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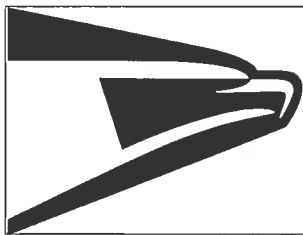
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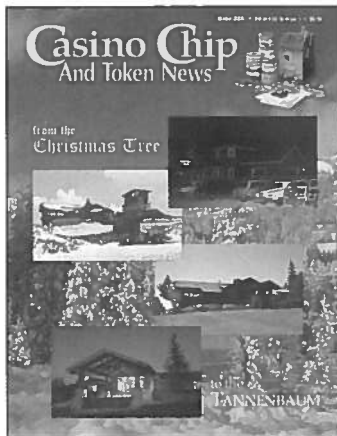
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I Picked up a few new books, guides and CD's for the club library at the 2005 annual convention in Las Vegas. For Las Vegas history buffs, a couple of good reads – *Next to Hughes: Behind the Power and Tragic Downfall of Howard Hughes by His Closest Advisor*, by Robert Maheu. This 1992 book tells the Howard Hughes story from the perspective of his right-hand man, Mr. Maheu. The book was personally signed by Mr. Maheu, our guest speaker at the 2004 convention banquet, then generously donated to the club by Mark Sutton. Also added to the library, a brand-new historical book titled *When the Mob Ran Vegas: Stories of Money, Mayhem and Murder*, donated by author and club member Steve Fischer. A number of the older casinos are featured in this recounting of Las Vegas when "the boys" were in charge.

New Mexico: Casino Chip, Tokens & Slot Card Guide, by David Niver, contains just what the title suggests – casino collectibles from the American Indian casinos and Racinos located in the state. Donated by the author, this 2nd edition (2005) includes color photos and valuations for value chips, roulettes, tokens and slot cards.

For the token collector, a donation of 5 editions of *A List of the World's Gaming Tokens*, by Earl Donley was received from member John Bolinger. These 5 editions (#2, 7, 12, 13 and 16) are representative of the semi-annual updates published by token specialist, Earl Donley. The most recent edition was published in January, 2005 and contains detailed lists of tokens, promotional items and silver strikes from the USA, riverboats, Indian casinos, cruise ships and foreign casinos. Quite a comprehensive list of both current and closed casinos, though it does not contain price estimates.

A Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles is a new booklet, published by CC>CC in its 1st edition, August 2005, for free distribution at the convention. Edited by club member Sheldon Smith, this booklet is a compilation of 20 short articles by other club members, answering frequently asked questions or offering perspectives about collecting casino memorabilia. The booklet includes a convenient CC>CC grade and conditions chart too.

The Platinum Collection auction catalog is a computer compact-disk presentation of a significant Nevada

chip and token collection to be auctioned in September 2005. Billed as "the finest combined collection of Nevada gaming chips and tokens in the world", a number of items were illustrated in last quarter's issue of our club magazine. This CD includes searchable photos of all the chips in the collection, plus selected tokens. Club members Howard & Kregg Herz and James Campiglia were instrumental in consulting on this auction catalog, along with Julie Carlson. Kudos for the easy navigation and quality color photos of this collection, which includes some rare and gorgeous items!

And finally, for poker playing members, a DVD titled *Howard Lederer "Tells" All: Winning Secrets for No-Limit Hold'em Poker*. Featuring Howard Lederer, a successful high-stakes poker professional, this 60 minute presentation explains how to read opponents' "tells" across the poker table. (This is the same DVD given to players in the 2005 CC>CC poker tournament, compliments of the Palms.)

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Mike Skelton

President's Letter

The New Year has seen the preparation for our annual Convention begin in earnest. You will find complete information on the Club's 14th Annual Convention contained within this issue of the Casino Chip and Token News. Please start making your plans to join us in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel & Casino June 28th – July 1st, for what surely will be the biggest annual gathering in the history of our organization. Jim and Sandi Steffner, along with all of our volunteers, will no doubt amaze us with another calendar of outstanding events and activities.

I would also encourage all of members who plan on attending the 14th Annual CC & GTCC Convention to book your rooms at the Riviera Hotel. It's simply more convenient for you and the Club benefits, as our negotiations for future convention space is, in part, based on the number of hotel room nights that we can deliver to the host property. The Club does not receive part of the room rate you pay, but the room nights booked are used as part of the calculations used by the hotel to determine what rate, if any, that the Club will be charged for all the meeting rooms and bourse floor space that we occupy for 5 days. Remember, this is your Club, so where you decide stay, does have an impact on your Club now and in the future.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Riviera Hotel in 4 short months!!

Neal Silverman has once again stepped up with a very ambitious Building Fund Project for the 2006 Convention! After a very successful Roulette chip project last year that raised \$4300.00 for the Building Fund, Neal has come back with a goal of collecting 2006 \$1 chips, \$5 chips, slot cards and/or rooms keys. Raffle tickets will be sold for the drawing between now and the day of the drawing. I would ask that everyone consider sending in at least one each of the items and buy a raffle ticket. Neal's ticket sales goal this year is to raise \$10,000.00 for the Building Fund and we should all support this most impressive effort for such a great cause! See the article in this issue for more information or visit www.ccgcc.com.

Convention Auction Chairman Barry Weintraub is currently accepting consignments for the Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. We will be encouraging "donated lots" this year and this is the subject of an article elsewhere in this issue. Consignment sheets were included in the last issue of the Club magazine or you can contact Barry at auction@ccgtcc.com.

The Club Membership dues are discussed at length in an article elsewhere in this issue and I would ask that each member read the article closely. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Everyone needs to keep in mind that the Club will be holding our next election of Club Officers this time next year. On behalf of the Board, I would like to encourage everyone to consider running for of the five elected offices. The call for nominations will be sent out in the fall 2006 issue of the CCTN, with the election itself scheduled for early 2007. Induction of that newly elected Board of Directors will take place at the annual Convention in the summer of 2007.

It's really hard to believe that it has been 13 years since a group of chip and token collectors gathered in Vegas at the old Aladdin Hotel for our very 1st convention. The great thing about this hobby is that I still get the same feeling the first time I walk onto the bourse floor each year that I did way back in 1993! I am truly amazed at the amount of casino collectibles in one single place! I wish that same feeling for each of you every time attend a CC & GTCC Convention, whether it is your very first convention or your 14th!

Remember to have Fun,

Mike Skelton

Letters to the Editor

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of CCGTCC for their concern and support during this difficult time. I especially want to thank Ed Bigley and Andy Hughes. These gentlemen went above and beyond anything I could have ever imagined. Their efforts represent what our club is all about. Members helping members. I can't thank them enough.

Sue Wells

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Mike Quinlivan

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2005, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$175,975. For the full year of 2005, the Club treasury decreased its cash position by \$13,126, excluding Building Fund donations of \$14,146. The expenditures for all 4 issues of the Club magazine are included. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the equity accounts.

Highlights for the 12 months of 2005:

1. 26 members became Life Members. The Club now has 128 Life Members and 6 Honorary Life Members.
2. The proceeds from the 2005 Bruce Landau Memorial auction was \$10,308. The gross earnings for the auction were \$60,541 while the net payments to consigners were \$50,234.
3. The balance in the Building Fund is \$73,299. Dave Smith provided \$400 in matching funds through The Home Depot. Neil Silverman collected over 2005 roulettes for the Building Fund Raffle that was held on August 5. Through Neil's efforts \$4,435 was collected through the raffle. Another \$4,831 was donated for various offerings at the Building Fund table, including Silver Strikes donated by the Palms. Gene Trimble and David Spragg donated the proceeds from the sale of chips made for the November Palms Show with \$1,689 being donated so far.
4. The issues with the merchant account that processes credit card payments (on-line membership and convention registration) were resolved in early November. Credit card processing is up and running again.
5. Some non-annual expenditures have occurred this year. They include the printing of the buyers guide and the grade and conditions handouts, a projector (used at the convention), a replacement laptop for the Membership officer and the purchase of updated embroidered shirts and Club logo watches.
6. The audit of the 2004 Club records was performed on February 1, 2005. A hearty thanks to Mike Skelton, Dave Harber and Tyrus Mulkey for participating again and to Wayne Thompson for helping out this year.
7. The 2004 tax return was filed on February 15, 2005.
8. Roy Nelson took a physical inventory of Promotional items at the end of December. The value of the inventory went up from \$21,834 to \$26,023, an increase of \$4,189.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer
January 14, 2006

Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through December 31, 2005

Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$51,917
Convention 2005:		
Table Fees	\$31,125	
Banquet	\$10,308	
Registration	\$9,375	
Auction Proceeds	\$10,308	
Program	\$2,140	
Convention 2005 Total		\$63,028
Convention 2006:		
Table Fees	\$1,180	
Convention 2006 Total		\$1,180
Building Fund Donations		\$14,146
Promotion		\$11,714
Magazine Advertising		\$8,470
Interest Income		\$3,313
Video Sales (2005 Convention)		\$222
Magazine Sales		\$150
Directory Sales		\$70
Total Income		<u>\$160,210</u>

Expenditures

Convention 2005 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)		\$55,106
Magazine		\$58,432
Promotion		\$15,046
Video Production (2005 Convention)		\$8,662
Printing (Other than Magazine)		\$5,767
Miscellaneous		\$4,301
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$3,744
Bank Charges		\$1,860
Storage		\$3,076
Telephone		\$464
Supplies		\$349
Filing Fees		\$175
Website		\$1,030
Insurance (D&O)		\$985
Advertising		\$114
Membership		\$79
Total Expenditures		<u>\$159,190</u>

Net Income - 01/01/05 to 12/31/05

\$1,020

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/05

\$197,289

Net Income - 01/01/05 to 12/31/05

\$1,020

Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/05

\$198,309

Detail of Equity Balance - 12/31/05

Building Fund	\$73,299	
Money Market Fund	\$57,448	
Life Membership Fund	\$36,470	
General Fund	\$8,758	
Total Cash Available		<u>\$175,975</u>
Inventory		\$26,023
Advance (Membership Officer)		\$500
Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/05		<u>\$202,498</u>

Respectfully submitted, Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer

January 14, 2006



Ralph Myers

Membership Officers Report

Well here we are getting closer to the convention. Make your reservations now for our 14th annual convention June 28 to July 1 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

This past quarter we had 96 new people join us and we now have 134 Life Members.

This past January, the Board of Directors met in Dallas, Texas for our semi-annual board meeting. At that time, we finalized the decision to increase the clubs annual dues effective July 1 of this year (see President Skelton's article elsewhere in this issue).

Please be advised, that any new membership request or renewal request that is received July 1, 2006 or later, will be at the new rate structure. In layman's terms, please have your renewal in before your membership expires. The excuse "but my membership expired before the new rate went into effect" won't fly.

Any member who wishes to extend their membership before the rate change, regardless of when it expires, may do so for one year if the request is received by June 30, 2006. Those members who wish to apply for Life Membership, may also do so at the old rate, again if their request is received by June 30, 2006. Please remember you have to have three consecutive years in the club by June 30, 2006 to be eligible for Life Membership.

For those members who were waiting for a specific life member number to come up to apply for life membership, email me, and let's see what we can do to work it out. I can fudge a little bit on the number if it will help. Remember we're up to 134 at the present time.

As always, snail mail, email or call me with any comments suggestions or problems.

Best regards,

Ralph



Renew Your Membership Online



New Members

Member	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7120	Nakadate	Glenn	NV	Boulder City	Myers, Ralph
7121	Brown	Jeff	WI	Milwaukee	Silverman, Sunday
7123	Ferreira	Art	NV	Pahrump	American Chip Enterprises
7122	Wuller	Jeff	CA	Antioch	Anderson, Allan
7124	Thorn	Mark	AZ	Glendale	American Chip Enterprises
7125	Thompson	Gary	CA	Hanford	Black, Archie
7126	Look	Jerry	WA	Longview	Works, Ron
7128	Konick	Bruce	NJ	Absecon	former member
7131	Hawks	Joe	WA	Bellingham	Hughes, Andy
7133	Ito	Scott	CA	Pasadena	Myers, Ralph
7134	McKenzie	Von	FL	St. Augustine	Hughes, Andy
7135	Threadgill	Wayne	AR	Hot Springs	former member
7139	Bober	Arthur	FL	Lake Worth	Myers, Ralph
7140	Lukic	Peter	NJ	Rutherford	McDonald, Paul
7141	Pisetzner	David	NV	Henderson	
7144	Villiotti	Anthony	PA	Pittsburg	Anderson, Allan
7148	Howard	Gary	KS	Wichita	Rizzo, Pete
7149	Turner	David A.	NJ	Wayne	
7150	Kendall	Tom	MO	St. Joseph	Myers, Ralph
7151	Shihadeh	Nader	NJ	Elmwood Park	Black, Archie
7151-A	Wareka	Jill	NJ	Elmwood Park	Black, Archie
7155	Gold	Paul D.	NV	Las Vegas	Shore, Josh
7154	Przybyszewski	Mark	NY	Depew	American Chip Enterprises
7153	Small Jr.	Charles W.	CA	San Jose	Eskin, A
7157	Kolenda	Kevin	CT	Norwalk	
7158	Oblen	Janice	NV	Henderson	Offical US Chip Guide
7159	Wells	Jeremy Alan	AK	Sitka	Black, Archie
7160	Alessandrini	Alessandro	ITALY	Roma, AE	www.ccgctcc.com
7161	Hunt	Eric	NJ	Oakland	www.ccgctcc.com
7162	Wood	Jim	AZ	Phoenix	www.ccgctcc.com
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7164	DeWitt	Dennis	CA	San Diego	Rodgers, C.T.
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7170	Migliardi	Lorenzo	Italy	Torino	www.ccgctcc.com
7175	Parks	Steve	CO	Highlands Ranch	www.ccgctcc.com
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7178	Kolenda	David	IN	St. John	www.ccgctcc.com
7179	Cronin	Margaret R.	MA	Andover	Rodgers, C.T.
7180	Alvord	James C.	CA	Fallbrook	
7177	Green	Brian K.	CA	Visalia	www.ccgctcc.com
7183	Schimmel	Jerry	CA	San Francisco	Sone, Wayne
7182	Croke	Trish	BDA	Pembroke West	Hixon, Belinda
7182-A	Brangman	Kyle	BDA	Pembroke West	Hixon, Belinda
7185	DiMicco	George	CO	Aurora	www.ccgctcc.com

Member	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7184	Connor	John	IL	Arthur	Garrett, Henry
7187	Townsend	Tommy H.	KY	Winchester	www.ccgccc.com
7189	Ward	Lowell	FL	Lady Lake	Rodgers, Charlie
7188	Crawford	George	TX	Lubbock	
7190	Bayne	Ronald H.	MD	Glen Burnie	Pushkin, Ricky
7190-A	Bayne	Elizabeth J.	MD	Glen Burnie	Pushkin, Ricky
7191	Griffin	Kurt	TX	Midland	Offical US Chip Guide
7192	Taniguchi	Toshiyuki	Japan	Osaka	Silver Strikers
7193	Savin	Thomas	NV	Henderson	www.ccgccc.com
7194	Hydel Jr.	Vic	IL	Woodstock	Rizzo, Pete
7195	Martin	Scott	NV	Reno	Black, Archie
7196	Symeou	Christos	UK	Gorleston	www.ccgccc.com
7197	Owen	Dennis	NV	Sparks	www.ccgccc.com
7199	Kimmel	Jim	AZ	Chandler	The Chip Rack
7201	Davis	Kevin	CA	Victorville	Anderson, Richard
7200	Cagle	Greg K.	TX	Plano	Susong, Greg
7202	Longua	Kerman J.	ID	Idaho Falls	Rizzo, Pete
7206	Ivy	Jess	AR	Marianna	Susong, Greg
7203	Spears	Chris	OH	Piqua	www.ccgccc.com
7204	Emmert	Brian	AZ	Casa Grande	Bracken, D. P.
7205	Fine	Eric	MA	N. Grafton	Rodgers, CT
7207	Wurz	Tom	CA	Bloomington	www.ccgccc.com
7208	Snider	Scott	CA	Sherman Oaks	www.ccgccc.com
7209	Pryall	Jeremy	FL	Clearwater	Cagle, Greg
7210	Fajardo	Rafael	HI	Mililani	
7210-A	Fajardo	Judy	HI	Mililani	
7211	Rico	Leroy B.	HI	Pearl City	
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Secretary's Report

Belinda Hixon

The Board of Directors held their semi-annual meeting on January 23rd. Officers Thompson, Quinlivan, Hixon and Myers presented reports on their activities for the Club since the last meeting.

We also received and reviewed reports from the Committee chairs and Directors. Many members may not realize that some of the Appointed Directors or Chairmen actively work on their duties year round. On behalf of the BOD, let me express our gratitude for their work.

Major changes approved by the Board at the meeting include revised by-laws and a dues increase. The Fourth Revised By-laws are included in this issue of the magazine and they're also posted on the Club's website.

Ten and Fifteen year members should have received pins in recognition of reaching those milestones by the time this issue arrives. New Life Member pins are being made and those will be mailed as soon as they arrive. A huge thank you to Paul Bender and Kevin Norris for designing all of the membership pins we use.

Coming Soon!!!

A reminder about the Membership Logo:

The BOD has approved a "Member's" logo for use on business cards, websites, etc. The old logo should be phased out. If you need a copy of the new logo, please contact me and I'll send you a copy with your membership number on it.

As always, please feel free to contact any BOD member if you have suggestions or concerns about the Club.

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Belinda



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0380	Earl Donley			0496	Richard Fowler
0382	Edward Lipinski			0499	Michael Canpagna Jr.
0386	Anne Adams			0501-06	Scott Hartman
0388	John Benedict			0503	Al Bernstein
0403	Thomas Rouse			0504	Robert Morton
0414	Dwayne Reed			0507	Donald Kessler
0419	Richard Hanover	0457	Robert Heck	0513	John Rudden
0421-67	Fred Bergman	0466	Geno Frankoni	0515	David Prokosch
0424	Scott Brodsky	0474	Dennis Wilcox	0520	Bill Snider
0425	Paul Abrahams	0476	Kathleen Shapiro	0522	Ralph Strandwold
0435	Lawrence Ceperano	0487	Vernon Blanck	0526	Robert Barnes
0436	Ken Craig	0488	David Howe	0527	Lindsey Stenneche
0439	Dale Johnson	0490	Nick Tenaglia	0536	Richard Allard
0446	Gene Haifley	0493	Steve Hultz	0549	Francis Ushiroda
0449	Doug Saito	0494	Charlie Hendrick	0553	John DeRosa
		0495	James Myers	0554	Todd Dingley



Ten Year Members

Congratulations to the following members for reaching 10 years of membership in the CC>CC!



2434	Kenji Miyamoto
2451	Joseph Fiore
2454	Randall Kimura
2470	Col. Robert Eddy III
2471-52	Andy Hughes
2485	Stephen Weiss
2486	John Riggins
2487	Frank Cannarella
2488	Glen Hodge
2496	Frank Chalfant
2497	Bob Whiteman
2498	John Catanese

New CC>CC Claims Form

Enclosed in this issue of the magazine is the new, standardized CC & GTCC Claims Form. You **MUST** use this form to file a Claim against another Club member.

Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against _____".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it Vice-President Wayne Thompson.
3. V.P. Thompson will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Thompson will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by Vice President Thompson.

IF you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

*The form will be available on the Club website at www.ccgccc.com for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to Vice President Thompson. We will notify the membership once this format is available.

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CC>CC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes

Building Fund Committee

The balance in the Building Fund as of December 31, 2005 is \$73,299

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

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

Vision & Feasibility Committee

The Vision & Feasibility Committee is comprised of the following club members:

Jim Pierre (Chairman Emeritus)
 Bill Judge
 Mike Quinlivan
 Jim Kruse
 Wayne Thompson
 Eric Rosenblum
 Tyrus Mulkey
 Nate Pincus
 Chuck Tomarchio
 Travis Lewin
 Mike Skelton

Below are items that are for sale with ALL of the money going to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund!

Please mail a check out for the correct amount to:

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

Once the check arrives Mike will let the Building Fund Committee know & the items will be mailed out.

Nevada Casino Chips had the chip below made up just before the 2002 CC>CC Convention. 100 were made with engraved numbers & they are oversized (44 MM) chips. ALL of the money raised from the sale of the chips goes to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund! The price is \$100 each.



The NCV **Palms** chip below was given out one per person with a coupon at the 2002 CC>CC Convention. There were only 850 made & the Palms graciously donated the remainder to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund! The price is \$10 each.



The chip below was designed by **Debby Meister** who had it made for the 2004 CC>CC Convention. There were only 100 made. The price is \$20 each.



The room key below was made for Palms Poker Room Manager Gene Trimble. There were only 250 made. The price is \$10 each.



Trump Marina set of three non-gaming tokens (shown with the common back). The Trump Marina graciously donated the tokens to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund! The price is \$10 a set.



Common back

After 10 Years, Membership Dues Need to be Adjusted

Rising costs are one of the inevitable things in life and unfortunately, we as an organization are not exempt from this. The cost of postage was just raised for the 5th time since the last Club dues/postage adjustment on July 1, 1995.

The costs of paper, printing, packaging, labor and postage have all risen over the past decade, but all categories of membership and postage have remained the same for the last 10 years, with the Club absorbing all of the costs increases over that period. The member placed advertising in the magazine has steadily decreased over the same period, so not only have we seen ever increasing costs associated with our award winning magazine, but direct revenue used to help offset that expense has shrunk. One of the other costs that the Club has absorbed over the last several years, are the transaction fees associated with membership signups and renewals done on the website. Though we reach a much wider audience and are able to attract new members, the fees associated with the transactions add up over time. And in today's world, eliminating web based commerce and member convenience is simply not an option.

The Casino Chip and Token News is the single largest, ongoing expense that we have and the simple math is that the dues paid each year don't cover the cost of producing the magazine. It would be eye opening for most of our newer members if they could see how the magazine has evolved and grown over the years. All of our former Editors and Assistant Editors have contributed along the way to the outstanding magazine that Editor Allan Anderson and Assistant Editor John Moore produce every

quarter. It's just more expensive to produce and mail in 2006 than it was in 1995.

Everything is more expensive now than it was 10 years ago and the other expenses associated with running the Club have increased over that time as well. The thing that all of us should be thankful for is, that over the last 18 years we have grown from Archie Black's idea of a club for chip and token collectors to a organization of over 2600 members, and done it with volunteer labor! We have hundreds of different members with wide ranging talents who have stepped forward and offered up tens of thousands of hours of their time for the greater good of the CC & GTCC! Thank you!

Every group of Club officers grapple with the issue of dues and expenses each year. The current Board, as has every preceding Board, examined all of our expenses and found places to help in holding down costs. The expense examination will continue to be an ongoing process, as it should be and we will make all the necessary and prudent adjustments. The Board should be looking at both the short term and the long term well being of the Club, and that's how we arrived at this decision. In the short term, the Club's financial position will be fine, but in the long term, if something isn't done, it could become problematic. The Board is sure that some members will not agree with a dues increase and we understand that. All we ask is that everyone understand that this was done with the Club's best interest in mind and thus in the best interest of all of our members.

Relative to other collector clubs, the CC & GTCC is a bargain, whether you use the new membership

rates or especially compared to current rates! The ANA regular membership is \$36.00 per year, Associate is \$13.00 and the Life Membership is \$1000.00. The American Philatelic Society is \$35.00, \$17.50 and a decreasing scale, depending on age, for Life Membership of \$1150.00 to \$575.00.

The new CC & GTCC rates will become effective on July 1, 2006 and will be as follows:

Regular Member	\$ 30.00
per year	
Associate Member	\$ 5.00
per year	
Life Member	\$450.00
(15 times annual dues)	
Senior Life Member	\$300.00
for members 65 or older (15 times annual dues*)	
Foreign Members	\$ 55.00
(includes first class postage)	
First Class Postage	\$ 14.00

The Regular Member rates still include the postage for bulk rate mailing.

The Associate Member rate will remain the same.

The Life Member rate will continue to be 15 times the current annual dues for Regular Membership.

The new Senior Life Member rate will be 15 times the annual dues, *discounted to \$20 per year, only for the purposes of calculating the Life Member fee for our members age 65 or older. Year to year Regular Member rates will be the same for everyone, regardless of age.

The Foreign Member category sees the largest increase and the majority

of that is related to the cost of first class postage out of the U.S. Currently, the costs of mailing the foreign member magazines, on average, accounts for more than 65% of the dues that they pay.

The optional First Class postage category increases \$2.00 per year.

As a way to offset some of the increase, you may renew your membership under the current dues until

June 30, 2006, regardless of what quarter you membership expires in. For example if you just renewed in the 4th quarter of '05, you can renew by June 30, 2006 at current rate, and your membership will be up for renewal again in the 4th quarter of 2007, not 2006. If you have been a Regular Member for three years and have been giving some thought to becoming a Life Member, you can do so by June 30, 2006 under the current rate of \$300.00. All mailed renewals

under this "extension" must be post-marked by June 30, 2006. All the new rates become effective on July 1, 2006. Contact Membership Ralph Myers at membership@ccgtcc.com or post a message on the Club website at www.ccgcc.com, if you have any questions.

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The Christmas Tree

by Allan Anderson,
Amanda Anderson and
Matthew Lewsadder

In 2002, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Gloria Stein at The Christmas Tree to talk about one of the landmarks of the Reno/Tahoe area. She was kind enough to relate the history of, and her involvement with, the property. Gloria Stein passed away in May of 2003.

In the fall of 2001, a food critic for the Reno Gazette-Journal visited the Christmas Tree restaurant on Mount Rose Highway. Still noted at the time for its mahogany-grilled steaks and the exquisite simplicity of its cuisine, the Christmas Tree had begun to show the effects of its long and, at times, tumultuous history. The food critic complained of the stale cigarette



to The Tannenbaum



smoke that affronted her in the entryway and the disrepair of the restaurant. Her table at the window still afforded “one of the area’s best dining views of twilit Washoe Valley framed by mountain ridges and Scotch Pines,” but she lamented that this perspective was disrupted by trash littering the grounds. Her dinner, for the most part, aspired to live up to its renown, and she concluded that with a few cosmetic updates the Christmas Tree would once again “lay claim to being local dining’s king of the mountain.”

The Christmas Tree, however, would not regain its renown for fine dining. It would close less than two years later, bringing an end to a restaurant that had provided warm

respite to mountain travelers since 1946. Fortunately for previous visitors and connoisseurs of Northern Nevada history, the Christmas Tree was not allowed to languish in desuetude for too long. It has been resurrected as The Tannenbaum Alpine Events Center, and the new proprietors have conscientiously preserved the rich history of this Mount Rose landmark.

The Christmas Tree was originally opened as a bar by John and Alice Ross in 1946; they added the restaurant the following year. Situated on the majestic slopes of Mount Rose, The Christmas Tree was roughly equidistant from Reno and Lake Tahoe. It was a modest establishment, unpretentiously offering travelers the opportunity to take-in the sublime views of Washoe Valley as they enjoyed their evening repast.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ross first opened their little bar on the mountaintop, it is doubtful that they foresaw the rich and varied history to come. Over the next several decades, in spite of its modesty (or, perhaps, because of it), the Christmas Tree would host a collection of celebrities and impresarios and garner an important place in the history of Northern Nevada.

Early in its history, various notable Reno businessmen and gaming concessionaires became associated with the Christmas Tree's gaming. In the first six years of its existence, the restaurant saw several distinguished concessionaires run its gaming. Virgil Smith, partnering with Bill Harrah, is believed to have first leased the restaurant's gaming rights in the mid-1940s. By this time, Smith had already established a long history of



leasing gaming rights in local hotels and casinos, including the Palace Club, the Golden Hotel, the Villa Sierra, the Villa Roma, and Colbrandt's Flamingo Club, among others.

In the late 1940s, Nick "Tonopah" Abelman became a part owner of the Tree and took over control of its games. Abelman was a successful businessman who had opened downtown Reno's first elaborate club, the Ship and Bottle Club, and owned and operated the Riverside Hotel and Stateline Country Club.



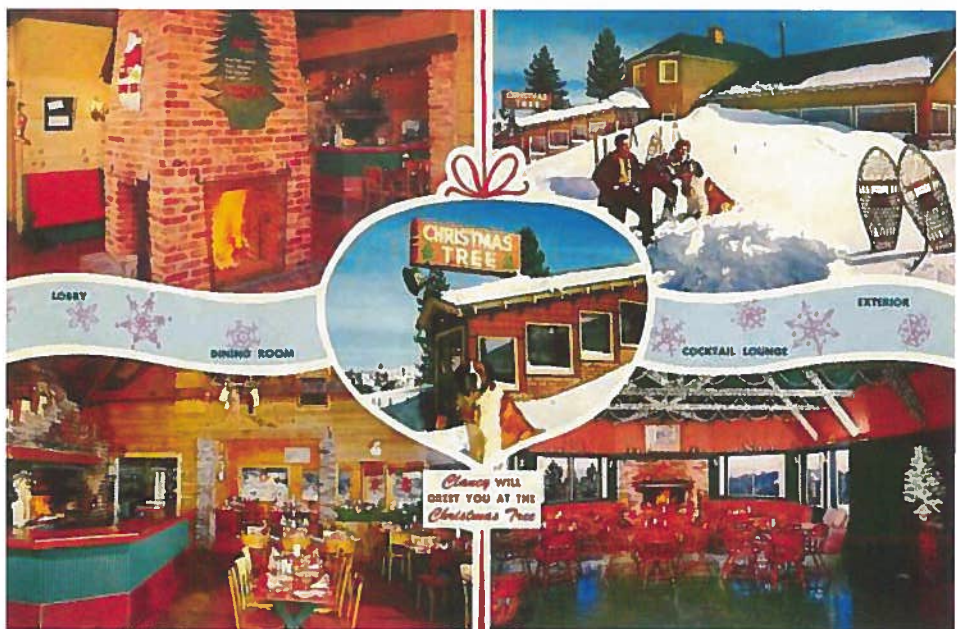
In 1952, Guy Michael and Art Fisher bought the restaurant from Jim Jeffress, who had acquired the property from the Rosses in 1948. Michael and Fisher maintained the gaming license and became owner-operators of the restaurant and casino. This event ushered in a tumultuous period in the Tree's gaming history. Under the management of Michael, who employed and partnered with several different men over the next decade, the Christmas Tree's gaming saw immense success and popularity.

However, this period also witnessed more infamous moments of crooked gaming: in December of 1959, the Nevada Gaming Control Board closed the establishment because a 21 dealer was caught "turning the deck," and in July 1966, it was closed again when the Gaming Control Board confiscated loaded dice from the craps table.

Despite these setbacks, the Christmas Tree quickly became a favorite spot for locals who returned time after time to luxuriate in the warmth of a crackling fire and indulge in steaks grilled over mountain mahogany. A trademark of the Tree, the mahogany grilling infused the famous steaks with a subtle smoke taste that satisfied customers for the next four decades. With a charismatic host in Guy Michael, the "Davy Crockett of Mt. Rose" in a coon-skin cap to greet them, guests found a warm sanctuary atop the frequently snow-encrusted mountain.



The spectacular panoramic views of Washoe Valley, the warm simplicity of the restaurant, and the signature cuisine at the Christmas Tree not only



attracted area locals but also Hollywood starlets, entertainers, politicians, and business moguls. The evening destination of choice for many celebrities visiting Northern Nevada, the Tree provided the opportunity for casual diners to glimpse the more intimate moments in the lives of celebrities. On any given night one might find oneself dining next to Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, Clark Gable, or Bill Harrah.

On the evening of August 30, 1951, guests found themselves the unwitting spectators of one of Hollywood's many domestic dramas. Frank Sinatra and his mistress Ava Gardner were dining with Henry Sanicola (associate producer of both *The Frank Sinatra Show* and *Ocean's Eleven*, which had been released that year) and Sanicola's wife. The Sanicolas, and the rest of the restaurant, watched as Sinatra and Gardner had a fight that would leave one of them nearly dead.

As *The Chairman* drank his Jack Daniels like water—he liked it, after all, cut with water over ice—and Gardner's thirst proved equal to his, she loudly confessed that she had an affair with a bullfighter during the filming of *The Angel Wore Red* (1960) in Spain the previous year. Sinatra had always suspected that Gardner had been less than angelic in Spain, but she had assiduously denied any such indiscretion before this evening. Now, the Sanicolas and other diners at the Christmas Tree were privy to an explosive argument between the lovers, which concluded with Gardner storming back to her car and driving all the way back to Los Angeles. Somehow, in spite of her inebriation, she managed to make it to her home in Pacific Palisades,



where a ringing telephone greeted her. Sinatra, Sanicola told her, had responded to their fight just as recklessly, taking an overdose of sleeping pills. She flew straight back to Reno, where she was reconciled with Sinatra, who lived to return to the Christmas Tree under more auspicious circumstances in the future.

Scenes for the tabloid press aside, the Christmas Tree was also a site for far more joyous celebrations. On October 17, 1960, the cast of the "The Misfits," including Marilyn Monroe, threw a joint birthday celebration for playwright and screenwriter Arthur Miller and Hollywood star Montgomery Clift at the restaurant. Despite its solitary location, perched between Lake Tahoe and the city of Reno, the Tree became a



renowned hot spot for locals and famous out-of-towners alike.

Arguably, the true celebrity of the Christmas Tree was not a Hollywood movie star or a powerful state senator but a young woman from Chico, California. In 1953, Gloria Nooner came to the Christmas Tree as a waitress, and ended up intrinsically linked with the restaurant's history and success. As a waitress and, later, manager, owner, and chef, Gloria's involvement and pervasive influence spanned over fifty years – almost the entire history of the Christmas Tree itself. Merely a young waitress when she arrived in 1953, by the time of her passing in 2003 she was known as the "Queen of the Mountain."

Gloria Nooner married Guy Michael, the owner of the Tree in 1953, and, thus, became co-owner early in her career there. As though challenged by the immaculate wilderness in which they lived and operated their business, they became known for living somewhat eccentrically. Gloria was famous for a menagerie of exotic animals she kept as pets on the premises – African lions, jaguars, St. Bernards, and Newfoundlands were popular with the restaurant's patrons. Her husband, Guy, was fond of



stonework and he put this skill to use in the stone accents of the Christmas Tree, as well as their home. A lapidary workshop also yielded similar productivity, albeit on a smaller scale, as Guy created jewelry and other keepsakes that the Tree's customers could purchase as souvenirs.

As legend has it, Gloria's pet lions proved to earn their keep. After his tenure at the Christmas Tree, Guy Michael moved to Incline Village and managed a restaurant called The Chateau. It had become a habit to feed any leftovers from the restaurant to Gloria's pet lions, effectively disposing of the remnants while inexpensively feeding the voracious felines. At one point, Guy Michael decided to change meat suppliers for the restaurant; a shocking, and somewhat disturbing, realization occurred when he later went to feed Gloria's pets and discovered that the lions would not touch the new meat. Wisely, Guy took their expert advice seriously and promptly switched back to his old supplier. Back during the Christmas Tree days, though, the lions were less quality assurance consultants than they were emblematic of the at times kitschy symbiosis obtained between the Tree and its mountainous environment.

The Christmas Tree's steady development into a fixture of Northern Nevada culture and history was abruptly interrupted in 1964, when an unexpected fire ripped through the Tree and burned the popular establishment to the ground. Rumors abounded, persisting to the present day, that the fire was not an accident but a disaster created by a disgruntled ex-employee of the Tree. Speculation aside, however, arson was never proved, and Gloria and Guy Michael worked to resurrect the Christmas Tree from its ashes. A new



The fireplace from the original building sits to the left of the new structure built in 1965

building was erected immediately adjacent to the old building's site – the original fireplace and chimney can still be seen in its original location next to the new building – and the Tree re-opened on June 1, 1965. The new version of the famous restaurant included a massive stone fireplace with the relief of a Christmas tree built into its face; that symbol was adopted as the business' logo and became synonymous with the Christmas Tree restaurant.

Despite the phoenix-like resurrection of his business, Guy Michael decided to sell the Christmas Tree shortly after it was rebuilt. The destruction of the property, in combination with treatment from a cancer

diagnosis, put a strain on his finances and, undoubtedly, his nerves. He sold the Tree to Al and Jean Kuckhoff and retired to Incline Village.

Gloria Michael Stein, now remarried to a retired Los Angeles police officer, remained integral to the future trajectory of the Tree. In 1968, she suddenly took over the restaurant's cooking responsibilities when the scheduled chef didn't show up for work. As her daughter, Gail Triglia, later attested, "She cooked more than 200 dinners. It was a busy night." Maintaining the tradition of mahogany-grilled meats, Gloria remained in charge of the kitchen thereafter.

The next few years at the Christmas Tree were lean ones. The winter of 1968/1969 was particularly harsh and patrons ventured less frequently up the mountain to visit their old favorite haunt. The Kuckhoffs eventually sold the Christmas Tree in 1969 to Peter Apostolos, but business continued to suffer. Not three years



later, in 1972, American Savings and Loan foreclosed on the Tree and it remained closed for several years. It was not until the “Queen of the Mountain,” a representative of past, more prosperous times, took control that the Christmas Tree reopened and a new peak in the Tree’s history was ushered in. Gloria moved to become the sole owner in 1976, retaking her role as the restaurant’s hostess and, of course, continuing as its cook. Leasing part of the premises to Don Gilfillan, Jr. for gambling, the Tree was rediscovered and once again became a popular dining establishment for the local populace.

In 1983, after nine very successful years, Gloria sold the Christmas Tree to David and Mary Ellen Houston. However, she continued to work as the chef and restaurant manager for the duration of their ownership. Indeed, the bank loan given to the Houstons for the purchase of the Tree stipulated that Gloria be maintained under contract as the restaurant’s chef and manager.

In 1995, two significant events took place: the Houstons sold the Christmas Tree – signaling the last



The view looking toward Washoe Valley.

stage of its heralded existence as a restaurant and sometime casino, an existence that had already spanned 50 years; and Gloria Stein retired. Both of these events ushered in the eventual decline of the beloved Tree. By 2003, the Christmas Tree closed its doors completely, awaiting potential new owners or, possibly, even demolition. Its future was uncertain and uncomfortably precarious.

Abandonment had allowed the

Tree to slip into nearly irretrievable condition; such that banks did not believe it would be financially responsible to lend the money required to restore the premises. Brothers Christian and Gunter Nobis and their wives Julie and Michelle, respectively, believed that the Christmas Tree still had future prospects as rich as its past, and in 2004 they received a loan from their parents to purchase and renovate the old Christmas Tree.



Construction on the Christmas Tree to produce The Tannenbaum.





The back of The Tannenbaum showing the wedding or events area.

It was an undertaking that demanded substantial investment and work, producing a building (the Tannenbaum Alpine Events Center) that aspires to live up to its past. Visitors are greeted by an arching timber entryway that invites them to enter a facility in complete congruity with its surroundings. The stone lobby has been completely renovated and features an inviting lounge area in front of the original double-sided fireplace—the other side of the fireplace faces the banquet room. This original fireplace, along with its stone relief Christmas Tree, has been assiduously preserved and transformed from wood- to gas-burning. Central to the Nobis’ vision for the new premises is a great room that brings together the areas that used to constitute divided bar and restaurant spaces. With newly installed floor-to-ceiling windows, the large banquet



The fireplace from the original Christmas Tree still stands in The Tannenbaum. The wood burning fireplace has been replaced with gas.

room offers spectacular wall-to-wall panoramic views of the Washoe Valley reaching towards a horizon that features the Virginia Foothills. The kitchen has been renovated and now functions as a staging area for caterers. Downstairs the Nobis’ have installed a Bridal/Hospitality Suite featuring everything a bride and her attendants could require for their preparations, including a wet bar. Taking nearly a year to complete, the renovations have resulted in a building that studiously conceals its modernity behind an exteriority that seamlessly fits into its majestic surroundings.

Envisioning that the past provides the most solid foundation upon which to build the future, the Nobis family transformed the remnants of the Christmas Tree into the new Tannenbaum Alpine Events Center. In addition to providing a meeting space for corporate and social events, the Tannenbaum Event Center hopes to provide couples a wedding reception site that is as saturated in history as it is breathtaking in its beauty. We might recall that Tannenbaum is the German word for “Christmas tree.” In a similar manner, the Nobises have translated the old Christmas Tree, preserving the resonance of a name that has meant so much to Northern Nevada and promises to do so well into the future.

Thanks to Mark Englebretson and Rick Olsen for their pictures, Larry Hollibaugh for the chip scans and Michelle Nobis for the information and pictures of The Tannenbaum.

*Best Wishes
Allan & Gloria
Sept 24, 2002*

Seeking information on Bill Borland

Bill (William F.) Borland was a chip supplier & dealer in Las Vegas from the early 1980's until sometime in the 1990's. During this time he operated first with his 'partner' Starr Warrick as "Star Time, Inc", then as "Worldwide Casino Exchange (a division of Star Time, Inc)", and finally as "The Gambler", using the following addresses - (M/Order) PO Box 14827, LV 89114 or 4460 W Reno Ave, LV 89118 and (Shop front) 3784 Central Park Dr #9, LV. During this time Borland was a 'prolific' supplier of commemorative, fantasy, personal, home game and licensed gaming chips, many of which we have only recently been able to attribute to him. He also contereifted hot stamp chips using dies he purchased with the Bud Jones estate. Examples of some of his chips are shown below. We are looking for any help that might lead us to confirm the following information.

1. The date Borland died.
2. The date he moved out of his store (which continued to operate under the ownership of Jerry Wall)
3. The date the store finally closed.

Any recollection of visits to the store, personal meetings with Bill or Jerry, old invoices/receipts welcomed.



(Borland also supplied chips on 'A-Crest' and HHR molds. All inlay chips were made at Atlantic Standard)

If you can help, please contact either:

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David Spragg (email: david.spragg@marlowcasinochips.com)

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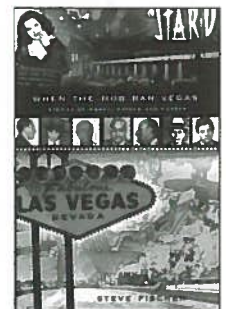
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A Call for Donated Lots for the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

One of the major reasons for the establishment of the Club's annual auction was to use it as a way to raise funds for the annual operation of the Club. The other was to provide our members with an outlet to sell some chips or tokens, at auction, to other members.

Both purposes still apply today to the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. In years past, some of the very best chips would come into the auction and bring unheard of prices. The consigning member benefited from the prices realized, the buyer got a chip or token they desired and the Club benefited from the buyer and seller's fee. At the time, the Club auction was one of few avenues to auction chips to such a wide audience of collectors.

Over the last 10 years, the use of the internet has grown to the point where just about everyone has their own website and the explosion of Ebay has created competition for the sale of collectibles that couldn't have been forecast years ago. You can basically hold a world wide auction, advertise it and be paid for it in a matter of 10 days or less. And the fact that many very rare chips are sold through private transactions, have impacted the Club auction and will continue to do so in the future.

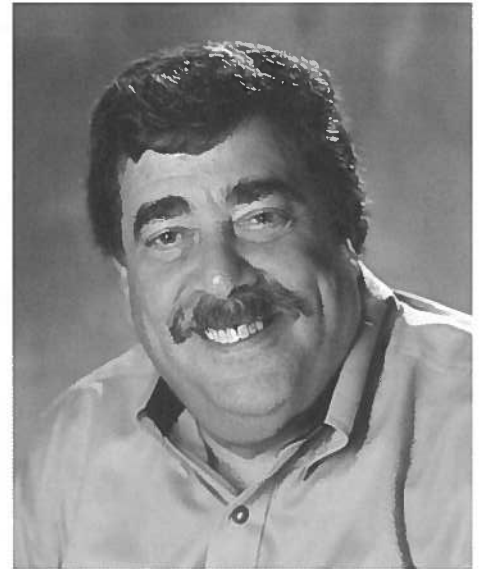
We will continue to aggressively solicit the consignment of excellent chips and collectibles to the auction. We believe that our members will continue to respond to this call as they have in the past. But we also must look at the long term, big picture. And after a conversation and

suggestion from Auction Chairman Barry Weintraub, we feel we have come up with an idea that will benefit our members, the Club, the consignors and those members who feel that the auction only contains "high end" items that they don't or won't collect.

The Club will realize about \$30 from the sale of a \$150 lot consigned to the auction, after the buyer and seller's fees are calculated. The consignor will realize the \$150 selling price, minus the seller's fee. If the same \$150 lot was donated to the Club, the Club would realize the entire \$150, the Club member would receive a receipt for the donation and because the Club is an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt, educational, not-for-profit organization, the donation is tax deductible by the donor, to the extent allowed by law. Be sure to consult your tax advisor. In the above example, the Club would have to auction a consigned lot for \$750, to realize the same \$150 benefit. The numbers would adjust up or down, depending on the value of the lot, but hopefully this will properly illustrate the possibilities.

We feel the best scenario would be a good mix of consigned and donated lots, so this in no way is meant to discourage anyone from consigning lots as they have in the past.

So, we would like to encourage all members to strongly consider sending a donated lot or two for the upcoming Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. You will receive a receipt for your donation to the Club, all donors will be



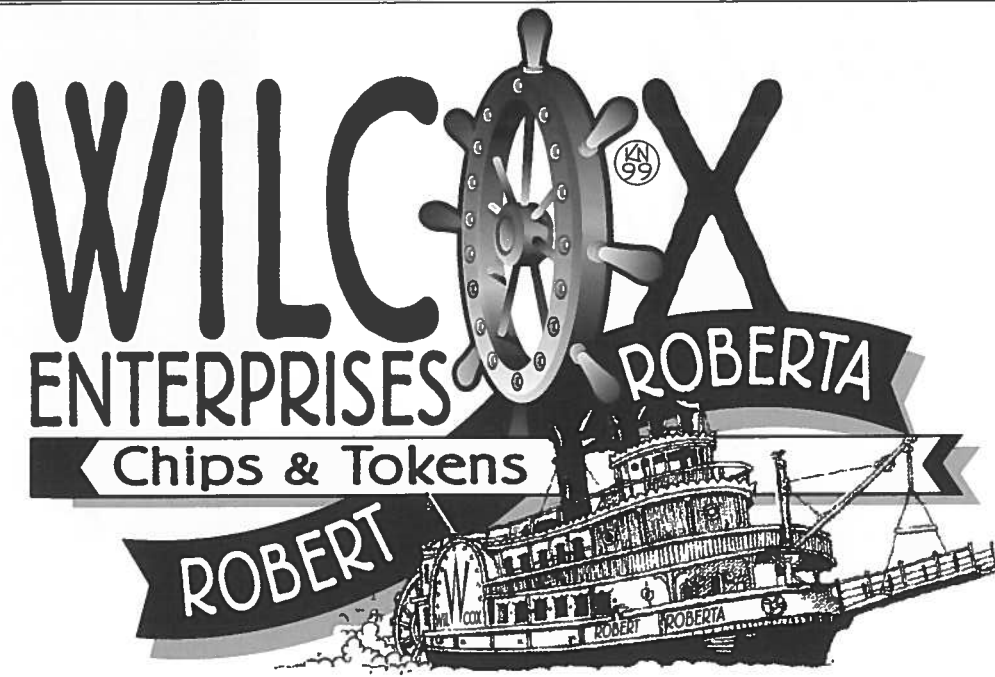
listed in the auction catalog and in a subsequent issue of the Club magazine.

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If you have any questions, please contact Barry at barry@ccgctc.com or email Mike Quinlivan, Club Treasurer at treasurer@ccgctc.com.

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Spotlight on Ralph Myers

by Allan Anderson

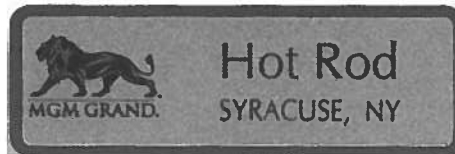
Every now and then we need to make the club magazine a little more glamorous. So with that thought in mind I'm going to throw the spotlight on our club membership officer, Ralph Myers. For those of you who don't know him, here's a little background.

Ralph has been with the MGM Grand since they opened in December 1993, first doing on call work as an usher at the MGM Grand Garden and for the last three and a half years, he's working in the Race and Sports book.

Ralph has been collecting chips and casino related stuff for the last



His real collecting true love, is old cars. His first one was a 1926 Dodge Brothers coupe, followed by a 1937 Chevrolet sedan delivery, followed by a 1930 Ford Tudor sedan (the one that was on the O'Shea's chip) followed by a 1941 Chevrolet sedan delivery, followed by his present hot rod, a 1941 Plymouth Panel Delivery. He also had a 1957 Chevrolet, that he sold to buy a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria, and last but not least, he has a 1957 Chevrolet pickup. He's been doing old cars for over 30 years.



Rhona and Ralph have been together 15 years in March. Rhona has a daughter, and Ralph has a son. They also have 2 beautiful grandchildren. Kyle who's 14, and Kaylee who's 9



ten years or so. It started with just chips, but now has expanded to include dice, ashtrays, paperweight, room keys, slot cards, and even casino wrist watches.



Ralph and Rhona Myers

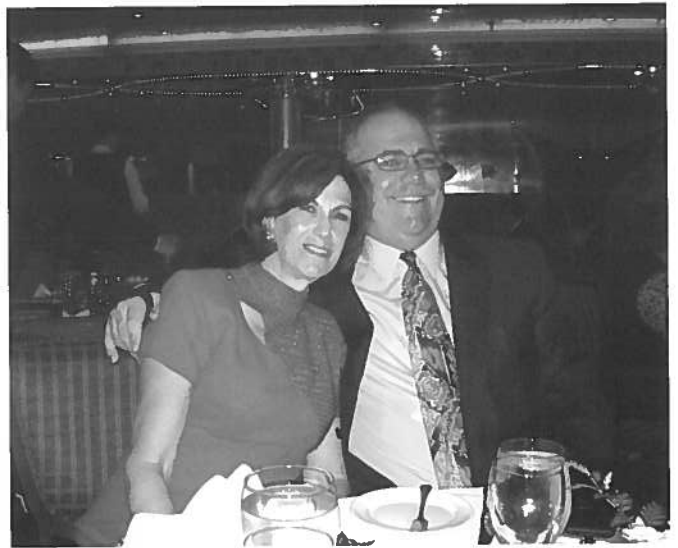
Ralph's been living in Las Vegas this time for almost 16 years. This time, because he lived here for 2 1/2 years starting in 1973. The company he worked for promoted him to Las Vegas, then promoted him again out of Las Vegas.

As the club membership officer, Ralph is responsible for processing new membership applications, assigning membership numbers and issuing membership cards. He maintains the club database and publishes periodic membership directories. He also supplies labels to the printer for the *Casino Chip and Token News* magazine and for other club mailings. Ralph can also be found manning the membership table at the annual convention.



Ralph and his 1941 Plymouth Panel Delivery





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“World of Money” Preview

“Money of the World Today: A Portrait of Global Society,” is open at the ANA Money Museum. The exhibit features a fresh approach to this fascinating subject, taking visitors on a tour of the world, continent by continent. The journey’s departure point is marked by a huge globe, surrounded by world flags and a series of clocks marking the current time in many capital cities. And, of course, it’s all accompanied by stunning examples of world coins and paper money.

As travelers embark on their tour, they will view groups of display cases representing the world’s continents. Each has a corresponding panel that explains its political geography, illustrated with spectacular satellite images of the region.

Examples of the currency of every recognized country of the world present a colorful collage of designs and images. Along with the amazing variety of numismatic specimens, visitors will experience the diversity of our planet’s people and terrain through hundreds of dramatic images. Not only is it aesthetically pleasing, but it also provides a unique educational experience of the world’s currency and the underlying connections between our national economies.



To enhance the experience, visitors can purchase a “passport,” which includes questions that can be answered by viewing the displays. At each “border,” visitors stop at a station to have their passports stamped, showing that they visited that portion of the exhibit. The combination of geography and numismatics should provide an especially powerful and compelling experience for students, perhaps inspiring a new generation of numismatists interested in the history of their money and that of their neighbors, and not just the exchange value of these pieces of cultural, political and social history.

As is usual in the preparation of a new exhibit, the research and gathering process itself is a learning experience, providing insights into new areas of numismatics and their connections with other disciplines. The focus of this exhibit has encouraged me to look at the images and messages presented on modern currencies from a geographic and political perspective.

It is clear that money is changing worldwide, from the introduction of new materials for coins and notes and the use of innovative designs and color, to the abandonment of coins (and even, in some cases, the abandonment of national currencies altogether). Such changes reflect the metamorphoses occurring in our world—the acceptance

of economic and geopolitical realities, and, often, the subordination of traditional national sovereignties through the formation of economic and monetary unions. Examples of these phenomena include countries such as Ecuador, which has made U.S. currency its legal tender in a practical effort to control its economy.

Also proving the point are the European Monetary Union and various other official partnerships among African and Caribbean nations. They require participating states to give up the traditional calling card of independent nations—a unique currency that reflects national pride, history and ideology.

I hope that you will have the opportunity to experience “Money of the World Today” for yourself. I’d like to think the exhibit will inspire a broader understanding of numismatics and its relevancy to the contemporary international scene.
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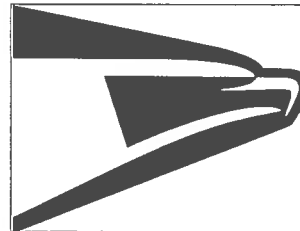
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Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws

The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

February 2006

I. PURPOSE

These Bylaws are intended to supplement the Club's Constitution, and to govern the operation and conduct of the Club's business.

II. OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PRESIDENT

1. Preside at all officially called Club meetings;
2. Appoint all committees and chairmen, an A.N.A. Club Representative, Historian, Magazine Editor, Convention Chairman, Election Chairman, Advertising Manager, Publicity Chairman, Librarian, Claims Director, and such other positions and offices as shall from time to time become desired by the President and/or Board of Directors, and to designate such committees as standing or ad hoc; and
3. To conduct the business of the Club, with the advice and counsel of the Board of Directors.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

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

C. SECRETARY

1. Conduct the Club's official correspondence and serve as the Club's prime contact on all inquiries;
2. Act as Secretary to the Board of Directors by taking and maintaining all official minutes of Board meetings and official Club meetings, and preparing or causing to be prepared official documents.
3. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

D. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

1. Process new membership applications, assign membership numbers and issue membership cards;
2. Maintain the Club computer database and publish periodic membership directories;

3. Print mailing labels for the quarterly magazine and other Club mailings and provide sets of labels to the Editor;
4. Issue annual call for dues renewal and receive all payments of same; Forward all dues payment received promptly to the Treasurer; and Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.

E. TREASURER

1. Record all income received. All payments made shall be evidenced by receipts, written certification of payment or canceled checks. All payments must be made by check when possible. All accounts are required to have the signatures of two (2) officers for disbursements and must be designated with the banking institution as a "two signature required" account;
2. If necessary, maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed \$250;
3. Prepare quarterly financial reports for publication in the official Club magazine, summarizing income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and submit an annual financial report to be reviewed with the membership at the annual convention meeting each year;
4. To have all accounts and records available for auditing and to personally be available to answer questions during the first quarter of each calendar year. The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three (3) Club members appointed by the President, plus the President. The written report by the Audit Committee shall be presented to the membership in the Club magazine issue following the audit;
5. Establish and maintain a separate interest-bearing account for the deposit of Life Membership dues, to maintain Life Member benefits. Funds deposited into such account shall not be used for any other purpose; and
6. Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Board.
7. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, or officer shall be entitled to

share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets upon the dissolution of the organization.

III. CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

The Club shall conduct an annual meeting and convention, and shall announce the same in the official Club periodical more than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and convention. The Club may also meet officially at any time upon the call of the President or three (3) other members of the Board. The same thirty (30) day notice shall be given to the membership. The Board of Directors and officers shall correspond from time to time to prepare an advance agenda for the public meetings of the Club.

IV. DUES

Current membership dues are:

1. Regular member: \$20 per year, \$5 per day for convention week only
2. Associate member: \$5 per year
3. Foreign member: \$35 per year
4. Life member: \$300 one-time payment

The amount of annual dues is subject to change by the Board of Directors as increased costs and additional services may from time to time require. Change in the dues shall be effective upon approval by the Board of Directors and implemented on a date specified by the Board. No change in these by-laws is necessary.

V. CLUB NAME, LOGO AND SYMBOLS

The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by these By-laws or as otherwise specifically approved in writing by the Board of Directors.

1. Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club.
2. Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
3. "Identifies" includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet web sites, internet or live auctions, e-mails, and any and all other types of communication.
4. Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those

officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club (e.g. Committee chairs, etc.).

5. No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
6. Once the Board has approved a "Member's Logo" which contains the member's membership number, only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotion, business cards, auctions, etc.
7. Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
8. The entities formerly known as "Chapters" are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization.

VI. MEMBERSHIP CONDUCT

1. Members are required to adhere to and conform to the Club's Code of Ethics, as now enacted and as amended in the future.
2. Members are required to interact with other members in a civil, non-antagonistic, cooperative way.
3. Members are required to fully cooperate with any investigation into violations of the Code of Ethics, give full cooperation and full testimony if requested to, under oath if so desired by those conducting the investigation.
4. Members are required to report violations of the Code of Ethics to the Board of Directors.

VII. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any member who:

- a. violates the Constitution of this organization; or
- b. violates the By-laws of this organization; or
- c. violates the Code of Ethics of this organization; or
- d. fails to cooperate fully, completely and honestly with any Board of Inquiry into improper conduct, under oath if so requested; or
- e. has been convicted of a criminal offense; or
- f. engages in conduct unbecoming a member; or
- g. engages in conduct deemed detrimental to the welfare of the organization and/or its member and/or the hobby; or
- h. engages in conduct deemed unduly hostile or antagonistic or adversarial to fellow members

shall be subject to expulsion and/or any other disciplinary action at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may act upon any complaint, formal or informal, may investigate the same by themselves, may refer the matter to a Claims Director to investigate, review and recommend, may refer the matter to a third party to investigate, review and recommend if the objectivity of the Claims Director is called into question, and may render any verdict, finding or punishment it deems appropriate. The findings and conclusions of the Board of Directors are final.

Once expelled by the Board of Directors, a former member may only be re-instated by a unanimous vote of that or a subsequent Board of Directors.

VIII. CHAPTERS

The Club has elected to eliminate the category of "Chapters", has revoked any such Charters previously issued, and prohibits any person or group from representing themselves to be a Chapter of the Club or to speak for the Club.

IX. POLICIES OF THE CLUB

- A.No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided for by Section 510(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by participating in, or intervening in, including the publication or distribution of statements) or any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- B.The organization shall be permitted, as provided for in Section 502(h), to attempt to influence legislation or policy or enforcement of policy, rules and regulations when such activities are deemed by the Board of Directors to be in the best interests of the organization and the hobby.



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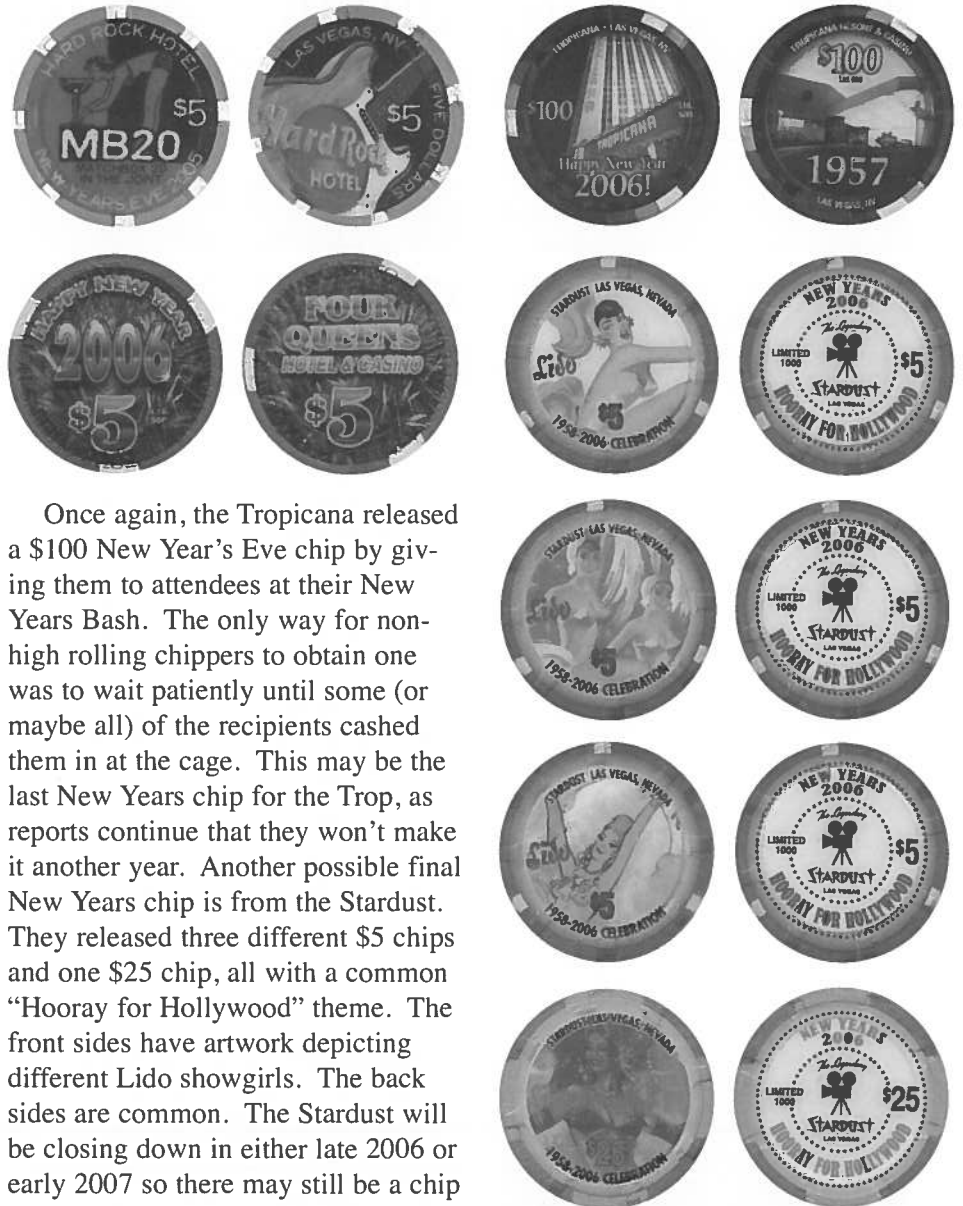
by Tyrus Mulkey

Greetings Club Members!

After a two year hiatus, the Southern Nevada Chip Report is back!! Dave and Debbie Harber of Cheques In The Mail, Inc. wrote this report for many years. When I purchased their online chip brokerage and merged it with www.TyrusRex.com, they suggested that I write the report, but my head was spinning while I was discovering just how time consuming being a full time chip dealer can be! After nearly two years, I think I just might be able to handle a quarterly report.

Let's start off the first report of 2006 with the New Year's Eve chips!

Little ole' Ellis Island was the first to issue a 2006 New Years chip. They produced a mintage of 500 chips and released them on December 14th. The Hard Rock was second when they released 5000 \$5 MB20 chips. The group Matchbox 20 performed in The Joint on New Years Eve. Later that same day, the Four Queens released a Happy New Year chip with a mintage of 500.



Once again, the Tropicana released a \$100 New Year's Eve chip by giving them to attendees at their New Years Bash. The only way for non-high rolling chippers to obtain one was to wait patiently until some (or maybe all) of the recipients cashed them in at the cage. This may be the last New Years chip for the Trop, as reports continue that they won't make it another year. Another possible final New Years chip is from the Stardust. They released three different \$5 chips and one \$25 chip, all with a common "Hooray for Hollywood" theme. The front sides have artwork depicting different Lido showgirls. The back sides are common. The Stardust will be closing down in either late 2006 or early 2007 so there may still be a chip next year.

The Golden Nugget Laughlin released 500 \$5 New Years chips. They come with serial numbers on the reverse side.



Bally's and Paris teamed up to pop the cork and release New Years chips with identical artwork on the front but unique on the back. The Rio also released a chip. While it is a beautiful chip, they chose a mermaid instead of the traditional fireworks, champagne, or clock striking midnight artwork that usually comes with a New Years chip. When I asked about this at the Rio, I was told that the High Rollers New Years Party had a mermaid theme. I informed them that I wasn't invited and that if I don't get invited next year then I will simply be forced to play penny machines somewhere else. I'm pretty sure I'll get invited next year because, as I was leaving, I noticed several executives huddled together and pointing at me.



Last year, the Silverton released a five piece New Year's Eve set featuring Hootie and the Blowfish on \$5 chips. This year, they released another

five piece Hootie set, but on \$2 chips. I asked if next year's NYE chip would be on \$1 chips and received a blank stare. Maybe it's not economizing that forced the decision, but the new poker room. You see, these \$2 beauties are in use on their poker tables.



The first casino to change their house rack this year was none other than the Excalibur. They issued \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000 chips. Only the \$1 through \$100 chips are shown here, but the higher denomination chips have the RFID



technology in them to prevent theft, loss, and cheating. Oh yea, I almost forgot. The chips also help the casino provide better customer service. I'm not sure how, though. It's kind of like a sales call being recorded for your protection.

Get a second job or sell the kids if you have to, but prepare yourself for an onslaught of new casino house racks over the next year or two. Rumor has it that all Las Vegas casinos will be changing over to the new technology chips.

Coming up in the next issue will be Super Bowl, oops, I mean football chips, Chinese New Year chips, Valentine's Day chips, St. Patrick's Day chips, and who knows what else! Thanks for reading!

Tyrus Mulkey owns and operates the Internet's first and largest casino chip brokerage. He can be reached through his website at www.TyrusRex.com or at 1-800-317-1614.

Call for Hall of Fame Recommendations

The Hall of Fame is the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club's highest honor. Each year, several members are considered for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. Members are selected based on their contributions to the hobby and to the Club, which represent exemplary integrity and the greatest impact on the Club and on the hobby as a whole. There is no requirement that a minimum number of members be selected for the Hall of Fame in any year, but there have been one, two, or three new members each year since the inauguration of the Hall of Fame honor. Below are listed the current members of the CC>CC Hall of Fame.

During the 2003 CC>CC Convention in Las Vegas, a Hall Of Fame Committee was appointed by newly elected CC>CC President; Mike Skelton This select committee was charged with setting up a procedure to select future candidates into the club's prestigious Hall Of Fame In the past; two very valuable, and now departed club members, (Gene Grossblatt and Bruce Landau) were instrumental in putting together the club's initial Hall of Fame program. The new committee is comprised of the twelve living members currently in the Hall Of Fame. As additional new HOF members are annually inducted, they too will automatically become a member of the CC>CC HOF Committee.

The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Draft guidelines and qualifications for future HOF recommendations.
2. To solicit potential recommendations from the club membership at large; and also from within the HOF committee.
3. To select and induct future worthy candidates into the HOF.

The actual selection of future HOF members is to be conducted exclusively by the HOF committee members and not by the club membership. It was unanimously felt that in all probability many newer club members would not know of the past contributions to the hobby in general, and to the club in particular, by earlier club members.

The HOF Committee was charged with developing a fair system whereby club members could recommend persons worthy of consideration of CC>CC Hall of Fame status. With that thought in mind, a HOF Recommendation form has been prepared in advance for any interested club member to request in helping them to outline the qualifications of the person they are presenting to the HOF committee for consideration. (see inserted form in this issued of the club magazine)

The current HOF Committee Members as of 2005 (in alphabetical order) are as follows:

Archie A. Black (Chairman)
Harvey Fuller (deceased)
Howard Herz
Phil Jensen
Michael Knapp
Bruce Landau (deceased)
Robert Mera (deceased)
Dr. Allan Myers
Janice O'Neal
Charles T. Rodgers
Douglas Saito
Dale Seymour
Mike Skelton
Greg Susong
Ernie Wheelden

For background biographies for the above HOF members, please visit the club website at:
<http://www.ccgcc.com/hof.htm>

ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

Numeral Chips and New Finds

by Dale Seymour and Ken Craig

Numeral Chips

One hundred years ago, poker players could order chips from a variety of catalogs, as they can today. Chips were for home games and the choice of designs was greater then than it is today. These composition (clay) chips were available plain, with no design, or customers could choose from various pictures or geometric designs.

Most chips came in the colors white, red and blue. Players assigned numerical values to the different colors depending on the level of the game. For this reason, it was not necessary for numerical values to appear on most chips as they do on our casino chips today.

Some of the card players in the 1900's must have preferred chips with numerals on them over the chips containing pictures or designs. Numeral chips were available in a variety of manufacturing styles: engraved, embossed, inlaid and Crest and Seal. The most common denominations were 5, 25, 50 and 100, although chips have been found with many different numerals. Some of these unusual denominations were used for debt markers or for games other than poker.

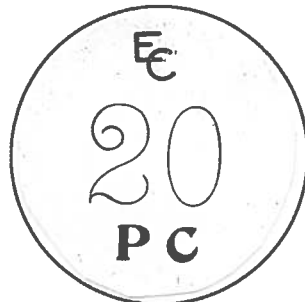
Selected chips shown on the following pages show a sampling of the more than 1,000 different numeral chips collectors have found that were made in the period 1890-1940. The engraved numeral chips shown on this page are more than 100 years old. This design seems to be the favorite of antique numeral chip collectors.



Selected samples of numeral 5 chips



Selected samples of numeral chips



Selected samples of numeral chips



Collector News and New Finds

It has been quite a while since this column last appeared so there has been an accumulation of new finds. A few of the new finds that were submitted were not of sufficient quality to reproduce clearly here. Hopefully, they can be shown in a later issue if better copies are submitted.

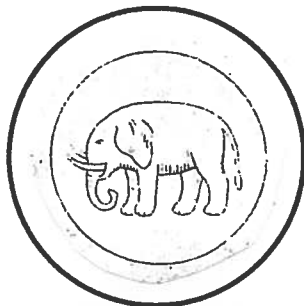
Activity on ebay with mother-of-pearl counters has increased with the appearance of a beautifully designed newsletter by British collector, Matthew Silverstone. Silverstone's newsletters are very informative regarding the history of English mother-of-pearl gaming counters. There is a wide range in the quality and desirability of English counters. Ones that bear family crests or coats of arms are the most collectible. Chips belonging to King George III and Queen Charlotte have been bringing as much as \$500 each. The website is www.oldtimegaming.co.uk.

In the past year, there have been more new finds of ivory poker chips than of the lesser-valued composition or clay chips. New codes assigned to these chips are shown on the following pages. Credit for these finds include: Bud Meyer, Jim Myers, Stan Wilker, Ralph Strandwold, Al Kleindienst, Michael Whaley, Fred Krick, Roy Klein, Nancy Olson, Luke Rapley and Jim Garrard. Chip codes are from the book, *Antique Gambling Chips*.

New Clay Codes



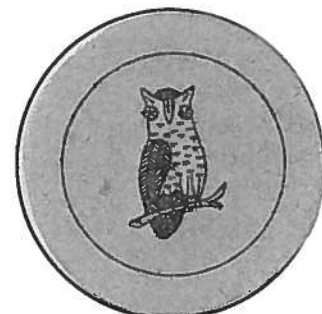
**PA-FG Elephant Head
Engraved / v:g
(celluloid)**



**PA-FQ Elephant
Engraved / v:g**



**PA-KX Horse Head
Engraved / v:g**



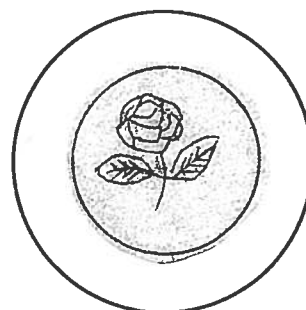
**PB-OC Owl
Engraved / v:f**



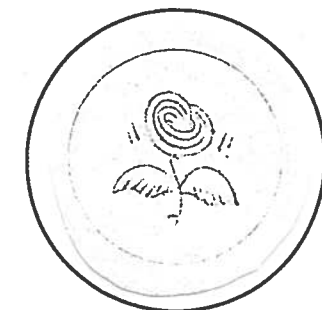
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**PD-GO Fleur-de-lis
Engraved / v:g**



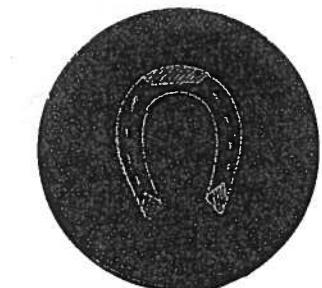
**PL-FS Rose
Engraved / v:g**



**PL-GD Rose
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**PL-MD Maple Leaf
Engraved / v:f**



**PS-SM Horseshoe
Variation Example**



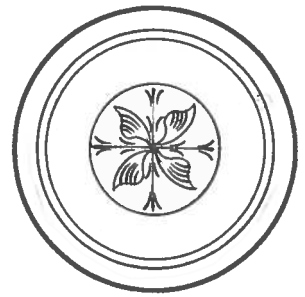
PS-UM Horseshoe
Engraved / v:e



PW-MZ Cross
Inlaid / v:f



ID-YY Four Leaves
v:k



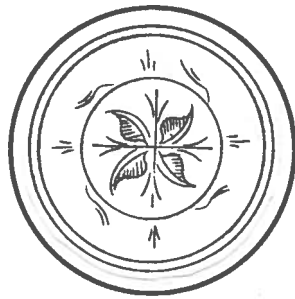
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PY-EF Fireman's Fund
Stamped / v:f



ID-AY Bird on Nest
v:q



ID-ZW Four Leaves
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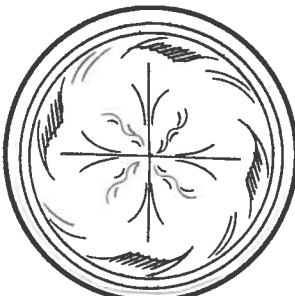
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ID-PG Star
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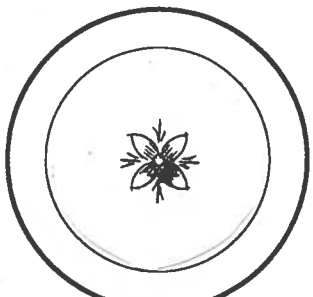
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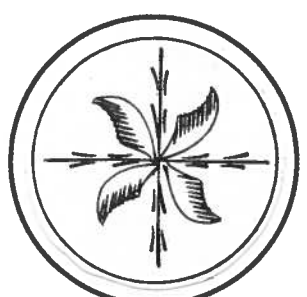
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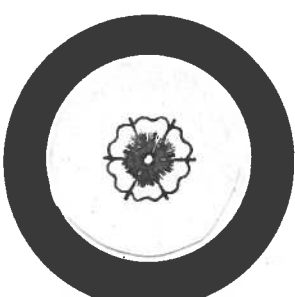
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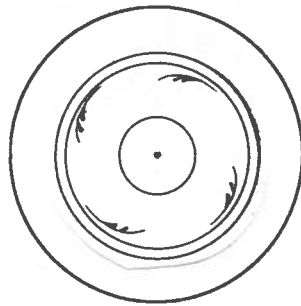
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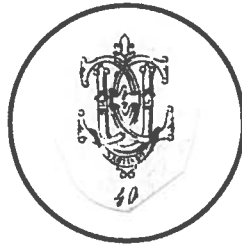
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IP-ML
v:m



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CCU / v:n



IM-CC
reverse



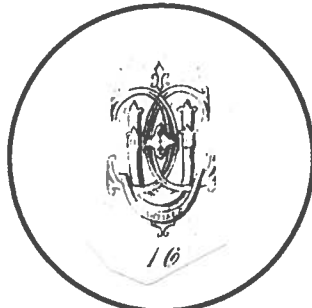
IZ-LP
Twenty-Five
(recent creation?)



IZ-LP
reverse



IM-CD
CCU / v:o



IM-CD
reverse



IM-ICa
v:l



IN-UH
v:l

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Atlantic City R E P O R T

by Archie Black

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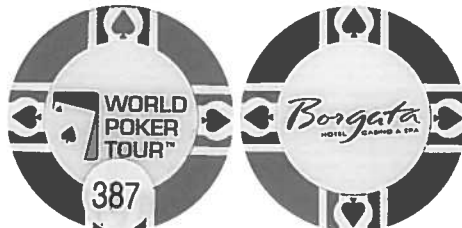
Still no word is available regarding this Sands 20th Anniversary LE chip. The chip issue was originally to be released over the July 4th weekend.

I've confirmed that the chips are on the property at Sands and are in the cage; but no official word on the release date was available at press time. The cage supervisor told me recently that all she is waiting for is “the word from upstairs to let them go out.”

Only two of the four chips illustrated below were issued on November 8th at Trump Plaza to honor the Nation's Veterans. The other two chips were released two weeks later on November 22nd. 500 of each chip was issued.



Borgata gave out this same red World Poker Tour chip again this year to spectators who wished to view the live tournament taping



Another Donald Trump slot card made an appearance this quarter, this one at Trump Marina. “Live Like Trump” promotion runs until April 22 at which time “one lucky winner will win \$100,000.

Not to be outdone ... Trump sister property Taj Mahal is now using this room key with a colorful photo of “The Donald”. Trump is finally getting around to converting his hotel room doors from the old style metal keys to today's technology using electronic plastic cards at Taj Mahal. Nice colorful keys are now in use for certain floors only. I would imagine that all floors will eventually be converted to the new electronic cards.



TRUMP PLAZA and SHOWBOAT each have issued their 2005 Halloween chip issues.



After a false start from their pre-announced release date, this spooky pair of chips from SHOWBOAT, to mark Halloween 2005, was released

on October, 29th. 500 nickels and 200 quarters were issued.



TRUMP PLAZA issued this \$25 Halloween chip on the morning of October 31st. 300 quarter chips were produced. The usual warm hospitality greetings prevailed at Trump Plaza under the watchful eye of Joe Gontowski and his crew.



This four-piece series of Brian Setzer chips was issued at Showboat/House of Blues just in time for the holidays. 500 nickels; 200 dimes; 200 \$20's and only 100 quarters were the numbers given for this release. Two stacks (40) of the nickel chips were put aside for the artist as

per contractual terms. I was barely able to purchase enough nickel chips for all of my subscribers, thanks to some helpful folks in line who were kind enough to pick up extras for me as a favor. Over 35 chippers showed up for this Saturday morning sold-out release; the most number of chip buyers I've seen in line in quite some time. A strict limit of just two \$25 chips per person was imposed and purchasers could return to the end of the line for re-buys until the supply was exhausted.



Showboat also issued this \$20 Limited Edition chip to commemorate their entry into the 2005 World Series Of Poker Tournament Circuit. Tournament dates were held from November 28th through the final table which was scheduled for December 9th. 1000 Limited Edition chips were manufactured with many tournament players reported to be interested in purchasing these LE. chips, along with the usual chip collectors.



This pair of Anniversary chips was issued on December 9th to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the property opening on December 9,

1980 as the Golden Nugget. 5000 nickels and 1000 quarters were manufactured. Plenty for everyone!

Trump Taj Mahal also issued a pair of chips at year's end. This famous duo; Donald Trump and Pamela Anderson, appeared on \$5 and \$25 chips. 500 of the nickel chips were issued and a stingy 100 of the quarters were made. This pair of L.E. chips were issued on December 9th to mark The Donald's "Quarter Million Dollar Birthday Giveaway" promotion that was hosted by Pamela Anderson. The \$25 Limited Edition chip is another all-too-familiar short supply quarter issue that we've come to expect from Trump Taj Mahal. Only 100 quarters were manufactured and all were sold within 10 minutes after appearing on the single roulette table for sale to chippers!



Harrah's Atlantic City issued this surprise 25th Anniversary quarter chip on December 29th; the last chip to be issued during the year 2005. No advance notice was given of this release ... but fortunately 2500 of them were manufactured so that anybody who wanted one did not get shut out.



It would appear that 2006 is going to be a very lean year, chip-wise in A.C. Only one chip was issued in all of January, A belated "Happy Holidays 2005" nickel chip from Trump Plaza was issued on January 10th. 600 chips were manufactured. Next up is a Chinese New Year issue. So far, no chips have been issued in A.C. during the month of February.



I'm told that new tournament chips are currently in use at Tropicana and at Hilton. A regular tournament player/chipper provided me with scans of these few chips. I understand that 500, 1000 and 5000 No Cash Value chips are also included in this new series currently in play at Trop.



It was announced on the A.C. Casino Collectibles Club message board that this unique blue .50 cent hot stamp Resorts chip (RES-.50) and the equally unique \$1 Holiday Inn metal center chip (HOL-1) have changed hands again. The new owner is a well-known New York collector who purchased the rare pair for \$15,000 from Ricky Pushkin of Maryland in a private transaction.



Brenda and I are currently putting together a reference catalog that will be donated to the CC>CC Library and not sold commercially. If anyone has a deck of A.C. cards that is not illustrated in the catalog, I'll provide them with a free copy of the catalog and will acknowledge their name in the published roster of contributors in exchange for giving up their deck of A.C. cards.



Happy collecting, Archie Black

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Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club Announces Meeting Schedule For 2006

by Jerry Birl

The meeting schedule for the Atlantic City Casino Collectible Club for 2006 has been set. Club meetings will be held on the following dates:

Sunday – January 29, 2006
Sunday – March 12, 2006
Sunday - May 21, 2006
Sunday – July 23, 2006
Sunday – September 17, 2006
Sunday – November 19, 2006

The Club meetings will be held at the Trump Marina Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The meetings generally begin around 11:00 am with a trading session, followed by other Club activities including: 50/50 Raffle, Auction, reports by Club officers and presentations by guest speakers.

The March 12th meeting will be a

very special event for the A C Club. We will have our Annual luncheon in the Buffet at the Trump Marina following our regular meeting. Also at the March meeting, we will be presenting the 1st Annual Atlantic City Chip of the Year and Slot Card of the Year Awards. Club members will vote for their favorite Chip and Slot Card introduced in A C Casinos in 2005. All Club members and associate members will be allowed to vote on these awards, which will be given to the Atlantic City Casino which produced the Chip and Slot Card of the Year.

If you have never attended one of our meeting – make your plans to attend the March meeting which should be the highlight of our 2006 schedule. We cordially invite chippers

from all over the country to join us for what should be a very fun filled day.

We continue to try to have one or more of the A C Casinos produce live chips with our Club logo on them. The year of 2006 will mark the 12th Anniversary of the founding of the A C Casino Collectible Club (formerly the A C Chapter of the CC>CC).

If you want to join the AC Casino Collectible Club please visit our website: <http://ccgtcc.com/chapter/ac/> or write to
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14th Annual CC>CC Convention

June 28th - July 1st 2006
Riviera Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Chip & Medal Design Contest

The club is now accepting entries for our Convention Medal and Chip design contest for the 2006, 14th Annual Convention. These club convention commemorative issues are very collectible and popular with the membership. All members in good standing are eligible to participate. Awards for winning entries in both categories will be presented at the convention in June 2006 at the Riviera.

Contest rules are as follows:

1. The obverse side of the medal will be the standard club logo, of which a die has already been prepared.
2. The reverse medal design submitted is to be prepared in black and white, on plain paper in a circular area about 6" to 8" in diameter.
3. The chip design subject matter may be presented in black & white with color designations, in color, as a photograph, decal, or penciled art layout. Hand drawn or computer-generated art is acceptable. Formal art is not necessary. Your idea is just as important.
4. Up to three entries in each category may be submitted.
5. A panel of judges appointed by the Design Chairman will select winning designs. Winning design may be modified to meet manufacturing specifications if needed. Any changes will be reviewed with the designer.
6. All entries become the property of CC>CC and may be used for the T-shirt design if appropriate.
7. Deadline for entries is April 15, 2006 and MUST be postmarked by the date to be eligible.

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With tournament winner Rick Miner, 4 others who cashed are from left to right; Ron Minsburg, Jim Batten, Nate Pincus, Jay Sands

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Charitable Casino Chips of North Dakota

Part IV

More Facts and Figures

by John K. Kallman

With the ease of access, the internet is becoming an increasing means to do research on a wide variety of topics, with casino related items being one of them. Of course, there is as much good information as there are dead ends, false leads, and just outdated information, with my own web pages being no exception. In the last article, I attempted to show how wide spread Charity Casinos were in North Dakota. I did this by using census statistics from 2000 and my own feeble attempts in locating these casinos. It turns out, however, that I only knew the half of it!

Through many internet searches, emails, phone calls, and other false leads, I finally found the office within the Attorney General's office that is in charge of charitable gaming. While they post a lot of useful information on the internet, a lot more information, including historical information is also available, and at only 25c per page, postpaid. While a current list of charitable organization is posted on the internet, and updated every six months, this is of limited use in that it only gives the charities primary office location and NOT the locations where the gaming actually takes place. This secondary list is one that is available by mail, and like the posted list, is updated twice a year. The current listing is 43 pages long, and while some of the locations

DO NOT have table games, the vast majority of them do. From past experience, I have noted different racks in play from the same charity at different locations, so once the snow melts; it looks like my once new vehicle will have a few more miles added to it in very short order.

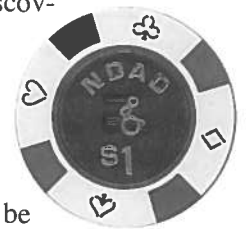
The other list that is available, but may not be applicable in determining those organizations and the chips that they used is a list of charities intelligible to conduct operations for one reason or another. From what I can gather, charitable gaming in North Dakota started in 1977 and I expect early next year to learn how many past listings are available. If they date all the way back to 1977, virtually any chip will be able to be identified, and while each list is only updated every six months, we should be able to get a pretty close estimation of both starting and in some cases, ending dates for most of these chips.

Another interesting item on the Attorney General's web site is a newsletter for those in the gaming industry. While a large part of this is devoted to administrative items such as changes in rules and regulations, dates for training and such, one very interesting item that is routinely posted are the top twenty organizations. For the quarter ending March 31, 2005, gross proceeds for just these 20

charities surpassed 37 million dollars with over 29 million paid out in prizes and over 7 million going to the charities. For these 20 charities, they had 175 different locations where gaming was conducted. And having a large number of locations does not necessarily mean that you are making the most locations. At least one of the top 20 has only a single location and a couple more have fewer than 5. Interesting information to say the least.

When I started out this project to try and document these chips, I had no idea how big of a task this would turn out to be. But at least now I have some idea of exactly how big this monster is. If nothing else, the number of unidentified chips will hopefully be reduced by one or two. At least I hope so!

And now, for those of you who like variety in your chips, you will be pleased to know that at least one series of chips with suite pips have the "left on top" (LOT) and "right on top" (ROT) varieties for the diamond pip on the \$1.00 NDAD (North Dakota Association for the Disabled). Thanks for this discovery go to James Gagnon sharp eyes. Whether or not other chips also exhibit this variety remains to be seen, but it is something that I will take into account on my next trip north.



Again, there must be one or more members who have access to places in North Dakota that I have not visited (which would be most of the state), or who have chips that are either from or could be from North Dakota. I would very much like to hear from you and add to my very incomplete list of chips and locations. Please email me at cashcoinconnection@yahoo.com.


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For more information on the club, click on the link below.

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The Casino Chip and Token News website will soon have all magazines from the Fall 2000 issue to the current issue available in pdf. Some of the articles available from the archives section now are:

Flamingo Capri. The old Las Vegas motel was located where The Imperial Palace now stands.

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Las Vegas. Scans of chips, silver strikes, tokens slot cards and room keys along with a history of the property. Look for an updated version of this article which will include the chips of 2005 soon.

Town House, Reno. One of the more upscale clubs in Reno from 1932 to 1955.

B. C. Wills & Company. One of the founders of modern American gaming.

Distributor samples, casino samples and game advertisements. Gaming checks for gaming suppliers.

Thanks to Mark Cotton for creating an alphabetical index of articles from the Fall 2000 issue to the current issue.

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<http://www.cottonchipper.com/cctnindex.html>

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2006 Convention Update

by Jim Steffner

Riviera Hotel
Las Vegas NV
June 28th to July 1, 2006

Can you believe only a few short months...and we'll be gathering for the CC>CC 17th Anniversary and our 14th Annual Convention & Show. Where does the time go?

The convention will have something for everyone...chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, matchbooks, slot cards and room keys, casino memorabilia, exhibits, seminars, trade sessions, and best of all the chance to meet some really great people. The show floor was once again an early sell-out with several new dealers joining all your past favorites.

The Riviera Hotel will be our host for 2006 and the staff is anxious to assist our club to make this convention another first class event. This year we will be in the Grande Ballroom E-H, which is the same location as our 2004 show. The large show floor, close parking and easy access, spacious meeting rooms, and many exciting events await. We look forward to seeing everyone in June.

Help Wanted

Part time positions are open for members who wish to volunteer a few hours during the show. It is because of these volunteers that the show goes on. Without their donation of a few hours we could not provide all the fun and excitement that all members enjoy.

If you wish to volunteer for positions such as registration, promotions table, auction table, membership table, or show setup and teardown,



please contact Bob Bickford, Volunteer Coordinator, oldbera@wowway.com or call Bob at 440-243-0478.

Pre-Registration – Main registration desk next to Business Center

Once again, pre-registration is offered to those who would like to eliminate standing in the long lines when the show opens. Price is the same as last year, \$10.00, a \$5.00 savings over the regular three-day admission.

The registration form can be found in this issue of the magazine, and on the club web site. Bruce & Mary Ann Massey will again be handling the pre-registration. Their address and e-mail are on the registration form. Payment by check or money order made out to CC>CC must accompany the form. No credit card transaction can be used with the mail-in form. Be sure to include your e-mail, or phone number to receive your confirmation. You can also pre-register on-line at the club web site, www.ccgcc.com using VISA or MasterCard (sorry no other credit card can be accepted). Be sure you follow all the instructions in each step

of the registration process. Do not close out until you are shown that you have completed the process. With either the mail in form or the on-line process, you WILL receive a confirmation within 30 days. If you do not receive your confirmation, you are NOT registered. Postmark and on-line deadline is May 26, 2006. Any registrations received after that date cannot be accepted.

A photo ID with address will be required to pick up your packet and each person must pick up their own. No packets will be mailed to non-attendees. Children under 12 for which there is no charge for show entry, do not need to pre-register, but if they will be attending the show, please provide their names and ages and a special Junior Collector packet will be available for them. Pre-Registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk on Wednesday June 28, 2006 ONLY between 9AM and 4PM and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

There will be four lines separated alphabetically to make the process smooth and fast. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show

badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker and blackjack confirmations (if participating), and any special coupons, freebies, or give-a-ways that we can obtain.

Hotel Reservations

Reserve your room directly with the Riviera Hotel. Call their toll free registration number 800-634-6753 or 702-794-9412. Be sure to mention that you are with the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club. Ask for your confirmation number.

Deadline to book our special rooms is July 9th, 2006 or until our block of rooms is filled.

Hotel room rates for the 2006 convention will be \$68.00 for Sunday thru Thursday, and \$75.00 for Friday & Saturday. Special rates are effective from June 23, 2006 through July 4, 2006 for those who wish to arrive early or stay over. Reservations must be made before July 9, 2006 to be included in the club room block. All reservations made at the Riviera and included in our special club room block help the club keep costs down in future years and assist us in negotiating more favorable contracts for future conventions. Support your club and stay at the Riviera.

Members booking rooms at the host hotel provide the club with the low cost convention facilities and make our group a welcome convention in Las Vegas. The room elevators are only a short distance from the showroom, banquet, exhibits, and meetings. If we do not generate enough hotel room nights the cost of the show floor and meeting rooms could rise.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For the 2006 convention a special drawing has been arranged for those members who book rooms through

the club room block at the Riviera. There will some nice prizes with a Grand Prize of a 2007 Convention Package. This special package will include a room for up to 7 nights at the Riviera, two paid pre-registrations for the convention, a club convention chip, bronze medal, and t-shirt, plus a priority space in the line for Thursday so you will be the first to enter the show floor.

Book your rooms by calling the Riviera reservation number listed above and specify that you be with the CC>CC. Room rates are the same as last year and are more attractive than ever with the rising rates we are seeing in Las Vegas. For one or more nights booked Sunday to Thursday you will receive one entry. For Friday and/or Saturday booking you will receive two entries. For example if you arrived Tuesday and departed Sunday you would have three entries. You will be automatically entered from the room night list provided by the hotel. Additional details to follow.

Chip and Medal Design Contest

Put your artistic talents to work, or even if you can't draw a straight line, submit your ideas and rough drawings. You don't need to be an artist. Enter the chip and medal design contest and compete for cash prizes. Your winning entry could be on the club chip or the silver and bronze medals for the 2006 14th Annual Convention. See the article in this issue, start thinking, and submit your entry. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place in the chip, medal, and T-shirt design categories. Good Luck!

Early Bird Banquet and Trade Session

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 28th. Reserve your tickets using the regis-

tration form or on-line. No tickets will be available at the door. The banquet is always a sellout so don't miss your chance to attend. Last year Mr. Richard Goegline of Harrah's held the audience attention with tales of Harrah's and the Holiday Inn & Casino marriage.

You can reserve a full table of 10 seats so all your friends can sit together. Cost will be \$35.00 each or \$350.00 for a full table. Please provide all ten names and full payment when you send in the reservation form. Single seat reservations are available at \$35.00 each. Several serving lines, fabulous food, and elegant deserts will add to an event you won't want to miss.

All banquet attendees must be club members. If you plan on bringing a spouse or friend, make sure to sign them up for club membership BEFORE the banquet. There will be no opportunity to join the club at the show before Thursday morning after the exhibit hall opens. Banquet tickets will be in your pre-register envelope and can be picked up at the registration desk between 9AM and 4PM ONLY on Wednesday.

When the banquet ends about 8 PM, the tables will be open for a gigantic trade session. Bring what you can carry, allow space for others and remember NO direct selling of items. Have fun!

Exhibits – Grande E-H

All members are encouraged to enter an exhibit and compete for cash prizes. Show cases are provided at no cost. The exhibits that members provide show their collecting specialties and interests. The exhibits can be either competitive or non-competitive. Contact Joe Shaw, Exhibit Chairman at databzr@casino-chip.com to enter.

See related article and exhibit entry form for more details.

This is one of the highlights of the convention and members look forward to seeing what other members collect. In the past exhibits have included chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice, belt buckles, money clips, hotel history, security badges, t-shirt quilt, and much more.

Educational Seminars

Many good suggestions were received for seminar topics. We're lining up some great speakers to keep everyone well informed, educated, and entertained. Watch for future announcements for these years' topics.

Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

The auction will be Friday evening June 30th and once again Barry Weintraub will be organizing the popular event. With record-breaking bids last year, he has assembled some excellent lots for this year's auction that may include some lower and medium priced lots plus items other than chips. Be sure to order your auc-

tion catalog as they usually sell out by show time. (See auction catalog order form).

Poker Challenge and Blackjack Tournament – Palms Hotel & Casino

The poker and blackjack sessions will again be held at the Palms, same as last year. The Palms and Gene Trimble have gone out of their way to provide a nice facility for both tournaments. The action starts on Wednesday with the Blackjack Tournament at Noon. The Poker Challenge will be Thursday evening with a start time of 7:00 PM. Check related article for all the details. Advance signup for both sessions can be done on the registration form or on-line at the club web site. Players can also sign up at the convention for the Poker Challenge if seats are still available, but they usually sell out well before.

A special set of tournament chips will be available and one set is included with each players seat. These chips are used for both the blackjack and the poker tournaments

and will be available to players and for purchase starting on Friday morning when the show opens. Additional sets can be purchased from the Promotion table at the show or by mail. For any questions, please contact Bob Pardue, pardue@home.com

Trade Sessions

Several trade sessions are planned during the convention. Check the schedule at the show for times and locations. Bring some binders but leave space for others. Please, no outright sales of merchandise.

Last Dance Swap Meet

On Saturday, July 1st, the Last Dance Trade Session will be held. The event will begin at 7PM and last until the last two traders call it quits. This is not a "dance" with a band or music but just the last chance for members to get together after the convention closes to find that elusive chip, token, or slotcard. Check show schedule for location.

See you all in June and have fun collecting!

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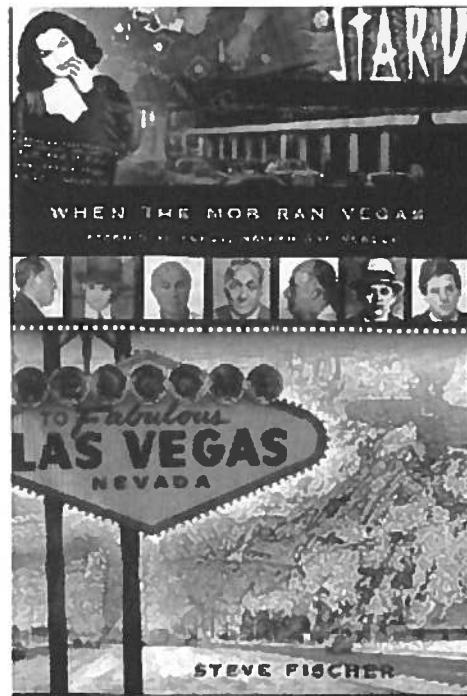
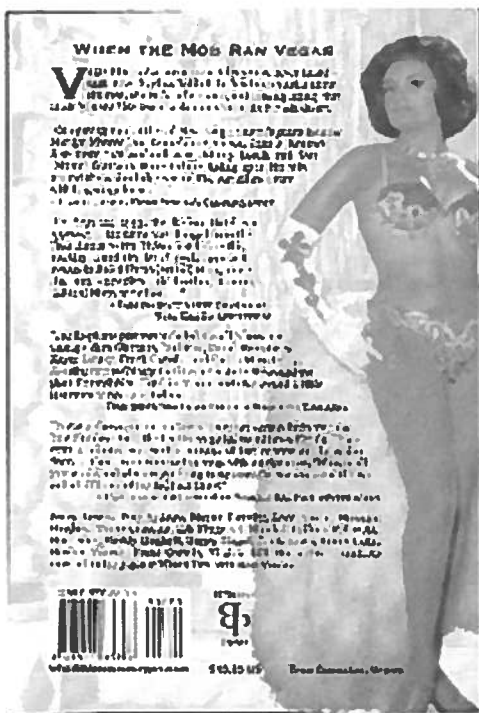
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RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

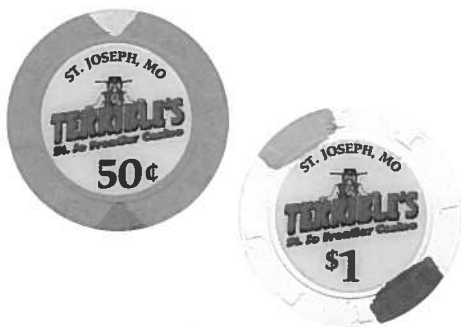
Hello riverboat collectors! Sorry I missed last issue. L'auberge du Lac Casino opened in Lake Charles, LA on May 26, 2005.



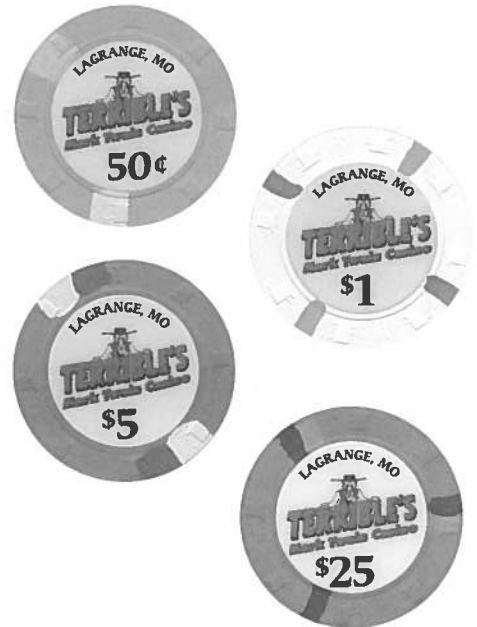
These chips are from Terrible's Lakeside Casino in Osceola, IA.



The Terrible Herbst Corporation bought 3 Midwestern Casinos and began converting them in June, 2005. These are the new chips at Terrible's St. Jo Frontier Casino in St. Joseph, MO.



These are the chips from Terrible's Mark Twain Casino, LaGrange, MO.



Sometime in June, 2005, Harrah's in Maryland Heights, MO released this chip to celebrate the opening of their new iBar.



The Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner, LA changed their \$5 chips in early September.



The new Resorts Casino in Tunica, MS released this Grand Opening chip.



The Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg added this 25c chip to their rack in September, 2005.



Harrah's Mardi Gras Casino in Tunica, MS closed on April 25, 2005. Before they closed they ordered some 25c chip and never did use them. Someone managed to get 3 of them out of the casino and I have one of them.



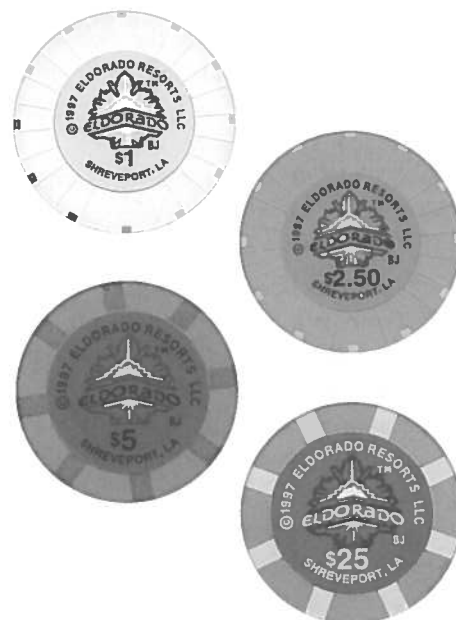
Harrah's in North Kansas City, MO released 5 new chips to advertise various parts of the casino property. The last image is the common reverse.



In November, 2005, Sam's Town in Tunica, MS released this chip to commemorate the Sam's Town 250.



The Eldorado Casino opened in Shreveport, LA on October 26, 2005.



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.

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Chippers Cruise 2006

by Dave Harber

Photographs by Dave Harber and Larry Hollibaugh



bottom row left to right: Belinda Hixon, Middleton Thompson, Sunday Silverman: 2nd row Debbie Harber, Diane Hollibaugh 3rd row: Ralph Myers, Rona Myers, Phil Hixon 4th row Larry Hollibaugh, Wayne Thompson 5th row Bob Orme, Dave Harber Top row: Bruce and Mary Ann Massey

Here's a short little story of how 15 Chippers decided to start off the new year. On Wednesday, January 4th we gathered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and boarded the beautiful Carnival ship Legend. It was much larger and much newer than the ship, Fascination which we took on last year's Chippers Cruise. Then again we were to be gone eight nights as opposed to three. It seems that Carnival uses it's larger and newer ships for their longer itineraries.

One thing that we all quickly noticed were our upgraded cabins.

We were greeted with a gift from our cruise agent of chocolate covered strawberries and champagne. This year just about all of us were blessed with balcony cabins. Now that I've experienced a cruise with a balcony it's going to be tough to ever take another cruise without one. It is so peaceful to be able to sit on your balcony while you gaze out onto an endless horizon.

After two fun filled days at sea we arrived in Colon, Panama early Saturday morning. Most of us made our way to the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal and spent time exploring the flea market style shopping at the port. Several of us took an excursion out into the Panama jungles where we saw wild monkeys, sloths and dozens of species of very colorful birds, butterflies and insects.

Sunday we were back at sea for the day. We pulled into Limon, Costa Rica early Monday morning. Unfortunately it was raining pretty hard (to be expected in the rain forest I guess) but I think we all had a great day exploring the area. Most of us made our way into the rain forest where we either went on a gondola above and below the canopy or went

“zip-lining” from platform to platform ending up on the gorgeous beach.

After experiencing Costa Rica's lush beauty and inexpensiveness, I can certainly see why so many Americans have chosen to relocate to this area.

Tuesday we arrived in Belize City, Belize, the “jewel of Central America”. We spent the day on a private tour with Belinda and Phil Hixon exploring the Mayan ruins and taking a tour of the city. Our tour guide was both very knowledgeable and friendly and it was one of the highlights of the week for sure.

Wednesday we were back at sea for the day before pulling into Fort Lauderdale early Thursday morning. The eight nights just flew by but I



Belinda and Phil Hixon in the Belize rain forest

know that each of us had a vacation whose memories will last a lifetime.

Besides the two organized cocktail parties and our nightly dinners each chipper pretty much did their own thing both on the ship and in the ports. With our round robin seating the dinners were a great time to tell each other about our days and get to know each other much better. There were stories of big wins in the onboard casino and loads of fun doing everything there is to do aboard a Carnival "fun ship".

Chippers Cruise III has been tentatively planned for October 8th - 15th



Aerial trams through the rain forest



I had to pay \$7 for this!!!



Diane Hollibaugh



The Panama canal





Larry and Diane Hollibaugh at the first cocktail party

for the Eastern Caribbean. Initial plans have us going to St. Thomas Virgin Islands, St. Johns and St. Maartan out of Miami. When you consider that your hotel, transportation, all the food you could ever want and entertainment are in one all inclusive price I'm not sure there is a better vacation value out there. If you have any interest in joining us please send an email to info@chipperscruise.com and we'll send you more details.



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HURRICANE KATRINA VS THE BEAU RIVAGE

by Ed Bigley

Let me start this article by introducing myself. My name is Ed Bigley, CCGTCC Member R5083 from Orlando, FL. On any normal day I am a 911 Police/Fire/Medical Dispatcher for a local City here in Orlando. That is until a hurricane hits somewhere in our response area, and then I become Ed Bigley, Emergency Response Team Member. So when Hurricane Katrina decided to pay a visit on 8/29/05 at 0610am to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, our Team was activated to assist in the relief efforts.

I am certain that all of us have seen the pictures that have come out of the area. I will spare you those, as this has been well documented. But what hasn't been reported on extensively is our beloved Gulf Coast casinos, and in particular my favorite of them all.....the Beau Rivage.

Before Katrina's arrival I was a regular visitor to Mississippi, spending many days and nights enjoying the southern hospitality of the Biloxi and Gulfport regions. I am an active member in the Deep South Chip Collecting Club, which always gave me an excuse to visit the area I had grown to love. Without a doubt, the Resort that was by far my favorite was the Beau Rivage. As a fan of Steve Wynn's work, "she" was the Bellagio by the Sea. Not only did the Beau become an interest in my collection, but also my web work. I built a fan site dedicated to the Beau

which can be found at <http://home.cfl.rr.com/bigley>

Arriving in the MS area it was well understood we had a mission to due. No question about it at all, but it was my hope that we would end up someplace close to the Beau so I could find out first hand how she had fared. As luck would have it, I got my wish. Our Department was assigned to the Biloxi Police Dept, and in doing so we would report to them daily for assignment. So when the day came when we were directed to handle crowd control for the 3500 Beau Rivage employees for there payday, I was pretty happy.

MGM-Mirage had set up an area across the street from the Beau in there employee parking lot as an Employee Relief Area. At this loca-

tion there employees could find bottled water, clothing, Red Cross, FEMA, and a hot meal prepared by the Beau Rivage chefs. Before Katrina hit, the chefs had lowered the freezers to there coldest settings. So each day they would defrost a specialty from one of the ten restaurants and prepare meals for everyone. We were there for two days; the first day was Steak and Lobster, and the second was Filet Mignon. And of course all the fixing you could imagine. You don't know how much a hot meal does for morale when you know you don't have to eat MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat). Hanging out with the Beau personnel was a bitter sweet experience. It was great to be with them, but we also got to see there pain first hand. The stories they told, the pictures they showed, you couldn't help but to become attached to



these people. We had the honor of meeting a lot of there upper echelon, who were happy that we were there to give them a hand. They were more then willing to go out of there way to provide any request for service we needed, so when I was asked I only had one request...an inside look at the Beau Rivage.

My tour was set up for the following day. Upon arriving and going thru extensive Security, my first glimpse as I drove the hill to the formal valet parking area was one of debris.

800 construction workers were already on site, all in full stride. My tour began by meeting Mr. Allen Green, the head structural engineer for the Beau Rivage at the main front entrance. Mr. Green is the man in charge of putting the Beau back together and returning her to her original glory. It was obvious that the News reports on the Beau had been somewhat misconstrued. Though the Beau is structurally sound, she is far from being free of damage. Mr Green explained that though the Beau Rivage stood 20 feet above the Gulf, they estimated the storm surge at 28 feet. The many days I had previously been inside the Beau had been one of



wonderful sites and smells....today that smell was of Mississippi muck and construction dust.

As we entered thru the main entrance to the lobby, sounds of demolition were in progress as two back-hoes where tearing up the floor.

As the lobby opens to the right, you can see where the Check In and Store Promenade stood.

Going straight thru the lobby and down the ramp, the buffet stood to the left.

Continuing down the ramp, the floor opens to the Casino area which span's 90,000 square feet. This is now one of debris from ruined carpeting to flooded slot machines.

Continuing towards the back of the facility on the Casino level, it was obvious where the water had risen too.

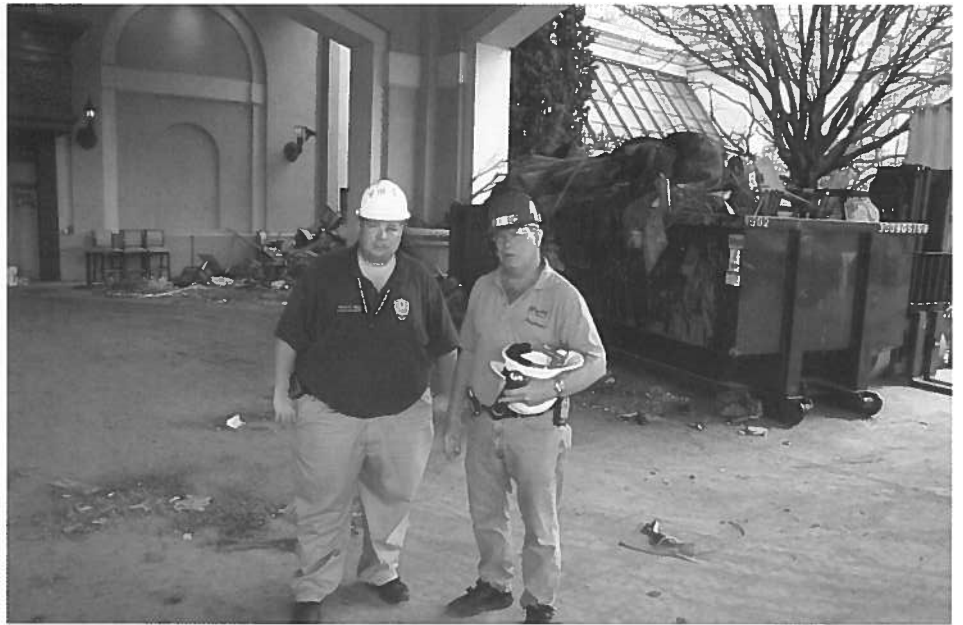
From the back of the Beau you can see the damage to the adjacent Hard Rock Casino which was slated for its Grand Opening the night Katrina arrived.

Towards the end of the tour, Mr. Green could tell that I was pretty bummed that the Casino I once knew was in such disarray. He was very assuring that the Beau Rivage would once again return to her former self. Since she was just recently built in 1998/99, they knew exactly what they needed supply wise and had already placed some orders. Estimate for re-opening are approximately one year. When it came to Beau Rivage chips, there was no question about it, they would re-rack. Though they have had no looting issues, in looking around you could see there chip's lying here and there. No records had been lost



or damage due to Katrina, so if someone came in with a \$1000 chip to cash in, it would be easy for them to track.

As Mr. Green walked us out, we thanked him for his valuable time, as he thanked us as well, as we took a few last pictures.



Though the Beau Rivage is battered and bloodied, she is far from being down for the count. As a phoenix rising from the ashes, we can expect her to do the same...stronger and more beautiful than before.

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(I personally would like to thank Captain Brett Railey and Officer Skip Short for the use of these pictures from the tour.)



The destruction caused by hurricane Katrina

and then there were two!

by John K. Kallman

As you recall, several months/issues ago, I reported on, at that time, the first ever Grand Casino (Minnesota) Limited Edition Collectors Tokens in silver. Know, as the title suggests, I am happy reporting that there is now a second such issue!

This issue is known as Minnesota Landmarks issue, and it was issued the year after the previously reported one. From my prospect, this issue is lacking in its subject matter. Having lived and or visited many points around the world and within the United States, I for one would not list the Minneapolis skyline as a landmark worthy of such note. But then, I guess if you are going to put out four tokens, there are not too many places of note in this state that I live in to select from, and they had to select something.

As with the last series, the reverse is the same as the previous issue.

I have attempted to determine exactly who these set where issued to. In my previous article, I had speculated that there were given to the high rollers while the "gold plated" sets were given to the average casino patron. However, if that was true, one would expect greater numbers of the silver sets than what has proved to be the case. At my last stop at the casino, I did visit the high roller office and inquired about these issues.

Now we all know from past experience, that NOT everything that you learn from a casino employee is necessarily the truth – not that they are lying, it is just that they are usually no more in the information loop than the rest of us. They did know of the issues in question and they thought

that these sets were given to the casino brass and NOT the high rollers. While I can not verify this any more than my own last best guess, I am passing along the information. They also did not know if other sets were issued, nor the total mintage.

But if things do come in threes (both good – three wishes granted, and bad – too many to mention), then hopefully there will be a third set just waiting to be discovered. There was one issue after this one, Endangered Species I (which is somewhat ironic since this was the last series despite the name, there has been to date at least, no Endangered Species II!) And of course, I will let you know if that set does turn up!



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