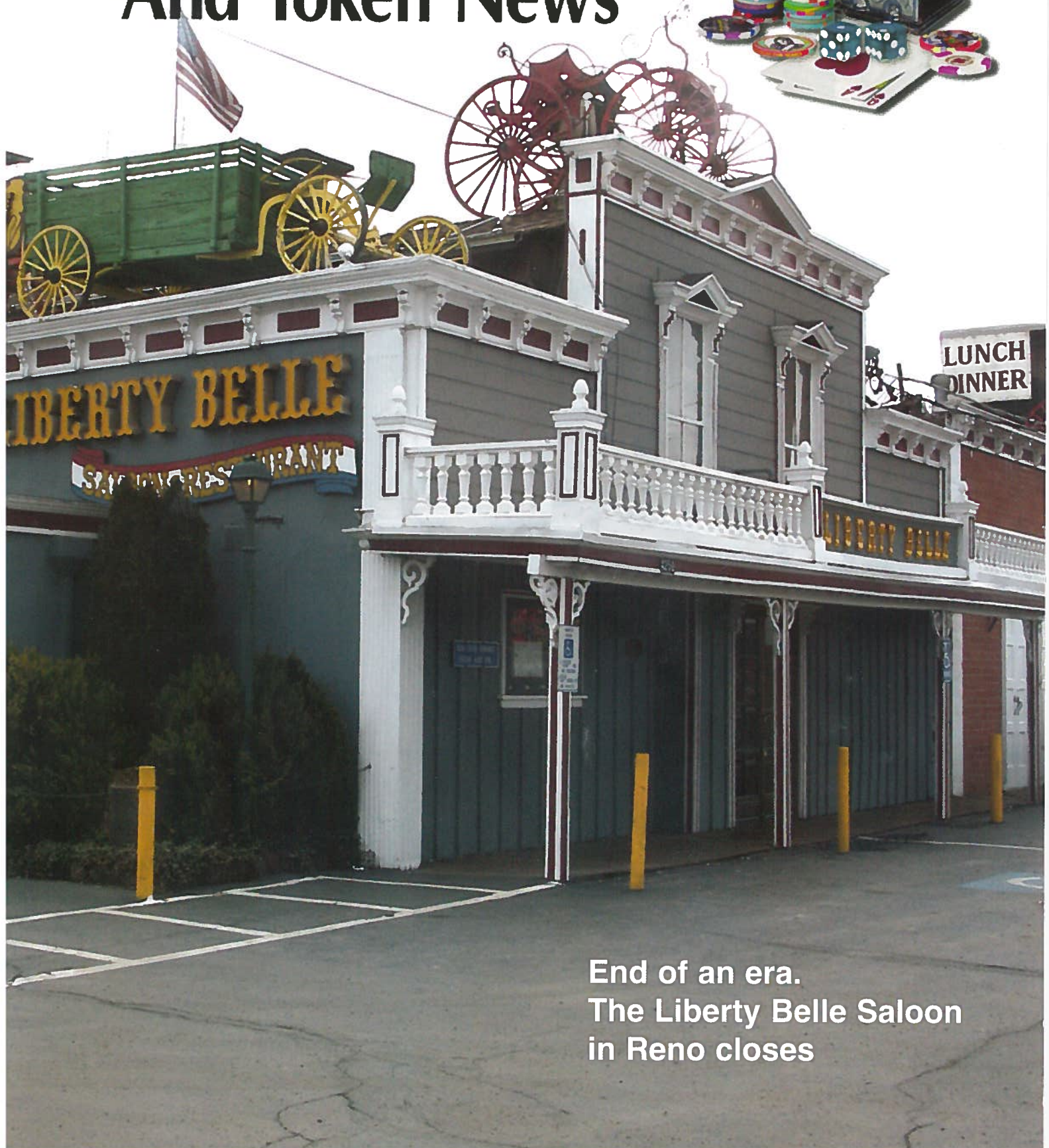


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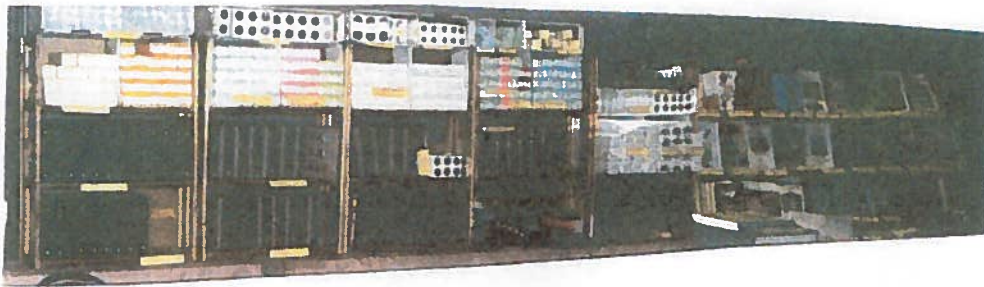
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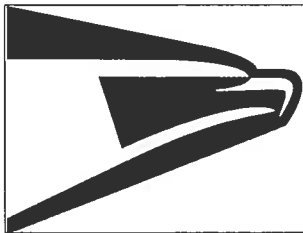
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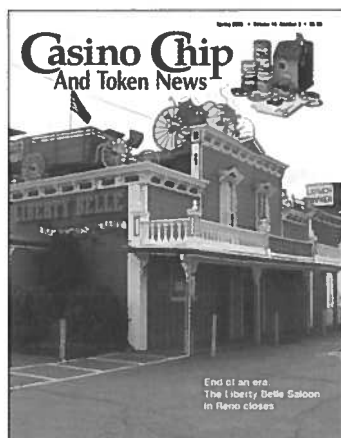
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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC>CC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

In our opinion, the Treasurer's Report referred to above, presents fairly the income and expenditures of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2005, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.

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Mike Skelton

President's Letter

As you read this, the Club's 14th Annual Convention will be right around the corner. I hope that everyone has made their plans to attend what surely will be our biggest Convention to date. Convention Co-Chairs Jim and Sandi Steffner have put together another exceptional Convention, all for the benefit of the Club and the Club members. On behalf of the Board and the membership, "Thank You" to both Jim and Sandi for all of their tireless efforts on the Convention.

A special "thank you" to all of the members who have volunteered their time and talents to help organize and run this fabulous Convention. We couldn't do it without you!!

I hope to see everyone at the Riviera during Convention week of June 28-July 1, 2006.

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. And be sure to stop by the Building Fund table at the Convention!

Convention Auction Chairman Barry Weintraub, assisted by Jay Sands, has put together another stellar group of lots for this year's Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. Be sure to order your color catalog or visit the Club website to download a listing of the lots. Stop by the Auction Table to view the lots in person during the Convention and plan on attending the live auction on Friday night, June 30th. There are some planned surprises for those in attendance!

Club Membership dues were discussed at length in the last issue of the magazine and the reasons for the increase that will take effect on July 1, 2006. There were several issues raised during discussions over the increase and its impact on current members who may have been considering the Life Membership option once they reached their third year of membership. Upon review of the Constitution, in conjunction with the Club's Legal Counsel, Eric S. Rosenblum, we found there are several items that need to be corrected. And the only way (and the proper way) to correct these issues is by amending the Constitution.

The Board felt that we were restrained by the Constitution in offering any type of special or discounted dues on Life Member rates to current members and the Club's Legal Counsel agreed with that opinion. In addition, it was the opinion of Legal Counsel that the announced "Senior Life Membership" was a "new" membership category and needed to be added via a Constitutional Amendment. So, for the moment, the "Senior Life Membership" is on hold.

The Board is currently reviewing the language for several Constitutional Amendments. One would give the Board the discretion to "grandfather" in current members who wish to purchase Life Membership, in the event there is a dues increase prior to them reaching their third year of membership. One of the others would add "Senior Life Member" as a category to the Membership section of the Constitution. There are several others that deal mainly with procedural issues that need to be amended.

Once the review is finished, we will publish all the proposed amendments and bring them forward for a vote of the membership, as prescribed in the Constitution.

All of these issues will be discussed in depth in the next issue of the Club magazine. Remember, you can prepay your annual dues at the current rate, prior to the July 1, 2006 increase. Please contact Membership Officer Ralph Myers if you have any questions regarding the prepayment of your dues.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Please remember that the Club will be holding our next election of Club Officers in about 8-9 months. On behalf of the Board, I would like to encourage everyone to consider running for one 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.

Remember to have Fun!

Mike Skelton



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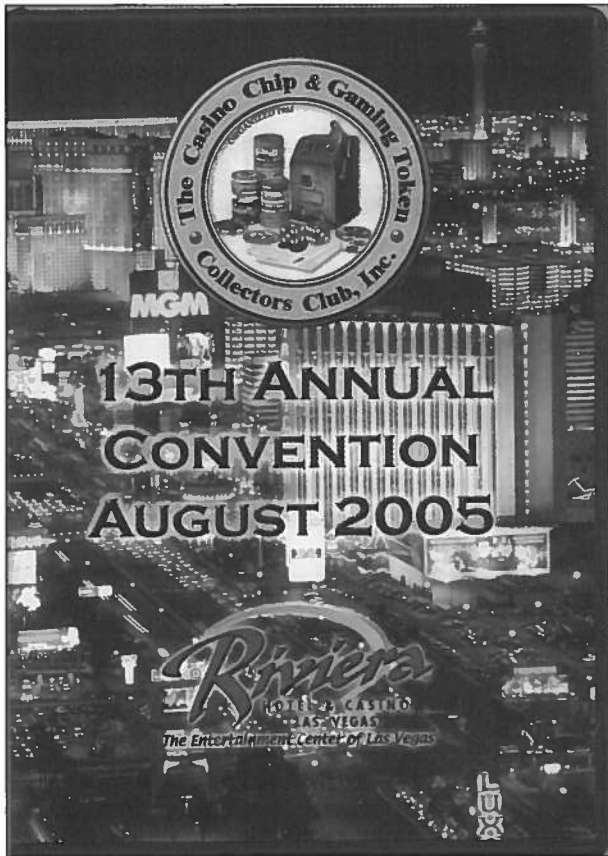
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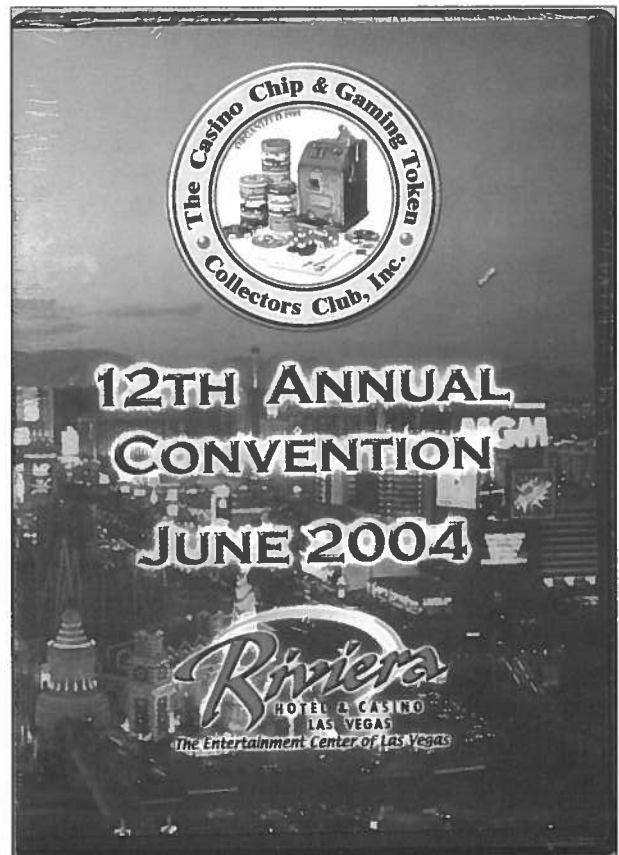
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Mike Quinlivan

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2006, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$212,452. For the first three months of 2006, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$31,085, excluding Convention tournament registration of \$4,840 and Building Fund donations of \$552. This includes the expenditure for the Winter issue of the Club magazine. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the equity accounts.

Highlights for the first 3 months of 2006:

1. 16 members became Life Members. The Club now has 163 Life Members and 5 Honorary Life Members.
2. Convention 2006 paid registration through March 31, 2006:
 - a. Pre-registration – 70 for \$700
 - b. Banquet – 87 for \$3,045
 - c. Poker Tournament - 38 for \$3,800
 - d. Blackjack Tournament – 13 for \$1,040
3. The balance in the Building Fund is \$74,219. B
4. The audit of the 2005 Club records was performed on March 25, 2006. A hearty thanks to Mike Skelton, Dave Harber and Tyrus Mulkey for participating again and to Bob Weingardt.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer
April 27, 2006

Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through March 31, 2006

Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$14,025
Convention 2006:		
Table Fees	\$31,530	
Poker Tournament	\$3,800	
Banquet	\$3,045	
Blackjack Tournament	\$1,040	
Registration	\$700	
Convention 2006 Total		\$40,115
Promotion		\$1,792
Interest Income		\$834
Building Fund Donations		\$552
Magazine Sales		\$21
		<u>\$57,339</u>

Expenditures

Magazine		\$13,003
Miscellaneous		\$1,472
Video Production (2005 Convention)		\$1,460
Convention 2006 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)		\$1,215
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$1,069
Promotion		\$1,053
Bank Charges		\$811
Storage		\$286
Supplies		\$177
Filing Fees		\$175
Telephone		\$82
Advertising		\$59
		<u>\$20,862</u>
Total Expenditures		
Net Income - 01/01/06 to 03/31/06		\$36,477

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/06	\$202,498
Net Income - 01/01/06 to 03/31/06	\$36,477
Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/06	<u>\$238,975</u>

Detail of Equity Balance - 03/31/06

Building Fund	\$74,219	
Money Market Fund	\$57,735	
General Fund	\$43,559	
Life Membership Fund	\$36,939	
Total Cash Available		<u>\$212,452</u>
Inventory		\$26,023
Advance (Membership Officer)		\$500
Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/06		<u>\$238,975</u>

Respectfully submitted by Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer
April 27, 2006



Ralph Myers

Membership Officers Report

First, let me say a big thank you to Allan Anderson for the nice surprise in the last quarter magazine. It brought a big smile to my mothers face.

This will be my last report before the convention. If you haven't pre-registered, do it NOW. As I did last year I'm again requesting that you not wait for the convention to renew your membership. If your membership expires at the end of June, please renew NOW. Also remember that the cost of membership and renewal goes up July 1st. Any renewal received after July 1st. will be at the new rate.

This last quarter has been hectic. We had 117 new members join us, and more members stepped up to life membership then ever before. As of this writing we have 175 Life Members.

We have a new program in place. Effective April 1st. of this year, any member who refers a new member to the club will receive a CCGTCC thank you chip. (see picture). These chips will be sent out quarterly, and to qualify for the chip the referring member must not be a business or club. Individual members only please.

If you're going to be at the convention, please stop by the Membership table and say hello.

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

Best regards,
Ralph



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7266	Neuberger	Ralph F.	FL	St. Petersburg	Hempel, Fred
7267	Behrens	Kevin	IL	Chicago	Susong, Greg
7268	FanFassian	Gustavo A.	CA	Northridge	Casino Chip Price Guide
7269	D'Ambra	Bart	NJ	Waldwick	Black, Archie
7269	Brummer	Madeline	OH	Ravenna	www.ccgfcc.com
7270	Booker	Matt	IL	Chatham	Call, Dan
7271	Satter	Dawn	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgfcc.com
7272	Gray	John	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgfcc.com
7273	Gallizzi	Roger	CA	Lancaster	www.ccgfcc.com
7274	Bakanec	Ronnie	NV	Las Vegas	Min, Walter
7275	Seligman	Thomas	FL	Weston	Krasnow, Elliot
7277	Chambers	Mark	HI	Pearl City	www.ccgfcc.com
7278	Kaszan	Mike	IL	Deerfield	www.ccgfcc.com
7279	Ford	Blair	TX	Waxahachie	www.ccgfcc.com
7280	Newman	Robert E.	NY	West Seneca	Susong, Greg
7280-A	Newman	Jeanette	NY	West Seneca	Susong, Greg
7281	Chipman	Mark	NV	Las Vegas	www.thechipboard.com
7281-A	Chipman	Shirley	NV	Las Vegas	www.thechipboard.com
7281-B	Chipman	Don	NV	Las Vegas	www.thechipboard.com
7282	Russell	Mark	VA	Herndon	www.ccgfcc.com
7283	Reeves	Bud	NV	Las Vegas	www.ccgfcc.com
7284	Girton	Megan	IN	Newburgh	Malchioni, Michael
7285	Clark	Mason	MI	Clinton Twp	Held, Roxie
7286	Cioffi	Dan	FL	Brandenton	www.ccgfcc.com
7288	Shollenberger	Bruce	FL	West Palm Beach	Cunningham, P
7288-A	Seidel	Beverly	FL	West Palm Beach	Cunningham, P
7289	Lorenz	Matt	CA	Brentwood	former member
7290	Speegle	Adam	NV	Henderson	www.ccgfcc.com
7294	Callender	Scott	WA	Olympia	Rodgers, C.T.
7297	Krahn	Jo Ann	NV	Pahrump	Ponsonnault, Tom
7298	Baker	Charles	IA	Van Meter	Hughes, Andy
7299	Hepburn	David	OH	Amherst	Buckner, Jeff
7300	Loritz II	Richard P	NV	Laughlin	Shephard, Gary
7301	Van Griner	Leslie	TX	San Antonio	www.ccgfcc.com
7302	Bugg	Jay	IN	LaPorte	www.ccgfcc.com
7303	Carbone	Mike	OH	Warren	Black, Archie
7304	Argo	Claude	WA	Covington	Cohenour, Bill
7305	Bak	Dennis W.	MI	Lansing	American Chip Ent
7306	Fleming	Rick	NV	Sparks	American Chip Ent.
7307	Brodish	Bob	PA	Middletown	
7308	Leoni	Michael	NV	Las Vegas	
7308-A	Leoni	Deborah	NV	Las Vegas	
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7312	Lindsay	Jeffrey P	UK	Hertfordshire	www.ccgfcc.com
7313	Staat	Jeff	CA	San Jose	Minsberg, Ron
7314	McKevitt	Patrick	NV	Las Vegas	Steffner, Jim
7315	Schelle	Dave	AZ	Gilbert	www.ccgfcc.com
7316	Brems	Steven	FL	Bonita Springs	Hughes, Andy

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7317	Mueller	James	TX	Katy	Black, Archie
7318	Schmitt Jr.	Harold J	NJ	Bergenfield	
7319	DeCarlo	J. Leonard	TX	Tyler	Cagle, Greg
7320	Zimmerman	Robert E.	CA	Truckee	www.ccgfcc.com
7321	Colgan	Gayle	OK	Chouteau	www.ccgfcc.com
7322	Degarmo	Guy P.	ID	Coeur d'Alene	returning member
7322-A	Degarmo	Virginia R.	ID	Coeur d'Alene	returning member
7323	Rodenkirk	Theodore P.	IA	Cedar Rapids	www.ccgfcc.com
7325	Subia	Marc A	CA	San Diego	www.ccgfcc.com
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Secretary's Report

Belinda Hixon

They're here! The Life Member pins have arrived. 168 were mailed the middle of April to Lifers. In the future the membership officer will send pins along with Lifetime Membership cards. I want to thank Club members Paul Bender and Kevin Norris for the work they did in designing all of the membership pins. You guys are the best!

Other mailings from the Secretary include Club applications and flyers for the upcoming convention to all the non-member walk-ins to last year's convention. We'll work to get the brochures/applications to walk-ins sent more quickly this year.

I know that everyone is looking forward to the last week of June. This year's convention promises to be the best to date. Please plan on attending the Annual Business Meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 30th.

Hope to see you all in June.

Happy Collecting,
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Spring, Summer, Fall 2006

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2536	Al Kleindienst	2663	Sal Ignoffo	2814	Jim Episale
2547-81	Mike Christensen	2666	Bernie Mulligan	2826	Art Allan
2548	Joe Shaw	2677	Grover Poland	2848-127	Jim Perlowski
2554	Dennis Sherrill	2679	Larry Strinz	2852	Norman Prunier
2556	Don Vargo	2683	Doug Jones	2853	Howard Pryor
2558-48	Charles Kaplan	2687	Joe Benon	2864	John Winslow
2563	Mike Provenzano	2691	Scott Reinholt	2871	Marc Shapiro
2572	Jerry Hoover	2695	Christina Romero	2872	Edward Hoffman
2574	Linda Bliss	2701	Richard Penunuri	2874	Michael Galiffe
2575	David Naif	2708	Terry Lazarus	2875	Charles Rubertino
2580	Phyllis Schneider	2718	Mark Vik	2878	Robert Reno
2586	Chris Phillips	2726	Michael Richter	2881	Steven Gewirtz
2592	Ed Polanski	2730	Barry Weintraub	2882	Peter Leidel
2593	Edward Kineke	2733	Wayne Thompson	2892	Joyce Bishop
2595	Keith Galle	2737	Gary Grosklaus	2893	Paul Stargot
2596	Jerry Schenk	2750	Phil Hamric	2899	Brian Tomarchio
2598	John Brown	2758	Steve Barber	2900	Harold Hazzard
2603	Thomas Conkey	2759	Loy Holman	2904	Randy Daniels
2605	Steve Asrilant	2765	Doug Hancock	2905	John Heiman
2623-133	Linda Weisenstein	2768	Fred Gunsher	2906	Merle Ladd
2625	Andrew Miller	2772-56	Michael Riney	2915	Travis Anderson
2640	LaDorna Bunt	2775	Jon Massimiani	2922	Jerry Stargot
2643	Martin Carota	2792	Ralph Pompeo		

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.ccgcc.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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WE HAVE IT ALL

CC>CC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes

Building Fund Committee

The balance in the Building Fund as of April 27, 2006 is \$77,974.

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
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 Jim Kruse
 Wayne Thompson
 Eric Rosenblum
 Tyrus Mulkey
 Nate Pincus
 Chuck Tomarchio
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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

Slot Card and Room Key Annual Swap Meet and Trade Session

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

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Notice of Meeting of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club

A meeting of the members of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. will be held at
The Riviera Hotel (Capri Room),
Las Vegas, state of Nevada,
on June 30, 2006 at 1:00 P.M.

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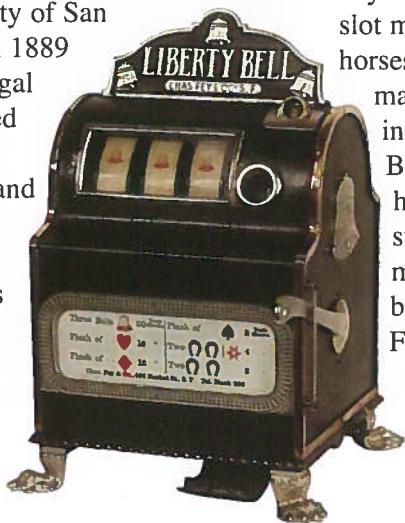
End of an Era

Article. I. - Section. 8. - of the United States Constitution states that The Congress shall have Power To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.

Simple and what seems to be explicit wording from the constitution did not suffice in December of 1897 to protect patents of the various parts of the slot machines developed by Charles Fey and others in the competitive market of San Francisco cigar stores and saloons. By finding that the machines had no element of utility, the judge swept aside some of the greatest mechanical inventiveness of a German born immigrant. It was a decision that would allow others to freely copy invention after invention in a very competitive business.

August Charlie Fey was born in 1862 in a small village in Bavaria. As a young teenager he traveled to Munich to work in a farm tool factory. He developed a love for mechanics and wedded that passion to his own skill. From Germany he traveled to England and then on to America where he ended up in the thriving west coast city of San Francisco. In 1889 he had his legal name changed to Charles August Fey and henceforth was known to his friends as Charlie Fey.

Charlie's income was derived from his job



THE LIBERTY BELL

by Howard Herz

at the California Electric Works, but his passion was designing and improving on the numerous nickel in the slot machines that could be found in most of the cigar stores and bars of the city. By 1896 Fey had his own company for manufacturing slot machines. His first major achievement was the creation of the three reel slot machine in 1899. Poker was the rage in San Francisco, so most of the poker machines of the day featured playing cards. Charlie's slot machine reels featured stars and horseshoes with the highest pay-off made for the symbol of American independence, the Liberty Bell. By using the Liberty Bell, Fey had established a tradition that still holds to this day. One of the many symbols of a slot reel is a bell - a fair tribute to Charlie Feys original slot machine.

The original Liberty Bell slot machine. Photo courtesy Marshall Fey. From the book, *Slot Machines, The First 100 Years* by Marshall Fey.

Without patent protection, Charlie Feys inventions were pirated by almost every slot machine company in the country. His machines were stolen and their mechanics duplicated without fear of a law suit. As the slot machine industry developed in the 1920s and 1930s, the pressure of law enforcement led to a number of ingenious subterfuges to give the machines respectability and legality. Many of them masqueraded as gum dispensers or trade stimulatory - any terminology that would keep them from being ruled illegal as the true gambling devices that they were.

As the industry continued to grow, the traditions of the older machines were passed on. The flavors of the gum they dispenses became the symbols on the slot reels - cherries, plums, lemons and the every present tribute to the Liberty Bell.



Charlie Feys only son Edmund was the neutral inheritor of the business, but the pressure from law enforcement against slot machines continued to increase. Edmund was fascinated with coin operated amusement machines and soon abandoned the creation of new slot machines for the development of new amusement devices. For years, he operated the amusements at Playland-at-the-Beach in San Francisco. In 1958, the cancellation of his lease brought an end to the San Francisco operations. Two of Edmunds sons, Marshall and Franklin moved to Reno and bought a small bar on Virginia street on the south end of town. Originally the Little Red Barn, hey christened their saloon and museum the Liberty Bell. Although the building had a full kitchen, they only operated a bar at the location.

When the Sky Room of the Mapes hotel closed, the maitre d offered to open the Liberty Bells restaurant. The Fey brothers operated the bar despite having only experience in serving beer. Within a number of months the restaurant operator gave up. A new chef was hired for the restaurant but



by Labor Day of 1959 he too quit. In desperation with labor day weekend approaching the Feys took command of the restaurant. Frank Feys mother-in-law took over the kitchen and the rest is history. Starting with prime rib for \$2.95 (appetizer, prime rib, dessert and coffee included) they rode the ups and downs of Reno's economy. With time and perseverance they became an established and loved Reno landmark.

The brothers continued to collect. Marshall answered an ad in the Reno paper by a women who had wagons for sale. The lady wanted \$100 each for six wagons. Marshall, just starting out in business, offered \$50 for a single surrey. After two more weeks, the lady called Marshall and offered the other five wagons to him for \$10 each if he would come and get them. thus began their collections of old wagons.



Slot machines line the wall of the Liberty Belle in the dining area.

Reno grew with the Feys and soon they were surrounded by the city and the Reno Sparks convention center. Finally, the pressure from the growth came to a head. When the Convention Center, desperate for parking, talked of initiating eminent domain proceedings to obtain the Liberty Bells property, a fire storm of outrage ignited in the community. Every attempt was made to save the Liberty Bell and the Community support turned the tide. The Liberty Bell was saved.

But time and development in the area continued to plague the restau-



92 of these wooden figures were carved by Frank Polk. They held post-war Paces and Mills High-Tops



This Pace Bell slot machine was from the Golden Casino on Center Street. The cocktail waitress was made of plastic..



Marshall Fey

rant. Finally in early 2006 the Fey brothers announced that they were bowing to the pressure of development. On March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) the Liberty Bell served its last dinner. The property would be acquired by the convention center the Feys incredible collections of antiques would go to auction. A part of Nevada history would be divided and auctioned to the highest bidder. The heritage of the maker of the first three reel slot machine would be dispersed to collectors.

On the morning of March 18th, Marshall Fey gave a private tour of the famous bar and restaurant. Amid a decor littered with memorabilia, antiques and slots machines, I had the pleasure of hearing the story of Charles Fey, the slot machine pioneer.

In an attic jammed with machines that had been collected starting in the 1950's, the history of the American slot machine was on display. Marshall detailed the history of the machines along with a few demonstrations of how they worked.

On July 8th, 2006, the Fey collection will go to the hammer at the



Wood stairway going to the second floor.

Atlantis Casino Resort. Perhaps a fitting venue for the items that represent one of the best collections of historical slot machines in the world.

Charlie Feys legacy has been preserved by his grandson Marshall.

In a superb book *Slot Machines, The First 100 Years* by Marshall Fey, the history is brought to life in full color.

Any collector of gaming history and memorabilia should consider Marshalls book as necessary reading.

Besides their significant contributions to the development of the slot machine, the Fey brothers issued a



Slot machines from the second floor of the Liberty Belle. The second floor was closed to the public and housed the collection and a workshop.



These slot reels were introduced on the 1910 Liberty Bell Gum Fruit. They were used to give a slot machine the image of a vending machine.



Fortune telling machine.

gaming token for the Liberty Bell. Issued in 1979 the tokens were struck in nickel-silver. The original issue also includes some patterns in bronze and .999 silver. Several years after the initial issue, a number of restrikes of the token were issued in .999 silver for sale to collectors. The original pattern issues in bronze and silver have a fully frosted picture of the

original liberty bell slot machine. The restrike issues can be differentiated by the lack of frosted detail on the side of the machine.

And what would have become of Charlie Fey if his original patents had not been struck down by a judge? Today Fey's legacy stands behind such business success stories as IGT and Bally's. Would Fey have been the majority stock holder and the king of a gaming empire? As gaming spreads throughout the world and slot machines become one of the primary elements of gaming - would that San Francisco judge still find them to be something that has "no element of utility?"



Original gaming token.



Restrike



The old Brunswick bar came from The Owl Club in downtown Reno.

Phil's Forays

Last Call at the Liberty Belle Saloon

by Phil Jensen

St. Patrick's Day, 2006. A late-winter snow storm is falling and at Reno's forty-seven year old Liberty Belle Saloon it is the final day of business. More than just a bar and restaurant, the Liberty Belle is a Reno icon. Many of Reno's residents don't know it any other way. It has always been there, on South Virginia Street, the familiar barn-like structure with the surreys and buckboards on the roof. It has a warm and friendly place with owners Frank and Marshall Fey and their longtime employees serving beef, beer, and booze. You could always count on it. During my years in Reno I spent many hours there, often closing the place up at night. When I learned of its impending demise, I was devastated. It was like a second home.

The Feys opened the place in 1958, renaming a previous bar that had been called The Little Red Barn. In those days, it was out in the sticks, far from downtown Reno. Even the police wouldn't answer a call from there. The brothers' assets were few, but they capitalized on the fact that



Phil Jensen, Marshal Fey and Jeff Fey



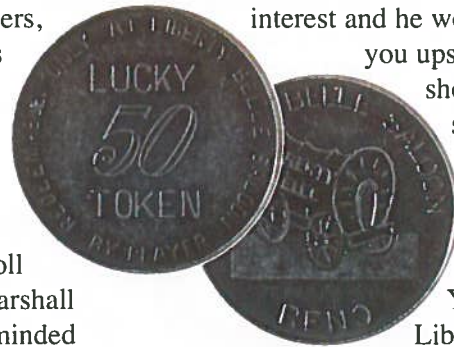
their grandfather Charlie had invented the modern day three-reel slot machine in San Francisco in 1895. He called it The Liberty Belle, and one of them was put on display in the bar.

Over the years, guns, posters, antique slots, and other items were added. There were always a variety of old machines licensed for play, and I got a big kick out of playing them. When you bought a roll of coin, Marshall usually reminded you that you were playing at the Liberal-T-Belle!

The Liberty Belle was a study in Reno history—the old Brunswick bar came from The

Owl Club downtown and light fixtures were out of The Winehouse and other establishments around town. Marshall would give you the story on it all. He was a walking encyclopedia when it came to antique slot machines. Show the slightest interest and he would take you upstairs and show you scores of machines not offered for public viewing. Yeah, the Liberty Belle was a history buff's delight.

In 1965, in response to the great American half-dollar shortage, the Belle issued a 50¢, Osborne coinage, token for use in their machines. It was one of the first I put in my collection. Later, in 1979, a one-dollar token manufactured by the Nevada



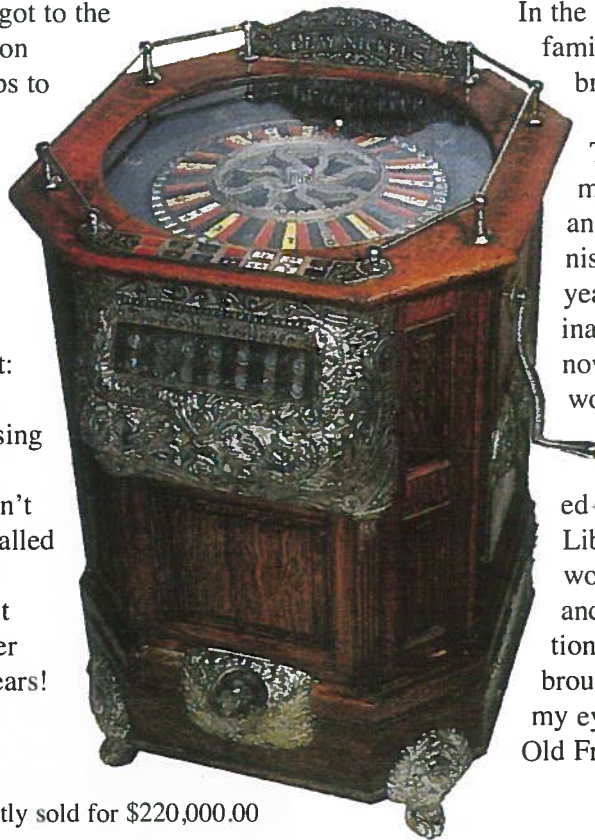
City Mint was added. I thought it was pretty neat.

As the years rolled by, Reno grew—mostly to the South—engulfing the Liberty Belle in malls, bars, and restaurants. In 1964, the Centennial Coliseum was built behind the Liberty Belle. It later became the Reno/Sparks Convention Center and continued to expand. In 2002, an eminent domain effort was made to acquire the vulnerable Liberty Belle, but an outcry by the good people of Reno stalled the effort and the Convention Authority relented. I can remember breathing a sigh of relief.

By now Frank had retired and his son Jeff was working in his absence. Things had seemed to settle back into a good-old-days mode. Living in Las

Vegas, I only got to the Liberty Belle on occasional trips to Reno, but it was always good to go “Home.”

Then, suddenly, the announcement: The Liberty Belle was closing on March 17, 2006. I couldn't believe it. I called my old friend Marsh—yes, it was true—after forty-seven years!



In the end it was a family decision that brought the place down. The old machines, bar, antiques, and furnishings bought years ago at nominal prices were now collectively worth millions. And so it was decided—the old Liberty Belle would be closed and the stuff auctioned off. It brought a tear to my eye—Goodbye, Old Friend!

1904 Caille Peerless Roulette. A similar machine recently sold for \$220,000.00

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:

Gene Trimble (email: poker4@cox.net), 840 S Rancho Dr #4314, Las Vegas, NV 89106, or

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

38 Oak Tree Road, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 3EE, United Kingdom

For the 'story so far', go to www.marlowcasinochips.com/links/davidspragg/davidspragg.htm

We are also interested in buying any type of chips attributable to Bill Borland

2nd Annual Building Fund Raffle

Raising Money for a Good Cause

All monies collected will go to the building fund. Last year we collected over \$4300.

This Year's goal \$10,000



Friday June 30th 2006

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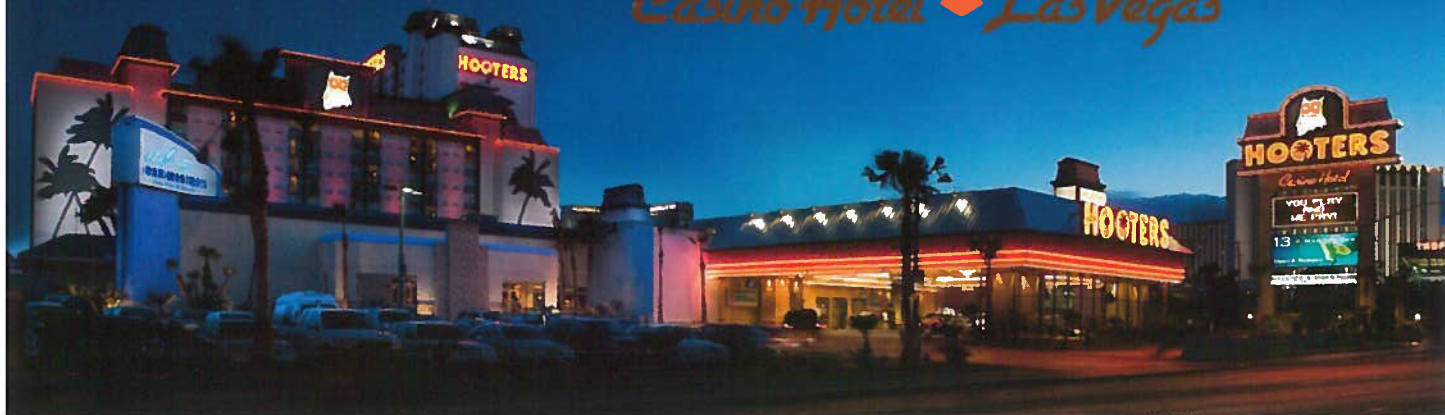
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Raffle tickets will be sold at the building fund table.

This year we will have at least 5 winners for the slot cards, room keys, house chips and dice, plus

HOOTERS[™]

Casino Hotel ♦ Las Vegas



by Allan Anderson

What began in 1983 as an impulsive idea between six friends – eventually growing into a wildly successful international restaurant chain – has made history with its biggest HOOT yet: the opening of the world’s first Hooters Casino Hotel in Las Vegas on February 2, 2006.

Surprisingly affordable and conveniently located one block from the Las Vegas Strip, the Florida-casual resort features the famous Hooters Restaurant décor, including tin ceilings and cedar wood throughout the entire 30,000 square foot casino (15 miles of cedar to be exact). Each of the 696 guest rooms (including 17 suites) are “Hooterized” with matching cedar headboards and armoires, and a high-top cocktail table with four bar stools. The property offers a hooterific mix of dining, gaming and entertainment options, and more than 200 beautiful Hooters Girls employed as cocktail and restaurant servers, bartenders, dealers and more.

“We couldn’t be more excited to introduce the world to Hooters Casino Hotel,” said Richard Langlois, Senior VP Marketing for Hooters Casino

Hotel. “From the moment guests enter at The Lobby Bar, till they’re partied out and heading to their fully Hooterized hotel rooms, we know they’ll have an unforgettable experience.” Langlois added, “We’ve packed this casino with incredible dining and entertainment venues, unique promotional offerings, 24/7 party action, more than 200 of the world’s most beautiful Hooters Girls, and most importantly, a lot of nostalgia. Whether guests grew up visiting Hooters Restaurants or Pete & Shorty’s, watching Dan Marino on the field or Alan Kulwicki on the race course, we know we have something special here that’ll spark a lot of great memories. With our exceptional, friendly service and unbeatable value, we know we’ll have people coming back regularly.”

Wings and Things

Of course, the property wouldn’t be complete without its very own casual, beach-themed *Hooters Restaurant* serving up the “nearly world famous” chicken wings among many other menu items. It is also the first Hooters Restaurant to offer a full

bar. And for those that just can’t get enough, Hooters wings are available for delivery to every guest room. Also on property is the sports fan’s favorite, *Pete & Shorty’s Book & Bar*, where guests can dive into burgers and a ballgame on its many plasma screens and TVs; *The Dam Restaurant*, a 24-hour dining café and breakfast buffet (the perfect spot for late-night munchies); and *The Lobby Bar*, located at the main entrance, making parties happen the moment guests enter the casino (what else would one expect from Hooters?). *The Bait Shoppe* – featuring a fresh sushi bar – injects the Hooters energy and style into the dramatic tropical pool area complete with waterfalls, palm trees and cabanas. Also making its Las Vegas debut is the neighboring *Dan Marino’s Fine Food and Spirits*, dishing out fresh seafood, hand-cut steaks and much more.

A Hootin’ Good Time

“13” *Martini Bar* shakes (and stirs) guests up a bit with its new movement in class, sophistication and fun. Headed by world-class musicianship, the club’s eight-piece band is com-

prised of a four-piece rhythm section, two horns and both male and female lead vocalists. The band plays seven nights a week (from 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m., DJ from 1:30 a.m. until close) offering sounds from the likes of Earth, Wind, and Fire and R. Kelly all the way to Nelly and the Black-Eyed Peas, in a strong mix of R&B, funk, jazz fusion, the classics, and today's top 40s.

Casino Center Stage delivers an eclectic mix of toe tappin' musical entertainment every night. Whether guests desire mesmerizing tropical sounds or a soulful beat to get the night started, Casino Center Stage delivers it all.

Monday and Tuesday, guests are swept away by the tantalizing reggae music of ISLAND TYME as they melt to the tropical sounds of steel pan drums, reggae grooves and famous sing-along songs from Jimmy Buffett to Bob Marley (to name a few). The band's energetic performance has made it one of the top Caribbean, Reggae and Calypso bands in Las Vegas.

Wednesday through Sunday, THE CLAVE offers "memorable tunes with soulful tones." Their show reverberates an eclectic urban vibe delivered by a lead male vocalist backed a female vocalist and four-piece band.



From legendary crooners like Ray Charles and James Taylor to the top hits of today's Coldplay and Rascal Flatts, the vibe and range THE CLAVE presents will draw you in, soothe you and move you.



Porch Dogs has hands clappin' and tails waggin' with its all request Dueling Guitars and Pianos show featuring non-stop entertainment that includes a rowdy, roof-raising, (and a bit) raunchy party. Nightly staff and audience participation accompanies unforgettable world-class guitar, piano, and drum talent. The Caribbean-themed casual indoor-outdoor club opens into the world-renowned Hooter's Restaurant as well as our poolside paradise, so wings, beer and beautiful Hooters Girls are never far. Both shows take place seven nights a week: Dueling Guitars from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Dueling Pianos from 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.; DJ from 2 a.m.

to close nightly. *Porch Dogs* accepts reservations for front-table seating.

Nippers Pool Bar and *Hooters Poolside Paradise* hosts a three-day party every weekend. This

Backyard BASH is filled with great food, drink specials, live entertainment by ISLAND TYME, calendar girl signings, poolside contests and the opportunity to view a photo shoot/model search for the 2007 Hooters Calendar models (only active Hooters Girls are eligible). Join us for Pete's Fish Fry every Friday from



5-9 p.m., *Nippers Pig Roast* every Saturday from 12-8 p.m., and *Porch Dogs Beer Can BBQ* every Sunday from 12-5 p.m.

Hooters' tropical pool area features *Nippers Pool Bar* from the Bahamas, two heated pools, beach sand, palm trees, a lagoon-style waterfall, cabanas, and a 12-person and 60-person hot tub with a swim-up bar. Make sure to try the legendary "Nippers Juice" - a deceptively potent fruity drink with four Caribbean rums.





Play Hard or Go Home

When guests are ready to get their game on, Hooters Casino Hotel has got the goods. From one of the best player's clubs in town and the grooviest new slots and video poker, to our rockin' table games, they'll have no problem finding action (don't take that the wrong way). Add a hot sports book, a cool live poker room and keno that is so alive, they'll have fun no matter what.

Hooters Casino Hotel has approximately 670 of the latest and greatest machines available along with all the favorites including Megabucks™, Wheel of Fortune™ and Monopoly™. Add in our "Exclusively Hooters" slots like "Blazing Hooters," and "HC Calendar Cash", featuring bikini-clad Hooters Calendar Girls, and it's a winner! When feeling lucky, guests can take a shot in Loot-a-Palooza, the high-limit slot area.

Hooters Casino Hotel has 32 favorite table games to keep the action going all day, including Blackjack, Craps, Caribbean Stud Poker, Roulette, Pai-Gow Poker, Let It Ride and Keno (play for a \$50,000 purse while dining or drinking, by the pool and even in-room). Whether new to the game or an old pro, our friendly dealers will help guests have the time of their life. Did we mention a Hooters Calendar Girl Party Pit? The low limit and no limit (when available) *Hold 'Em* games will put guests to the test ... just try counting cards when a favorite Hooters Calendar Girl is dealing!

And, each month, the calendar's featured Hooters Girl will be at the hotel for 10 days to hang-out with guests, participate in ClubOrange promotions, sign Hooters calendars and much more. Curious if this month's gal is worth the special visit? Just take a look on the table games in the "Hooters Calendar Girl Party Pit" to see a picture of that month's model. Or of course, you could just turn the page in the Hooters calendar hanging on your wall ...

ClubOrange – The only Juice You'll Need

Hooters player's club – appropriately named ClubOrange - is free to join and offers juicy benefits to its

members: Earn complimentary dollars that can be redeemed for room, food, beverages and merchandise. Receive invitations to special events at the casino. Earn a 20 percent discount on logo merchandise and spa services. Get the best rate – guaranteed – and tower room upgrades.



Room Service

The standard room is anything but. Imagine a beach house in the middle of the desert infused with fun-loving Hooters Calendar Girls ... get the idea? The rooms are comfortable, casual and cool to hang out in with all the amenities one would expect, including high cocktail tables and



stools for entertaining. Those who take it up a notch and spring for a suite will have even more room to stretch out and relax in, not to mention a private Jacuzzi.

(Hooters) Girls just Wanna have Fun

Hooters Girls are college students, working parents, models and other women who enjoy making money while having fun. They are the all-American girl, and they're famous. Hooters Girls appear on trading cards, calendars, magazines and television, and at sporting events, charity functions and community gatherings. There are more than 15,000 Hooters Girls worldwide, they have brought the best, brightest and most beautiful to Hooters Casino Hotel.

Get Sweaty, Get S.A.S.S.Y.

Hooters Casino Hotel offers S.A.S.S. (Salon and Spa Services) and a fully equipped health club. S.A.S.S. is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and offers luxuriating facials, massages, manicures and pedicures; in addition to expertly performed hair color and perms treatments, haircuts and more. *Hooters health club* is also open daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. The club welcomes guests at all fitness levels with state-of-the-art exercise equipment (many with individual flat screen TVs, complemented by several large flat screen TVs on display), and traditional free weight and stretching areas.

Hooters Hot (Wing) Line

Everybody wants VIP status. And it's even better when the person treating you as a VIP looks like Hooter's "Miss March." I'm gonna let you in on a little secret of how this seemingly impossible dream can become a reality. The next time the insatiable Vegas urge strikes, simply head to the nearest Hooters Restaurant*; grab a



Dan Marino's

beer and a wing; pick up the delightfully tacky Hooters phone labeled "Casino Connection;" and plan your trip to Vegas. With one call, you'll be directly connected to a Hooters Casino Hotel reservation agent, instantly classified as "VIP status" and on your way to Hooters' version of paradise. More than 80 restaurants currently offer the Casino Connection, and even more will be installed throughout the duration of 2006. And if bikini-clad Hooters Girls aren't incentive enough, you'll also receive guaranteed lowest room rates, tower room upgrades and a "VIP Perks

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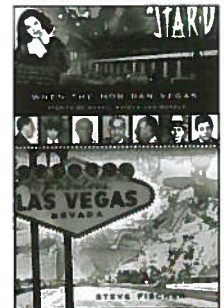
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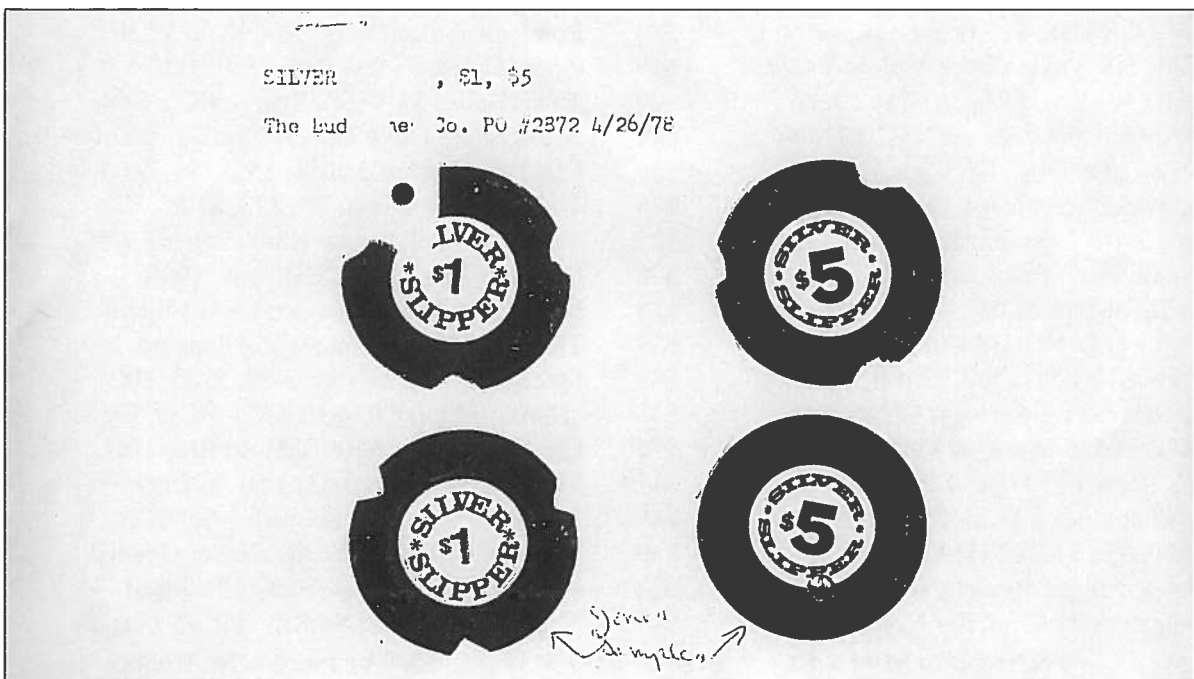
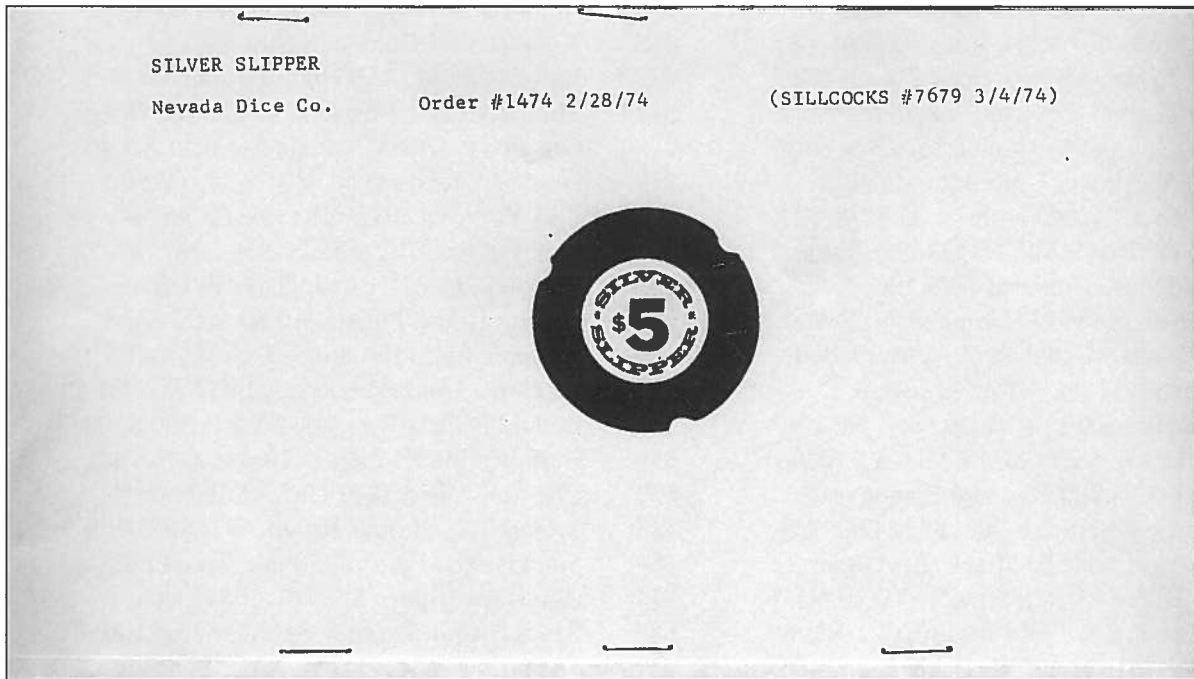
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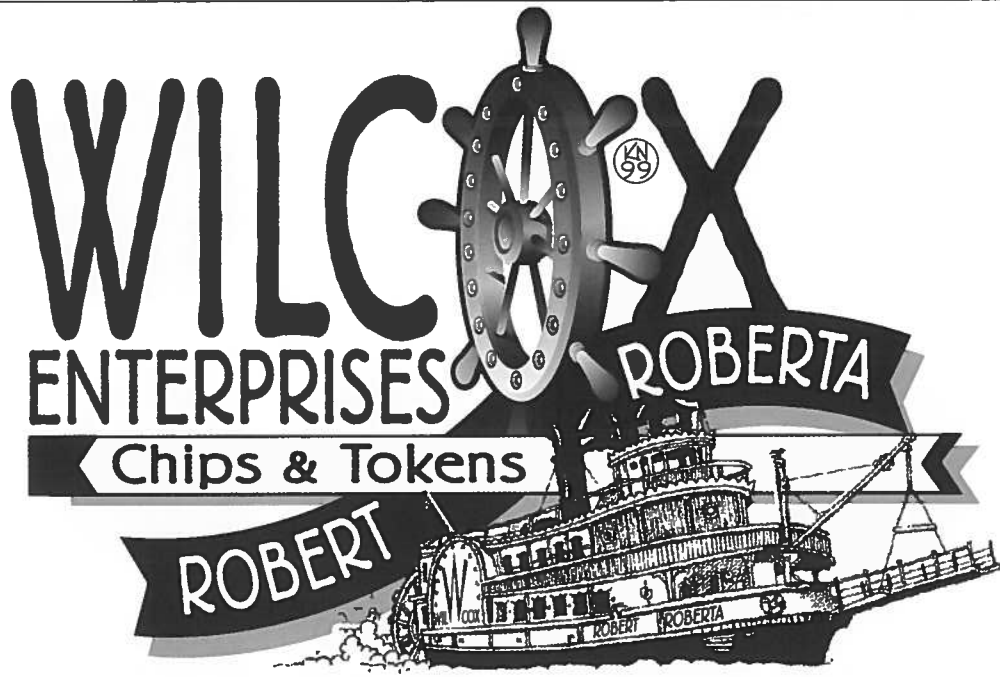
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Giudici's (Sparks) \$5, \$25, \$100	\$49	Hard Rock Starter Set - 20 Diff New \$5	\$139
Sierra Tahoe Dealer's School \$25	\$22	Cactus Pete's 25c Brown H&C HS Gold	\$89
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by Howard Herz

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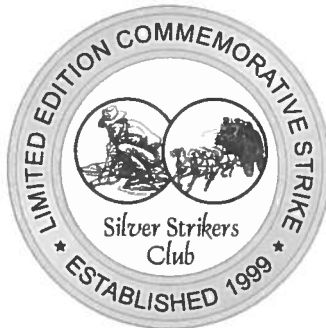


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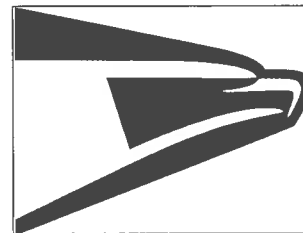
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by Archie Black

“A.C. ... NOT ALWAYS TURNED ON!”

As reported in the previous issue of “Chip & Token News” I said that it would appear that 2006 was going to be a very lean year, chip-wise in A.C. That prediction has come true. Only one chip was issued during the entire month of February ... a \$25 Chinese New Year, Year of the Dog, issue on the 17th of the month.



On March 21st, two new Hooters chips were released at Trump Marina; a \$25 & \$100 denomination. These chips were marked “3rd Anniversary” ... which was true ... and also not true.



How’s that you say?? Well, the actual 3rd Anniversary chips were issued in 2005, while these two “3rd Anniversary” chips were issued in March, 2006. How can that be?? According to Trump Marina V.P. Todd Moyer, these latest chip issues have been languishing in the casino cage vault for over a year and were not released until this March to coincide with the 4th Anniversary of Hooters; even though they say “3rd

Anniversary”. A companion \$5 chip was deliberately held back and is scheduled to be released on or about May 30th to celebrate the re-opening of The Deck, an outdoors casino at Trump Marina dockside.

Sad to say that no chips have been issued in A.C. during the entire month of April. A Kentucky Derby \$100 chip is supposed to be on track at Trump Plaza for May ... as is a couple of Father’s Day nickel chips in June. No artwork or issue date has been released at the time this report was being prepared for publication.

This has got to be the shortest A.C. Report submitted for publication since I’ve been doing these club magazine columns regularly, and unfortunately, the prospect for future A.C. Limited Edition chips does not look very promising at this point in time.

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The Southern Nevada Chip Report

by Tyrus Mulkey

Greetings Southern Nevada Chip Collectors!

I suppose the big news in Southern Nevada chips right now is Hooters. I'll discuss the Hooters fiasco after all of the other chips.

The first new rack of the new year goes to the Avi Resort and Casino. They issued their second rack, consisting of \$1, \$5, \$25, and \$100 chips manufactured by Bourgoigne et Grasset.



The Casuarina started a Win Cards program and released a 1 no cash value chip in the unicorn mold. Players are limited to one package of Win Cards every six months.



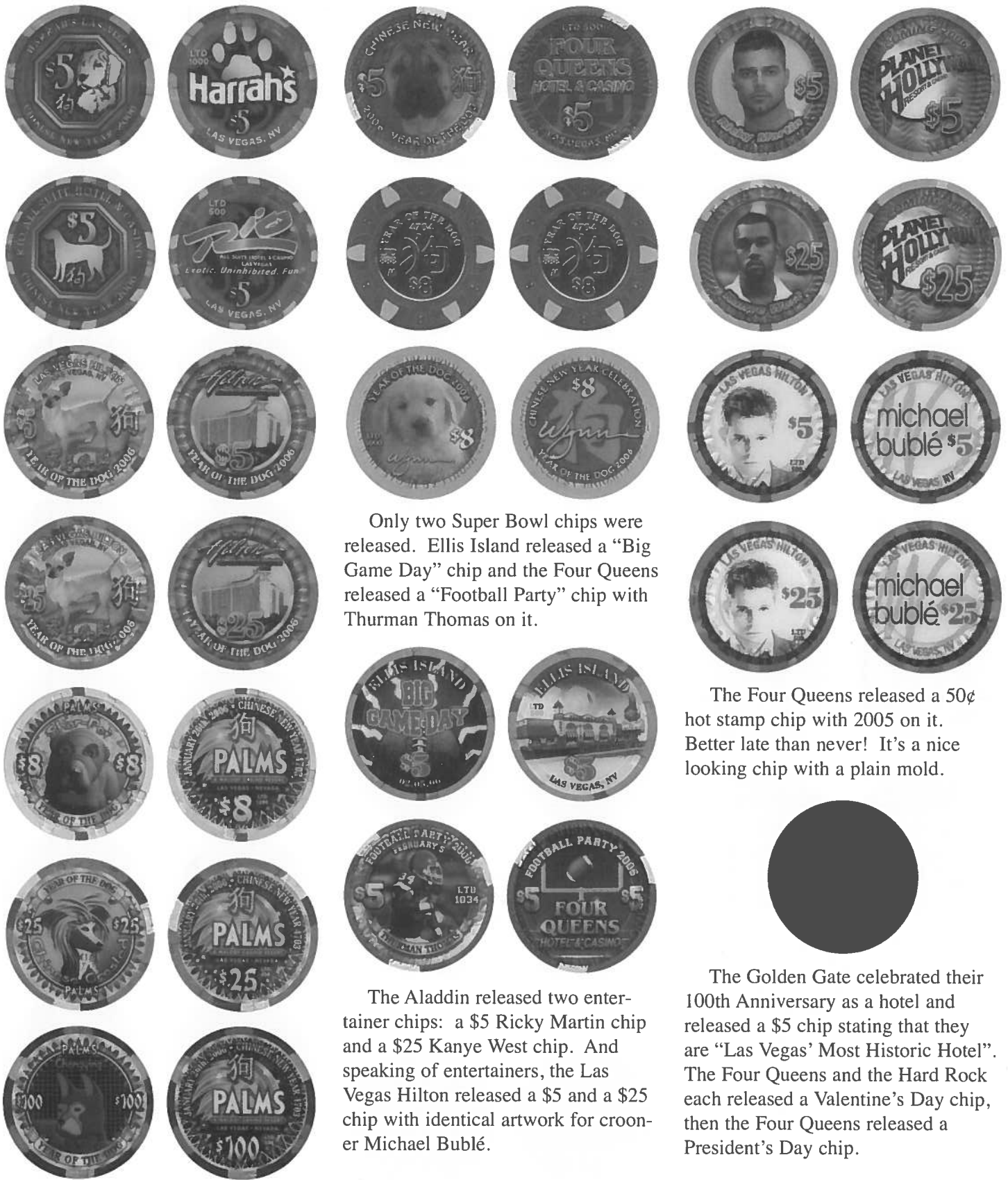
For the first time in the history of the Miss America pageant, Las Vegas was the host city and the Aladdin was the host hotel. A commemorative chip was issued to celebrate. The chip comes with its' own little tiara!



Not to be confused with Miss America, this year's Chinese calendar is the Year of the Dog. The Chinese New Year's chips have always been very popular and this year is no different. Nine casinos issued chips to commemorate the Year 4703. The Harrah's family of casinos had chips with mostly similar artwork. Paris, Bally's, Flamingo and Harrah's each had a chip with a puppy paw print on the reverse side. Rio has their logo on the reverse side. Paris and Rio chips proved very difficult to get. I still do not have a Paris chip, so I

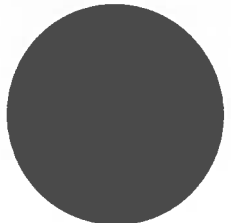
don't have a scan of one. I obtained my Rio chip weeks after they were released and it's in used condition. The story I get from both casinos is that they were given to preferred guests to keep or to throw into the dragon's mouth for luck. Either everyone figured they didn't need luck and kept theirs or the dragon swallowed them all! The Las Vegas Hilton issued a matching set of \$5 and \$25 chips. The Palms issued a three piece set consisting of an \$8, \$25, and \$100 chip, all in the Hat & Cane mold. The Four Queens issued a \$5 Paul-son chip and an \$8 brass chip manufactured by Matsui. The \$8 chip is quite striking and proved to be popular amongst collectors. Finally, the Wynn released an oversized (43 mm) \$8 chip.





Only two Super Bowl chips were released. Ellis Island released a “Big Game Day” chip and the Four Queens released a “Football Party” chip with Thurman Thomas on it.

The Four Queens released a 50¢ hot stamp chip with 2005 on it. Better late than never! It’s a nice looking chip with a plain mold.



The Aladdin released two entertainer chips: a \$5 Ricky Martin chip and a \$25 Kanye West chip. And speaking of entertainers, the Las Vegas Hilton released a \$5 and a \$25 chip with identical artwork for crooner Michael Bublé.

The Golden Gate celebrated their 100th Anniversary as a hotel and released a \$5 chip stating that they are “Las Vegas’ Most Historic Hotel”. The Four Queens and the Hard Rock each released a Valentine’s Day chip, then the Four Queens released a President’s Day chip.



Mandalay Bay hosted the Vargas-Mosley fight on May 25th and released identical \$5 and \$25 chips.



MGM Grand released a \$5 chip for their Skylofts suites. The chips were held in the cage for a long time, then they were released, then they were pulled. Then they were released again, but with a limit of one per person. Then they were held back again! I attempted to get some and was treated pretty rudely by a cage supervisor. Now, I realize that some cage personnel aren't happy with their jobs, but don't take it out on me when all I'm trying to do is give you my money. After being told that there was no level of cage management higher than

the supervisor that I was speaking with (the one that couldn't give me a reason why I couldn't buy the chips other than because she said so), I asked where the nearest house phones were and what was the name of the Vice-President of Finance. As I marched towards the house phones, the supervisor scrambled to get to her phone first to warn him of the angry customer heading his way. When I spoke to him, he could not have been nicer and advised me to return to the cage where the supervisor would be happy to sell me the chips. When I returned to the cage, she was waiting for me and if looks could kill then Doug Saito would be auctioning off my chips right now. It always impresses me when I get to that certain level of manager that immediately sees how ridiculous a situation is and fixes it without hesitation. Customer service is alive and well in MGM upper management. The boys at Hooters could learn a thing or two from the men at MGM.



The Palms released another \$7 Jack Daniel's chip to coincide with the big NASCAR event at the Motor Speedway. Nothing goes together like Jack Daniel's and auto racing! They also released a Grand Opening chip for their high roller lounge named the mint.



St. Patrick's Day brought on more commemorative chips than green beer! Fitzgerald's released a two chip set and Four Queens, Paris, Bally's, Rio, O'Sheas, and Ramada Express each released a \$5 chip.

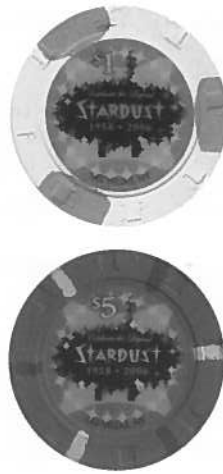




Harrah's Laughlin released another \$2.50 chip in the "But It's A Dry Heat" series. This one has a golfer that seemed to perish while waiting to tee off. I know the feeling!



The Stardust has announced that they will be closing in the next year. As a result, collectors started buying up souvenir chips and the cage ran too low to supply the casino. So they had some new \$1 and \$5 chips manufactured to make it through. "Why not make some 'farewell' chips with the opening and closing dates on them as a final chip?" they asked themselves. "Great idea" they answered! So the new \$1's and \$5's have 1958 – 2006 printed right there on the inlay. Collectors will never want those, right? Less than six weeks later almost all of the new chips have disappeared. Last week the fill bank cashier told me that he didn't have enough \$1's in the cage to send out a fill to the tables. Perhaps another order will happen before they close. In addition, they released a \$5 chip with a showgirl on it. I've heard several different stories on who got that chip. I'm not sure which story to believe, but I have made numerous attempts to obtain one and I can't make it happen.



The Flamingo issued a 60th Anniversary chip. It's their second 60th Anniversary chip so far. The first was released in December, 2004! Maybe they will release a third 60th Anniversary chip next year!



Paris released two different \$5 chips with the Eiffel Tower on them. Each chip has a woman posing next to the tower. They are great looking chips! 500 of each were made and they are serial numbered.



March Madness brought us chips from the Rio, Bally's, and Paris.



Hard Rock issued a \$5 April Fools Day chip and a \$5 Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) chip.



The Tuscany started out April by joining the Win Cards program. Just like the Casuarina, players are limited to one package every six months. The chips are also in the Unicorn mold.



The Venetian opened a beautiful poker room in early April. They are using the house \$1's, \$5's, \$25's, and \$100's, but they released a "Poker Room" \$4, \$10, and \$20 chip.



The Flamingo issued a \$25 George "I be thinking" Wallace chip. They only manufactured 5,000 of them, so get yours now! I've never seen George's 10 PM show at the Flamingo, but I hear it's hilarious.



The Rio released an ibar ultra lounge chip. It's a \$5 chip with a serial number.



The Las Vegas Hilton will be the only place to see Reba McEntire in 2006, or so the sign says at the Hilton. She has signed for several engagements throughout the year. \$5 and \$25 chips with identical artwork were released.



The only Easter chip this year was from the Four Queens.



Red Rock, Station Casinos' newest property, opened in Las Vegas on April 18th. It's a beautiful property located near the even more beautiful Red Rock Canyon. In addition to the new rack, they released \$5, \$25, and \$100 Grand Opening chips. Although 3,000 of the \$5 chips were manufactured, they quickly disappeared.



Paris/Bally's had a \$4 drop chip manufactured for use in their poker rooms. The chip is to be used by dealers in the poker room and is considered by the casino as "equipment". To prevent a loss of the chips, 1,000 identical chips were manufactured for collectors, but they have a serial number. Both cages have been selling both the numbered and un-numbered chips.



The Riverside in Laughlin released a 40th Anniversary \$5 chip. Also in Laughlin, the 24th River Run was held without incident this year. The Pioneer released a six chip set with a "Carnivale" theme. The Edgewater and the Colorado Belle each released a \$5 chip shown here. The Ramada Express and the Golden Nugget also released chips, but I don't have them yet so I will include the scans in the next issue.



The Riviera released this year's APA \$5 chip for the Single's Championship pool tournament.



Reverse



The Rio released a new VooDoo Lounge chip, a new Club Rio chip, and a new Ronn Lucas chip. All of these shows and places have been featured on earlier Rio chips. The artwork is new for all three of them this year. They are also each serial numbered.

As I stated earlier, the big hype in Southern Nevada chips right now revolves around Hooters Casino. Hooters opened the first weekend of February. The house chips are shown here. Nice chips for a nice place, if you like a college bar atmosphere. I didn't make it over to Hooters for the first week. It was opening weekend, Super Bowl weekend, and the Super Casino Collectable's Show at Arizona Charlie's. After the crowds left and things calmed down, I stopped by to pick up chips. I was able to get a few of the January and February chips off of the tables.

Hooters has a popular marketing item in their calendars. Each month, a young lady is featured as the calendar girl of the month and she visits Hooters restaurants across the nation

autographing calendars. The casino has a Hooter Girl pit with about a half dozen blackjack tables. Each table has a felt layout with the calendar girl artwork on it. In addition, a \$5 chip with the same artwork will be released each month. Word amongst chippers was that the January and February chips quickly disappeared. That's possible because it was opening weekend, but it seemed highly unlikely because 1,000 of each were made.

As I questioned employees of Hooters I realized that I wasn't being told the truth in many cases. There were too many inconsistencies in stories and no one could look me in the eye when they talked to me. I tracked down Rick Newman, the Vice President of Casino Operations. Also in attendance was Tony Humphreys, Director of Casino Operations. We spoke for several minutes about the chip program that Hooters will have. Rick stated to me that it's his wish to make the Hooters girl chips highly desirable and heavily sought after. He stated that each month, the chips would be released on the first day that the Hooter girl of the month is at the property so she can autograph them. He also acknowledged that there were several racks of January and February girl chips still in the cage that were being held back and that they would be released in upcoming months, along with the newest Hooter girl chips each month so that collectors would be able to get the entire series.

Rick told me about the \$25 chips and stated that they would be released quarterly. He also said that he had several other chip releases planned that he wouldn't reveal at the time. I told him about the CC>CC and my chip brokering business and offered any advice that I could on having a successful chip program. Rick proudly boasted that, "I worked at the Fiesta with Gene Trimble and I know how to run a chip program!"

To me, there are only two reasons to make limited supplies of commemorative chips or manipulate the release: greed or ego. Do some casino managers have egos that are so huge that they have to control the LE's so that they know there are people out there that want something they have and can't get it? Is that why they do it? Or is it the greed factor? I mean, why do casino managers care that \$5 chips sell for \$50 on the secondary market? They're still only getting \$5 for them. Or are they? This question may have been answered on March 12 when a rack of January Hooter Girls chips, with serial numbers 1 through 100, appeared on ebay. It seems that the rack was "misplaced" in the cage and when the ebay seller asked, in March, to buy a January chip they were offered this entire rack! What luck! So, of course they bought it and put it on ebay. Then they turned down the high bid of \$3,050! Now, I may have been born at night, but it wasn't last night! The story is absurd. (The last time I heard a story that ridiculous was in regards to the \$25 HRH Sammy Hagar chips and the storyteller in that case recently went to jail because of theft charges brought on by the Hard Rock!) So now it appears that Hooters personnel may be profiting over the rarity of these chips. Just wait until April to see more proof of this! The problems with the January and February girls were chalked up to the madness of opening weekend. March would be a new story.

March may have been a new story, but it was the same double talk from the cage. No one knew when the chips would be released. March 17th was the given day, but when? I arrived at 9:30 AM and the cage supervisor said she had "no idea" when they were to be released. I went to O'Sheas to get St. Patrick's Day chips and returned to Hooters

around 11:00 AM. Several chippers were their waiting at the cage. We were told that the March girl chips were sold out. They had been released at 10 AM and immediately sold out, even though there were a few chippers that had been there for an hour and never saw them released. Frustration was evident and some heated exchanges took place between chippers and cage personnel. At one point, a chipper made several phone calls. The cage manager opened a window, sold him a half dozen of the March girl chips, and then closed the window, stating that there were no more chips. This is either incredible arrogance or incredible stupidity. I attempted to contact Rick Newman, but he was unreachable. I was able to get in touch with Tony Humphreys, who advised me that the cage was completely sold out of the chips. When I informed him that the cage supervisor had told me that the chips were there, but couldn't be sold, he seemed surprised. He went to the cage and returned to tell me that no more chips would be sold, even though they were in the cage. He stated that the chips were being held back for the owners or for future promotions. I returned later that day and bought several of the March girl chips off of the tables. Amazing how they were not allowed to sell them in the morning but that they appeared on the tables later that day! There were no January or February chips in sight as had been promised by Rick Newman.

The date was set for an April release. I, along with several other chippers, was at the cage that morning waiting for another fiasco of a release. We weren't disappointed – we got a fiasco! We waited for nearly an hour while cage cashiers avoided our questions. Finally, Casino Manager David Browder approached us and explained that the Gaming Control Board had held back approval of the April girl chips because they

weren't convinced that the girl was 21 years old. Hooters had to prove to gaming that she was, but couldn't sell the chips without the approval. A new month, a new tale. I made several trips over the next week in an attempt to get a chip. On the day that they were released, I showed up late and I was told that they were sold out. Interesting enough, though, were the number of new ebay sellers that boasted in their auctions that they were employees of Hooters and had obtained the chips that they were now selling on ebay while at work. Again I ask - arrogance or stupidity?

The first of the quarterly \$25 chips was released in early April. In true Hooters fashion, there were problems with the release. It seems that only the first \$25 chip was to be released. The next two \$25 chips were in the cage, but were not to be released until July 1st and October 1st. They were "accidentally" released. Of course, the mistake was discovered and the chips were sent back into the cage vault. Luckily for collectors, though, a few Hooters employees were able to get some and place them on ebay! Again, give me a break. I think I'm leaning more towards stupidity as the answer to my question.

I have heard that Hooters will supply a release date to collectors for the May chip and will release the chips "without incident". We'll see. That will be the last opportunity I give them to get their act together. Of course, after this article is published, I may be escorted off Hooters property by security next time I'm there. Don't laugh, it has already happened to three other chip collectors!

One last thought on Hooters calendar girl chips. I have heard from many collectors that they will be happy to have a "complete" set of Hooters girl chips in December. Why does anyone think that this will end in

December? Hooters releases a calendar every year! They have a great marketing concept in their calendars and girls. The casino chip and party pit fit right into that plan. I believe that the monthly calendar chip will go on indefinitely. Prepare to dig deep!!



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2006 Convention Update

by Jim Steffner

Closer and closer, just over the hill, around the corner, each day brings us closer to Las Vegas and the clubs 14th Annual Convention. Fourteen years...ahhh, it seems like only yesterday at the old Aladdin.

There is a lot planned for this years big event...chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, matchbooks, slot cards and room keys, and other casino memorabilia, plus exhibits, seminars, trade sessions, and best of all the chance to meet some really great people. See the convention schedule in this issue along with a floor plan and dealer listings.

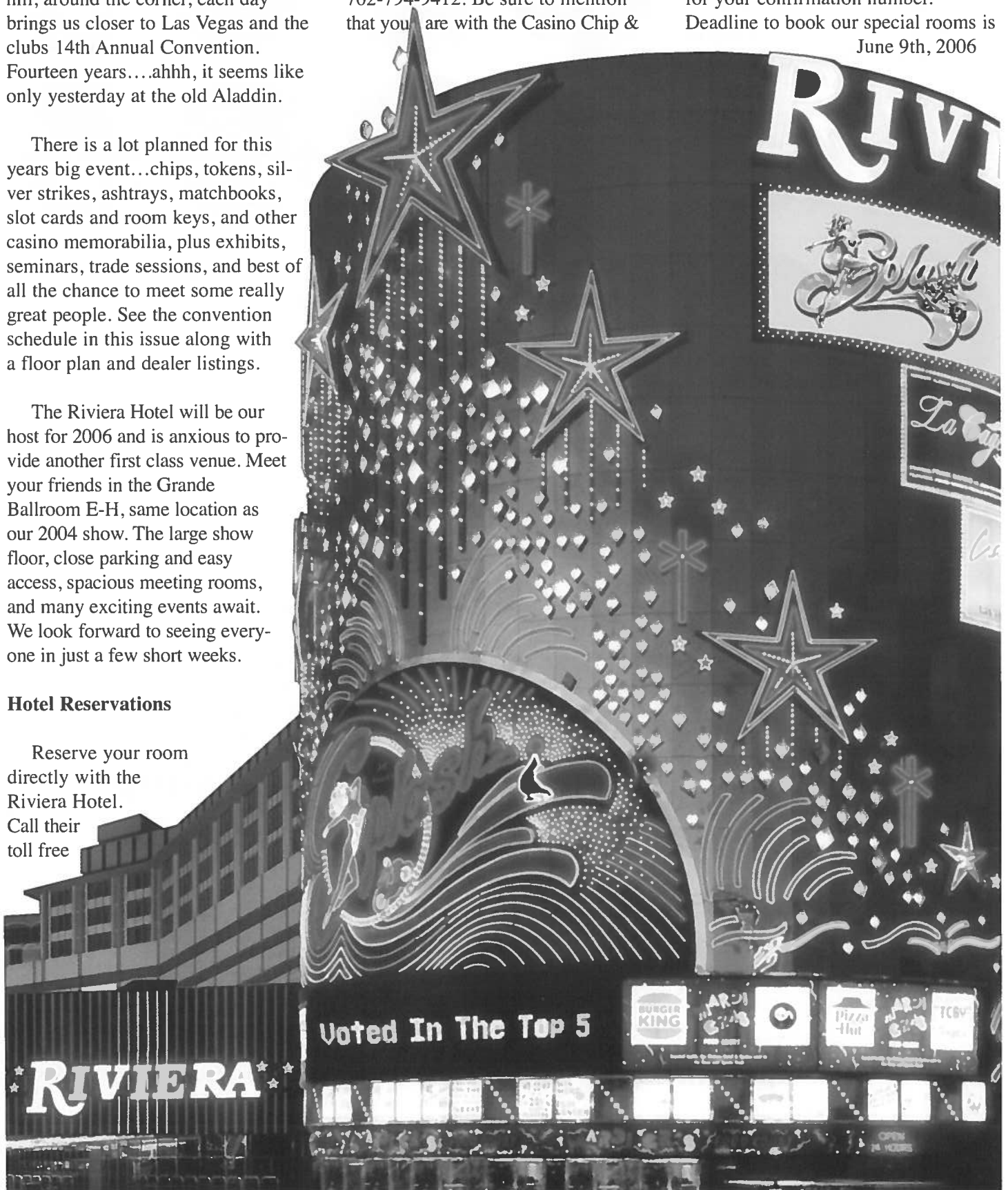
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Special Announcement

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 be 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.

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Early Bird Banquet and Trade Session

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 28th. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Burton M. Cohen. Mr. Cohen has been involved in the opening and operation of several of the major hotel/casino's in Las Vegas including the Frontier, Circus Circus, Flamingo, Thunderbird, Caesars, Desert Inn and the Dunes. Look for some very interesting and educational stories.

Banquet attendees will receive another collectible, in-a-series, banquet ticket which will be in your registration envelope and can be picked up at the registration desk on Wednesday between 9AM and 4PM ONLY.

When the banquet ends about 8PM, 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

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.

Contact Joe Shaw, Exhibit Chairman at databzr@casino-chip.com if you would like to enter an exhibit.

Educational Seminars

Sheldon Smith, Education Director has lined up some excellent speakers. On Wednesday at 3:00pm Michael Knapp, Terry Shaffer, and Robert McColum will host "The First Timers Convention Workshop". If you haven't attended a previous convention, this is your chance to learn all the ins and outs of what to see and do. Plenty of chances to ask questions. Get the scoop on how to navigate and have a great time.

Doug Saito returns Thursday morning with "The Phil Jensen Nevada Chip Collection". On Friday morning enjoy Steve Fisher, author of "When the Mob Ran Vegas". Steve will be covering "The Rat Pack in Las Vegas". And finally, on Saturday, Ed Hertel will present "Illegals: History and Collectibles".

Local club meetings

The Florida Chip Collectors, TITO Collectors, and Silver Strike Club will be holding meetings during the convention. Check the schedule for times and locations if you are interested in attending.

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 auction 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 Wayne Murphy, murph4qs@cox.net

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!

2006 Convention Schedule

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9:00 am - General trade session

Capri 102

9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Trade session

No sales

9:00 am - Dealer setup begins

Grande rooms E-H

Dealer credentials required for entry

12 Noon - Blackjack Tournament

Palms Hotel and Casino

3:00 pm - The First Timers convention workshop

Capri 101

4:00 pm - General trade session closes Pre-registration & banquet ticket pick-up closes

5:00 pm - Dealer setup closes

5:30 pm - Early bird banquet

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8:00 pm - Member trade session opens

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Thursday, June 29, 2006

7:00 am - Dealers setup continues

Grande E-H

Dealer credentials required for entry

8:00 am - Educational forum

Capri 101

Doug Saito – The Phil Jenson Nevada
chip collection

9:00 am - Registration opens
West registration desk

10:00 am - Opening ceremonies. 2006 show begins

Grande ballroom E-H

2:00 pm - Standards and Archives Committee meeting

Capri 103

3:00 pm - Silver strike forum

Capri 101

5:00 pm - Silver strike meeting

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5:30 pm - Show floor entranced closed. Exit only

6:00 pm - Show in recess until 10:00 am Friday

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8:00 am - Educational seminar

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Steve Fisher – “The Rat Pack in Las Vegas”

9:30 am - Registration opens

West registration desk

10:00 am - Show floor opens to members

11:00 am - TITO collectors meeting

Capri 103

1:00 pm - Annual CC>CC

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Capri 101

3:00 pm - Hall of Fame Committee meeting

Capri 103

4:30 pm - Show floor entranced closed. Exit only

5:00 pm - Show in recess until

10:00 am Saturday

6:00 pm - General trade session

Capri 102

Show floor secured

6:30 PM - “Bruce Landau Memorial Auction”

CAPRI 101

Saturday, July 1, 2006

8:00 am - Educational seminar

Capri 101

Ed Hertel - ED HERTEL – “Illegals: History and Collectibles”

Dealers with credentials may enter showroom

9:30 am - Registration opens

West registration desk

10:00 am - Show floor opens to members

1:00 pm - Florida Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club meeting

Capri 103

3:30 pm - Show entrance closed.

Exit only

4:00 pm - 2006 show closes. See you next year

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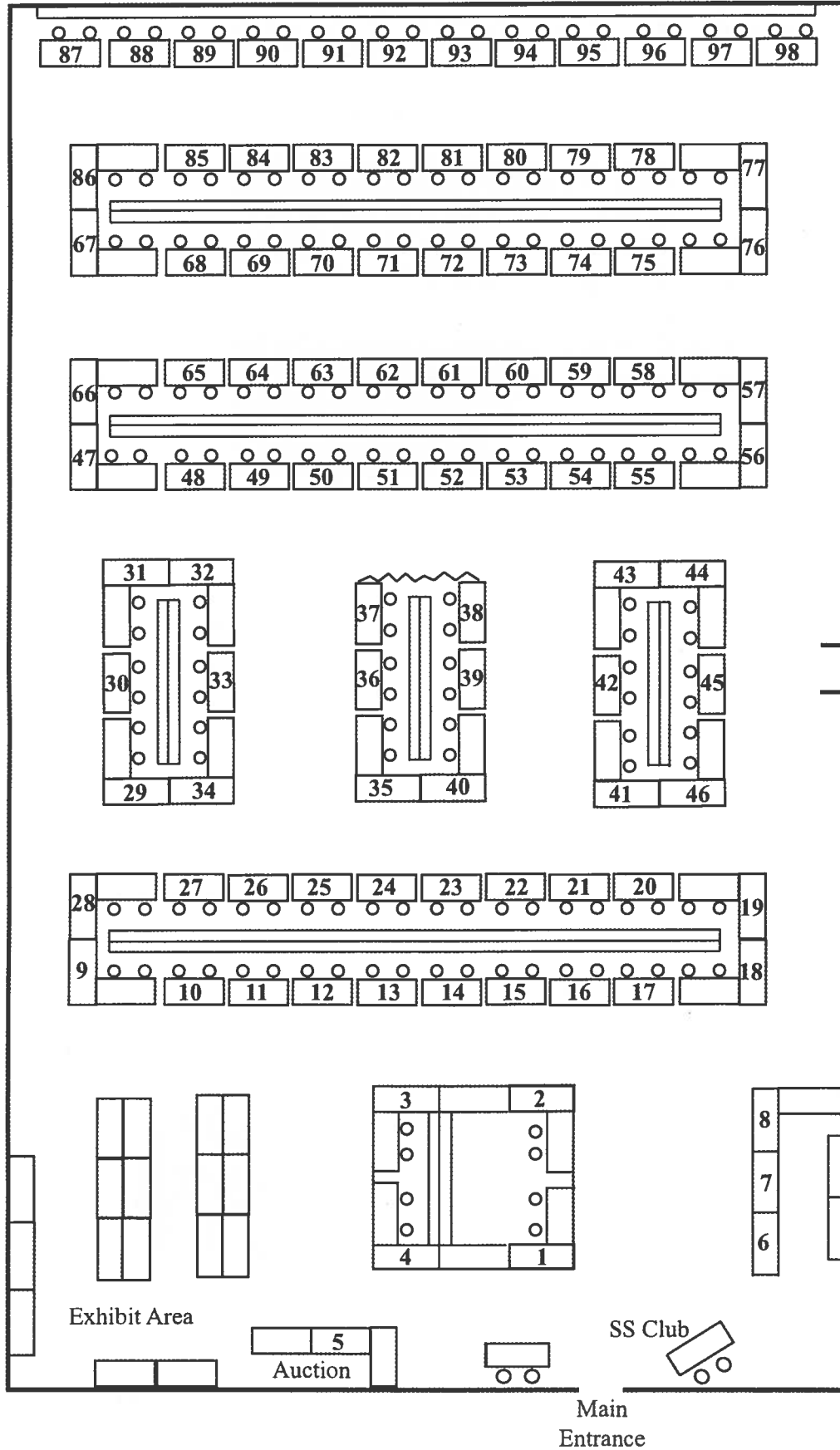
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Diamond Jo Casino Worth County Iowa

by John K. Kallman



If location, location, location is the mantra of the real estate agent, it must be doubly so for a casino owner. With the last vestiges of winter slowly melting into the slowly greening country side, the siren song of the road beckon me once again to the never ending pursuit of something new to add to my collection. There is something about the smell of newly issued chips to get the blood racing in any collector. Thus, with a full tank of gas and only a vague idea of where I was going, it was off to see what was over the next hill.

For anyone who has tried to find one of the many Indian casinos located across the mid-west, they only know too well of what an adventure it can be to find these often out of the way, poorly marked, back-road establishments can be to find. After exiting the ring-road that encircles the twin cities of Minneapolis / St Paul, there was a steady stream of billboards reassuring me that the direction I was headed was the correct one.

As with most states, Wisconsin has a 'Welcome Center' as the first exit when traveling IH-35 south from Minnesota. And along side the right

away is an old style water tower with an arrow pointing down along with the words CASINO as displayed on the chips from this casino. Easy to find? Almost hard NOT to! There, along the interstate, right after the Welcome center, behind a Burger King and trucker friendly gas station sits the newly opened Diamond Jo casino.

While small compared to many casinos – just slightly over 500 slots, two craps tables, one roulette table and 10 card tables, construction continues on this newest addition to the Iowa countryside. From the corn motif door handles on the outside entry way to the pictures of barnyard animals hanging in the restaurant, the casino is done in a rural motif. This theme extends to the cocktail waitresses who are attired as the farmer's daughter in one too many traveling salesmen jokes: cowboy boots, short-shorts and halter tops! There is a lot to like to this casino beyond it being easy to find!

Being located just 100 short miles of the Twin Cities, right off the inter-

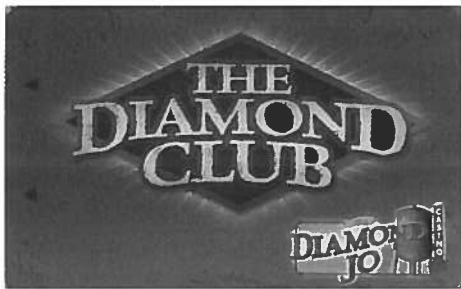
state, no doubt its location was decided in part to be a drawl to many Minnesotans. In addition to its easy access, it has at least three things that one will be hard to find in the tribal casinos located on the opposite side of the border: craps and roulette, both of which are currently not permitted. With a bar conveniently located within the casino, liquor is easily available, something also missing from many Minnesota casinos, and with half naked, young, attractive waitress to bring it to you, no doubt this will find more than one trucker taking an extend break after filling the tanks on there rig. Perhaps the only thing missing, other than tokens as the slot

machines are all Ticket In – Ticket – Out, is the lack of a hotel. But the backhoes and construction crews were still quite evident so this may be the very next structure rising out of the Iowa countryside.

There is a water wheel along the front side of the casino, and the staff reports that the casino itself rest on six inches of water, qualifying it as a 'riverboat' casino (this begs the question as to what happens in the winter when the water freezes if this

now becomes an 'ice-hose' casino?). There is a rather small gift shop that backs along the card club so





that the staff there can serve both sides. Three different card levels are in use with the red card being the lowest level. This is the first casino that I have ever been to that gladly

gave an example of each level card! A Starbucks and Burger King round out the amenities as do a Poker Room. Presently, the poker room is using the roulette chips for tournament play. Neither limited edition chips nor grand opening chips are presently available but seldom seen 50c chips were evident of the black jack and roulette tables. The roulette chips come in seven colors with 12 white inserts and are all marked 'A' despite the fact that there is no table 'B'.

With ill gotten goods in hand, I headed back out onto the interstate, and other than some traffic jams due to rush hour and construction, made my way home no worse than wear. Plans are already under way for future adventures as I head out onto the road in search of the next casino as I wind my way to the club's convention, this year venturing through Oklahoma.



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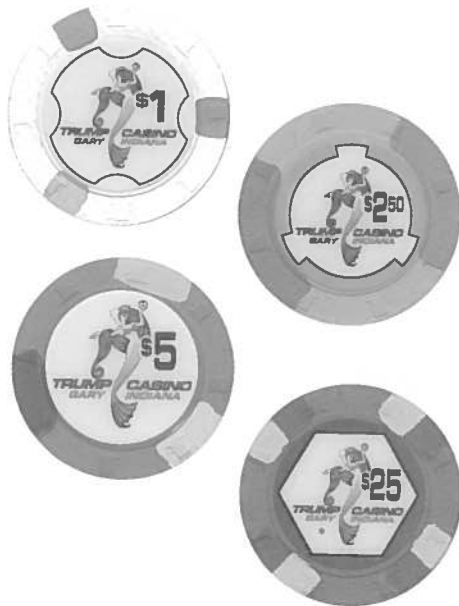
by Greg C. Susong

Hello Riverboat Collectors! It has been a busy quarter for Riverboat chips.

The Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, IN has a new \$5 chip.



The Trump Casino in Gary, IN sold to Majestic Star. Just before the sale, Trump switched their chips to what was probably tier backup set.



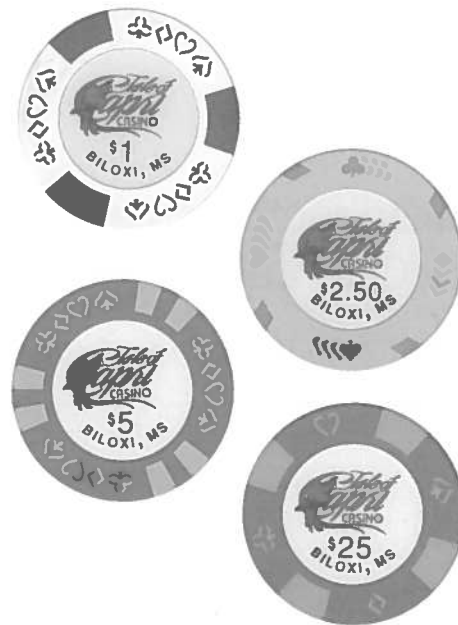
After Majestic Star took over, they added two new chips.



The Imperial Palace in Biloxi on issued 2 new chips.



Three casinos in Biloxi have reopened since being devastated by hurricane Katrina. These are the new chips for the Isle of Capri.



This is the new set from the Palace Casino in Biloxi.



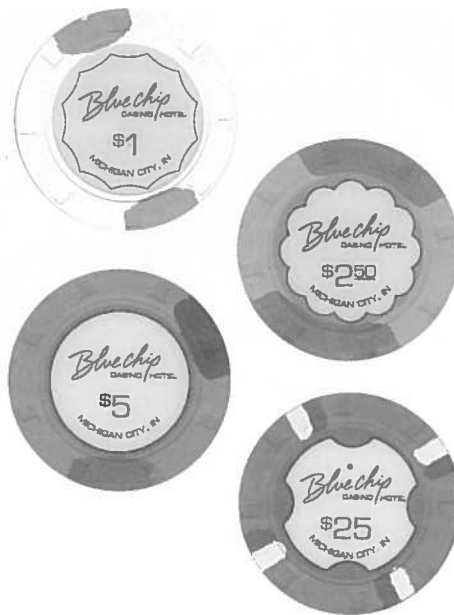
Harrah's in Council Bluffs, IA issued this commemorative to celebrate the Year of the Dog.



Terribles in St. Joseph, MO and Terribles in Osceola, IA, both issued 1st Anniversary chips that are nearly identical. I am told that the Terribles in La Grange, MO did also, but I have not seen them yet.



The Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, IN replaced their rack.



Quite some time ago the Horseshoe Casino in Tunica, MS released a new style \$1 chip. It has come to my attention that since then, they have released a \$2.50 and a \$5 with the same style.



The new Diamond Jo Casino in Northwood, IA opened on April 6, 2006.



The Belle of Baton Rouge is back. In late 1999 it was purchased by the Argosy. They have now sold it and the new owners have named it Belle of Baton Rouge. It seems these chips are all available in 3 different mold varieties, H&C, LCV and then there are some with H&C on one side and LCV on the other.



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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ASHTRAYS

by Mark Englebretson and Laurence Miller

At first consideration there might seem to be little in common between casino chips and casino ashtrays, other than that they are found in close proximity to each other in casinos. The casino chip, after all, is the coin of the realm, the monetary medium by which the casino conducts its business. If the chip is king, then the ashtray must be a lowly peasant or serf.

Yet, casino ashtrays are as seriously and devotedly collected as casino chips, and the prices for a number of them are now in four figures. Upon closer examination it becomes apparent that both chips and ashtrays are symbols of gaming. They represent through their design and history a metaphor for the casino itself. In some respects the ashtray is a better representation because it is substantially larger and more information can be displayed on it. In many cases ashtrays depict a picture of the building, the name of the owner, address and phone number and mentions the gaming offered.

Prior to World War II, most of the ashtrays were blank. At the end of the war clever entrepreneurs realized that the ashtray was an excellent economical means by which a business could advertise itself. They cost about 15-20 cents a piece and the more you bought the cheaper they got. The Golden Nugget in Vegas ordered one

style of tray 250,000 at a time and it would seem that the MGM must have ordered millions at a time. Likewise, it was possible to order as few as a quarter gross. Ashtrays ordered in these minute quantities are now the scarcest and costliest pieces. Covering the country from end to end with their display portfolios in hand sales people sold advertising ashtrays to countless thousands of businesses, one of which was casinos in nearly every town in Nevada. The ashtray manufacturers employed gifted commercial artists to design the ashtray's graphic art. They produced ashtrays that were beautiful in shape and which contained stunning and aesthetically beautiful artwork and images.

The "Golden Age" of casino ashtrays was from the end of World War II through the early-mid 1960's. After that the graphic art, as it did in many mediums (for example movie posters) became much less interesting and pedestrian. Eventually, due to the negative publicity surrounding smoking and rising manufacturing costs, most casinos abandoned the advertising ashtray and went back to using blanks. However, during this "Golden Age" many a casino ashtray was "borrowed" by patrons and tourists. Eventually over the years, tiring of them, these "thieves" (to whom ashtray collectors are eternally grateful) got rid of them. The ashtrays eventu-

ally found their way to antique stores, estate sales, and to the latest and best venue, Ebay.

For most of its history, the collecting of casino ashtrays was of interest to a small but devoted number of collectors who toiled in relative obscurity. Then, in the 1990's, two events occurred that thrust casino ashtrays into the mainstream of casino collectibles. The first event was the publication in 1994 of Art Anderson's self published book, "Casinos and Their Ashtrays." Drawing mainly from the collection of Paul J. Gregory, the book showed pictures and gave descriptions of various ashtrays, from the common to the rare. Anderson also presented pictures of the casinos, interesting and informative histories, and estimated values. Today, only slightly over a decade later, the book, while still interesting and fun to read, is woefully out of date. Many ashtrays have been discovered and continue to be discovered and Anderson's estimated values of the ashtrays are now an amusing artifact. Most of the very rare ashtrays in Anderson's were priced at a maximum of \$35. Today those ashtrays are worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Anderson's labor of love made collectors aware of casino ashtrays and put them on the collectibles map.

The second important milestone was the founding of Ebay. As Ebay caught on more and more casino ashtrays were listed, simultaneously stimulating interest in the hobby and bringing to light many rare ashtrays that had never been seen before. Today Ebay is the main venue for buying and selling casino ashtrays, and because of Ebay the likelihood of finding them at other outlets is much more unlikely. Ashtrays are now found at all casino collectible shows.

Today, collectors may be generalists, collecting ashtrays from everywhere in Nevada. While others specialize in just the rare ones and/or those from small and obscure towns. Others elect to collect from the "Big Three", Las Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe. There are many great ashtrays to be collected however, the collector chooses to do so.

Compared to the ashtrays, casino chips have been collected for a longer time and by more people. Chip collecting is better organized and developed, with a formal society and membership, a club magazine, and several collector books. These developments are largely lacking among casino ashtray collectors.

The most significant new development is the founding of a web site by Mark and Lynn Englebretson. It is the Nevada Casino Ashtray Project and can be accessed at: www.nevadacasinoashtrays.org This is an ongoing work in progress, whose goal is to eventually and comprehensively present the various aspects of the casino ashtray. The site features pictures of ashtrays and the casinos as well as the casino history. The site is open for any and all contributions from collectors. In fact, the site owes it's success to all who have contributed. A quick look at the

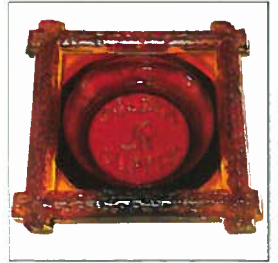
"About Us" section will reveal many names you will recognize. Contributions, as well as any collecting questions, may be sent to: mark@communicomm.com The site can be seen as an extension of Anderson's book. However, it is much larger and conceived on a grander and more elaborate and comprehensive scale.

Although the value of the rarer casino ashtrays has risen very dramatically in a short time, they do not approach the selling prices of the rarer casino chips. However, the enthusiasm of the ashtray collector is just as great and the joys of collecting just as contagious. There is in fact, an increasing crossover of chip collectors into casino ashtrays. The casino chip and casino ashtray can now be thought of as siblings, both an inextricable part of the great hobby of casino collectibles.

Las Vegas



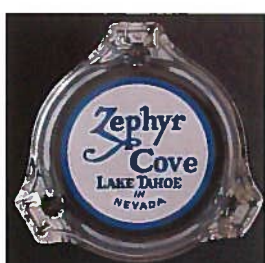
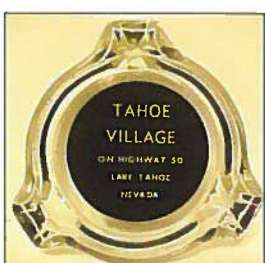
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Harvey's Bombing Pictures

Historian Carey Burke sent me these photos after reading the story on Harvey's bombing. The photos were created using the technology that was used to capture the bullet in flight and the water droplet hitting water. The first photo captures the exact second the bomb exploded, the second photo shows the after effects from the air.



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Sidepot Gaming Company and ChipTalk.Net Host Online Clay Poker Chip Contest with Innovative Design Tool

Online retailer of high-end poker chips and supplies for home games, Sidepot Gaming Company (Sidepot.com), and Internet poker forum ChipTalk.net have partnered for an innovative online contest that includes poker players in the actual chip design process. The winning design will be used for Sidepot's newest clay poker chip line, the Protégé.

The contest, hosted on the ChipTalk.net forum, is being held in several stages, including: general discussions; color discussions, submission, and voting; inlay design submissions, and voting; and then final judging. Chip base color, edge spot colors, edge spot configurations, inlay shape and inlay design will all be decided by the community, and combined with Sidepot's exclusive Cigar & Snifter clay mold. The contest winner, in addition to having their name associated with the award winning design, will receive a choice between \$750 cash or a poker merchandise package with a retail value of about \$1500.

Widespread poker community involvement in the contest is made possible by a unique Internet design tool that allows participants to visually play around with the millions of combinations possible for the winning chip. Dubbed "The Chip Factory" by its creators, themselves members of the ChipTalk.net community, this online application enables users to design all aspects of a casino-grade clay poker chip set. The contest version of the "Chip Factory" can be found at:

http://www.sidepot.com/poker_chip_factory/tool.html

"The high-end home poker chip market is still very limited, compared to what it could be," said Stephan Aarstol, founder and president of Sidepot. "We wanted to push the envelope and get away from the typical top down design approach – we wanted to involve our core customer base, chip collectors and poker players, who collectively have many great ideas about what types of chips they want to play with. With the Chip Factory tool, anyone can quickly and easily convey their preferences without the need for advanced graphic design skills."

"Our members are really dedicated to bettering the quality of clay poker chips available in the high-end of the market," said Greg Cagle, the founder of ChipTalk.net. "As a community of chip aficionados, we are all invested in bringing a truly fine home clay poker chip to the market, and we felt that this contest gives us that opportunity."

The Protégé Contest is taking place over a period of several months starting in April, and the winner is expected to be announced around the middle of the summer. The contest is currently in the early stages, so participants and contestants are still welcome to participate.

About Sidepot Gaming

Sidepot Gaming (formerly BuyPokerChips.com), www.sidepot.com, is an online retailer specializing in high-end, casino-quality poker chips for home poker games. Poker aficionados can choose from pre-packaged chips sets for Texas Hold'em tournaments or design their own combinations of chips. Sidepot also offers chip cases, poker tables, cards, video and other accessories and poker tips; free shipping is included with each order.

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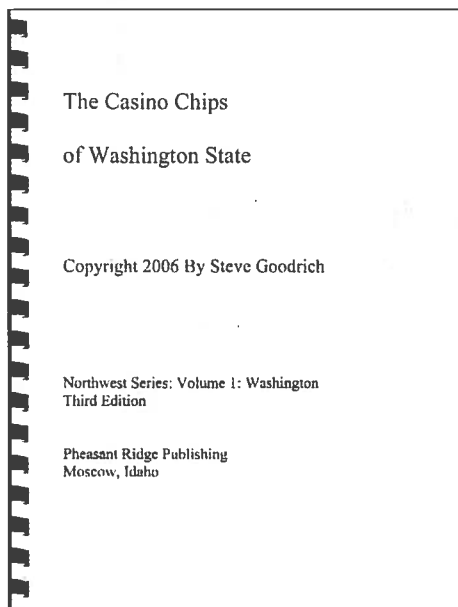
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THE CASINO CHIPS OF WASHINGTON STATE

(Northwest Series: Volume 1, 3rd Edition; 2006),
by Steve Goodrich



Without Club member Steve "Mr. PNW" Goodrich, the collection of casino chips of the Pacific Northwest would not be as popular as it is. His books on the chips of Washington

and Montana are the standard price guides and catalogs for those areas. This is the third edition of his Washington State book, the first having been published in 2001.

This is not a place for pretty pictures, but it is the place for the most detailed descriptions of Washington chips available to the collector.

Steve has continued with his helpful catalog numbers added to the descriptions, allowing collectors to refer to chips by number rather than lengthy descriptions.

Goodrich's introduction briefly discusses the history of gaming in Washington. From territorial times through the 1950's, gambling in the State was most often illegal. There was, however, little if any enforcement, and card clubs which grew from early saloons were widely tolerated.

In the 1960's, many of the State's poker rooms were slowly shut down by local pressure, until finally in 1969 the State's Attorney General announced that Washington would strictly enforce its ban on gaming. Before the process of shutting every card room was complete, the legislature legalized card rooms in 1973, taxed them, and regulated them on a statewide basis.

The next major event for Washington was the opening in 1991 of the Lummi tribal casino, which included Las Vegas style blackjack and roulette (and later, slot machines as well). Reexamination of the State's policy on gambling followed, and in 1997 the first non-tribal full

casino (there still aren't dice games in Washington) opened. Since then, casino-style clubs have proliferated, but the unintended effect has been to squeeze out many of the smaller poker rooms that had operated before (and even after, clandestinely) the 1969 gaming ban.

The varied and colorful history of gaming in Washington is similar to that in Montana and other western states, whose history is firmly planted in saloon/gambling hall roots.

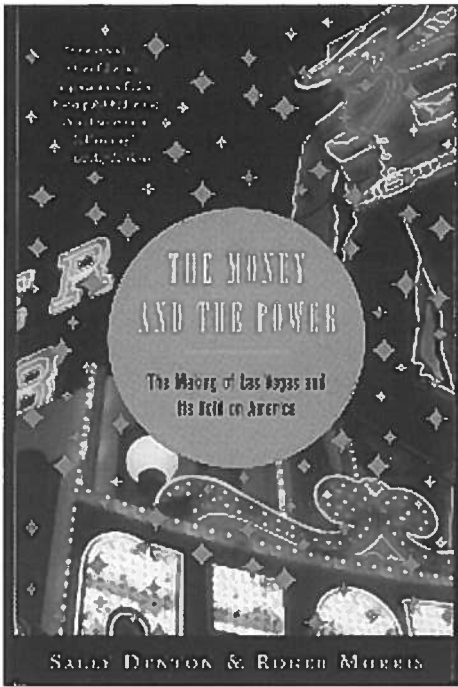
Although the pages aren't numbered, the book contains about 150 pages (they're not numbered: I cheated - I counted them!), which, aside from the introduction and index, are detailed listings of Washington's chips, with catalog numbers and valuations.

The book is organized alphabetically, regardless of geographical location, which is contained in each listing with the address of each club. Usually, dates of operation are also provided, although sometimes the dates are approximate.

Although tribal casinos are included in the main alphabetical listing, fraternal organization chips (Elks, Eagles and Moose), of which there are many in Washington, are listed in a separate section. For those who specialize in fraternal chips, this separate listing should be a welcome part of the book.

The index is indispensable, because many Washington chips contain only initials or symbols, which makes identification challenging. The index simplifies that task.

THE MONEY AND THE POWER:
The Making of Las Vegas and Its
Hold on America (2001),
by Sally Denton and Roger Morris



Books on the history of Las Vegas, even its recent history, are legion, but this one is different: it's a critical look at the myths and legends of Las Vegas history, as well as an in-depth analysis of Nevada's leaders, villains and fringe characters.

There are those who will, no doubt, disagree with parts of the book, despite its wealth of footnotes and scholarly approach (although still very readable). But when reading the book – and seeing the common understanding challenged – we should bear in mind the old journalists' saying about the American West: "When the legend becomes fact, print the legend." Here's an example of one of the reasons I thought this book one of the best I've read about Las Vegas and its history:

It was a fine American story of money and redemption, something everyone wanted to believe; a tale men plundering Las Vegas needed to have people believe – one of the

determining myths of the city, and the nation.

Howard Robard Hughes, Jr., was one of the richest people in the world, a businessman of legendary genius, a dashing, romantic celebrity. One night he came to the Las Vegas he loved for a private holiday, away from publicity he famously shunned. He overstayed his reservation in the hotel penthouse. When the owners asked him to make way for other important guests, to keep his rooms he bought the resort. He went on to purchase more casinos, a television station, much of Nevada. He decided to use his fantastic wealth to make Las Vegas an even more impressive showplace in the desert.

In his grand gesture, it was to be believed, he bought out the disreputable elements that threatened the city's prosperity. Single-handedly, tycoon as hero, he ransomed Las Vegas from its unsavory past, staved off looming scandals, and made gambling at last a legitimate investment for reputable, corporate America. No Nevadan actually saw him behind the shuttered windows high above the Strip. But respected men, leaders of the community – a senator, a governor, a publisher, a banker, prominent lawyers – all vouched for the story, saying Hughes was Nevada's benefactor, its deliverer.

Almost none of it was true.

Needless to say, the remainder of the chapter discusses what Denton's and Morris' research shows what was true, and it is quite a different story from the legend regularly printed today. Here's more of what the book covers:

Benny Binion's history running illegal gambling in Dallas before he moved to Las Vegas in 1946 (or 1949, depending on which book you're reading at the time); his original

investment in the Las Vegas Club, arranged by Meyer Lansky, and at the time run by Gus Greenbaum (later Flamingo and Riviera); the several murders Binion either committed or ordered.

Pat McCarran, the U. S. Senator after whom the Las Vegas airport is named, and his involvement with unsavory characters and methods of fund-raising.

The Kefauver hearings in 1950 that were ultimately unsuccessful in revealing the true ownership and operation of Nevada, but did shine the light of some publicity on the issues. (When he testified before the Kefauver Committee, Moe Dalitz, owner of the Desert Inn and Stardust, when asked about his prior history in illegal gambling in Detroit, Ohio and Kentucky, said "How was I to know those gambling joints were illegal? There were so many judges and politicians at them, I figured they had to be all right.")

Hank Greenspun, the "crusading" newspaperman (the Las Vegas Sun), who began his career as publicist for Ben Siegel's Flamingo Hotel and Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn, but who in later years took more sides than crusading. Ed Reid, by the way, co-author of *The Green Felt Jungle*, reviewed in the last column, was a reporter on the Sun staff early on.

E. Parry Thomas, the Las Vegas banker, and how the Mormons became intimately involved in Las Vegas banking. The Nevada connections to the Kennedys and the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Vegas interests in Cuba. The mob's involvement in the CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro, in which old friends Bob Maheu and mobster Johnny Roselli were heavily involved, as was Las Vegas Mike McLaney.

Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer's last-minute squelch of Attorney General Bobby Kennedy's plan for massive raids on Las Vegas Strip casinos, and how, 20 years later, the FBI special agent in charge was literally run out of town for pushing too hard.

How Governor Paul Laxalt got involved with Hughes and enabled him to buy a third of the Las Vegas Strip without ever appearing person-

ally for a licensing hearing, something that had never been done before.

How – and why – there was almost a second “plumbers” break-in and theft of documents in Las Vegas, and who the intended target was.

The Basque sheepherder's son who overcame scandals of organized crime funding and skimming at his Carson City casino, to become an ultra-conservative U. S. Senator and

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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. Articles from issues prior to Fall 2000 will be added over time. You can find the index at:

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The Nevada Casino Ashtray Project is a massive undertaking primarily showcasing Nevada Casino Ashtrays. However, it is much more. We have vintage pictures of the casinos and will later be adding the histories and personal remembrances of the places as we find them. IT WILL BE A VALUABLE SITE FOR WHATEVER AREA OF CASINO COLLECTING YOU ENJOY.

Please realize that this site is "under construction" and always will be. Check our home page "Welcome" for site features and sign our guestbook. All new additions are listed under "What's New" and will be posted on *The Chipboard* - <http://www.thechipboard.com>

This endeavor has been made possible by a long list of contributors. Many have spent countless hours helping assemble the material to make this dream a reality. New contributors are welcome and encouraged. This is everyone's site.

Ashtray Pictures and Casino Photos

The most important feature of this site is the ashtray pictures. They are all thumbnailed. All you have to do is click on the image and they will enlarge to life size. The pictures and scans of the ashtrays vary in quality. This is due to having many people contributing and different methods being used to convey the images to us. As better pics become available they will be used.

The site is divided into four groupings, Tahoe, Reno/Sparks, Small Town, and Las Vegas. The Small Town group will at first give a list of the towns. Pick a town and click on it and another list will give you the Casinos and Clubs. The other groups will give you a list of the Casinos and Clubs that are specific to that group. Pick one and check it out.

We have endeavored to have a picture of each Casino. In many cases that has been more difficult to obtain than the ashtray. We hope you enjoy our site. Visit often because you never know what you'll find.

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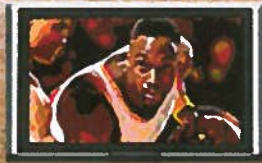


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