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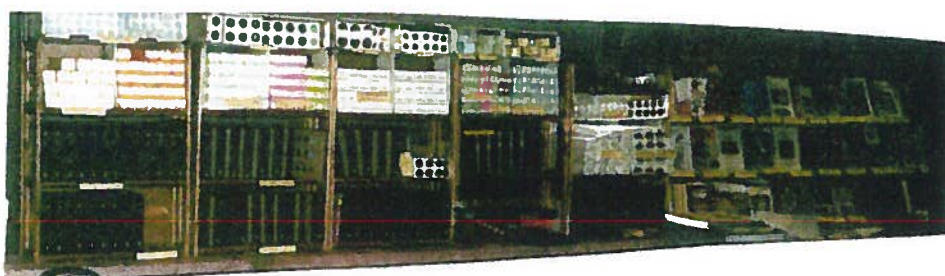
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Mailing Date: January

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

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Mailing Date: July

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Mailing Date: October

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4th Quarter Issue 2004
is September 1st 2004

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

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Ralph Myers
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Inside Covers with Full Color	Width: 7.50" x Height: 10.00"	\$325.00
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1/2 Page	\$60.00	\$220.00	\$20.00
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President's Letter



Mike Skelton

WOW! That's the reaction most of us had while attending this year's Convention at the Riviera in Las Vegas. If you were in attendance, consider yourself fortunate, as this was the finest all around show to date.

The week started off with the Wednesday banquet featuring Mr. Robert A. Maheu as the Keynote Speaker. Those in attendance will tell you that it was amazing to hear these stories first hand from a man that played a pivotal role in the history of Las Vegas. It was funny, educational, entertaining and even emotional at the same time. He followed up with questions from our members on a whole range of subjects. As an added bonus, Ms Claudine Williams got up and said a few words about Mr. Maheu and days gone by. Two Las Vegas legends sharing the stage at the CC & GTCC Banquet in the Top of the Riv Ballroom. WOW!

As always, the banquet included the Club's Annual Awards. These included our OTY Awards, presentations to all of Club volunteers for service throughout the year, contest winners and last but not least, our Hall of Fame Committee announced that **CT Rodgers was our newest Hall of Fame Inductee!** Congratulations to CT on this prestigious and well-deserved honor.

The week also included member trade sessions, the Black Jack and Poker Tournaments, a show floor with over 100 dealer/member tables, 3 different Educational Seminars, Exhibits, tours of the Neon Boneyard and the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. It was simply a superb Convention put on by some extraordinary Club members!

Jim and Sandi Steffner top the list for overseeing the whole thing as Convention Co-Chairs. It literally takes scores of people to put this Convention on every year and we are indebted to all of our Convention volunteers for their efforts. Special Thanks to: **Barry Weintraub** and his auction gang (**Jay Sands, Dick Covington, Alex Cilento and Greg Susong**); to **Jim Kruse** for being the Master Auctioneer that he is; to **Tyrus Mulkey** who did double duty at the Promotions Table and the Auction (not to mention arranging for Mr. Maheu to speak); to **Bruce and Mary Ann Massey** for handling the Pre-Registration; to **Brenda and Archie Black** for taking care of the daily Registration crew; to **Joe Shaw** who once again handled the Exhibits; to **Paul Bender** who ran the chain gang during set up and tear down; to **Wayne Murphy, Will Knight and Katie Smith** who were "enlisted" to do any number of things that Tyrus could think of; to **Andy Hughes** for his assistance during the Auction and for all the effort he puts into the Building Fund during the year; to **Dick Covington** for 3 excellent Educational Seminars, the great graphic work on the Auction catalog, the Power Point presentation during the Auction and at the seminars. Not to mention the photos and the CDs. You DA Man!

More thanks to **Todd Barrett** who produced an excellent Convention Program; to **Bob Pardue** for acting as the Black Jack and Poker Tournament Director; to **Gene Trimble and The Palms** for being such gracious hosts and for their continuing support of our Club; to **Rick Miner** for heading up the volunteers at the Building Fund Table; to **Debby Meister** for her Building Fund chip design; to **Bob Bickford** for all of his Coordinating efforts; to **Jim Follis** for his tux and his efforts with the OTY awards; to **Mark Lighterman** for his pictures; to **Doug Saito, Sandra Harris and Troy Thoreson** for 3 very educational seminars; to everyone who took time out of their week to attend any Club or committee meeting; to **Sunday Silverman** for her help in numerous areas all week long; to **Eric S. Rosenblum** for all of his time before, during and after the Convention; to the gang who gathered at the Splash Bar every night in search of world peace; to all the members who submitted entries in all of the Design contests; and to **Jim, Glenda, Chuck, Bob, Tom, "Mom" Lighterman and everyone who helped Brenda out on such short notice with registration. Art and Muriel Sanderson would have been proud!**

To my fellow Board Members for all that you did during the Convention and during the year. A big thanks to **Rhona Myers, Corni Quinlivan and Ann Skelton** for being there when we needed you all week! A big salute to **Captain Q's Crewmembers Sarah and Sean**, for all of their invaluable service during the show. It was such a big success and a great time, I guess we'll just have to do it again next year!

By now the final edit should be complete on the 2004 Convention DVD! That's right. The whole week was filmed and edited down to show all the highlights of the Convention. The evening with Robert Maheu is worth the price of the DVD by itself, but you get parts of Doug Saito's Chip Stories III and all of the Neon Museum presentation by Director Sandra Harris. Along with highlights from the convention floor, the auction, the Poker and BJ tournaments, the awards banquet, interviews and much more. Ordering details should appear elsewhere in the magazine or you can order from the Club's website.

You will notice that the Nomination Form for the 2005 Election is inserted in this issue of the magazine. I encourage any member in good standing to think about running for office or think of someone who you believe would make a good officer and encourage him or her to run. The 5 officers elected will make up the Board of Directors and serve a two-year term, beginning with their induction at the 2005 Convention next August. The Election Chairman will verify the nominations and the election will take place in the Spring of 2005.

Remember to have FUN!

Mike

Treasurer's Report



Mike Quinlivan

As of May 31, 2004, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$207,738. For the first five months of 2004, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$49,377 (excluding Building Fund donations of \$2,783). The majority of this increase is related to the 2004 Convention table fees, tournament fees, convention pre-registration and ticket sales for the banquet. This does not include the expenditures for the Spring 2004 issue of the Club magazine. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the cash accounts.

Highlights for the first 5 months of 2004:

1. 9 members became Life Members during the first five months of 2004. The Club now has 83 Life Members and 5 Honorary Life Members.
2. As of the end of May, the following 2004 convention functions have been registered.
 - a. 590 members have pre-registered for the convention
 - b. 317 members have paid to attend the banquet
 - c. 163 poker and 87 blackjack tournament seats have been sold
3. The balance in the Building Fund reached \$50,400.00 on March 4, 2004. This includes the generous donation from the members in Southern Nevada from the Palms Chip Show, the donations from the Palms Hotel and Casino, recent fund-raisers from the Building Fund Committee and \$16,064 transferred from the Club's General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer
June 11, 2004

Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through May 31, 2004

Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$24,320
Convention 2004:		
Table Fees	\$28,265	
Banquet	\$11,095	
Poker Tournament	\$8,965	
Blackjack Tournament	\$6,525	
Registration	\$5,900	
Program Advertising	\$1,692	
Auction Catalogs	\$720	
Convention 2004 Total		\$63,162
Building Fund Donations		\$2,783
Magazine Advertising		\$2,135
Promotion		\$868
Interest Income		\$694
Directory Sales		\$60
Magazine Sales		\$14
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Total Income		\$94,036

Expenditures

Convention Expenses		\$20,415
Magazine		\$14,473
Miscellaneous		\$2,640
Printing (Other than Magazine)		\$1,686
Bank Charges		\$1,111
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$1,054
Filing Fees		\$170
Telephone		\$152
Supplies		\$120
Advertising		\$55
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Total Expenditures		\$41,876

Net Income - 1/1/04 to 05/31/04 \$52,160

Beginning Equity Balance - 1/1/2004	\$177,912
Net Income - 1/1/04 to 5/31/04	\$52,160
Ending Equity Balance - 5/31/04	<u>\$230,072</u>

Detail of Equity Balance - 5/31/04

Certificate of Deposit	\$75,557	
General Fund	\$56,858	
Life Membership Fund	\$24,483	
Building Fund	\$50,840	
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Total Cash Available		\$207,738
Inventory		\$21,834
Advance (Membership Officer)		\$500
Ending Equity Balance - 5/31/04		<u>\$230,072</u>

Membership Officers Report



Ralph Myers

Well, the convention is behind us and if I say so myself, it was bigger and better than ever before. Bigger browse floor, nicer banquet space, and a guest speaker that was magnificent. A BIG "thank you" goes to my new neighbors Jim and Sandi Steffner, and their many volunteers. You'll done good.

If you missed the convention this year, you're still in luck. A VHS tape and a DVD of the convention are both available for \$25.00 each. Contact Tyrus Mulky at promotions@ccgtcc.com for more information.

This last quarter we added one hundred fifty-three new members to our ranks, and we had seven members opt for life membership.

2005 is election year for the next two year term of the Board of Directors of the CCGTCC. If you want to take a more active role in your club, consider running for office. The call for nominations is in this issue of the CC&TN.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the volunteers who helped at the membership table this year. With your help, I was able to get away from the membership table more than any other year, and I actually got to buy some chips.

A special thanks to my wife Rhona, who was there with me from start to finish at the membership table. Baby you're still the best.

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

Best regards,
Ralph

New Members Since Last Issue

Member	Last	First	State	City	Reference
6501	Esquerra	Gary	CA	Ontario	Shore, Josh
6502	Leaf	Rick	MD	Bowie	
6504	Svevo	Eugene	FL	N. Fort Myers	Shore, Josh
6505	Weaver	Susan	IN	Indianapolis	Myers, Ralph
6506	Argo	Thomas	CA	South Lake Tahoe	Anderson, Allan
6507	Roach	Jay	KY	Fort Wright	American Chip Enterprises
6508	Sherback	Charlie	NJ	Mays Landing	club web site
6509	Clegg	William	NV	Las Vegas	Rizzo, Pete
6510	Garber	Christopher	IN	South Bend	club web site
6511	Harada	Michael	HI	Honolulu	club web site
6512	Wilcox	Jack	IL	Brookfield	club web site
6513	Hopkins	Lynn	IL	Macomb	Thomas, Jason
6515	St. Onge	Joseph	CT	Durham	club web site
6516	Davis	James	Scotland	Brox burn West Lothian	WL Rizzo, Pete
6517	Nickerson	Dennis	CO	Boulder	club web site
6517-A	Nickerson	Helen	CO	Boulder	club web site
6518	Kupfner	Phillip	CO	Superior	club web site
6518-A	Kupfner	Vicki	CO	Superior	club web site
6520	Samuelson	David	CA	Lakewood	Thomas, Jason
6523	Cole	Harry	LA	Destrenan	Hughes, Andy
6526	Miller	Eugene	TX	Irving	Schlemmer, Scott
6527	Marley	Charles	TX	Coppell	Schlemmer, Scott
6528	Gronke	Michele	IL	Twin Lakes	club web site
6530	Zemering	Michael	NY	Plainville	club web site
6531	Gaiteri	Ross	OH	Pickerington	Rizzo, Pete
6532	Takiguchi	Ron	CA	Los Angeles	Rizzo, Pete
6535	Hart	Alice	CA	Valley Village	Dunn, David
6537	Wilson	Robert	Canada	Ontario	Rago, Bob
6538	Weaver	Charles	CA	El Cerrito	club web site
6539	Jenkins	Jeff	TX	Levelland	
6540	Erb	Paul	NV	Henderson	club web site
6541	Johnson	Randall	MN	Minnetonka	Johnson, Christopher
6542	Luna	Jeff	KS	Wichita	club web site
6543	Fischer	Stephen	NE	Boystown	club web site
6546	Kidd	Kelly	WV	Poca	Rizzo, Pete
6548	Douglass	James	PA	Pittsburg	Petrone, Bruce
6549	Martin	Linda	CA	San Jose	Rodgers, Charlie
6550	Martin	Marty	CA	San Jose	Rodgers, Charlie
6551	Prebble	David	CO	Denver	club web site
6552	Loreto	Dominic	NJ	Belleville	Shore, Josh
6553	Witherspoon	Clint	ID	Parma	Rizzo, Pete
6554	Athanas	Randy	CA	Claremont	Esquerra, Gary
6555	Stepnitz	Walter	AZ	Glendale	Rizzo, Pete
6556	Schoenberger	Steven	CT	Waterford	Hughes, Andy
6557	Ballagh	William	MI	New Lothrop	club web site
6559	Hagan	Jim	TX	Santa Fe	Hughes, Andy
6560	Langley	Brenda	TX	Arlington	Langley, George
6561	Burns	David	FL	Stuart	Pincus, Nate
6562	Brown	Jim	FL	Lake Placid	Bartley, Dick

Member	Last	First	State	City	Reference
6564	Hackett	Allyn	WI	Delavan	Rizzo, Pete
6565	Bellisario	Hank	OH	Lyndhurst	Rizzo, Pete
6567	Rothrock	Paul	NV	North Las Vegas	Massey, Bruce
6567-A	Rothrock	Betsi	NV	North Las Vegas	Massey, Bruce
6568	Alexander	Andrea	NV	Henderson	club web site
6568-A	Alexander	Daniel	NV	Henderson	club web site
6569	Columbus	Joel	MI	Farmington Hills	Edelman, Howard
6570	Weiber	Casey	OH	Northwood	Rizzo, Pete
6571	Allison	David	OH	Gallipolis	club web site
6572	Smith III	Floyd	NE	Morill	Englebretson, Mark
6572-A	Smith III	Julie	NE	Morill	Englebretson, Mark
6573	Wriggins	Jay	MS	Southaven	club web site
6574	Taylor-Lash	Thomas	ME	Orland	
6575	Bondi	Thomas	IL	Wood Dale	former member
6575-A	Bondi	Dorothy	IL	Wood Dale	former member
6576	Reid	Christopher	CA	Los Angeles	former member
6577	Vargas	Jose	IL	Winnetka	Pavlik, Joseph
6579	Wilkins	Paul	CA	Glendale	former member
6580	Birmingham	Scott	TX	Houston	Rizzo, Pete
6582-82	Smith	Christine	IL	Glencoe	
6583	Queen	Brian	OK	Yukon	Myers, Ralph
6584	Boyer	Don	OH	Akron	Englebretson, Mark
6585	Hamaker	Michael	CA	Fullerton	Rizzo, Pete
6586	Granquist	Ryan	UT	North Ogden	Rizzo, Pete
6589	Violick	Donald	CA	Palm Springs	club web site
6591	Waskie III	Anthony	PA	Philadelphia	club web site
6592	Allen	Bruce	TX	San Antonio	Rizzo, Pete
6593	Mohney	Jim	NV	Las Vegas	Rizzo, Pete
6593-A	Mohney	Jenifer	NV	Las Vegas	Rizzo, Pete
6594	Cusick	Don	CA	Calbasas	Rizzo, Pete
6596	Lusardi	Emmanuel	MA	Cambridge	Rizzo, Pete
6598	Grant	Stewart	VA	Virginia Beach	club web site
6604	Wasserman	Mark	CA	Lake Forest	club web site
6606	Havird	Kurt	FL	Lake City	Bigley, Ed
6609	Knoblach	Liz	CA	Riverside	Rizzo, Pete
6610	Duff	Joshua	MN	Chanhassen	Dodge, Jonathan
6611	Klein	Roy	OH	Amelia	Lewin, Travis
6613	Masukawa	Glenn	CA	Palos Verdes Estates	club web site
6613-A	Masukawa	Judy	CA	Palos Verdes Estates	club web site
6614	Gollihar	George	AZ	Mesa	Trimble, Gene
6615	Turner	Kimber	OH	Columbus	chipco web site
6616	Pulley	George	NV	Las Vegas	Susong, Greg
6617	Howard	Rick	NJ	Burlington	club web site
6617	Vergatos	Jerry	CO	Parker	former member
6618	Hanson	Tom	WA	Bellevue	Gagnon, & Bigley
6619	Knoll	Carol	WI	Appleton	Rizzo, Pete
6620	Kielbasinski	Dave	NY	Whitesboro	club web site
6621	Southard	Wrany	OK	Bixby	Mrchipper.com
6622	Musgrove	Trey	OH	Worthington	club web site
6624	Long	Walt	CO	Littleton	club web site
6625	Collins	Edward	CA	Murrieta	club web site
6626	Sulaka	Chris	IL	Hoffman Estates	Steffner, James

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6627	Sturman	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	Minsberg, Ron
6628	Neveu	Jan	CA	Van Nuys	Pfaender, Armin
6629	Walaszek	Kevin	CA	Corona	former member
6630	Pittel	Raymond	NV	Las Vegas	Myers, Ralph
6631	Meyer	Ron	NV	Las Vegas	Hollibaugh, Larry
6631-A	Meyer	Dianne	NV	Las Vegas	Hollibaugh, Larry
6632	Del Popolo	Joe	NV	Las Vegas	Smorse, Chuck
6633	Archer	Larry	CA	Chino	Munding, Jim
6634	Miller	Bob	NV	Las Vegas	former member
6635	Greenberg	Todd	NV	Las Vegas	convention
6637	Garrity	Jerry	CA	San Jose	
6638	Liang	Dan	MD	Jessup	Rizzo, Pete
6639	Anderson	Rofl	CO	Aurora	Wickett, Dan
6640	Cohen	Fredrick	CA	San Diego	club web site
6641	Sextro	Robert L.	KS	Hillsboro	Steffner, Jim
6642	Wood	George	IL	Vermillion	Rizzo, Pete
6643	Funk	James	NV	Las Vegas	club web site
6644	Burfield	Robert	MO	Ozark	club web site
6646	Sieggreen	Eric	TX	Houston	Myers, Ralph
6647	Lenahan	Kent	PA	Ft. Washington	Rodgers, C. T.
6647	Newman	Marina	NV	Fernley	club web site
6648	Spesert	Clint	NV	Reno	club web site
6649	Bruning	Eric	FL	Port St. Lucie	Guns, Paul
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6653	Rigney	Lloyd M.	IN	New Castle	American Chip Enterprises
6654	Minsker	Mike	OR	Portland	club web site
6655	Bindle	Mike	CO	Avon	Rizzo, Pete
6656	Gold	Rachael	TX	Ledbetter	Silver Strikers
6657	Mccormick	Sheldon	CA	Canyon Country	Smorse, Chuck
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6660	Uberti	Bill	TN	Memphis	club web site
6661	Martin	Benjamin	NV	Las Vegas	convention
6662	Swain	Chuck	KY	Louisville	
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Renew Your Membership Online



The CC>CC Building Fund Mission

by Andy Hughes



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

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.

To make a donation by mail, please 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 of all Palms NCV chip purchases and of a \$100 or more donation and the chip or chips will be mailed out promptly.

Recent Donations to CC>CC Library Updated on Club Website
by Robert Pardue, Club Librarian

Building Fund Raffle

by Neal Silverman

Raising money for a good cause

I am looking to collect 2005 roulette chips during the year by soliciting fellow collectors.

Prior to and during next year's convention, we will sell raffles. We will draw three winners 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

All monies collected will go to the building fund. I have put the first 50

roulettes in. I have already started to receive numerous envelopes with roulettes and as of July 20, 2004, I have collected well over 200 towards my goal of 2005

I hope this little article gets each collector who reads this magazine to send me one roulette. If that happens it would more than double my goal.

The other goal is to sell a minimum of \$5,000 in raffles.

Anyone interested, please send the roulettes to:

Neal Silverman
c/o Chip-Tech Ltd
175 Central Avenue
Farmingdale NY 11735

Call for Nominations

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1

The Club shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Membership Officer.

Section 2

A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) Club officers.

Section 3

A) The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Officer will be elected for a two year term in each year ending in an odd number.

B) Nominations for officers shall be called for by written notification to all members in good standing not later than 180 days prior to the Club's next annual meeting in an election year. In order for a potential candidate to be declared an official nominee in any club election for office, the candidate must receive the equivalent of a nomination and a second in order to be listed on the official ballot as a valid candidate. To accomplish this requirement, a candidate must receive a minimum of two nominations.

C) Election ballots will be mailed to each member in good standing not later than 30 days prior to an election, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the annual meeting.

D) Newly elected officers shall be installed every two years at the Club's odd numbered annual meeting.

E) The officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.

F) Candidates for office shall be limited to all members in good standing of the Club.

Recent Donations to the CC>CC Library

by Robert Pardue

Recent additions of gaming-related books and guides have been updated on the club's website, effective June 2004. This includes several donations received at the annual convention in Las Vegas. For a complete list of items available, go to the club website (www.ccgccc.com) and click on the 'Education' tab. As part of the Reference Center, click on "Club Library" to view the complete 6-page list in Acrobat (.pdf) format. Instructions for check-out are included. For members who cannot access the club website, please contact Robert Pardue by email or regular mail (librarian@ccgtcc.com; P.O. Box 2014, Laguna Hills, CA 92654) with questions, to request a hard-copy list of library books, or to check-out a book.

Here's a six-pack of recent books added to the library. In five of the listings, the guide books are an updated edition to earlier publications. As new items are produced, and/or new information or "finds" occur, it is important to have updates which reflect what's known, for the benefit of the hobby.

The Chip Rack - 10th edition
(June 2004), by KMW Publishing

TCR (as it is commonly abbreviated among chip enthusiasts) is well known in the hobby, with its listings and price guide to Nevada casino chips and checks. Now published in a 2-volume set with a value history and cross-reference added. (Note to library users: the current edition of TCR tends to be the most popular book in the library, so be prepared to be placed on a waiting list. And once you receive the book, please be con-

siderate by using and returning it promptly. Thanks.)

Howdy's Illustrated Guide to Nevada Silver Strike Redeemable Premium Tokens - 3rd edition
(2004), by Howard & Kregg Herz

Once again, the Herz's book sets a high standard in quality of organizing the fast growing arena of Silver Strike collectibles. Building on previous editions, the spiral bound book now has 248 pages, with clean b&w photography of each Silver Strike, along with a detailed description and price guide.

The Complete Guide to Colorado Chips Tokens and Silver Strikes - 8th edition (June 2004),
by Allen Banick

This multi-collectible listing of Colorado items is published as a companion to be used with Allen Banick's "CoChips.com" website. The 92-page guide lists each Colorado casino (open or closed) with data and price guides for each chip, token or silver strike issued. By looking up the color picture on the cochips.com website, a Colorado collector can get a good idea of what's available, quantities produced and price ranges. Overall, a handy guide for any Colorado collector.

Cheques, Chips and Tokens of the Playboy Casinos - 3rd edition
(2003), by Tom Stroh

Updated in late 2003, the author packs a lot of information of gaming items used by Playboy casinos worldwide, from 1966 to the present. The guide includes descriptions, rarity estimates, price guides and other pertinent information on Playboy chips

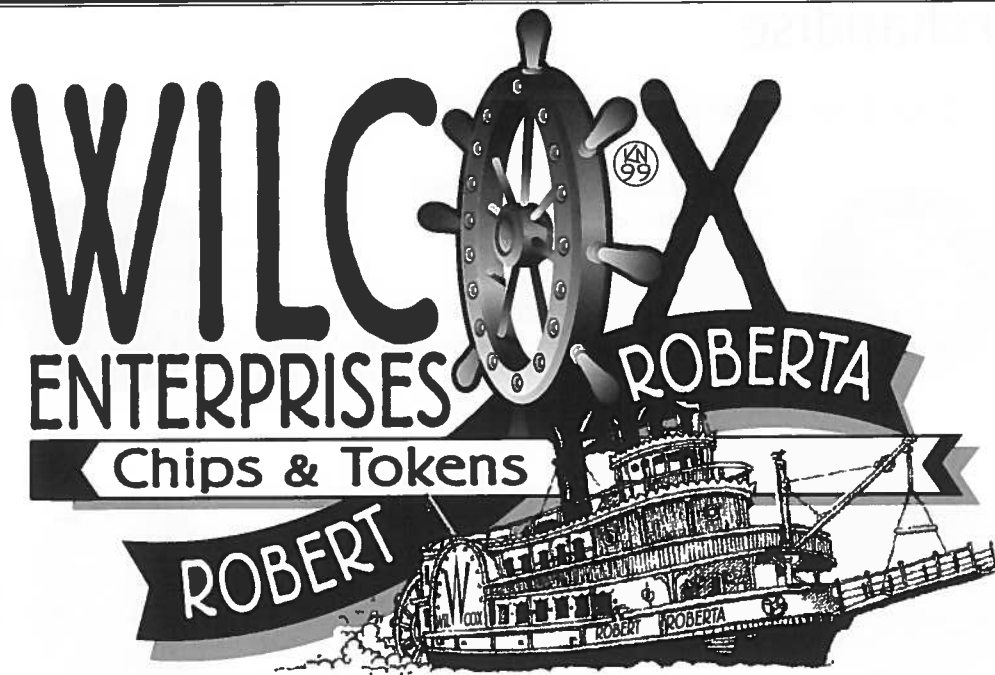
and tokens used. Color scans, interspersed throughout the 106-page spiral book, add to the reader's understanding.

B&V Catalog of Nevada Gaming Tokens - 3rd edition (2004),
by B&V Coins

This publication is a 175-page sales catalog of the Nevada tokens offered for sale by B&V Coins of Las Vegas. Produced by club members Bettye & Vince Mowery (the "B&V" of B&V Coins), this catalog only lists tokens available for sale, and does not aim to list all tokens ever produced. Nevertheless, it is a very useful guide to the active Nevada token collector. While most guidebooks focus either on chips or silver strikes, this B&V Catalog is very helpful in understanding what's available, particularly at bars and smaller gaming establishments which have slot machines but no table games. Organized geographically (Las Vegas, Reno, Tahoe, etc.) then alphabetically, the catalog is easy to use as a reference.

Las Vegas: Vintage Graphics from Sin City, edited by Jim Heimann
(2003)

Chippers don't live by guidebooks alone. And for Las Vegas history buffs, this book is chock full of vintage photos, graphics, signs and memorabilia. Accompanied by a brief but intelligent introduction (in three languages!) the real star of this book are the photos of the Las Vegas which has all but disappeared with the advent of corporate-owned megaresorts. I'll lay 3-to-1 that you long for the old wise-guy era of Las Vegas after reading this book.



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Robert Wilcox Cook

CC>CC # R-0577

Roberta Cook

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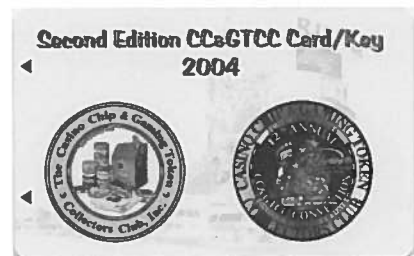


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12th Annual CC>CC Convention 2004

by Jim and Sandi Steffner

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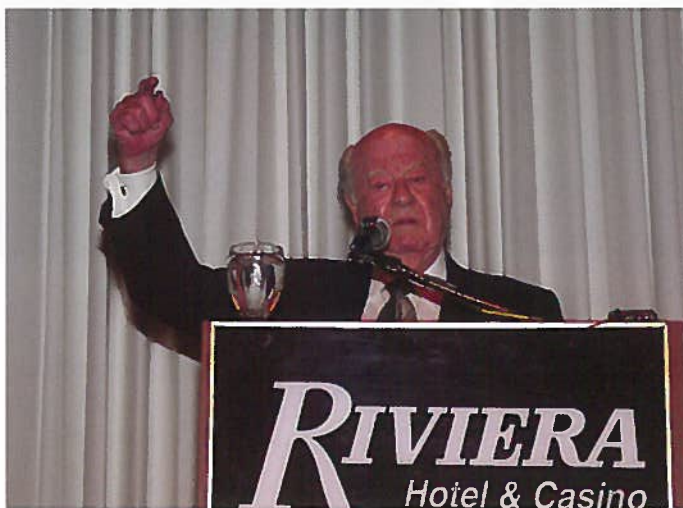
Las Vegas - Riviera - June 2004 - YOU; all add up to equal one fabulous event. The 12th Annual CC>CC Convention is now a memory but for all those who attended - a lasting memory of many good times and the chance to meet old and new friends. For those who were not able to make the show - good news later!

The weather was perfect, the Riviera was a great host and their staff helped make the convention very enjoyable for all. The Early Bird Banquet was held at the "Top of the Riv", a large exquisite facility with a splendid panoramic view of the city. Robert Maheu, Howard Hughes alter ego from 1957 to 1970 mesmerized the audience with a "no holds barred" speech with questions and answers afterwards. Most of the attendees agreed that we

could have listened to Mr. Maheu's stories of his association with Howard Hughes and their involvement with the development of Las Vegas far longer than time allowed. Thanks go to Tyrus Mulkey for inviting Mr. Maheu

to join us. The Riviera provided some of the best banquet delights we have ever enjoyed. Service was very efficient and everyone was through the serving lines within 30 minutes with plenty of seconds available.

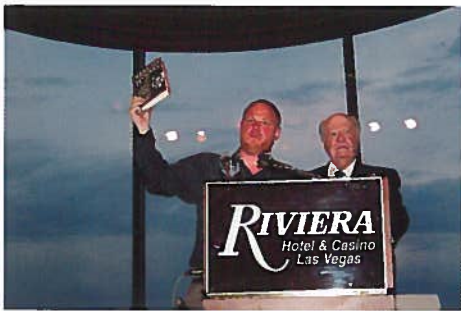
The show opened Thursday to a hallway packed solid with eager collectors waiting for the 10:00 ribbon cutting. With over 128 tables and 86 different dealers participating in the larger and more spacious show floor, there wasn't a casino collectible that couldn't be found. Many dealers reported brisk sales on Thursday from the large crowd. Members started out earlier Thursday morning by attending Chip Stories III with Doug Saito, another in a series of humorous and informative tales by the ChipChat master.



Robert Maheu

The four day event was filled with great exhibits of members collecting interests, auction lot pre-bidding, building fund silent auctions, new club promotional materials, blackjack and poker tournaments, several trade sessions, a business meeting, lots of fun prize drawings and contests with some excellent prizes including show tickets, casino books, club promotion material, and more, the club auction (wow, a \$14,000 chip), a very interesting seminar about the Neon Museum and the sign bone yard, several local club meetings, a very informative seminar on buying and selling on E-Bay, and a not-to-be-missed tour of the actual sign bone yard. The convention concluded on Saturday evening with the Last Dance trade session, which was very well attended. Approximately 4000 to 4500 casino collectible enthusiast came thru the doors over the course of the four day event, a large increase over last year.

Now for the good news for those who missed the show. This year we produced a videotape production with highlights of the convention, banquet shots, Mr. Maheu's speech with many of the questions and answers, segments



Tyrus Mulkey with Robert Maheu



Wayne Thompson



Jim Episale, Jim Follis



Joe Benon



Second Edition CCA/GTCC Card/Key 2004



Janice and Jerry O'Neal



Archie Black



Jim Steffner, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller



Mike Skelton, Claudine Williams, Robert Maheu



Barbara and Jim Episale



Eileen Landau and family



Estelle and Scott Hartman

from the auction and business meeting, a section of Doug Saito's seminar and the Neon Museum seminar. The finished production has been reviewed and will be made available to members. Many of those at the

show have placed their orders for either the two VHS tape set or the DVD. An order form has been placed on the club web site and is also included in this issue of the magazine. Cost of either the two VHS tapes or

the DVD is only \$25.00 and includes shipping. Don't delay in placing your order, as quantities may be limited.

Sandi & I hope everyone at the show had a great time. The show was



made possible only because of the time and effort of the many volunteers who helped in different capacities. These volunteers are listed elsewhere in the magazine and deserve your thanks if you have contact with any of them. We also wish to thank the many Directors and Chair people who organized and worked with each of their groups of volunteers, and the Board of Directors in providing the guidance and backing so this show could happen.

Make plans now to attend the 2005 CC>CC 13th Annual Convention at the Riviera, August 3 - August 6. Watch for more details. We'll sure do our best to make the 2005 show even better than 2004. The Riviera will also be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2005. If you hadn't done so at the show, please fill out the convention survey form located in the magazine and return it. Your comments and suggestions are important to make the 2005 show even better.

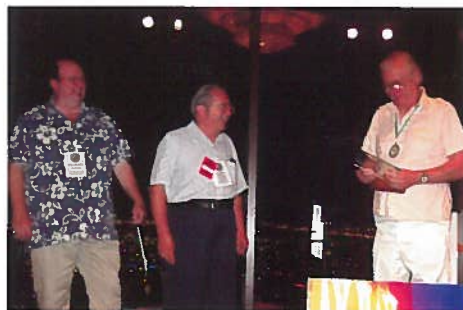
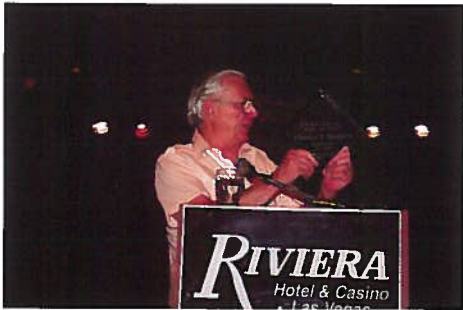
Below are listed many of the Directors, Chair people and the Board of Directors who brought you the 2004 CC>CC 12th Annual Convention. a big THANK YOU!! to each of you and to each of the volunteers who worked with you.

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Hall of Fame members from left to right: Janice O'Neal, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller, Greg Susong, Archie Black, Doug Saito, Phil Jensen, Dale Seymour, C. T. Rodgers, Michael Knapp, Allan Myers and Ernie Wheelden.



New Hall of Fame Inductee:
C. T. Rodgers



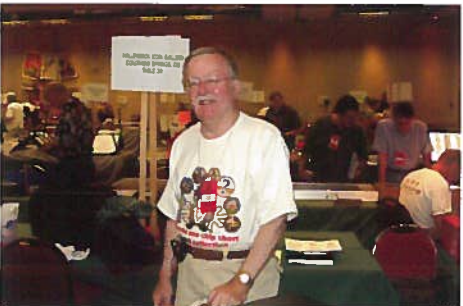
Bruce Landau Memorial Auction



Tom Hartel, Barbara and C.T. Rodgers



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Jim Follis



Dale Seymour, Phil Jensen, Howard Herz, Harvey Fuller in front



Chip stories seminar



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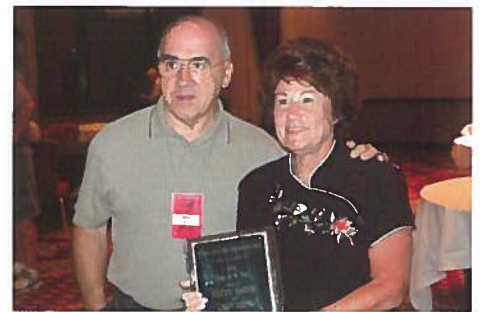




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Recruiter of the Year Award presented to Chantal Rizzo



Book of the Year Award presented to John Long and Patty Smith



Jim Kruse accepting a donation from Jackpot Auctions



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



Sandra Harris and Dick Covington at the Neon Lights Educational Seminar





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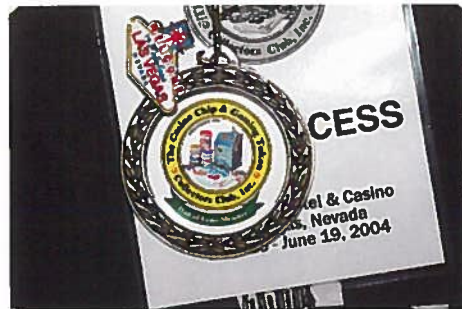
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Doug Saito, chip stories seminar

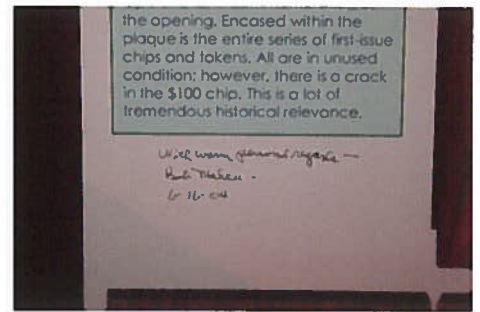


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Sandra Harris, Neon Lights seminar





Robert Maheu signing poster of his Landmark Casino plaque donation for the club auction



Jim Kruse, Eileen Landau,
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Auction Volunteers



Jim Kruse's gamblers belt buckle display

Joe Shaw, Jack Haddock, Robert Chaffin,
 Jerry Birl, Ralph Myers

Robert Chaffin's silver strike Playboy
 exhibit



Dick Covington and Greg Susong on a
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An open letter to all CC>CC members:

I've been very proud to be a charter member number 0033 of the CC>CC from the start of this club.. This year at the International Convention the club had a very big surprise for me, they placed me in with a group of people that I highly admire. That is the group of people who are in the hall of fame. I was elected to the hall of fame this year. It was a very well kept secret and I knew nothing about it. At the annual pre convention banquet we were treated to a very interesting speaker and very good food. My daughter had to leave early as she had back surgery a few weeks before and was not feeling to good. Tom and I stayed until the awards were about to be handed out. "Lets go see how Barbara is" I said, so we went down to our rooms. Just as I walked into mine the phone rang and it was Howard Herz, "get back up here now, its very important for you to be here". Tom and I raced back up to the banquet, I told him it was to receive the annual award for being the advertising manger. I believe it was Wayne Thompson who grabed me and said to Mike Skelton "HERE IS YOUR NEW MEMBER OF THE HALL OF FAME". I was speechless and totally unprepared for such an event. I celebrated being in business for fifty years this year and this night topped all that. I would like to thank the hall of fame members for voting me in and all of you for your very kind words that I have received over the past few weeks. It has been said that we are one big family of chippers. I found out just how true that is on a Wednesday night in June 2004, a night I will not forget.

Thank you very much.

Charles T. Rodgers



Exhibits

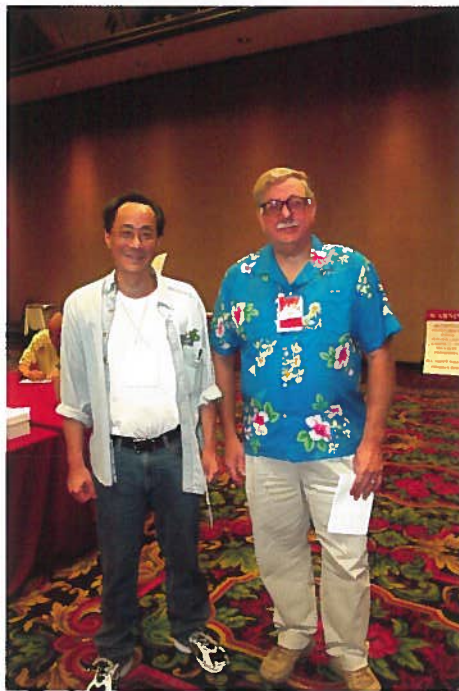
by Joe Shaw

On behalf of everyone involved, I would like to thank all that took the time and effort in putting up an Exhibit at the annual Convention at the Riviera.

What was lacking in quantity for the number of Exhibits this year was more than offset by the quality of the Exhibits.

Congratulations to Jerry Birl who garnished the most votes with his 1st Place Exhibit titled "Collecting United States Casino Roulette Gaming Chips". An impressive 7 case display of roulette chips from all over the US.

Silver Strikers Jack Haddock and Robert Chaffin, both of which were repeat exhibitors from the year before at the Tropicana, also had the Silver Strike collectors well represented with their 2 individual Exhibits.



Joe Shaw and Jerry Birl

A last minute mishap enroute to the Convention prevented Dan Hanagriff from setting up his "Silver Strike on Parade" Exhibit.

Jim Kruse's "Gambler's Belt Buckles" Exhibit got my vote for the most interesting Exhibit.

Thanks also goes out to Jim Follis for his help this year again in exhibiting the past year's OTY award winners.

If you are planning on being at next year's annual Convention, why not plan on getting involved by having an Exhibit of your own. Cost is free and the best part is that you can enter the Convention floor prior to the official opening.

For more information on setting up an Exhibit at the 2005 Convention, please send me an email. Its never too early to start planning.

See you next year.

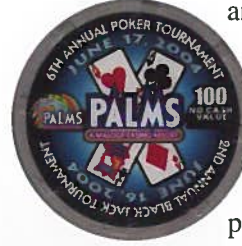
Joe Shaw
2004 Exhibits Chairman



Black Jack and Poker Tournament

by Robert Pardue

The Palms Casino Resort hosted the club's Blackjack and Poker tournaments for the second year during the 2004 convention. Kicking off the convention events on Wednesday afternoon, June 16, there were 101 entrants in the Blackjack tournament. After the preliminary and semi-final rounds, 6 players made it to the final table (in alphabetical order): **David Klier, Tony Kreusch, George Langley, William Miller, Peter Nathan and Gary Snover**. These finalists decided to split the prize pool 6 ways, receiving \$757 each. In a play-off for the 1st place framed set of tournament chips, **Peter Nathan** was victorious. Thanks to the Palms' Roy Brennan and dealers for making this 2nd annual Blackjack tournament a success.



and after the 14 tables were reduced to one final table, 10 finalists battled for the cash and the winner's circle. In reverse order of finish (10th place to 2nd place), the final table winners were: **Ed Norris, Jay Sands, Jim Buell, Nate Pincus, Karen Stump, Shirley Prokosch, Luke Rapley, John Mayercik and Marty Beckers**. First place winner, **Steve Wells**, took home \$2453 in prize money, plus a framed set of tournament chips and the tournament "travelling" trophy. Thanks to the Palms' Gene Trimble and poker dealers for running a smooth poker tournament again this year.

The 6th annual Poker tournament was played at the Palms on Thursday night, June 17, with 167 players and alternates entering the tournament. The game was limit Texas hold'em,



Also, thanks to Kevin Norris, tournament chips designer, Myrna Lighterman, special assistant at the poker tournament, Chris Colangelo (Tiny Treasures) for producing the framed sets of chips, and Bruce & Maryann Massey for coordinating tournament pre-registration.



Bob Pardue, Peter Nathan - winner, blackjack tournament, Gene Trimble and Roy Brennan from the Palms



Sandi Wilson, Gene Trimble, Steve Wells - winner, poker tournament, Bob Pardue

OTY Awards 2003 - The Winners Are . . .

by Jim Follis



Left to Right: Mark Dopheide of Roger Williams Mint (also accepting for Double Eagle Casino), Pearson Gorham of Paul-Son Gaming (B&G), Trent Parks of Maloof Sports & Entertainment (Palms), Donna Killman of IGT, Gary Bridges of IGT (accepting for Sunshine Mint), Gene Trimble of the Palms, Jim Seagrave

As announced at the 2004 Early-Bird Banquet of the 15th Annual CC>CC, Inc. Convention, at the “Top of the Riv” of the Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV, the winning contestants of the 2003 OTY Awards are:

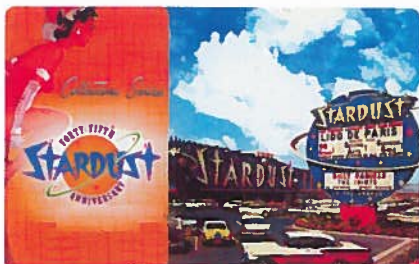
1st Place (Gold) for Token of the Year (TOTY)

Double Eagle Hotel and Casino, Cripple Creek, CO - \$1 slot token
Struck by Robert Williams Mint (RWM), depicting the casino’s eagle logo and building



1st Place (Gold) for Card/Key of the Year (CKOTY)

Stardust Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV – Collector Series 1 of 4
Manufacturer: unknown - Commemorating the Stardust’s 45th Anniversary



1st Place (Gold) for Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY)

Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 U.S. Military Tribute
Silver Strikes are a promotion of International Gaming Technology (IGT)
Struck by Sunshine Mint (S), depicting an eagle over the American flag



1st Place (Gold) for Chip of the Year (COTY):

Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV - \$50 Playboy 50th Anniversary
Manufactured by Bourgoigne et Grasset (B&G) (Paul-Son Gaming)



As the OTY Chairman, on behalf of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc., I wish to extend Congratulations to the above 1st Place winners, as well as to the other two major place finishers (Silver and Bronze) and to all of the OTY nominees of 2003. Here then is a rundown of the runner-ups and the remaining nominees.

2nd Place (Silver)

TOTY – Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV - \$1 slot token, Caesars bust/Chariot
CKOTY – Tuscany Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV – Slot Card, map/grapes (ACC)
SSOTY – Four Queens Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Roulette Girl (IGT) (S)
COTY – Double Eagle Hotel and Casino, Cripple Creek, CO - \$1 check (CHIPCO)



3rd Place (Bronze)

TOTY – Silver Legacy, Reno, NV - \$1 slot token, “Striking Place” (RWM)
CKOTY – Saddle West, Pahrump, NV – Slot Card “U.S. Veteran” (ACC)
SSOTY – Sierra Sid’s, Sparks, NV - \$10 Gaming Token, Comstock Lode (IGT) (G)
COTY – Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ - \$5 LE for the CC>CC (Paul-Son)



TOTY Nominees:

Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ - \$5 rack token (RWM)
Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ - \$1 rack token (RWM)
Casuarina, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 rack token (RWM)
Casuarina, Las Vegas, NV - \$1 rack token (RWM)
(Note: Only 7 tokens qualified for TOTY nomination.)

CKOTY Nominees:

New York New York, Las Vegas, NV – Slot Card, “Zumanity”
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Sports Collector Convention”
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Greatest Hits Sweepstakes” Sinatra
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ – Slot Card, “Diamond Cinema Sweepstakes”
Double Eagle, Cripple Creek, CO – Slot Card, “Gold Premier Club”
Palms, Las Vegas, NV – Room Key, Playboy 50th Anniversary (animee) (ACC)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV – Room Key, Playboy 50th Anniversary (3 girls) (ACC)

SSOTY Nominees:

Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Bunny Head (IGT) (S)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, “50” logo (IGT) (S)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Playboy Crest (IGT) (S)
Four Queens, Las Vegas, NV - \$200, Roulette Girl (IGT) (S)

Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$200 Seattle Slew (IGT) (S)
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 Playboy, 50th Anniversary, Bunny Head in Box (IGT) (S)
Sierra Sid's, Sparks, NV - \$10 "1 of 5" "Emigrant Trail" (IGT) (G)

COTY Nominees:

Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Halloween (4 cats) Paul-Son, H&C
El Cortez, Las Vegas, NV - \$10 "BIKEFEST 2003" Bud Jones
Trump Plaza, Atlantic City, NJ - \$25 "Happy Halloween" Paul-Son, H&C
Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Halloween (1 cat) Paul-Son, H&C
Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 "Shark Reef" Paul-Son, house mold
Palms, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 KISS (Psycho Circus) B&G
Hard Rock, Las Vegas, NV - \$5 Christmas 2003, Paul-Son, H&C

Well, those are all the nominees and the winners, but there is more to the OTY Awards contests than just the winners. Behind the contests are the people that make them work and the several on-going efforts to support the overall Program. I would like to recognize the many Club members, whose invaluable assistance is required to fully bring the OTY Awards competitions to a successful conclusion each and every year.

In order to produce and publish the Judge's Ballot, high quality scans of all the nominees are required. I wish to express my gratitude to the following Club members for providing the high quality scans and by providing examples of actual nominees so that I could make the high quality scans. In no particular order, they are:

Barry (Barry H) Hauptman	Marc Shapiro	Archie Black
Larry and Alice Kopp	Kitty Stoops	Kevin Uliasz
Allan McCurdy	Andy Hughes	Gene Trimble
Greg Moore	Jim Moser	

While at the Convention all of the nominees are displays in a single display case as a non-Competitive Exhibit. In order to display all of the nominees I must rely on Club members to place-on-loan, most all of the nominees needed to fill out the display. The following Club members participated in making loaners available for display:

Dennis Finn	Jim Munding	Archie Black
Russ Diaz	Joe Benon	Jack Weingarten
Janice and Jerry O'Neal	Josh Shore	Ralph Myers
Kevin Uliasz	Larry and Alice Kopp	Allen Banick

As part of the non-Competitive OTY Exhibit all of the past OTY Award winners are also displayed. Unlike the "loaners" displayed in the 2003 Nominee display case, the Past OTY Award Winners display case is filled with all of the past OTY Award winners, all of which are assets of the Club. All of the winners have been donated to Club and collectively they are referred to as The Permanent Collection.

Again, on behalf of the Club Officers and all the Club members, I wish to express thanks and gratitude to the following Club members, and for the first time, a winning casino, for their donations of the Gold place finishers in the 2003 OTY Awards competitions, as follows:

2003 TOTY – Allen Banick • 2003 SSOTY – The Palms Casino Resort
2003 CKOTY – Joe Benon • 2003 COTY – The Palms Casino Resort

One of the final elements of the OTY Awards program is the formal announcement of the winners and the handing out of the 1st Place Awards at the Early-Bird Banquet. This was done on the evening of 16 June 2004, shortly following the compelling appearance of Mr. Robert Maheu as our Guest Speaker. What a wonderful treat he was!

In attendance at the Banquet to receive OTY Award plaques were:

TOTY • Double Eagle Hotel and Casino

Accepting TOTY Awards, Mr. Mark Dopheide of the Roger Williams Mint for the Double Eagle Hotel and Casino and for Roger Williams Mint

CKOTY • Stardust Hotel and Casino (Boyd Gaming)

Accepting the CKOTY Award, Mr. Jim Seagrave of Boyd Gaming.

SSOTY • Palms Casino Resort

Accepting SSOTY Awards:

Mr. Gene Trimble, Palms Casino Resort

Ms. Donna Killman, IGT for IGT and Sunshine Mint

COTY • Palms Casino Resort

Accepting the COTY Award, Mr. Trent Parks, Maloof Sports & Entertainment

Lastly, there are two more expressions of thanks that I would like give. The first being to all the Club members that take the time to nominate OTY candidates and then participate as Judges. Admittedly, it would be better if more members were to participate, so I make this request of everyone. Please feel free to submit your suggestions and recommendations to refine and improve the OTY Awards program. I can be contacted via e-mail at:

OTY@CCGTCC.com

or by snail mail at:

OTY Chairman,
5169 N. Windriver Pl
Tucson, AZ 85750.

My final expression of thanks is to my son Casey, who is very instrumental in collecting, collating, counting and otherwise organizing all the nominations and ballots that are mailed in. Casey also assists in setting up both of the OTY displays at the Convention and has created a special latch-hook rug for use as a backdrop to the displayed 2003 nominees. I appreciate his assistance so much that I have decided to recognize his support and contributions by appointing him as Assistant OTY Chairman.

Well...That's it for the 2003 OTY Awards. As the 2004 OTY Awards are just around the corner, be sure to visit the 2004 Un-Official OTY Viewing Site on the Internet.

Jim Follis
OTY Awards Chairman
OTY@CCGTCC.com



Atlantic City

R E P O R T

by Archie Black

“A.C. ... ALWAYS TURNED ON!”

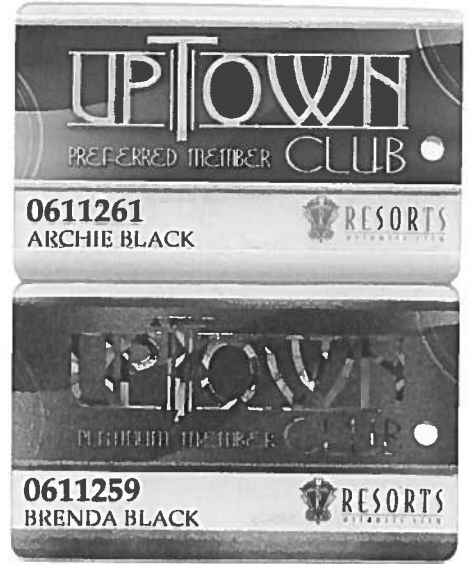
This town is really humming as it entered the summer season! Atlantic City has turned the corner and is on it's way to reclaiming its past glorious history and claim as a true tourist destination. More and more visitors are coming to the city and the surrounding area for overnight stays, not just to gamble, but to do things they did 30 and 40 years ago, long before casino gaming came to town in 1978. A lot of new construction is visible all over town ... not only casino-related, but buildings are under construction in significant numbers of new stores and new homes are well underway. The streets are cleaner as more and more dilapidated buildings continue to be demolished to make room for new ones. Like Las Vegas; property values have gone through the roof in Atlantic City and in nearby Brigantine.

Hotels.com has rated Atlantic City the #1 road-trip destination in America for the July 4th weekend. Travelocity has named the resort one of the best beaches for activity and entertainment. The June issue of Conde Nast Traveler lauded the city's new, hip image. The Walk; a brand new retail stores shopping outlet is now open in the center of town, between the new Convention Center and the Boardwalk, and features high-end shopping like Tommy Hilfiger, Liz Claiborne, Pacific Sunwear, Nautica, Levis and more.

Chip-wise, we've also seen much activity in Atlantic City this past quarter. Resorts, A.C.'s first casino, has changed its entire chip bank to completely new designs and has new attractive slot cards as well. The Uptown Club slot cards are a new innovation, in that they are transparent on the bottom where the player's name and Resorts casino logo appears.



Borgata has issued a regular \$10 chip, primarily for use in their poker room on \$30/\$60 and \$40/\$80 games. It's not generally found on the main casino floor.



Trump Marina keeps the East Coast chippers busy with periodic \$10 LTD LE chip releases (below) such as Foghat (500), Trump's "You're Fired" (500), George Thorogood (LTD 500) and a Renew Your Vows chip release (1000) that was hosted by TV star, Larissa. In early July, a belated Chris Isaak (LTD 500) chip that was intended to be issued in July 2003, was released a year later on the same weekend in 2004 that Isaak was appearing at Resorts. Trump Marina also released a surprise, unannounced, No Cash Value chip celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Atlantic City that was for sale at the Marina Gift Shop.

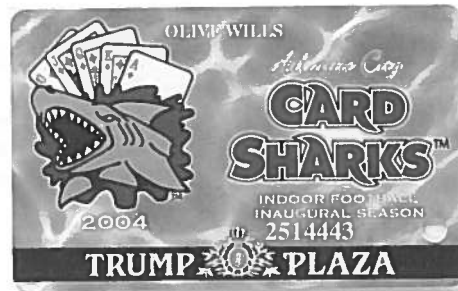


At the Trump sister property on the Boardwalk, Trump Plaza issued a few higher denomination chips, beginning with a \$25 Year Of The Money issued in late April, a \$100 Kentucky Derby "Run For The Roses" chip was also issued at Trump Plaza on Derby weekend in May and a 20th Anniversary chip was produced by CHIPCO in June. A \$25 lenticular, or hologram type 20th Anniversary chip is expected to be released later in July.

A Limited Edition, serially numbered slot card honoring the Atlantic City Card Sharks, a professional indoor football team that plays their home games at Boardwalk Hall, next to Trump Plaza, was issued over a three-day period until all 3000 cards were distributed. This "orphaned" card illustrated below recently brought a whopping \$70 winning bid on ebay in July!



To the dismay of many chippers who laid out considerable amounts of money for the 1st issue Sands \$20 chip ... the chip has been recently



re-issued and is now available at face value at the Sands mini-bac table. This chip was valued at over \$200 in the current issue of Black's Catalog before this un-anticipated release. Harrah's too has brought back a former \$20 chip that had been previously removed from the tables a couple of years ago.



And last, but not least ... a dual issue, Atlantic City/Las Vegas privately issued chip, was distributed by yours truly at the club's Annual Convention in June. This popular CHIPCO commemorative keepsake has been subsequently requested by many club members who were not in attendance at the Big Show this past June. Several chips are still remaining and are available by request only from Archie at ablack2@optonline.net



I hope that everyone has an enjoyable safe summer. Will be back in the Fall Issue of the club magazine with more new chip issues from "Las Vegas East"!

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Board of Directors Meeting Report

by Belinda Hixon

The Board of Directors met for their semi-annual meeting on June 15th at the Riviera Hotel. All members of the BOD were in attendance.

After President Skelton called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Quinlivan

Discussion regarding Honorary Life Members vs. Honorary Members and the benefits received by Honorary Members followed.

Membership Report

Ralph Myers

As of June 15, there were 2857 members with 83 being Life members. It was reported that online renewals had increased. A discussion followed regarding a member request for an electronic copy of the membership list. The BOD voted 5-0 to restrict the sale of the directory to hard copies only. There was also a short discussion on dues and the BOD tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Vice President's Report

Wayne Thompson

Discussion of different levels of Corporate membership and the benefits that would be extended for each level. The press kit for potential Corporate members is not complete but Wayne will continue to work

A brief discussion about possibly obtaining chips from closed casinos to sell to members and use the profits for the Building fund followed, but

after discussion with Legal Counsel, that issue was tabled.

Secretary's Report

Belinda Hixon

Efforts to get information from ANA in regard to Member Clubs have been fruitless but will continue. The BOD has decided to continue to provide meeting rooms and tables on the bourse floor to former chapters.

Belinda reported that as of June 15, 109 members were eligible for 10-year pins. In the future, pins will be sent out on a quarterly basis instead of annually.

End of BOD reports

Legal

Eric Rosenblum met with the BOD briefly. The BOD has appointed Eric Chairman of a committee that will investigate the Hobby Protection Act and if it covers Casino Chips/Tokens. Other Committee members are Jim Reilly and Michael Knapp. The Committee will also take on additional tasks as requested by the BOD.

Club Logo

Jim Reilly is moving forward with having the Club Logo trademarked. It is an eight to ten month process.

Bylaws

Legal Counsel Rosenblum is working on bylaw revisions. Changes will have to be adopted by the BOD before they take affect.

Election

The BOD accepted the resignation of the Mowerys as Election Chairs and thanks them for past service. President Skelton will inquire with other members to find replacements.

The Call for Nominations and a form for making nominations will be in the next issue of Chip & Token News.

Committee Reports

Auction

Barry Weintraub

Auction plans on schedule. Catalog produced by Dick Covington and Jay Sands. It has been placed on the Club website for viewing and downloading by members.

On-line bidding is a resounding success. By June 3rd, over 85% of the lots had received at least one bid and the bidding has resulted in bids over \$25,000.

The cost of printing the catalog exceeds the price charged. Recommendation that the price be increased next year.

Building Fund

The first meeting of the Vision & Feasibility Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 16th. President Skelton appointed Jim Pierre, Chairman of the committee.

Claims

Jim Pierre

Four matters were brought to the

Claims Director and were worked out to the satisfaction of the parties without claims being filed. One matter is still before the BOD and will be reported when a resolution is final.

Convention

Jim Steffner

Registrations for 2004:
Pre-registrations – 757; Banquet – 349; Poker Tournament – 170 and 16 alternates; BJ Tournament – 89.

Rooms booked – 776;
Dealer Tables - 106; Local Club tables – 2; Seminars – 3; Local Club meetings – 4; Trade Sessions – 4.

New for 2004 – Added a Volunteer Coordinator, Door Prizes instead of a raffle; Videotaping; Larger floor layout 16416 sq ft show floor, 6504 sq ft meeting rooms.

Room bookings were down from 2003.

Educational

Dick Covington

Three educational seminars for 2004:
Doug Saito- Chip Stories III on Thursday, Sandra Harris from the Neon Museum on Friday and Troy Thorenson from eBay on Saturday.

Hall of Fame

Archie Black

Committee drafted guidelines for the selection of HOF members.

A new logo has been designed for exclusive use by HOF members and was approved by the BOD. A new HOF medal suspended by a neck ribbon will be awarded to all HOF members.

There were a total of eight names

recommended to the HOF for consideration that were voted on by the committee. Only one individual received the necessary majority vote. Name submitted will be considered again for 2005.

Library – No report

Property – No report

Publicity

Len Cipkins

A press release was e-mailed, faxed and mailed to the electronic (radio/TV) and print (newspapers, magazines) media throughout the U.S. regarding the \$33,000 Sands eBay auction. The response from the media was tremendous and it is believed that the CC>CC name was conservatively seen/read by over 2 million people.

A press release regarding the CC>CC annual convention was mailed to print media throughout the U.S. on April 2. Mentions appeared in Midwest Gaming & Travel and several numismatic publications. Additional print media as well as electronic media will be sent press releases as the convention grows nearer.

A flyer promoting the Club's convention was designed and distributed to locations throughout Las Vegas. It was designed to attract non-members, tourists and Las Vegas locals.

Standards and Archives

Michael Knapp

The Chairman recommended a revision to the CC>CC Condition and Grading Standards due to the altering of chips currently taking place. The changes suggested are: The Standards as adopted define

“New” chips and tokens as those “Never used in games.” The revised Standard reads: “Appears not to have been used in...”

The Committee stands ready and willing to illustrate the Condition and Grading Standards with actual concrete examples. We will undertake to collect samples, which the Club can maintain as exemplars of the definitions, at such time as the Club has a place to store, maintain and display samples.

Other areas the Committee undertook in the original mission statement and their statuses are:

- Glossary: review, expand and update the dictionary of definitions prepared by Archie Black and posted on the Club's website. Status: no further action has been proposed.
- Chip and token manufacturer's terms and methods: build and maintain a file of terms used by manufacturers of chips and tokens with supporting information and samples. Status: the three seminar presentations by Michael Knapp and Dick Covington, the “Chipology” series, covered much of this material. There has been no further action proposed or undertaken.
- Study and make recommendations for adoption of a CC>CC standard for chip color. Status: no further action has been taken. If there is sufficient interest in this project, the Committee will move forward to create standards, recognizing that any standards will have to be qualified substantially.
- Study and make recommendations for web-based and hard copy publication of the glossary, color standards and condition standards upon adoption by the CC>CC Board. Status: The glossary and condition standards have been published on

the Club's website. The condition standards have been published in both the "Chip & Token News" and in the 2002 Convention program.

- Study and make recommendations to the Board for the maintenance of samples illustrative to the Standards adopted by the Club, the feasibility of acquisition and maintenance of manufacturer's records, and the acquisition, cataloging and maintenance of literature, photographs, catalogs, videotape, and sound recordings to preserve gaming history as it relates to the collection of gaming chips and tokens. Status: As mentioned above, the Committee stands ready and willing to contribute and solicit exemplars representing the definitions of condition and grading standards. Since the establishment of the committee in 2002, there have been no proposals for the acquisition of manufac-

turer's records or of other gaming history material other than the Club's library.

Website

Greg Susong

The Club website has been given a new look with the help of Will Knight.

In an effort to emphasize the educational aspect of the Club, we have changed the "Reference" section to "Education" and have added more educational material to this area.

End of Committee Reports

Other business:

The Convention will be videotaped and copies sold to members as well as used to attract Corporate sponsor-

ships. Copies of the video will be given to UNLV Gaming Studies and to UT Austin.

An error was made on the 2002 Tax Return. IRS has assessed a penalty of \$2045.22. The penalty has been paid and the error is being appealed.

The BOD voted on the following items:

- Electronic distribution of the Membership Roster: 5-0 not to distribute electronically.
- Final versions of the Club Logo with Member, Chapter, Member Club and HOF approved 5-0 for trademarking purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Hixon

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by Gene and Peg Kaplan

Submitted on behalf of the Wells Society for the Preservation of Western Heritage.

Introduction

Wells, Nevada, is a wild west cow town with a well-deserved reputation for “showing visitors a good time since Christmas 1869.” Saloons and gaming were an integral part of its economy in the old west, and still are. Wells in its scale and surrounding landscape would still be recognizable to early pioneers as would be buildings of Front Street. You walk in the footsteps of mountain men, railroad builders, ranchers, rustlers, bullwhackers, gamblers, when you visit Wells, Nevada, junction of I-80 & U.S. 93. Here Shoshone, mountain men, and overland wagon trains replenished at the Humboldt Wells. Then in 1869 came the Central Pacific. The railhead packed Front Street honky-tonks and making Wells the hub for freight wagons and stagecoaches bound for regional mines.

Wells is undergoing a historic revival to breathe life into its authentic wild west commercial district where trains still rumble by stirring up ghosts in the old buildings. For virtual Old Town Front Street Walking Tour click onto <http://www.wellsnevada.com> and click onto the “Old Town Wells” link on the right. Looking for a movie location? Click onto “Wells Wants Movie Makers” for more local scenes.

The Emigrant Trail Interpretive Center is co-located with the Visitor’s Center & Chamber of Commerce (775) 752-3540 at 395 6th Street. Learn about wagon trail sites, nearby Metropolis ghost town, and ATV trails that thread through Sprucemont ghost towns 38 miles south. One of the State’s biggest car shows, the Senior Pro Rodeo, chariot races, and trap shoots combine with



Cattle King Colonel E.P. Hardesty (left) with saloon proprietor Al Fisher (right) in Fisher’s Saloon in the 1890’s. The Fisher Saloon later became the Capitol Club.

an airport, nine-hole golf course, and restaurants to keep Wells lively, and casinos still welcome travelers.

The Bulls Head Gaming begins in 1869

The future of Humboldt Wells (as it was then known) was bright when it became a freight division point and helper station where the Central Pacific coupled-up additional locomotives to pull trains over the Pequop Mountains. On Christmas Eve, 1869 the fledgling community celebrated the grand opening of its first commercial building when the Bulls Head Saloon welcomed a blend of teamsters, railroaders and cowboys. That



Wells, Nevada. 1892

clientele supported the popular saloon for over 100 years. Constructed from discarded railroad ties, the original Bulls Head later gave way to an elegant structure built in 1887 that still stands today.

Rail connections to the meat-hungry East greatly benefited northeastern Nevada making it the last of the open-range cattle empires. So many herds trailed up from Texas and into Nevada that observers described Elko County as a sea of cattle, and with the cattle came cowboys, cattle rustlers, law officers, ranchers, and gamblers to give Wells and vicinity a colorful, fascinating, cast of colorful characters and events. Wells became the transportation hub where railroad-shipped goods were broken down for transshipment by freight wagons connecting mining camps to the railhead while Clover Valley and Starr Valley ranchers grew the fodder to “fuel” the teams. Spruce Mountain mining activity dates back to 1869, the same year the Bulls Head Saloon opened in Wells and the history of Wells and the Spruce Mountain mining camps are intertwined. Hardy teamsters who operated out of Wells braved extreme weather and armed robbers to connect Cherry Creek, Contact, and Ely to the railhead with twenty-mule teams. Freight teamsters and cowpokes who drove in stock camped by the stock corrals and walked across the tracks to Front Street to gamble. For its first seventeen years Wells liquor was poured and cards were dealt in saloon-casinos that were false front one-story frame buildings thrown together in typical cow town style. Then in 1887 J.B. “Ben” Fitch who had been the first Elko County Sheriff partnered with cattle king Colonel E.P. Hardesty to replace the primitive Bulls Head with a first-class saloon and hotel. Marked by a grand open-



Wells, Nevada railroad depot about 1898 or soon thereafter. The Bulls Head Saloon on the corner to the left still stands.

ing with revelers arriving on a special train, that fine building was damaged in an 1893 fire that left only half of the building serviceable and only half the damage covered by insurance. Fitch had to cut his losses and move on, leaving Colonel Hardesty to renovate what remained.

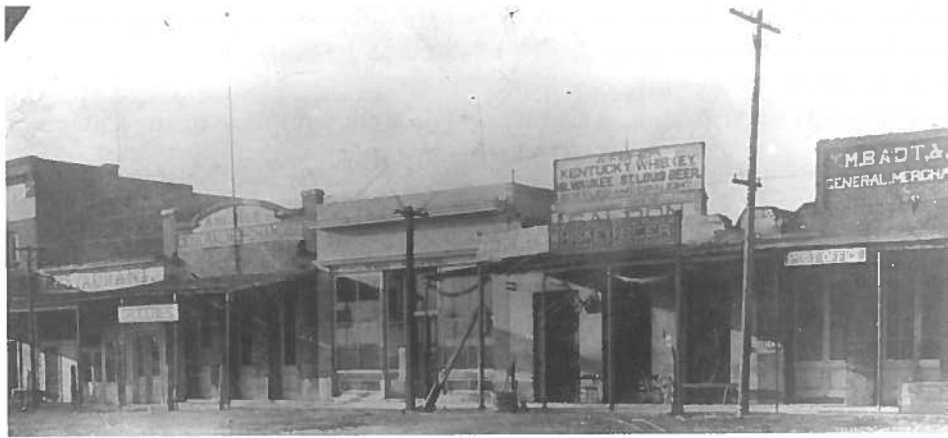
Born in Kentucky, Colonel Hardesty came west when he fought in the U.S. War with Mexico, then pioneered in Colorado and Montana. In the 1860’s he engaged in freighting from Salt Lake City to different points in Montana. Coming to Nevada in 1872 with a large herd of cattle, his holdings grew and he came to be named in Thomas Wren’s History of the State of Nevada as “one of the cattle kings of the state.” Colonel Hardesty was six foot four inches tall and habitually wore a six gallon hat, high heeled cowboy boots, and carried at the very least a horn-handled walking stick and silver hip flask. As a cattleman he survived rustlers, blizzards and droughts and was used to meeting adversity head on.

By 1898 business was good enough to rebuild the Bulls Head

east wing, remodel the west wing to match, and fix up the bar room. With a luxurious dining room to attract railroad passengers during meal stops it was just good business to engage such patrons in a game of chance before the conductor shouted “All aboard!” The upscale saloon also had billiard tables and card tables to accommodate patrons with a few hours to kill. Here John L. Sullivan shook hands with fight fans while his train changed engines, Allen Fisher had a famous curio shop, and Jack Dempsey duked it out with amateur pugilists for bets and beer. The Wild Bunch operated in this county when Hank Vaughan and Tom McCarty were running stolen horses, so there’s no telling who you could have met back then in a Front Street bar.

Origins of Charlie Quilici’s San Marin Hotel and the City Club

In its early days gaming was so natural a component of the ebb and flow of commerce that to specifically mention it was to state the obvious. No income taxes were paid, few business records were kept. However it is known that as early as 1888 members of the Quilici family were



Front Street soon after the turn of the 20th century. The Elite Saloon is to the right of Fisher's Saloon and is now a discount grocery store dubbed "The Bargain Barn."

operating saloons in Wells, as reflected by the November 19, 1888 sale of Lot 9, Block E in Wells (current site of the San Marin Hotel) with all its contents by Cherubino Quilici to Sebastian Quilici. The family included railroad workers, merchants, ranchers, bronc busters, saloon keepers and when Sebastian Quilici bought that saloon in 1888 evidence of customer preferences was preserved for history because of an inventory filed with the sale. The transfer of saloon property included a pool table, bar counter, bar mirror, 2 stoves, 18 arm chairs, water pump, 6 cords wood, 10 gallons claret wine, 11 gallons California brandies, 15 gallons rum, 21.5 gallons blackberry brandy, just over 30 gallons whiskey, 12.5 gallons gin, 6 gallons sherry wine, 12 bottles California champagne, 2 cases smoking tobacco, 2 cases chewing tobacco, 3000 cigars, 10 gross playing cards, three card tables. According to local legend, locals used two of the tables for poker games, while itinerant gamblers paid the house to use the third table to run a faro game.

A few years later Charles Quilici added a general store to that location and did well enough to outgrow his one-story store with living quarters to the rear. In 1899 Quilici built the San Marin Hotel and offered furnished

rooms at monthly rates. All the while the brick walls were going up Charles stayed open for business, the work going on around and above him. The Nevada State Herald for December 8, 1899 reported "the rooms are artistically papered and grained; large, well lighted and ventilated and furnished in the very latest style. The building is frost proof, and Charley guarantees that no one will suffer from the cold in his house."

On the ground floor of his new hotel Quilici still ran his mercantile store and rented space for the San Marin restaurant. In the days before railroad dining cars the San Marin and other eateries were packed while the trains stopped to add an engine to

get over the Pequop Mountains or whenever a train was "sided" due to a wreck or derailment along the line. That was often. Whatever the reasons track delays meant trainloads of passengers had hours to kill walking Front Street looking for diversion.

Dining cars adopted in the early twentieth century cut into the restaurant trade so Duke Quilici, who by then owned the San Marin, converted the ground floor into the City Club Casino. Those who remember him describe the Duke as a man with movie star good looks who always wore a dark suit and tie. In later years Duke moved to San Francisco to take a management job with the Palace Hotel and the Saviozzi brothers took over the City Club. The Saviozzi's also operated the Coffee Cup Café on Sixth Street that offered gaming and expanded that into the Cosmo Club.

The Famous Saloon of Al Fisher

By the 1890's Fisher's Saloon was nationally famous for its collection of animal horns displayed on both its interior and exterior. Tremendous numbers of coast to coast railroad travelers stopped in Wells while engines were changed.



Front Street looking west just after 1911. The San Marin Hotel was later the home of the City Club.

The hungry flocked to the Bulls Head or San Marin Restaurant to eat while many of the curious and thirsty made a beeline to Al Fisher's Saloon. One of the best known westerners of his day, Fisher was an excellent raconteur and knew the history of every article in his museum.

His saloon sign promised "Buffalo, Elk, Mountain Sheep, Antelope Heads and Horns, Mineral Specimens, Curiosities and Indian Relics." Inside on the walls and in glass cases were heads and horns of wild animals and mounted birds from all parts of the world. The mineral cabinet contained thousands of specimens of rich ore and rock from every mineral producing state and territory in the Union. Given today's gold prices the melt value alone would be somewhere between \$100,000 to \$500,000.

It was a good place to get into a billiard game or poker game with delayed railroad passengers and local ranchers, rather than the cowhands and railroaders who frequented the honky tonks. Colonel E.P. Hardesty was a frequent patron and a good friend of Fisher who in turn would often visit the Colonel's Bulls Head Saloon.

The oak bar and back bar were ornate and beautiful, but the one poker table which still survives was carpenter-built from scrap lumber, a fact that wasn't obvious beneath its green felt covering.

The Mint Saloon, later the Reno Club

The false-front wood frame Mint Saloon didn't look like much but it gave sweaty, work-dirty thirsty cowhands, railroad workers, teamsters, miners a place to drink undis-

turbed while better-heeled travelers and businessmen enjoyed the high-tone hospitality of Al Fisher's Saloon or Colonel Hardesty's Bulls Head Saloon.

Because the railroad established a major maintenance and refueling depot in Wells, railroaders packed the bars for ninety years. Ranch hands, railroaders, and passengers looking for diversion in Front Street's honky-tonk saloons made every Saturday night a street carnival. Gambling was part of the show and Twenty-one began to edge out poker and faro because as with a slot machine a player could step up, bet, then, win or lose, walk away without the social entanglements involved in a "friendly" poker game.

Twenty-one was also a good way to shake a buck out of railroad passengers who would wager a bet or two during a meal stop while waiting for the call "All aboard." Thus the Mint was less likely to offer a labor intensive game like craps that needed two men to run the table on a busy night, or Roulette which required a sizeable initial investment for expensive equipment. A Twenty-one table also took up a lot less space than a Craps or Roulette table.

Anti-Gaming Legislation Strikes

After the turn of the 20th century gaming began to attract legislative attention in Nevada, from those who wanted to tax it and also those who wanted to prohibit it. In 1905 there was recognition of nickel-in-the-slot machines. In 1907 a reapportionment of revenues gave each county all the revenue, except those from slot machines which went to the state. Then in 1909 a wave of anti-gambling sentiment took hold and a measure to stop gambling was passed. In

1910 operation of gambling games became a felony.

The Reluctant Arm of the Law

In July 1911, a well-publicized raid took place in Elko, the county seat of Elko County. Sheriff Joseph Harris (who served from 1910 to 1936) and District Attorney James Dysart yielded to public sentiment -- at least some sectors of public sentiment -- and raided the Commercial Hotel. The Commercial still stands in downtown Elko as a popular restaurant & casino but the difference is today gaming is legal, and then it wasn't. With 17,000 square miles of Elko County to cover it may be Sheriff Harris hadn't noticed that gambling was going on every night within sight of his county courthouse office. Or it may be gaming wasn't really a law enforcement concern until public pressure generated a demand something be done.

The fateful day -- or fateful evening -- came Friday, July 28, 1911. It was known there was gambling at the Commercial Hotel and the Sheriff was informed by District Attorney Dysart there would be a raid. The door to the rooms where the games were carried on was kept locked and it required a certain number of raps to gain admission, but by that evening the Sheriff had broken the code. Waiting until about 10 p.m. when the Hotel put on one of its famous outdoor badger fights which reduced the crowd in the casino area to controllable proportions, Sheriff Harris and his assistants walked in the back way and softly tried the door only to find it was locked. The sheriff rapped softly twice, the door flew open, and the officers walked in to the astonishment of the dealers, who then realized that a raid was in progress. Two

games were running, a roulette wheel and a faro bank. Play ceased at once.

“Gentlemen, you must stop this. You are all under arrest,” said Sheriff Harris, telling the men “Cash in your checks and come with me.” The astonished men complied without protest. One man pushed over a stack of chips and the dealer at the roulette wheel handed over \$40. Three other men who were playing faro were paid cash money for their chips, one receiving \$6 and another \$5. In the meantime the District Attorney took the names of those present and secured evidence. The sheriff walked behind the faro table to seize the contents in the cash drawer, then marched his prisoners out of the room.

L.L. Bradley, the proprietor of the hotel was hastily called and put up \$250 cash bail for each person arrested. Since nine men were arrested Bradley shelled out \$2250.

Those snared in the crackdown were later named by the Elko Free Press as “Jack Maher, roulette operator, George Foregor, faro dealer, M. Johnson, far lookout; Ah Jim, a chinaman; Sim, a chinaman; Walter Smith, a stranger, George Monroe, a stranger, Frank Maloney, stranger, R.J. Bonmar, stranger”.

The next day the Elko Free Press for Saturday evening, July 29, 1911, headlined the story “Gambling House is Raided, Sheriff Harris and Deputies and District Attorney Dysart Arrest Players and Dealers”. The newspaper account of the raid also said:

“In an interview with the sheriff this morning he asked that the public be notified that all gambling, of whatever character, must cease at once, as

he would tolerate no game, however small. That it had come to his notice that numerous games in different sections of the county were run for money, and that hereafter he would at once investigate all reports and arrests would follow.”

“The people elected me to enforce the laws,” Sheriff Harris said, “and I intend to do it irrespective of the parties implicated.” The District Attorney James Dysart said, “Never did a raid on a gambling house result so favorably. Not only did we catch the men gambling, but after they were placed under arrest, the dealers paid the players money for the chips, which was undisputable evidence that they were playing for money and not pastime. This case will be prosecuted and no partiality shown to anyone. Gambling must cease in Elko...” Gambling must stop in Nevada. The people at the polls said so. The time has passed when every town was wide open, and Nevada had a national reputation as the only state in the union that permitted gambling. Sheriff Harris and District Attorney Dysart have the people back of them in their actions last night in arresting the men who were breaking the law.

The newspaper’s presumption that the District Attorney had the support of the people could more accurately have been written to say “some people.” Church folks, prohibitionists, and some businessmen wanted to end the “wide open town” image Elko was then famous for. Little did they realize that another shift in public opinion in the 1930’s would capitalize on exactly the image the gambling raid was designed to change.

Impact of the 1911 Raid

The 1911 raid didn’t stop gaming in Elko County but it did drive it out

of sight in the county seat. Meanwhile, in Wells, just a little over 50 miles away you could still buy a drink and still make a bet, although the only folks who knew where to go were everyone in town, every cow-hand, miner, and railroader in the county, and every passenger who stepped down from a transcontinental train to stretch his legs on Front Street.

Impact of Prohibition

After the First World War came National Prohibition; another law generally ignored on Nevada’s northeastern frontier. A little something to illustrate how practical westerners coped with laws that got in the way of a good time appeared in the Elko Free Press for January 21, 1929, which reported the thirty-two “soft drink” parlors in the City of Elko required a “maximum of police supervision,” and would be placed on the list of establishments paying \$60 for a quarterly license pursuant to a city ordinance that “such business houses” pay an additional fee. That brought in additional revenue for the City of Elko and made it clear local authorities weren’t paying a lot of attention to National Prohibition. Be it noted that “soft drink” parlors usually operated back-rooms that offered gaming in addition to liquid refreshment.

Wells in the Roaring Twenties and the Capitol Club

The brothers John DiGrazia and Joe DiGrazia saw Prohibition as an opportunity. At the dawning of the 20th century John and Joe DiGrazia were working on the railroad. Joe’s job, for example, was laying track rails down by hand. With long hours and low pay Joe and John lived in a dismal cabin built with railroad ties,



The Capitol Club did good business. Front Street looking east in the 1930's.

carried water to nurture a small vegetable garden, ate jackrabbits to save on meal costs and built their nest egg. Then in 1917, John and Joe were in the Army for WWI. Back from the service the DiGrazia brothers again worked for the railroad until their hard-earned savings were enough to buy a saloon. It was in 1926 John DiGrazia bought Lot #13, Block E, "with the one story brick building and all other improvements thereon, said premises being known as the old Al Fisher place" for \$4,500. Joe DiGrazia was to have a half interest. Included with the building were a huge set of elk horns and a carpenter-built poker table soon to be joined by a craps table, roulette, and Twenty-one Table.

Joe's son Sonny DiGrazia, s recollections of Wells date back to when horse-drawn wagons were interspersed with Model T Fords on Front Street. "Back then Front Street used to be a booming place," Sonny recalled. "It used to be a free Saturday night show for us kids to sneak up on the balcony of the Bulls Head Bar & Hotel and watch the crowd. My father used to make wine and I used to fill bottles when I was just a little kid. The grapes came from California by rail. We'd run the grapes through a wringer and

the juice ran into a trough. I'll never forget the center run of the wine. You could read a newspaper through a glass of that red wine, it was so clear," Sonny said. "After repeal in 1933 Uncle John and my father expanded into a wholesale business. I was driving a beer truck at 14."

Casino Owner Leo Quilici Gets his Start with the Elite

Leo Quilici – at one time the owner of four Wells establishments -- came to America as a teenager and got his start working on an uncle's ranch that sold horses to the U.S. Cavalry. Soon Leo was helping out at his uncle's mercantile store and tending bar in his uncle's saloon. The Elite (pronounced ee-light) was a lively place that caught his eye. After front-line U.S. Army service in France, Leo came home from WWI and soon thereafter was able to buy the bar. Leo earned a reputation for running a saloon "on the square" and put out free bread, peanut butter, and jelly in winter to help the laid-off ranch hands and railroad workers gathered around his potbelly stove tough it out till spring when work picked up.

Leo went on to operate the Reno Club (which was originally the Mint

Saloon), bought the Bulls Head, built the Bulls Head Ballroom, then spared no expense to make his El Rancho one of the finest hotel-casinos in Nevada. (In 2000 discount grocer Pete Cahoon opened the Bargain Barn food store in what had been the Elite Bar and had its ornamental pressed tin ceiling lovingly restored. It's worth a look.)

The Depression motivates tax-minded Legislators to admit "wide open" can be a good thing

The Great Depression motivated legislators to look around for revenue sources from any business that still could make a buck. Knowing that since its beginning as a territory in 1861, Nevada was characterized by its gambling, Assemblyman Philip Tobin, a Winnemucca ranch boy, sponsored a bill to legalize Nevada gambling, a bill which passed March 19, 1931.

Though not a gambler himself, Tobin saw the chance for increased tax revenue for the state coffers. As an added benefit the state could move to control the crooked games present in all the towns at that time. Nevada's legalization of gambling in 1931 simply regulated an industry that had always been a state tradition.

The Elko Daily Free Press ran an editorial on March 18, 1931 that admitted anti-gaming laws were not being enforced, but was less than enthusiastic about legislation:

The bill to legalize gambling in Nevada passed by a large majority in the senate yesterday. It will soon be written into the law of Nevada and will be given a two year trial before it is up for consideration again. Apparently the legislature acted upon the desire of a majority of people, although there is naturally a doubt as

to how the question would have gone had it been put to a popular vote. Only the next two years will show just what effect the gambling law is going to have upon this state. Coupled with the divorce law it will naturally bring new people to the state as well as new money. Whether the benefit will be worth the price remains to be seen. Time will tell. There is no reason to doubt but that the reason the bill was passed is that most law-makers figured we should change our present system or enforce it. As the gambling law was not being enforced, the natural thought was to license it so that the state would get some benefit. This has been done and the show is on, let the chips fly where they will.

World War II and Wells

The Skyline Restaurant & Casino at the northwest corner of Sixth Street & Clover Avenue enjoyed a booming business during the Second World War and persisted into the early 50's with guests including Bing Crosby and Rita Hayworth. Bill and Jennie Sallee managed the place.

Jennie Sallee wasn't expecting anything unusual at the Skyway Café & Casino in Wells one night in the 1940s. The pit boss had just finished racking chips to open the crap game when a railroader named "Cocky" Robins stepped up and put a dollar on the Pass Line. "I bet I make it," "Cocky" said.

"Bet you don't," said Bing Crosby, tossing a silver dollar onto the No Pass Line, and that kicked off one of the biggest crap games in Wells history. People crowded in to watch the stakes rise. Two contractors from Salt Lake City got in on the action and wagers really skyrocketed when the house took the usual limits off the table. The game was still going full



Celebrating July 4 on Front Street in 1934.

bore when the Skyway closed and the doors were locked, but those already at the table kept rolling the dice and the game didn't break up until two in the morning.

Anything but dull, Wells in the 1940s was a bustling railroad & ranching town that also served motorists passing through on U.S. 40. Jennie's sister-in-law had leased the Skyway Café & Casino and called asking for help to run the place. She soon learned the small town was teeming with activity.

When the government rushed to open Wendover Army Air Force Base to train heavy bombardment crews for World War II on the Utah-Nevada stateline about 58 miles away, building married personnel housing hadn't been the highest priority. The town of Wendover didn't have a lot of housing stock to offer, either. That meant wives, fiancées, sweethearts of fliers flocked to Wells and rented every room available to be close to base for a few precious hours together before their airmen went to war.

The Overland Hotel across Sixth Street, and the Allen Hotel across

Clover Avenue were both packed with Army wives who usually walked over to the Skyway for their meals. "They were a great crowd," Jennie recalls. "All very nice people," and even if their husbands couldn't join them for lunch they would sometimes drop to treetop level, buzzing the town so low you could read the numbers on huge B-17 and B-24 bombers wagging their wings by way of saying "hello." Of course that was against regulations and pilots were sternly warned low altitude flyovers were prohibited, and of course that didn't stop the pilots who would drive into Wells on a pass and ask "Could you see me? Did you see me?"

Quite a place, the Skyway Café had seating for 60, and a banquet room that could seat 100. Dances were held there, with many if not most of the men in uniform. There were also Saturday night dances for young people, no alcohol allowed. Sometimes there was a band, otherwise the jukebox; either way kids had a good time.

With crowds of thirsty patrons, Bill Sallee had to be innovative to keep liquor flowing despite wartime



Johnny's Club in the 1940's

rationing. Although wholesale price on a case of whiskey was \$25, demand far exceeded supply. To keep the place open Bill had to resort to buying on the black market, once calling other bar owners all around the State until he connected with a State Senator who owned several Carson City establishments and was willing to do Bill a favor by selling whiskey – at \$100 a case.

Ray King was Wells Constable and “He was fierce – he scared the daylight out of me,” Jennie recalls. “I was a little Mormon girl seeing all these things they didn’t have in Idaho, when one night our man John, who was running the crap table, caught a player running in crooked dice and got so mad he picked up the cheat and threw him out the front window.

“Call the law,” my husband Bill said, and Constable King came out. The cheater was in big trouble, but King also told Bill “You got the run

this place square, or I’ll close you up.” John tossing a crook through the window was seen as just doing his job.

1945 The Nevada Tax Commission was empowered to make rules and regulations governing the conduct in the state and to issue state licenses.

The Eagle Club, also known as Johnny’s

The Second World War had brought prosperity to Wells and convinced local businessmen to build for the future. The Capitol Club did well by adding a dance floor, and that gave John DiGrazia ideas.

John DiGrazia saw opportunity in a vacant turn-of-the-century store on Front Street half a block east from the Capitol Club. After a 1901 fire leveled the lot, Domenico, Amadeo, and Sebastino Quilici bought it and built a fine brick building for their Quilici Mercantile Store. The store did a

brisk business and in 1926 enjoyed a brief moment of wire service fame after displaying three human skulls in the store window found after a respected Wells woman had a dream that revealed their location. By the mid 1940’s the building was vacant so John DiGrazia bought it and with partner Charles Nannini converted it into the Eagle Club, a casino-bar with a dance hall extending to the alley which they opened in mid-1946. Everyone called it Johnny’s. Although packed in the 1940’s and still doing a good business into the 50’s, DiGrazia believed the future was where U.S. 93 and U.S. 40 intersected and sold the building after he and Nannini bought the 4-Way Café & Casino.

U.S. 40 Influence

While John DiGrazia bet on the 4-Way location, other casino operators were doing a good business on Sixth Street which was where U.S. 40 passed through town. After the Saviozzi Brothers bought the Coffee Cup gaming was expanded into the Cosmo Club. Today the building houses the Soap Box Laundromat.

Herman W. Supp built the Pequop Hotel in 1946. Herman ran a hardware store and knew firsthand how hard it was to get building materials during and after the war so he scavenged bricks, wood, anything he could use from Metropolis ghost town to get the materials to make his dream of owning his own hotel a reality. Supp leased the building to Rod Knight, a Salt Lake City businessman and sports figure who ran the place under his name and dubbed his bar the Elbo Room. Among other games, the Elbo Room operated a Bingo Parlor.

By the 1970’s the hotel had changed hands and was renamed the



The Monte Carlo Club on Sixth Street looking west in the 1940's. The Wagon Wheel can be seen in the distance.

Old West Inn. When Don Cooper became proprietor he began a tradition of trading an occasional drink for ranch gear, railroad tools, early automotive memorabilia, and amassed a fascinating collection of western memorabilia that still adorns the saloon walls. After Cooper passed, in 2001 his heirs sold the place but it's still going strong although its gaming is currently reduced to slot machines.

In the early 50's Bill and Jennie Sallee took over the Wagon Wheel Restaurant & Casino, also on Sixth Street in Wells, which they operated until the 1960's. Jennie and Bill could see there was real money in combining food service with gaming. The Wagon Wheel had been a popular eating place and casino since the 1940s. It was owned by the McDaniel family, then in the 1950s Rod Knight who had leased the Hotel Pequop to operate his Elbo bar and casino, bought the Wagon Wheel. Knight and his partner devoted his energy to building and operating a modern motel. That gave Jennie & Bill the opportunity to lease the Wagon Wheel Restaurant-Casino where they took over food service and ran an estab-

lishment that featured roulette, craps, Twenty-one, and slot machines. The Café could seat 90, the dining room could seat 100, and behind the Wagon Wheel restaurant-casino was an outdoor barbeque and motel rooms. Running a family style restaurant, Jennie supervised staff, but also made homemade cinnamon rolls.

"Every year we had a barbeque for deer hunters, and every room in town was filled," Jennie said recalling that you never knew who might walk in the door. Tennessee Ernie Ford patronized the Wagon Wheel as did Jimmy Stewart, who at the time owned the Winecup Ranch north of Wells. Actor Joel McRea was in town a lot to shop like most of his Ruby Valley neighbors who often bought tractor parts from the Quilici's General Merchandise

Then in September 1963 Bill Sallee died Jennie left the Wagon Wheel in December of the year Bill passed on, believing she'd learned the key to running a successful casino-restaurant is to treat patrons square, and to take care of the help.

Also on Sixth Street was the Shamrock Café & Casino which still offers slots operating as Luther's. Anyone who loves microbrewery sampling will love Luthers which serves huge glasses of Ruby Mountain Brewery Amber Ale, made about eight miles south of Wells in Clover Valley. The brew is fabulous, and even better on tap.

The El Rancho

Hard-working Leo Quilici saved enough to buy the Elite Bar. When his bar showed a profit he re-invested his earnings in Wells, buying the Reno Club (also known as the Mint Saloon) and the Bullshead Bar & Hotel. Built in 1887 the Bullshead was a grand place in its day but couldn't hide its age. Leo wanted to show his pride in Wells and spent over \$200,000 in 1949 dollars to make the El Rancho one of the finest casino-hotels in the Silver State. That same year you could buy a brand new Ford pickup at Supp Motor Company in Wells for \$1556.

The El Rancho marks the transition of Wells from frontier outpost to a modern community with permanence. Unlike the Nevada Hotel, San Marin Hotel, and Bullshead that were built in the kerosene-lit era before electricity came to town, the El Rancho boasted structural steel reinforcement and was designed to be illuminated by electricity.

The original hardwood bar and mirrored back bar are rare examples of period furnishings that still remain in the casino for which they were made. Atop the El Rancho is a huge neon sign featuring a wrangler on an animated bucking horse. That early example of Nevada's neon advertising heritage is one of the few signs of its era that still adorns its original site.

The substantial construction and quality furnishings of the El Rancho made its July 1949 grand opening a regional event that heralded future prosperity. Instantly the El Rancho became a crowded, happening place. On weekends railroaders who lived in section houses along the line came into town to stock up on groceries, many congregating afterwards at the El Rancho to drink and party. So too did ranchers, cowboys, and miners come into Wells, standing shoulder to shoulder at the El Rancho bar to take a drink to cut the dust.

Gaming Control Board Dooms Small-time Operations

In 1955 the Gaming Control Board was created to act as the enforcement and investigative unit of the Tax Commission interjecting necessary formality and regulation into the industry but at the cost of squeezing hole-in-the-wall gaming parlors.

With the creation of Gov. Grant Sawyer's "hang tough" policy, inaugurated July 1, 1959, Sawyer insisted that Nevada stay clear of "mobs and syndicates." This policy led to the Gaming Control Board taking forceful action in 1960, placing Nevada casinos off limits to underworld figures. Two such individuals sued the state, some corporations and individuals charging that the ban was a violation of civil rights.

During the proceedings, Judge Walter L. Pope of the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals gave his opinion with an analogy that rings true especially today. "In view of the situation of peril which always surrounds gambling in Nevada, the trial court may well find that the plaintiff's entry upon gambling premises would present an emergency comparable to that presented by an

animal running at large while suspected of being afflicted with the foot and mouth disease."

State revenue from gambling wins continued to rise, as did the cost of the background investigation for a gaming license, the cost of which was and is paid by the applicant. Gone were the days when a saloon operator could install a roulette wheel, or give a faro dealer a table for a cut of the profits, with no more investment than the cost of equipment. With that, small casinos and roadside stops with a few slots began to die out as their owners sold out or passed on. New places that opened were establishments operated by entrepreneurs who could afford to pay anywhere from \$50,000 to \$150,000 to process their gaming license.

By the mid-fifties there were signs that border town development would soon erode the customer base supporting Wells gaming, such as when on January 18, 1954 Boise, Idaho, financed Horseshu Inc. filed an application with the Nevada Tax Commission for an establishment to be built one mile south of the Idaho-Nevada stateline on Highway 93.

The modern and attractive Ranch House Hotel & Casino just where Sixth Street takes a bend in the road

on its way east to the 4-Way intersection was impressive enough to draw gamblers from Idaho and Utah for many years. Because this fine establishment did a good business it could afford live music and top talent. It prospered by offering live gaming, slots, and good food to Utah folks, among others, but just as the emergence of Jackpot as a gambling town on the Nevada-Idaho border impacted Wells, so too did the emergence of West Wendover on the Nevada-Utah border skim off thousands of patrons who no longer felt the need to drive 58 miles further west to Wells, much to the regret of local residents. The Ranch House today stands vacant, a reminder of past glory with a For Sale sign on it.

Wells Today

Many of the buildings associated with Wells Gaming History still stand, some remodeled, some in various stages of rehabilitation still in search of a reason to justify their existence. Still a town that prides itself on showing visitors a good time, Wells is also a place where a slice of old west history is still affordable. We are glad folks collect our chips, postcards and other gambling memorabilia, but we will be even happier when a collector moves to Wells, reopens another of the old casinos, and throws away the key.

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A Visit to the Sands Macau

by Joe Shaw

My visit to the newly opened Sands Macau in Macau started at the end of the 2004 Convention in Las Vegas. I had spent the whole week in Las Vegas for the annual Convention. Saturday came all too quickly and I was on my way home to San Jose, CA. I arrived back home around 3:30 PM. Then it was time to switch suitcases because my daughter, Jessyka and I were heading back out to San Francisco airport that same evening to catch a 1:30 am flight to Hong Kong. After a 12 1/2-hour flight we landed in Hong Kong.

After getting adjusted to the time change as well as the 95 degree 90% humidity, we headed out to Macau.

The trip from Hong Kong to Macau was a short 1-hour excursion via "Turbo Jet", or what is basically a jet-powered boat. As with most people in Hong Kong, our trip to Macau was only going to be a day trip. This was evident because almost none of the around 200 passengers on the boat had any luggage. Gambling was the only reason that most people went to Macau for. My 19 year old daughter was especially looking forward to the trip after she found out that the legal gambling and drinking age there was 18. She was looking forward to sitting down at a slot machine and ordering a drink from a cocktail waitress. More on that later.

One of the first sights that we saw as we approached the Ferry Terminal

was the Sands Macau. It was fairly close to the Ferry Terminal where the boat docked. Too far to walk, but a 5 minute cab ride will get you there. By local standards it was a good-sized casino. We did try to do some sightseeing, but the weather was so hot that it was impossible to walk around for more than 5 minutes without ending up dripping with sweat. Up until a few years ago, Macau was a Portuguese controlled colony, so it was great to see the Portuguese and Dutch influenced architecture in some of the older buildings and homes. Even more impressive were the churches built by the Portuguese, some of which dating back to the 1600's. We also drove by the site of the future Venetian Macau. Nothing exists there currently except for whatever greenery that grows over land fill and signs declaring it as the future site. Judging from the lack of any construction equipment, it did not look like there was going to be any ground breaking anytime soon.

We finally made it to the Sands Macau in the early evening for dinner, gambling and chip collecting. Located on the waterfront, the newly opened (May 2004) casino was a 3 level structure that was very nicely done, especially when compared to the older local casinos. I soon found out that there were some interesting cultural differences between this and the Las Vegas casinos that I was accustomed to.

First of all, you had to be 18 years old before you are allowed in. Unlike Las Vegas, minors could not walk through the casino nor could they dine anywhere inside the casino either. After we got into the casino, we encountered our first surprise. We had to go through a metal detector before we were allowed to proceed. An escalator took us one level up, which was the casino. Another escalator took us another level up to the buffet, which is where we had dinner. The buffet was interestingly named "888 Las Vegas Buffet" (8 being a lucky number in Chinese culture and with three 8's it must be really lucky). It was catered to and adapted for local taste. There was Chinese as well as what Jessyka called white people food, a sushi bar, tons of excellent seafood, as well as fresh fruits and a large desert selection. For the price, which I believe came out to under US\$20 per person, the food was good (not great). There were lots of it and plenty of different items to choose from. A note to the bovine lovers - unlike the buffets in Las Vegas, there was no carving station.

We got there just before the dinner crowd and managed to get great seating. The buffet was one level up and along the perimeter of one end of the casino and we managed to get seats that overlooked the whole casino floor area. I wished I could have taken a picture but the casino also prohibited any picture taking (which explains why there are no pictures at

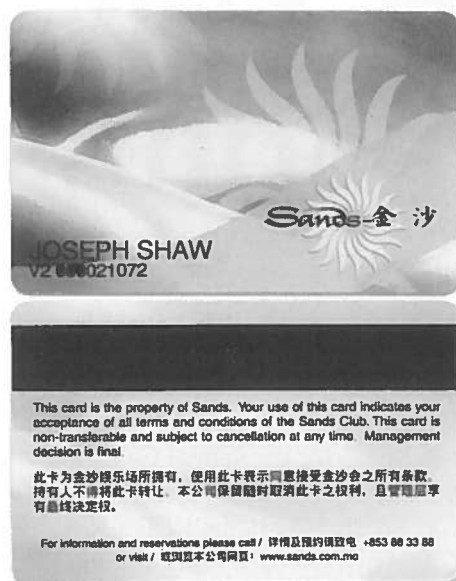
all in this article). It was also during dinner that Jessyka pointed out something that I have never seen in a casino anywhere. From where we were sitting, we could actually see windows that we could see outside. While covered by sheer material shading, we could actually tell that there was still daylight outside.

After dinner, Jessyka was ready to live her first pseudo-Las Vegas experience. So we headed over to the slots area. There were not a whole lot of slot machines. I would estimate that only 20 percent of the floor space was dedicated to slots, the rest were all table games. ALL of the machines were slot machines. As a fanatical video poker player, I was also disappointed not finding any video poker machines. The machines accepted Hong Kong currency (even though Macau has its own currency also). None of the machines had Ticket-In-Ticket-Out although they did accept tokens and paper. Although getting the machines to accept the bills was a real challenge. They accepted HK\$20-\$50-\$100-\$500 bills. The challenge part was that each bill was different in size. The HK\$20 was the smallest, with each denomination getting larger in size. We tried to put in a \$20, \$50 & \$100 bill more times that you could count on our fingers and toes and had the same bill come right back out. Turns out that because of the different sizes of each denomination, there was an art to how and where you fed in the bill. We had to put in the bills face up and along the left edge of the bill acceptor and not in the middle. Of course once we got it to accept our money she was at a loss as to which button to push to play (or cash out) since everything was in Chinese. From watching her play, I thought that the slot machines were extremely tight.

You could play one or multi coin 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$1 & up on slots. (Exchange rate of somewhere around US\$1.00 = HK\$7.80) Cashing out yielded nickel sized HK \$5.00 tokens. One interesting note is that since the HK \$5 tokens were the lowest denomination tokens used, it meant that you could not cash out if you had less than \$5 in credits. Or if you had something like \$29 in credits, it would only cash out \$25 and you had to play out the remaining \$4. Cashing in the tokens was another experience. They do not cash them in at the main cage. We had to go to the change booth to have them cashed in (and there was only one change booth). After a long wait in line (15 minutes), they took the tokens, put them into a tray, took what looked like a quick glance survey of what was in the tray, then proceeded to weigh the tokens. The tokens were weighed and not counted. The same machine that weighed the tokens also dispensed tokens for those wishing to buy tokens. Tokens were not sold in rolls, they were dispensed loose into a coin cup. Interestingly almost everyone there was buying tokens. I think I was the only one cashing tokens back in, which probably reaffirmed my observation of their slot machines being tight.

To my surprise there was also a slot club. I think this was a first for Macau. I believe Stanley Ho owned all casinos prior to the Sands Macau, so without competition, there was no need for a slot club until now. Although getting the slot card was a painfully long and frustrating experience. I had to fill out a lengthy application (which I hate doing), which in turn was entered in by a very slow data entry person. 15 or 20 minutes later, I got my Sands Macau slot card (note that slot card was singular and not plural). Sad to say, but my

request for a second or a blank card was politely refused.



The majority of the casino was as mentioned before, all table games. Along with Blackjack, roulette and Baccarat, there were also the Asian games of Fan-Tan and Sic-Bo and some others that I have never seen before. Most crowded tables were the Asian games. There was usually another row of players standing behind the seated players and betting along with them. Equally if not more popular was Baccarat. Seemed like there were more Baccarat tables than anything else. We were there on a Tuesday night and it looked like all the seats were taken at all of the tables. (It gets even more crowded on weekends). Minimum table bets were HK \$200 for most of the tables.

There was also a separate secluded high roller area. It was located one level up and at the end of the casino opposite the buffet. I was surprised to find that it too was more than half full. Same games as before, with Baccarat being the most popular.

After walking around, we noticed that cocktail waitresses only serviced table players. Which would explain

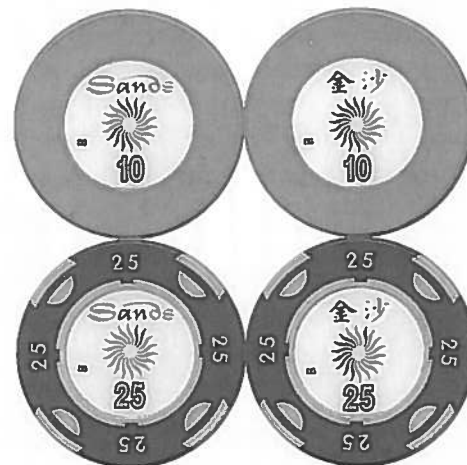
why we could not find one when she was playing slots. Another cultural difference here was that there were cocktail waiters as well as waitresses. Both wore the same unisex uniforms, which consisted of black long sleeved shirts and black pants. No scantily dressed cocktail waitresses were to be found. Only skin shown was their hands, face and neck (and with the collared shirts that they were wearing, hardly any neck either!). And to top it off, as Jessyka noticed, they only served what looked like glasses of coffee or tea. Maybe the people at this one table were all ordering the same drink ...

We decided to bypass them and go directly to the source - the bar. The bar was mostly empty, so getting a seat was no problem. I got real excited when I found that the bars actually had video poker. Excitement that was quickly dampened when I found out that they only offered Double Double Bonus, and it was no where close to full pay either. It was only paying 30 coins back for a full house. In spite of that, I still decided to put in a \$20 and play. We soon got our drinks and a bill (I guess drinks are not comped even when playing). On top of the

price of the drinks, there is also a 10% service charge and a 5% tax of some sort that was added to the bill. It was a good thing that around that time, I hit for four 7's, which gave me a 250 coin back return. I cashed out shortly thereafter and used part of the winnings to pay for our drinks.

We finished our drinks and ventured over to the main casino cage to buy some chips. Along with not being able to cash in tokens, I also found out that we could not buy chips at the cage. Had to get them from the tables. An easier said than done task since all tables were crowded. I eventually found a table that had just opened up. I went over there and explained that I wished to buy some chips. Seems straightforward enough. So I dropped two \$100 bills on the table and the dealer gave me two \$100 chip. I then tried to explain that I wanted multiples of lower denominations. A puzzled look appeared suddenly on the dealer's face. Turns out that I was at a mini Baccarat table where the minimum bet was HK \$200, which made the dealer wonder why I would want anything lower than the black \$100's that he just handed me. Luckily, another dealer

saw what was going on. He came over and gave me the chips that I wanted. The chips were manufactured by B&G. They had the old Sands sunburst logo in the middle along with the word "Sands" in English on one side and Chinese on the other. The Chinese translation of the Sands came out to "gold sand". Interesting, the chips did not have a "\$" sign on them, just the denomination.



It was getting late and we had a ferry to catch. So with chips and slot card in my pocket, we headed back to Hong Kong. I look forward to returning to Macau in a couple of years. That's when the Venetian Macau is scheduled to open.

ANA Summer Seminar Chipper Session

by Kenneth Hallenbeck

At the recent ANA summer seminar held the second week in Colorado Springs at Colorado College, CC>CC member Ken Hallenbeck conducted a mini seminar about gambling chips and tokens.

This second week of July mini seminar was held from 6:30 to 9:30 PM on a Tuesday with only two people signing up for the session. With a local collector invited to bring the

count up, there were three people plus the leader, Ken Hallenbeck.

In spite of the small attendance, things went very well and there was no lack of enthusiasm. Various gambling items were passed around the class. The last items passed around the group were Ken's mother of pearl chips from Queen Charlotte's personal set consisting of three different shapes including the very scarce

round chip, and the two very rare Napoleon Bonaparte chips. The group oooo'd and ahaaaaa'd over these because of their great beauty.

The chippers mini seminar seems to substantiate that coin collectors are primarily interested in coins and paper money with chips and slot tokens, etc. far down the list. However, participants all had a good time and we learned from each other.

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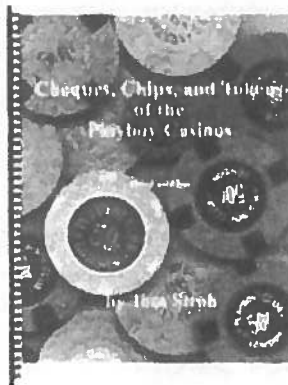
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Howard R. Hughes, Jr. and his Influence on the Transition from Gambling to Gaming

by Tyrus Mulkey

I wrote the following term paper in 1994 for a class called "Sociology of Gambling", which I took at UNLV as part of my curriculum to earn a Bachelor of Science in Hotel Administration. Dr. Frey gave me an 'A' and placed the paper on reserve in the Special Collections Department at the UNLV library. It is still there today. I conducted heavy research when I wrote this paper, but, as you can tell by some of Mr. Maheu's comments, there is a lot of inaccuracy out there.

Earlier this year, I was able to spend some time with Mr. Robert A. Maheu, who was Howard Hughes' right-hand man during the Las Vegas chapter of his life. He graciously offered to critique my paper and gave me permission to include his comments in this publication. Thanks Bob! I have indicated his comments in italics with his bolded initials preceding them. While some are exact quotes, others are paraphrased from my memory and, since Mr. Maheu has a heavy hand as a bartender, may not be exact. If I've remembered incorrectly, I apologize. I have no doubt Mr. Maheu will let me know and I'll pass it along!

Thanks again to Mr. Maheu for taking the time to read and critique my paper and spending several afternoons with me going over the details and telling me some great stories of his life. He should write a book. Oh wait, he has – and I highly recom-



mend it. *Next To Hughes*, published by HarperCollins, was printed in 1992. It is often available on ebay.

"Howard Hughes has put a Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval on Las Vegas gambling and has exorcised the last ghosts of the bad old mobster days."
Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt 1969

Introduction

Today's casino business is an industry that is respected throughout the world. Casinos might not have been accredited today had it not been for the actions of an eccentric recluse and a government that was over-anxious to rid the state of a criminal element. The marriage of Howard R. Hughes, Jr. and the State of Nevada brought about changes in ideas, policies, laws, and perceptions for the

gaming industry. A business that was once isolated in the State of Nevada and run by the mob has grown into a nationwide industry that is corporate controlled. It will soon be a half-trillion dollar a year industry; with casinos not only in Nevada, but on riverboats in the Mississippi, on Indian reservations throughout the nation, and land based casinos in a few states. The mob may have run Las Vegas with a strong hand from the forties through the sixties, but they were not capable of transforming the sawdust floored gambling joints of yesterday into the billion dollar gaming resorts of today. It was corporations that were able to raise the capital needed to grow; and the corporations could not have done it without a law that was passed in 1969 to accommodate Howard Hughes and The Hughes Tool Company. [RAM: "Hughes did not need this law and, in fact, opposed it." ToolCo was owned 100% by him, so he didn't need the law. When the law passed, it allowed other deep pocket corporations, like Hilton, to come in and compete with him. Without the law, he had very little competition.]

This paper will examine the events that led to the legitimization of the casino business. In particular, this report will explain why officials in Nevada "bent the rules" to allow Hughes to enter into casino operations and how their decision changed the industry into an acceptable American institution.

The Transition from Gambling to Gaming

What a difference there is between the gaming industry of today and the gambling business just a short 30 years earlier! In the 1960's, organized crime controlled casinos. Financing came from the pension fund of the Teamster's Union, and "skimming" and cheating were rampant. Today, casinos are operated by corporate management teams. Financing is made possible through the stock market and banking institutions. There is no cheating and the industry enjoys a healthy relationship with both state and federal governments.

These changes happened because of a transition in the industry. The date the transition began cannot be pinpointed. The exact reason is even difficult to say. However, it is safe to assume that it started with a man named Estes Kefauver over fifteen years before the arrival of Howard Hughes.

In the early 1950's, Estes Kefauver was a U. S. Senator from Tennessee. He was chairman of the senate committee investigating the influence that organized crime had on America. The final report issued by the committee was highly critical of gaming regulations in Nevada. In testimony before the committee, Nevada officials admitted that little or no effort had been used to screen applicants. It was a great boost to the career of Senator Kefauver and a black eye to the State of Nevada.¹

It was the Kefauver hearings that led to the creation of the Gaming Control Board in 1955. The sole responsibility of the board was to keep undesirables out of gaming, but it basically grandfathered in the undesirables that were already in gaming.

In 1959, the Gaming Control Act was passed and the Gaming Commission was created to work with the Gaming Control Board.² This new system of gaming control was a step in the right direction, but it was not enough to discourage organized crime from the gambling business.

The pressure to rid the state of organized crime continued to grow. In May of 1963, the FBI sent the Justice Department a two volume document titled "The Skimming Report." It explained skimming and stated that it was taking place at an alarming number of Las Vegas casinos. This embarrassed Nevada by showing the federal government that the rigid license standards and enforcement that were supposed to free the gaming industry of any criminal element were simply myths. Then in the summer of 1966, the Chicago Sun-Times disclosed skimming to the public. This started a barrage of unfavorable publicity that gambling profits in Las Vegas were being funneled into organized crime.³ The federal government threatened to take action if Nevada did not shape up. The state was not happy about the possibility of federal intervention. Nevada has always preferred to regulate itself. The governor, the State Gaming Control Board, and even a private citizen started thinking of ways to legitimize both Nevada and the casino industry. The pressure was being applied from all sides.

Howard Robard Hughes, Jr.

Howard Hughes was not a stranger to Las Vegas. Before he became a recluse, he visited Las Vegas several times. [RAM: *He actually spent a lot of time in Las Vegas.*] He was a member of the Hollywood social scene and Las Vegas was one of the hot spots. Perhaps it was the 24 hour activity or the opportunity to blend in

that first caught his attention. Whatever the reason, by the mid 1960's, Hughes was a different man. He was now more interested in privacy than anything else. He was also a restless man.

Hughes had spent most of the previous two years in hiding. As majority stockholder of TWA, he was sued for mismanagement when the airline nearly folded. As a result, management of TWA had been taken away from him by a judge and the new representatives of the airline were trying desperately to subpoena Hughes. [RAM: *"It was not the judge who took away control." Bankers in NY kept raising the interest rates on Howard. They pressured Howard to put his stock into a voting trust. At that time, he owned 78% of TWA stock. When he put his stock in the trust, it was valued at \$10/share. When he was forced to sell, it was at nearly \$83/share. An interesting note is that when TWA was suing Hughes, he was in a position where he paid for both sides of the lawsuit. He was paying 70% of TWA lawyer fees suing him and 100% of his lawyer fees defending himself!.*] He was terrified of being seen in public and because he refused to appear in court, he was ordered to sell all his shares in TWA. It is ironic that this "penalty" earned him a profit of over \$546,500,000!⁴ [RAM: *"Not quite correct." He was not ordered to sell the shares.*]

The TWA failure put tremendous pressure on Hughes and his health deteriorated. Not only did he fail at business, but his wife, Jean Peters, was threatening to divorce him. He moved himself and his entourage to Boston under the assumption of seeking medical attention. However, while in Boston, Hughes never saw a doctor. Instead, he plotted where he was going to live and what he was

going to do with his \$546 million. Hughes despised paying taxes and he knew he would have to invest the money in order not to pay taxes. He had bought 25,000 acres of desert near Las Vegas in the early 1950's for the same reason.⁵ It cannot be stated that this is the reason Hughes moved to Las Vegas. He was a very private man who did not share his ideas or strategies with anyone. What is known, however, is that he was contacted while in Boston by a Las Vegas man who was embarrassed of his city and its' connection with organized crime.

Hank Greenspun was the publisher of Las Vegas' smaller newspaper, The Sun. He stated publicly that he would like for his children to be able to tell people that they were from Las Vegas without being embarrassed. He notified Hughes that he would be welcome in Las Vegas. He pointed out that Nevada had no personal or corporate taxes, no gift or inheritance tax, and tax on real estate was limited. He also assured Hughes that his privacy would be honored.⁶ Whether this was the reason or not, Hughes notified his right hand man, Robert Maheu, that he was going to Las Vegas.

Robert Maheu played an integral role of Hughes' Las Vegas operations.⁷ He had recently left long time positions with the CIA and FBI and was now working for Hughes. His duties with the CIA included counter espionage, Washington politics, and assisting members of organized crime in a failed assassination attempt on Cuban leader Fidel Castro.⁸ [RAM: *I left the FBI in 1947. In 1954, I started Robert A Maheu & Associates and continued a relationship with the CIA. The CIA was my 1st client. I did not assist organized crime, I assisted the CIA*

in the Castro deal, which was in 1958/59. I moved to CA. in 1961 to work for Hughes.] While Robert Maheu's life is extremely interesting, it is beyond the scope of this paper and is only mentioned to stress the complicated and involved acquaintances and circumstances that led to Hughes becoming a casino owner. Hughes was a very political man and, indeed, politics makes strange bedfellows. Maheu was very "politically connected", and he constantly used those connections for the benefit of Howard Hughes.

From the beginning, Maheu had to make special request to his contacts to accommodate Hughes. Las Vegas hotels are not in the hotel business, they simply provide rooms to people who are there to gamble. When Hughes insisted on occupying an entire floor and the rooms directly beneath his, no hotel wanted him. Maheu contacted Washington attorney Ed Morgan, a friend. Morgan represented Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamster's Union. The Teamster's had financed Cleveland mobster Moe Dalitz in acquiring the operating rights to the Desert Inn.⁹ (The physical property was actually owned by Harry Helmsley.)¹⁰ Hoffa asked Dalitz to let Hughes stay there. Dalitz reluctantly agreed, but only on the condition that Hughes would be out by mid December. The holidays have traditionally been the busiest time of year for the casinos and the Desert Inn had a group of high rollers coming in for New Year's Eve and needed the rooms. In the early morning hours of November 27, 1966, Howard Hughes arrived by private train and was transported to the top floor of the Desert Inn. Only a handful of people knew he had arrived.¹¹

Howard Hughes not only disliked paying taxes, he also despised the

mob. Actually, he had absolute contempt for the underworld. The hoods were wary of him and the mob bosses knew how he felt about them.¹² Hughes was furious when he found out that Dalitz owned the Desert Inn. [RAM: *"Wrong!" Howard knew Dalitz owned the DI. He knew Dalitz's background. He did not dislike the mob, he even asked Moe for advice several times.*] As the holiday season grew closer, Hughes refused to leave and Dalitz kept raising the rates.¹³ Dalitz became frustrated when his demands that Hughes leave fell on deaf ears. Dalitz told Hank Greenspun he was fed up and ready to sell. Greenspun notified Ed Morgan, the Washington attorney, and Morgan called Robert Maheu.¹⁴

Dalitz's partner in the Desert Inn was Ruby Kolod, who had recently been convicted on federal conspiracy charges growing out of an extortion case. The Nevada Gaming Control Board was determined to force Kolod out of the gambling business. Maheu contacted John Roselli, an important mob boss in Las Vegas who was associated with Maheu during the Castro assassination attempt, and together they persuaded Kolod to sell to Hughes. Over the next several months, Maheu and Dalitz negotiated the multi-million dollar deal. Maheu had never met Howard Hughes, and did not have written authorization from Hughes to represent him.¹⁵ The wheels were in motion.

The Gaming License

Because tourism is the industry that supports the entire state, it is imperative that the public perception of Nevada, and gambling, is positive. The recent hostile publicity was discouraging tourism. Nevada needed a way to repair the state's tarnished image. In January 1967, Paul Laxalt

took office as Governor of Nevada and decided to be Hughes' ally. The Justice Department was still cracking down on mob involvement in casinos and Laxalt felt that Hughes' presence would discourage further investigations.¹⁶

The negotiations between Hughes and Dalitz were finally settled in March of 1967 for \$13,250,000.¹⁷ Hughes applied for a gaming license. He also started political maneuvers. Hughes had read in the paper that Nevada officials desperately wanted a new medical school, but did not have the money, Hughes notified Laxalt that he would give \$4 - 6 million to establish Nevada's first medical school. Two days before the Gaming Control Board met to decide Hughes' license, Laxalt announced Hughes' donation.¹⁸

The Gaming Control Board has strict requirements for approving gaming licenses. This includes an in-depth personal investigation of the applicant, submission of financial statements, fingerprints and photographs of the applicant, and a personal appearance before the board. Basically, an applicant is subject to "full disclosure" of his life to the board.¹⁹

Howard Hughes was an exception. He is the only person to receive a gaming license without appearing before the board. He never submitted a photograph and an old set of fingerprints was used. Gaming Control Board Chairman Alan Abner admitted no Nevada gaming authorities had ever met Howard Hughes. He stated, "Howard Hughes' life and background are well known to this board and he is considered highly qualified."²⁰

Two days after Laxalt announced

Hughes' intention of donating money for a medical school, the Nevada State Senate sponsored and enacted a resolution praising Hughes for his generous offer to give the Silver State a medical school. That same day, Hughes' incomplete application for a gaming license was unanimously approved.²¹ The next day, the Clark County Licensing Board granted the local license. Effective 12:01 A.M. on April 1, 1967, Howard Hughes, 61 years old, was Nevada's newest casino boss. No one in the Hughes' organization was investigated or had any experience in gaming. [RAM: "I was investigated and licensed." *When I was fired, the 7 casinos operated over 2 years without a license. I was asked to transfer my license to the Board of Directors of ToolCo, but refused.*] No one in Nevada government had proof that Hughes was even alive.²² Governor Laxalt stated that Hughes' donation for a medical school "had nothing to do with the application for a gaming license."²³

Buying Las Vegas

In July of 1967, Hughes bought the Sands for \$14.6 million. His buying spree had begun. The Frontier was his next purchase. The sale was made on September 22, 1967. However, the license was not approved until two months later. In a special midnight meeting using a conference call, the Gaming Control Board, without all of the members present, granted Hughes the license for the Frontier. He then bought the Castaways (\$3 million) and the Silver Slipper (\$5.3 million). In September 1968, Hughes bought the half built Landmark (\$17.3 million), but it was not approved until January of 1969.²⁴ [RAM: *Sequence is wrong. DI, Sands, Castaways, Frontier (Bought land & building first, then the license), Slipper, Landmark, then*

Harold's Club in early 1969.] Within one year, Hughes had spent \$65 million in Las Vegas. His hotels – the sixth, eighth, twelfth, and fourteenth largest on the Las Vegas strip – had 2000 rooms, representing twenty percent of all hotel accommodations on the strip. Hughes was advised by his attorneys not to buy any more casinos for fear of federal intervention concerning antitrust laws.²⁵ [RAM: *Howard's attorneys did not want him to get involved in a lawsuit with the government.*]

Hughes as a Casino Owner

Howard Hughes was the first to admit he knew nothing about operating a casino. His first move was to find someone to run the Desert Inn for him. He chose Moe Dalitz! Dalitz ran the casino operations for Hughes without salary. [RAM: *Dalitz only ran the hotel for the two week interim period from the close of sale in mid March until April 1st when Hughes took over at the start of the new quarter.*] He stated he thought Hughes was good for the gambling industry and the state of Nevada and was happy to help him.²⁶ This is ironic considering the feelings Hughes had for the mob bosses.

When Hughes started acquiring other properties, he took more of an interest in operations and started implementing new policies. [RAM: *Wrong." I immediately set up the cages with full accountability. I brought in Haskins and Sells, which is now Deloitte and Touché, to control the cages, so no one else, from the old-timers to any of Howard's representatives, including me, were allowed in the cage. To this day, I have never been inside a casino cage.*] When Hughes bought the Sands, he tightened security at both the Sands and the Desert Inn. He

allowed no skimming. Before Hughes, the mob had skimmed off thousands in undeclared revenue. Now, the casinos were as tightly run as any banking institution. He had security watch the dealers so they could not steal and he installed hidden cameras. Hughes stopped the traditional use of cocktail waitresses or showgirls as prostitutes. He forbade the girls to have sex with the high rollers.²⁷ The business decisions made by Hughes during his stay in Las Vegas changed the industry.

Profit was never a main concern for the Hughes organization in any of his business ventures, including Las Vegas. [RAM: "Not quite right." *Hughes' ToolCo, always made money. Hughes Aircraft also made money until Howard stuck his finger in it.*] This showed as his casinos never made any money. Most Las Vegas casinos were earning 10 - 25% profit, but Hughes' casinos earned 1%.²⁸ The Landmark, Castaways, and Frontier all lost money under Hughes' ownership. Only the Desert Inn and the Sands made money out of all his 1967 purchases. But their combined profits for 1967 and 1968 totaled less than \$5 million. This was a fraction of what the Sands alone had formerly earned in a single year.²⁹ The reasons Hughes did not make money in his casinos are only speculative. It could have been that Hughes appointed executives from his other industries to run the casinos. These executives knew nothing about the gambling business. Nepotism was rampant, and it is believed that skimming and stealing were widespread.³⁰ Nevertheless, Nevada had a hero and there were people ready to defend him when others were ready to condemn him.

Doubt

It was during the spending spree in

early 1968 that trouble began. When Hughes attempted to purchase the Stardust, the Department of Justice intervened, saying that Hughes would be in "violation of anti-trust laws." Governor Laxalt and the Clark County District Attorney rebutted. They said the Justice Department had no jurisdiction because the purchase did not involve interstate commerce. At the same time that Laxalt was defending Hughes, he and the Gaming Commission started to show concern that Hughes was not doing a good job with his casinos. They also expressed concern about a possible monopoly.³¹ Others in the industry were concerned as well. According to a casino worker employed at the Frontier when Hughes purchased it, "Hughes ruined this town! It used to be no problem changing jobs. Overnight, Hughes came in and if you got fired, you were banned from half the casinos in town."³² While this was happening, a small group of state legislators called for an investigation of state licensing practices. The legislators were concerned with Hughes' casinos and also about the mysterious circumstances under which the gaming license was issued for the Frontier.³³ Hughes' political expertise surfaced.

Howard Hughes knew how to play the game. He was used to getting what he wanted and this was no exception. Hughes used political ties and public relations to turn things favorably. Hughes first turned to Governor Laxalt. After a lengthy talk on the phone, the governor publicly boasted of Hughes' Nevada interest. His praise of the invisible casino owner was effusive. Laxalt said Hughes' presence, "has added a degree of credibility to the state that it would have taken years of advertising to secure. Let's face it, Nevada has an image problem -- the typical feeling

is that sin is rampant here. Anything this man does, from the gaming industry all the way down the line, will be good for Nevada."³⁴

Next, Hughes bombarded the news media with great things he was going to do for the State of Nevada. He proposed building an electronics industry, expanding his hotels into large scale resorts, turning McCarran airport into a major hub for supersonic air travel, and building a high speed train to Southern California. [RAM: *Hughes was going to buy McCarran, build a supersonic air travel airport near Jean, then connect the two with a high speed train. I actually signed a contract to buy McCarran.*] For twenty years, Nevada had tried unsuccessfully to encourage an industrial development boom, and now, overnight, Howard Hughes did it.³⁵ There was a public outcry of praise for Hughes. "Hughes has made a major contribution to the state by forcing other industrialists to take an objective look at Nevada's potential. This, along with the nationwide publicity Howard Hughes has generated since his arrival, promises to give our economy a giant boost," said the Las Vegas Review Journal. It went on to say, "We have managed to acquire a super salesman as a resident, and the results will undoubtedly be exciting and profitable."³⁶ Las Vegas Sun publisher Hank Greenspun came to Hughes' defense and publicly supported the sale of the Stardust.³⁷ The usually savvy New York Daily News did a feature story suggesting that Hughes had gone to Las Vegas to drive out organized crime.³⁸

The state legislators backed down and on April 30, 1968 the Gaming Commission approved Hughes' license for the Stardust. The Justice Department expressed concern and requested Hughes delay the \$30.5

million purchase for ninety days while they investigated. In August of that year, the purchase plans were voluntarily terminated.³⁹ President Lyndon Johnson's administration was not friendly with Hughes. [RAM: "Not true." Johnson was not Howard's choice to be President, but, once he was there, the relationship was good. Larry O'Brien was close to Johnson.] Richard Nixon had been supported by Hughes for years. When he was elected president, his attorney general, John Mitchell, overruled his own department and gave Hughes the okay to purchase his sixth and seventh casinos. [RAM: The Stardust deal never went through. John Mitchell ruled on the Landmark, which they were able to buy because of the bankruptcy. Mitchell wasn't in power when the Stardust decision was made.] The Landmark deal went through, and, by 1970, with the last acquisition, Harold's Club in Reno, Hughes became Nevada's number one gaming boss.⁴⁰ Doubt was no match for politics.

Problem Solved

The original problem for Nevada was a strong influence on the gaming industry from organized crime. This led to threatened federal intervention and a lack of respect from the nation. The state wanted Hughes to give respect to the industry by cleaning out the mob. His personal finances and ability to operate a casino were never a concern. In this respect, the arrival of Howard Hughes was a tremendous success.

Positive reaction was not only heard in Nevada, but throughout the nation. In the 1968 Las Vegas Report published by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the city's future was discussed in a section titled Tomorrow. It stated, "The unseen

hand of one of the world's greatest industrialists has steadied the city's economic outlook and brought to it a financial and industrial solidarity never before experienced."⁴¹ One year later, in the report of 1969, the Chamber of Commerce President's message said, "The emergence of the corporate structure within our world-famous resort hotels signifies further expansion of the successful tourism-convention industry."⁴² The Tomorrow section then went on to state, "The image is changing. The rousing flamboyance of the gambler is giving way to the ordered solidarity of the corporation."⁴³ The immediate reaction by the Chamber was flattering to Hughes and was not a surprise.

However, a cover story from United States Equity Research in 1992 gave indirect credit to what Howard Hughes accomplished twenty-five years earlier. It stated, "Adding further momentum and credibility to gaming is the growing dominance of large, well-recognized publicly held firms.....Public Corporations now own most casinos - more than subtly eliminating ties to the netherworld of organized crime." It went on to say, "With gaming more credible as a corporate activity, the industry has steadily broadened its' appeal and market interest."⁴⁴

Whether by accident or intent, Hughes' transformation of Las Vegas was a success. It will never be known why he came to Nevada. [RAM: Howard told me that he was a small fish in a big pond in CA and he was tired of it. He wanted to be a big fish in a small pond, where he could do a lot of stuff. There was a lot of competition for political attention in CA with the movie studios and oil companies and banks, whereas there was no competition in NV.] It could have been Nevada's tax-free status. Maybe

it was the letter written by Mr. Greenspun, or, perhaps, he kept Las Vegas in the back of his mind ever since being fascinated by a casino in Brussels at the tender age of nineteen.⁴⁵ Whatever the reason, the state's decision to accept him with open arms was a wise one. The transition from the mob to the corporation may have eventually happened, but Hughes and the cooperative Gaming Control Board were able to do it virtually overnight.

1969 Corporate Gaming Act

Prior to 1969, anyone that owned even part of a casino had to be licensed. With a public corporation, the licensing of thousands of stockholders was impossible.⁴⁶ This was not a concern prior to Hughes arrival, because corporations were not interested in owning casinos. Hughes never actually purchased casinos; His company, Hughes Tool Company, bought the properties. [RAM: "ToolCo did not buy all the properties."] This was not a problem when Hughes purchased the casinos. However, when he decided to divest ownership in Toolco, problems arose. The Corporate Gaming Act was approved to accommodate Toolco's multiple ownership.⁴⁷ [RAM: Again, Howard fought this. He could see that it was the genesis of him not being the biggest.]

The regulation was retroactive to July 1, 1967. Regulation 15.030, paragraph 1, subsection (a), states the policy is "To broaden the opportunity for investment in gaming through the pooling of capital in corporate form."⁴⁸

Regulation 15.060, paragraph 1, subsection (c) made it all possible. It states, "Only those that own 5% or more of the equity securities of the

corporation must be licensed.”⁴⁹ This opened the door for corporations to enter into gaming, further legitimizing the industry.

Hilton was one of the first jump at the opportunity. Previously, Hilton could not have entered the gaming industry because anyone who owned Hilton stock would have had to be licensed. This would have been an impossible task considering the thousands of stockholders in the Hilton organization. Only having to license those with 5% or more ownership made it possible for Hilton to enter gaming. [RAM: *The directors must also be licensed.*]

Good-Bye Howard Hughes

In 1970, Hughes disappeared as quickly as he had arrived. Hughes did not like the boom he had created. Hughes felt that being in Nevada was putting too much pressure on him. Because he owned so much of the state, every little thing that happened in Nevada affected him. Governor Laxalt did not seek re-election. Hughes supported Howard Fike. When Fike lost to Mike O’Callaghan, Hughes was distressed. At about the same time, Hughes suspected Robert Maheu of stealing from him and fired him. (Maheu was later declared innocent in court and won a multi-million dollar suit against Hughes.)⁵⁰ Hughes decided to leave. On Thanksgiving Eve, Hughes moved to the Bahamas. Only a handful of people knew he was gone.

Hughes’ interest in casinos disappeared as quickly as he did. He came out of seclusion on March 17, 1973 to meet with Governor O’Callaghan and Gaming Control Chairman Philip Hannifin in London concerning the licensing of his attorney Chester Davis, who was now on Toolco’s

Board of Directors⁵¹ [RAM: *Mike and Phil went to Howard because his casinos had been operating without a license since I had been fired.*] It was his last display of concern for his casino interests.

The condition of the Desert Inn reflected Hughes attitude for the industry he had changed. “By the end of October 1974, ninety rooms in the once-lavish Desert Inn had been closed by the Department of Health, and Howard Hughes had become the first slum hotel owner on the glittering Las Vegas Strip.”⁵²

Howard Hughes died April 5, 1976.

Summa Corporation

Before Hughes died, his top aides persuaded him to form a new corporation. Summa was formed. After Hughes died, Summa took over his Nevada operations. Hughes had owned seven casinos, the local CBS affiliate KLAS-TV, several air-transport facilities, the 548 acre Krupp ranch, several houses, substantial parcels of land, and nearly 28,000 acres of raw desert.⁵³

Summa improved the Desert Inn and the rest of the casinos before selling them.⁵⁴ Summa now concentrates on land development and is a respected corporation in Nevada. The 28,000 acres of desert is called Summerlin today.

Conclusion

The casino industry of the 1990’s is substantially different than the casino business of the 1960’s. Organized crime has been replaced by corporations. Casinos are no longer considered a Pariah industry. They are being legalized across the nation, and have the respect of the financial world as

well as the government.

Howard Hughes was the predecessor of the corporation. Hughes was a legitimate and respected industrialist who had just profited \$546,500,000 from a legally forced sale of TWA. Hughes wanted to buy Las Vegas because Nevada was a tax-free state.⁵⁶ The state government and the Gaming Control Board were eager to rid the state of the criminal element to prevent federal intervention. Consequently, Hughes was given special treatment by the State and the Board. The casino industry experienced incredible growth during the Hughes years. From 1966 to 1976, Nevada’s taxable gaming revenue increased 258%.⁵⁷ Hughes is not credited with this growth directly. His casinos never made money. What Hughes did do was open the door for corporations to enter into the gaming business, bringing with them standard accounting practices and corporate controls. This legitimized the industry and Wall St. took notice. Today, casinos are financed through public stock offerings. This brought in a new era of casino proliferation throughout the nation, and in 1993, the gaming business broke its’ previous growth records. Handle was up 17.12% to \$394 billion and revenue rose 14.2% to \$34.7 billion.⁵⁸ The mob could not have achieved these results.

Hughes was a terrible businessman. He never had profit as a goal. Officials came to doubt his ability to operate casinos. However, Hughes was a great manipulator of politics. [RAM: *“He sure was!”*] He convinced his critics that the legitimization of the industry and the state was more important than his daily operations. They wisely agreed and let him have his way. The 1969 Corporate Gaming Law was enacted to accommodate The Hughes Tool Company,

but it allowed other corporations to enter the business. [RAM: "Wrong again, he did not need the corporate law."] When Howard Hughes died, his Summa Corporation sold his casino interests and now concentrates on land development. Summa is a respected corporation, continuing to do great things for Nevada.

The original problem was solved. Nevada is no longer considered an outlaw state and the gaming industry is respected and trusted. The union of Howard Hughes and Nevada's gaming industry was a success.

It would be naive to think that members of organized crime would just pack up their bags and leave behind a cash business as profitable

as the casino business. It is also not possible to say that they are still involved with gaming. However, if the mob is still connected with casino gaming, they are forced to do business under a new set of rules. These rules include disclosing income, paying taxes, and answering to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Whether or not the corporation is mob-influenced is not the issue. The issue is that the gaming industry is successful. The industry employs tens of thousands of people, provides entertainment to hundreds of thousands of Americans and foreign tourists, and pays millions of dollars in taxes, both at state and federal levels. This would not have happened had the mob kept control of the casino business.

Howard Hughes lost millions of dollars during the Las Vegas chapter of his life. [RAM: "Wrong as hell." *The DI was bought for \$12.3 million, the Sands was bought for \$23+ million. They were sold later without the accompanying land for \$116 million.*] The state, the industry, and many individuals profited handsomely by his presence in Nevada. Hughes himself probably never realized that his actions would help the gaming industry prosper into a nationwide, acceptable form of entertainment.

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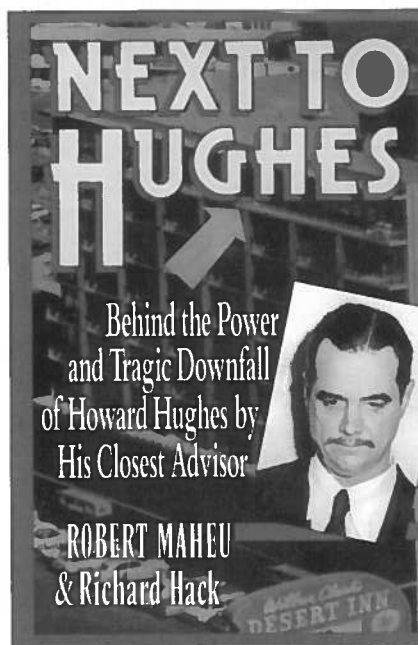
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KNAPP ON BOOKS

by Michael Knapp

This is the fifth book review column written for 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.

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NEVADA'S GOLDEN AGE OF GAMBLING (2001)
by Albert Woods Moe

Some of our members reading this review may not know who Al Moe is. One of the earliest pioneers of the

chip collecting hobby, Al Moe has also been employed for much of his life in the Nevada gaming industry. When Bill Borland ceased publication of his "World Wide Casino" newsletter, Al Moe took up the challenge and began publishing Casino & Gaming Chips Magazine.

The first issue appeared in August of 1986, and Moe ceased publication after 7 issues, the last appearing in October, 1987. After the first few issues, the magazine included a column about Atlantic City chips and tokens by someone named Archie Black.

When Al Moe ceased publication of his small but information-packed magazine, it was his mailing list that Archie Black used to solicit subscriptions to his new Atlantic City publication. Shortly afterwards, the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club was born.

This is the second edition of Al's wonderful book. In Chapter 4, he writes, "I admit to having a love for Lake Tahoe." His book clearly reflects that love, as well as his love for the history of gaming in Nevada, especially Tahoe and Reno. The book is chock full of stories of the state's gaming pioneers, the famous and the infamous: Bill Graham and Jim McKay, who virtually owned Reno in the early days; Norman Biltz; Eddie Sahati and his brother Nick; George Wingfield (whose bodyguard, Bill Graham, later became one of the kingpins of Reno/Tahoe gaming and other forms of entertainment); Barney O'Malia; Nick Abelman; William F. Harrah; the Tomerlin brothers; and

many more.

In addition, nuggets of history and stories of the way it was in the beginning proliferate through Al's book. A few examples

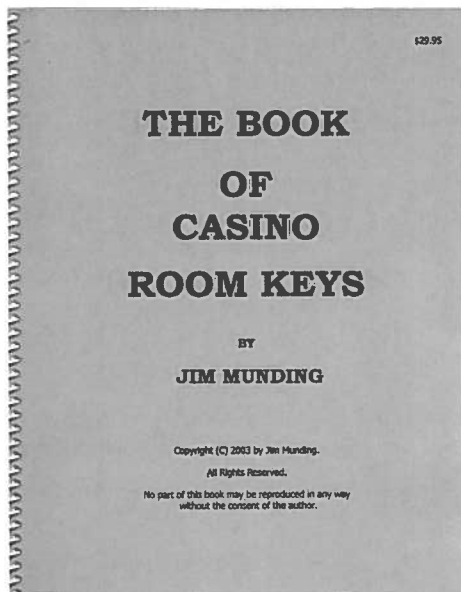
I didn't know that Elmer "Bones" Remmer ran the Cal-Neva Lodge for owners Graham and McKay, and that he learned the business as manager of the Menlo Club in San Francisco during World War II.

The story of the ownerships and name changes of the La Vada Lodge, the Cal Vada Lodge, the Bal Tabarin, the New Cal Vada Lodge, the Tahoe Biltmore, Joby's Monte Carlo, the Tahoe Biltmore, the Nevada Lodge, the Sierra Lodge, and Jim Kelley's Nugget is not only fascinating, but enough to confuse even the most careful of readers. I had to go over it four times and take notes! Or how about the story of the beautiful Stateline Country Club \$100 chips showing the swimming pool on the center inlay?

Las Vegas isn't slighted either. Stories about Sinatra, Carl Cohen, Howard Hughes, and other names we all recognize are included, and each has a slightly different slant than what we're used to reading.

Numerous photographs, many from the Nevada Historical Society, postcards, and personal collections, many of which are rarely seen, add greatly to the book. Al Moe's first edition was a great book for any Nevada gaming historian or collector, and the second edition is even better.

Moe's book can be obtained from www.pugetsoundbooks.com, and if you mention this review when you order, shipping is free!



THE BOOK OF CASINO ROOM KEYS (2003)
by Jim Munding

Jim Munding is a dealer, and was instrumental in forming a specialty group of slot card and room key collectors. He promotes shows in southern California and in Nevada on a regular basis.

It wasn't that many years ago that traditional metal room keys were replaced by programmable plastic cards, with greater security and lower cost. Room key collecting began soon after hotel and casino managers began to realize that the plain plastic cards could be used for advertising and promotion.

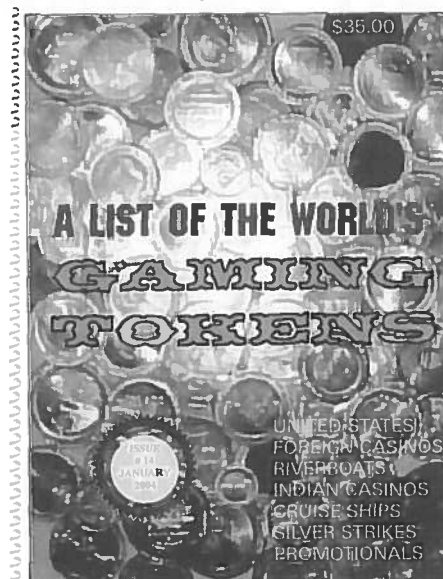
Jim's 43-page book is not a price guide, although he does include a relative rarity rating, and each room key in the book is given its own catalog number for ease of reference.

The Munding book is not complete by any means: some prominent hotels

do not appear, although I suspect that many will in future editions.

What Jim's book does include, however, that all collectors love to see, are color photographs of the listed room keys. The book is not limited to Las Vegas or even Nevada. Some Atlantic City keys, riverboat keys, and even some foreign casino hotel room keys are shown, as are some older traditional metal keys.

The Munding book is a great start. Future editions will become even more valuable as they grow. The book can be ordered from Jim Munding at mun3335@aol.com



A LIST OF THE WORLD'S GAMING TOKENS (2004)
by Earl Donley

What a fantastic effort! This book is unlike any chip book you've ever seen, and similar only to The Gaming Table. Different because it is a list of all gaming tokens worldwide – no jurisdictional limits at all.

Earl Donley (an early officer of CC>CC, for those of you who don't remember), has produced a descriptive list of all known gaming

tokens including all U.S. jurisdictions, foreign casinos, riverboats, tribal casinos, cruise ships, silver strikes, and promotional no-cash-value tokens as well.

No other chip or token book has even attempted such a comprehensive listing. Part of the reason is that unlike chips, a complete listing of tokens is at least conceivable. Gaming tokens have only been around since 1965, whereas chips have been manufactured and have been in use for several hundred years.

The manufacture of a silver-dollar-like gaming token was prohibited by law until 1965, when hoarding of true silver U.S. dollars resulted in a severe shortage of coins in U.S. (Nevada) casinos. Author-izing silver-dollar-like coins took an act of Congress as well as a Nevada statute, but the shortage was so severe that the laws were passed upon the casinos' request.

A few words about what this book is not. It is not a price guide. It is not a catalog (there is no catalog numbering system. There are no fancy pictures of tokens.

But what Earl's done is to describe in detail every known gaming token, even going back to the early Osborne Mint issues in Nevada, along with the issuing casino, its address, the date of issuance (Donley has dated many tokens are even though dates do not appear on the tokens themselves), the type of metal, and other details of each token's manufacture and distinguishing characteristics.

More than 12,000 tokens appear in Issue 14, which is the latest issue published. Another is due soon, though, because in addition to the monumental task Donley has under-

taken, he republishes the book every 6 months. That's right – twice a year!

And in between issues, he sends each purchaser of the current issue a periodic supplement, listing tokens newly issued since last publication as well as tokens he becomes aware of that were not included in the current book.

The book is broken down into four

sections: regular tokens, silver strikes, cruise ship tokens (which also appear in the main regular section), and promotional non-denomination tokens.

A suggestion for Earl, although it's a small matter: because I'm not a token collector (well ok, not usually a token collector!), I'd find it very helpful if there were an appendix with a list of gaming token manufacturers (mints). I'm not familiar with all of

the names, and certainly not all of the abbreviations appearing on tokens as mint marks.

For anyone who has collected tokens, as well as for anyone interested in getting started, Donley's book is an absolute must. Copies may be ordered from Earl Donley, The Gaming Token Book, P. O. Box 80572, Las Vegas, NV 89180.

Confessions of a Convention Volunteer

by Cindy Zoesch

My husband John is the chip collector in the family. I come with him to Las Vegas every year toting along my quilting. I volunteered for the first time last year and really enjoyed it. It allowed me to share in the excitement of the convention and meet some of John's friends. This year I volunteered in pre-registration, registration, and promotions.

The most interesting tour of duty was the time I spent behind the counter out in the main Convention Center hallway. All who walk by assume those of us behind the counter work for the hotel, when in reality we were strictly there for the Chip Convention, under the most capable and patient guidance of Brenda Black. So, we were approached with many questions.

It started when we were approached by a woman and young boy. She asked me (in Spanish) if I spoke Spanish. Although I did

“study” it for three years in high-school, I am by no means fluent. So why is my answer to that particular question always “un pocito” (a little). Because then they think they can communicate with me, when in reality I don't have a clue as to what they are saying. Anyway, she wanted directions. I called over my fellow volunteers and we tried to figure out where she wanted to go. She held out an Excalibur tote bag. “Oh!” we all exclaimed, now we know. So we proceeded to pantomime getting a taxi and how it was far away, and she was at the wrong end of the strip. She shook her head “no” and then out of the tote bag pulled a rolled up fabric chess board. Again, “oh”. Luckily, one of our group remembered seeing a sign for a chess tournament at the far end of the hall. So we did more gesturing and got the duo on their way. Quite a few more folks came by looking for the chess tournament, and I was able to confidently point them on their way with a

hearty “way down to the end of the hall”. Toward the end of my shift, another harried woman rushed up to me. She was quite tall, well over six and a half feet. Quite a deep voice too. Very stylishly dressed, pretty fancy for a chess tournament. She was out of breath and before she could finish her sentence I pointed and said “down the hall”. She thanked me and rushed off. Now you should know that although I was raised on a farm in Wisconsin I am not naive. My nursing career was spent in labor and delivery and home care, and I've seen a lot of things I wish I hadn't. It was only the next day that Brenda told me what the tall woman was REALLY looking for. The Transvestite Convention!

I encourage everyone to volunteer at future conventions. The folks in charge are friendly and patient. It is a great way to meet new people (of all types).

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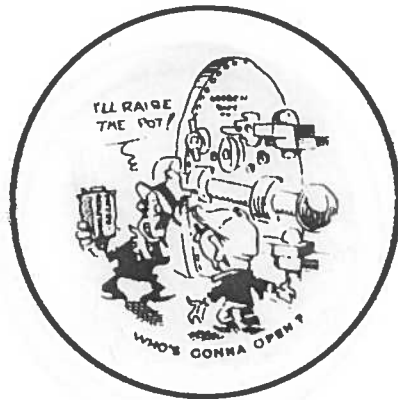
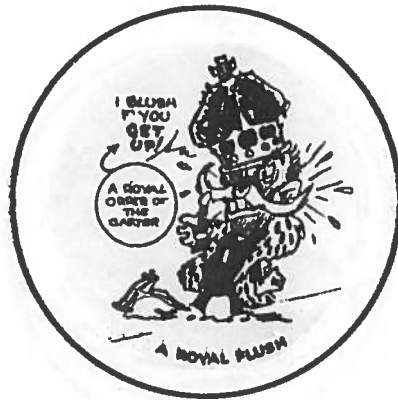
by Dale Seymour, and Ken Craig

If you collect old poker chips that were used in home games, you have likely found an amazing variety of styles, design themes and inventive chip holders. For instance, some manufacturers specialized in “quiet” or “noiseless” chips. These chips were usually made from cardboard or rubber. One such set of paper chips was made in the 1930’s in Cleveland by the Dymont Co. This set of chips was intended to make little or no noise if dropped on the floor. The set of 60 chips came in three colors and were decorated with 20 cartoons.

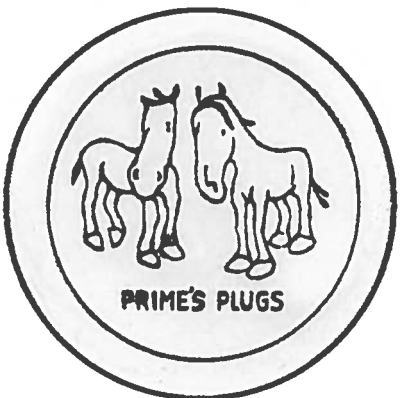
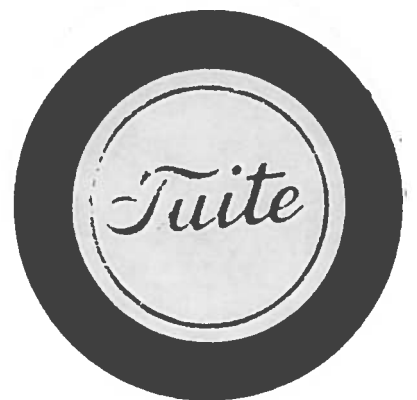
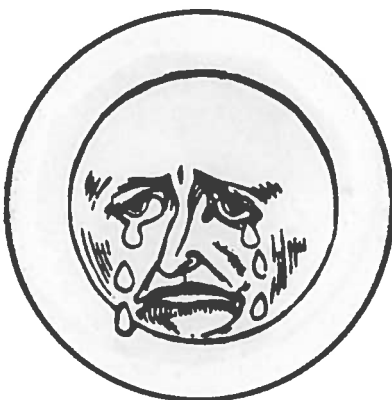


The cartoon style displaying numerous poker game cliches, was typical of the 1930’s. The chips shown here have been enlarged for easier viewing. Only a few of these complete sets are known to exist.





Some other antique clay and paper poker chips revealed a sense of humor. Like the classic retort to the procrastinator. "Yeh, and *IF* the dog hadn't stopped to he would have caught the rabbit". "Go Way Back" must have been the poker games response to, "Where is your toilet?". Check out the sample of humorous chips below, *when you get a round tuite.*



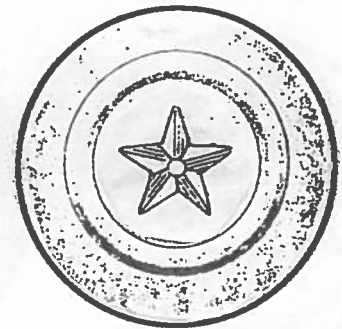
New Poker Chip Finds and Their Codes

Four new clay poker chips have been found in the past year, two of these by Ralph Strandwold and two by Mike Cuddy. These chips and their assigned codes are shown at the right. The Jester chip, with the masks and face, was previously only known to be a paper chip. The identical design has now been found on a clay chip.

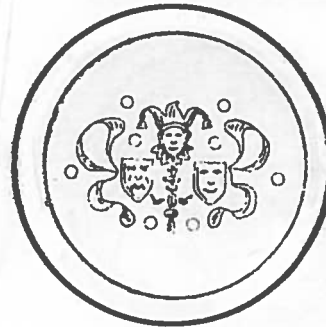
We generally don't code chips that have molded borders, as these chips were usually custom-made for private clients and not the general public. Somehow, we started coding some of the earliest hub-mold chips, so here's another (biplane).



PA-HG Elk Head
Engraved / v:d



PD-LP Star Monarch
Embossed-Engraved / v:e



PE-DI Jester
Hot Stamp on Clay / v:e



PT-BT Biplane
Embossed-Engraved / v:f

New Ivory Poker Chip Finds and Their Codes

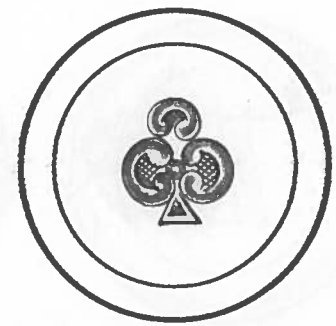
There were lots of new ivory chip finds since our last column, three issues ago. Remember, nearly all of these chips are more than 1(X) years old. Better check Granpa's closet. The new KX)-C chip is a real beauty and has to be a candidate for the most beautiful American chip ever made.

The two Coat-of-Arms chips came in the same set. ID-QUa is English and ID-QW is Spanish. Must have been a royal marriage. The 200 chip is an unusual denomination and may have been a recent creation. The riverboat chips are more of the commemorative ivories recarved in the 20's or 30's

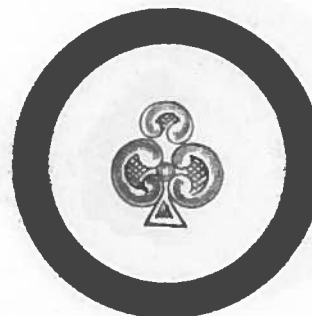
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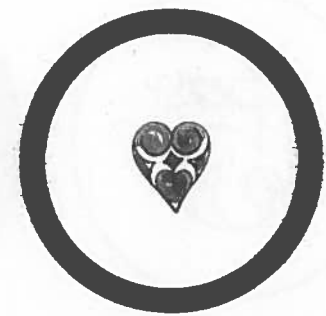
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Eagle / v:q



ID-DQ
Club / v:l



ID-DR
Club / v:l



ID-ES
Heart / v:m

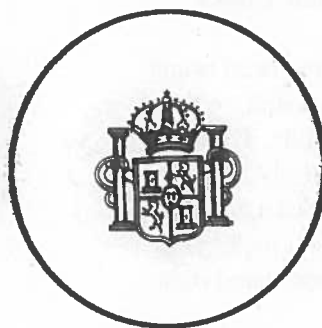
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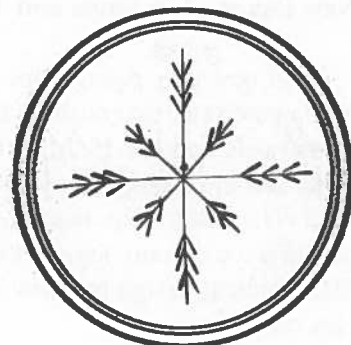
ID-QNa
Shield on Star / v:q



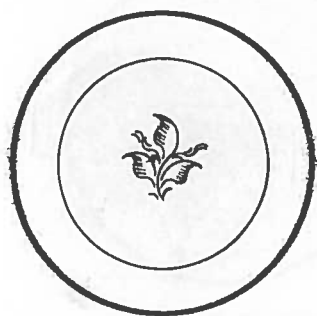
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Coat-of-Arms / v:m



ID-QW
Coat-of-Arms / v:m



IE-DS
Straws / v:l



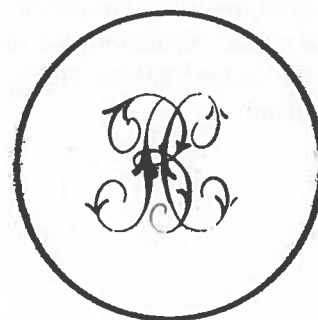
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Three Leaves / v:k



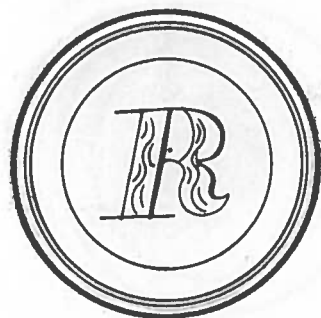
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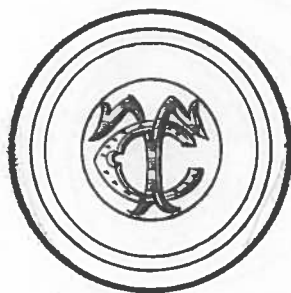
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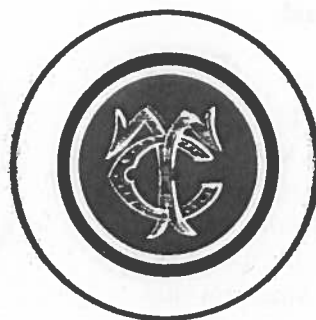
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IM-IGc
R / v:m



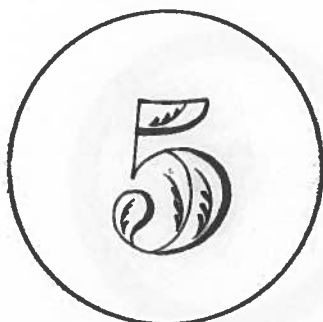
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TC / v:m



IM-JBb
TC / v:m



IN-FB
4/F/3 / v:l



IN-KL
U/U/U / v:l



IN-QU
v:t



IO-AM
U/U/U/4 / v:l



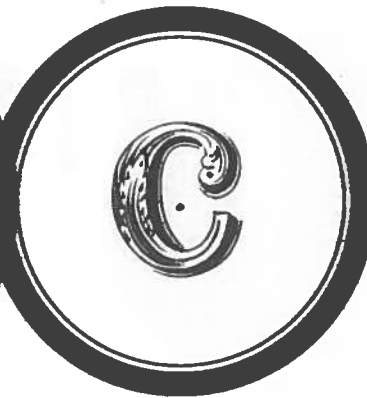
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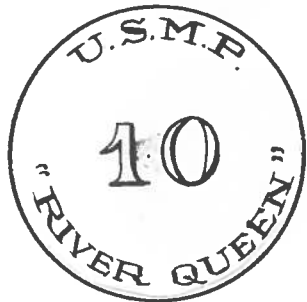
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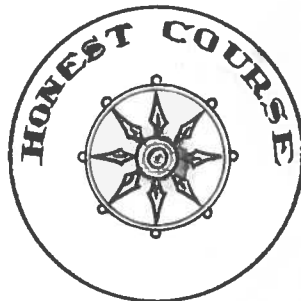
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IQ-IL
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IR-CW
Honest Course / v:s



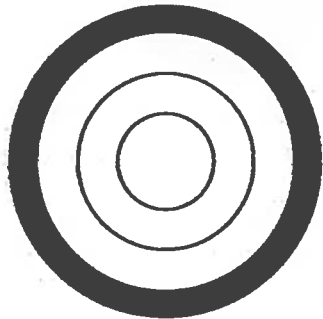
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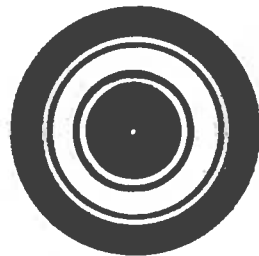
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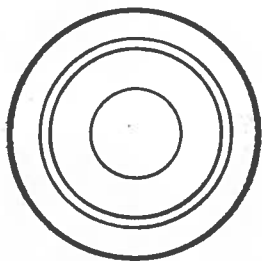
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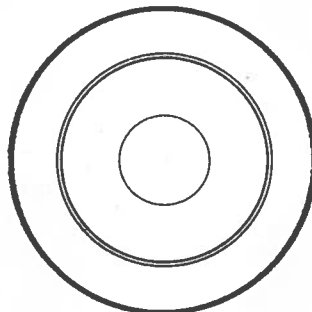
IX-RM
3B 2W (39/22) / v:i



IX-TM
3B 3W (31/24) / v:i



IX-TQ
3B 3W (31/24) / v:i



IX-ZW
3B 3W (38/27) / V:i

If you have clay or ivory chips that haven't been seen by other collectors, please send clear photocopies of them and share your finds. Send information or questions to:

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* It is important to remember that the unit vain of a single chip find will have a much higher value than the unit value of a set of chips.



RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

Hello riverboat collectors! It was great to get together with everyone at the convention again this year. I hope everyone had as much fun as I had. We held The Chip Board 4th Annual Get-Together at the Palms again. As usual, Gene Trimble and the rest of the staff at the Palms did a great job. There were around 125 people in attendance and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. As usual, everyone who attended received the chip below as a party favor. I have some left and am selling them for \$5 each with all the money going to the CC>CC Building Fund. If you'd like one, send \$5 to me at:

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There are a few new riverboat chips to report on since the last issue.

This first set of chips isn't new at all, it just took me forever to get a set for myself! These great looking chips were released in October, 2003 at Sam's Town in Tunica, MS.



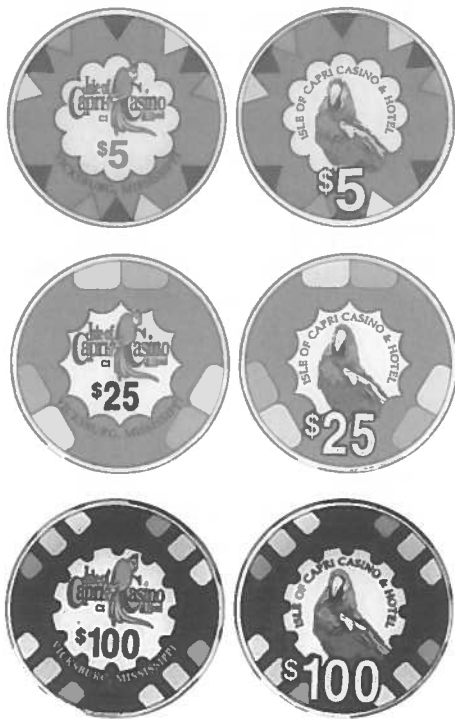
common reverse for the above 3 \$5 chips



common reverse for the above 3 \$25 chips

In January, the Isle of Capri in Vicksburg, MS put out a new rack of Chipcos.





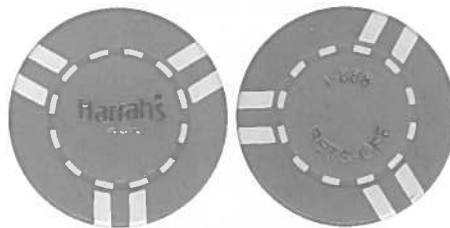
On February 7th, the Deep South Chip Collectors held their 2nd annual convention at the Copa Casino in Gulfport, MS. The casino issued this chip in honor of that event.



The Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS issued these two chips to commemorate 2004, The Year of the Monkey.



A friend sent me this chip not too long ago. It is from the Harrah's in Maryland Heights, MO, a suburb of St. Louis. He was told it was a training chip so I guess it could be used for dealer training, or it might be used to teach patrons how to play some of the different games. It says, "St. Louis" in tiny letters under "Harrah's."



The Blue Chip Casino in put a new variety of their \$2.50 into play. This one has a darker field inside the 12 point star than the field outside the star while the first variety was darker outside the star than it was inside.



Caesars in Harrison County, Indiana put out what I think was their backup set. I think that because I have had notched versions of most of these chips for quite a while now. They haven't put out a new \$20 yet.



The Lakeside Casino in Osceola, IA issued 2 nice chips for their Texas Holdem Invitational Tournament in May. The \$5 chip is numbered and limited to 500, and the \$25 is numbered and limited to 50.



This next one isn't new either. It was released back in December of 2003. The Argosy Casino in Riverside, MO built a whole new casino and issued this chip in honor of that event.



Sometime in May or June the Argosy Casino in Baton Rouge, LA put this new \$2.50 into play. They had been using Chipcos, then they switched their roulettes and .50 chips to Paulson and now this \$2.50. Can the rest of the rack be far behind??



On May 20th, Sam's Town took over Harrah's in Shreveport, LA and put these chips on the tables.



Thanks to everyone that helps keep me informed about new casino openings and new chip releases. It would be impossible for me to gather all this information without your help. If you are connected to the internet, please stop by <http://www.chipguide.com> to see my complete online guide with all these photos and thousands more in full color. There are several hundred chip collectors who get together every day and discuss the hobby on The Chip Board at <http://www.thechipboard.com>. Please feel free to join in.

Steve Zacchi Memorial Fund

On March 22, 2004, the chip community lost one of its finest members. We all deeply regret the untimely passing of our dear friend and fellow chipper Steve at age 53. He was a treasure to all who knew him; truly a man with a heart of gold. His untimely passing has left behind a wife and three daughters, whose lives have been irrevocably altered by this tragic event. It is with the Zacchi family in mind that we have established the Steve Zacchi Memorial Fund. We are asking all our fellow chippers to make a donation in any amount they can afford to help the family through these troubled times. Checks can be sent and made payable to:

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Early Las Vegas Gambling History

by James Campiglia

Although legalized gaming as we know it wasn't made fully legal until March 31 many businesses had poker. From statehood in 1864 until 1910 gaming was fought and at times supposedly illegal but most were playing poker and the law turned its back. The Anti Gambling League of Reno won the fight to once again outlaw gambling. After much debate from various counties gaming was allowed to continue throughout Nevada when the bill passed March 19th 1931. Most of the argument was that they would see slot machines in every little business like laundromats and kids would be playing them. Well it happened- slots are everywhere.

When Las Vegas became a town in 1905 some of the early Hotels Downtown Las Vegas were The Park, Hotel Charleston, Nevada Hotel became Sal Sagev which is now

Golden Gate, Overland - now Las Vegas Club and others. These were from the beginning of Vegas till the 1920's era. Overland had the first bus stop. Hotel Nevada had the first telephone in 1907.

The Northern Club could date as far back as 1912. They were issued the 1st gaming license. This is the oldest building existing downtown and became the Monte Carlo. The Sal Sagev and Hotel Apache were opened in 1931 and 1932 and when gaming was legalized they were ready to go. The Boulder Clubs logo, "Since 1929" received one of the first few licenses in March 1931. Las Vegas Club as well started early on and was granted a license for many games. Others in the 1930's- Rainbow Club and Exchange Club off Fremont street. And the Silver Club opened on North 1st street in 1932.

Lower Fremont where Boulder Highway started, was the plush Meadows opening in 1929. This was a much larger place than others on Boulder Highway. Large enough that airplanes could land out front. Across the street was another well known club the Green Shack Chicken Shack, previously The Colorado. Next door was the Dunes Club & Colony. Both burned in 1944. Now it's the Castaways location. The Meadows area is apartments and a parking lot.

Down the highway in the area now known as Henderson there were many clubs scattered and this was an area know to be the very roughest part of town with small clubs literally in the bushes. Picture a 2 lane dusty road leading out to the Dam cutting through the sagebrush. Boulder City was a government town and therefore no live gaming. They still don't permit it. The workers would go to the nearest places to drink after a days hard work. This area, in the 1930's during dam construction from 1929 to 1935, became known as Midway as it was midway between the dam and downtown Vegas. It was later renamed Pittman after senator Key Pittman. This area was between Sunset Road and Henderson. It lasted with many little clubs such as The 7th One, Magnesium Casino, Jolly Jug, Silver Slipper, Satin Shoe, Victory Club, Don's Saloon, Alibi, Sunset Club, Cactus Club, Tommy's, The Orchard, Jackpot Club, Sportsman's Bar, Bank Club and the Pittman Hotel. Most probably they



used real coins to gamble with but luckily 7 left us chips to collect.

Towards Vegas, between Russell Road and Tropicana, was the area of Whitney, a small area with bars and motels. Right next to this is what is now known as East Las Vegas. Clubs in this area were The Three Little Pigs, Rendezvous Casino & Bar and the Whitney Bar. All had slots and 21. The Rendezvous had craps and the Whitney Bar had roulette and poker as well. These clubs were there in the early 1940's to the late 1950's for the Whitney Bar. There are still old buildings in this area such as JB Furniture and some bars. A few old buildings still exist in Pittman too. Henderson became a town in the later 1940's I believe. Swanky Club is listed as being Henderson. This is now the Jokers Wild. But Ligouri's which was across the street is listed as Pittman.

The Silver Slipper in Pittman sold its name to the Last Frontier & with their Western Village they opened a Silver Slipper Casino but not before having a Golden Slipper which the Golden Nugget did not approve of. The Slipper on Boulder Highway probably sold all the chips with the



name, and those zigzag mold chips from Pittman were probably used on the strip before their new order came in. The Golden Slipper was only open for 3 months in 1950. For some odd reason only a handful of just the .50 cent chip has been found.

The earliest club on the strip and the first license was Pair-O-Dice from

1931 until 1939, becoming the Club 91 and the Last Frontier in 1942. El Rancho Vegas opened as the first resort casino in 1942. There were quite a few little bars with back room games on the strip even before Bugsy and the gang got The Flamingo open.

By 1950, when Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn opened, many of the little clubs on the Strip were being gobbled up to make way for larger clubs. By today's standards they were still just holes in the wall. By 1955 the Strip really boomed and we saw the opening of major casino's, some that have stood the test of time. By this time the Sahara, Sands, & Dunes were all opened. Next the Hacienda in 1956 and The Tropicana in 1957. The Stardust in opened in 1958 and you know the rest of the story.....



US Highway 95 from Las Vegas to Minden

by Patrick E. Fleming

Following another outstanding convention (our compliments to the organizers and all who volunteered time to make such a complex event come off like clockwork!), Donna Berka (also a club member and avid chip collector) and I decided to drive back to the bay area via US Highway 95 north through western Nevada. It was a fantastic trip involving short stops in Beatty, Tonopah, Hawthorne and Yerington. After spending the night at Topaz Lodge by Topaz Lake, we stopped in Gardnerville and Minden before driving over the hill through Lake Tahoe and then back home to San Jose.

Beatty

Beatty is located just a short way north of Las Vegas along US 95 and is very near Death Valley. In Beatty, we stopped at the Stagecoach Casino, which was undergoing some renovation. The table games weren't open as it was too early in the day, but they were kind enough to sell us a couple of \$5 chips from the cage. We also picked up some nuts and fruit at the



Death Valley Nut & Candy Company and some "Really Good Beef Jerky". While the "Really Good Beef Jerky" was really just good, the stop in Beatty was a good start to an enjoyable day trip. More information on Beatty can be found on the Internet at <http://www.beattynevada.org/>.

Tonopah

Tonopah is located about halfway between Las Vegas and Reno at the intersection of US Highways 6 and 95. In Tonopah, we were unable to find any casinos with table games. After a short stop at the Tonopah

Station, we stopped for lunch at the Banc Club, which in addition to a quaint little café, is home to a small slot-house with many low denomination slots. The menu at the café provided a good deal of useful information on the history of Tonopah. Tonopah began in 1900 when Jim Butler discovered some high-grade silver ore while chasing a run-away burro. Butler founded several mining operations in the area, one of which was the Mizpah mine. The Banc Club, according to the back of the menu, sits on the original site of the Mizpah Casino. Unfortunately, the newer Mizpah Casino was chained



Banc Club, Tonopah

and locked as we drove through town – such luck. More information on Tonopah Nevada is available on the Internet at <http://www.tonopahnevada.com/>.

Hawthorne

Hawthorne is located along US Highway 95, just south of Lake Walker and very near the Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot. We stopped at the El Capitan Casino in Hawthorne and lost some money playing blackjack, once the tables opened at 4:00 pm. The dealers at El Capitan were fun to chat with – which was important as they wasted



little time in cleaning us out! We did escape with a couple of \$5 chips. More information on Hawthorne Nevada is available on the Internet at <http://www.nevadaweb.com/cnt/pio/hawth/>.

Yerington

Yerington is located along the Walker River in the Mason Valley. The town got its start as a trading post, but now houses a couple of slots-only casinos in addition to Casino West, which offers blackjack and houses a bowling center. We played blackjack a while at Casino West and after losing hand after hand, were able to walk away with \$5 chips. Most of the chips on the table showed a great deal of wear, so I felt fortu-



Tonopah Station, Tonopah

nate to find one on which the hot-stamp is readable. More information on Yerington can be found on the internet at <http://www.yerington.net/>.

Topaz Lake

Topaz Lake is located along US Highway 395 approximately 18 miles south of Gardnerville. The lake actually straddles the California/Nevada border. Topaz Lake was created on an existing lakebed by damming the Walker River to increase water storage to serve the Smith and Mason Valleys. It was originally named Alkali Lake, but the name failed to convey the beauty of the area, so



El Capitan, Hawthorne



Casino West, Yerington



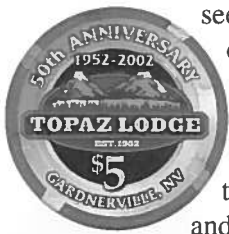
Topaz Lodge, Topaz



Sharkey's, Gardnerville

“Alkali” was changed to “Topaz”. The area hosts fishing competitions and the lake has produced a number of enormous Rainbow and German Brown trout (some of which can be

seen mounted in various places around the Topaz Lodge Casino). We spent the night at the Topaz Lodge and despite one of us (Donna is better at gambling than I am!) getting slaughtered again at the tables, walked away with a couple of nice chips. I found it interesting that the Topaz Lodge has an old safe from the Overland Hotel (presumably from



the Overland Hotel in Reno, but I can not confirm this) on display on the floor. More information on Topaz Lake can be found on the Internet at <http://www.topazlake.com/>.

Gardnerville

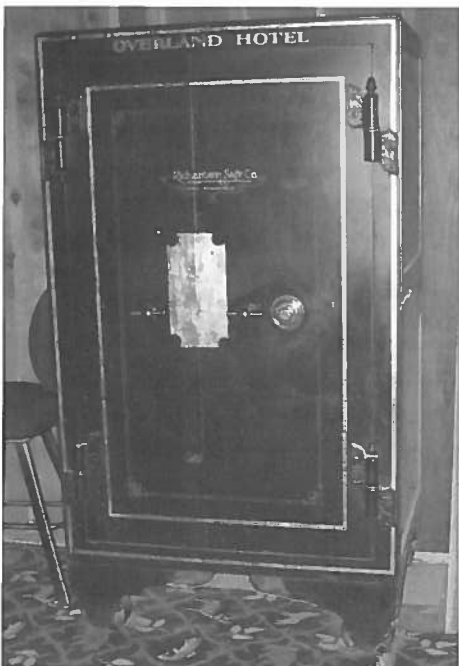
Gardnerville is located at the southern end of the Carson Valley along US 395. We had a lovely breakfast at Sharkey's Casino. While most of the memorabilia and some of the more famous tables were sold at auction after Sharkey sold the casino in 2002, we were fortunate enough to eat at the table with a large number of Sahara Chips encased within. Despite Doug Saito's comments at the chip stories seminar, we resisted the urge to ask people to move their breakfasts aside so we could look at their tables (although we did sneak a peak after the other diners were finished and had left. We bought a couple of \$5 chips at the cashier's cage and were again on our way.



ing at the blackjack table. The CVI seems to have a complete lack of a house \$5 chip, as all of the chips we saw were commemorating some event or another. More information on Minden and Gardnerville can be found on the Internet at <http://www.nevadaweb.com/cnt/r-t/m-g.html>.



We concluded our trip by driving over the Kingsbury Grade into California. We resisted the urge to gamble at Lake Tahoe, although we did stop to stretch our legs a bit. The gambling on this trip could have treated us better, but all in all, it was a very fun excursion in which we both learned a great deal about the gaming and mining history in western Nevada.



Minden

We stopped at the Carson Valley Inn (CVI, as it is known to the locals) to suffer another financial bludgeon-



2004 Auction Results

by Barry Weintraub

Lot #		Lot	Winning Bid
1	\$25	21 Club, Las Vegas	\$210
2	\$25	Aladdin, Las Vegas	\$150
3	25¢	Al's Liquors, North Las Vegas	\$150
4	\$1	12 Chips from Atlantic City	\$45
5	n/d	Auto Truck Stop, Las Vegas	\$155
6	\$500	Balinese Room, Galveston TX	\$160
7	\$5	Barney's, Lake Tahoe	\$80
8	10¢	Barney's Bank Club, Fallon	\$120
9	\$20	Boardwalk Regency, Atlantic City	No Sale
10	50¢	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$90
11	\$5	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$1,700
12	\$5	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$375
13	\$25	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$500
14	\$100	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$250
15	\$1,000	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	\$75
16	\$1,000	Caesars Riverboat, Harrison County IN	\$50
17	\$5,000	Caesars Riverboat, Harrison County IN	\$50
18	\$100	Caesars Tahoe, Lake Tahoe	\$150
19	\$100	California Club, Las Vegas	\$150
20	25¢	California Club, Las Vegas	\$95
21	\$5	Cal Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe (2 chips)	\$120
22	\$5	Cal Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe	\$100
23	\$5	Capitol Bar, Virginia City	\$325
24	\$5	Casey's, Topaz Lake	\$190
25		Casino Del Rio, Havana, Cuba	\$125
26	\$100	Castaways, Las Vegas	\$125
27	\$100	Castaways, Las Vegas	No Sale
28	\$5	Christmas Tree, Reno/Lake Tahoe	\$100
29	50¢	Circus Circus, Las Vegas	\$75
30	\$100	Claridge, Atlantic City	\$150
31		Club Triangle, Patterson CA (3 chips)	\$70
32	\$25	Colorado River Hotel, Southpoint	\$375
33	\$5	Crystal Bay Club, Lake Tahoe	\$130
34		Cuban Chips (lot of 6)	\$325
35	\$5	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	\$325
36	\$5	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	\$800
37	\$25	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	\$325
38	\$500	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	No Sale
39	\$5,000	Desert Inn, Las Vegas	\$275
40		Don French's Bonanza, North Las Vegas	\$55 (2 chips)
41	\$1	Dunes, Las Vegas	\$275
42	roulette	Dunes, Las Vegas	\$130
43	25¢	Dunes, Las Vegas	\$165
44		Dunes, Las Vegas (12 chips)	\$225
45	n/d	Eddie's Club, Fallon	\$120

Lot #		Lot	Winning Bid
46	\$25	El Cortez, Las Vegas	\$350
47	\$25	El Cortez, Las Vegas	\$540
48	Art Work	El Cortez, Las Vegas	\$180
49	\$5	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$210
50	\$5	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$800
51	\$25	El Rancho Vegas, Las Vegas	\$280
52	\$5	Esquire Club, Fallon	\$180
53	Guest Card	Excalibur, Las Vegas	\$10
54	\$5	Fiesta, Las Vegas	\$150
55	\$5	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$1,500
56	\$100	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$14,000
57	50¢	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$175
58	\$25	Flamingo, Las Vegas	\$3,100
59	50¢	Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas	\$325
60		Foreign Chips (lot of 24)	\$90
61		Foreign Chips (lot of 8)	\$35
62	\$25	Fortune Club, Las Vegas	\$600
63	25¢	Four Queens, Las Vegas	350
64	\$5	Fremont, Las Vegas	\$450
65	\$25	Fremont, Las Vegas	\$300
66	\$100	Fremont, Las Vegas	\$600
67	\$5	Fremont, Las Vegas	\$1,600
68	\$25	Frisco Club, Reno	\$150
69	\$100	Frisco Club, Reno	\$200
70	25¢	Frontier Club, Las Vegas	\$80
71	\$500	Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas	\$275
72	\$500	Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas	\$250
73	n/d	Last Frontier, Las Vegas	\$225
74	\$100	New Frontier, Las Vegas	\$150
75	\$5	Gambler's, Las Vegas	\$80
76	\$5	Golden Gate, Las Vegas	\$550
77	\$5	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$4,600
78	\$25	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$400
79	\$100	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$250
80	\$1	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas	\$50
81	\$5	Gold Rush, Wendover	\$120
82	\$5	Hacienda, Las Vegas	\$575
83	\$5	Hacienda, Las Vegas	\$70
84	Roulette	Hacienda, Las Vegas	\$40
85	n/d	Hard Rock, Las Vegas	\$90
86	n/d	Hard Rock, Las Vegas	\$240
87		Harold's Club, Reno (3 chips)	\$70
88	\$25	Harrah's, Reno and Lake Tahoe	\$100
89		Harrah's, Reno and Lake Tahoe (3 chips)	\$100
90	\$2.50	Harrah's, Reno and Lake Tahoe	\$90
91	\$1, \$5, \$25	Havana Riviera, Havana, Cuba (3 chips)	\$125
92	\$5	Haymarket Club, Reno	\$200
93	\$25	Hilton International, Las Vegas	\$90
94	\$100	Hilton International, Las Vegas	\$825

Lot #	Lot	Winning Bid
95	\$1 Holiday Casino, Las Vegas	\$25
96	\$25 Holiday Casino, Las Vegas	\$525
97	\$5 Holiday Queen, Las Vegas	\$650
98	\$8 Hollywood Park Casino, Inglewood, CA	\$130 (2 chips)
99	\$2.50 Horseshoe, Las Vegas (20 chip set)	\$175
100	\$1 Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas (token)	\$30
101	\$1 Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas (token)	\$30
102	\$1 Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas	\$425
103	10¢ Horseshoe Club, Reno	\$70
104	\$25 Native American Casinos (4 chips)	\$80
105	25¢ & \$1 Irish Rose Tavern, Kirkland WA (2 chips)	\$210
106	Ivory chips from the Caribbean (6 chips)	\$80
107	\$5 Jackpot Club, Elko	\$110
108	25¢ Jackpot Club, Elko	\$80
109	K.C. Bluebook	\$60
110	\$5 La Mirage, Las Vegas	\$175
111	Slot Card Lady Luck, Biloxi MS	\$30
112	Slot Card Lady Luck, Natchez MS	\$40
113	\$2 Landmark, Las Vegas	\$375
114	\$5 Landmark, Las Vegas	\$275
115	\$25 Landmark, Las Vegas	\$1,200
116	\$25 Louigi's Broiler, Las Vegas	No Sale
117	\$25 Louigi's Broiler, Las Vegas	\$350
118	\$100 Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas	\$450
119	\$7 silver strike McCarran Airport, Las Vegas	\$60
120	\$5 MGM Grand, Las Vegas	\$250
121	\$5 MGM Sands, Las Vegas	\$100
122	Monaco Jetons (13 pieces)	\$150
123	Montgomery Pass Lodge, Montgomery Pass	\$65 (6 chips)
124	\$25 Moulin Rouge, Las Vegas	\$850
125	\$100 Moulin Rouge, Las Vegas	\$175
126	\$100 Moulin Rouge, Las Vegas	\$900
127	\$5 Nashville Nevada Club, Las Vegas	\$55
128	Nevada Roulettes (8 chips)	\$15
129	Nevada Fractionals (10 chips)	\$30
130	25¢ Nevada (4 chips)	\$45
131	Nevada Chips (6 chips)	\$50
132	\$5 Nevada Club, Carlin	\$60
133	\$1 Odie Lopp's Nevada Club, Laughlin	\$110
134	\$1 Nevada No Cash Values (8 chips)	\$30
135	\$5 New Town Tavern, Las Vegas	\$150
136	\$5 New Town Tavern, Las Vegas	\$275
137	\$1 North Shore Club, Lake Tahoe	\$175
138	Ormsby House, Carson City (16 chips)	\$275
139	\$100 Paco's, Reno	No Sale
140	\$5 Pastime Club, Tonopah	\$125
141	\$100 Peppermill, Reno	\$150
142	\$5 Piccadilly, Reno	\$200
143	Pink Pussycat, Reno (3 chips)	\$46
144	\$1 Pioneer Club, Las Vegas	\$220
145	£10 Playboy Club, London (100 chips)	\$525
146	\$5 Playboy Club, Bahamas	\$60

Lot #	Lot	Winning Bid	
147	£1	Playboy Club, London	\$40
148		Playboy Club, Atlantic City Fun Night	\$40
149	\$10	Plaza, Las Vegas Silver Strike	\$90
150	\$1	Poor Pete's, Reno	\$60
151	\$100	Railroad Pass, Henderson	\$400
152	\$25	Ranch House, Wells	\$40
153	\$100	Ranchinn, Elko	\$110
154	\$500	The Regent, Las Vegas	\$70
155	\$500	The Regent, Las Vegas	\$70
156	\$2.50	Resorts International, Atlantic City	\$160
157	\$5	Resorts International, Atlantic City	\$140
158	\$25	Jessie Beck's Riverside, Reno	\$50
159	\$5	Riviera, Las Vegas	\$340
160	\$25	Riviera, Las Vegas	\$130
161	\$5	Sands, Las Vegas	\$1,100
162	\$25	Sands, Las Vegas	\$50
163	\$1,000	Sands, Las Vegas	\$175
164	\$100	Sands, Las Vegas	\$170
165	12_¢	Sans Souci, Las Vegas	\$95
166	\$5	Shamrock Club, Caliente	\$20
167	\$5	Sharkey's, Gardnerville	\$50
168	slot card	Showboat, Las Vegas	\$10
169	\$25	Silver Slipper, Las Vegas	\$500
170	roulettes	Silver Smith, Wendover (8 chips)	\$35
171	\$25/\$100	Silver Spur, Reno (2 chips)	\$50
172	\$1	Silver Spur, Carson City (2 chips)	\$70
173		Sky Harbor, Lake Tahoe (2 chips)	\$100
174	\$2	Sonoma Joe's, Petaluma CA (2 chips)	\$150
175	10¢	South Tahoe Casino, Lake Tahoe	\$50
176	\$1,000	South Tahoe Nugget, Lake Tahoe (100 chips)	\$900
177	\$1,000	Stardust, Las Vegas	\$125
178		Stateline, Amargosa Valley (5 chips)	\$55
179	\$1	Stateline, Wendover	\$125
180	\$5	Tahoe Village, Lake Tahoe	\$110
181	\$100	The Treasury, Las Vegas	\$25
182	\$5	Thunderbird, Las Vegas	\$600
183	\$25	Tony's Club, Lake Tahoe	\$180
184	\$25	Town House, Elko	\$80
185	\$5	Ken's Town House, Elko	\$100
186	\$1	Art Adler's Trade Winds, Las Vegas	\$900
187	\$25	Treasure Chest, Carson City	\$150
188	\$25	Trocadero, Reno	\$300
189	\$10	Tropicana, Atlantic City	\$100
190	\$100	Tropicana, Las Vegas	\$200
191	\$25	Trump Marina, Atlantic City	\$90
192	\$100	Union Plaza, Las Vegas	\$240
193	\$5	United Club, Reno	\$80
194	roulette	Westerner Club, Las Vegas	\$60
195	\$25	Westside Story, Las Vegas	\$140
196		Zimba's, Reno (3 chips)	\$40
197		Landmark Plaque	\$11,500

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