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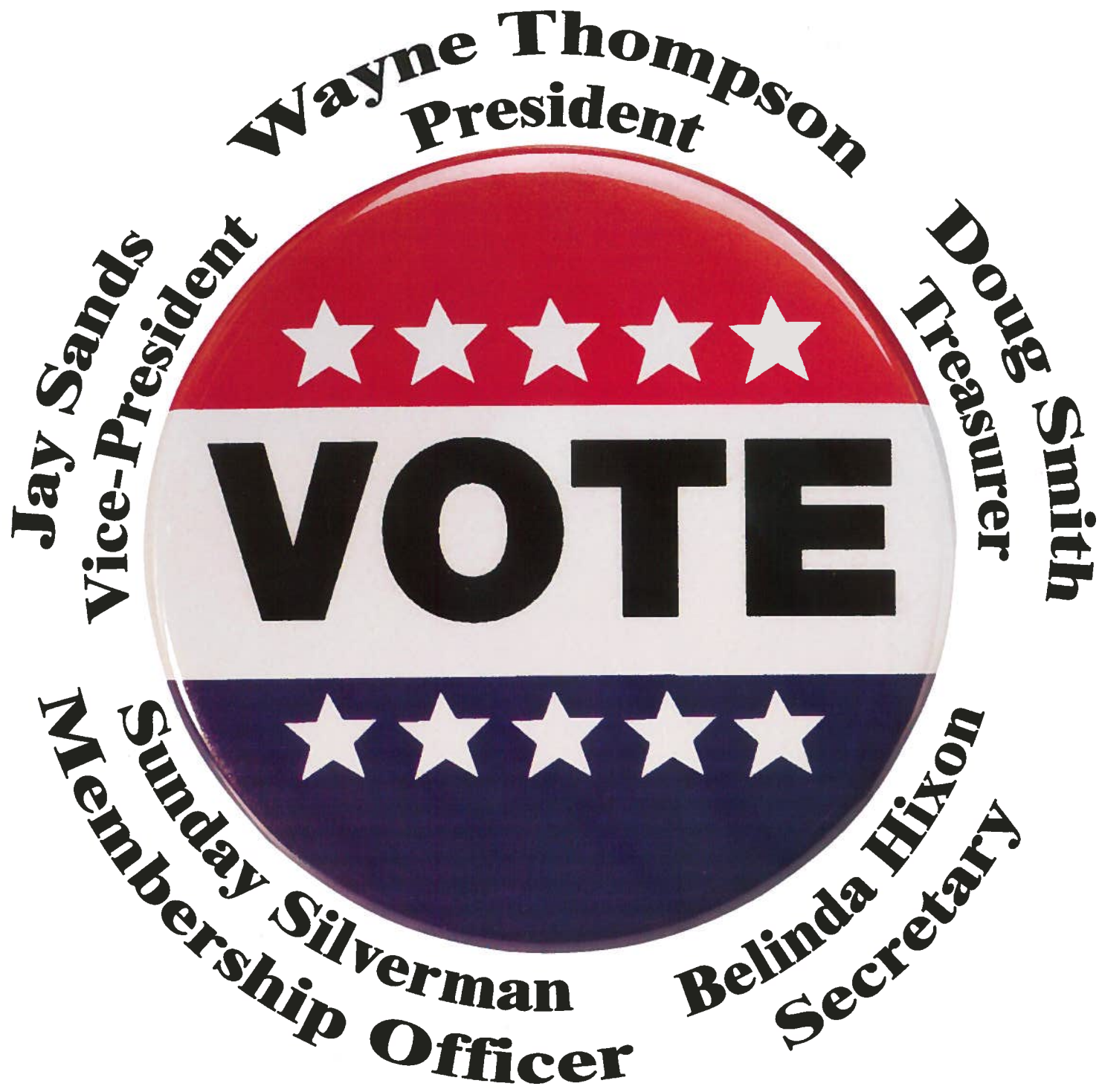
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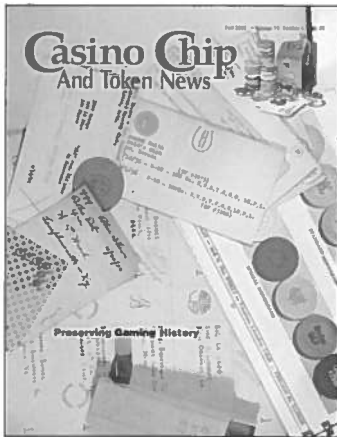
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## From the Editor's Desk

The cover of this issue only represents a one page article but is a reminder how important it is to preserve the history of gaming. As we near the end of the first decade of the new century a tremendous amount of American gaming history may be lost. As an organization whose primary charter is for educational purposes, our club has a unique opportunity to participate in the preservation of gaming history. Many of our members have already greatly contributed to the preservation of gaming history through their articles and private research. An excellent example is the extensive article on the gaming history and development of gaming along Fremont Street in Las Vegas by Pam Goertler that is found in this issue. If our membership continues to actively pursue the enhancement of our knowledge of gaming history our club will have served a unique purpose. As editor, I encourage all the membership to contribute to the magazine and increase and share our knowledge of gaming history.

A huge thanks to Pam Groetler for her incredible article on Fremont Street . I wish I had the space to include all the great pictures she sent me. Also to Brian Cashman for all the help he supplied.

Included as an insert is the 2006 OTY nomination form. Take some time to fill it out and nominate your favorites. Detailed information on the OTY selection process can be found on page 84. It's also time to make recommendations for the Hall of Fame. If you feel that someone has made major contributions to the club as a volunteer or in another capacity, fill out the form included in this issue.

For those that are running for the Board of Directors positions, you can submit a page about yourself and your platform and it will be included in the next issue of the magazine. If you're running unopposed, you can submit the information as well. Don't forget to include a picture.

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# Educational Seminar Line-up 2007 Annual Convention

We are now 9 months to the day from #15!

I am very pleased to present to the membership the LINEUP for the educational seminars for the 15th annual convention of the CCGTCC! Our hobby depends upon us learning as much as possible about its various aspects. The participants are amongst the most knowledgeable collectors across a wide spectrum of interest. These seminars alone are a reason to come to the convention. Can you imagine not wanting to learn about the hobby that we all care so much about.

COME ONE, COME ALL, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN!

I will be repeating this message today several times just to make sure that everybody that hops on the BB sees it and then throughout the coming months as well!

1. Wednesday, 8/8/7-3PM  
Doug Saito & Dick Covington, The First Timers Workshop
2. Thursday, 8/9/7-8AM  
The Guide Gurus, TCR & CW3, James Campiglia & Michael Knapp
3. Thursday, 8/9/7-3PM  
Carey Burke, Cameron & Sandra Kessinger and Don Durnin, Nevada Gaming History in Paper
4. Friday, 8/10/7-8AM  
Steve Fischer, The Las Vegas Showgirls
5. Friday, 8/10/7-3PM  
Ralph Pollack, Fifty Years of Gaming in the Dutch Caribbean
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## President's Letter

With the end of the year fast approaching, the Club is preparing for our next election of Club Officers in 2007. The list of nominees for each of the five officers is located elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. On behalf of the membership, I would like to extend my thanks to each of nominees for stepping forward and offering to help guide our organization over the next 2 year term, which will begin at the 2007 Convention. Good luck to all of the candidates!

The actual Election Ballots will be contained in the next issue of the Club magazine. I would like to express my gratitude to Bruce and Mary Ann Massey for once again acting as Election Co-Chairs and handling this process on behalf of the Club.

In addition to the election of Club Officers, there will be a Constitutional Amendment(s) to vote on at the same time. The proposed Amendment(s) have been submitted by member Eric S. Rosenblum and the proposal is contained elsewhere in this issue of magazine for *review purposes only*. There are many changes proposed, the majority of which are procedural, grammatical or minor. Some are major and deal with additional Membership categories and procedures.

The purpose of printing the review is to gauge the feeling of the membership as to which proposed amendments might be controversial and would need to be broken out onto a separate voting line. With the number of proposed changes, it doesn't make sense to have each and every one of them as a separate line item vote. (After you review the proposed changes, you will understand.) Nor does it help the organization to have all the "minor" changes voted down because of one or two membership issues. Please contact Eric at his email [legal@ccgtcc.com](mailto:legal@ccgtcc.com) with your thoughts on which, if any, of the line items should be listed separately on his proposed amendment(s).

CC & GTCC Hall of Fame member **Dale Seymour** has made a most generous donation to the Club and on behalf of the membership and the Board, I would like to say "Thank You"! Dale offered to donate all the remaining copies of his excellent book, *Antique Gambling Chips* to the Club. This is the authoritative work on collecting antique chips and took Dale many, many years to compile the book. Again Dale, THANK YOU!

The book is now available to Club Members for only \$15 for the hardback, plus postage, by contacting our Promotions Director Roy Nelson at [promotions@ccgtcc.com](mailto:promotions@ccgtcc.com). (The soft back version will be available for \$10, plus postage, shortly.) The book is also listed on the CC & GTCC Merchandise order form inserted in this issue of the book.

FINALLY!!!! Through the efforts of Convention Chairman Jim Steffner and some of fine folks at the Riviera, we have a \$5 2006 Convention Chip! Gaming had initially turned down the original chip as submitted by the Riviera over a release form issue and there wasn't enough time to have a different chip designed, approved and produced for the Convention. The folks at the Riv went above and beyond what they had to do to get this chip done. We thank them (and Jim) for their efforts on our members' behalf!

There were 750 of the chips produced and the Club has 500 of them available for purchase by our members. The chips will be sold for \$5 each, plus postage, with an initial limit of 3 chips per member. We would like to make sure that everyone who wants one is able to acquire one. Please contact Promotions Director Roy Nelson at [promotions@ccgtcc.com](mailto:promotions@ccgtcc.com) or see information published in this issue of the magazine.

Recently there has been a resurgence in the discussion about "slabbing" casino chips and tokens. Part of the dis-

cussion focused on what is or isn't allowed at the Club's annual Convention. In an effort to clarify some of the misconceptions, the Board of Directors issued a statement on our stance on the practice of slabbing and the current rules in place in regard to the convention and advertising in the Club magazine. That statement is published in full elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Members of the Vision & Feasibility Committee, along with members of the Board of Directors, took part in a two day workshop to work on the "roadmap" for the Club building and museum. There was an extensive amount of work and information (several hundred pages) that came out of the meeting and the initial report has been forwarded to all members of the Committee and to the Board for review. The review process should be complete by December 1, 2006. After the review process, we will plan the next steps for this long term project. In addition, we

will distribute a report to the membership outlining the progress, the processes and the objectives of the project. And to everyone who has supported the Building Fund, THANK YOU!

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the Club's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in August 2007 at the Riviera. It's hard to believe this will be the 15<sup>th</sup> one of these we've put on and we should all be proud of what the Convention has grown to become over the years. Please join us as we say "Aloha to 15" at the 2007 Convention!

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Be well and be safe!

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Mike Skelton

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# Call for Hall of Fame Recommendations for 2007

Membership in the Hall of Fame is the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club's highest honor. Each year, several members are considered for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. Members are selected based on their contributions to the hobby as a whole, their contributions to the Club, their impact on the Club and the hobby, and their exemplary integrity and adherence to the principles upon which the Club was founded. There have been one, two or three new members selected each year since the inauguration of the Hall of Fame in 1998. The seventeen members of the Hall of Fame appear below.

The selection of honorees each year is made by the Hall of Fame Committee, which consists of all living members of the HoF. The input of the membership in the selection process is indispensable. The members of the HoF cannot know every member of the Club, nor have knowledge of the contributions to the Club and the hobby that may have been made by each member.

Enclosed with this issue of *Casino Chip and Token News* is a recommendation form which we urge members to complete and mail to us so that we may consider the contributions of those people the members believe deserve the Club's highest recognition. Please provide as much information as possible in support of your recommendation so that the Committee can give it full consideration. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2007, and the final selections, if any, will be announced at the Club's annual convention in Las Vegas.

The current members of the Hall of Fame, in alphabetical order, are:

Archie A. Black  
Harvey Fuller (deceased)  
Howard Herz  
Phil Jensen  
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Bruce Landau (deceased)  
Robert Mera (deceased)  
Allan Myers  
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Mike Skelton  
Greg Susong  
Gene Trimble  
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For biographies of the HoF members, please visit the Club website at <http://www.ccgfcc.com>

# CC&GTCC Election Nomination Results

The nominations for the 2007 - 2009 Officers and Board of Directors of the CCGTCC have been submitted and tallied. 56 nomination forms were received. There were several individual nominations, but the CCGTCC By-Laws require a nomination and second for any position in order for it to be valid.

The following members received a nomination and second from current CCGTCC members, but respectfully declined the nomination:

Brian Cashman - President  
Ralph Myers - Vice President  
Ralph Myers - Membership Officer  
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
Chuck Smorse - Vice President

The following members received a nomination and second from current CCGTCC members and accepted the nomination:

Joe Pavlik - President  
Wayne Thompson - President  
Jay Sands - Vice President (Unopposed)  
Jim Follis - Secretary  
Belinda Hixon - Secretary  
Doug Smith - Treasurer (Unopposed)  
Sunday Silverman - Membership Officer (Unopposed)

Therefore, ballots for the Office of President and the Office of Secretary will be included in the Winter 2007 magazine for all current CCGTCC members. The magazine will be mailed in February, 2007. Ballots will be mailed separately to all CCGTCC Associate Members at that time.

The ballots will also contain the proposed Constitutional Amendments. These amendments are included in the Fall 2006 magazine for members' review. The magazine will be mailed in November 2006. Constitutional Amendments require a 2/3 majority of voters to pass.

The results of the CCGTCC Election will be published after the May 1, 2007 deadline. At the CCGTCC annual business meeting in August 2007, we, the Election Co-Chairmen, will report the results of the election which will then be certified, at the meeting, by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
BRUCE & MARY ANN MASSEY

CCGTCC Election Co-Chairmen



Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2006, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$209,301. For the first ten months of 2006, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$19,690, excluding Building Fund donations of \$13,636. This DOES include the expenditure for the Spring issue of the Club magazine and the final Convention billing from the Riviera. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the equity accounts.

Highlights for the first 10 months of 2006:

70 members became Life Members. The Club now has 217 Life Members and 5 Honorary Life Members.

The proceeds from the 2006 Bruce Landau Memorial auction was \$6,484. The gross earnings for the auction were \$35,133 while the net payments to consigners were \$28,650.

The balance in the Building Fund is \$88,281. Neil Silverman's Building Fund Raffle that was held on June 30 collected \$6,670. Doug "Cigarman" Smith solicited members for personal chip donations. Final bidding on over 400 personal chips (including 4 chip frames that hold 99 chips) went to Skip Harouff for \$1,250. Another \$3,162 was donated during the Convention for various offerings at the Building Fund table.

In August, \$21,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Life Membership Fund to fund 70 life members that joined the ranks during the latter part of 2005 through the end of July 2006. Starting in 2006 Life Membership Funds are being transferred back to the General Fund to maintain benefits based on the following formula: Life members per quarter x cost of magazine per quarter = amount of transfer.

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 for participating this year.

The 2005 Federal Tax Return was submitted on time on May 12, 2006.

# Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through October 31, 2006

## Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage)		\$66,059
Convention 2006:		
Table Fees	\$31,925	
Registration	\$9,415	
Banquet	\$8,540	
Auction Proceeds	\$6,484	
Program Advertising	\$1,823	
Convention 2006 Total		\$58,187
Promotion		\$15,663
Building Fund Donations		\$13,636
Interest Income		\$3,020
Magazine Advertising		\$2,155
Video Sales		\$429
Magazine Sales		\$21
Directory Sales		\$10
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Total Income		\$159,180

## Expenditures

Convention 2006 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)		\$50,250
Magazine		\$43,552
Promotion		\$10,345
Postage (Other than Magazine)		\$3,908
Miscellaneous		\$3,731
Storage		\$2,845
Bank Charges		\$2,794
Video Production (2006 Convention)		\$2,338
Supplies		\$1,878
Video Production (2005 Convention)		\$1,460
Printing		\$1,281
Insurance		\$985
Telephone		\$253
Filing Fees		\$175
Advertising		\$59
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Total Expenditures		\$125,854

Net Income - 01/01/06 to 10/31/06 \$33,326

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/06 \$202,498

Net Income - 01/01/06 to 10/31/06 \$33,326

Ending Equity Balance - 10/31/06 \$235,824

## Detail of Equity Balance - 10/31/06

Building Fund	\$88,281	
Life Membership Fund	\$60,551	
Money Market Fund	\$58,416	
General Fund	\$2,053	
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Total Cash Available		\$209,301
Inventory		\$26,023
Advance (Membership Officer)		\$500
Ending Equity Balance - 10/31/06		<u>\$235,824</u>



Ralph Myers,  
Membership Officer

# Membership Officer's Report



Well, another year has gone by. 2007 will soon be upon us. Don't forget 2007 is an election year for a new board of directors. If you don't vote, don't complain if you didn't want the person who was voted in.

Thank you to all the members who stepped up and are running for office. I'm sure the membership greatly appreciates it. Thank you also to whoever nominated me for the offices of Vice-President, and Membership Officer. I will have over six years in as Membership Officer when the new board takes over in August 2007.

I think it's time to let another club member have the opportunity to help steer the club for the next two years.

This past quarter saw sixty two new members join us, including our first member from Mexico. This is down from previous quarters, but I have every confidence we will rebound in the coming months.

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

Best regards,  
Ralph





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# New Members

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7438	Shaff Sr.	Joseph W.	CA	San Bernardino	CCGTCC.com
7439	Wood	Bill	OH	Macedonia	Black, Archie
7440	Epter	Jack	NY	Far Rockaway	Casino Player Magazine
7441	Sherman	Michael	MI	Redford	Rodgers, CT
7442	Chaffee	Marcus	AZ	Peoria	Rodgers, C.T.
7443	Laeng	Thomas J.	CA	Norwalk	Casino Player Magazine
7444	Panitch	Dr. Thomas M	NJ	W. Caldwell	
7445	Lewis	Owen	UK	Cambridgeshire	CCGTCC.com
7446	Edwards	Timothy M.	CT	Tolland	Casino Player Magazine
7447	Hansen	Guy A.	WI	Arcadia	Casino Player Magazine
7448	Cleveland	John	CA	Newbury Park	Colspan, Mia
7449	Graden	Vanessa	IN	Valparaiso	CCGTCC.com
7450	Gajewski	Wayne A	WI	Wausau	Myers, Ralph
7451	DeFilippo	Alfred	FL	Royal Palm Beach	Casino Player Magazine
7452	Schwartz	Jerome	FL	North Miami Beach	CCGTCC.com
7453	Isaacson	Peter	NY	Albany	CCGTCC.com
7454	Boland	Scott	MI	Sterling Heights	CCGTCC.com
7455	Foxwell	Robert A.	DE	Ocean View	Donohue, Paul
7456	Kluchman	David	MA	Lexington	CCGTCC.com
7457	Hite	Steven	OH	Dublin	CCGTCC.com
7458	Woodward	Dave	UK	Hants	Cagle, Greg
7459	Lewis	Joseph T.	AK	Anchorage	CCGTCC.com
7460	Hade	Gerald	NY	Fresh Meadows	Genualdi, John
7461	Reed	Ryan	WA	Redmond	CCGTCC.com
7462	Caulfield	David	MN	Little Canada	CCGTCC.com
7463	Murad	Richard D.	VA	Herndon	CCGTCC.com
7464	Hagberg	Sharon	CA	Encinitas	CCGTCC.com
7465	Ager	Janisse M.	NV	Pahrump	CCGTCC.com
7466	Kiser	James	ID	Boise	CCGTCC.com
7467	Dunham	William L.	CA	San Clemente	CCGTCC.com
7468	Ujcich	Randolph	GA	Stone Mountain	Casino Player Magazine
7469	Ikemoto	Greg	CA	Northridge	Cagle, Greg
7470	Sides	Harvey D.	AR	Newport	CCGTCC.com
7471	Davis	Mark	CO	Arvada	CCGTCC.com
7472	Nace	Dennis O.	PA	York	Casino Player Magazine
7473	Icone	Paul J.	CO	Auora	CCGTCC.com
7474	Zaitz	Joshua	NJ	Springfield	CCGTCC.com
7475	Huber	Matthew	WI	New Berlin	CCGTCC.com
7476	Steidle	Peter A.	NY	East Meadow	CCGTCC.com
7476	Neis	Richard	MA	Feeding Hills	CCGTCC.com
7479	Peace	Jay	NV	Carson City	Sage, Michael
7480	McKenzie	Sandy	FL	Lake Mary	McKenzie, Von
7481	Halsted	E.P. Sunny	NV	Laughlin	US Casino Chip Price Guide
7483	Stevenson	John	VA	Leesburg	US Casino Chip Price Guide
7484	Sanchez	Jose	Mexico	Mexico City	CCGTCC.com
7485	Purcell	William R.	NV	Las Vegas	Black, Archie
7489	Kiernari	Jim	NJ	Saddle Brook	Black, Archie
7490	Hirsch	Alex	PA	Bethlehem	Cagle, Greg
7491	Metzger	Randy	PA	Red Lion	CCGTCC.com
7492	Doyle	James H.	CO	Colorado Springs	CCGTCC.com
7494	Sugimoto	Dave	CA	Harbor City	Campiglia, James
7495	Langley	Michael	NV	NO. Las Vegas	CCGTCC.com
7498	Knoll	Douglas	FL	Fort Pierce	US Casino Chip Price Guide

# More Grand Casino Silver Coins!

by John Kallman

Yet another set of collector tokens issued by the Grand Casinos Minnesota (Mille Lacs and Hinckley) has been found. This silver set is from the first series issued, the Four Wind series and has a \$5.00 reverse side common to all four tokens.

A quick check list of known sets follows for those of you who would like to keep track of these items:

Series	Gold Plated	Silver
Four Winds	Yes	Yes
Wildlife Series 1 (1994 -1995)	Yes	Yes
Wildlife Series 2 (1995 – 1996)	Yes	
Wildlife Series 3 (1996 – 1997)	Yes	
Wildlife Series 4 (1997 – 1998)	Yes	Yes
Minnesota Landmarks (1998 – 1999)	Yes	Yes
Endangered Species (1999 – 2000)	Yes	



Common reverse

Hopefully, the remaining sets not yet known in silver will also one day surface as well!

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**Dennis Zeller**  
 CC&GTCC Member R-1278

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**Rich Hagopian R-3359**  
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# KNAPP on BOOKS

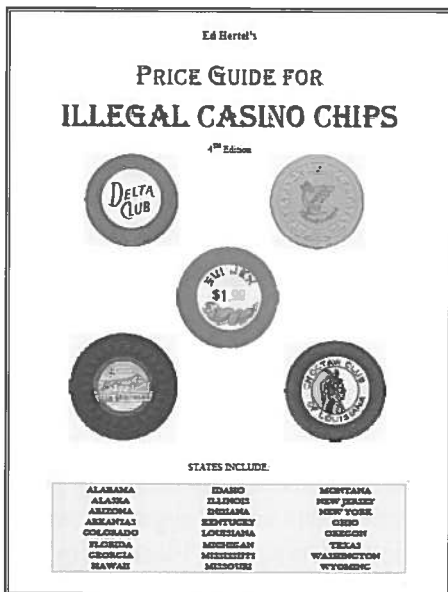
by Michael Knapp

I try to review all books as they are published, and will fill in with books published some time ago, but which are still available from their authors or in bookstores.

I have to have books in order to review them, so if you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at [ChipProf@aol.com](mailto:ChipProf@aol.com) to arrange for a review copy. For readers of the column, if there are books you'd like to see reviewed in this column, please also drop me a note and I'll be glad to try to accommodate your request.

As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.

This time I'm reviewing two works that are a bit different from the usual – they're electronic books! You'll need a computer to use either of these great references, but it's worth it.



Ed Hertel's Price Guide for Illegal Casino Chips, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. – <http://chipster.net/guide/guide.htm>

Ed Hertel's been specializing in chips from illegal clubs and casinos for many years. He published the first (and only, to my knowledge) price guide for illegal chips.

The book became popular enough that Ed revised it three times in hard copy. With the fourth edition, Ed took a different approach: he put his price guide on the Internet, and offered it free to collectors.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into producing the guide, which consists of 24 State chapters, an introduction and an index. The entire guide, in PDF format, can be downloaded as a single unit, or can be downloaded by chapters (recommended for those with dial-up connections rather than high-speed Internet connections).

Not only is each chip described, but each type of chip is illustrated, usually in color, as well. Ed's assigned a value to each chip as a guide.

There are chapters on illegal club chips from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

If printed out, the Hertel Price Guide would consist of more than 250 pages, but Ed's made it possible for collectors to download the entire book, or individual chapters.

The Hertel Guide is a terrific resource for anyone interested in illegal club chips from the United States.

Robert Eisenstadt's  
Antique Gambling Chips & Gambling Memorabilia Web Site

**EMBOSSED RIM MOLD DESIGN PROJECT**

(Anytime a chip is described or identified, one of the half dozen or so parameters given is the chip's particular rim mold design. Thus, the rim mold design is an important part of the name of a chip. As explained below, it is also, it seems, a clue to a chip's age and geographical use. Some mold designs are dated, a relatively recent occurrence. Today more and more rim mold designs chips are appearing, often as paler (non-casino) chips. These current rim mold chips are made of a nylon-plastic material and are often embossed some as well. The 19 pages of this project are mostly concerned with the old embossed clay chips and ignore the modern mold designs.)

**EMBOSSED RIM MOLD DESIGN LOCATOR -- LINKS TO MOLD DESIGNS AND THIS INFO: NAMES, PICTURES, DATES, DISTRIBUTORS, AND SAMPLE CHIPS FOR SALE -- THIS SITE WAS CREATED TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDY AND COLLECTION OF OLD CHIP MOLDS**

**\*\*\*\* IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A QUICK TOUR OF THE 18 PAGES OF THIS MOLD DESIGN PROJECT, CLICK THIS LINK AND THEN CLICK THE "CONTINUE" LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE. (in fact, if you scroll down to the bottom of any of the 18 mold design pages and click the "continue" link and do so at every page, you'll quickly see all 18 mold design pages.) \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\* THIS IS A WORK-IN-PROGRESS; CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, COMMENTS ARE APPRECIATED \*\*\***

Distributor advertising chips - they show distributor name and their proprietary rim mold

**Robert Eisenstadt's Embossed Rim Mold Design Project -**  
[http://www.antiquegamblingchips.com/molddesignindex\\_site.htm](http://www.antiquegamblingchips.com/molddesignindex_site.htm)

Many collectors have known about Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project for some time. Ordinarily, I would not review a price list, which this is in part, but the information is so extensive that it's become an important reference for collectors trying to identify chip mold designs and to gather information about them.

The web section contains not only scans of mold designs, but uses both the Borland mold numbers and the Herz abbreviations for mold types. In addition, the manufacturer or distributor history is given for each design.

There is no more complete mold design reference than Robert's pages, and the wealth of information is available to anyone with a computer.



**Belinda Hixon, Secretary**

## **Secretary's Report**

Greetings!

Congratulations to those members with numbers between 2923 and 3011. You've achieved ten years of membership in the Club. Your Ten Year Membership pins will be sent out in the next few weeks.

I'm currently working with Committee Chairmen and Club Directors to put procedure templates in place for each position. After a request from one chairperson about procedures for his responsibility, we started looking and discovered that there aren't any formal procedures in place for most of the responsibilities within the organization. Once they're on file with the Secretary, the procedures will be updated as necessary by the Chairman/Director. It's the BOD's hope that having these in place will make it easier for those who follow. In addition, there are several forms (ballots, nomination forms, audit forms) that are "reinvented" each time they're needed. I've been producing forms that can be adapted for future use without requiring a total redesign.

Another project that will soon be revisited is the information relating to local clubs on the Club's website. Those links/contacts need to be updated. If you have information on the local collectors clubs and would like it included on the site, please let me know. The contacts that have not been updated by March 1, 2007 will be deleted from the CC&GTCC website.

I continue to receive requests for membership logos. Those can be sent either as jpg files or I can send hard copies depending on your needs. Just let me know which format you need and I'll do my best to get it them to you.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in late January/early February for our semi-annual meeting. If you have items you'd like us to discuss, please contact any BOD member.

Finally, I still need your help with the "Journey Through 15 Years" project. If you have any photographs of past conventions, please let me know. Thanks to Editor Anderson, years 2000-2006 are covered but the early years are still missing. All photographs and or negatives will be returned after the project is completed. Please help if you can.

Wishing you all the best for the holidays and 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
Belinda Hixon

# Constitutional Amendments

by Eric Rosenblum, Esq.

To the Club Membership,

Since Constitutional amendments are to be presented to the President and BoD, I have drafted the annexed Revised Constitution after consultation with the President & BoD. It is presented here for your review, with the “official” presentation being in the next club magazine.

Please send me your comments, opinions, suggestions and critiques. A question has been raised regarding one or more changes. If I need to break some out individually I will, so that we do not lose the baby with the bath water.

The format is called “redlining”, so that new matter is in italics and underlined, while deleted sections are crossed out. I look forward to your prompt responses so that we can finalize a copy for presentation and voting. You can email me at [legal@ccgtcc.com](mailto:legal@ccgtcc.com).

Regards,

Eric S. Rosenblum

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~~SECOND~~-AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION

THE CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.

Last Amended August 10, 2007

### **ARTICLE ONE: NAME**

The organization shall be known as “The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.” (*hereinafter “the Club”*).

### **ARTICLE TWO: PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as ~~P. O. Box 63, Brick, New Jersey 08723. 2950~~  
Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, New York 11756

### **ARTICLE THREE: PURPOSE**

A) The purposes of this organization are to promote a closer relationship and good will *among* the members of the Club, to encourage the study of gaming chips and tokens by the acquisition and study of all types of gaming exonomia, to assist new collectors and to encourage others in the study of gaming exonomia, and to maintain close liaison with other historical and numismatic associations.

B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution or of the Bylaws, the Club is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE FOUR — OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & ELECTIONS

### Section 1

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

### Section 2

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

### Section 3

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

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

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

D) Newly elected officers shall be installed every two years in odd numbered years at the Club's ~~odd numbered~~ annual meeting and shall take office immediately upon installation.

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

F) Candidates for office shall be limited to all Charter, Regular and Life members of the Club in good standing.

(G)(i) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs within the first year after installation of the officer, a special election shall be held to elect a successor to serve the remaining term of such officer. As soon as practicable after such vacancy occurs, the Board shall cause to be sent to each member in good standing, a call for nominations. Regardless of the manner of mailing, the call for nominations shall be sent within 30 days of the vacancy. The special election shall take place as soon as practicable after close of nominations, by mailing to all members in good standing.

(ii) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, which vacancy occurs after the first year following installation of the officer, the President shall appoint a Charter or Regular or Life member in good standing to hold such office until the installation of the officer's successor. If the vacancy is the Presidency, then the Board shall appoint such interim President from among the then-existing Charter or Regular or Life members in good standing.

(H) All notice, notification and voting requirements of this Article are deemed met by including the notice and/or ballot in the club magazine, either as bound copy or as an insert. Since Associate Members do not receive the club magazine directly, Charter or Regular or Life Members who have an Associate Member connected to their membership shall bear the responsibility of informing the Associate Member of all these matters, and shall photostat any ballot so that the Associate Member may also vote.

## ARTICLE FIVE: MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1

Membership shall consist of ~~four~~ seven types of members:

A. Charter Members: the first 100 persons applying for regular membership into the Club;

B. Regular Members: all ~~members~~ individuals applying for membership after the Charter Membership period has closed;

C. Associate Members: spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Charter or Regular Member in good standing; ~~and~~

D. Corporate Members: Corporations are not eligible to join the club nor to purchase tables or any other display space at any of the club's functions or events unless they are directly involved in the gaming industry or provide ancillary products or services to or about the gaming industry. The corporation shall designate an individual to vote on behalf of the corporation and receive its mailings. Corporations are not eligible to serve as an Officer or on the Board of Directors.

E. Life Members: members in good standing who apply, after completion of their third full year of membership for permanent membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment of an amount equal to 15 years' dues,

calculated as 15 times the then-current dues. Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues, but must pay any magazine mailing charges above bulk mail if the Life Member desires such mailing enhancement:

F. Senior Life Members: members in good standing who apply, after reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years and after completion of their third full year of membership, for permanent membership status, and whose applications are accompanied by payment of an amount equal to 10 times the then-current dues. Senior Life Members are relieved from paying further annual dues, but must pay any magazine mailing charges above bulk mail if the Senior Life Member desires such mailing enhancement; and

G. Honorary Life Members: a member in good standing whom the Board of Directors unanimously deems to have devoted such extraordinary time, effort, dedication and work, far and above what might normally be offered by a volunteer, so that the Board of Directors wishes to honor the person by granting Honorary Life Member status, relieving the Honorary Life Member from paying further annual dues.

H. Dues Changes Impacting Life Members: if the Board of Directors raises the organization's annual general membership dues, thus impacting the Life Membership cost to someone who at that time has been a member for less than three years, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, grandfather in all those members who have been members for less than three (3) years, so that those members, once they have completed their third year, may become life members by paying the multiplier times the annual dues in effect when they first became a regular member. The member must pay the increased annual dues until the completion of the third year. At the completion of the third year, the member has a one time only two month window to apply for Life Membership at the grandfathered lower rate.

## **ARTICLE SIX: ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1**

This Constitution may be altered or amended. Alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the President who shall cause written notification to be provided to all members. Ballots containing any proposed alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be mailed to each member at least 30 days prior to ~~an election~~ a duly-noticed organizational business meeting, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots in advance of the ~~annual~~ meeting. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend. The organizational business meeting used for this purpose shall be held at the organization's annual convention, if there is one, and if there is not an annual convention, then at such business meeting as may be called by the Board of Directors. Locating the notification and ballots in the organization's magazine shall be deemed sufficient notice.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make such prudential Bylaws and regulations as they deem proper for the management and control of the business and affairs of the organization not inconsistent with the laws of the State of York Jersey, and the Constitution of the United States.

### **Section 3**

The Board of Directors is authorized to create regulations necessary for the organization to conduct its educational and other functions, to conduct annual conventions with exhibits of a competitive and non-competitive nature, and any other appropriate purposes.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

# Saving the Fragile Documentation of America's Gambling History

by Howard W. Herz

America's Gambling "Industry" began in a thousand small back rooms scattered throughout a growing country. Like other American industries its influence today can be felt throughout the country and around the world. Its growth seems to be just another typical American business success story - a back room business has become an industry. The American aircraft industry that began in a Dayton, Ohio bicycle shop today is memorialized in the Smithsonian's aviation museum. As an industry, gaming may have some parallels to other American industrial growth, but these tend to be found in the generalizations and not the specifics of its history.

Despite its size and influence, gaming does not have a single national institution that focuses on its history and preserves its documents and artifacts. Scattered collections in a number of Nevada public institutions represent the present best effort to preserve gambling history.

In the times before it was "gaming" and before it was termed an "industry", most American governmental institutions actively sought the extinction of gambling. Any consideration to establish a national archives and artifacts collection has to overcome the problems that years of prejudice against gaming have inflicted on its records and artifacts. To document gaming requires a very open mind and a dedication to an unprejudiced approach. A national gaming archives should not be just a public relations gesture for the gaming industry. It should have a genuine and sincere academic purpose to document and archive history. So why has gambling been left aside when other American industries have enshrined their past? There have been two major obstacles to the establishment of a National Gaming Archives. The first obstacle was the traditional stigma of gambling has certainly muted the interest of past historians, but with the expansion of legal gambling to jurisdictions beyond Nevada, its history has gained legitimacy.

The second obstacle has been the speed with which American gambling has developed in the last several decades. There just wasn't time to keep track of an industry that has been computerized, digitized and internationalized overnight. Who in the gaming industry has had the time to look back let alone keep up the pace of the present.

The problem for historians is that the people who made gambling history in the last fifty years are rapidly disappearing and the artifacts of gambling's development are rapidly being dispersed or destroyed. In the next decade the work of preserving American Gambling's history is still a challenge - and not yet a tragedy.

Collectors of chips, tokens and gaming memorabilia have in many instances done more to rescue and preserve gambling's history than local institutions dedicated to history! Today the C.C.&G.T.C.C. could do a great service to its membership by supporting a concerted effort to create a virtual archive of the history of American Gambling. Without the excessive expense of "brick and mortar and security", a virtual archive of the information now available from the membership and from the small number of institutions that collect gambling history would give the CC&GTCC substantial recognition as an educational organization.

If the Club choose to be the internet clearinghouse for gambling history, we could gain international recognition in an field of history that is just beginning to be archived. I believe that many of the CC&GTCC members have the enthusiasm and expertise that a project of this magnitude would require, and I know that it would be well within the stated purpose of the charter of our Club. I am urging the membership to consider this as a Club project.

Cover: Items of Gaming History.

*Background* - Mason & Co. die register book. special dies were listed in the register to identify the box numbers in which they were stored. The register also indicates who ordered the dies.

*Mason & Co.* chip register cards. Individual cards were stamped with the chip dies to register who the chips were produced for. The register cards allowed the company to prevent duplicate lettering orders and also assist in customer re-orders.

*Hunt & Co.* "Special" Playing Card Order Envelopes. When "special" work was ordered for playing cards, a duplicate of the card work (for marked cards orders) was maintained to assist in future orders.



*Taylor & Co. Catalog page.* Gaming manufacturer catalogs provide a wealth of historical information on all type of Club Room equipment. The most notorious catalogs were those of the K.C. Card Company (Mason & Co.) that boasted having the largest variety of “special” equipment for customers.

*Mason & Co. Dice Dies and Boxes.* Special Order dice dies were stored at Mason & Co. in small rectangle

boxes with a box number and a sample stamping of the die on the top. In many instances, a sample of a single die was also in the box. For historians looking for casinos, dice records provide some of the best information on casino locations and ownership. Although gaming chip records may confirm ownership, they do not necessarily indicate a casino. Home games could have monogrammed chips, but there were not a lot of home crap games with monogrammed dice!!

## Position on “Slabbing”

The position of the current Board of Directors of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (the club) is as follows:

Slabbing, or to be more precise, grading and encapsulating, has not proven itself to be a reliable means of defining value, authenticity or even condition, and therefore to give it the imprimatur of club approval could be misleading to collectors, especially novice collectors.

Slabbing may be of value to other types of collectibles but the nature of it in and of itself has not shown to be reliable in the area of casino chips. For instance, we are aware of no recognized expert who is employed to grade and evaluate casino chips.

The club feels that it has an obligation to its members not to imply slabbing’s acceptability or reliability, nor to perform acts which would allow members to infer acceptability and reliability, unless and until all steps have been taken which would insure that it is acceptable and reliable.

In previous decisions by the Board of Directors, past and current, the following decisions have been made:

- a) Slabbed chips are not permitted in the club auctions;
- b) Slabbed chips are not permitted in the convention exhibits;
- c) Slabbing services are not to be performed, solicited, exhibited or sold at the convention; and
- d) Slabbing companies cannot advertise in the club magazine.

However, the Board of Directors has not prohibited:

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- 2) Slabbed chips from being traded in the trading sessions;
- 3) Slabbed chips from being advertised in the club magazine; and
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Dennis Shoop LM 6060-160



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# Cormier

by Allan Anderson



Wil Cormier was born December 14, 1954 in Opelousas, Louisiana. He started painting at the early age of 7.

Wil Cormier started his career as a commercial illustrator after graduating from the prestigious Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California back in 1983. He

studied human anatomy and drew and painted from live figures for many years. He used various mediums for different types of projects over the years such as gouache, pen and ink, scratch board, water colors, pastels, prisma pencils, acrylic and oil painting.

Some of his early freelance assignments were editorial illustrations, book covers, product illustrations and movie posters. Movie posters such as, Home Alone 2, Crocodile Dundee, Oscar, Navy Seals, Witches of Eastwick, Naked Gun 1 & 2 etc. were commissioned by various movie companies such as 20th Century Fox, Paramount Pictures, Warner Brothers, Disney just to name a few. Other companies that have commissioned Wil Cormier for his illustration talent were Baskin Robbins, Discover Card, Carnation, Mattel Toys, Tyco Toys, Omni Magazine, Absolute Vodka, Nestle and Shell Oil. For Upper Deck Trading Cards, Will created an entire line of collectible cards for Hockey, Basketball and Baseball series including point of purchase displays, graphics and all packaging. Along with his busy freelance schedule he also taught at the Art Center College of Design to advanced graduating students in the field of advertising illustration.



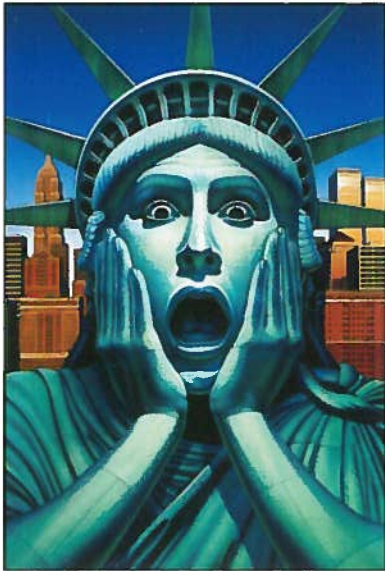
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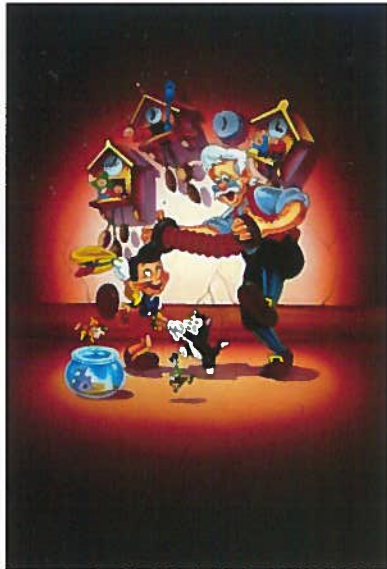
Upper Deck



Honda  
(Promotional  
Poster)



Home Alone II



Pinocchio (Video cover)



Out on Blue

His imaginative work on film posters garnered him with numerous awards in that industry. He also received honors from the World Science Fiction Association for his creative book covers. Some of his awards are; First Prize Daily News Poster Competition, *Los Angeles a World of Difference*, Society of Illustrators Award - Ad, *Yellow Rolls Royce*, Society of Illustrators Award - Book Cover, *Next*, Society of Illustrators Award - Book Cover, *Mona Lisa Overdrive*, World Science Fiction Award Ceremony for *Mona Lisa Overdrive* Book Cover - Boston, Society of Illustrators Award - Book Cover, *Winter Long*, Society of Illustrators Silver Medal Award, *Home Alone II* - Movie Poster. Wil Cormier has had the opportunity to sell to art collectors through Sotheby's in New York.

At an early age, Wil Cormier developed a great appreciation for the natural beauty of coastal Georgia and its people's heritage.

Coastal Georgia has a chain of barrier islands that extend from the northern tip of Florida to the Savannah River. One island in particular, Sapelo, with its rich history that dates back to the days of French Occupation in the late 18th century. In historical order, Sapelo Island would later be owned by such prominent individuals as Thomas Spalding, Howard Coffin, and Richard J. Reynolds of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company. Charles Lindbergh test flew his airplane from the Sapelo shores and several American Presidents have strolled it's beaches.

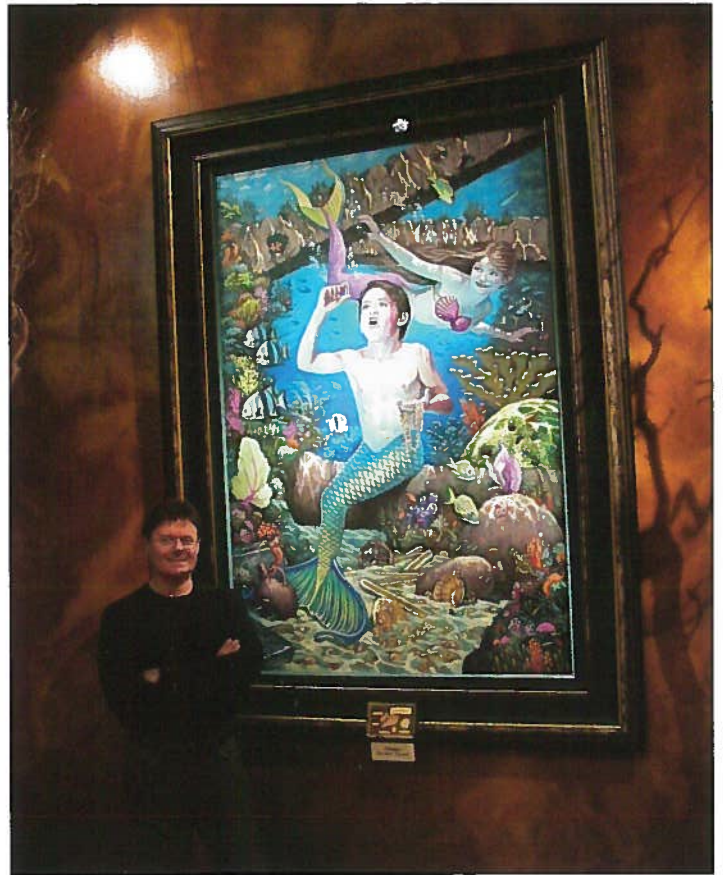
As an artist, Wil Cormier found a burning desire to create art that tells a story about the island's beauty and its people's unique way of life.



The Cast Netter. From the Sapelo Island Series Profile

Wil Cormier's latest fine art series "Mermaids of Atlantis" holds a very personal meaning for the artist. His enthusiasm for painting marine life goes back to the time when he was a teenager. During the summer, Wil worked as a lab technician for his father on an island off the coast of Georgia. His father at that time was a Marine Biochemistry Professor who studied bioluminescent sea creatures.

"Mermaids of Atlantis" is on display at the Mermaid Cove at the Silverton Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.



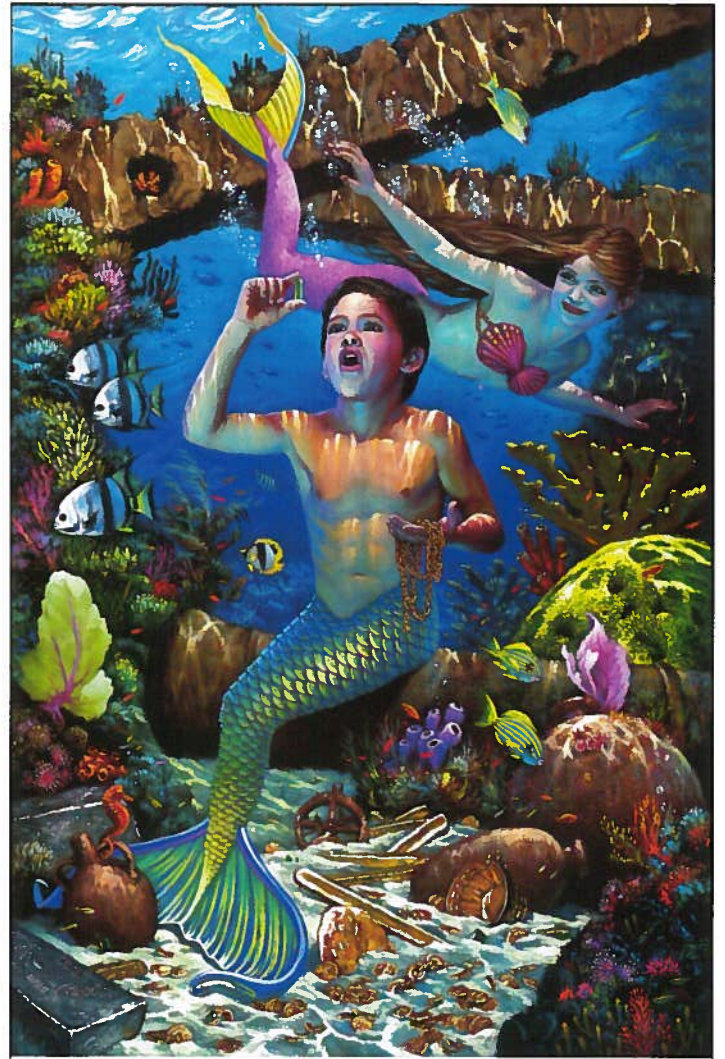
Wil Cormier at Mermaid Cove at the Silverton Hotel & Casino where "Mermaids of Atlantis" is on display





Wil Cormier's fine art series "Mermaids of Atlantis" is now being joined by a tribute to Mel Fisher. This new series is drawing from two sunken ships called the "Nuestra Senora de Atocha" & the "Santa Margarita." These ships, along with many others were sunk during a large hurricane on September 5th, 1622. Of the more than

265 man crew, 5 survived. Mel Fisher, his family & friends were to find the treasure of these ships 350 years later in the summer of 1985 in the Florida Keys. The lives of 5 of Mel Fisher's team were lost including his oldest son with his bride who died tragically aboard his capsized ship after finding 5 of the "Atocha's" 20 bronze cannons. To celebrate the lives of the 5 that survived and in memorial of the 5 that were lost, Wil has hidden 5 seahorses in "Mel and Deo's Playground". The "Atocha" remains one of the greatest treasure finds of all time. "Mel and Deo's Playground" is Wil Cormier's tribute to Mel and his wife Deo for their endless years of effort and discovery that have rewarded us all by bringing history back to the surface.



"Mel and Deo's Playground"

Wil's personal goal as an artist is to bring joy, beauty and creative entertainment to his audience and create public awareness in the beauty of our oceanic creatures that must be preserved for future generations.

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# Fremont Street Downtown, Las Vegas

by Pam Goertler

Assisted by Brian Cashman

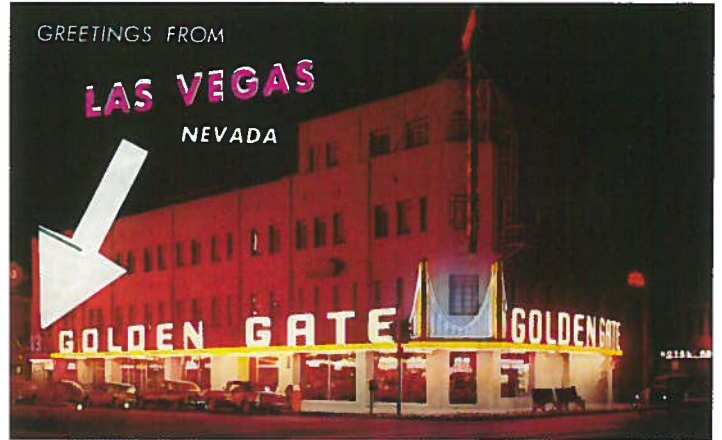
Have you ever taken a walk on Fremont Street, in Las Vegas, and found yourself wondering about the past? Perhaps you knew that there had been gambling in Las Vegas for 10 years before the first hotel was built on the Strip, but you weren't sure where. Perhaps you'd heard of the Northern Club, or you have chips from The Boulder Club or The Silver Palace, and you've wondered where the clubs were located. Let's take a trip down Fremont Street and see if we can answer some of those questions.

## 1 Fremont Street

*Sal Sagev Casino, ?-1934:* This building was constructed in 1906, and opened as the Hotel Nevada. In 1907 the first phone in Las Vegas was installed here, with the phone number "one". In 1931, the year that gambling was legalized in Nevada, the Hotel expanded and changed its name to Sal Sagev. Sal Sagev is Las Vegas, spelled backwards, and is pronounced "Sal-Sagy". In the 1990's club member Gene Trimble researched gambling at the Sal Sagev, and learned that there was roulette and black jack until October of 1934. Gene saw 5 colors of SSC chips and the roulette wheel that they were played on. Gene also reported that there were poker games here in the 1940's.



The Sal Sagev Hotel in 1933.



The Golden Gate Casino. This postcard is unusual, in that you can see part of the sign on the Lucky 13 Club.

*Golden Gate Casino, 1955-present:* On October 7, 1955, the Golden Gate Casino was opened by a group of men from San Francisco. Symbols of San Francisco--the Golden Gate Bridge and trolley cars, were used on chips, dice, matchbooks, place mats and many other items used in this casino. Some of the early items, including chips and ashtrays, used the name Golden Gate Club. The Golden Gate Casino was smaller than it is now, as there were other businesses located within the building. In 1959 The Golden Gate served their first shrimp cocktail, on September 26, 1991 they celebrated the sale of 25 million shrimp cocktails! The Golden Gate is still open, and still selling shrimp cocktails.



### 13 Fremont Street

*Lucky 13 Club, 1955-1957:* This small club, located in the Sal Sagev Hotel building, was licensed for slot machines and 21. As far as I know, no chips or ashtrays have shown up from this club, but there are some very cool feature matches out there somewhere—we saw them on ebay. The Golden Gate Casino has expanded into the Lucky 13 Club’s space. Next time you go into the Golden Gate, use the Fremont Street entrance that’s next to the alley, on the east end of the building and you’ll be walking into the Lucky 13 Club.

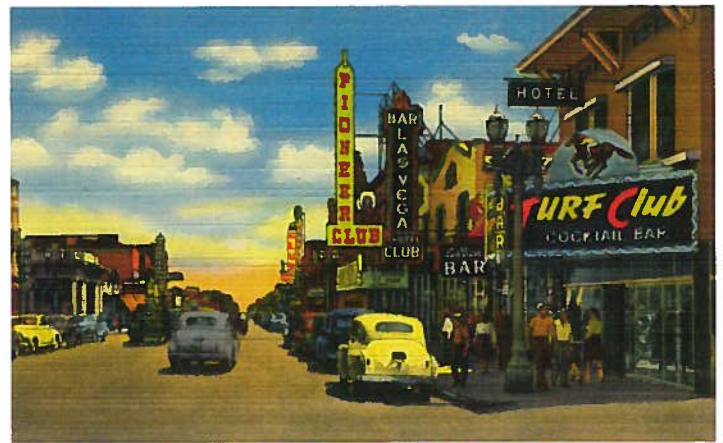
### 15 Fremont Street

*Northern Club, 1920’s-1943:* This is one of the most historic buildings in Las Vegas. The Northern Club opened in the 1920’s, supposedly as a soft drink parlor. Apparently the name “Northern” was widely used to indicate a place that served liquor during prohibition, and the Las Vegas Northern Club was no exception. However they only served mixed drinks, so any drinks found on the tables during a raid would have to be analyzed to prove that they contained alcohol. That was usually more trouble than it was worth for a \$200 fine. You could also get into a poker game at the Northern Club in the 1920’s. Mayme Stocker owned the Northern Club, and when gambling was legalized in 1931 she received the first Clark County gaming license. The Northern Club closed in 1943.

*Turf Club & Bar, 1943-1944:* The 1944 phone book shows Dave and Sam Stearns as the proprietors.



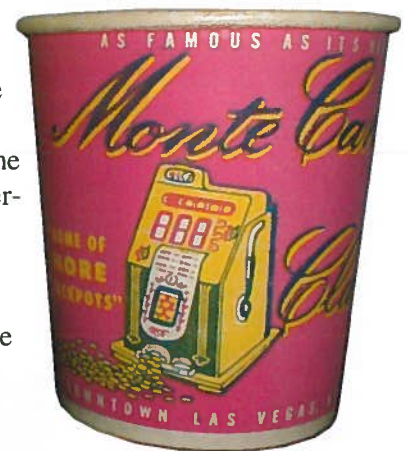
This 1943 postcard may have been the last professional photograph taken of The Northern Club. It also shows the original Las Vegas Club and the Pioneer Club.



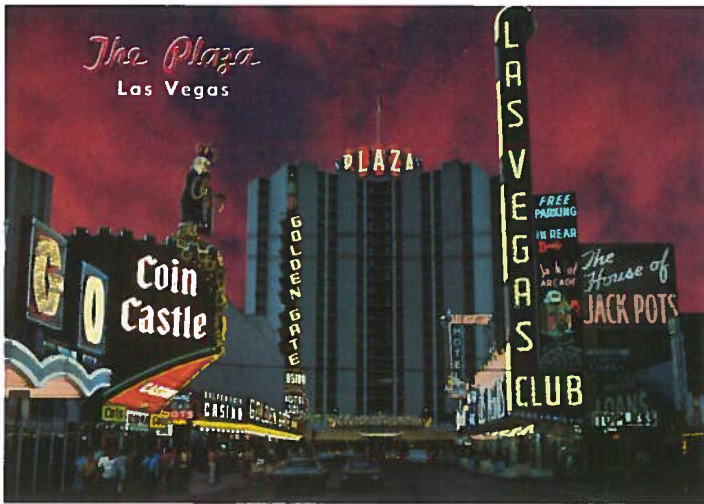
Another 1943 postcard, this time shows the short-lived Turf Club & Bar at 15 Fremont Street.

*Club 15, c.1944?-c.1945?:* Reference guides show that the Club 15 was located at this address in the 1940’s, but no specific years are listed. I’ve listed it here, because of the small gap in the timeline. However, if the club was only open for a short period (a few weeks or a few months), it could fit in elsewhere.

*Monte Carlo Club, 1945-c.1956:* Wilbur Clark moved to Las Vegas, from Reno, in 1945 and opened the Monte Carlo Club as his first Las Vegas venture. With the profits he got from the sale of the Monte Carlo Club, he began building the Desert Inn. Though ownership changed a couple of times, the Monte Carlo operated at this location until c.1956 (sources range from 1955-1966).



This card, showing the Monte Carlo Club, dates to 1946. The Las Vegas Club and the Pioneer Club appear the same, but across the street and down the block you can see that the



The Coin Castle Casino was open for nearly 30 years.

*Coin Castle Casino, 1970-1999:* After the Monte Carlo closed, non-gaming businesses, including Sam's Roast Beef and Denny's Restaurant, occupied the property until the Coin Castle Casino opened in 1970. Blackjack was played at the Coin Castle until 1977, when it became slots only. The term "slot joint" fit the Coin

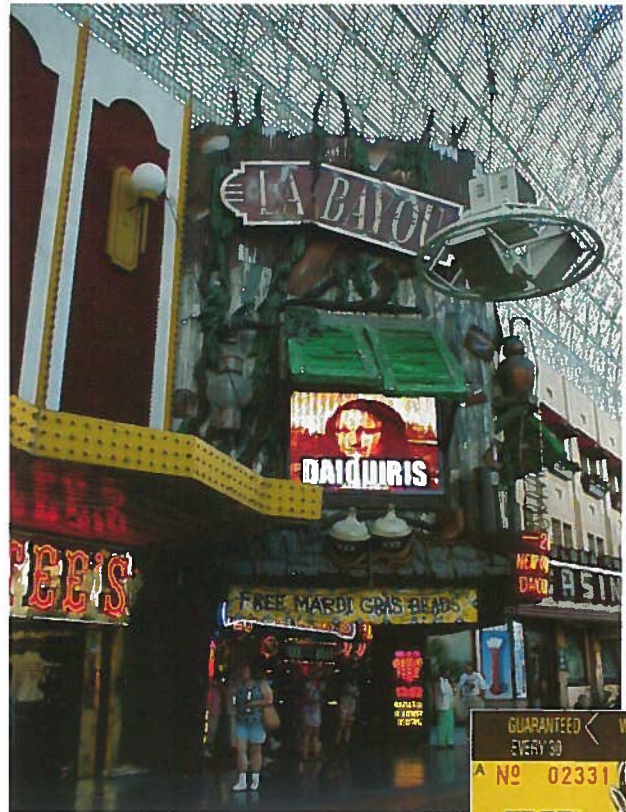


Castle. There were

hawkers out front screaming at you to come in and play the machines, they gave out free "Mardi Gras" beads and coupons for free drawings. They had tin bowls under the slot machines, so that all wins paid off with the maximum amount of noise, and there was always someone with a microphone encouraging you to play, Play, PLAY!



*La Bayou, 1999-present:* In 1999 the Coin Castle Casino was transformed into La Bayou. Though the name and the decor changed, there's still girls giving out beads and trying to get you into the casino to play. Other than the Golden Gate, this small joint is the only gambling left in this block, on this side of the street. The rest of the block is souvenir stores.



La Bayou is the current tenant of this historic property.

### 17 Fremont Street

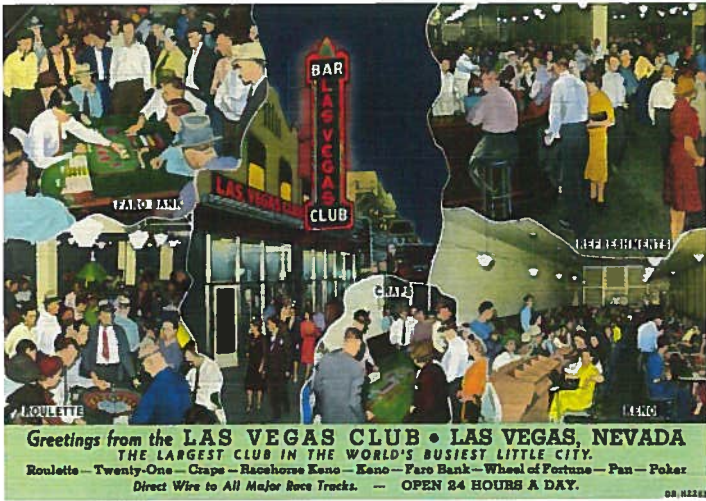
*Bank Club 1938-1945:* licensed for slots and 21.

### 21-23 Fremont Street

*Las Vegas Club, 1931-1949:* In 1930 the Las Vegas Club opened at 21-23 Fremont Street as a "smokeshop". In 1931, when gambling was legalized they received one of the first Las Vegas gaming licenses. Joe Morgan and Mayme Stocker were among the first owners of the club, though there have been many different owners over the years. In 1940, the Las Vegas Club claimed to be the largest club in the world's busiest little city. They offered roulette, 21, craps, racehorse keno, keno, faro bank, wheel of fortune, pan, poker,



and direct wire to all major racetracks. In 1949 the Las Vegas Club moved across the street, to its present location.



The Las Vegas Club, in its original location, in 1940.

*The Westerner, 1950-1960:* In 1950 Texan Benny Binyon opened The Westerner at the location previously occupied by the Las Vegas Club. Wait a minute...



"Binyon"? I thought Benny B's name was Binion? Well, it was! Though he never attended school, no one could say that Benny Binion was dumb, his education came from the streets. He knew that he needed a license to operate a casino in Las Vegas. He also knew that applying for a

license meant there'd be a background check. He also knew that he had a murder conviction in his background (2 year suspended sentence, the victim had a very bad reputation). Benny "Binyon" didn't have a record. In 1951 Benny sold The Westerner to Emilio Giorgetti, who retained ownership until 1954. Benny moved across the street and down a block to open his famous Horseshoe Casino.



When The Las Vegas Club moved, The Westerner opened in their old location.



This Club Bingo card is postmarked 1970.

*Club Bingo, 1962-1983:* Club Bingo advertised itself as "one of America's most luxurious bingo parlors". They also offered Roulette, slots, 21, a snack bar, and free parking...at the Las Vegas Club!! If you are lucky enough to have a 12 cent chip from Club Bingo, this is where it was used to pay off a blackjack on a quarter game. In 1983 an expansion of the Pioneer Club took over this location.



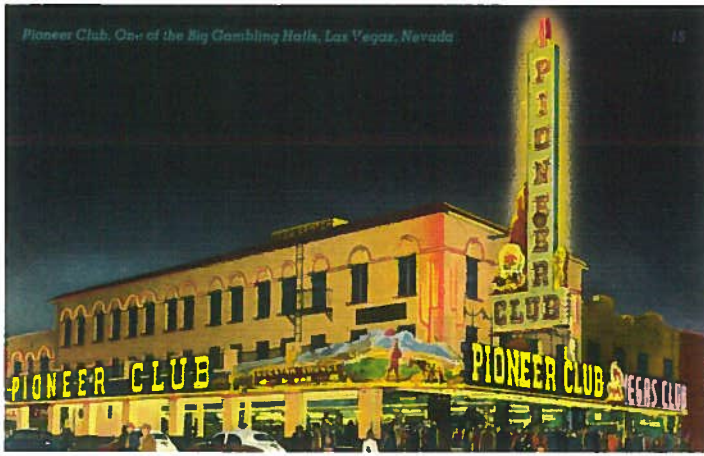
### 25 Fremont Street

*Pioneer Club, 1942-1995:* One of the best known symbols of Las Vegas, the tall neon cowboy known as "Vegas Vic", was mounted on the Pioneer Club in 1951. I'd love to tell you a little story about the Pioneer Club, but I can't think of one! I played there, but all of my memories are just moments in time, like one photo from a roll of film. For example, the Pioneer was the only place I ever played Caribbean Stud and I remember getting \$75 for a full house. I remember getting



something to eat from the Carl's Jr. in the back of the club, and it was awful! I remember searching for my boyfriend (now husband) one time, and I found him at a craps table on the sidewalk in front of the Pioneer. I remember playing the Sigma Derby there. I remember going to the Pioneer one time and noticing that they'd taken out a few banks of slot machines. In place of the machines, they'd put up a rail fence around some cases that were filled with old chips and matches and dice and other stuff





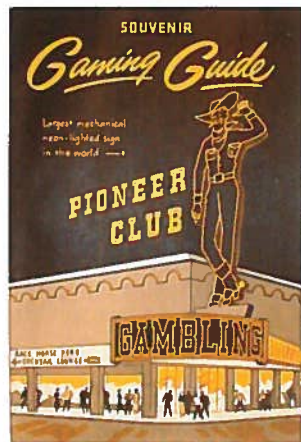
The Pioneer Club opened in 1942, next to the Las Vegas Club.

like that. I remember wondering why anyone would want to look at that junk, when they could be playing slot machines! The Pioneer Club closed in 1995. (New Pioneer 1956-1967, Famous Pioneer 1967-1983).

Go across 1st Street...

### 101 Fremont

*Slot Machine Arcade, 1941-c.1951*: Licensed for slots and craps. In 1938 Guy McAfee fled from LA to Las Vegas to avoid possible legal action for his involvement in gambling, drugs and prostitution. The Slot Machine Arcade was one of several Vegas casinos that he was involved with.



This early to mid-1940's postcard shows the seldom seen The Slot Machine Arcade located next to The Arcade/Fremont Arcade.

*California Club, 1951-1970*: The California Club opened on Christmas Eve, 1951. The club operated, under different owners, until 1970. Various owners had their name, along with the club name, imprinted on various club

items. From 1951-1954 it was Phil Copley's California Club. From 1954-1964 was Phil Long, and from 1964-1970 was Frank Schivo. This club used bears as their logo. The bear on their sign and some of their dice was on all 4 legs, he's standing on 2 legs on a .25 chip and some of the dice. The key chains have a cartoon bear sitting at a bar with a drink, several of the ashtrays have a cartoon bear happily dancing among piles of coins...presumably another lucky slot winner!



*The Friendly Club, 1978-1983*: Licensed for slots, 21, roulette and big-6.



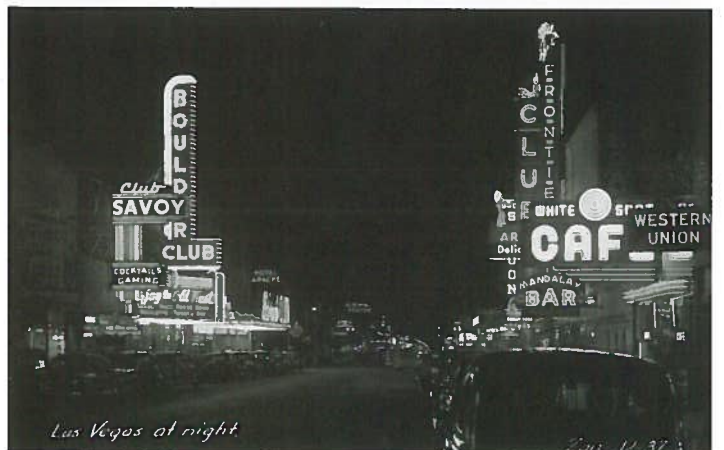
The Friendly Club was open from 1978-1983.

### 105 Fremont

*The Arcade or The Fremont Arcade, 1944-1952*: slots only

### 109 Fremont

*White Spot Café, 1932-1951*: J.M. Pappas opened the White Spot Café in 1932. Did they have gaming from the



The White Spot Café.

beginning? I'd guess not. They had a full-page ad in The Las Vegas dated October 28, 1949, and it advertises a "Gala New Opening" and "Liberal 1950 Slot Machines". In the publication is a small paragraph advising that the White Spot Café has changed their name to the White Spot Arcade, and that Jim and George Papas have had over 50 of the latest slot machines installed.

*49er Club, 1951-1952:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps and poker.

*Fortune Club, 1952-1955:* From a magazine called "This is Las Vegas" published in 1959, by the Nevada Club: "The Nevada Club itself was established in 1952. The original club, which is now the central portion of the Nevada Club, was opened in December 1952 and was known then as the Fortune Club. Three years later the room to the east was added and in 1957 the former Western Union building adjoining on the west was purchased for \$300,000—more than the 1905 sales price of the entire city of Las Vegas. In July 1957 the three clubs were combined as the Nevada Club under one 75-foot marquee and the name Fortune Club was dropped and rights to it released."



*Nevada Fortune Club, 1955-1957*

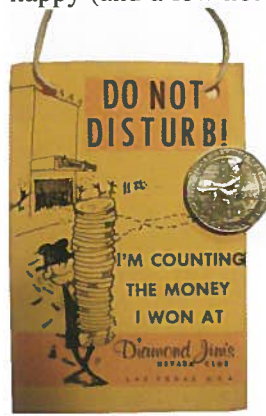


The Nevada Club and the Fortune Club were eventually combined, along with the Western Union Building (seen to the right of the Fortune Club).

*Zodiac Club, 1957-1958:* The Zodiac Club was one of three adjoining buildings that were owned and managed by the Nevada Club. The Zodiac club did not have a bar, depending instead on the bar in the Nevada Club to serve the customers. But there were 16" concrete walls between the clubs, and the law prohibited the waitresses from walking into the street with the drinks. While waiting for the legal and engineering problems to be resolved so the

walls could come down, holes were cut into the ceilings of the clubs and the waitresses carried the drinks across the rooftops to serve the thirsty customers.

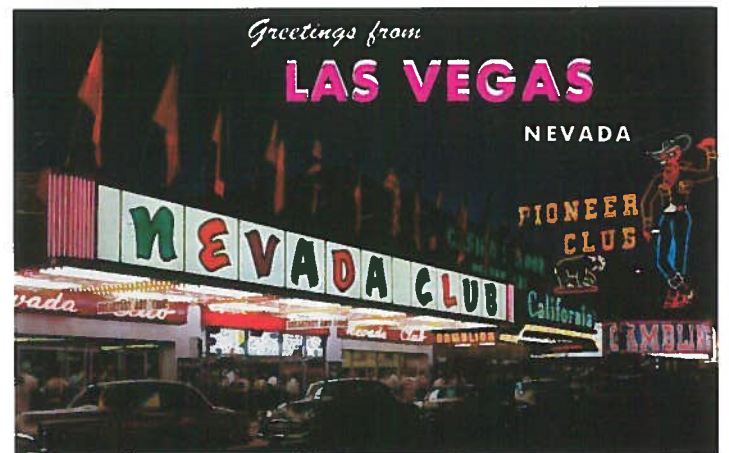
*Diamond Jim's Nevada Club, 1962-1969:* Thousands of happy (and a few not so happy) tourists had their pictures taken, and printed on postcards, while playing the slots at Diamond Jim's Nevada Club.



*Lucky Nevada Club, 1967-1969:* There's two schools of thought on the Lucky Nevada Club. 1. There was a casino that operated from 1967-1969 that was named the Lucky Nevada Club. 2. During the period of 1967-1969, the Nevada Club was trying to convey to the customer that the club was Lucky. There are Lucky Nevada Club chips, ashtrays and glasses in collectors hands.

### 113 Fremont

*Nevada Club, 1932-1962:* In 1932 Joe Morgan, who was also a part owner of the Northern Club and the Boulder Club, opened the Nevada Club. In 1956 Bob Van Santen, Art Grant and Eunice Mason, who owned the Fortune Club next door, purchased The Nevada Club. By 1959 the expanded Nevada Club had over 400 employees. The employees plus their families totaled over 1000 people, which was more than 2% of the entire population of Las Vegas. Not bad, especially since none of the three owners came from a casino background.



In July of 1957 the name Fortune Club was released, and a colorful 75 foot marquee was added to the Nevada Club.



This shot of the Frontier Club is from the early 1940's. Starting in 1943, photos show a "Turf Club; Race Betting" sign hanging near the entrance to the Frontier Club. (From 1963-1967 the Lucky Casino occupied this location).

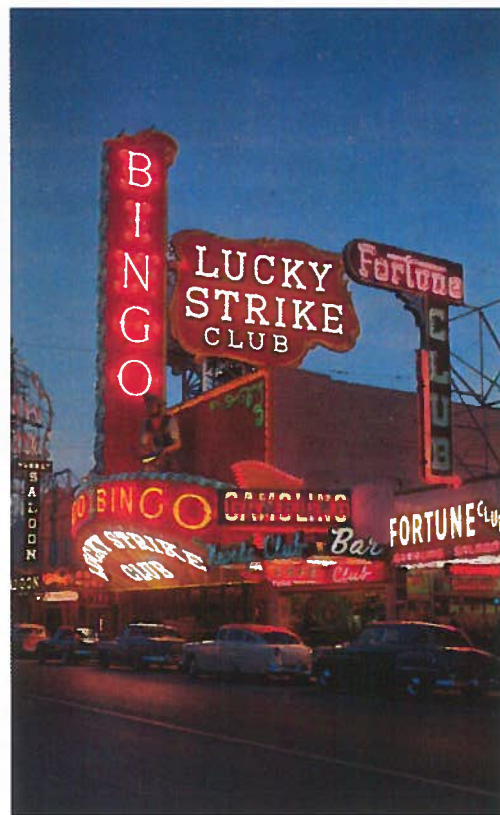
*Santa Anita Turf Club, 1948-1952:* Apparently the Santa Anita Turf Club leased space from, and operated in, the Nevada Club.

### 117 Fremont

*Frontier Club, 1935-1953:* The 1944 phone book lists former LAPD vice squad commander Guy McAfee as the proprietor of the Frontier Club, which opened in 1935 on the site of a former general merchandise store. While heading the vice squad, McAfee also allegedly owned saloons and brothels, operated gambling houses, and had ties to organized crime. There was a "Ladies Welcome" sign on the Frontier Club. Men did most of the gambling in the early days of Las Vegas. Most of the women that were found in the casinos...well, they weren't "proper" ladies. So, which kind of "ladies" was the Frontier Club welcoming?

*Frontier Turf Club, 1943-1953:* The Frontier Turf Club operated inside of the Frontier Club. The 1944 phone book shows that M. Sedway was the manager of the Frontier Turf Club.

*Lucky Strike Club, 1954-1963:* The club was open for nearly 10 years. It shows up in postcards, there's match-books, ashtrays, key chains and napkins out there. Harvey Fuller's Index says their gaming license allowed 21, craps and roulette, but no chips or dice have been found. Bingo was prominently advertised on the club's marquee, their ashtray advertises bingo and slot machines.



The Lucky Strike Club operated for 10 years.

*Lucky Casino, 1963-1967:* The Lucky Casino was licensed for slots, 21, craps and roulette. The Pioneer Club had Vegas Vic, the Lucky Casino had...Mr. Lucky! Mr. Lucky was tall and lean; a dapper dresser with striped trousers, a coat with tails, a string tie, boots and a hat. Mr. Lucky can be found on ashtrays and glasses from the Lucky Casino but, unlike Vic, he was never portrayed on a chip.

### 129 Fremont

*Mission Casino, 1938-1939:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps and roulette.

*Kiva Bar, 1944-c.1945:* slots only

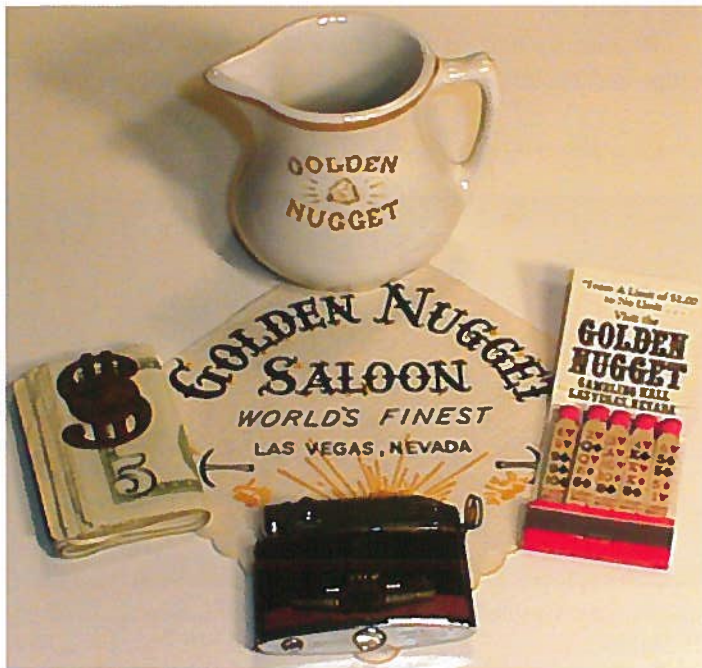


The Mission Casino was open, across from the Apache, from 1938-1939.



This late 1940's postcard of the Golden Nugget says it's a place of mahogany bars and crystal chandeliers.

*Golden Nugget, 1946-present:* When former Los Angeles police officer Guy McAfee opened the Golden Nugget Gambling Hall on the corner of Fremont and Second Streets, there was just a casino, no hotel. Over the years the Golden Nugget expanded, and by the middle of the 1970's it filled the entire block between 1st and 2nd Streets and had added two hotel towers. When you're downtown, stop at the Golden Nugget to see "The Hand of Faith". It's the largest gold nugget on public display, weighing over 61 lbs.



This early 1960's postcard shows The California Club, Diamond Jim's Nevada Club and the Lucky Casino on the south side of Fremont Street. By the middle of the 1980's the entire block will be covered by the Golden Nugget.

Cross 2nd Street....

### 202 Fremont

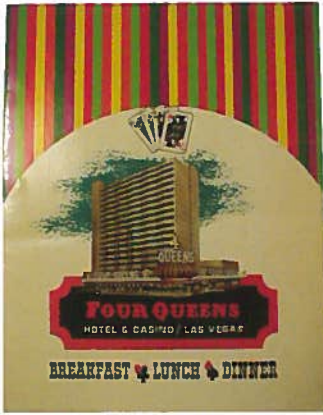
*Four Queens, 1964-present:* The Four Queens is listed at 202 Fremont Street in Fuller's Index, in The Gaming Table, and in phone books. They all agree, so there's no problem...right? But, it's an even number...on the odd numbered side of the street!? The White Cross Drug Store, which was at that location before the Four Queens, had the address of 201 Fremont Street. Only in Vegas?

In 1964, Ben Goffstein, formerly the president of the Riviera Hotel, opened the Four Queens Hotel & Casino. He named it in honor of his four daughters Michele, Benita, Faith and Hope. Ben was assisted by Vice President Tommy Callahan, whose name appears on some early issue Four Queens dice. In 1964 the casino was 20,000 square feet. In 1976



The Four Queens was "Casino Center's newest addition" when this postcard was issued.



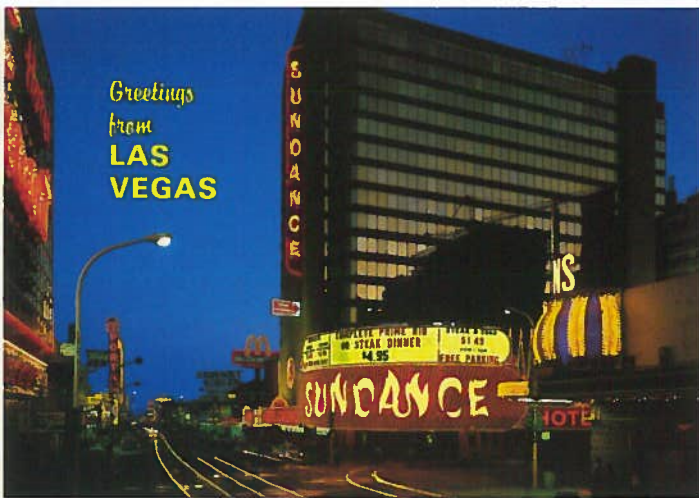


the casino was expanded to 30,000 square feet. The next (but not the last) expansion took place in 1977 enlarging the casino to 40,000 square feet, which took up the entire block between Third Street and Casino Center. In the 1980's, the Four Queens had a Ripley's Believe it or Not! exhibit. I can still remember a huge ship that was on display,

built entirely of matchsticks!

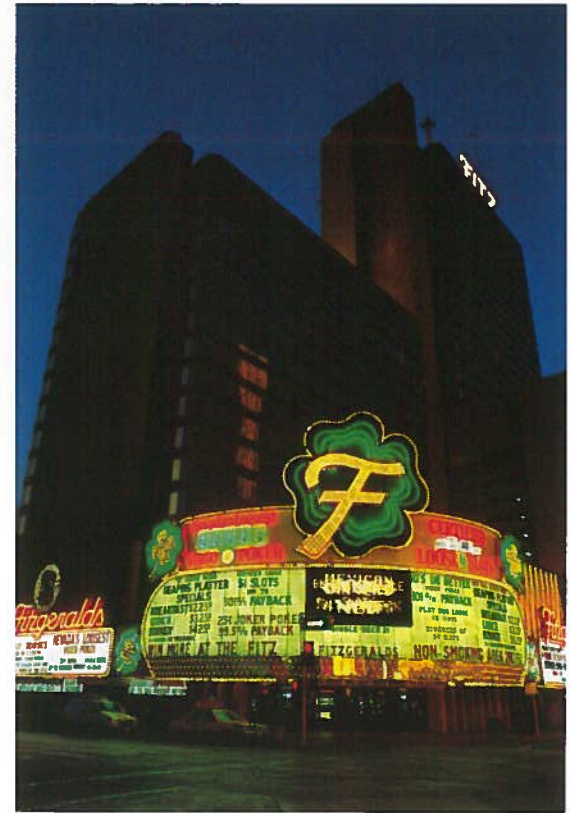
### 301 Fremont

*Sundance Hotel & Casino, 1980-1988:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps, roulette, keno and poker. When it was built in 1980, the Sundance was the tallest building downtown.



For most of the 1980's, the Sundance Casino was across the street from the Four Queens.

*Fitzgeralds, 1988-present:* Lincoln Fitzgerald, and his wife Meta, came from a background of operating illegal games in Detroit, Michigan. In 1945 they moved to Reno, Nevada where they operated several casinos over the years including Fitzgeralds Casino-Hotel. In 1981 Fitzgerald was named to the Nevada Gambler's Hall of Fame. He passed away later that year. After his death, Fitzgerald's casinos were sold to the Lincoln Management Company. Lincoln Management bought the Sundance and in 1988 they changed the name to Fitzgeralds.



Fitzgeralds replaced the Sundance on the corner of Third and Fremont Streets.

And on the north side of Fremont Street, starting at Main Street, across from the Golden Gate:

### 2 Fremont Street

*Chatterbox, c.1952-?:* In the early days of Las Vegas, the Overland Hotel building occupied a corner of Main and Fremont Streets. The Chatterbox was one of the businesses that operated in the building. The former location of the Chatterbox is now the corner entrance to the Las Vegas Club.



The Chatterbox occupied the corner of the Overland Hotel building in the early 1950's. The entire building is now the Las Vegas Club.



This 1950 postcard shows the Las Vegas Club shortly after they moved to this location, from across the street.

### 18 Fremont Street

*Las Vegas Club, 1949-present:* Originally opened in 1931, the Las Vegas Club has undergone several ownership changes over the years. In 1949 they moved from their original location to occupy part of the Overland Hotel building. As time passed, the Las Vegas Club expanded to fill the entire building. In 1961 Jackie Gaughan and Mel Exber bought the Las Vegas Club and made some changes, which included adding two hotel towers. They added a large collection of sports memorabilia, and other sports-theme items such as bleachers in the sports book and “spectator” murals on the walls. On a personal note, this is the first casino where I hit 2 royal flushes on the same day! And it was the day we got married! And they gave us a suite for the night...it was huge, had a Jacuzzi, and whatta’ view of the city! The comp policy has changed, because of new owners, but back then if you hit the top jackpot on any machine they gave you a “gold” comp that covered dinner for two at the Great Moments Room. It included drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert. We used one of the comps, but I saved the other as a wedding day memento. J

### 20 Fremont Street

*Buckley’s Jackpot Club, 1952-1960:* Their awesome feature matchbook proclaims: “Where anyone can win a jackpot” and “So simple ANY 3 of a kind wins a jackpot”. Slots only.

*Mecca Slots, 1973-1973:* The only thing we’ve found from this small, short-lived, slots only club is a book of matches.

*Golden Goose Casino, 1975-1980:* The mascot for this casino was a goose laying golden eggs. The goose is still perched high on the pile of golden eggs, but now they’re on a girlie joint. I’m pretty sure we visited



When this picture was taken, Buckley’s Jackpot Club was for sale, probably dating the photo to around 1960. The next casino at this address was Mecca Slots, in 1973. Cecil Lynch’s Fortune Club is next door.

this casino on my first trip to Las Vegas. I don’t actually remember the casino, why would I remember a small unostentatious casino among all the neon and large casinos that I was seeing for the first time? What I remember is that I used to have a Golden Goose key chain, with my initials on it. I wonder where that went?



The goose that laid the golden eggs for the Golden Goose Casino can still be seen above the Glitter Gulch girlie joint.

### 22 Fremont Street

*21 Club, 1931-1934:* Licensed for slots and 21.

*Barrel House Club, 1934-1938:* This popular nightclub had a full orchestra for dancing. It was located next to the State Café, and Barrel House patrons could order food through a hole in the wall between the businesses. During prohibition, if they knew the right people, they could also order a pitcher of drinks.

*Golden West Club, 1956-1958:* The Golden West Club and the Golden Slot Club are both listed in Fuller’s Index of Nevada Gaming Establishments in operation at the same address and at the same time. Perhaps a corporate name and an operating name?

*Golden Slot Club, 1956-1958:* This was the coolest looking building in town! It was built to resemble a Jennings slot machine including a large handle on the side of the building. Could this have been considered the first “theme casino” in Las Vegas?



Before Cecil Lynch’s Fortune Club moved in, the Golden Slot Club occupied the building that looks like a giant Jennings slot machine, complete with the handle.

*Cecil Lynch’s Fortune Club, 1958-1966:* In 1958 the owners of the original Fortune Club (across the street), released the rights to the name “Fortune Club” when they opted to use the Nevada Club name for their business. That allowed Cecil Lynch to use the Fortune Club name when he opened his club. As was the Golden Slot Club, Cecil Lynch’s Fortune Club was a slots only casino.

*Goldie’s, 1966-c.1973:* I’ve seen one postcard where, with magnification, I could make out “die’s” on the front of the building. The phone book confirmed the spelling of Goldie’s Casino, the postcard confirmed that the building façade no longer resembled a slot machine. Slots only.

Mr. Reeds Casino isn’t listed in the usual reference guides. But it’s in the January 1978 and January 1979 Las Vegas phone books at this address, in the yellow pages, under “Casinos”. Perhaps it never opened, perhaps it didn’t get licensed, perhaps the phone books are wrong, perhaps it’s missing in the guides, perhaps...?

*Glitter Gulch, 1980-c.1991:* (Bob Stupak’s, 1980-1981) The sexy cowgirl perched on the Glitter Gulch building has been nicknamed Vegas Vickie, to go with Vegas Vic



Bob Stupak ran the Glitter Gulch as a casino from 1980-1981. It still uses the Glitter Gulch name, but now it’s a girlie joint.

across the street. The Glitter Gulch is still there, and there are still “girls” outside the door inviting the customers in...but now it’s a girlie joint

### 32 Fremont Street

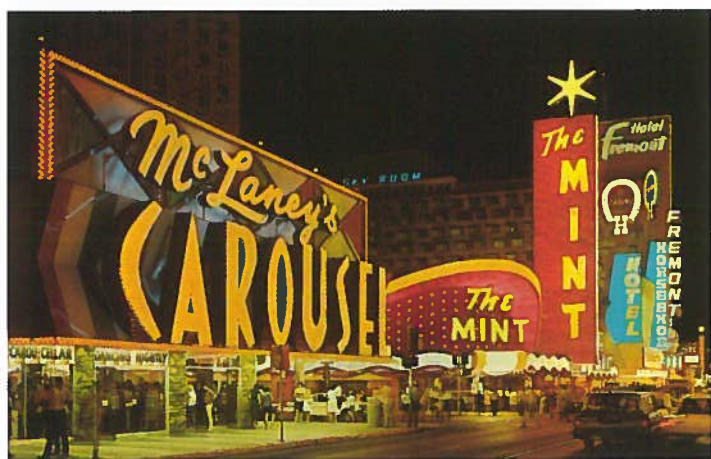
*Silver Palace, 1956-1964:* In the 1940’s and early 1950’s the Las Vegas Pharmacy was at 32 Fremont Street, on the corner of First Street. Around the corner, on First Street were the Silver Café and the Silver Club. These all closed down so a casino could be built, and it must have seemed like a good idea to keep silver in the name...because the new casino was named the Silver Palace. In 1959 the Silver Palace offered Craps, 21,



The Silver Palace.

roulette and slots...including the “Wild Thunderbird” slot machines. You could get a choice top sirloin dinner for \$1.79, and the cocktail hour was from 5 p.m. ‘til 8 p.m.

*Carousel, 1965-1974: (McLaney’s, 1965-1967)* Around 1967, Marty Kuzens had chips, matches and ashtrays made for “Marty’s Carousel”, but apparently was denied a gaming license. There’s a good shot of the Carousel at the end of a car chase scene in the James Bond movie “Diamonds are Forever”.



After the Silver Palace came the Carousel. McLaney operated it from 1965-1967.

*Gambler’s Hall of Fame, 1974-1976:* It’s not surprising that I can’t find pictures of every casino that operated on Fremont Street since gambling was legalized in March of 1931. Some of the clubs were briefly open 75 years ago, before there were shutter-bugs darting around snapping pictures of everything they saw. A few of the clubs were located in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th block of Fremont between drugstores, bakeries and dry cleaners, not popular spots from a postcard photographer’s point of view. It is surprising (to me, anyway) that I’ve never even seen a photo of the Gambler’s Hall of Fame! The “70’s weren’t THAT long ago (I’m dating myself, aren’t I?), and the location was smack dab in the middle of two blocks that have had thousands of pictures taken of them. So where are the pictures? What are the stories?



*Sundance West, 1976-1980:* Hmmm, Sundance West is another casino that I don’t have a picture of, and I don’t remember hearing any stories about it. After the Carousel closed, did this corner become the Bermuda Triangle of downtown Las Vegas?

*Sassy Sally’s, 1980-1999:* When we go to Las Vegas, we usually stay at the Las Vegas Club, and we’ve stayed at the Plaza several times. The coffee shop at The Horseshoe (before Becky) was our favorite place for breakfast, and we’ve eaten a lot of dinners at the Golden Nugget. Going from one to another of those places, we’ve walked past Sassy Sally’s hundreds of times. I’ve probably gone in the door about 3 times. So what I remember best are the hawkers outside the door, trying to get the customers in the door. They handed out plastic leis for awhile, then they switched to beads. They went through a few different costumes over the years. My favorite was the giant sponge-rubber cowboy hat and the sponge-rubber horse that slipped over the head, and was worn around the waist. Hard to describe, you probably had to be there.



In June of 1981 Sassy Sally’s had been open for nearly a year, but still had the “Grand Opening” banners hanging. Down the block you can see the Glitter Gulch Casino.

*Mermaids, 1999-present:* When Sassy Sally’s became Mermaids, the tacky Western décor was changed to tacky Island décor. They still have the hawkers, but they added a new feature to draw the customers in...a camera. You have your picture taken on the sidewalk, then you go in and (they hope) play while they’re printing it. In May of 2000 my guy and I “eloped” to Las Vegas. I’ve never been fond of having my picture taken, so when we were making the wedding arrangements at the Little Church of the West, they asked about a photographer and I shook my head no. My wishes were honored. So, while most people have wedding albums, we have a scrapbook. We didn’t even have a camera with us, so there’s very few actual

photos in the scrapbook. There are three pictures of me and one of my husbands, taken by the Las Vegas Club when we hit royal flushes throughout the week. There's just one picture of the two of us, and we're not exactly together. My husband is standing on the sidewalk in front of Mermaids, looking at the camera, and I'm trying to back out of the picture. Of course it says "Mermaids" on it! Vegas—ya' gotta' love it!!



Mermaids replaced Sassy Sally's.

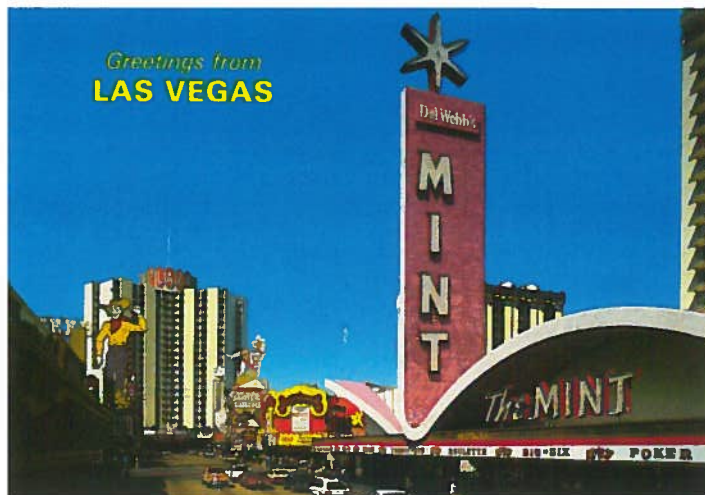
Cross 1st Street....

### 100 Fremont Street

*Birdcage Casino, 1958-1959:* When it comes to games of chance, even the casinos lose sometimes. The Birdcage Casino was forced to close when two keno players hit \$25,000 jackpots. After the Birdcage closed, the Mint expanded and built a new entrance, on the corner.



The Bird Cage Casino was only open for about a year on the corner of First and Fremont.



The Mint expanded into the space vacated by the Bird Cage.

*The Mint, 1957-1989: (Del Webb's, 1966-1989):* If only we could go back in time, to 1970. This ad was in one of the tourist papers from July: "Don't go home without seeing the Mint 'Behind the Scenes' Tour that a half-million viewers thrill to annually. Right past the guard into the Money Counting Room (more than \$1-million processed daily), an inside look at the famed "one-armed bandits" and down through the Eye-In-The-Sky for a candid peek at casino players and dealers in action below. Even a 25-story scenic ride in the Mint's glass outside elevator to the Top of The Mint food and fun spot." We've taken the glass elevator up to The Top of The Mint for dinner, it would be fun to take the rest of the tour, too!



### 104 Fremont

*21 Club, c. 1940's:*  
Licensed for slots and 21.





The Jackpot Club, with their slot machine sign, is visible in this early 1940's postcard. Also visible, on the other side of the Boulder Club is the Western Casino which was only open for a year or so.

### 116 Fremont

*Jackpot, 1941-1945:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps, roulette, faro and keno.

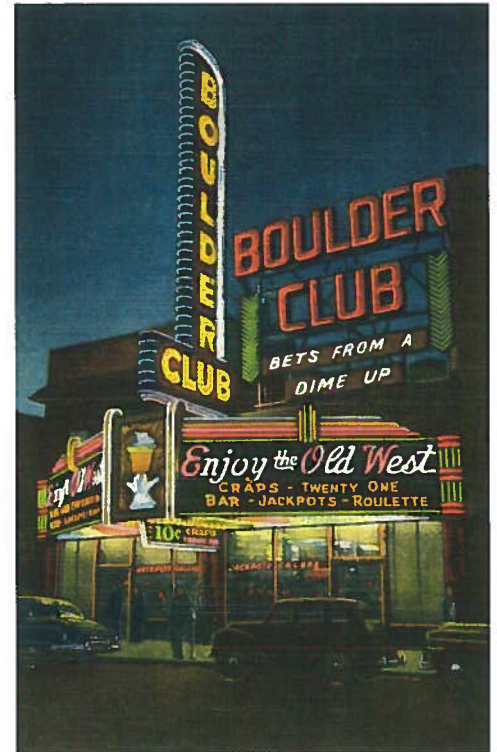
*Club Savoy, 1945-1953: (Khoury's, 1949-1953)*  
Licensed for slots, 21, craps and roulette.



The Club Savoy was available to any thirsty spectators during this Helldorado Parade.

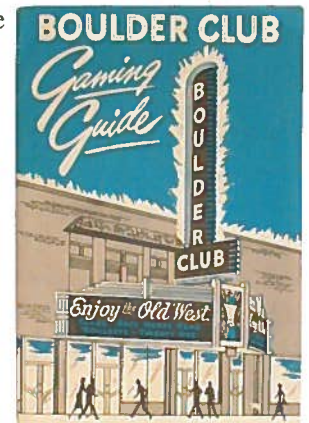
### 118 Fremont

*Boulder Club, 1929-1960:* The Boulder Club opened in 1929. On some old matchbooks, the club advertises itself as a “gentlemen’s club” and on another book it’s “a club for ladies and gentlemen”. In January of 1956, the Amante Brothers took over the Boulder Club. Then, in April of 1957, the original owners repurchased the Boulder Club. An ad in the March 22, 1958 Fabulous Las Vegas Magazine states “The ‘OLD’ Boulder Club; The same Old Partnership with the addition of... ‘Farmer’ MILTON B. PAGE” and it lists Jim Young, J. Kell Houssels, Ross Page, Larry Hezzelwood, Connie Hurley, Margo Goumond Hines and Lillian Witcher as the other owners, and Morris Pinkerton as the bar manager.



In this 1952 photo The Boulder Club advertised “Bets from a dime up”, which is why we have some cool .10 cent chips.

Hmm... kind of sounds like there might have been a “hostile” take over, that got taken back!?! The ad also lists craps, roulette, “21”, faro, keno, poker, pan and bridge as the available games. Liberal slot machines--3 bars any position--\$5.00 jackpots. The ad mentions that ladies are welcome, could that be because some of the owners were ladies?



### 124 Fremont

*Apache Casino, 1932-1941:* The Apache Casino has been described as the first plush casino in Las Vegas, and it was the first hotel to install an elevator. The Apache Casino was on the ground floor of the Hotel Apache, along with other small businesses including the Apache Café and the Apache Bar. There is a marvelous article about The Apache, written by John Yee, in the Spring 2002 issue of the Casino Chip & Token News.

*Kiva Club, 1932-1934: (in Apache Hotel)* Licensed for slots, 21, roulette, craps and keno.

*Western Casino, 1941-1942:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps, roulette, big-6 and chuck-a-luck.



This 1935 card shows the Apache Casino, as well as the Apache Café and Hotel Apache.

*New Western Casino, 1942-??:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps and roulette.

### 128 Fremont

*SS Rex, 1945-1946:* “Admiral” Tony Cornero had been a bootlegger, and when prohibition was repealed he ran gambling ships off the coast of California. Tired of the heat from the California authorities he headed for Las Vegas. He opened the SS Rex in 1945, and named it after one of his gambling ships. He even took a light fixture from the ship and had it installed in his Las Vegas casino, where it still hangs. Look over the bar in the oldest part of Binion’s, and you’ll see it. Tony’s notoriety meant that the officials of Las Vegas didn’t want him in their town, so within months after he received his gaming license it was revoked. An ad in a September 1945 business directory shows that the SS Rex Club was owned and managed by the Frontier Club, supervised by Ted Shorie.



Tony Cornero named his second Las Vegas Casino the SS Rex, after the gambling ship that he’d had off the California Coast.



In 1942, the New Western Casino replaced the Western.

*Rex Club, 1946-1946:* Once Tony Cornero’s license was revoked, control of the SS Rex reverted to P.O. Silvagni, the original owner of the Apache Hotel Building. Within a month or so, he sold the club to Guy McAfee who retained control for about 6 months. Fuller’s Index shows that the next owner’s name was Bernstein, and that’s when the name was changed from the SS Rex to the Rex Club. Only 3 months later the ownership changed again, this time to Sedway, and that only lasted a month or so until June of 1946.



The Eldorado Club came after the Rex Club.

*Eldorado Club, 1947-1951:* After June of 1946, the next information that I find for this property isn’t until July 8, 1947. That’s the date that Fuller’s Index has for the opening of the El Dorado, and it’s showing Sedway as the owner. So, what happened from June of 1946 until July of 1947? This is when I start looking for something besides names and dates. “The Las Vegan” from October 28, 1949, published by Boots Van Horn, had these bits of gossip: “The poker-joker man of the Eldorado, Duke Reamer, is still going with blonde Apache cocktail gal Stevie; however he still has a yen for Jo-Ann Kerr”. Also “Still thinking he is King of the Pit Bosses & the greatest thing since Coca-Cola, is the Eldorado Club pompous,

would-be wolf, Alabam. (Some people never realize they're too old to be bold)". That doesn't explain what occurred between 1946 and 1947, but every now and then it's neat to get a glimpse of the real people that lived and worked at the clubs.

*Clover Club, 1951-1951:* According to Fuller's Index, this club was licensed for slots and 21. According to price guides, some dice were found that were attributed to this club.

*Horseshoe Club, 1951-2006:* (Binion's Horseshoe Club) In 1951 Lester "Benny" Binion opened the Horseshoe Club. Benny's philosophy was "If ya wanta get rich, make little people feel like big people." Putting that thought into practice, the Horseshoe was the first casino to offer free drinks to slot players. Under Benny's leadership, the Horseshoe prospered. While the other casinos preferred to keep betting limits low, the Horseshoe would accept any size bet—as long as it was the first bet made. In 1949 Benny hosted a poker game between Johnny Moss and "Nick the Greek" Dondolos. After five months, Johnny Moss finally won the game and an estimated \$2 million. Benny trained his sons, Jack and Ted, to follow in his footsteps. Due to his unfortunate choice of friends, Ted lost his gaming license and was later murdered. Jack successfully ran the Horseshoe for many



years, and opened more Horseshoes in other gaming jurisdictions. In 1998 Jack sold most of his interest in the Las Vegas Horseshoe to his sister Becky Behnen. After years of apparent financial problems, in 2004 the IRS closed the Horseshoe. A few months later the Horseshoe was sold to a group that included MTR Gaming and Harrah's. Harrah's managed the Horseshoe for a year, then sold their shares to MTR Gaming, but Harrah's retained the right to the Horseshoe name and to the World Series of Poker.

*Joe W. Brown's Horseshoe Club, 1953-1957:* When Benny Binion was serving time in Leavenworth, for income tax evasion (while still in Texas), he turned his Horseshoe Club over to his friend Joe W. Brown. Brown put his name on nearly everything...matches, dice, ashtrays, casino signage, and even the million-dollar display. Chips were the one thing that his name wasn't on. There was a series of hot stamped chips that were ordered from the HC Edwards Company with Binion's name on them. These chips had "inion" scratched off, leaving "B----'s", and these were the chips used during the Joe W. Brown era of the Horseshoe.



*Binion's, 2005-present:* When Harrah's left the downtown market, they took The Horseshoe name with them. After 55 years The Horseshoe is now known as Binion's.



This is The Horseshoe in 1951, shortly after it opened.



When Joe W. Brown ran The Horseshoe Club, his name went on everything—including the marquee.

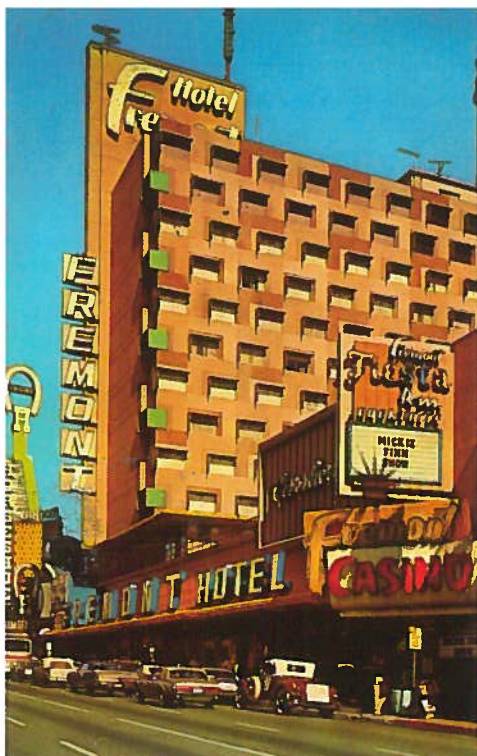




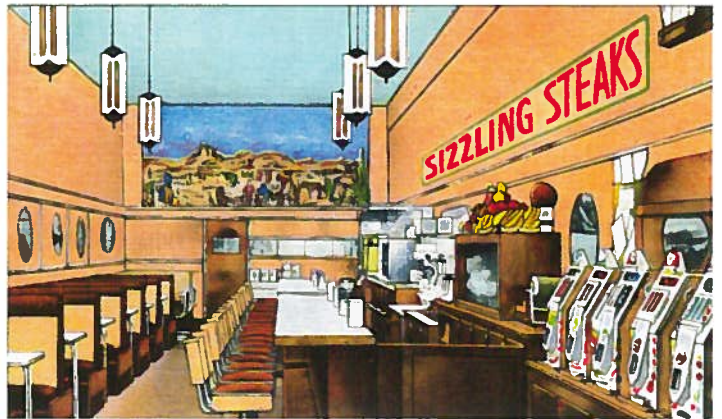
Cross 2nd Street...

### 200 Fremont

*Fremont Hotel & Casino, 1956-present:* When it opened in 1956, the 15-story Fremont advertised itself as the tallest, newest and finest hotel in Las Vegas. KSHO-TV had their studios at the Fremont, and their transmitter was located on the roof. Wayne Newton first appeared at the Fremont in 1959 when he was only 15 years old, so he couldn't linger between or after his shows. There was a White Cross Drug Store across the



The Fremont Hotel & Casino c. 1972.



Like many other cafes and restaurants in Nevada, Sam's Café had some slot machines.

street from the Fremont where, between shows, Wayne would go to sit and have a soda.

### 234 Fremont

*Red Garter Casino, 1972-1975:* Licensed for slots, 21, craps, big-6 and poker.

Cross 3rd Street...



### 320 Fremont

*Sam's Café, circa 1945:* Many restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses in Las Vegas have slot machines. Sam's Café was one of them, as is seen on their post card. An ad for Sam's says "Open night and day, BUT Closed Wednesdays until victory".

### 326 Fremont

*Foxy Dog, 1964-1975*

Go a couple of blocks further...



### 600 Fremont

*El Cortez Hotel & Casino, 1941-present:* If you love the mega-resorts on the strip, and you love 5 star hotels and dining rooms, and you're willing to pay the price, then the El Cortez probably won't interest you. If you love the history of Las Vegas, the El Cortez has plenty! She was built by Marion Hicks, who later built the Thunderbird. Her early owners included Bugsy Siegal, Dave and Chickie Berman, Moe Sedway and Gus Greenbaum. In her heyday, celebrities were often seen at the El Cortez. JK Houssels, a well-known name in Las Vegas history, bought the El Cortez which got rid of the mob ties (except for the mobster in the penthouse...but that's another story). Jackie Gaughan, another Vegas gaming pioneer, is the current owner. The El Cortez has been remodeled and refurbished several times since it opened in





You still have to walk a few blocks up Fremont Street to get to the El Cortez Hotel & Casino.

1941 but, if you look at an old postcard while you're looking at the building, you can still see much of the original building. Yep, the casino is smaller than the casinos that are built today, and it's darker and a bit dingy...it's also 65 years old! If the walls could talk, I'd love to listen.

Note: All of the authors and editors of our reference guides have done an outstanding job in providing us with invaluable research tools, and I thank them. Early records weren't always detailed or accurate, many records were destroyed in a 1960 fire, and Harvey Fullers research notes were written on the backs of Keno tickets! (Thank you Howard Herz for deciphering them for us.) Using a variety of sources, I've sometimes come up with discrep-



In her day, the El Cortez had some class.


ancies in the dates of operation. When that has happened I've tried to use old phone books, date codes on postcards, or whatever other source I have available to be as accurate as possible, but there could be errors.

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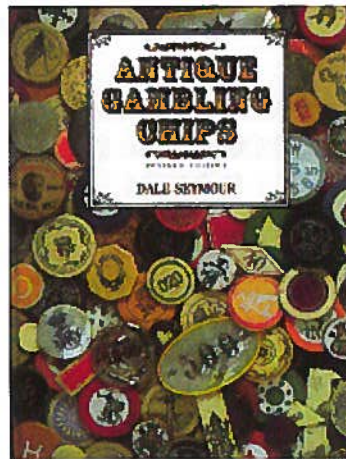
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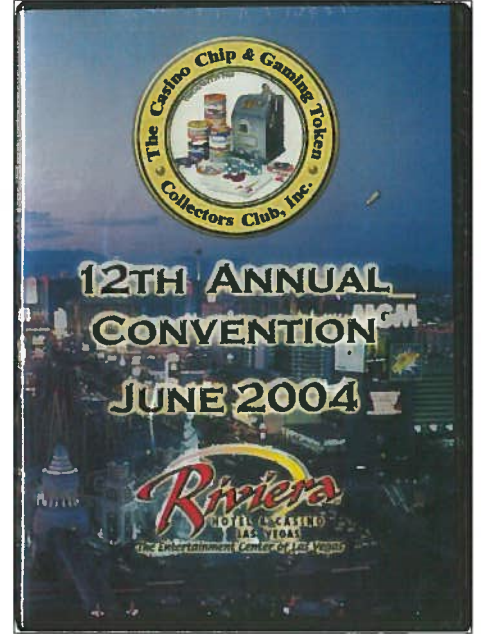
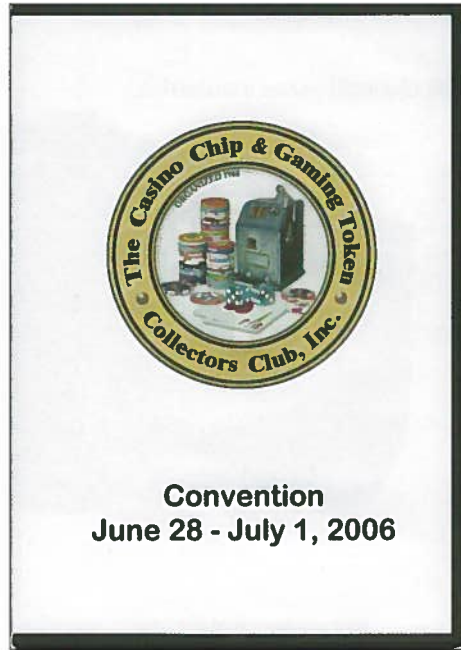
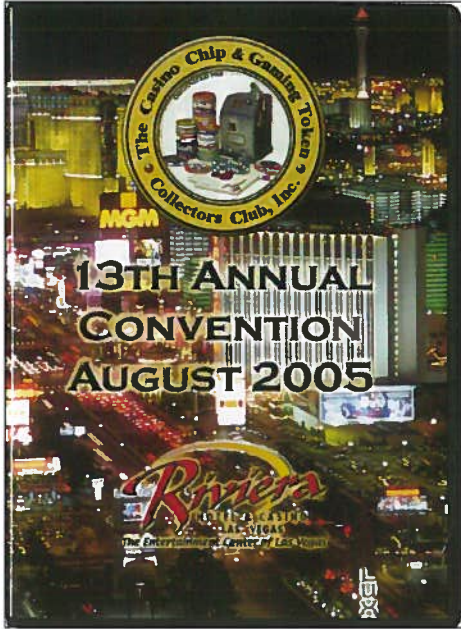
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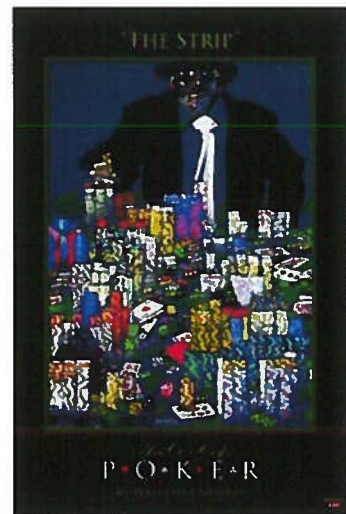
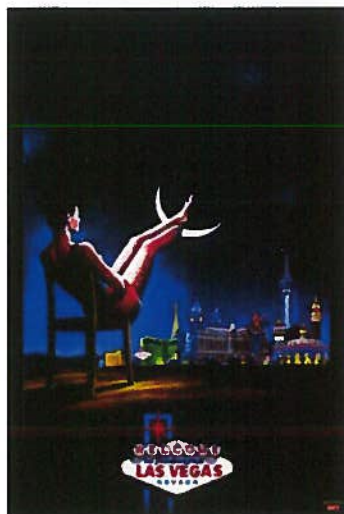
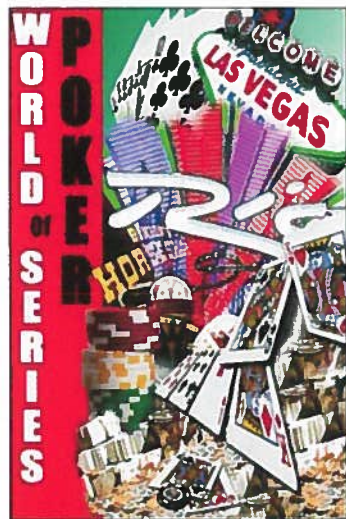
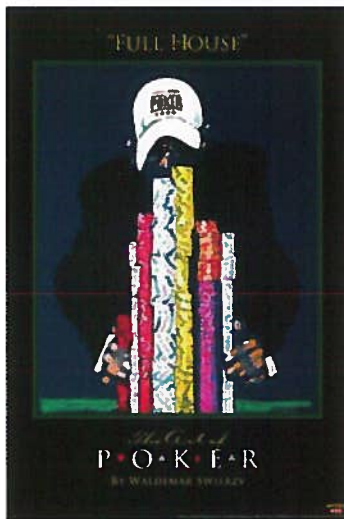
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# The Southern Nevada Chip Report

by Tyrus Mulkey

Greetings Southern Nevada Chip Collectors!

Did you just rub your eyes and look again?!?!? Nope, you're not seeing things, this issue's article is in full color!! Enjoy the color images of all of the latest and greatest chip releases from Southern Nevada!

This month's column starts off with The Rematch! The MGM Grand hosted the Mosley vs. Vargas fight of the same name and released a \$5, \$25, and \$100 chip, all with identical artwork, to celebrate. Although I heard from others that the chips were easy to obtain, I didn't find that to be the case when I went there to get them the night before the fight. I was told that all of the chips had been released to the tables so off I went on my search. I found every MGM cast member in the pits on this busy Friday night to be very helpful in helping me obtain the chips that I needed. What a relief to deal with true professionals!



Casino host Jimmy Tipton hosted his fifth Naughty Nite Night Pajama Party at the Palms and released a No Cash Value chip. It could either be obtained by going to the invitation-only party or buying it in the gift shop (no-invitation needed). I got mine in the gift shop. And, just to be hip and cool and act like I had been to the party, I wore my pajamas in there to get my chips. Luckily for me, what happens at the Palms, never happened.



One thing that has happened is that Donn Arden's Jubilee celebrated 25 years at Bally's. Talk about your Las Vegas institutions! Jubilee was the first Las Vegas show that I ever attended, back in 1984! I guess you

just can't think of Jubilee without thinking of pairs, so Bally's released two \$5 chips to celebrate. The original was released in June and sold out. A similar, though different chip, was released in October.



Paris hit a home run with their pin-up girl chips. A series of three different \$5 chips with 1940's themed pin-up girls on them. In the early days of the release, Paris cage employees gave the chips out in same numbered sets, but that quickly deteriorated. Towards the end, it seemed they went out of their way to mix up the numbers. Since that release, it seems that all chips released from Paris and Rio that have serial numbers are mixed up so that collectors can't get sets with matching serial numbers. Just another frustration in the day of a chip collector.





The Four Queens released their 2006 fifty cent house chip.



The Hard Rock Hotel is home to Beachers Madhouse, a variety show not for the older crowd – you know - anyone over 25. I was in there one night as the cast of the show marched through the casino on the way into the showroom. Wow! Skip the sideshow at the next carnival and come to the HRH and see this! Three chips were released, each with different artwork. The Hard Rock also released 10,000 new \$25 chips with Founder Peter Morton pictured on them.

Hooters is releasing a six piece set titled “History of Hooters”. The information I have as of today is that the first five chips will be \$10 chips and the sixth chip will be a \$25 chip. Of course, since this is Hooters and rumors are more prevalent than facts, that may change by the end of the series. For now, though, the first three \$10 chips have been released.



Hooters also released their monthly \$5 Calendar chips for August, September, and October. They also released the third and final \$25 quarterly chip for 2006 (there was not one for the first quarter).



If you thought Hooters was bad about chip releases – and they are – let me tell you about the Fremont downtown. The Fremont is in the process of releasing five \$5 chips celebrating their 50th Anniversary. One chip will be released each month between August and December. There is a limit of one, yes ONE, chip per person. They are available on the table games if you’re lucky enough to find one during play. If you just ask a dealer for one, they will sell you one, yes ONE.

Not one to take no for an answer, I tracked down and met with John Repetti, Senior Vice President of Operations, Downtown Region, Boyd Gaming. I explained to Mr. Repetti that chip collectors that live outside of Las Vegas depend on chip dealers and friends in Las Vegas to get chips for them while they are still in new condition. I explained that it’s

financially impossible for someone to fly to Las Vegas every time a new chip is released. I explained that it would be greatly appreciated by chip collectors around the world if I more than one per person were made available. He very politely listened and then he explained that while he appreciates the fact that there are chip collectors that are interested in Fremont chips, his number one concern is the Fremont patrons who actually come into the casino and spend their money. He said that if one of his customers spends some time at the tables and comes across a 50th Anniversary chip, that they just might want to take one home as a souvenir from their visit. I pulled out every argument in the ole TyrusRex bag of tricks, but he had an answer for every point that I made. I quickly got the idea that it wasn't his first day on the job! In the end, I took no for an answer and walked away. I've been able to get a few of the chips, but not too many. As of this deadline, three of the five have been released.



It seems that New Releases are getting harder and harder to acquire. Case in point - the Las Vegas Hilton Star Trek chips. Trekkies held their annual convention at the Las Vegas Hilton. Per cage personnel, a majority of the chips were given to show management, who distributed them to the Star Trek dealers inside the show. After a \$40 admission fee, chippers could purchase this two chip set for around \$30 each. After numerous phone calls to the Hilton, I was told that a limited amount were held back and would be released at the cage when the show was over. Sure enough, the night the show ended, chippers could go to the cage and purchase two of the sets. If you didn't get this set, good luck. It will be a tough one.



The Riviera released this year's American Pool Player's Association NTC \$5 chip, which was released during their convention. No trouble getting this one.



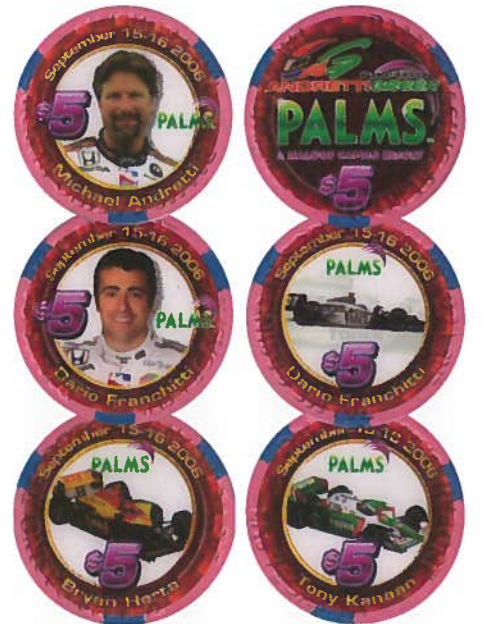
Ellis Island released the third and final chip in the Honoring Immigrants Set. This one is for Spanish Flair.



Station Casinos turned thirty years old. I'm not exactly sure which formula is being used to come up with this. When I moved here 20 years ago, there was no Station Casinos. There was, however, a Palace Station. I am assuming that it's been thirty years since the Fertitta family bought the tiny The Casino and formed a gaming company that later became Palace Station and then Station Casinos. Each of their seven local properties, not including the two Fiesta properties and the Wildfire that they own, released a \$5 and a \$25 chip with the 30th Anniversary logo on it. My oh my, what will future generations of chip collectors think when they see a red rock casino Grand Opening chip released in April of 2006 and then a red rock casino 30th Anniversary chip released five months later? Regardless, it's a great looking set for those of us that know what it means. One very interesting note is that there were 1000 of each of the \$5 chips. The Santa Fe Station chip, however, states that it is limited to 400. Not only that, but the \$25 Santa Fe Station chip states that it is limited to 100, while all of the other \$25's in the set were limited to 500. The \$25 also seems to have a double stamp where 'LTD' is. My guess is that these were the last of the set to be run and the tequila had kicked in by this time. Maybe someday we'll find out the real answer.



The Palms issued a three piece \$5 chip set for the Andretti Racing Green Team. This is the third year that Team Andretti drivers have been pictured on Palms chips.



About twenty years ago, when Palace Station was going after the locals market, Michael Gaughan opened up the Gold Coast to pursue the locals market. The Gold Coast released a \$5 and \$25 chip with identical artwork for their anniversary.

The Rio issued two chips commemorating their Masquerade Show in the Sky. If you haven't seen the show, I recommend it. Why? Because it's free!! This is an interesting release because two almost identical chips were released. Except for the font used and a small patch of green area to the right of the chip, they are identical! Again, the Rio refused to hand out chips with identical numbers so matching sets were hard to get.



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Four Queens released a \$5 chip honoring the Breast Cancer Foundation and Susan G. Komen.



The Legend is reborn. Playboy has opened the first Playboy Club in 25 years. They did it at The Palms. The Playboy Club (located high up in the new Fantasy Tower) has its' own casino and its' own chips! As far as the house rack goes, there are two \$5 chips, two \$25 chips, and two \$100 chips, each with different artwork. The Palms also issued a new house \$1 chip that will be in use in both casinos.



Seems like it's the season for anniversaries! Not only did Caesars Palace turn forty this year, but it has been a legend for 40 years. A \$5, \$25, and \$100 chip, each with different artwork, was issued.



Autumn is here and Harrah's released a \$5 Autumn chip. And, since Halloween is right around the corner, Harrah's and the Rio each issued a \$5 Halloween chip. The Rio jumped ahead of the pack and also released a Thanksgiving chip.



The Colorado Belle in Laughlin released a \$5 chip for their annual Blues & Brews celebration.





Grand Opening chips consisted of a \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denomination. The \$50 chip is 50mm (very big!) and has a holographic image on it. CD cases that hold the oversized \$50 chip and four standard size chips were released along with the \$50 chips. They can also be purchased at the gift shop. They include a fold-out pamphlet with information on each of the items depicted in the artwork on the Grand Opening chips.



Paris Las Vegas released a wedding cake chip with the tagline "Everything's Sexier in Paris". Just look at the couple on top of the cake and you'll know that it's true!



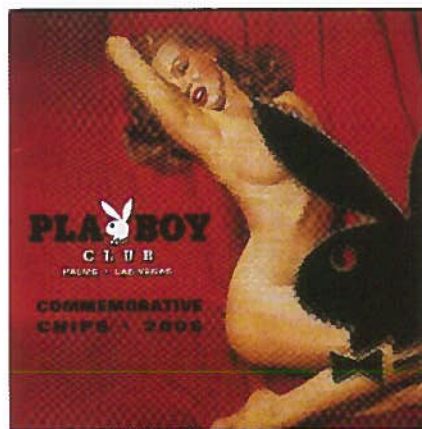
The Flamingo issued a \$25 Toni Braxton chip. They also put a 200 foot picture of her on the side of the building. Although 1,000 were manufactured, only 500 were released, making them difficult to get. Another 500 will be released at a future, unspecified, date. Or so I'm told.



The Riviera released a "Better Late Than Never" \$5 chip to celebrate the CC&GTCC Convention held there last August. There were problems with the artwork on the original chip, so it was rejected by Gaming. Club officers and Riviera personnel persisted to make the chip happen so we will not go a year without a chip! Hats off to everyone in the CC&GTCC and to those at the Riviera for sticking with this and making it happen!



The Casino Royale issued a new house rack, or at least part of one! The new chips are of the \$1, \$5 and \$25 denomination. The \$100's will be replaced soon.





The South Coast has come and gone. Less than seven months after it opened, the South Coast was sold by Boyd Gaming, who had purchased all of the Coast properties from Michael Gaughan, back to Michael Gaughan! He changed the name to South Point and released new chips! An interesting note on these chips is that they all have South Point misspelled on their inlays if viewed under UV lighting. It's also spelled correctly under the same inlay.



Happy Halloween! Halloween chips remain very popular for chip collectors. Harrah's, Rio, Bally's, Paris, the MGM, Ellis Island, the Riviera, and the Hard Rock each released a \$5 chip. The Four Queens released two \$5 chips and the Imperial Palace released a \$5 and a \$4 chip with different artwork.



In addition, the Hard Rock released a \$5 Cheap Trick chip.



Finally, after refusing for weeks to sell the \$4 drop chips used in the poker room, the Imperial Palace made them available in quantity to everyone that attended the Halloween release.



The Flamingo Laughlin has become the Aquarius. I'll have images of the new chips and other Laughlin releases in the next issue.

That's it for Southern Nevada! Thanks for reading. All of the chips mentioned in this article, and thousands of others, can be viewed at [www.TyrusRex.com](http://www.TyrusRex.com).

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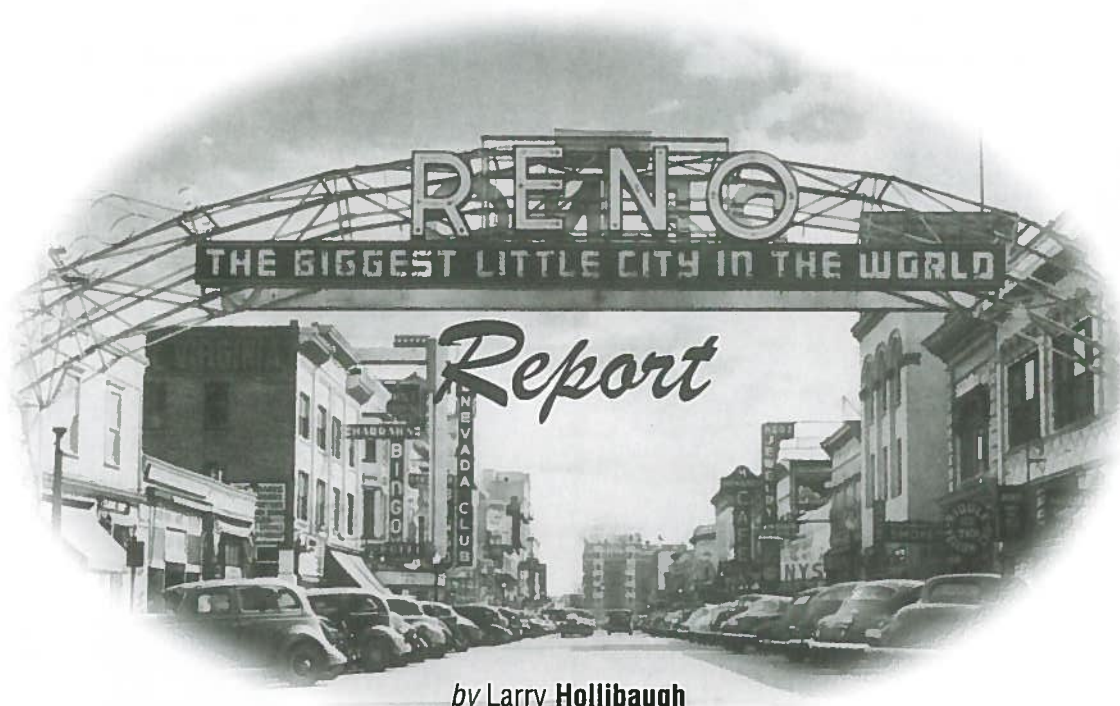
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by Larry Hollibaugh

It's been another slow year for chips in Northern Nevada. There were no chips in October 2005. Only 40 new cash value chips have been issued from November of 2005 through mid November 2006. As promised last year, we'll start with the ever so late Harrah's Street Vibrations chip. The event was September 21, 2005, but this \$5 chip from Harrah's was finally released the middle of November.



Also released in November was a \$1 chip from Harrah's Tahoe that matches the colors used on the current Harvey's \$1 chip, and a \$5 chip from Harrah's Reno advertising Bareback, an adult review that's no longer playing. In December, Baldini's in Sparks released their second ever collector chip. This \$5 chip advertises the Taps Sports Bar in the casino, and features a pretty waitress

from the bar on one side. The other side features a boxer from Reno named Joey, who was in a TV reality show called The Contender.



In January, Harrah's Reno released the next installment in their Chinese New Year series, a \$5 Year of the Dog chip. In February, the Topaz Lodge put new 50 cent and \$1 house chips

into play. In March, Harrah's Reno again kept chipping alive with a \$5 LE advertising their Chippendales show. It's great to see Harrah's has something for everyone!



April was another “one chip” month, with a new \$1 house chip at the Alamo Travel Center in Sparks.



May was a little more exciting, with the grand opening of the Montbleu Casino, formerly Caesars Tahoe, on the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Montbleu released house chips in \$1, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000, and \$5000 denominations. Mmmmmm, I do love chocolate! They also released a \$7.50 Grand Opening chip, which is the first \$7.50 chip in Northern Nevada.



Two events warranted collector chips in June. Jim Kelley’s Nugget in Crystal Bay had their Bike Bash for Cash event, and the Sands Regency in Reno hosted Eurofest, an annual event that has been held at Rail City Casino in Sparks for several years.



Casino Fandango in Carson City celebrated their third anniversary in July, and released a \$5 chip for the event. The end of July, of course,

marks the beginning of Hot August Nights. Six casinos released \$5 HAN chips, including the usual suspects Atlantis, Bonanza, Club Cal-Neva, Harrah’s, and Peppermill. The newcomer to the party was Jim Kelley’s Nugget, with a Hot Tahoe Cruising chip. Most notably missing from the lineup was the Hilton, who had already changed their name to the Grand Sierra Resort, and chose not to release a chip using the new name. As of this writing in mid November, they are still using the Hilton Resort house chips, with no word yet as to when the new chips will be out.





August was a good month, with eight new chips. Three of them were house chips at casinos on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The Hyatt Regency at Incline Village put out a new \$1 chip, similar but distinctively different from their previous \$1 Chipco house chip. The Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay put a new \$5 house chip into play. The older \$5 hot-stamped chips are still being used as well. Across the street, the Crystal Bay Club has a new \$2.50 chip in eye-popping sunshine yellow.



Across the other side of the state, the Wendover Nugget again hosted the annual Bonneville Speedweek, where daredevils “shoot the salt” at the Bonneville Salt Flats, looking for new records in land speed racing. And again, the Wendover Nugget released a set of four \$5 chips for the event. Closing out the month of

August, the Sands Regency released a \$5 chip for Jim Munding’s annual Reno Air Casino Show.



September is another month of special events in Reno. Harrah’s was the only casino this year to release a chip for the Reno Air Races. Four casinos released a \$5 chip to honor the annual Harley insanity we call Street Vibrations; Atlantis, Bonanza, Club Cal-Neva, and Harrah’s. Finally, Harrah’s closes out this report with a \$5 chip released in October commemorating the new adult review that replaced Bareback – Rock My Ride.



So there you go. Not a landslide, but not a drought either. A new rack at the Grand Sierra Resort should be out “real soon now.” That’ll give me something to write about next year. Most of these chips, and plenty other current and obsolete chips, are available on my website at [www.RenoCasinoChips.com](http://www.RenoCasinoChips.com). Be sure to watch the New Issues section to see the new chips as they come out.



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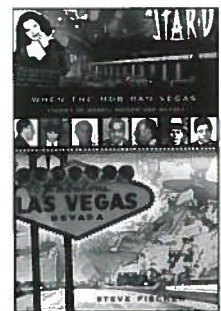
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# RIVERBOATS

by Greg C. Susong

Hello Riverboat Collectors! Sorry I missed last issue. There has been a lot of action in the riverboat world lately. It has been a busy quarter for Riverboat chips. Most of the Mississippi casinos that are going to reopen have done so already. Two though are no longer riverboats. Actually, none of them were what I would really call a "riverboat", but in the past they were at least on a barge that was in the water. Now, the Isle of Capri in Biloxi and the new Island View Casino in Gulfport are land based.

Caesars in Harrison County, IN has two new chips. One celebrates their annual Kentucky Derby Festival and the other is for their Denny Crum Poker Open.

Boomtown Casino in Biloxi, MS has been the most prolific chip producer since they reopened on June 29th. Here are their regular rack chips.



They just finished a "Biloxi Landmarks" edition.



They also did a \$5 and \$25 grand opening set.



In late July or early August, Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, IN added this nice 25 cent chip.



Diamond Jack's opened in Bossier City, LA and in Vicksburg, MS in late July.



Quite some time ago the Argosy Casino in Sioux City, IA released a 10th Anniversary chip. I still don't have one myself, but thanks to Lee O'Dell, I finally got a picture of one.



The Riverside Casino in Riverside, IA opened on August 31st.



The Grand Casino in Biloxi reopened on August 17th. I'm not 100% sure if it is still a riverboat or if it is land based. Here are the chips anyway.



The Beau Rivage in Biloxi reopened on August 29th.



The new Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis, MS opened on August 31st.



The Majestic Star in Gary, IN celebrated their 10th Anniversary with this \$25 chip.



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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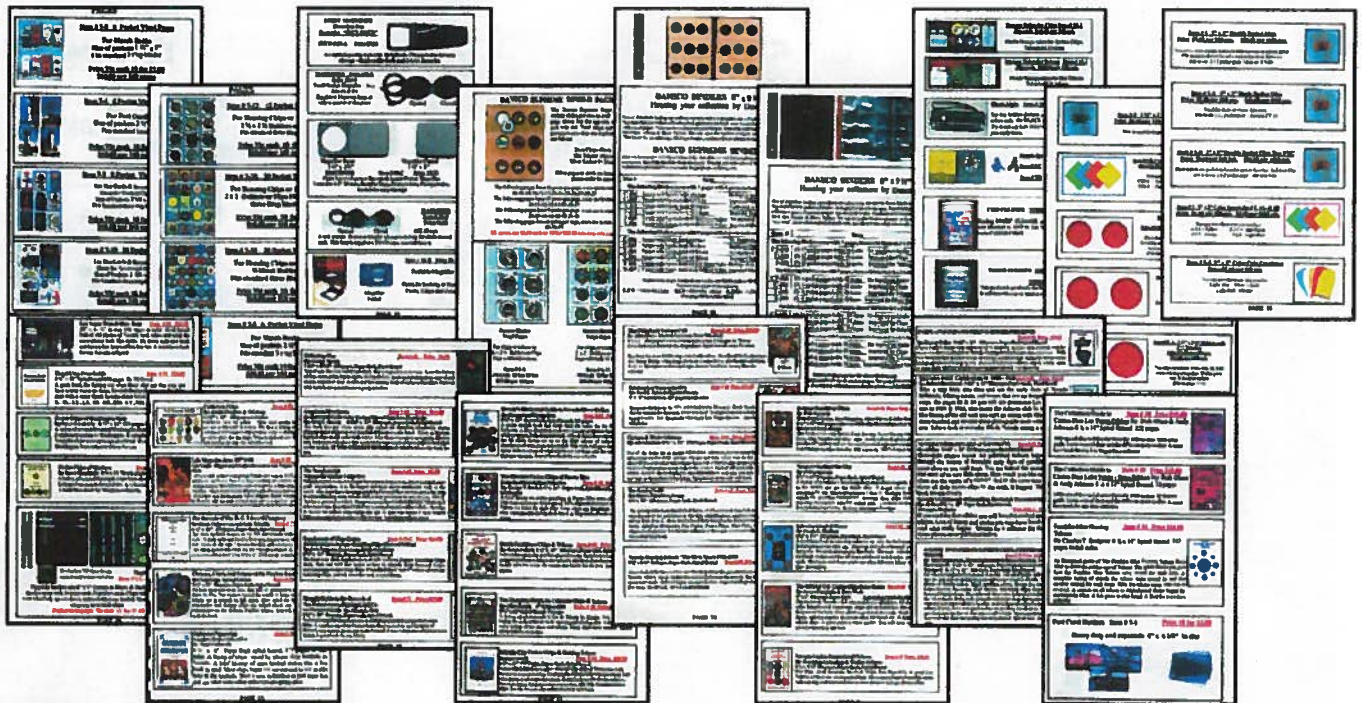
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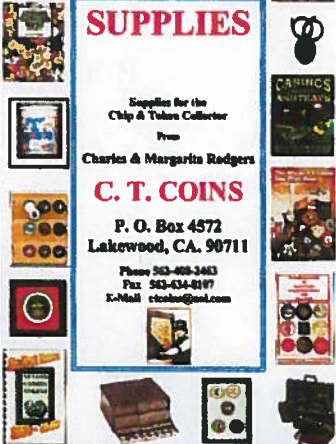
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# CC&GTCC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes

## Building Fund Committee

The balance in the Building Fund as of October 31, 2006 is \$88,281.

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

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Robert Pardue  
Andy Hughes  
Archie Black  
Greg Susong

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**Nevada Casino Chips** had the chip below made up just before the 2002 CC&GTCC 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.



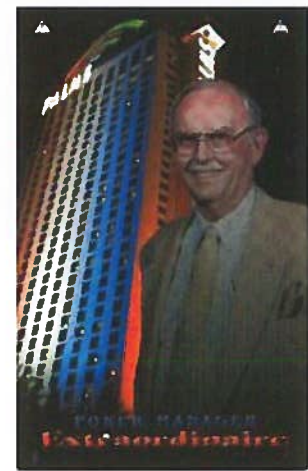
The NCV Palms chip below was given out one per person with a coupon at the 2002 CC&GTCC Convention. There were only 850 made & the Palms graciously donated the remainder to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund! The price is \$10 each.



The chip below was designed by **Debby Meister** who had it made for the 2004 CC&GTCC 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

These are some of the chips available from David Spragg on behalf of the CC&GTCC Building Fund. 100% of the proceeds (net for the personal stacker set) will be donated to the building fund. There is no charge for shipping. For more information on these chips got to: [www.marlowcasinochips.com](http://www.marlowcasinochips.com)



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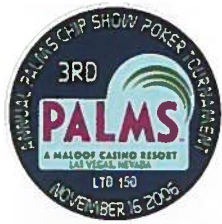
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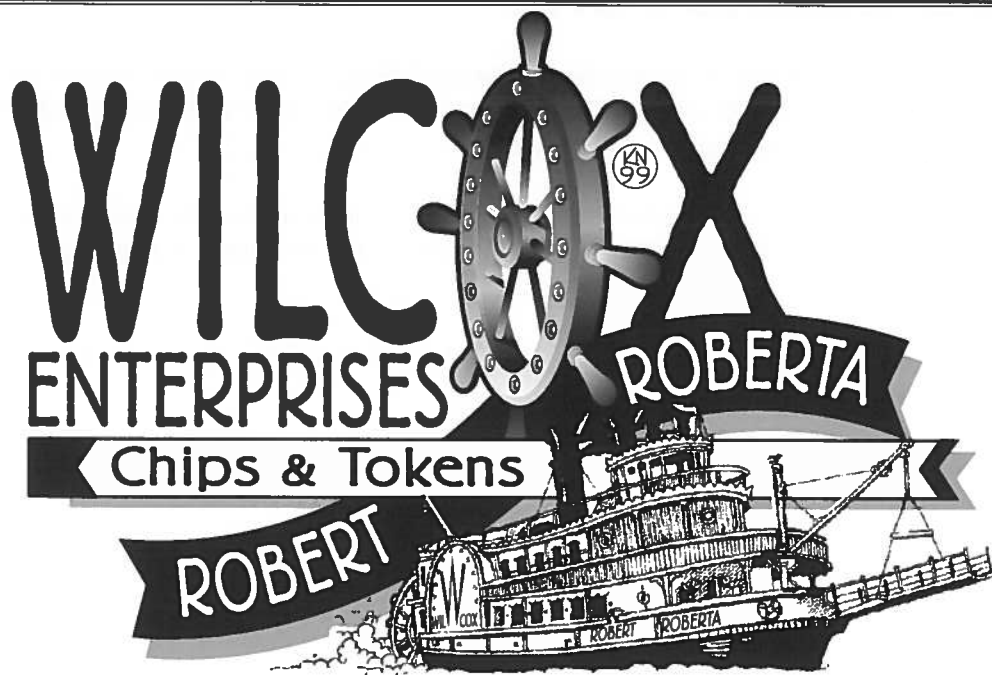
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\*The form will be available on the Club website at [www.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.com) for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to Vice President Thompson.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

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# Excerpts from the Nevada Casino Chips Blog

by Andy Hughes

<http://www.nevadacasinochips.com>

## Room Keys

Another area of collecting is room keys. The casinos/hotels have some very nice looking and colorful room keys. They also change the artwork quite often. Special events are one reason for new artwork. Room keys are also fairly inexpensive to collect.

If you have friends who you know will be staying at a casino/hotel, make sure and ask them to keep their room key as you collect them. There are also quite a few collectors to trade with. You can go to the slot card board link below to read posts from some.

<http://www.slotcards.com>

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Collectors ask me all the time about getting insurance for their collections. I feel it is something you really should have just in case something happens. I have my collection insured with Collectibles Insurance Agency and have been with them for a number of years.

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<http://www.collectinsure.com>

## Goodbye to the Stardust

For those that do not already know...the Stardust will be closing it's doors around noon on November 1st. If you live here in town, or will be here before they close, you can go check it out for the last time.

The plans are to implode it on New Year's Eve and then build a mega resort on the site. A lot of people are sad to be losing another part of Las Vegas history. Myself, I am looking forward to the future and the new place that will open in the next couple of years.

## What are the Most Popular Limited Edition Chips Every Year?

I have been asked that question a lot over the years. Without a doubt, Halloween chips are number one with collectors. Those that collect Halloween chips, can't get enough of them.

There are a few collectors that have every Halloween chip ever issued from a casino. That is very impressive! With some Halloween issues having been made in low numbers, it's almost impossible these days to try and acquire a complete collection. It's worth a try though if that is one of your collecting interests.

With Halloween right around the corner, there will be a number of new issues from not only here in Nevada, but from other areas with gaming as well.

You can view a list of all known Halloween chips at the link below.

<http://www.halloweenchips.com>

## The Future of Las Vegas?

*"Vegas Today and Tomorrow is an up-to-date, comprehensive and easy to navigate collection of current news, maps, plans and renderings of proposed and future projects in the Las Vegas valley. The site is packed with over 600 photos on 112 pages of developments under construction as well as plans for future and proposed projects."*

The above is from their Web site. For those who like to keep up with what is being planned for Las Vegas, this is a great site. In addition to a lot of pictures, there are some fantastic maps of the Las Vegas valley showing various projects.

<http://www.vegastodayandtomorrow.com/index.htm>

## Keeping Track of Your Chip Collection

Would you like to use a computer software program to keep track of your chips? Terry Shaffer is a sales representative for Carlisle Development's Casino Chip Collector's Assistant Plus. Terry is also a fellow club member.

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<http://www.happychipper.com/carlisledevelopment.html>

### **Crest and Seal Chips**

Some collectors just concentrate on crest and seal chips. These are chips that were made by the U.S. Playing Card Company in the 1940's or earlier.

Rich Hanover is one of those collectors. He has one of the largest crest and seal collections known. Go to the link below to check out his amazing collection of crest and seals.

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### **Have You Ever Overpaid for a Chip?**

We all have at one time or another. Collectors pay more than they should for items in any hobby at least once. Don't let it sour you on the hobby though.

Instead, keep that item nearby as a reminder to do your homework. The more you know about the hobby and what chips sell for, the better prepared you are to make good decisions when buying chips.

Ask fellow collectors what a chip you are interested in has sold for. Search the Internet to see if you can find the same chip for sale there. Check The Chip Rack and the U.S. Price Guide to get an idea of the value of a chip.

Do your homework and it will payoff in the long run.

### **Nevada Casino Ashtray Project**

For those of you who are thinking about collecting casino ashtrays, you will find the Nevada Casino Ashtray Project Web site very interesting.

You will not find more pictures of Nevada casino ashtrays anywhere on the Internet or in books. Go to the link below to check out the site.

<http://www.nevadacasinoashtrays.org>

### **Ask the Experts!**

Do you have a question about a collecting area related to gaming? There is a group of club members who have volunteered to answer your questions.

Go to the link below to find out who volunteered in your area of collecting. Then just E-Mail them your questions!

[http://www.ccgcc.com/education/ask\\_the\\_expert.pdf](http://www.ccgcc.com/education/ask_the_expert.pdf)

### **Postcards**

For those who like to display their chips, adding a postcard from the casino is a nice addition. That way you are showing what the casino looks like, in addition to displaying the chips.

You will find all types of postcards at the chips shows. You can also find them for sale online at eBay. Postcards that are over 60 years old, or more recent postcards from just a couple of years ago.

I collect linen postcards from Nevada. You can see two from my collection at the link below.

<http://www.nevadacasinochips.com/Postcards.htm>

### **Some Great Nevada Neon Pictures!**

Thanks to fellow chipper, Mark Erickson, for sharing the link to these pictures.

Once you are through looking at the neon pictures, make sure and look through the rest of the *Nevada Division of Museums and History* section of the Web site. There are a lot of interesting articles and more photos.

This is one of those Web sites that you really should bookmark. You will be going back to it.

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The above is from the JP's Corner Web site where I buy my AirTites. Some collectors like the AirTites with the foam rings, I prefer the direct fit AirTites. Whichever you choose, you should buy at least a box of 250 to get the best price. That might seem like a lot to a new collector, but you will use them all sooner or later.

Go to the link below to check out the AirTites at JP's, along with everything else they have to offer.

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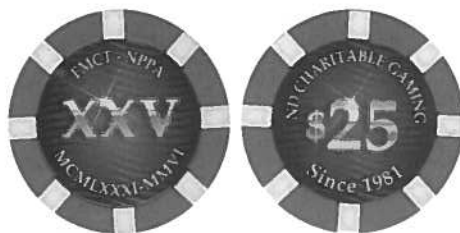
# North Dakota Charity Casino Chips

## 25 Years and Counting

by John Kallman

Limited Edition Chips, love them or hate them, they are probably here to stay, if for no other reason as they contribute to the most important item of a casinos operation – that of the bottom line. Few, if any of these chips have much historical significance with perhaps the exception of Grand Opening Chips. And then, only if they include the opening date of the casino in question. Of course, with any item, there are always exceptions to the rule. The few chips that some casinos in Nevada released in association with the countries bicentennial are a notable exception. But this, of course, was long before the idea of creating chips for a purpose *other* than gambling purposes.

Thankfully, the number of limited edition chips encountered in researching charity casino chips in North Dakota so far is limited. Admittedly, my collection is probably small in comparison to the total number of chips ever issued, and to date, I have only been to a handfull of cities searching for these pieces of clay. But out of the 400 plus chips that I have accumulated so far, only two of them would fall into the category of limited edition chips.



The most important of which is illustrated at the start of the article. This chip was issued for the Northern Prairie Performing Arts, also know as NPPA. The purpose of the chip is to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of charitable gaming in North Dakota. It could be considered a double limited edition chip in that it is also a \$25.00 chip! With this chip, we now have a starting date for chips from this area.

The only other limited edition chip that I know of from North Dakota Charitable Casinos is a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chip from the Blue Wolf Casino, which supports the Plains Art Museum, also located in Fargo, North Dakota.



On a separate front, I finally acquired all of the listings currently available from the State Attorney's Office listing various information concerning North Dakota Charitable operations. Not all years were available, and the amount of information varies by the type of list that was available. It will take a while to correlate this information into some useful organized format, but then if nothing else, it will give me something to do over the coming long winter here in the frozen northern climes.

And if you are wondering what the FMCT stands for on the \$25 chip – Fargo Morehead Community Theater. If you have North Dakota Charity Casino chips, or have an unidentified chip that you *think* may be from North Dakota, or have additional information concerning North Dakota Charitable Casino chips, I would like to hear from you! You may contact me at:  
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# THE 2006 OTY AWARDS CONTEST IS NOW OPEN!

by Jim Follis

That's right! It's time to Nominate!

Inside this issue of the award winning Casino Chip and Token News you will find an **Official Nomination Form** for the 2006 OTY Awards. Every Club member is encouraged to take a little time and reflect back on the fabulous array of chips, tokens strikes and cards issues by casinos worldwide during the calendar year of 2006. If any of them stand out in your mind, or take center-place in your collection, then perhaps you might want to recognize them by nominating them for an OTY Award.

Only as a CC&GTCC member are you entitled to participate in the Club's annual Chip of the Year (COTY), Token of the Year (TOTY), Silver Strike of the Year (SSOTY) and Slot Card/Room Key of the Year (CKOTY) competitions, aka: The OTY's!

The 2006 Awards will be marking the Club's 17<sup>th</sup> year of COTY and TOTY competitions, our 7th year of the SSOTY competition and our 5th year for CKOTY honors. I am both honored and pleased to be serving as the COTY, TOTY, SSOTY and CKOTY Awards Competitions Chairman, along with my son, Casey, the Assistant OTY Chairman.

The rules for this year's competitions are pretty much the same as last year, and for our newer members (a very big Welcome to our newcomers) and as a refresher for our seasoned participants, I will go over the requirements once again.

Between January 1, 2007 and February 28, 2007 the Assistant OTY Chairman will be accepting nominations from any and all Club members in good standing. **As a reminder to all Regular members, please be sure to make a copy (or copies) of the nomination form for the Associate Member(s) tied to your membership number, so that they too can participate.**

Every member should keep in mind that **YOU MUST NOMINATE** at least one OTY candidate, in at least one category, **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY YOURSELF AS A JUDGE** in the final voting process. Simply stated:

## **YOU MUST NOMINATE TO PARTICIPATE!**

Completed original nomination forms were designed to be folded, taped (stapling is acceptable, but the Post Office prefers tape), affixed with 1<sup>st</sup> Class postage (.39 cents) and then mailed. Providing that the insert is printed correctly the mailing address will be pre-printed on the reverse of the form. However, completed forms (original forms or copies) may be sent in an envelope to the address that appears on the back of an original form. That address is also re-printed below for your convenience. As we did last year we will accept nominations via email to [oty@ccgtcc.com](mailto:oty@ccgtcc.com). However, if you take advantage of this method, you must format your submission into the same headings as the Nomination Form **AND** you must include all of your nominations at one time. Please do not make piece-meal submissions. If you do, then the most current submission form will replace, in total, any previously submitted form. Emailed submissions must be sent prior to midnight (PST) February 28, 2007.

As the nomination forms begin arriving the Assistant OTY Chairman will be very busy tabulating all the selections, in each of the four categories. The top ten nomination-getters, in each category, will then be designated as the Ten Finalist in their respective category. The OTY Chairman will then acquire a complete set of the Ten Finalists and use them to produce a full-color Judge's Pamphlet. A Judge's Pamphlet will then be sent to each and every member who submitted a legitimate Nomination Form and will be used to view and judge all of the Ten Finalists. Mid May is the target timeframe to mail out Judge's Pamphlets.

Note: Associate members making legitimate nominations will receive their own Judge's Pamphlet; they will not have to share a Regular member's copy! Judge's Pamphlets, just like last year, will depict the front and back (obverse and reverse) of all Ten Finalists in each category in their actual sizes. A separate Balloting form is included so that the Judge's Pamphlet may be kept as a souvenir of your participation in this highly prestigious members-only event.

Judging will take place from about mid-May to about the end of May. All ballots must be returned via the postal system and must be postmarked on or before a date to-be-determined and announced later. ATTENTION International members, I am inclined to make allowances for voting if the deadlines prove to be a hardship, like e-mail notification.

By mid-June I will likely know the top three place finishers in each category. I will be going about the task of preparing the various award plaques, which like last year will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place only, and acknowledgements will also be given out to the respective manufacturers. I will also be taking care of the Club's acquisition of the four 1<sup>st</sup>-place finishers to add to the Club's Permanent Display.

For our newer members (and also as a reminder) the Permanent Display is the Club's own collection of all past winners of the Chip of the Year, Token of the Year, Silver Strike of the Year and Room Key/Slot Card Key of the Year Awards Competitions. That collection will once again be on-display at the Convention as a non-competitive Exhibit right along side a complete set of all 40 Finalists from the 2006 competitions.

Well, that about covers it, except for the fine print below. I encourage each and every member to participate in this event, as I see these competitions as an opportunity for the Club's members to tell the casinos and their suppliers that we appreciate their efforts to produce a quality product.

The fine print:

All nominees must have been issued, for use, for the first time, during the calendar year of 2006. Various members of the CC&GTCC may be called upon to verify this criteria for chips and tokens. The Officers of the Silver Striker's Club shall be called upon to verify this criteria for Silver Strikes. The Officers of the Slot Card and Room Key Club shall be called upon to verify this criteria for slot cards/room keys.

Chip of the Year eligibility criteria: A chip must be issued by a casino. It must also serve a gaming purpose.

Token of the Year eligibility criteria: A token is one that is intended to be inserted into a slot machine for play. Excluded are coins (money), currency and tickets. The emphasis is on slot machine play.

Silver Strike of the Year eligibility criteria: Simply stated, an eligible Silver Strike is one made by IGT under their trademarked Silver Strike program.

Slot Card/Room Key of the Year eligibility criteria:

Slot Cards must be issued by a casino and are intended to track player action at a slot machine.

Room Keys must be issued by an affiliated hotel/casino establishment. The key (looking like a plastic credit card) must be used to open a guestroom.

Casey and I look forward to receiving your nominations shortly. We may be contacted via email: [oty@ccgtcc.com](mailto:oty@ccgtcc.com). Lastly, for those who are Internet connected, be sure to visit the Un-Official OTY Viewing Sites, where you can view many of the potential OTY candidates. There are four locations to visit:

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<http://www.gamingore.com/gallery2006?dir=SSOTY>

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Trop (AC) Poker Club: Maroon NCV	\$19	Gold Strike (Jean) NCV's: 5,25,100,500	\$38
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Hacienda 50c Trade Check Gray/Green	\$29	Town House \$5 V9907 Brn SmKey None	\$69
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Ed's Tahoe Ng: NCV's: 5,25,100,500,1000	\$49	Meeks Bay (Tahoe) \$1, 2.50, 5, 25, 100	\$49
Red Coach (Silver Springs) \$1, \$5, \$10	\$45	Harold's Gun Club (HGCC) 10c or 50c	\$49
The Nugget \$25 Home of More Jackpots	\$799	Cal Neva Lodge \$100 T-Mold Blue HS	\$99
Mr. C's (Reno) \$5 H&C 4-Brn 4-Purple	\$119	Monte Carlo (Reno) \$1, 2.50, 5, 25 O/S	\$49
Eddie's Fabulous 50's: 5, 25, 100 NCV's	\$79	Trump Castle - Royal Flush - Set of 20	\$179
Tahoe Nugget \$1 Red H&C(CJ)	\$49	Treas Is: #10 Roul; 5 Diff; Never Opened	\$29
Wendover Nugget Roulettes - 7 Diff "C"	\$22	Nugget (Reno) Green H&C(CJ) 3-Red	\$49
The Nugget \$.25 Oran. Sm Key pic of Ng: 7	\$49	Nugget \$1 Maroon SmKey pic of Nugget	\$59
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# “Bucking the Tiger”

## History and Rules

### of the Traditional Game of Faro



by Mark Howard

Many sources say the game of faro originated in France in the early 18th Century (about 1713), as a revised form of the popular British pub game, basset, which traces its roots back to the game of landsquenet, played by Teutonic foot soldiers in the 1400's. Basset was outlawed in France by King Louis XIV in 1691 and faro developed as an alternative that was also popular for a short time in Great Britain.

Most sources say an early version of the traditional game of faro was first introduced in the Americas around 1717 in what was to become New Orleans, Louisiana, by Scottish expatriate John Law (1671-1729). Law, a fascinating and colorful historical figure, became a prolific gambler and literally changed the course of history through his exploits. Law was the son of a goldsmith and banker. In his youth, he was a student, a dandy and a gambling addict. He became involved in a duel in England and because his victim was the son of a politician, he had to flee England to Amsterdam, where he continued his studies in economics and high finance. Later,



John Law

he returned to Scotland and in 1705, he proposed a National Bank and the printing of paper money, which was rejected by the Scottish Parliament and he moved to France to continue his “playboy” lifestyle. In 1714, Law was expelled from France by King Louis XIV for accruing heavy gambling debts for himself and the King's young nephew, Philippe II the Duke of Orleans. Law returned to France after the King's death and with the help of his friend, Philippe, then Regent (temporary ruler) of France, he went on to form the Banque Generale (Royal Bank of France), print the very first government-backed paper currency and eventually became the Controleur General of France. It was for Law that the French word, “millionaire” was coined. Law established the Mississippi Company and Compagnie des Indes (Indian Trading Company). For 25 years, his companies held a monopoly on all French overseas trade and he was allowed to sell shares of his companies as a form of stock. After the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Law's game of faro quickly spread up the Mississippi on riverboats where it became a favorite among professional gamblers (which were commonly called “sharps”) and players alike. Law's exploits and “schemes” were later blamed for sparking the economic implosion and financial ruin in 1720 that ultimately sparked the French Revolution. Law left France in disgrace and died in Venice, where he had supported himself by gambling. While many contemporary economists now

feel John Law was made a scapegoat for the collapse of the French Economy, he was considered a villain in French history for over two centuries.

It is said the name of the game was derived or corrupted from the Egyptian Pharaoh pictured on what is now the King of Hearts in the 16th and 17th century French card decks, which were imported to England at the time, although I have yet to find any concrete evidence of this as it seems there are none of these antique "Pharaoh" face cards in existence. I have searched and found a variety of playing cards from that period (the 1700's and earlier) and have not found any such "Pharaoh" face cards cataloged anywhere. If you know of any, please advise.

Since the late 16th century, European-style royalty have been used on "face cards" (also called "court cards") and "French Suits" (Spade Diamond, Heart, Club) were adopted as a standard throughout much of Northern Europe. For that reason, common playing card decks in the 18th and 19th century were referred to as a "standard French deck." Around the Turn-of-the-Century (1900), the rounded-corner, indiced, double sided deck (with numbers in opposing corners and double sided face cards) became popular for use in round games (such as brag and bluff poker, the forerunners of draw poker). Prior to that (during the Faro heyday), standard playing card decks were square-edged, one-sided (the royalty stood one way on the card face) and the numbered cards only showed pips, without indicing (numbers in the corners). Sample non-indiced, square-edged, faro cards are pictured left.



The term "buck(ing) the tiger" is said to have come from early card backs that featured a drawing of a Bengal tiger. There have also been references made to a Royal Bengal Tiger painted on the outside of travelling faro cases used in the Civil War Era. Again, I have yet to find any antique cards or cases with "tiger" patterns on them.

Regardless, since the mid-1800's, the bengal tiger has been considered the presiding deity of the game of faro and both "bucking the tiger" and "twisting the tiger's tail" have been common euphemisms for playing faro. In fact, alleys, streets and districts featuring many gambling parlors were often referred to as "tiger alley" or "tiger town," due to the fact that faro was the predominant gambling game of the time.

Due to low rates of literacy among miners and other laborers, it is said a "Buck the Tiger" shingle or a colorful tiger drawing was usually posted outside a saloon, gambling club or even a barber shop, to indicate an active "Faro Bank" was inside. Some sources say many gambling houses, large and small, had oil paintings of tigers hung above their faro tables. But again, I have yet to actually see evidence of this in stories, pictures, drawings or paintings from the time.

By all accounts, the second most popular saloon game of the time was brag (a 3 card game that became 5 card brag) which later evolved into 5 card draw poker. Draw poker ("bluff" or "bluff poker" as it was called then) was actually a rarity on the frontier until the late 1870's. In contrast, almost every saloon in the Old West featured at least one faro bank, particularly during the gold rush period from 1849 to 1890. In 1882, a well documented New York Police Gazette study, estimated that more money was wagered on faro in the U.S. each year, than all other forms of gambling and sport gaming combined. I can pretty much guarantee any photos or paintings of what are believed to be people playing poker prior to 1870, is actually brag.

Faro is a fast-paced "banking" game where any number of players (which were then called "punters") play against the dealer or the house, referred to as the "bank". In contrast, brag and poker are "round" games, where the players compete against each other using colored "poker chips" of specified denominations (values) that are "anted up" into a common "kitty" and later cashed in..

*"A dollar picked up in the road is more satisfaction to you than the ninety-and-nine which you had to work for, and money won at faro or in stock snuggles into your heart in the same way."* -Mark Twain (1892)

### **Chips & Checks**

In faro, the individual punters use colored chips (more commonly called "checks" at the time, particularly by serious players) or "markers" that are unique for each player. Usually one of two methods were employed. Each player would get oblong or round colored markers that were of no value, but were used to mark (or identify) the owner of the bet, which would be placed under the marker with coin, cash or a number of colored valued chips (what would now be referred to as "poker chips"). More commonly, the punter would purchase a quantity of "checks" from the dealer. The punter or dealer would

agree upon a value for those “checks” at the time of purchase, the dealer would note the denomination of that particular color chip and only that player used that color, similar to the contemporary game of roulette.

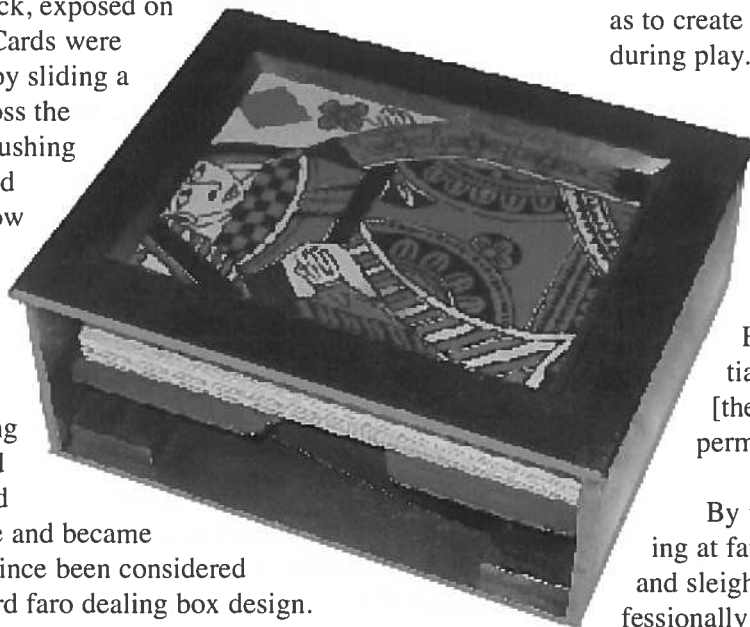
In the Old West, ordinary faro check (chip) values ranged from “two bits” (25 cents) to \$5, the most common being “four bits” (50 cents) or a dollar. \$2.50 (“Quarter Eagle”), \$5 (“Half Eagle”), \$10 (“Eagle”), \$20 (“Double Eagle”) and even \$50 (“Slug”) gold coins were used with a lesser-valued colored check to bolster a bet. As with most “banking” games, the dealer often risked their personal fortune and therefore set the betting limits (both minimum and maximum) for their game.

### Cheating

As you will soon learn if you do not know already, when played with even a minimum of strategy, the traditional game of faro does not provide any significant edge to the house. In fact, the player’s odds are almost as good as the Dealer’s (house) odds. As a result, card cheating became commonplace. As the popularity of faro spread, so did the cheating. Sleight of hand, trick decks and other forms of modified equipment were employed to give the house or bank a distinct advantage. A brass dealing box was invented by a Virginia gambler named Robert Bailey in 1822 to address this problem. But, since Bailey’s original box design concealed most of the deck, it was not widely accepted and was barred from use in many gambling houses.

In 1825, a new box design was introduced and patented by an Ohio watchmaker named Joseph Graves. The new design (pictured left) was the spring-fed, open-top, dealing box that held a face up deck, exposed on one side. Cards were extracted by sliding a finger across the window, pushing the top card out a narrow slot and the dealer’s right side.

Grave’s new dealing box gained widespread acceptance and became what has since been considered the standard faro dealing box design.



Antique Faro “checks” and “markers”

Ironically, the dealing box makers of the time found they could significantly increase their profits by selling converted or “gaffed” dealing boxes for the purposes of cheating at faro. In the 1870’s, a standard German silver faro dealing box weighing about 4 pounds retailed for \$35. A cheating box by the same maker that looked exactly the same would commonly retail for as much as \$200!

There were generally two kinds of cheating boxes -- those that would indicate to the dealer what cards were coming up (a “tell” box) so the dealer (or an accomplice) could discreetly shift a player’s bet off the winning card before it was drawn and those that allowed the dealer to put through two cards at once (a “seconds” or “skin” box). Some very rare boxes actually did both quite well. These antique “gaffed” dealing boxes are prized collectibles today. Other forms of cheating by dealers included the use of stacked decks (with lots of paired cards) and corner-cut, shaved, textured or uneven card decks that allowed a dealer to discreetly shuffle or manipulate a deck in such a way as to create pairs or make paired cards much more likely during play.

Cheating became so prevalent in the United States that American Editions of Hoyle’s Rules began their faro section with a disclaimer, actually warning readers that an honest faro bank could no longer be found in the United States. Robert Foster, an early Hoyle Editor once wrote, “.to justify this [initial] expenditure [of opening a faro bank], he [the dealer or financial backer] must have some permanent advantage.”

By no means were the dealers the only ones cheating at faro! Carefully practiced distraction techniques and sleight of hand by dishonest players as well as professionally manufactured and home-made devices such as

the “horsehair copper” or “silk (thread) copper” which was a simple tool, used with a mild diversion, to discreetly pull the copper marker from a bet if that card was not pulled on the losing draw, making it available to win as an “un-coppered” bet with the winning draw. Most proven cheating resulted in gunplay or a brawl, both of which often gave better odds to the player, unless he was in a “brace house” or “skinning den” (both are terms used for a game set up where most of the people in the room were colluding together to cheat an unsuspecting player).

### The Demise of Faro

As time went on, as explained above, professional faro dealers found they had to cheat to maintain any real “edge” for the house and remain profitable. This became more dangerous as anti-gambling sentiment gained momentum in settled communities and vigilantism gained popularity on the frontier. After the turn of the century, a variety of other games with much better odds for the house (but more enticing payouts for the players, such as craps and roulette) quickly surpassed faro in availability and popularity. In 1900, there were nearly 1000 registered gaming establishments offering Faro in the Arizona Territory, but in 1907, Faro was completely outlawed in Arizona. By the 1930’s, gambling been pretty much outlawed across the nation and the only legal faro games were in the State of Nevada. As it turns out, Faro did not have enough of a profit margin to be offered in underground gambling venues either and by the 1950’s, there were only five active faro banks known to have been in existence in all of Nevada. The renowned faro bank at the Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas closed in 1955, the Union Plaza in Ely closed its faro bank in 1975 and last faro bank disappeared from the Ramada in Reno in 1985. Over time, faro came to be considered old-fashioned and faded into history, making way for slot machines and other gambling games that could “earn” more for the house.

One of the greatest injustices to the game of faro was the fact that the books, western films and serials of the 1940’s through the spaghetti westerns and popular western TV shows of the 1970’s, all disregarded faro in favor of poker. Because audiences (and the writers & directors themselves) were completely unfamiliar with the game of faro, while in contrast, poker was extremely popular and well understood at the time, authors and directors consistently portrayed cowboys playing poker in their books, films and shows because they knew their audience could identify with the game. As a result, several generations have been misled into believing poker was commonly played throughout the entire 19th century. It was not until John Wayne’s last movie, *The Shootist*, in 1976 that western film makers seriously attempted to “get it right” by



portraying faro banks in their movies. But, to add insult to injury, even many of those well intended filmmakers have shown faro being played incorrectly or have added unnecessary derogatory references, inaccurate statements and disparaging comments about the game that have led to a widespread misunderstanding of the game and those that played it.

In the end, it is only real history buffs and true aficionados of the Old West that have any clue as to the truth about faro.

### Rules

Please keep in mind there were many regional betting variations and local conventions that were set by various dealers based upon their location, background, education and experience in the game. Additionally, this game was popular in Europe and the Americas for over 200 years and as the game evolved, many changes were made in the rules. The information here has been gleaned by many reliable sources and is correct for the period of 1853 to 1910 in the Western United States, where the game was not only extremely popular, but many fortunes were won and lost over the faro tables out west, particularly in the many boom towns and mining camps. Faro games in the South and Northeast (particularly New York State and the Boston Area) saw a variety of rule modifications and fluctuations over those years, just as the game “evolved” considerably in 20th century Nevada, before it’s demise. For this reason, you may easily find quite reliable information that contradicts the various rules and betting conventions outlined here. From what I have found in my research, the deck, layout, odds (payouts) and basic “laws of the game” were generally the same in all regions of the United States from 1803 to 1910. The greatest variety I have noted has

been in the types of bets allowed by dealers and specific (designated) bet placement on the layout.

**A Faro Bank in Action**

A single, standard, 52 card deck is shuffled, cut and placed face down in a stack or face up in a spring loaded card dealing box, in front of the dealer, on the playing table. The game begins with each punter (player) laying their wagers on or around the card layout (sample layout pictured left), consisting of all 13 card ranks (Ace through King) laid, glued or painted on the Faro table, generally in the spade suit (although the suits of cards in faro are not important).

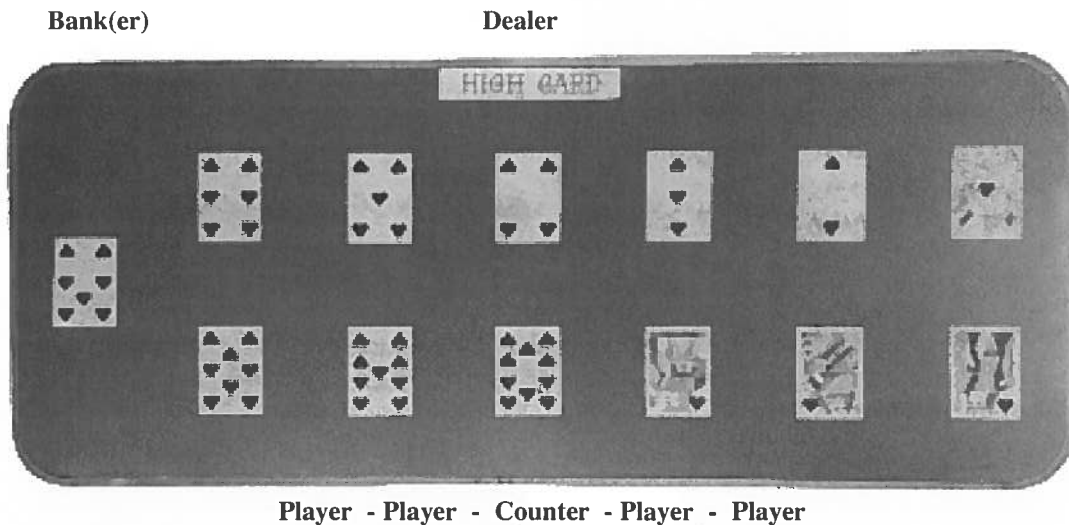
If the wager is placed directly over a card, the punter is betting on only that card rank (also called, “backing” a card, such as “backing the queen”). A bet on a single card was also referred to as a “flat foot”. Rather than reaching across the layout, a punter may hand his wager to another player or lookout nearer the intended card and say, “Flat the Ace” or “Flat foot the seven.”

Subject to “house” rules, a punter (player) may wager on multiple cards by placing his bet mid-way between a pair or group of three or four cards (also called “splitting” cards, such as “splitting the five-six” or “splitting the Ace-King”). A punter may place as many separate bets as he wishes or can afford, up to the posted table limit. Split bets (between two or more cards) are not a “split” like in roulette. The full wager is actually being bet on all adjacent cards, meaning, if you split the five-six (place between the 5 and 6 cards) then if the 5 wins, you win a

full bet, not half. If the 6 wins, you win the full bet.. See more on “splits” and “betting variations” in the detailed sections below. Similar to roulette, once a number of bets are placed, the dealer will wait for a lull or other indication that the players are satisfied with their bets and are ready for the turn to begin. The dealer will then state, “All bets are down” or make some other indication that players are to stop moving or placing their bets. Players are not to touch their bets again until the conclusion of the turn.

Once the dealer is satisfied the punters have stopped moving or placing bets, the first turn begins. If using a dealing box, the Dealer discards the top card of the deck (called the “Soda Card”) by sliding it out of the dealing box (pictured right) thereby displaying the next card. The card displayed is the “losing card” and it will eventually be placed in the losing position, on the dealer’s right, next to the dealing box. The House wins any wagers placed on the displayed card (e.g. if the card should be an Ace, the Dealer will collect all wagers staked on the Ace, regardless of suit). All other bets remain untouched.

Then the Dealer pulls the losing card (placing it in the right side of the box), revealing the next card, the “winning card.” If that card is, for example, a Five, he will pay off all wagers staked on the Five. The payoff is one-to-one (1:1 or “even money”). A dollar bet wins a dollar. The other card bets on the layout (other than the “high card” bet, explained below) are untouched by the dealer and remain in play for the next turn, unless pulled by the punter or clearly “barred” by the punter (meaning they suspend their placed bets for one or more turns).



This is a proper faro layout. The ace should be on the dealer’s left and the six on the dealer’s right. The seven is at the far end of both rows and the face cards were turned to face right-side-up for the dealer. Generally the case counter was located directly across from the dealer and positioned to match the layout. If you see a re-enactor or movie with a faro layout that is not laid out like this one.. they are *wrong!*

After all losing bets are collected and the winning bets are paid, the Dealer will say, "Place your bets" or something similar to indicate the conclusion of the "turn". In the brief interval between turns, punters may pick up their winnings, place additional wagers, increase or reduce existing bets, move wagers from one card to another or leave the game (cash out). New players may also join the game between the turns. As mentioned previously, faro was a fast paced game. Usually, two turns were played each minute. Thus, each deck would play through in 12 to 15 minutes.

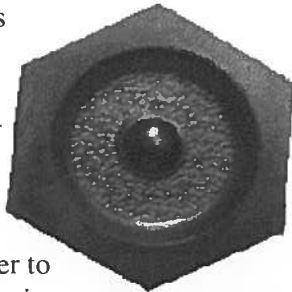


Your Honest Dealer, Evil Swede

At busy or crowded faro banks, dealers often employed a "lookout" and/or "banker" that generally sat on the dealer's right side. They would supervise the game to prevent cheating and may also assist by paying or collecting player bets throughout the game. If the dealer was working alone, the dealer's bank was kept on his right side, behind the six. The term "behind the six" became a common euphemism for being out of funds and needing a loan, but it actually referred to needing to convert cash or gold dust into checks (chips) or to need credit from the faro bank.

### Coppering

From 1853 on, punters had the option of "coppering" their faro bet(s). This means placing a copper token (traditionally a penny (pictured below) or later a 6-sided composite token such as the one pictured here, called a "copper") on top of a standard (often called an "open bet" or "straight bet") wager to "reverse" the bet. What this means is, a "coppered" bet wins on the first (losing) card, and loses on the second (winning) card, the opposite of a regular bet, whether it be on a particular card, a pair or group of cards or the "high card" bar. The 6-sided "coppers" are approx. 1" in diameter.



A "piker" is a derogatory term for someone placing many small bets all over the layout. "Snowballing" is another faro term, referring to a strategy of placing many bets (generally large bets) covering most or all of the layout. "Whipsaw" or "Whipsawed" is a term referring to winning on two cards on the same hand (whipsaw the dealer), such as winning the coppered "loser" card and winning with a straight bet on the "winner". Similarly, the player can be "whipsawed" if their straight bet comes up the loser and their coppered (reversed) bet comes up the winner.

If a player has a significant "spread" (meaning they have many markers placed on the layout) they may opt to sit out one or more hands, called "barring" their bets. To do so, they must make their intentions clear to the dealer (or his assistant/banker if there is one) and again (usually by pointing at the bet and saying, "it goes") when they wish to resume play. This is a courtesy and the dealer or banker may ask them to "pull" their bets or cash out to avoid confusion or arguments, particularly if the table is crowded or busy.

The game continues in turns, with the first draw going to the dealer (losing card) and the second to the punters (winning card), until the deck is nearly exhausted. The bank pays even money on all bets except for the last turn. There are 24 regular "turns" in a deck.

### Betting the Turn

This can be a very exciting time at a faro table.. after pulling the "soda" card and then playing through 24 hands of straight faro, only three cards will remain at the 52 card deck. Those three cards must fall in one of six ways. This



An active faro bank in Laredo, Texas. Pictured in *Harper's Weekly*, June 24, 1899

is called, "Betting the Turn" or "Making the Turn." The bank pays four-to-one to the punter(s) that can call the turn of the cards correctly. That is to say, if the player can correctly say in which order the final three cards will be dealt. If two of the remaining three cards are the same rank, it is called a "cat hop," and the bank pays two-to-one if the punter correctly bets the deal of the final 3 cards. If all three cards are the same rank (this is very rare), it is called a "case" and no bets are taken, the deck is shuffled and/or replaced and a new deal is started.

The House customarily collects any bets left on the layout after the last card is turned. The last card in the deck is called the "hock" card. If you're at the end of the deck, you can be said to be "in hock". The term "hocking" that is commonly used when talking about "hocking" valuables at a pawn shop comes from people placing jewelry, watches or valuables on the table to bolster their bet when betting the turn, meaning they were gambling the value of their item(s) on the last card in the deck, the "hock" card. For those that missed the first of the last 3 cards, in some cases, the dealer may allow them to play out the last 2 cards as a standard faro hand, paying 1:1. The dealer also has the option of playing through the turn and running 25 hands a straight faro.

### The Case Counter

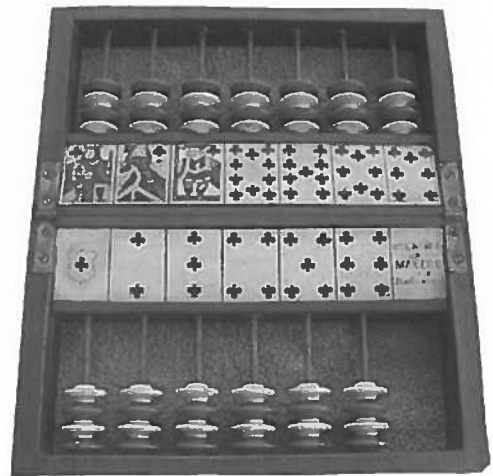
Part of the strategy of Faro lies in keeping track of which cards have been pulled. The players may watch the "Case Counter" (an abacus-like contraption, also called a "case," "counter," "cue box" or "coffin") or may make written notes to aid their memories.

The cue box may be worked by the Dealer, one of the more sober punters or most often by the Dealer's Assistant, often called the "coffin driver" or "lookout"

If an unwitting punter unknowingly places or leaves any bet on a "dead card" and does not remove it before the dealer's last call (just before the next draw), the wager is considered public property and is lost to the bank or to any other player quick enough to notice the error and pick it up, usually calling out "sleeper" or "dead card!" Obviously, this could cause some discontent among players, but it has been a rule for as long as the game has been played. Generally, a dealer in a friendly game will warn a player once in the evening, but after that, their money is



Your beautiful Coffin Driver.  
Mdm. Wicked



The red and white markers are moved out from the center as each card is drawn from the deck during play. Thus, in the photo (above) the positioning shown would indicate all of the cards from Ace through 6 had been pulled and all of the cards 7 through King remain in the deck.

up for grabs if they leave or place a bet on a dead card.

The antique Mason & Co. faro case counter, pictured above, sold on eBay for over \$2600.00 in the Summer of 2003. If you are looking to buy any antique faro equipment, you must be cautious, as there are a lot of reproduction cards, layouts, case counters and dealing boxes being fraudulently sold as antiques.

Once the deal (deck) was completed, it was traditional to tip an accurate "coffin driver," particularly if you won the final bet on the deck (see Betting the Turn, above), which paid 4-to-1 odds, meaning a \$5 stake returned a total of \$25. A tip was in order because it is each punter's own responsibility to keep track of the cards played and a diligent and attentive counter operator was needed in order that the ranks of the final three cards be known with any degree of certainty. If the wrong cards are bet at the end of the deck, those bets are forfeited to the dealer. In later years (1880's on) tablets (called "tabs") were made available to, or purchased by, punters so they could track the cards played for themselves. This is where the term, "keeping tabs" came from.

### Splits

Betting between two or more cards is often referred to as "splitting" cards and as mentioned above, the bet is really not "split" as the full bet is counted towards



“Scene in a New York Faro Bank: The Critical Moment: Making the Turn” from *Harper’s Weekly*, February 23, 1867.

all adjacent cards, which is good for you if one of your cards wins and good for the dealer if one of your cards loses. During play, when the dealer refers to a “split” during play, he is most often talking about a problem that occurs either when the first (loser) and second (winner) card are of the same rank (a pair), or if a Punter has “split” their bet between two or more cards, and one card has lost while the other won. In both cases, the house takes half of the split bet. If the amount cannot be cleanly divided in two, the difference goes to the dealer (for this reason, it is best to make even valued wagers that can be split evenly). It is worth noting here that in the “Stuss” variation of faro, the dealer takes the whole bet in a split (see Stuss, below).

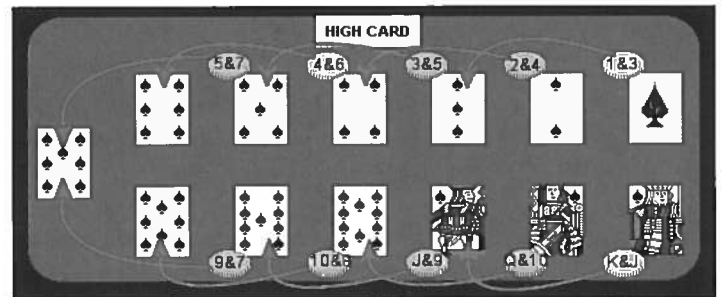
### Betting Variations

There are many acceptable conventions for making combination bets, besides the obvious placement directly between two adjacent cards, such as a “5-6 split” (side-by-side, as shown in position 2, in diagram on left) or a “5-9 split” (across from each other, as shown in position 4), it is common for most dealers to allow a 3-way bet to be placed in the area between the 6-7-8 (as shown in position 1 on the diagram left), called “betting the pot.” Similarly,

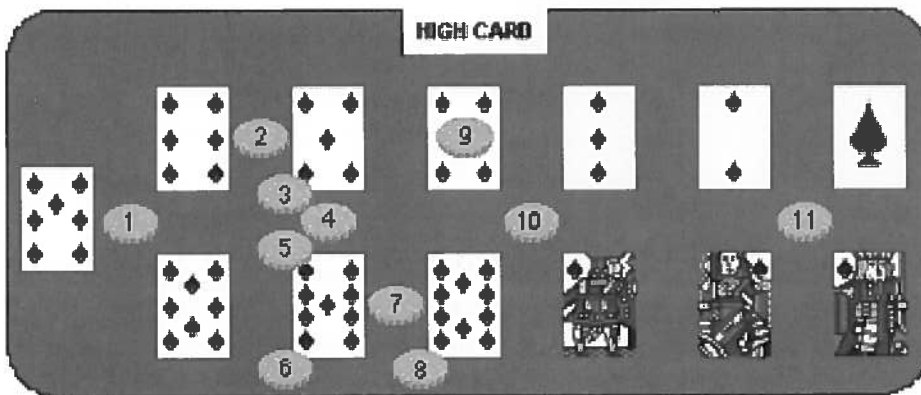
most dealers will also allow a 4-way bet in the area between any 4 adjacent cards (as shown for example, in positions 10 & 11), so long as you make your intentions clear at the time the bet is placed. Four way bets were referred to as “square” bets and each had a name, such as the “Jack Square” (3-4-10-J) and “Grand Square” (A-2-Q-K).

Corner bets can get a bit tricky (as shown for example, in positions 3, 5, 6, 8) and it is best to check with a dealer if you intend to place any unusual bet, even if you see others placing similar bets. Precise placement can be critical in ensuring your wager is credited properly. Some dealers may discourage or prohibit the use of “exotic” corner bets. Understanding the “flow” of the board (see the red lines in the diagram below) and which locations are used for betting (and which locations are not) is important if you are making corner and split bets. For example, after looking at the diagram, is it clear that a bet placed at the upper/left corner of the 5 card would be a 5-7 bet? Or, that a bet placed at the bottom/left corner of the King would be a King-Jack bet? (see diagram below).

It is really not too complicated.. this diagram shows all 10 of the available outside corner bets.. of course, each can be “coppered”, so that would make a total of 20 outside corner bet combinations in a regular hand of faro.



Flat bets and standard 2 card split (combination) bets are always acceptable. 3-way, 4-way and inside or outside corner bets were usually subject to house rules. Most dealers will accept about any bet, so long as it is clear what the bet is on BEFORE the draw.



1. “Betting the Pot” 6-7-8 (3-way) bet.
2. 5-6 bet.
3. 5-8 bet.
4. 5-9 bet.
5. 6-9 bet.
6. 7-9 bet.
7. 9-10 bet.
8. 8-10 bet.
9. Bet on 4.
10. “Jack Square” 3-4-10-J (4-way) bet.
11. “Grand Square” A-2-Q-K (4-way) bet.



Keep in mind, there are at over 130 potential betting positions that can be wagered on the standard faro layout and all bets on a regularly dealt hand pay even money, including the “high card” bets (explained below) and “coppered” bets (explained above), so there is really no need to make the game overly complex by trying to place “exotic” or confusing bets which may lead to a disagreement or misunderstanding.

I can’t emphasize this enough. Faro is a straightforward game and it is unnecessary to make it complex by trying to place unusual or exotic bets. Flat bets, splits, be they two-way, three-way or four-way, high card and coppered bets alike, you win and they all pay the same - even money.

Whatever bets you do place, it is your responsibility to ensure the dealer and lookout (if there is one) know what your wager is staked on because if there is any confusion, it is up to the dealer or lookout to use their best judgement as to what was intended by the bet. Their decision is final, so it is up to the player to ensure they understand what is intended by a specific bet, either by asking or advising the dealer when the bet is placed and before the card(s) are drawn.

What this means is, don’t toss your chips haphazardly on the layout all night, then try to convince everyone you had intended to precisely place your bet at a corner when the corner bet happens to come up a winner!

It is important that you do not touch any wagers or reach across the layout until all bets have been satisfied. Touching or moving bets before they are paid may result in confusion that will likely result in the bet not being paid. It is understood that by touching or moving a bet, you are indicating you are satisfied. If another player (or the dealer) say, “Hold on” as you are reaching out toward the layout.. that means STOP and wait until the dealer has satisfied all of the bets. If in doubt, wait until you hear the dealer say, “Place your bets” or something similar.. even then, if a player objects or says “hold on,” then wait until the dispute or oversight is settled to everyone’s satisfaction before you touch or reach across the layout.

### High Card

In most games after the 1840’s , there was a “High Card” or “HC” bar across the top of the layout (nearest the dealer). Wagers placed on the High Card bar are betting the winning card (the second card drawn) will be higher than the losing card (the first card drawn). This bet may also be “coppered” to reverse it and bet on the losing card (first draw) being higher than the winning card (second



“The Faro Game” by Camillus S. Fly  
Orient Saloon, Bisbee, Arizona, circa 1900

draw). Winning punters are paid off one-to-one. This is a popular play, because Punters betting on (for-or-against) the High Card bar are getting action each turn, while punters betting on valued cards many not get any action on their bets for several turns. When betting on high card, keep in mind, the cards are ranked from lowest (Ace) to highest (King) in order. In later years, some faro banks began to offer even-odd bets, wagers on rows and other unusual wagers, each having a specific place on the dealer’s layout.

### Stuss

Often called “Jewish Faro”, the Stuss variation of faro was a more domestic (non-professional) version of the faro game and generally considered better for the players although the banker had slightly better odds than in the regular faro game detailed above. Stuss is played by standard faro rules, except, the dealer is selected by auction.. meaning whomever will cover the highest bet or allow the highest limit. Once a dealer is selected, the cards are shuffled by at least one of the more sober punters (with clean hands) and then finally cut or shuffled by the dealer/ banker.



A busy faro bank pictured in *Harper’s Weekly*, published in July of 1889.

The deck is laid face down in front of the dealer and played without the use of any “dealing box,” without a “soda” card being pulled and without “betting the turn”.. it is 26 turns of straight faro, often without the use of any complex 3-way or 4-way bets. The only other difference, as mentioned above, is that the dealer wins all “splits.” Although the resulting odds were changed slightly in favor of the house, many players preferred to play Stuss, finding they fared much better in an straightforward game. Although a case counter may be employed, often in Stuss games, the individual punters kept their own card count using small counters, paper or printed tablets, called “tabs”, rather than a “professional” case counting device. Stuss can also be played among friends using a rotating bank, where each player takes a turn as dealer/banker for one deal (26 turns or one deck), then the bank position then passes to the next player, so long as they can cover the pre-set table limit.

### The Laws of the Game

The actual laws of faro are few and are based upon justice and equity. Except for the 12 rules listed below, the remaining rules for the game (listed above) are basically guidelines and open to agreement, negotiation and interpretation. All disputes arising in a game may be settled by referring to these 12 laws:

- All bets are to be forfeited and paid out as they lie upon the card except when there is an expressed and agreed understanding to the contrary.
- The intentions of a player are not to be considered by a dealer. At the time of the draw, it must be assumed all bets have been placed or left on the layout to clearly represent the player’s wager.
- Barring a bet is a courtesy that must be communicated clearly to the dealer by the player. If a dealer allows a bet to be barred, he will respond in acknowledgement and that bet will remain barred until the player says, “it goes” and receives clear acknowledgement from the dealer of same. Any other special exception granted, is assumed, in principle, to remain so until the end of the deal (deck), unless the request or exception is expressly withdrawn or revoked by the player or dealer earlier.
- Should another player or the dealer, banker or lookout alter the bet of another by accident or design, they are responsible to cover the loss, if any.
- The dealer should take and pay correctly and not make a mistake through design or carelessness, nor should he alter the position of wagers in play on the layout without the player’s expressed permission.
- In all cases, the dealer has the right to the last shuffle and cut; and where he may permit a player to shuffle or cut, it is an extension of courtesy to the player and not a right.

- The dealer has the right to inspect any item placed upon the layout.
- If a player is not satisfied with the deck or the shuffle, they may ask to inspect the cards or he may ask the dealer to count out the cards in their view, at the end of the deal (deck). A player is not obligated to place bets and they do not have a right to interrupt the play in the middle of a deal (deck).
- It is not the dealer’s responsibility to keep case (count the cards in play). That is the job of the case keeper.
- The case keeper is not obligated to cover losses that are based upon their miscounting or mishandling of the case counter or inattention to play. It is each player’s responsibility to supervise the proper counting of cards in play or keep their own tabs.
- The dealer is responsible for covering all bets for which he turns, up to the posted or expressed table limit. The dealer always has the option of turning his box over and closing his game, between completed turns, in the middle of the deal (deck), or playing through the end of the deal without giving the option of betting the turn.
- When the players have broken the bank, the dealer pays copped bets first, then the largest bets next, until all of the bank funds are depleted. Players are not obligated to take I.O.U.s or extend credit to the dealer and may recover their winnings, to their satisfaction, by impounding bank equipment.

In regard to shuffles, cuts and inspection of cards; If a suspicious player would like to “inspect” the cards before or after a deal, it would be common practice for a player to request a new deck or a “snow out” (that the cards be spread out upon the table, all face up or all face down). Please keep in mind that players should ask permission before touching or handling the cards at any time, including when they are laid down in the “snow out.” Ordinarily, players do not touch the cards, unless the dealer offers them the courtesy of a cut or shuffle, as mentioned above.

### A Final Note

Faro is a fun, fast-paced, social game that certainly deserves its rightful place in history. After thoroughly familiarizing yourself with the rules, it may be hard to see how anyone could say the game of faro gives an unfair advantage to the house. The fact is, a “square” (honest) faro game gives overall odds to the house of less than 2%. Strategic betting by an alert player can reduce the house edge to zero. These are better odds for the player than can be found at any other gambling game played in any contemporary casino, anywhere.

As mentioned in the “history” section, during the heyday of faro, cheating became commonplace. Sleight of

hand and rigged games dishonestly parted many a player from their hard-earned money. In his 1882 exposé on faro gaming, In 1882, Inspector Richard Fox of the NYPD, estimated the overall odds could be skewed, to as much as 25% in favor of the house, when a “professional faro-sharper” employed gaffed equipment, the tools of his trade, with well practiced diversions and sleight of hand, honed 8 to 10 hours a day for 10 to 20 years. He also noted that much of the standard equipment associated almost exclusively with the game of faro; the square cornered pastboard deck, the open-top/face-up card dealing box, the case counter and even “coppering” tokens, were all developed and employed to thwart cheating by the dealer, make the game fair for the players and restore confidence in the game of faro. Likewise, the “laws of the game” (listed above) were instituted and generally accepted to discourage cheating and make faro equitable for both player and dealer.



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# Cal-Nev-Ari

by Mark Reil

In early 1964, Everette "Slim" Kidwell was flying an airplane, his latest acquisition in buying and selling aircraft, from Minnesota to Torrance, CA. He had set the planes controls to autopilot and had taken a short nap. When he awoke he saw a triangular pattern in the desert floor below. Slim instantly recognized this as a runway. A small two lane road ran right by it.

Slims curiosity proved he was right. The old airfield had been used in WWII to bring in supplies for troops undergoing desert warfare training under General George. Patton.

Slim knew one more important factor that would eventually change the desert at the abandoned airfield forever, The Pittman Land Act. He filed the necessary paperwork to obtain the land in December, 1964.



Everett "Slim" Kidwell.

Slim had recently married a young but ambitious woman named Nancy Majers, his prior flight student. It didn't take much to convince her of his vision.

Under the land act, the Kidwell's needed to drill for water sufficient to grow crops. Once they were success-

ful agriculturally, the land was theirs. The two flew to the site and brought in tractors, a trailer to live in, agricultural rain bird systems and hired Joe Weiner and his drilling rig to find water. The 12' well casing was sunk and found water at 750', the well extending even deeper.



Nancy Kidwell, first water obtained from the well.

Slim felt since they were the nearest *anything* to the geographical point California, Nevada and Arizona came together, he'd name his town after such a landmark. Cal-Nev-Ari, Nevada was born, population 4, Slim, Nancy, a dog and a cat!

Slim and Nancy brought in experts from the University of Nevada to test the soil and determine the best crop to attempt on the land. The water was tested and found to be of very good quality. The first crop? Arivat Barley. Next began Slims vision. The first building, of course, was a hanger. This hanger still exists with "KIDWELL" painted in large black letters on its roof, easily seen from the road.



Cal-Nev-Ari circa 1980 as seen from the air.

Next came the first business venture, a mobile home park, followed by a Humble Oil service station. This eventually changed to ENCO which later became part of Mobil. The service station no longer exists.



Cal-Nev-Ari casino.

In 1966, Slim and Nancy began the main project, a casino. With a contractor and union labor, work began. Unknown to the Kidwells, the plumber working the site was not union. As a result, in November, 1967, union leaders sent two members to form a picket line at the site,

some 70 miles south of Las Vegas in the middle of the desert.

They were about to pour the foundation and the arriving cement trucks refused to cross the line and trucks had to be brought from Needles, CA to pour the cement. The foundation was poured and finally smoothed by midnight.

Opening night was March 16, 1968! The casino opened with 19 slot machines and three table games, one each of blackjack, roulette and craps. The Kidwell's background was in aviation, so a partner was taken in named William C. Powers, an experienced casino man from Las Vegas. Powers ran the tables and the Kidwells handled the slots and continued their vision. Or so it was planned.

Just over a year later, Powers wife decided she'd had enough of living in the middle of nowhere and wanted to go back to the city, Las Vegas. William conceded and the two left for Vegas. Slim and Nancy continued to operate the tables a little while longer, but shut the games down after only a few months.

Interestingly, Nancy still owns these tables and is still licensed to have the games available for play on the casino floor. She assures me she will not be opening them again however.

In May, 1968, the prominent Las Vegas newspaper, the Review Journal, printed an article regarding the Cal-Nev-Ari Casino as "what may be called Nevada's first fly in casino". Indeed, Hwy 93 fronts the casino, and a short distance behind the casino is the runway. Cal-Nev-Ari not only was the first, but my research found it might still be the only "fly in", fully licensed casino in Nevada.



The runway is located just behind the casino

Sadly, in 1983, Slim passed away. Nancy took up the reins she had shared with Slim and continued to complete their vision of the little spot in the desert.

By 1997, an addition had been built onto the original casino building, adding another bar section, offices and floor space. By now Cal-Nev-Ari consisted of a Casino, Coffee Shop, Dining Room, Mobile Home Park, 2 Laundromats, Airport, Water and Sewer system, Motel, Market, R.V. Parking facility and a Post Office. Nancy continues to operate them all to this day along with Air Park Development selling improved lots with runway access.

The Cal-Nev-Ari casino had chips, tokens and dice manufactured for the tables in 1967 and again in 1968. The first and second runs were clay manufacture with gold lettering of \$1 and \$5 denominations. The third run, in 1982, of the same denominations, had metal coin inserts. Since then only a 30-year anniversary \$5 chip was issued, limited to 1500 chips, in 1998. An important to note regarding the Cal-Nev-Ari chips is the horse head mold design, which is facing the right. Nancy tells of a man from Las Vegas that came in quite often, wanting to buy chips from her inventory. After many visits from this man, another gentleman, a chip collector, came by asking about her chips. When Nancy told about the other man

from Las Vegas, her new customer explained the horse's head on the mold design of her chips was backward (horse head right or HHR design). Were Cal-Nev-Ari's chips the first of this kind?

Chips are cream in color for both issues of the \$1 denomination HHR with 3-Red inserts and 4 Suits with 4-Split-Yellow insert mold designs.



First run dollar denomination



Second run dollar denomination

The \$5 denominations were red in HHR with 3-Cream inserts, and Die 4 Suits with 6-Split-White inserts for the first and second issues. BJones with 4-Blue inserts for the 30-year anniversary issue.



First run five dollar denomination



Second run five dollar denomination

The \$25 denomination chip was issued only once in 1967, HHR mold design in navy blue with three cream inserts.



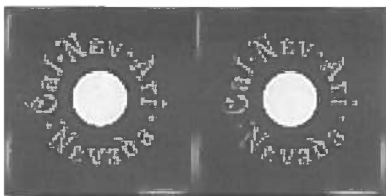
Twenty-five dollar denomination

Tokens were also issued twice, the most unique bearing the gas lantern logo on the reverse. Nancy said they chose this particular logo as they once had beautiful gas lanterns at the entrance. Nancy imported those lanterns and loved them.



A proof specimen dollar token

Dice from this location are quite scarce. Although she still owns the table, the dice in inventory have been destroyed. The dice bear a logo design bearing two colors and of the kind not seen often since corporations began owning casinos.



Then of course, there are the ashtrays. What has become the oldest casino in Nevada history to be continuously operated under the same licensed owner, still has ashtrays with their logo on them. This may be one of the only casinos to still have logo ashtrays.



The Cal-Nev-Ari casino is a place where one can see and feel the dreams that built Nevada gaming. Built as they were envisioned in the times, these were much more than gambling houses.

These were social gathering spots, the hub of their community. People knew each other by name, not by their slot club number. Service was priority instead of how much you may have contributed to the casino hold.

Where this part of Nevada history is being torn down, imploded and forgotten so newer, larger, more extravagant casinos can be built, it still exists here in Cal-Nev-Ari.

I visit here often, Nancy is a wonderful woman with a sharp memory and 41 years of memories she can relate in amazing detail. From bolting together agricultural rain bird wheels in 20 minutes flat, to an emergency landing made on Hwy 93 on her birthday in 1965.



Casino main entrance

Located between Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada, this is a must see for any casino buff, collector or historian. You'd better make it sooner rather than later however, I heard a rumor Nancy would finally like to retire soon. Anybody want to buy a casino, or a town complete with all businesses? The food is good!



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# The Atlantic City Collection That Wasn't Meant to Be. RAID!

by Dave Cinch

For several years now I've been going to Atlantic City every Spring for the poker action and some R&R. I love it up there. The hotels, the poker rooms, the Boardwalk, the restaurants – all of it. Oddly, in light of my love of chips, I never started an Atlantic City collection. All I had was a \$1 chip from the two joints I play at there – the Taj and Borgata.

That is until a fellow Moose at our local club mentioned one day over the poker table that he had a bunch of old AC chips stashed somewhere. If he could just find them, he said, I could have them. I was interested, but I didn't hold my breath – figuring that it would probably never be mentioned again.

One afternoon a few months later my phone rang and it was him. "I found them," he said, informing me that I could come get them that night over at a new poker game in town. Well, that was plenty enough lure to guarantee my attendance. When I showed up, sure enough he handed me two full racks of old chips, mostly AC with some other stuff mixed in. He said to keep whatever I wanted and bring back the rest.

That sounded good to me. When I got home I started picking through them with my Campiglia and Wells guide handy. Having never delved into AC chips I was pretty clueless about them. But I remembered a similar situation from a few years back when a stash of such chips yielded what turned out to be a very coveted Brighton snapper. Once again, there was a Brighton in the lot; this time a quarter chip. BINGO when I looked it up in the C&W guide. It was quite a classic chip. Turns out it had a bled inlay on one side, though otherwise was in excellent shape. It sure made a happy man of club member Ricky Pushkin. (He might be interested to know that I mailed it to him from my P.O. Box in none other than the Brighton Place Shoppes in Lexington. It might have been fate that I was the one to plug that hole in his collection!)

There were some other semi-valuable chips in the lot that I sent out to various members. Then I did get the idea to add AC to my specialties. I set about 50 of the 200 chips aside; \$1, \$2.50, and \$5 denominations to jump start a good AC collection. Though I'm strict about expanding my collecting areas, I was excited about this one. I mean, what was I waiting for anyway? I travel and play there regularly, love the place, and it's a serious poker town with a great diversity of chips. *Deal me in on this collection* it finally dawned on me.

I had the whole stash of 200 chips for a couple of weeks, and even ordered Archie Black's AC catalogue to continue to investigate. I mean, the AC collection bug had bitten me!

So then one night I finally got around to returning all the chips to their original owner, along with my offer for the 50 or so I intended to keep. He had told me to just keep what I wanted, but I brought them all back to show him those I wanted to keep, and to make him an offer instead of just keeping them. 50 seemed too many to just take.

We'd scheduled the meet for the same private poker joint, where, upon arriving, we quickly cut a deal for the chips over the table. I paid him for them and put them in a baggie to carry out. I was the proud owner of 50 obsolete AC chips!

Though I hadn't planned to play, to celebrate the new-found collection, I guess, I bought in \$200 in their baby no-limit hold'em game and thought I'd see a few hands. But, as fate would have it, I never saw one.

No sooner had I sat down than the door came flying in, everybody made a dash for it or hit the deck, and a full-blown raid was on. Every chip in the joint – along with my prized new bag of collectibles – was confiscated as

evidence or paraphernalia. Though us players were let out, I thought it would be pushing my luck to request that I get to retrieve my bag of AC chips. My guess was that anything that even looked gambling related wasn't going to be returned to anybody, and I'd sound like a fool for asking.

My momma didn't raise no fools – at least that's my story – so I bit my lip and walked away empty handed. The result is I have no AC collection. The pretty Playboys, bodacious Boardwalk Regency's, sexy Caesars, and tempting Trump's have gone the way of the great evidence locker from the ever-expanding poker raids of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And that, I suspect, is final. It'd probably take Clarence Darrow to get so much as a scan of one of those beauties now.

I'll go on record right here that unless someone leaves me an AC collection in their will (hint, hint), I'll never recover from this – I never will have an AC collection. I missed my chance. A million-to-one shot killed it. I had 50 AC obsoletes at face, but took a bad beat. Now that I've had a little time to reflect on it, it occurred to me: Isn't that what chips are for anyway – bad beats?

There was a time I couldn't have been so philosophical about such a thing. Then, if someone so much as disrespected one of my chips, manslaughter might have seemed a reasonable option (LOL). But I've kind of moved on to collecting joker statues now. Let someone even look cross-eyed at one of my joker statues and just get my room ready in the old cellblock. I hear they have some good poker games in there anyway. I may even have Debby Meister print us up some custom jailbird chips. Anybody that visits me and brings me some clean underwear gets one!



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# The Life of Lester Ben “Benny” Binion. Horseshoe Casino Owner

by Mary Gafford

On November 20, 1904 Benny Binion was born. (He soon would be 102 if he were alive!)

Benny was born right outside Dallas, Texas in a rural area called Grayson County. At age 17 he dropped out of school, moved to El Paso, Texas, and started moonshining. That was around 1921-22. During prohibition he made good money but, unfortunately for him, he got caught.

Next he opened up a numbers game in El Paso, Texas. Also, he sold lottery tickets (much like the current Texas lottery cards). Both of these money-making schemes were illegal. One good thing came about for Benny though: he became quite good at gambling skills.

Life went pretty well for Benny until 1931. That is when he and his neighbor Frank Bolding got into a spat. Benny shot his neighbor dead but the Texas judge decided that Bolding was meaner than Benny and deserved to die. Benny got a 2-year suspended sentence.

Benny moved to Dallas. That's where my father met him. Daddy loved to play the ponies and put bucks down on football games although it was illegal! He sought out Benny because as a bookie, he had the reputation of giving the best odds.

One of Benny's favorite illegal bookie joints was located on the sec-

ond floor of a bowling alley located on Ross Ave. Remember this was in the 1940's. Bowling allies were considered to be equal to bars as far as being rough places. My mother and I, along with my brother and sisters, would wait outside in our car while Dad went in to make a bet.

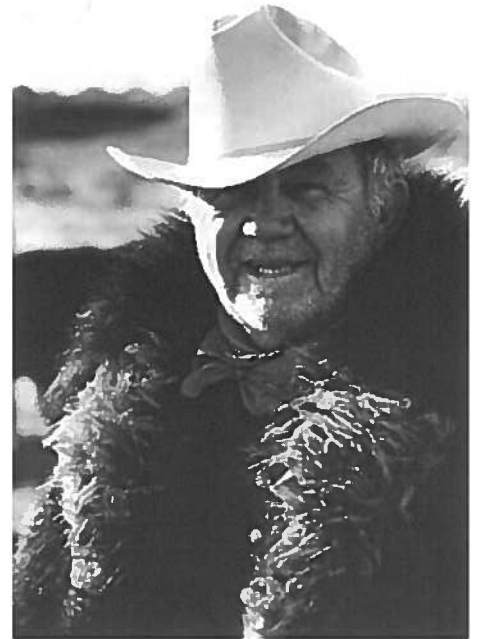
Sometimes things went smoothly. Sometimes, not so smoothly. That would be when Dad would rush out, enter the car, and exclaim, “HIT THE GAS! THE FEDS ARE RAIDING THE PLACE!”

According to Dad, the feds dressed just like Dick Tracy complete with that gun bulge on their left sides under their coats and fedoras pulled down low.

That would lead to closure of the illegal bookie joint and arrest of Benny. Since Dad and Benny liked to “chew the fat,” dad would always know where the next bookie joint was going to open.

While residing in Dallas, Benny was in and out of trouble. He once shot a man working with him to death. Since the deceased did have a drawn gun, the judge ruled the death was self-defense. Yet, Benny's reputation was in jeopardy!

It was in 1946 he moved to Las Vegas and went into partnership in the Las Vegas Club. Because he liked to offer such generous odds, he did not get along with his partner. In 1947 Benny sold out his share.



Binion bought the old Las Vegas Club building and opened the Westerner Gambling House and Saloon in 1951. Next he opened Binion's Horseshoe on Fremont Street. He really had his “hay day” with his framed MILLION DOLLARS, his manner of honoring bets of any value, and his manner of greeting people with that big Texas grin and that cowboy hat upon his head.

Actually Benny Binion was an innovator of numerous casino practices. He was the first to install carpets and the first to provide free limousine service for his high rollers. Being brought up with good old Texas manners, it is only natural he was the first to give free drinks to his gambling patrons. Yes, there was something “down home” about Binion. I know for a fact he took care of his hired crew and treated them like family. He would extend personal loans to them when they were down. Of course, he did expect to be repaid! And God help the person who did not pay back what was owed Benny, for more than a “slap on the wrist” could be expected!

Yes, the Benny Binion dynasty is gone now. He passed away to that big

rodeo in the sky on December 25, 1989. The Horseshoe as he established it is no more. His lovely ranch house on West Bonanza where he

and his wife Teddy Jane reared their 5 children is a broken-down shell. The giant cottonwood trees which once surrounded that home are all

dead from lack of water and care. Yet nothing can erase the legend of the grinning Texan Benny Binion.

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