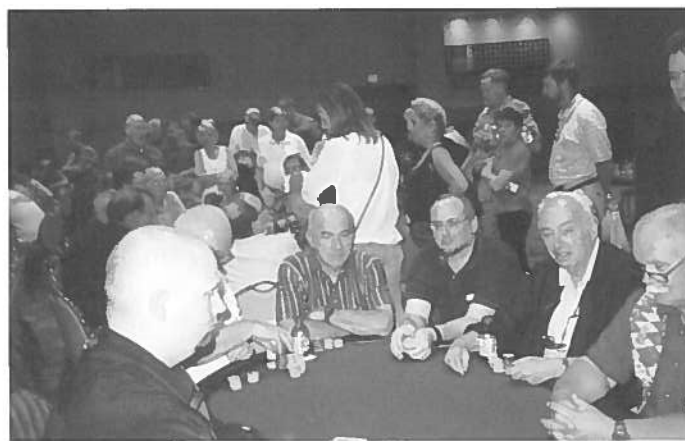
Bob Pardue awarding the first place plaque in the blackjack tournament to David Lazarcheck



Poker tournament winner Patti Norris

Images from the Poker Tournament

Pictures courtesy Dick Covington
and Dr. Anatole Karmen



ALL ABOUT AIRTIGHTS

by Christopher Colangelo

Airtight holders have been used by the coin industry for years, and they lend themselves well to our hobby as well. There is little doubt among collectors that airtight holders are the best way to store your most precious chips, strikes, and tokens.

The problem is that many collectors get confused when it comes to figuring out what size to order. My goal here is to explain how to determine what size holder goes with the item you wish to protect.

Let's begin with a list of actual sizes of casino money. The Nevada Gaming Commission regulates these sizes. I will be dealing with millimeters here but if you wish to convert to inches simply divide by 25.4.

Casino Chips

- Standard Chips - 39 mm (Exception: Palms and Cannery Chips are 40 mm)
- Baccarat Chips - 42 mm (Exception: The Palms Baccarat Chips are 44 mm)
- Giant Chips - 50 mm (Exception: Hard Rock Pindex 2000 chip is 49 mm)

Silver Strikes

- \$7 & \$28 Strikes - 37 mm
- \$10 Strikes - 43 mm
- \$20 & \$40 Strikes - 47 mm
- \$200 Strike - 89 mm

Tokens

- \$1.00 Tokens - 37 mm
- \$5.00 Tokens - 44 mm

Direct fit holders are available for the following:

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter
Casino Chip	30039	39 mm
Palms / Cannery Chips	30040	40 mm
\$10 Strike	30143	43.6 mm
\$20 / \$40 Strike	30020	47.63 mm
Giant Chip	30050	50.6 mm
\$200 Strike	30060	89.2 mm



Casino Chip Holder (p/n 30039)



\$10 Silver Strike (p/n 30143)

If you wish to store any other casino related monetary item, you will have to use a holder along with an additional foam ring to reduce the inside diameter of the standard holder to the size of your item. These foam rings are available in black or white, and are made of an inert material that will not harm the coin or chip.

Refer to the chart below to store your remaining items.

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter	Ring Inside Diameter
\$1 / \$7 / \$28 Token	30001	46.17 mm	37 mm
\$5 Token	30005	47.63 mm	44 mm
Baccarat Chips	31042	47.63	42 mm or 44 mm

There are also holders with rings available for Chips and \$10 Strikes. Whether you use these holders with rings or the direct fit holders above is merely your own personal preference.

Casino Item	Part Number	Holder Inside Diameter	Ring Size
Casino Chip	31039	46.17 mm	39 mm or 40 mm
\$10 Strike	30010	47.63 mm	43 mm



Casino Chips (p/n 31039)



\$10 Silver Strike (p/n 30010)

Once your items are installed into the holders, they can be placed into storage boxes, binders, or display frames.

All of these holders can be purchased at www.tinytreasures.com or at your favorite supply dealer. If you have any specific questions regarding airtight holders, please email me at info@tinytreasures.com.

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Quarterly Southern Nevada Limited Edition "Cheque" List



by Dave and Debbie Harber

As we start to write this the annual convention is just weeks away. The excitement and anticipation is building as the days go by. Unfortunately you won't be reading this until after it's all over. So, if you are sitting down to read this post convention and these chips are old news perhaps you can look at them and reminisce about the convention, seeing old friends, meeting new ones, chipping on the strip or finding that missing piece for your collection. If you were not able to join in on the fun at the convention this year and need to be updated about the recent releases there are plenty to be had. Enjoy!

March

Appropriately the Month of March took off roaring with Harrah's releasing a 500 mintage 5 piece AJ Foyt car set. The Rio followed the lead of their sister property and issued the same artwork on their 5 piece A.J. Foyt car set with the same 500 mintage. Since the chips are identical (except for the casino name and

common back) we are only showing the Harrah's set.



Days later it was back to both Harrah's and the Rio for basketball chips commemorating March Madness, the NCAA basketball championship. These chips again have identical artwork and mintages of 500.



On March 13th it was off to the Palms for the much anticipated release of the Kiss sets. These sets were made to coincide with the March 16th performance at the nightclub "Rain" in the Palms. Each set had 5 chips made in five dollar, 25 dollar and 100 dollar denominations all with different artwork enclosed in a CD jewel case. There were 4,000 of each \$5 chip in the set which depicts 4 album covers and the "Kiss" logo. There were 800 of the \$25 sets made. This set depicts different album covers and the "Kiss" Army Logo. There were 300 of the \$100 sets made depicting each member of the band. Gene, Paul, Ace and Peter never looked as good as on a casino chip.

Within each CD jewel case, besides the chips, is a 10 page, full color CD liner. It highlights the albums featured on the chips. There is also a 2 page concert photo.

In keeping with the chip of the month program Excalibur's chip for March pictures a basketball & net to coincide with "March Madness". Again the mintage is 1,000.



The Hard Rock came out with chips the very next day for Ozzy Osbourne's scheduled performance. There were 6 different chips released. There were three \$5 chips. One \$5 chip pictured Ozzy and had a reported mintage of 3,500. The other two \$5 chips depicted 2 of Ozzy's dogs. There were 500 chips made with Minnie's picture and 500 chips with Lola's picture. There was a limit of one of each of the dog chips per person. The word was 2 chips were supposed to have the Osbourne kids pictured but due to their ages the chips were denied so the dog chips were born. There were two twenty five dollar chips. One is a colorized picture of Ozzy and has a mintage of 1,500. The other has Ozzy's wife, Sharon Osbourne on one side. This chip has a mintage of 1,250. Finally, there was also a \$100 Ozzy chip with a mintage of 700. As you may imagine the line for these chips was huge.



The Sahara then issued a chip in memory of William Bennett the former owner of Circus Circus and the owner of the Sahara at the time of his death. 2,000 of these chips were made.



Next came the classic holiday chips for St. Patrick's Day. Both the Fiesta, Rancho and the Fiesta, Henderson did a \$7.50 chip each with mintages of 750. The chips have identical artwork with the only distinguishing difference being the color and city name.



Harrah's and the Rio also did St. Patrick's Day chips. This time while they still had identical artwork and identical mintages of 500 the chips were different. Different manufacturers were used. The Harrah's chip is a Bud Jones and the Rio a Paulson.



Three more St. Pat's Day chip were released. One came from the Riviera with a mintage of 500. The another 500 mintage was released by the Pahrump Nugget. Finally the Ramada Express issued a chip for this holiday with a mintage of 1,000.



Days later the Riviera would issue the Foosball/Table Soccer chip to coincide with the tournament being held there. Only 350 of these were made. Obviously this chip was approved prior to the 500 mintage rule by the Nevada Gaming Commission.



After the Riviera it was off to Sunset Station. They released their Monster Truck chips. There were 750 of each of the 5 pieces in the \$2.50 set and the \$5 set. Each chip in the set depicts a different monster truck, however the set of \$2.50's and \$5's have identical artwork. There was only one \$25 chip and it too was included in the \$2.50 and \$5.00 sets. It has a mintage of 500.



As expected, Caesars Palace, who usually does not do very many commemoratives went way out with the opening of the new show "A New Day" starring Celine Dion. They made 10,000 5 piece sets of \$5 chips, 5,000 3 piece sets of \$25 chips and a 2,500 2 piece \$100 set for the occasion. All have different pictures of Celine Dion.





River Stampede in Laughlin was the next event to be commemorated on a chip. The Edgewater issued a 750 mintage chip for the rodeo.



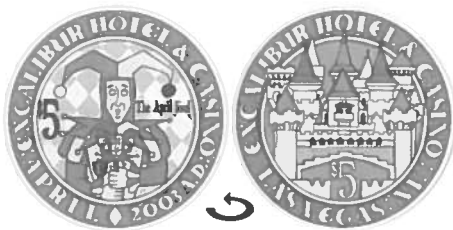
To end the month, a chip that has been listed in chip rack but never released finally made it's way out of the casino cage. The Four Queens issued the much anticipated continuation of their Dangerous Animal series, the Tarantula. It is available in both \$5 and \$25 denominations. These two chips have identical artwork. There were 750 of the fives and 150 of the twenty fives made.



That does it for March. Let's move on to April!

April

The month of April turned out to be a busy one. It brought us a variety of chips commemorating everything from holidays, sporting events, anniversaries and more! To kick off April the Excalibur released an April Fool's chip. One thousand of these were produced.



After a long hiatus, the Tropicana issued the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th chips in the baseball stadium series. Again 500 of each ballpark was made. The stadiums depicted are the Cincinnati Reds Cinergy Field, the Anaheim Angels Edison International Field, the Florida Marlins Pro Player Stadium and the Seattle Mariners Safeco Field.



Next came the Easter chips. The Riviera issued a 750 mintage chip for the holiday. The Four Queens also released one for Easter with a mintage of 500.



The Hard Rock made NCV (no cash value) chips for the Mondo Tiki Pool Party held at the hotel. These chips were given for each \$15 paid admittance to the party. There were 2,500 made.



Arizona Charlies (west) celebrated their 15th anniversary and issued a limited edition of 1,000 chips to mark the event.



Near the end of April really things started to pick up. It was getting close to the start of the horse races. The first chips to be issued for the Kentucky Derby came from the Palms. They made a \$2.50, \$5, \$25 and \$100 chip each with a different

picture of the famous winner “Seattle Slew”. There were 1,500 two fifties, 1,500 fives, 500 twenty fives and 500 one hundreds made.



After the Palms, it was then off to the Green Valley Ranch Station. They made a \$5 and a \$25 Sushi & Saki and China Spice chip to kick off the opening of the two restaurants, one Japanese and one Chinese. One thousand of the \$5 chips and 500 \$25 chips were made.



Besides all the horse chips it was also time for the annual River Run held in Laughlin. Five casinos had chips made for this motorcycle enthusiast gathering. Three of the five casinos stuck with the usual bikini girls on bikes. They were the Colorado Belle 21st Annual Spring Run chip with a mintage of 1,000, the Edgewater with a 2 piece, five dollar serialized set (mintage unconfirmed) and the Pioneer with two 4 piece \$5 sets with identical artwork. One set is serialized and stackable. It has a mintage of 500. The edge when properly stacked reads 21st Annual Run 2003. The other 4 piece set is not a puzzle set and is not serialized.

It has a mintage of 1,500.



The other 2 casinos with chips did not follow the babes on bikes theme. The Golden Nugget continued with a variation of the previous “skull” theme. It is a serialized \$5 chip with a unknown mintage. They also made a \$25 chip Bacardi Party/River Run with a mintage of 1,000. Finally the Ramada Express varied this year by just picturing a parked bike with the hotel/casino building in the background. Mintage on this one was 1,000.



The very next day we had more running to do. It was off to the Riviera. There were 2 chips to pick up there. The National Dart Association chip made for the tournament being held there had a mintage of 350. The American Pool Players Association was also there at the time and had a chip for the event with a mintage of 500.



Two days later we heard the chip to commemorate the Kentucky Derby was out at Harrah's. This chip has a mintage of 500.



The Pahrump Nugget finished the month with their chip "The Arrival of Spring". It is the start of a series for the seasons. Five hundred of these Chipco chips were produced. Now we will move on to the chips issued in May.



May

May 1st brought us back into the swing of things with a number of chips to run around and get.. The first stop was the Tropicana for their "Big Race Day" chip. It has a mintage of 500. Next it was across the street to the Excalibur for the chip of the month. One thousand "May" chips were manufactured. From the strip we headed downtown to Binion's Horseshoe. There were 2 chips to get even though the cashiers did not know it! The \$2.50 chip depicts Robert Varkonyi, the previous years winner of the World Series of Poker. There were 2,500 of these made. The second chip is a \$5 chip to add to the "millionaire set". Fifteen hundred chips picturing Layne Flack were produced. Last stop was the Rampart. Five hundred chips were manufactured to celebrate the first anniversary of the casino.



We had a 2 day break and it was time to run again. As you may have wondered last month we did not mention the Rio when we talked about the Harrah's Kentucky Derby chip. That's because it was not available until the weekend of the race. It was disappointing to see the same artwork as Harrah's once again. The only saving grace was they again used different manufacturers. Mintage 500. The Rio also had a 500 issue Cinco de Mayo chip approved and available that day.



Next stop was the Four Queens. There were 2 chips to purchase here as well. They made 500 chips for Kentucky Derby and 500 chips to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.



Now you may be wondering about Harrah's again since we didn't mention it above when we talked about the Rio. You guessed it they too had a Cinco de Mayo chip. It again has the same artwork as the Rio. The mintage is 500.



If that weren't enough, 2 days later it was back to Harrah's. This time a 500 issue for the Improv Comedy Club.



The next chips to be released came from Mandalay Bay. They issued a \$5 & \$25 chip with the same artwork for their hit musical production *Mamma Mia*. The mintage has not been confirmed.



The Palms then issued chips depicting the 1977 Preakness winner Seattle Slew. They made 1,000 \$2.50 chips, 1,000 \$5 chips, 500 \$25 chips and 500 \$100 chips all with different pictures of Seattle Slew.



The Riviera then released a chip picturing Steve Schirripa, star of *The Sopranos* and a former employee of the Riviera. 1,000 chips were made.



Indian Spring casino in Indian Springs, Nevada issued a chip "Area 51 Soundtest 3D". The casino is located within the Nellis Air Force range which includes Area 51, the Nevada Test Site and Yucca

Mountain. This chip has a mintage of 500.



The Four Queens marketing department had a chip made to match the invitations for a Mother's Day celebration at the hotel. 500 chips were made for this holiday.



The Tropicana continued with the 6th set of baseball stadium chips. These are the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th chips in the series. The stadiums included in this 500 mintage set of chips were Bank One Ball Park, home to the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Detroit Tigers Comerica Park, the Kansas City Royals Kaufman Stadium, San Francisco Giants Pacific Bell Park and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Tropicana Field. This leaves only 6 more chips to be released to complete the 30 piece set. We are sure to see the last chips of the stadium series in the month of June.

The Pahrump Nugget continued the chips of the season and released a 500 issue "Summer" chip.



The Casino Montelago in Henderson, located out by Lake Las Vegas, opened its doors this month. Along with the usual rack chips a \$5 Grand Opening chip was made. It has a mintage of 1,000.



The annual VNEA pool tournament was held at the Riviera once again this year. 800 \$5 chips were made for the event.



To complete the horse racing chips for May the Palms released chips for the Belmont. Again there were 1,000 of the \$2.50 chip, 1,000 of the \$5 chip, 500 of the \$25 chip and 500 of the \$100's made all with similar but different artwork.



The last chips of the month came from the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Lisa Marie Presley chips were released on May 23rd. She was to be



there that evening to play blackjack with winners from a radio contest. 4,500 \$5 chips were made. That's all folks. Hopefully, if you attended the convention you were able to acquire the chips you desired for your collection either directly from the casino or at the convention. Until next quarter, happy chippin!

At this time we would like to thank Pete Rizzo & Chuck Smorse for providing some of the scans in this article.

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RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

Hello riverboat collectors! The Riverboat Casinos just don't seem to be doing very many new chips anymore. I only have 6 new chips to report, 4 of them are commemoratives and 2 are regular play chips.

Lighthouse Point Casino in Greenville, Mississippi put a new .25 chip into play in April.



Bally's in Tunica, Mississippi put a new .50 chip on the tables in early April, then on the 26th they put out a real nice looking \$5 to commemorate their Ultimate Blackjack Tournament.



Harrah's in Joliet, Illinois celebrated their 10th anniversary with this new \$5 chip.



The Ameristar Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa made these \$5 and \$25 Lewis & Clark chips available by mail.

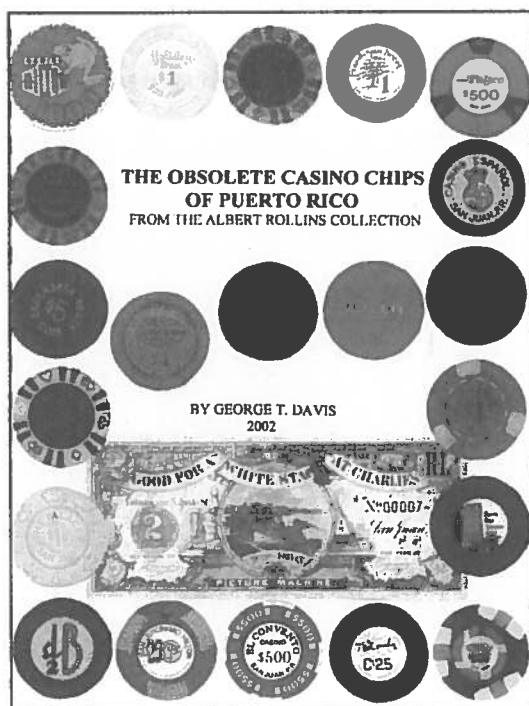
Thanks to everyone that helps keep me informed about new casino openings and new chip releases. It would be impossible for me to gather all this information without your help.



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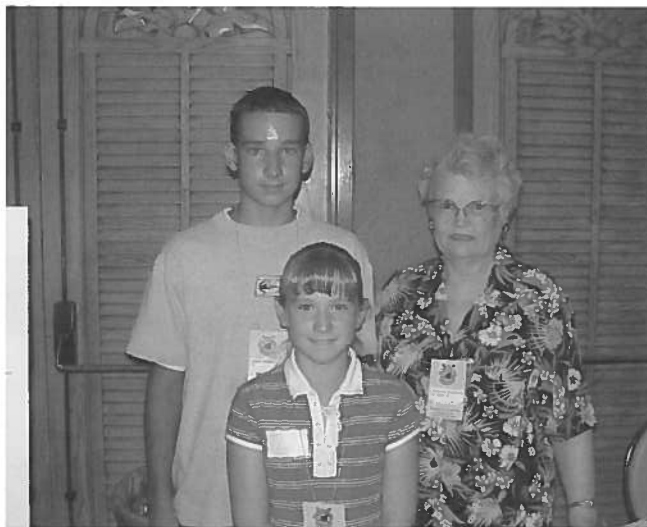
Silver Strikes Chapter

by Mary Lou Waterbury

Do you really know how special the Silver Strikers Chapter is? Not only do we have members from the United States mainland, but Hawaii (also a State), Canada and England. That seemed to be quite remarkable in itself, but then I was hit with the double whammy of two youngsters by the name of Bryce and Megan Wallace who are also members.

First to join in April of this year was Bryce Wallace, age 14. On Thursday, June 26, his sister along with their mother signed up. Sister is Megan, age 11. Bryce told me that they already had 312 silver strikes in their collection. They told me that they first became interested in the strikes when they and their parents walked into the Golden Nugget and saw the machines.

Bryce and Megan said that they consider Richard Anderson their



Bryce Wallace, Megan Wallace and Mary Lou Waterbury

mentor as he has helped them immensely by giving them much valuable advice and information. Other children their ages may collect sport cards and know all the statistics, but these two are learning all they can in regard to scarcities, prices and conditions. They both feel that strikes are very educational and a good investment. They informed me that they collect strikes from Nevada and the Southwest.

If you think they are one dimensional and only think of strikes, think again. Bryce and Megan enjoy outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing. I bet they are also very good students.

I asked them both what careers they would be considering as time goes on. Their answer was they both wanted to join their dad in his well digging business.

Proud parents of these two are Bridget and B. J. Wallace of Dewey, Arizona.

I want to thank everyone for the fantastic first four years as the President of the Silver Strikers Chapter. Now the gavel has been handed over to the new officers and I wish them the best. Thanks again you all and happy striking to everyone.



Silver Strikes released for the CC>CC Convention

A Word From the President of the Silver Strikers Chapter

by Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.

Greetings to all my fellow Silver Strike Collectors and members of CC>CC. As I arrived home in Houston fresh from the Convention I could not help but to think about all of the friends I talked to and the fun I had just had in Las Vegas. All of the sights, sounds and Silver Strikes from Las Vegas are fresh in my mind. As a Silver Strike Collectors this has to be the highlight of the year. I know it is for me. It is hard to believe that four years ago our Chapter was started with sixty people meeting during the convention and we are now approaching the six hundred member mark and we are still growing. If you are interested in Silver Strikes and would like to join our Chapter it is easy to do. Just ask one of our members for an application or you can find us on the web at <http://www.silverstrikers.com>

The first Silver Strikers event was on Tuesday at the El Cortez Casino Downtown. We had a nice room on the second floor at the El Cortez Casino for a trade session. Over one hundred people were in attendance. We had guest from the Sunshine Mint and IGT on hand to talk about the strikes that would be in play in the silver strike machines downstairs and all over town. Everyone had a great time and lots of trades were made. As soon as the trade session was over the action began on the silver strike machine downstairs. Everyone was allowed to play and win the new set of three 10's, five Silver Strikers Chapter logo strikes and twenty extras to trade in for the new \$200.

The action continued across town at the Palms Casino Resort with two new CC>CC and Silver Strikers Chapter logo strikes, three new 10's and a \$200. Wednesday morning the fun continued on Fremont Street at the Plaza with two new \$200's ten new \$10's and one CC>CC Club logo strike. At the Las Vegas Club they added the final five 10's of their winter sports series and our Silver Strikers Chapter logo strike to the mix. And lets not forget the Four Queens. They took delivery of the remaining three hundred \$200's and had them available for us. They had a waiting list for their strike machine and were checking ID's to make sure each person only played for one hopper fill. New strikes were also in play at Bally's and NewYork NewYork. It sure is great to have IGT and all of these casinos putting out strikes for us to collect. Keep up the good work.

Now on to the CC>CC Convention. The festivities began on Wednesday with the Banquet and trade session. The event was sold out and every table was full. After the dinner the room was opened up for trading. The floor was packed with folks making trades. I picked up some very nice silver strikes to add to my collection. Thursday was our Chapters day to shine. We had several events for the silver strike collectors. The Silver Strikers Forum was first with guest speakers Gene Trimble from the Palms Casino Resort and Howard Herz of Gaming Archaeology. Gene gave a very

informative talk about the process he went through to get the Seattle Slew strikes done at the Palms. Howard gave a talk on cataloging strikes and the work involved. IGT and The Palms Casino Resort gave everyone in attendance a special limited edition NCV strike. Thanks goes to Don Hallmark, Director of Slot Operations, Palms Casino Resort and to Donna Killman, Silver Strike Program Coordinator, IGT. Later in the day we had our annual Silver Strikers Business Meeting and New Officer Installation. Each outgoing Officer was presented with a plaque thanking them for there years of service to the Chapter. On each plaque was a 2003 blue capsule Silver Strikers Logo strike from the El Cortez Casino. Thanks goes to Rick Ronca, Corporate Slot Director, Exber Inc. (owners of the El Cortez, Las Vegas Club and the Plaza) for donating the five strikes needed for the plaques. On Friday and Saturday I finally had some spare time to visit. Everyone said this year was better than last and I would have to agree. I have to say that the Officers and Volunteers did a great job on this years convention. We had a nice turnout of volunteers to man the Silver Strikers Table. Thanks to each and every one of you for your help. Job well done. If you wish to contact me you just drop me a note by email at DONT44@aol.com.

Best In Collecting,
Don T. Nesbitt, Jr.
President of the
Silver Strikers Chapter

Club Officers Meet with Nevada Gaming Control Board

by Nate Pincus

On May 15, 2003 during a trip that I made to Las Vegas, I met with two officials from the Nevada Gaming Control Board (GCB). Tyrus Mulkey and Ralph Myers joined me for this meeting. My agenda for the meeting was to establish a relationship, introduce us formally to the GCB and give them a fuller understanding of the club's activities. Finally, I wanted to understand the change in the approval process for issuing chips and to find a way to get approval for our convention chip.

I made a formal presentation to the GCB about the club. I spoke about our convention and other initiatives but stressed that the club is an educational organization, recognized by the IRS and that we have a mission to educate our members and the public and to preserve gaming history. I gave a detailed explanation of all that we do to accomplish our educational mission that included:

- 1) Quarterly magazine with articles (I left them the latest issue)
- 2) Educational seminars at the convention (suggested that a representative from Gaming would be a great speaker)
- 3) Banquet speakers - the Mayor, William Boyd, Claudine Williams.
- 4) Awards for best articles and book.
- 5) Exhibits at the convention
- 6) Website
- 7) Library
- 8) Club membership of ANA and meeting and exhibits at ANA convention.
- 9) Association with UNLV and their gaming achieves.

We then discussed the approval process for chips.

The GCB had previously rejected the design that was submitted by the Tropicana for a \$5.00 commemorative chip for our 2003 convention. Additionally, they had rejected designs from other casinos that had our approval to use our logo. They stated that any design that includes the club name, CC & GTCC or anything that refers to chip and token collecting cannot be used. Their explanation was that gaming regulations state that chips and tokens are to be used for gaming purposes only and that designs that promote chip and token collecting are counter to regulations. They have also rejected designs that do not meet a standard of decency, e.g. bikini clad women, porn stars, under age celebrities and designs with copyright problems. They stated that their board has approved this new policy.

After some discussion, they agreed that there would be no problem with a Tropicana chip that commemorates our convention as long as there was no overt reference to CC & GTCC and that it met all of their other standards.

Immediately after the meeting, Tyrus contacted Dick Covington so that he could start to work with the Tropicana on a revised design. Dick was able to revise the design and convince the Tropicana to submit it to the GCB. The chip is now moving through the process and no problems are anticipated. We expect it to be available for the convention.

Prior to the change in policy at the GCB, they had approved designs that included our club logo for silver strikes for the Palms and the Plaza. The GCB decided that since these were previously approved, they would allow them to be produced. They will be available at convention time. The Palms chips for the Poker and Blackjack tournament have been approved.

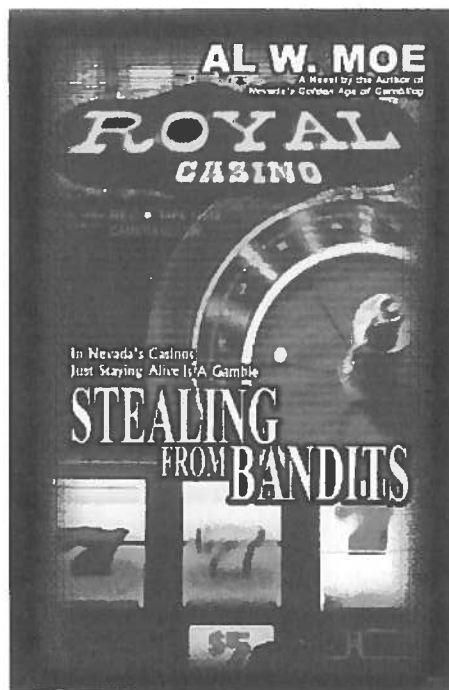
As part of our new relationship with the GCB, we can help them and help ourselves at the same time by discouraging members from contacting the GCB concerning their personal complaints regarding limited edition chips. The GCB now understands that the CC & GTCC is separate from the individual members and those complaints and inquires are from individuals acting on their own behalf. This kind of individual contact has been harmful to the club and hobby.

We now have a relationship with the Gaming Control Board and we have two contact persons. I have invited them to come to the convention and Ralph will place them on the list to receive our magazine. This is a very positive start to what should be a very important and substantive relationship.

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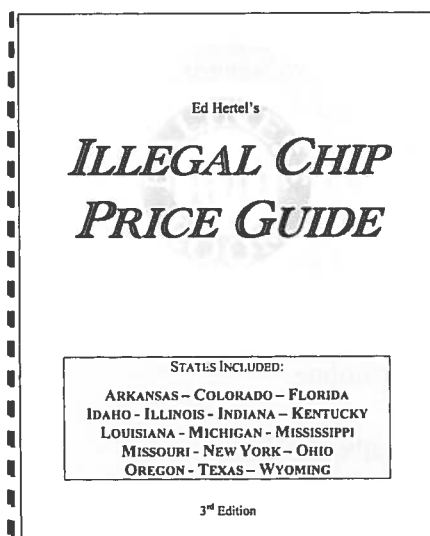
by Michael Knapp

This is the second of what I plan to be a regular column in *The Casino Chip and Token News*. 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.

I have to have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at ChipProf@aol.com, to 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, this column contains my opinions.

ED HERTEL'S ILLEGAL CHIP PRICE GUIDE, 3RD ED. (2002)



The third edition of Ed Hertel's *Illegal Chip Price Guide* is now available. It covers chips from illegal clubs in 16 states: Arkansas,

Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Wyoming.

The book is almost 180 pages long, and includes black and white scans of almost all the chips listed and described.

In addition, Ed's included an index a very helpful feature that acts as a finder, so that a collector can look up what he sees on a chip and locate it without knowing its origin.

The listings are extensive, and with illegal club chips, even more so than casino chips, the illustrations are tremendously helpful and informative. On occasion, because of the printing method and relative illegibility of some old hotstamped chips (and most illegal club chips are the hotstamped type), the scans show little more than black circles, but far more are legible and helpful.

Hertel includes the customary disclaimer which most writers of price guides say, in one form or another: "This book should be used as a guide, and not the ultimate source to determine value." He's right, of course, but even so I found the guide values to be more aspirational than reflective of market experience. In other words, I thought most of them were consistently too high.

Even if you think that Ed's values are high, however, they are extremely helpful (as is the case with other price guides) to determine relative value.

In itself, that is a very significant contribution. A collector, regardless whether he agrees with the price placed on a particular kind of chip, for example, is greatly assisted to find that the yellow chip is generally worth twice what the brown one is, obviously because more browns have been found and are in circulation. Similarly, it's important to know that the chips from X club are generally worth only a third of the value of chips from the Y club in the same city.

This kind of relative valuation is extremely helpful when searching for chips and when looking through them at a dealer's table or in a trade session.

The illegal club area is one which is both fascinating and frustrating. Because of their very nature, illegal clubs usually had to remain somewhat clandestine. They did not ordinarily advertise that they were in business and most often used only initials or numbers or pictures to identify the clubs and to distinguish one club's chips from another.

That being the case, illegal club chips are often very difficult to authenticate. As an example (a fabrication – this does not appear in Ed's book), if the Knapp Casino used chips with the initials KC on them, it's not safe to assume that every KC chip in existence was a Knapp Casino chip. Collectors being what we are, however, we tend not to like blank spots, and we are all aware that positively attributed chips are more valuable than UFC's (Unidentified Flying Chips, for those of you who joined

the Club after The Information Booth ceased to be a regular column in this magazine).

As a result, chips are sometimes attributed to illegal clubs for no reason other than that their initials match those of the club's name. Many such attributions are wrong, but like many rumors and fish stories and urban legends that are repeated often enough, eventually they become accepted. Hertel's book contains a number of what I consider to be "guesswork attributions," some of which I believe are wrong.

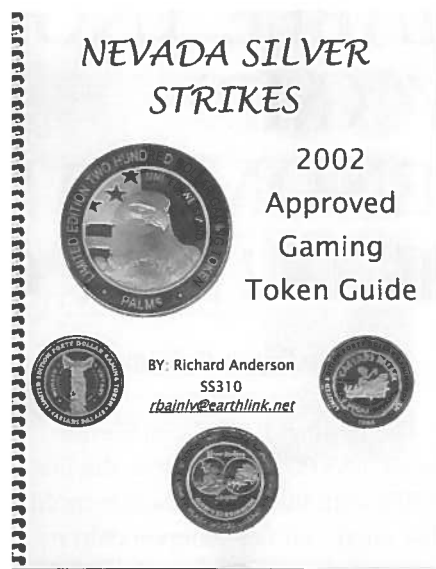
Because of Ed's continued work with illegal club chips, however, we can expect to see some of these erroneous attributions corrected in future editions as information becomes available.

There are some other mistakes which will also, I assume, be corrected in future editions. For example, the chip illustrated in the listing for "Alexandria Club" clearly says "Club Alexandria." The chips shown for the "Paradise Club" in East Peoria, IL are clearly stamped "Para Dice" and "Paradice Club."

Aside from some errors of that sort, which are easily corrected and are obvious, Ed Hertel's book is a valuable addition to the library of any collector interested in the rich and extensive history of illegal clubs and their chips.

The book can be obtained from its author by e-mailing edhertel@prodigy.net.

NEVADA SILVER STRIKES: 2002 Approved Gaming Token Guide (2003), by Richard Anderson



This is both a new book and a followup to my review of Richard Anderson's excellent Nevada Silver Strikes, which appeared in the last issue of Casino Chips and Token News.

The main volume of Anderson's silver strike work, reviewed here last time, covers all \$7, \$10, \$20, \$28 and \$40 silver strikes approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission from 1992, when the first silver premium token appeared, through 2001 (some of the 2001 approved strikes are dated 2002 but went into play in 2001).

As noted in the original review, Richard has used Marv Weaver's catalog numbers and extrapolated from those, since Marv's was the first silver

strike guide published, but is no longer being updated.

While I haven't seen a copy, Anderson tells me that he's revised some of the text to make his listings easier to follow and more useful to the silver strike collector. He's also continued his work, and has now published a 2002 supplement to the main volume, this one covering all strikes, including \$200 values, that went into play in the year 2002.

In addition, Richard is working on completing another supplement which will cover denominations above \$40, back to 1992, and still another supplement, to appear early in 2004, which will cover the 2003 issues. Anderson's silver strike books can be ordered from him by e-mail at rbainlv@earthlink.net.

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NO CASH VALUE (NCV), NON NEGOTIABLE (NG), MATCH PLAY (MP) AND NON DENOMINATIONAL (ND) CHIPS OF THE DUTCH CARIBBEAN

by Ralph Pollack

It is always a challenge to collect chips from casinos. The easy way is to go to the tables and buy them. The more difficult way of collecting them is from obsolete casinos while sometimes finding No Cash Value, Non Negotiable, Match Play and Non Denominational chips are even harder to find! You would ask why? Well, these NCV; NNG; MP; and ND chips are usually made for promotions for a brief period of time. After their useful 'time limit' has expired, the casinos usually throw these items away or the tourists keep them as souvenirs. In either case, they are difficult to obtain. The following chips represent almost all of the known types of chips from the Dutch Caribbean. These areas include Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten & Suriname.

In Aruba the Alhambra Casino had a bright orange ND Hat & Cane bright orange chip for only a few weeks and these have by now been destroyed.

The defunct Americana Casino issued a \$5.00 NNG chip in the late 1970's with the H.C. Edwards mold. This regal, red hot stamped chip is, in my opinion, the classiest chip of this kind! I was lucky to have purchased this chip a few years ago. I have not seen another since.



AUA - AME - 5 HCE.1

In the late 1990's, the Americana Casino issued generic Bud Jones Plastic chips of NCV. They were used as promotional chips to be played on the tables.



AUA - ALH - NCV H&C



AUA - AME - BJ.1



AUA - AME - 5 BJ.1



AUA - AME - 5 BJ.2

In 2000, the Casablanca Casino in the Wyndham Hotel (the former Concorde Casino), issued their first and only \$25.00 Match Play, green Hat & Cane chip. It was used for about one year, then discarded. The

reason for this decision, as it was explained to me, was the extra work needed for accountability. It is not an attractive chip, yet it is a desirable collectable one due its gold hot stamp and the name 'Casablanca Casino'.



AUA – CAS – 25 H&C. 3

The Concorde Casino in the late 1970's or early 1980's had \$1.00 and \$25.00 NCV chips. I have not seen a \$5.00 one, but I am sure it probably exists. If someone has one I would appreciate a photo of it.



AUA – CON – 1 H&C.3



AUA – CON – 25 H&C.2

The Hilton Casino in the Wyndham Hotel was short lived. It existed from 1993 –1995. The only Hat & Cane chip that was attributable to the Hilton Casino was a ND hot orange chip.



AUA – HIL – H&C.1

The King International Casino had a bright red colored '5' Hat & Cane NCV chip. Another interesting chip was the '100' chip with a gold hot stamped capital "K". I am not sure about the actual use of this chip, but it is included in this series of items. If any one actually used this chip in the King International Casino, I would be happy to hear from you.



AUA – KIN – 5 H&C.3



AUA – KIN – 100 H&C.5

The Palace Casino, in the former Americana Casino, had NCV chips in 50 cents, One Dollar and Five Dollar denominations with the Unicorn mold. These chips were used in the early 1990's in their Live Poker Room. I remember playing seven card Stud Poker at these tables and picking up these chips. As of March 8th, 2003, the \$5.00 NCV chip is

now being used as a Match Play chip in the NEW Occidental Casino which was the former Allegro Casino.



AUA – PAL – .50 UNI.1



AUA – PAL – 1 UNI.1



AUA – PAL – 5 UNI.1

The Seaport Casino issued only one NNG chip with the large center inlay Hat & Cane chip. This colorful chip was available for only a few months and then disappeared! The remainder of the chips were probably destroyed.



AUA – SEA – 5 H&C.2

In Curacao, the Curacao Hilton Casino issued 2 varieties of No Cash Out Value chips in \$5.00 and \$25.00 valuations. Interestingly, the red \$5.00 chip has a gold hot stamp with the words 'Hilton Casino' in the white center inlay while the \$25.00 chip has the eight point logo in the center inlay. Both chips have the shiny Hat & Cane Christy & Jones mold.



CUR – HIL – 5 C&J.2



CUR – HIL – 25 C&J.2

In St. Maarten, the Grand Casino issued some very interesting MP chips which were valid on certain days. The ones I have in my collection can be played on Sunday' or 'Monday'.



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.2



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.5



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.3

In the Lightning Casino in St. Maarten, they had a \$5.00 MP Dice & Cards mold chip. They also had \$5.00 NCV chip made by Chipco. It has a green edge like a \$25.00 chip, yet it has a paper front and back.



STM – LIG – 5 DIC.1



STM – LIG – 5 CPO.2

The Pelican Casino had two MP chips with on color variations. The chip on the left is yellow while the right chip is purple.



STM – PEL – 5 BJ.1



STM – PEL – 5 BJ.2

I hope that the descriptions of the above chips shed some light and spur some interest in collecting these Belusive chips.

The reference codes used to describe the Country or Island, the casino, denominations and the various mold designs is fully described as 'Pollack's Reference Code' (PRC) in my 2001 edition book the "Casinos of Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten and Suriname, The Dutch Caribbean".

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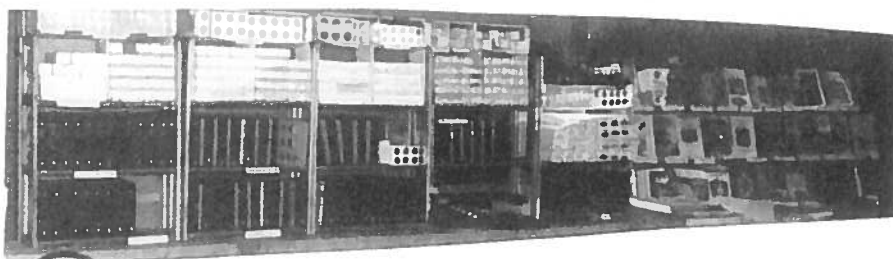
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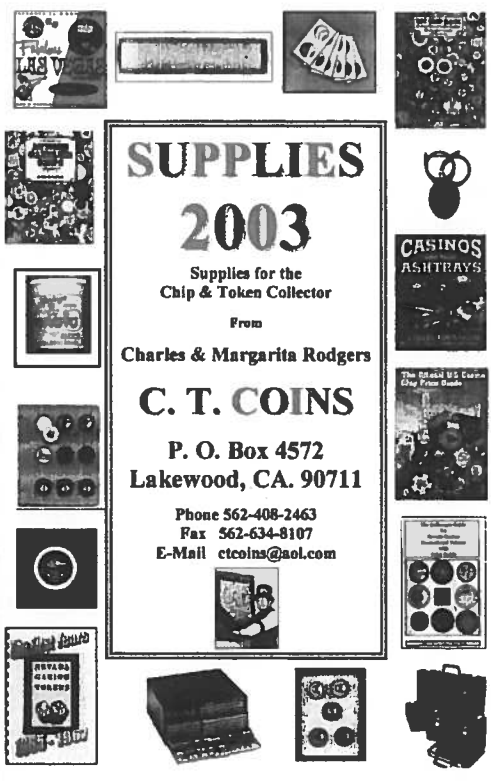


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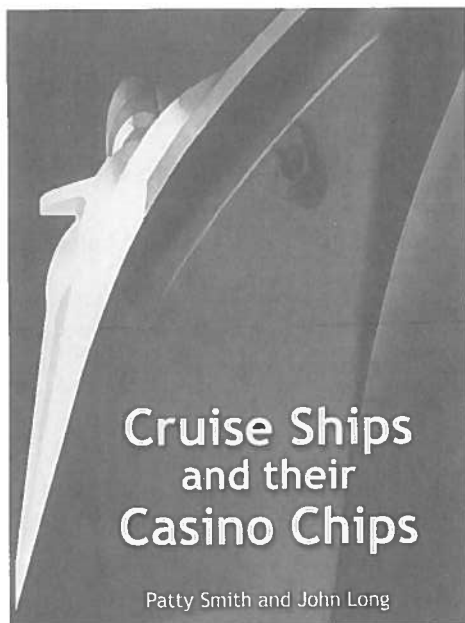
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Club Library Receives New Chip Guides and Additional Donations

by Robert **Pardue**

The most recent additions to the club library include the new 2nd edition to the *Casino Chips of Washington State*, donated by author Steve Goodrich, and the first ever published guide to "wet chips" titled *Cruise Ships and their Casino Chips*, donated by authors Patty Smith and John Long.



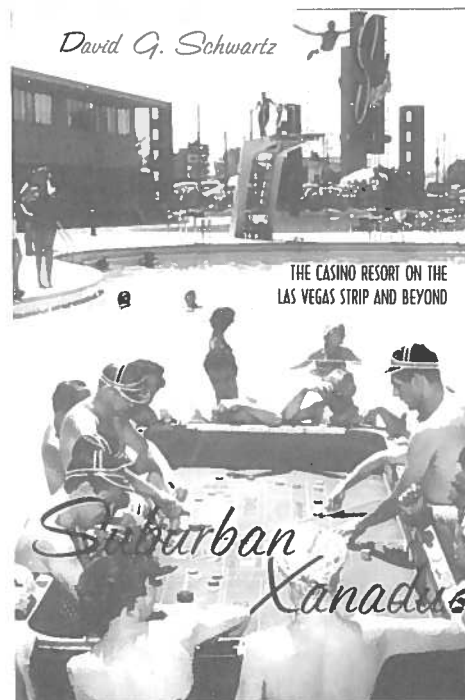
The expanded Washington State guide has been updated with new casinos and chips from the ever-changing casinos and poker rooms located in the Pacific Northwest.

The Cruise Ship guide deserves particular mention due to the thorough research and easy to use format. The authors, both avid cruise ship chip collectors, arranged the guide grouped by cruise ship line,

which often own a whole fleet of ships. With full color illustrations, open or obsolete status and price guides, this 50-page book is packed with useful information. The cross-referenced index allows the reader to look up a chip, based on the actual writing or symbols on the chip (which may not be the same as the ship's name!). An excellent first edition in organizing the world of cruise ship chips.

Soon to be added to the library (when my Amazon.com shipment arrives) will be a new book on casino history and architecture titled *Suburban Xanadu: The Casino Resort on the Las Vegas Strip and Beyond*, by David Schwartz. The author is the Coordinator of the Gaming Studies Research Center at UNLV, and was an entertaining and informative presenter at one of the 2003 convention educational seminars. His new book, *Suburban Xanadu*, sounds like a hit, so I ordered an extra one to add to the club library.

Over the past months, the library also received additional donations of various older books, chip guides and publications. We appreciate the donations from the following club members: Sue Wells, Len Cipkins, Michael Knapp, Kerry Waite, Dennis Finn, Vince Mowery, Archie Black and Mark Lighterman. And if I forgot anyone, I apologize.



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For a list of items in the club library, check out the listing on the club website or contact me for a copy of the list.

Chip FAQ



by Will Knight

Hello, my name is Will Knight, and just a short nine months ago, I fell in love with collecting casino chips. True to my obsessive-compulsive personality, the first thing I like to do when starting a new hobby is absorb all the material that I can find on the subject. And being a child of the computer age, the Internet is the first place I turn for research.

On the Internet, the most common place to find information about a given subject is in a FAQ dedicated to the subject. FAQ stands for Frequently Asked Questions, and usually is a wealth of beginner-level information presented in a question-and-answer format. So, out of habit, I went searching for a Beginners' FAQ on Chipping, but to my dismay couldn't find one. However, I did find another incredible resource for chipping information – Greg Susong's The Chipboard.

On The Chipboard, I was able to ask all of the questions I could dream up, and usually, within minutes, I had a helpful and detailed answer. Also, I met dozens of veteran chippers on The Chipboard who corresponded with me via email and educated me on many aspects of chipping.

As I collected this information, I began compiling it in my own Beginners FAQ in hopes that it would be an educational resource for new chippers and save them a few hours

of research. The FAQ has quickly grown to over 150 questions with more being added weekly. And now, The CCTN has been kind enough to allow me to use this medium to share the FAQ with all of the beginner chippers who do not have Internet access.

The online FAQ is broken up by category, and we'll try to publish them by category here as well. The FAQ includes the following categories that will be published here in this magazine:

1. Getting Started
2. Obtaining Chips
3. Trading
4. Storing Chips
5. How-To Tips
6. Chip Characteristics
7. Tokens
8. Acronyms and Abbreviations
9. Chipping Message Boards
10. Trivia and Miscellaneous
11. Pitfalls, Controversies and Scams

I hope you enjoy reading this first installment of the FAQ as much as I enjoyed compiling it.

To view the entire FAQ online, please visit <http://www32brinkster.com-chipjunkie/beginners.htm>. If you have comments or questions regarding the FAQ, or if you would like to submit a new question to the FAQ,

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Section I: Getting Started

How much knowledge do I need to start collecting chips?

(Question and Answer contributed by Tom Leggio)

None. While there is not much information that is "essential" to collecting chips, there are some questions that you will want to ask. Hopefully, most of what you need to start can be found right here. If you do not find an answer here, the best place to find the answer is at *The Chip Board*. The Chip Board is an online message board being read constantly by hundreds of chippers. you can post any question you have and you will have an answer within minutes (I'm not promising it will be the *correct* answer, but you will have AN answer! :)

How much money do I need to start collecting chips?

(Question contributed by Tom Leggio)

Now this is a very tricky question. Honestly, the answer totally depends on your goals and your self-control (with self-control being the most

important factor here!). You can start collecting chips for as little as a few bucks a week. Your collecting won't grow quickly, but if you start with \$1 chips, you can add two to three chips to your collection each week for as little as five dollars a week. This figure considers the cost of postage and a small percentage over face for each chip. So for roughly \$20 bucks a month, you can grow your collection at the rate of a dozen or so chips a month.

Now that we've covered Fantasy Land thoroughly, let's discuss Reality. If you're a collector - like I'm assuming you are - you will likely want to grow your collection much faster than a couple of chips a week. This will be especially true at first when every chip you see you will want because you don't already have it. You'll be skipping lunch, buying generic-brand cereal, and pawning your Timex so you can have a few extra dollars to purchase chips.

When I started the hobby, several people warned me of the "Slippery Slope". And let me tell you from experience - it's not just slippery - it's *FRICTIONLESS*. You become addicted to receiving packages in the mail every day. You get withdrawals when two days in a row go by and you haven't received any chips in the mail, and your spouse begins to complain about your bad mood - until you get your "fix" when a new package arrives.

All humor aside - you will probably desire to grow your collection at the rate of at least six to twelve chips per week. Assuming you're purchasing \$1 chips, this will likely run you between \$30 to \$60 a month. Plus, don't forget the periodic expense of supplies (your binders, flips, album pages, etc.).

Again, it's all about self-control and how much of it you have. If you're able to be satisfied growing a collection at a slower pace, you can enjoy this hobby very affordably. However, if you become addicted (and you probably will), and especially if you begin collecting \$5 chips, you better hope you have a big budget, because it can get expensive fast.

What supplies do I need to collect chips?

Fortunately, chipping is not an expensive hobby in terms of the supplies needed. The biggest supply need is defined by how you decide to store your chips. Depending on how you decide to store your chips you will may need to order flips, albums, album pages, tubes, or boxes.

The other main supply you'll need as a chipper is mailers - it's highly recommended that you mail your traders out in bubble mailers. It provides extra protection to the chips in the mail as it is not uncommon for packages to become damaged in transit. The last thing you want to receive is a damaged chip, so you should provide the same courtesy that you want to receive yourself - a safely packaged chip.

Other supplies you might consider are chip cleaners designed specifically for cleaning casino chips; chip stands to display chips on your desk, and chip frames to display chips on your walls.

Does anyone collect chips with certain themes?

(Question and Answer contributed by Debbie Meister)

Absolutely. Because there are literally tens-of-thousands of chips to be collected, most people do concentrate

their collections around certain themes. A very common theme is \$1 chips - perhaps because these are some of the least expensive chips to collect. Others collect chips just from locations - like Nevada, or Indian Reservations, or Las Vegas, or RiverBoats. In fact, one collector that I know of concentrates just on chips issued by Harrah's casinos.

Often collectors will have several themes in their collection. I for example, collect mostly \$1 chips, but I also like to collect any holiday-theme chips - especially Christmas chips. I also am particularly fond of Four Queens chips - so that's at least three themes in my collection. Here are a few examples of themes some collectors have in their collections...

- \$1 chips
- Obsolete Nevada chips
- Grand Opening chips
- Large crown, small crown, Hat and Cane, etc. chips (specific molds)
- Chips with cars, animals, football, palm trees, etc. on them
- Halloween chips
- Hard Rock Casino chips
- Cruise Ship chips
- Uncirculated chips
- Limited Edition chips
- Millennium chips
- Indian chips
- International/Foreign chips
- Fractional chips (.25 cents, .50 cents, etc.)

Themes help some collectors by giving them a goal to reach. Everyone likes to finally get that one chip they've been searching for to complete a certain theme in their collection. Others like themes because it gives a focus to their collection. Instead of a totally random collection, they're able to concentrate on certain chips. This also helps the budget. It narrows the field of chips on which

you're willing to spend your money - and believe me, there's plenty out there to purchase! However, if you're passing over all those chips that don't match your theme, you're not so tempted to spend as much money.

However, with all that being said in favor of themes, I must recommend that *as a new chipper*, don't commit yourself to any particular theme right off the bat. There will be many people who help you kick-start your collection, and you will receive lots of chips from all over to give you a taste of what's out there. Once you've received enough chips to really decide which ones you like, *then* decide to focus your collection on those chips. If you focus too early, you may deprive yourself of collecting some really cool chips that you otherwise would have not encountered.

What chips should I specialize in collecting?

(Question contributed by Lou Rey)

Anything you like! Choosing what type of chips to focus on in your collection is a very personal decision. Many people fall in love with certain casinos (I love the Four Queens chips). Others are passionate about collecting only rare and valuable chips. Some only collect certain

molds. Ultimately the decision is yours, and there's no "correct" answer to this question. You should collect the chips that give you the most fulfillment and bring you the most enjoyment.

Are there any good price guides available?

(Question and Answer contributed by Terry Shaffer)

Yes. Some of the most popular are...

- The Chip Rack (only Nevada chips)
- The Official U.S. Casino Chip Price Guide (covers casinos nationwide)
- Black's Atlantic City Price Guide (only Atlantic City chips)

For a complete list of price guides and links to sites where you can order them, visit the Books page of Greg Susong's The Chip Guide Network (<http://www.chipguide.com/books.htm>)

Where can I purchase the supplies I need?

(Question contributed by Terry Shaffer)

There are several mail-order suppliers where you can purchase your supplies. My favorite is C.T. Coins operated by Charles and Margarita

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There are also several online sources where you can order your supplies. Some of my favorites are...

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- J.P.'s Corner (<http://www.jpscorner.com/>)
- Cheques in the Mail (<http://www.lasvegas-chips.com/>)
- Cassidy Frames (<http://www.cassidyframes.com/>)

For a more extensive list of suppliers, visit the For Sale page of Greg Susong's The Chip Guide Network (http://www.thechipboard.com/links/pages/For_Sale/).

Quik Play ATM

by Jim Noll

During the summer of 2003 Casino Pauma began testing about 50 "Quik Play" slots, which have an ATM/Debt Card reader terminal on the side of each machine, the customer runs their card through, enters pin, and the machine generates a TITO ticket from the normal printer for the amount requested, in \$20 units. The ticket has the Quik Play Logo (see scan). A charge is made for the service just like an ATM. The TITO printer also can print an optional receipt. The customer then inserts the TITO ticket to play the machine or can get cash at the cage.

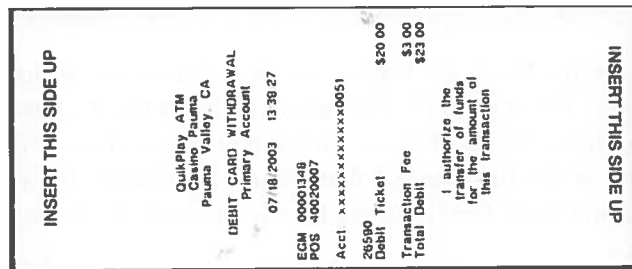
The Quik Play system was installed by Quik Play LLC which is majority-owned by Global Cash Access which is a major supplier of ATM and cash access systems to the gaming industry.

Quik Play personnel have been at Casino Pauma promoting the system, handing out promotional calendar cards, and answering customer questions.



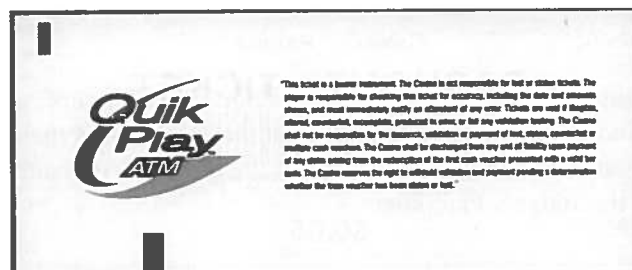
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Front: Customer Receipt
Optional receipt.
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Only used on Quik Play machines

Date: 07/2003

And the Winners Were.....

by Jim Follis

A significant part of the Club's Annual Convention Early Bird Banquet is the announcement of the OTY Award winners. With so many things to cover during the banquet, it was a miracle that everything was squeezed in. I applaud our Keynote Speaker, Ms. Claudine Williams and the fact that Club member Jim Kruse was able to get her as a speaker. I also applaud the efforts of Wayne Thompson, Banquet Chairman and Jim and Sandi Steffner, Convention Co-Chairs for an overall excellent evening.

39 Nominees

This year's annual awards contests included the new category for Slot Card/Room Key of the Year, which uses the acronym CKOTY. Just as previous year TOTY competitions included a mix of slot machine tokens and Silver Strike tokens, the CKOTY event is inclusive of both slot club cards and room keys. The last issue of the CCTN included an insert flyer that was used by members to nominate any five qualifying candidates in each of the four award categories. From those nominations, the top ten in each category were identified and became the Official Top Ten Finalists. However, there was a bit of sparseness in the TOTY arena and only 9 candidates arose from the process, as there was a 10-way tie for that tenth spot with nominees that had either one nomination, or two nominations from a same household. It was deemed that the 9 tokens identified were very representative of the contest and that a 10th nominee was not needed.

As the OTY Chairman I am soliciting your thoughts and opinions about what is currently defined as a qualified TOTY candidate. Specifically, should the TOTY Awards category continue to be established for slot machine tokens only, or should it be expanded to include hologram gaming tokens, and other similar "souvenir" tokens issued by the casinos? Please use the contact information at the conclusion of this article to send me your opinions, comments and suggestions.

In the three remaining OTY categories there were no issues whatsoever in obtaining enough qualified candidates. This then brought to 39 the total number of OTY nominees. Once identified I looked to my own collection to see which, if any, of the 39 I had on-hand and which of the 39 I needed to borrow from other Club members. All 39 are needed to put together the Judge's Pamphlets, which is a full-color, 10-page pamphlet depicting all nominees (both sides) in their actual sizes.

For the COTY nominees I had 6 of the 10. I thank Archie Black for loaning me two of the three, Ralph Myers for one and Larry Hollibaugh for loaning the remaining chip. For the TOTY nominees I had 1 of the 9. Again, I thank Archie Black for loaning me one of the tokens I did not have, Vince Mowery for loaning five of them and Roy Allen for the remaining token. For the CKOTY nominees I had 5 of the 10. Again, I thank Larry Hollibaugh for loaning me one of the cards I did not have, Jim Munding for 3 of them and Scott Brady for the remaining card. Last, but not least, I thank Dennis Finn for loaning all ten of the SSOTY nominees.

Some of the numbers

I received enough nominations to put the Bruce Landau, Palace Station NCV "Celebrating Chippers" chip issued by Rene Nezhoda on the Ballot, but unfortunately, it was not a qualified candidate. Just the same it was included in the pamphlet, just as it is included here, as an acknowledgment to a wonderful friend of the hobby. My thanks to Steve Cutler for helping to acquire that chip for inclusion in the Judge's Pamphlet.

This year's ballot permitted the casting of votes in one of several different methods. Judges could mark their ballots and return them via USPS. They could call their votes in. They could FAX them and lastly, they could email them. Most Judges opted to mail their votes. Perhaps 20 did so by email, a couple called and two tried to FAX. In the end, there were 169 qualified Judges and all of them voted except for 6.

Three of the races were tightly contested and one was a landslide, or better described as a runaway winner. That victory was in the TOTY category, where the winner out paced the top COTY, SSOTY and CKOTY finisher by more than 100 points each at 397 points. The three other OTY first place finisher were essentially within the same range (COTY – 230, SSOTY-234 and CKOTY-237). Total points awarded in each category, from highest too lowest were; COTY – 1,476, SSOTY – 1,450, CKOTY – 1,436 and TOTY – 1,411. COTY remains the most popular category in which to vote and it is interesting to note that CKOTY garnered more action than did TOTY.

And the winners are...

As stated earlier, announcing the winners is reserved until the Early Bird Banquet and I had the distinct honor to make those pronouncements. This year we tried something new, which was to project images of all of the nominees onto a wall using a laptop computer, a video projector and a pre-developed PowerPoint presentation. I want to thank Club Treasurer Mike Quinlivan for providing the video projector, as it permitted everyone in the room to clearly see a 12' x 12' color image of all the nominees.

The first results announced were for the inaugural competition for Slot Card/Room Key of the Year.

1st Place (Gold)	Palms (key) Playboy Weekend
2nd Place (Silver)	Hard Rock (key) Girl with Dice
3rd Place (Bronze)	Pioneer (card) Wanted Poster

Receiving the award for the Palms Casino Resort was Mr. Marc Nelson, Vice-President Ancillary Gaming. Joining Mr. Nelson at the podium to receive the manufacturer's award was Mr. Scott Brady of Able Card Company (ACC). Scott is also a CC>CC Member. Congratulations to both the Palms and Able Card for there combined victory in the inaugural contest for this OTY category.



Next up were the results for the Token of the Year Award.

1st Place (Gold)	Railroad Pass (\$1)
2nd Place (Silver)	Camelot Casino Cruises (\$1)
3rd Place (Bronze)	Caesars Atlantic City (\$100)

Accepting the award for the Railroad Pass Casino and Hotel was Ms. Davina Fisher, Marketing. Ms. Fisher was joined then by Mr. Stan Zurawski, co-owner of Nevada Coin Minting to receive the manufacturer's award.



This was followed by awarding the Silver Strike of the Year Award.

1st Place (Gold)	Palms (\$200 Eagle/Flag)
2nd Place (Silver)	Caesars Palace (\$40 Winged Victory)
3rd Place (Bronze)	Plaza (\$10 Twin Towers)

This victory made the Palms Casino Resort a double-winner! Representing the Palms and accepting the SSOTY Award was Mr. Don Hallmark. Also present was Ms. Donna Killman of IGT. IGT is responsible for the development and administration of the Silver Strike program that creates, markets and distributes these beautiful collectibles. This year's winning strike was minted by Sunshine Mint. Ms. Killman accepted the manufacturer's award for Sunshine Mint.



Last, but not least was the Chip of the Year announcements.

1st Place (Gold)	El Cortez (\$10 Don't Tread on Me")
2nd Place (Silver)	Bally's/Paris (\$1 rack chip)
3rd Place (Bronze)	Hard Rock (Christmas 2002)



Accepting the award for the El Cortez was Mr. Wayne Starker, General Manager. Also present was Mr. Pearson Gorham of Paulson Gaming. Mr. Starker was responsible for the chip's concept, while Mr. Pearson was the artist that rendered the final product.

Congratulations to all of the winning entrants.

A Home for the Permanent Collection.

Once the 1st Place finisher in each category was determined, the OTY Awards Chairman then went about trying to obtain Club member donation(s) of those winners for the Permanent Collection. This year all four winning entrants have been donated by the following Club members:

CKOTY – (anonymous)

TOTY – Vince Mowery

SSOTY – Norm Clem (Jackpot Auctions)

COTY – Ralph Myers

Thank you to each of the donors!

Lastly, as announced at the Banquet, I am please to say that the Permanent Collection has found a fabulous public display location. Club Member Steve Cutler (Curator of the Casino Legends Hall of Fame Museum at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino) has offered space in one of the several display cases at the museum for Club use. In fact, not only is space in one of the cases available for the Permanent Collection, but Steve has offered an entire display case to be used by the Club to display the collection and any other Club related materials. We are now in the process of setting up that display case and have already pencilled in "Then and Now" copies of the Casino Chips and Tokens News, as well as the CCTN's ANA Award. Also on display will be past Convention chips, pins, medal sets and Poker/BJ Tournament sets.

The display case will also offer Club Membership Applications. Thank you Steve Cutler!

I thank every Club Member that took the time to make nominations and vote in the final selections. Since the year is more than half over, I suggest that we all get ready for the 2003 Awards. The deadline is just around the corner!

Please feel free to contact me at: oty@ccgtcc.com or 520.529.3245.

Final Voting Tallies

COTY

El Cortez	230
Bally's/Paris	211
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TOTY

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SSOTY

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CKOTY

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The Most Valuable Gaming Plaque in the World?

by Colin Narbeth

When the London Playboy Club opened its casino on 28th June 1966 with no less than 1,500 invited guests, Mr. Lownes, who was responsible for the London casino, had a special plaque made for publicity purposes. It was a £100,000 gold plaque with the figures embedded into the gold in diamonds. But the Petro-dollar Arab punters had bought and cashed it back in so many times by 1972 that Playboy had to introduce plastic £100,000 chips to meet the demand. The sting in the tale is that when the price of gold suddenly went up Lownes found that his £100,000 gold plaque had an actual value of £200,000!

THE BONEYARD

by Tom Leggio

The Boneyard tour is a must to do in Las Vegas. The Boneyard sits on 3 acres of land and is a collection of signs started by Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO). YESCO had the foresight to collect and store signs when hotels and businesses were demolished or remodeled. It is dedicated to preserving a true artform born in Las Vegas of glitz, glamour and everything neon.

My morning started up at 7:45 am, shower shave and off to 7-11 to get coffee just so I would be on time to meet up with Rick Miner & Terry Shaffer (The movie star from Toledo, Ohio, in the WTOL-TV interview on Chip Collecting). Be at the Tropicana 8:30 sharp or he was leaving me (joking I hope!). He arrived 8:30 sharp. We left the Tropicana for the 20 minute ride down the strip to the Boneyard where these colorful neon lights were stored. At 8:55 we meet with a group of about 40 people waiting patiently for the tour guide. We wanted to get started quickly so we could see these historical signs. We entered the yard and were greeted by Mike Skelton, our new President. We were charged a small fee of \$5.00 to get in. We gathered around waiting for Sandra, our tour guide. We couldn't wait to get in to start the tour.

Sandra explained a little bit about the organization (non-profit) & how it

started. YESCO is the company that makes and owns some of these unbelievable neon signs. There are over 100 signs, some of which are owned by the museum and are also part of a walking tour on Fremont Street. Some of the signs include the Hacienda Horse and Rider, installed in 1967 at the former Hacienda Hotel on the Strip and the Aladdin lamp, installed in 1967 at the Aladdin. The museum is located at 821 Las Vegas Blvd.

As we toured around the Boneyard she explained some of the history of the signs. A little way into the tour Terry & I got side tracked and just began snapping photos (thanks for digital cameras). I was amazed at these signs that I tried to capture them all but I know I missed some. Snap-Snap-Click-Click-Click, I can't get enough. Andy Hughes, Gene Trimble, Ralph Myers, I envy ya'll (That's the New Yorker in me). After about 10 minutes on our own we finally caught up with the rest of the group. Sandra was talking about the Boneyard across the street where they had acquired some other signs but

there was no room left in the main yard. Unfortunately they could not be shown to us. Terry Shaffer (our movie star) started to sweet talk this young lady and conned her into letting us have a sneak preview. How very cleverly you did it Terry. The handful of us left got into this yard and took more pictures Click-Snap-Click. It was awesome, terrific, great, fantastic. One of my favorites was the Coin Castle King, but I liked them all.

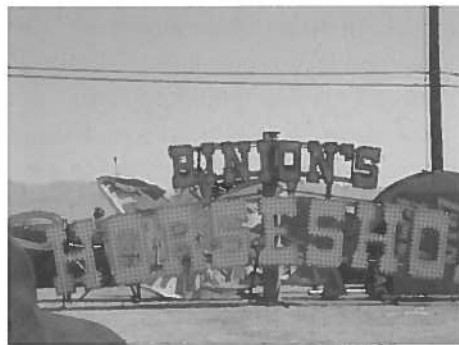
All in all it was a great tour and I was grateful to see a nice turn out. If you have not taken the tour yet, make sure you make it on your next visit. The Boneyard has about 25 volunteers helping out and working out of a small office. The property that they have (I believe they) said was donated by the city of Las Vegas.

I think if we promoted their organization and they did the same for us, we could possibly get more people involved. We could provide the web sites with links and articles, including the UNLV Library, and really reach out to mutually interested people. Sandra said that they wanted to

restore some of the signs. I would like to see them keep it the way they are. To see these signs preserved and put under a roof would be nice.

Well enough said – see you at the 2004 convention and Boneyard tour.





Stumbling Upon a Great Hobby

by David Hensch

Like many chip collectors, I got started kind of by accident, keeping a few “souvenir” chips here and there from various casino towns. First was Reno, next was Las Vegas, then Tunica, Biloxi, and Atlantic City. At each stop, if I thought of it, I’d keep a chip or two, and then when I got home, I’d throw them in a drawer and forget all about them. Every once in a while, I’d root them out of the drawer and admire them a little and wonder why in the world I was saving them.

The first of these trips was from my old Kentucky home to Reno, Nevada, in the early 1980’s. I was visiting a friend of mine who had moved out there to play poker full time. His favorite joint was Harrah’s, and I spent most of my stay in Reno playing poker there. I noticed that Harrah’s had odd brass-type chips. I didn’t think I liked those chips at the time, for playing with that is, because they were so heavy and different from what I was used to. But the Harrah’s chips, being so distinctive, sort of awakened me to the idea that there were all different kinds of chips “out there.” In the wee hours of the last night of my trip, all of a sudden I wanted to know what other kinds of chips were around town. So there I went, stumbling through the streets of Reno at 1:00 or 2:00 O’clock in the morning, exhausted, gathering \$1 chips from all the casinos. I made the mistake of playing at most of the joints I stopped in, so I ended up paying a premium for those first chips. When I arrived home in Kentucky after a long flight the next day, I had my first 20 or so “souvenirs.”

A few months later I did the same thing on a trip to Las Vegas, going up and down the strip getting a few chips from each casino – only this time without playing. It was quicker and cheaper that way. I remember most of the cashier girl’s reactions were the same: “You want them for what?” Undeterred, I filled my fanny pack with chips from most all of the strip hotels. I got my first taste of just how far it is between neighboring properties on the strip, because a lot of the trams and moving sidewalks that are there now weren’t around then. I had a bunch of chips and some blisters on my toes to show for my days work. My biggest mistake was when, realizing I had missed a casino, I walked from the Imperial Palace to the Tropicana looking for the Stardust. I knew I’d be coming up on it any time. But by the time I got to the Tropicana, I was out of hotels – and there was no sign of the Stardust. Slowly, knowing I couldn’t have made that mistake, I turned around and focused my tourist brand binoculars on the other end of the strip. Oh, no! Coming out of the Imperial Palace I had zigged when I should have zagged, and I ended up on the wrong end of the strip. I’ll tell you, that wasn’t the last time I didn’t know where I was at in Vegas, just the first!

My blisters were really aching by then, and there was no way I was walking all the way back. I promptly hailed a taxi, and on the ride back, I asked the driver when they had moved the Stardust to the other end of the strip. He stared into the rear view mirror at me like cabbies do when they’re sizing up their fare. Then he pulled over to the curb and

insisted I show him some cash, I’m sure thinking I was a lunatic or something. But I was flush with cash from the Union Plaza’s pot-limit Omaha game the night before, and just dumb enough to show him. So I did. Back into traffic he merged, and it seemed like we must have gone around that Interstate 15 about twelve times before we finally pulled up to the Stardust. I got my Stardust vintage 1985 chip, which I still display proudly today.

When I got home from that trip I had about 40 total \$1 chips from Reno and Las Vegas, and gleefully figured I “probably had them all.” I threw them loose in a drawer somewhere and forgot about them for about 10 years. I added a few Tunica and AC chips and threw them in the drawer and forgot about them for about another five years. Occasionally, I’d root around and find them and admire them again. All told now I had 52 chips, which was odd because that’s always been a lucky number for me.

Those chips stayed unceremoniously in a remote drawer for the better part of those 15 years. Then sometime in 1999, I picked up a friend at the airport on his return trip from Las Vegas. For my trouble, he gave me a few \$1 chips from the newer Las Vegas hotels, which he still had in his pocket from the trip. “Cool,” I said “I don’t have these.” Surprised at how much I liked them, he said “I’ve got some more at home. You can have them too when you drop me off.” When we got to his place and got his luggage unloaded, we went out in his garage and he

started looking through a bunch of chests and boxes in search of the chips. I tried to get him to stop looking, thinking we'd never find them – but he insisted. Eventually, he found them in an old trunk and laid them on me. They were a couple of dozen or so very different looking fractional and \$1 chips from the Aladdin, the Dunes, the Flamingo, the Riviera, the California Club, Binion's Horseshoe, The International, and others.



"How long have you had these?" I asked him.

"About 30 or 40 years," he said.

"They might be worth something," I said.

"Good," he said, "they're yours now."

I searched on the internet that night to see if there were any casino chip related sites. I found the CC>CC site, ChipGuide.com, and several dealer sites. I couldn't believe what the chips he had given me were listed for. As much as I hated to, I took them back to him the next day and told him he couldn't give them to me; they were too valuable. I told him what I had found out, that there were price-guide books about chips and everything, and that apparently it was a burgeoning hobby. He just said "The chips are yours."

I posted on Greg Susong's ChipBoard the next night and couldn't believe some of the offers I was getting for little \$1 face value pieces of clay. I almost let them go, but I managed to resist and hold on to them. I became an official collector right then. When I saw what they were worth and how cool the chip collecting hobby was (as described on the ChipBoard), something I had flirted with for years became a passion. Now considering collecting as an active hobby and having learned a little, I held my breath hoping I might have access to a stash of Landmark chips (a friend of mine had dealt and played there for years and lived right across town from me). It never panned out. But just that it was a possibility combined with the 1960's vintage classics that were dropped in my hand, were what ignited my interest in Las Vegas

obsoletes. I was hooked.

I joined CC>CC from the internet site within a few weeks, and began to get much more actively involved in chip collecting. Basically I just tried to get \$1 chips from anywhere I could for a while, but then in February of 2000, I saw a Groundhog Day LE come out. Now, I've heard the Groundhog Day issues besmirched considerably on the ChipBoard.com, and I didn't appreciate it. That's my birthday, and more than any other chip, it was the one that launched my interest in an LE collection. So when I heard people saying they're gonna quit collecting LEs if they see one more Groundhog Day chip, I got a little ruffled. But I forgave them for their lack of appreciation of this major holiday, and don't hold it against them – though I did for a while. It was hard to believe someone in my own club would be so disagreeable they would knock a harmless groundhog. But it happened, and I've still got the link to prove it.



After I shook that off, I embarked on an LE collection for about a year, and greatly enjoyed it. Cheques in the Mail was my main supplier, and they did a great job. But the whole time, I had my eye on the Las Vegas \$1 obsoletes, and the strange horse head, arrow die, HCE, die-swirled, and scalloped chips that my buddy had dropped in my hand. They just looked different, and they quickly became my preferred specialty. They were colorful and intricately detailed,

not so ubiquitous as the modern chips, and they just smacked of old Vegas in their design and appearance. I had never seen chips like that before. I wanted some more. Eventually I sold off my LE collection, though it was tough to part with. (For anyone selling off a collection or a segment of it, I recommend photocopying it so you still have a “hard copy” of the collection. I didn’t do this, and later wished I had.)

Now I was ready to seriously pursue a Las Vegas \$1 obsolete collection. I started hunting them down – from dealers, at shows, from Vegas travelers who had kept souvenirs. I wasn’t looking to the future for chips such as with LEs, but to the past. I liked that aspect of it and also the finite nature of it – as compared to the ever-expanding LE market. At times, LEs can give the impression that you can never “catch up,” whereas with obsoletes you always feel you are gaining on it. I preferred a less vast and cumbersome collection. These are just personal preferences in collecting; there’s a thousand different ways to go. All of them, for sure, are a blast for the chip lover.

So the \$1 Las Vegas obsoletes have become my favorite specialty. I envy collectors who can hit the trail and physically roam the Nevada countryside for obsolete chips, but that doesn’t work in Kentucky. My “trail” has been more the “e-trail.” Some of my suppliers for obsoletes have been James Campiglia, Joe Shaw, Terry Lazarus, Scott Hartman, Josh Shore, Andy Hughes, Steve Piccolo, various ebay auctions, and many booths at the convention, including prominently, a Cheques In The Mail consignment sale at the 2001 Convention. Just like with LEs, I acquired new favorites to replace old ones continuously.

You gotta be careful though, because there is no end in sight once you get started. You can’t get them all, that’s for sure. Realizing this, I recently had a little lull in my enthusiasm for The Project. What project? Collecting every known Las Vegas \$1 chip. But right when I was wavering a little bit, I came across Joe Shaw’s collection, which was becoming available. He had some beauties. Through email, Joe informed me he had originally had a similar intention as mine – to get them all (or as many as possible). I started thinking I could be a relay man in The Project – that I could carry it for a while and then pass it off to another chip lover down the road. Eventually maybe the complete known set will be accumulated and be in the hands of one collector, possibly to be donated to the CC>CC and displayed at the new club building. Of course I realize as long as there are chips in the set that are unique or near unique, it isn’t really possible to collect them all. Which is fine, I wouldn’t really want The Project to be over. All you can do is make a run at it, and then pass the baton to the next person in the relay. That would be the ultimate in collecting \$1 Las Vegas obsoletes.

But enough about The Project, I’m ignoring my other chips. From my former LE collection I have retained two areas of interest. One is Kentucky Derby chips and the other is joker chips. I’ve been lucky in both specialties.

Disappointed in both the amount and quality of Derby LEs being issued each year, in 2001 I approached Gene Trimble with the idea of doing a Secretariat commemorative Derby chip, and possibly

expanding that idea into a series of “Racing Legends” chips from The Palms. It seemed like a good idea, and I thought it might even sound good to Gene (with him being from Kentucky as well), but I thought it would be about a 100-to-1 shot that he would actually get busy immediately in producing the chips. Well he did. The man doesn’t mess around when it comes to chips. The Palms ponied up for the rights and created an official chipping classic.



On the “joker” front, there are some great chips out there, but again, just not enough of them. Undeterred again, I had Debbie Harber and www.weddingchips.com design for me a custom-made joker chip as a promo for my poker humor column. It turned out great, and I was surprised that many collectors wanted one. That was fine with me. With no regard for what I might receive in return, I sent them off immediately to whoever asked. I was flattered that they wanted one and, since I know what it’s like to want a chip, there’s no way I was going to disappoint anyone.





Over the last few years, I've gone from regarding chips as souvenirs to be thrown in a drawer and forgotten, to considering them prized collectibles. But at first, as I delved more seriously into the hobby, I was a little skittish about fessin' up to my love for chip collecting. Maybe even embarrassed around certain people. I was always surprised when other poker players didn't share my interest

in collecting. Whenever I broached the subject of chip collecting with them (poker players are a notoriously salty bunch), I kept getting comments like: "Yeah, I collect them right here in front of me while I'm playing, and then I cash them out – you idiot." After a few comments like that, I became sort of a closet collector. I don't like being made fun of any more than the next guy, so I clammed up about chips around gamblers. When I related some of this to semi-celebrity chip collector Andy Hughes of Las Vegas, he said he had never encountered such an attitude from poker players, and that (and I quote) "Maybe it was something in the water in Kentucky." He said that to me in an email. (I still have a copy to prove it.) I must admit that Andy not scoffing at the idea of collecting probably helped me get over some of my initial "professional" embarrassment about it. But I got to thinking later on about that comment he made about the water in Kentucky, and it occurred to me: "Yeah, right. At least we've got our own water."

Although I've never collected anything else, chip collecting sort of got in my blood. I couldn't really say why. I know a guy who collects dinosaur bones, and I've often wondered what in the world for. I think I'll ask him, but I gotta catch him when he's winners or he'll just say "Shut up and deal." Whatever the reason he collects dinosaur bones is, I'm sure it must be the same reason we collect chips. Come to think of it, maybe it IS the same thing. Maybe I like these Las Vegas obsoletes because it was dinosaurs (the mobbed-up kind) that used to run the casinos in the '50's and '60's – back when Vegas was Vegas. I'll run that theory by the dinosaur collector one of these times when he's loser – and then duck. Gamblin' ain't exactly a social exercise when you're losing, as any chip could surely bear witness. The chips have seen it all. They're what makes the whole gambling world go 'round. You got to love 'em.

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THE Flamingo Capri Revisited

by Mike Quinlivan

Editors Note: We are reprinting the following article in this issue due to the numerous errors that occurred in the original printing. We apologize to the author and are taking steps to ensure that this does not occur again.

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



Flamingo Capri Hotel & Casino c1976

saw the opening ceremonies for the 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>CC 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



Rust



Green with black inserts



Purple



Black with beige inserts



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)

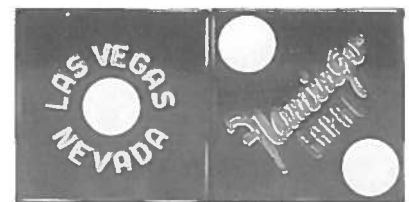


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other words, does the image appear at the same "clock position" on both sides? Usually, genuine chips do not have their images aligned perfectly on both sides. Also, the hot stamp is usually a bit darker, having a bronze appearance rather than gold. 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 9th 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

Scan courtesy of Janice and Jerry O'Neal



Examples of matchbooks issued prior to becoming a casino

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.

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!

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Obituaries



Jeff Laudeman - 1967-2003

Jeff Scott Laudeman was the “Dice Man” - a young, talented and enthusiastic collector and above all, a friend to many people. He was born in Elwood, Indiana in 1967 and grew up in Arizona. After graduating from high school in 1985 he pursued a brief career in music that took him to Los Angeles. In Jeff’s words, “the reality of making music a living made me search for an alternative” and so he went into marketing. While working for a big 5 accounting firm, he perfected his sales and multimedia presentation skills. Both were to become useful when he began to pursue his passion for gambling history.

Jeff’s mom recalls that he became interested in gambling and its related history around the age of 14. His interest in gaming resulted in a pledge that he would spend his 21st birthday in Las Vegas. True to his pledge both Jeff and his mother ventured for the first time to Las Vegas in 1988 where Jeff acquired his first pair of dice. It was the beginning of a collection that would become a passion leading him to seek the history behind the gaming industry.

Almost alone in his collecting field of casino dice, Jeff educated himself on the collectibility of dice and eagerly sought the history that surrounded these small gaming artifacts. As he learned, he taught others by sharing his information. “The Dice Man Speakeasy, Las Vegas Edition” was one of his first publications on dice and one of the first catalogs ever produced on the subject.

Jeff began writing regular articles for gaming related publications and collectors magazines. He authored a total of three books, two on dice and one on the history of gambling in Kentucky. He established a web site for collectors that shared his knowledge with others. He established a mail order business selling collectible casino dice that generated clients worldwide.

During his years of collecting, Jeff also made lasting friendships with other collectors. They recall his enthusiasm for his hobby as well as his compassion and joy of being with his friends. Jeff was good company, and always seemed to add a good measure of laughter and lively conversation.

Over the last year, Jeff began to find the sport of skydiving a challenge and a thrill. Despite the danger, Jeff faced the challenge and recently qualified for his license as a skydiver. I once asked Jeff if you had to be crazy to collect dice and skydive. He replied that being crazy was not a requirement, but it probably would help! He continued to work on his next book, a volume on the dice of Lake Tahoe and Northern Nevada.

Jeff's interest in gaming lead him into a field of research that few others have ventured. He was a pioneer in gaming history research and used his dice collection to document the existance of gaming clubs throughout the United States and beyond. He corresponded with every old timer he could find who would reveal some of the secrets of gaming history.

Jeff died very suddenly in Los Angeles of natural causes. He leaves all of us with a legacy of facts and research on gaming history in his books and articles. The greatest tribute that any of us can give him is to ocassionally remember that Jeff shared with us his knowledge and remember him for his effort that is memorialized in his books. From those of us who knew him - thank you for being a friend.

Howard W. Herz

Just three weeks before the 2003 CCGTCC convention, I read the tragic news on the Chipboard about the passing of my close friend, Jeff "the Diceman" Lauderman. Jeff was just 36 years old.

Jeff was someone I met through the club and became my friend outside of the club as well, being close in age and living only five miles away. It would not be uncommon to have a message on my answering machine: "Hey Marc, it's Jeff the Diceman. I need some books printed." Or "Let's get together to watch the Lakers game."

Jeff was a guest in my home many times and someone whom I welcomed into my circle of friends. Whenever we get together, he was first to stick out his hand to shake mine and when ending a phone conversation, he would always say, "Take care my friend."

Jeff was a passionate and unique guy. His passion for dice was legendary and he was a pioneer in dice collecting, having done research and writing books on collecting dice. If you had a question about dice, he was your answer man. Jeff hoped that dice colecting would get as big as chip collecting . At shows he always kept a mini tape recorder handy to keep track of all his deals." We would often laugh about the tapes and I'd tease him, asking him if I could get a copy so I could listen in my car stereo.

Jeff's newest passion was skydiving. He would tell me, "One day Marc, I'm going to get you up there with me." I'd reply with, "That's the same day I see you playing blackjack at Caesars Palace for \$500 a hand."

I could go on for hours with Diceman stories. His friendship will not soon be forgotten.

I'll miss you my friend.

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