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## **BELINDA HIXON**

### **OUR CHOICE FOR CC&GTCC SECRETARY**

We are pleased to publicly endorse Belinda Hixon's campaign for re-election to the position of CC&GTCC Secretary. In the ten years that Belinda has been a member of the Club she has tirelessly worked on behalf of the Club. Belinda started at her first convention as a volunteer, the next year she served as convention program chairman, and the following two years she was the convention co-chair. Most recently she has served two terms as Club Secretary. We know Belinda personally and know she is the most qualified candidate to serve the Club as a member of the Board of Directors. Her hard work and dedication is why we support her re-election and ask that you help us re-elect Belinda to the position of Club Secretary.

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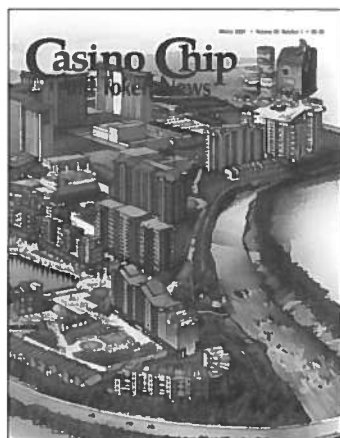
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## From the Editor's Desk

The ballots for the 2007 election of new Club Officers and the 8 Proposed Constitutional Amendments are inserted in this issue of the magazine. Information on voting for the Club Officers and Constitutional Amendments can be found on page 21. Formal Constitutional Amendments and proposed Constitutional Amendments start on page 23. Also, throughout the magazine are the platforms on which candidates stand for the office of Secretary and President. Make sure to vote.

It's never too early to start planning for our Annual Convention in August. Inserted in this issue is the registration form for pre-registration, banquet, poker challenge and the blackjack tournament. For hotel reservations contact the Riviera Hotel directly. Support the club by booking your rooms at the Riviera.

A special thanks to Jim & Sandi Steffner, Convention Co-Chairs, who will be putting on their sixth and final Club Convention. After the convention they will be stepping down as Convention Co-Chairs. Also, Greg Susong is stepping down as Club Webmaster. A very special thanks also for the many years of keeping the club website running. The club is looking for someone to take over these positions. Information on these positions can be found on page 108.

As we go forward with the club magazine, and try to get new advertisers and corporate sponsors, the magazine has become much more than just casino chips and tokens. With that in mind, we're looking for a new name. With the Boards approval, I'm throwing this out to the membership and taking suggestions for a new name. E-mail me with ideas at [editor@ccgtcc.com](mailto:editor@ccgtcc.com). The CC&GTCC Board reserves the right to choose none of the submitted names and keep the current name, if that is deemed in the best interest of the Club.

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*Spring Issue* April, May, June

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Deadline for Ads: March 1st

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# **2007 CC&GTCC Convention**

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**Mike Skelton, President**

## President's Letter

This issue of the Casino Chip and Token News will kick off the official balloting period for the election of the Club's 2007-2009 Officers. Also included on the ballot are 8 Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The contested races in this election are for the position of President and Secretary. The other three Club Officers' posts will be filled by the unopposed candidates. I would like to offer my congratulations to Jay Sands (Vice-President Elect), Doug Smith (Treasurer Elect) and Sunday Silverman (Membership Officer Elect).

The Presidential candidates are your current Vice President Wayne Thompson and Club Member Joe Pavlik. The candidates for Club Secretary are your current Secretary Belinda Hixon and our OTY Chairman/OLCD Jim Follis. Each of the candidates has been offered free space in this issue to state their credentials, views and positions on various issues. Please take time to review the candidates' platforms and select the persons you feel are best suited to help govern your Club during the next two year term.

On behalf of the membership, I thank all the candidates for stepping forward and offering their time to the Club. Good Luck!

The Proposed Constitutional Amendments contain important changes to our governing document. The six amendments offered by the Club's Legal Counsel Eric S. Rosenblum, have been worked on for quite some time. There has been input and consultation with the Board and several Club Members on these proposed changes. There is background information on the amendments and the actual proposed amendments, as submitted by the "presenters", printed in the Election section of the magazine.

Though there are "only" 8 proposed amendments, there are many changes that have been presented for the membership's consideration. Please review all the information published about these proposed changes. Each amendment must receive at least a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to be ratified.

The Official Election Ballot is a single, double-sided page that contains the Officer ballot on one side and the ballot for the Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the reverse side.

Please make sure to fill in the ballot with all the required information or it will be voided.

The postmark deadline for returning the Ballot is May 1, 2007 and it must be received by the Election Committee by May 7, 2007. Don't wait until the last minute. Once you've made your decision on the candidates and the amendments, mail the ballot. I strongly encourage every member to participate in this most important process.

Once the voting period closes and the Election Committee has tabulated and verified the ballots, we will announce the results on the Club website ([www.ccgctcc.com](http://www.ccgctcc.com)) and the in the next issue of the magazine. The results will be certified and accepted at the Club's Business Meeting on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. The duly elected Club Officers will be sworn in and take office at that time. Any of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments that receive the required votes to pass will be adopted then as well.



Please take the time to cast your ballot!

Where does the time go? The Club's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is now less than six months away. Convention Pre-Registration information is contained else where in this issue and will be posted on the club web site by time you read this.

For those of us that have been involved in this Club since the very first Convention at the old Aladdin Hotel, it is remarkable to see how this event has grown over the years. The success of the convention (and the Club itself) is the direct result of the efforts and dedication of everyone who has ever volunteered their time to benefit others. Whether you're volunteering or setting up a dealer table at the Convention, for many members, this is the only time throughout the year that they have to get together.

It's a time and place to renew old friendships or make new ones. To be able to finally put a face with someone you've traded with online. To visit the late night watering hole formally known as the Splash Bar and talk chips, trades, history or family. Not to mention to be able to wander the largest casino collectibles bourse floor in the

world! The Wednesday night Opening Banquet that has featured some of gaming's best known icons as Key Note Speakers and will again this year. The impressive and informative line up of Educational Seminars, the trade sessions and the Black Jack and Poker tournaments.

All of this and more can be found this year at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CC & GTCC Convention at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV August 8-11! Make your plans now to help us celebrate this milestone in the Club's history!

A special thanks to Jim & Sandi Steffner, Convention Co-Chairs, who will be putting on their sixth Club Convention. To take on the staging of this event for six consecutive years is remarkable and the fact that they make it look so effortless is amazing. Thank you both for everything that you've done for the Club, our members and this Board. I appreciate it!

Remember to have FUN!

Mike Skelton

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**Wayne Thompson,**  
Vice-President

## Vice-President's Letter

We just completed our mid-year Board meeting and it never ceases to amaze me all the issues that have to be dealt with. We spent over 10 hours in the formal BOD meeting and an additional block on time getting the books audited. Then we also were able to sit down with the Steffners and Massey's to discuss the Convention planning. It was two full days that were very worthwhile simply by the things we got accomplished.

One of the big issues which President Skelton will deal with in more depth are the constitutional amendments that the membership will get to vote on as soon as the next issue of the Club magazine comes out. Most of these amendments are very important to get in place so we can move the Club forward. Please read the amendments carefully and consider the BOD's recommendations. Most importantly vote!

As the Club grows we have more and more volunteer positions to fill. After what will be their 7<sup>th</sup> year (a record) as Convention Chairs Jim and Sandi have decided to step aside so

someone else can enjoy all the fun. If you truly want to get involved in the Club, get to know the members and you have strong organizational skills consider volunteering to take on this position. Yes, it's a lot of hard work but I can honestly say without a doubt that I'm glad I was able to Chair the Convention for the three years I did.

We are also in need of a new webmaster. After many years Greg Susong has asked us to find a replacement. He has earned a well-deserved rest. I know we have a lot of members with the skill to take on the position and I hope you will consider volunteering. Even if you can't make a long-term commitment we have a company that is going to help us make a major upgrade to our site and we could use someone with computer expertise to work with them until the site is re-done. Basically it involves someone who understands the technical aspects and can answer or get answers to any issues they may have in regards to how we envision the site working.

Last but not least, in the next issue of the magazine will be election ballots for the opposed races for the BOD positions. Regardless of who are supporting make sure you vote!

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Thompson  
CC&GTCC Vice-President





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## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC&GTCC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2006.

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

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

In our opinion, the Treasurer's Report referred to above, presents fairly the income and expenditures of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.

MIKE SKELTON

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FEBRUARY 10, 2007



**Mike Quinlivan, Treasurer**

## Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2006, the cash balance in the Club's accounts is \$214,802. During 2006, the Club treasury increased its cash position by \$24,200, excluding Building Fund donations of \$14,623. This DOES NOT include the expenditure for the Fall issue of the Club magazine. Please see the accompanying financial statements for more detail related to income, expenditures, and the breakdown of the equity accounts.

### Highlights for 2006:

70 members became Life Members. The Club now has 214 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 \$89,863. 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.

A Special note regarding Building Fund donations. Including sales at shows, website sales, and direct payments to the Building Fund by customers, Gene Trimble and David Spragg have raised \$4,250 from 516 items since November 2005.

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.

Roy Nelson completed the physical inventory of the Club's promotional items during the month of December. The inventory had a net decrease of \$866 during 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Quinlivan - Treasurer  
February 4, 2007

# Income & Expense/Equity Statement (cash basis)

January 1 through December 31, 2006

## Income

Membership Dues (includes 1st class postage) \$72,003

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 \$16,009

Building Fund Donations \$14,623

Interest Income \$4,406

Magazine Advertising \$3,255

Video Sales \$429

Magazine Sales \$21

Directory Sales \$10

Total Income \$168,943

## Expenditures

Convention 2006 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales) \$50,250

Magazine \$43,670

Promotion \$10,345

Museum Feasibility Retreat \$4,951

Postage (Other than Magazine) \$4,335

Bank Charges \$3,027

Storage \$2,845

Video Production (2006 Convention) \$2,338

Miscellaneous \$2,177

Supplies \$1,878

Video Production (2005 Convention) \$1,460

Printing \$1,281

Insurance \$985

Telephone \$344

Filing Fees \$175

Advertising \$59

Total Expenditures \$130,120

Net Income - 01/01/06 to 12/31/06 \$38,823

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/06 \$202,502

Net Income - 01/01/06 to 12/31/06 \$38,823

Change in Inventory - 01/01/06 to 12/31/06 (\$866)

Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/06 \$240,459

## Detail of Equity Balance - 12/31/06

Building Fund \$89,863

Life Membership Fund \$59,552

Money Market Fund \$58,814

General Fund \$6,573

Total Cash Available \$214,802

Inventory \$25,157

Advance (Membership Officer) \$500

Ending Equity Balance - 12/31/06 \$240,459





**Ralph Myers,**  
Membership Officer

## Membership Officer's Report



Well it's now March, another quarter has slipped away.

This past quarter saw 75 new people join us. Down a bit from past quarters, but summer's coming and I'm sure the numbers will pick up again.

In this issue of the CC&TN is a ballot for voting in our club officers for the next two years. Please vote. Put the people into office who you feel will do the best job for our organization. Be sure to have your associate vote as well.

At the Board of Directors meeting last February, we discussed changing the Life Member numbering system. Instead of using the original membership number followed by the life member number i.e. LM-1234-123 we discussed dropping the original number and just using the life member number i.e. LM-123. Your input would be appreciated on this idea. If you have an opinion on this subject, please email me at: [membership@ccgtcc.com](mailto:membership@ccgtcc.com) and let us know how you feel about this change.

As always, call me, write me, or e-mail me with any questions, concerns, or problems.

Regards,  
Ralph

## New Members

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7499	Malinowski	Richard	IL	Oaklawn	Anderson, Richard
7500	Trotter	Perry E.	AZ	Kingman	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7502	Small	David	CA	Los Angeles	Campiglia, James
7503	Willardson	Craig	WA	Spokane	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7504	Rill	Leslie E.	PA	Hanover	Kravitz, Charles
7506	Witte	Ted	IL	Wheaton	
7507	Bencivenga	Angelo	NY	Spring Valley	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7508	Keck	Logan S.	KS	Overland Park	Mulkey, Tyrus
7509	Ferris	Dan	MD	Millersville	Hughes, Andy
7510	Gomez-Frances	Enrique	Spain	Barcelona	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7513	Almeida	Milton	CA	Huntington Beach	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7514	Cooper	"Midnight" Rose	MI	East Lansing	Follis, Jim
7515	Wagner	Ronald	CA	Sausalito	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7517	Laster	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7518	Popolo	Salvatore	NY	Brooklyn	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7519	Messina	Bob	GA	Woodstock	Vollenweider, Bob
7520	Arnett	Dean	AR	Springdale	Cagle, Greg
7521	Lehman	Matt	CA	La Quinta	Heron, Mike
7523	Davoll	Dennis	FL	Altamonte Springs	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>
7524	Stringer	Joshua	TX	Houston	Marlow Poker Chips
7525	Davis	James	Scotland		Returning Member
7526	Berkovich	Mark	CA	Camarillo	<a href="http://www.CCGTCC.com">www.CCGTCC.com</a>

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7528	Wilkas Jr.	John	NJ	Glassboro	Returning Member
7529	Green	Jennifer	NV	Las Vegas	www.CCGTCC.com
7529-A	Green	Richard	NV	Las Vegas	www.CCGTCC.com
7530	Seaman	Pat	MO	St. Charles	www.CCGTCC.com
7531	Lawton Sr.	William E.	MA	Westport	Casino Player Magazine
7532	Luna	Daniel T.	IA	Davenport	
7533	Duke	Craig	NV	Las Vegas	Martello, Elaine
7534	Castellano	Paul F.	NJ	Oakland	Buckner, Jeff
7535	Bumbalough	Everett	CA	Valencia	www.CCGTCC.com
7536	Bondi	Thomas J.	IL	Wood Dale	Returning Member
7536-A	Bondi	Dorothy	IL	Wood Dale	Returning Member
7537	Maniadakis	Emanuel	Switzerland	Zurich	Hughes, Andy
7538	Couitt	Michael	CA	Costa Mesa	Quinlivan, Mike
7539	Stonebraker	Jim	CO	Lyons	
7539-A	Stonebraker	Donna	CO	Lyons	
7540	Ratcliff	Craig	UT	West Jordan	Jensen, Brent
7541	Schuler	Steve	KS	Chapman	www.CCGTCC.com
7542	Conevera	Ben	AZ	Phoenix	www.CCGTCC.com
7543	Villa	David	OK	Edmond	www.CCGTCC.com
7544	Ritter	Raymond	MI	Beverly Hills	Mulkey, Tyrus
7546	Downey	Jason A.	NH	Raymond	www.CCGTCC.com
7547	Cohan	Richard A.	MA	Lowell	Casino Player Magazine
7548	Liebe	Bernie	WI	Custer	
7549	Larlick	David	PA	Bensalem	Cagle, Greg
7550	DeHanes	John	NJ	Spotswood	Black, Archie
7551	White	Brian	TX	Plano	Pushkin, Ricky
7551-A	White	Pam	TX	Plano	Pushkin, Ricky
7553	Lynch	Charles	MA	Hyde Park	www.CCGTCC.com
7554	Keisler	Jim	SC	Columbia	Campiglia, James
7555	Richard	Gean	AR	Hardy	Susong, Greg
7556	Woerner	Douglas	IL	Magnolia	Yee, Jason
7557	Bockman	Todd A.	IN	Crown Point	Mazzola, Reparata
7558	Brenner	Noah	NJ	Kenilworth	Kruse, Jim
7559	Miller	Fred J.	MI	Kalamazoo	www.CCGTCC.com
7560	Paszkiewicz	Paul J.	PA	Pittsburgh	Trimble, Gene
7561	Jay	Donald L.	CA	Anaheim	Rodgers, C.T.
7562	Shuberda	Joe	NV	N. Las Vegas	www.CCGTCC.com
7563	Buntin	Richard	FL	L Panasosske	Casino Player Magazine
7565	Placendo	John	NJ	Newfield	Casino Player Magazine
7566	Harry	Tim	SA,	Australia	Kallman, John
7567	Baginski	Donald	CT	Norwich	www.CCGTCC.com
7569	Gunnell	Scott	TX	Watauga	Cagle, Greg
7570	Marek	Chad	TX	Crosby	www.CCGTCC.com
7571	Colasanti	John	NJ	N. Plainfield	Campiglia & Wells
7572	Lane	Steven	MA	Medford	American Chip Enterprises
7573	Kindlar	Raymond	IL	Mt. Prospect	Casino News



**Belinda Hixon, Secretary**

## Secretary's Report

The Board of Directors held its semi-annual meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, in Las Vegas. Officers presented reports on the activities of the past six months and received reports from Directors / Committee Chairmen on their responsibilities.

These are reports submitted to the Board of Directors before the most recent meeting. Reports have been edited by the Secretary.

### Advertising – C.T. Rodgers

Ads for advertising have continued to fall this last year. Our program of giving a free ad to members when they renew their membership has been of little help in getting new contracts for advertising. Most members that I talked to do not want to wait several weeks before they can sell their items, they will go on line like e-Bay and sell them right away. Members also do not read the quarterly publication and do not go on line to look at the Club website. They will go on line and ask questions on TheChipboard when the answer is on the Club web site or in the magazine.

### Auction/Auction Catalog – Barry Weintraub

No report

### Building Fund – Jim Kruse

Board: The Building Fund is still moving forward. We are rapidly approaching the \$100,000 mark. This is remarkable considering it is 100% club member donations. After election I hope Mike Q. will join me and use his knowledge and expertise to get the corporate donations we need to get this off of the ground. Spragg, Trimble, Hughes, Meister, and Silverman continue to do great with their various projects.

### Claims – Travis Lewin

No claims at this time.  
(Secretary's note: one action filed since report sent in. Claims director is investigating)

### Convention – Jim Steffner

Dealer contracts starting to come in. Pre-registration form will be in Winter issue of the magazine. I will take care of ordering the club chip, medal and t-shirt. No 2008 contract as yet, still working with the RIV to get this done.

### Education – Sheldon Smith

Report is pretty much is contained in the line-up of Educational seminars for the 15th Annual Convention of the CCGTCC.

Wednesday – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm  
First Timers Seminar  
Presenters: Doug Saito and Dick Covington

Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 8 am  
The Guide Gurus  
Presenters: James Campiglia and Michael Knapp

Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 3 pm  
Nevada Gaming History on Paper  
Presenters: Carey Burke, Cameron Kessinger and Don Dunn

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 3 pm  
Gaming in the Entire Caribbean  
Presenter: Ralph Pollack

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 8 am  
Records of the Chip & Token Companies & Their Vital Nature to Collecting  
Presenter: Howdy Herz

## **Election – Bruce & Mary Ann Massey**

The nominations for the 2007-2009 Officers and Board of Directors of the CC&GTCC have been submitted and tallied. 56 nomination forms were received. There were several individual nominations, but the CC&GTCC 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 CC&GTCC 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 CC&GTCC 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 CC&GTCC members. The magazine will be mailed in March, 2007. Ballots will be mailed separately to all CC&GTCC Associate Members at that time.

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

The results of the CC&GTCC Election will be published after the May 1, 2007 deadline. At the CC&GTCC annual business meeting in August, 2007, we, the Election Co-Chairmen, will report the results of the election with

will then be certified, at the meeting by a vote of the current Officers and Board of Directors.

## **Hall of Fame – Michael Knapp**

2008 request for recommendations went out with the last issue of the magazine. To date, I have received forms from eight members.

## **Historian – Carey Burke**

I am not sure what all of my duties are as a historian, so I went to Janice O'Neal and Howdy Herz and asked them some of the details of what they did in the past. They more or less kept info on the annual meetings of the Club and Conventions. However since most of that is done in the form of minutes and other records kept by the Secretary, I didn't concentrate on that, other than to acquire the pictures that were taken at these functions from Howdy and I have tried to identify the people in the pictures. With the help of Janice and Jerry, Jim and Sandy Steffner, Mary Ann and Bruce Massey, Doug Saito, Phil Jensen and a few others at the local casino collectibles club, we have identified most of the folks in the pictures.

Another project I am working on is the saving of every article on gaming in the Las Vegas Review Journal and the Las Vegas Sun newspapers from the time I was told I was a historian through 2006, which is a rule of cuttings 1 foot high, the reason for doing this is three fold. First we will someday need an archive of what took place in the gaming industry happening and because of the switching of owners of many gaming corporations, buy-outs, implosions, mergers and stock options taking place on a daily basis it will be difficult someday to pin down who owned what, what corporation bought which casinos, who build what high-rise and so forth.

Second item to pat attention is anything in local politics, meetings, boards, commission, that might have an effect on our plans to someday have our own museum, and I might be able to glean information useful to us.

I have an inventory of the things that have been donated to the Club from members and friends. They are stored in the climate controlled warehouse that Roy Nelson maintains for the Club. Mike Quinlivan has an inventory copy I gave him at the last convention which includes 70 plus good quality chips, ash trays donated by members, a silver strike machine donated by IGT, may old phone directories for our archives and a few other items



## **Library – Bob Pardue**

Club Library: continues as usual; status quo. No changes to report.

## **Convention Poker & BJ Tournaments – Bob Pardue**

Anticipate same structure as last year. I will be returning as Tournament Director for the August 2007 convention. (With the help of Gene Trimble, the crew at the Palms, and additional volunteers too, of course.)

## **Magazine - Allan Anderson**

Suggest a name change for the magazine to make it more appealing to advertisers and corporate sponsors and advertisers. The Casino Chip and Tokens News name isn't taken seriously until I show the magazine. We also do more than that now.

## **OLCD – Jim Follis**

In the six month period following the last OLCD Director Report things are pretty much on an even keel.

During my checks I also look for postings that should be forwarded to the BoD or individual Board members or Directors/Chairmen and affect email notifications as necessary. I also look for Usage Violations and handle them by deletion (with a polite notification to the poster as to why) or in some instances the post is edited, which also generates a polite email to the poster as to why.

The most common edit is to add the Club's disclaimer that was fashioned by Club Counsel, Eric Rosenblum, in the most common instances of posters including hot-links to other websites.

## **OTY – Jim Follis**

Obviously, the 2005 OTY Awards contest was concluded at the CC&GTCC National Convention last August. The winning entrants have all been posted on the Club's OTY Awards webpage ([http://ccgtcc.com/oty\\_awards.html](http://ccgtcc.com/oty_awards.html)) along with all past winners.

As part of the OTY Awards process, the following winning entrants have been donated to the Club's Permanent Collection by the noted Club members.

COTY – Chuck Smorse (Four Queens, \$5 Halloween)

TOTY – Steve Barber (Teller House, \$5)

SSOTY – Kevin Pyles – Plaza Hotel & Casino (\$10 Plaza, Vegas Vic)

CKOTY – Jim Steffner (Riviera, key)

I am pleased to report that the 2006, OTY Awards Program (Phase I) is fully underway.

At the present time, the Assistant OTY Chairman has received numerous mailed Nomination Forms, while I have received several email submissions and we are inserting the results into an Excel spreadsheet/database, for tabulating the final results. The deadline for Nomination submissions is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

As in past years, I remain with the plans of Phase II. Phase II is the creation of the Judge's Pamphlet, a color booklet that displays all nominees (potentially 40) in color and in actual size. Judge's Pamphlets are then mailed to each Club member that took the time and interest to make a nomination in Phase I. The mailing includes a Ballot, which is marked by the member and returned to the Assistant OTY Chairman for collating, tabulating and input into the Excel file. The Pamphlet remains with the member as a souvenir of participation in the OTY Awards process.

## **Property/Promotions – Roy Nelson**

Convention Notes.

I feel that we had another good year at the 2006 Promotions table. Sales were strong (exceeding \$9,000 again I believe) and the table was always fully staffed with a great group of volunteers. Prior to the convention I purchased a couple of mannequins to better display our tee and polo shirts, a cap display rack and a couple of other small items that better displayed and helped sell our promotional merchandise.

Storage Problem.

We continue to accumulate a good deal of 'never to be used again' items in our storage unit. Such things as prior years convention signs (dated), display materials that are no longer usable (broken) and items that seem to find their way to us when no one else wants them any longer. (Secretary's note: Items will be discarded and in the future, obsolete signage from the conventions will not be moved from the convention site.)

Donated Items.

During the last two conventions (and probably before that) we have had books donated to the club by their

authors. I recommend that the Board adopt a policy or procedure by which items can be donated to the club and used for their intended purpose. Absent a set process it is very hard to determine how donated items should be handled. (Secretary's note: Processes are now in place for handling donations)

#### Club Records.

Recently the club posted a message that asked members who are possession of past club records to send them in so that records could be consolidated and stored in one place. Our climate controlled storage unit is an ideal place for storing these records.

(Secretary's note: These records will be stored in the Club's climate controlled unit.)

#### Inventory.

Supplied an inventory list for the BOD's review.

#### Publicity – Sheldon Smith

New Director – no report

#### Standards & Archives – Michael Knapp

We currently have no projects underway.

(Secretary's note: The BOD is reviewing the S&A committee's recommendations on Modified/Altered chips.)

#### Vision & Feasibility – Mike Skelton

#### Website – Greg Susong

Nothing to report. Resignation sent to President Skelton.

#### New business discussed included:

Bonding of all Club officers – We will implement bonding of all officers immediately

#### Continued association with the ANA.

The ANA has named the Club magazine as Best Publication for several years and we believe it's in the best interest of the Club to remain associated with the ANA.

There is a question regarding the ANA's exhibit categories being realigned and consolidated. Archie Black will follow up on the Club's endowment for the Casino Chip category.

Website redesign and the addition of a separate page for making donations to the Building Fund.

Obtaining and centralizing all Club documents/records. These documents will be stored in the Club's climate controlled storage unit in Las Vegas. We believe this will help with the "institutional amnesia" that we've encountered recently.

Decisions: Processes for each of the additions/changes will be announced when they're completed.

Creation of a Recruitment Committee.

Changes to OTY program.

Creation of a President's Award.

Turned down a proposal for inclusion of one Free pass for all pre-registered convention attendees because of regulations in the city of Las Vegas relating to Conventions.

End of BOD meeting report.

**Membership logos** can be obtained from the Secretary. Please remember to observe the Logo requirements when using the membership logo.

#### Journey Through 15 Years – Photo Project.

I've received photos from a few members but can use more from the earliest years of the Club. If you have any photos taken prior to 2000, please send them to me. All photos/negatives will be returned to the sender when the project is completed.

Please help preserve the history of the Club by participating in this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Belinda Hixon  
Secretary

## 10 Year Members



Congratulations to the following members! You've reached the 10 Year Membership mark.

Frank Juliana R- 2923  
 Allan Anderson R 2927  
 Howard Edelman R-2938  
 Lee Gellerman R- 2940  
 Paul Liscio LM-2949-198  
 Dan Wickett R-2958  
 Fred Hufft R-2977  
 John Regan R-2983  
 Jim Buell R-2988  
 Bob Stultz R-2991  
 Albert Scalzo LM-2995-2  
 Cheryl Lowe R-3003  
 Walter Wyzujak R-3008  
 Andy Kelley R-3008

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# 2007 Officer Election and Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The ballots for the 2007 election of new Club Officers and the 8 Proposed Constitutional Amendments are inserted in this issue of the magazine. If you have an Associate member(s) attached to your membership, the ballots for those members were mailed separately to each Associate member at the same time the magazine was mailed. If you have any questions about the ballot, please contact the Election Committee Co-Chairs (Bruce and Mary Ann Massey) by email at [election@ccgtcc.com](mailto:election@ccgtcc.com)

As noted on the ballot, the postmark deadline for returning the ballots is May 1, 2007. Please make sure that you fill in your name, membership number, mark your ballot, affix your signature to the ballot and mail it back to the Election Committee at the address listed on the ballot by the deadline. **The returned ballot must contain your printed name, membership number, your signature and be postmarked by May 1, 2007 or it will be voided and not counted.**

## Election of Officers

The contested Officer races this year are for President and Secretary. The candidates for President are Joe Pavlik and Wayne Thompson. The candidates for Secretary are Jim Follis and Belinda Hixon. The offices of Vice President (Jay Sands), Treasurer (Doug Smith) and Membership Officer (Sunday Silverman) are uncontested and these unopposed candidates will be sworn in at the August 2007 Convention business meeting, along with the winners of the contested races.

Each of the candidates (including the unopposed) was offered a full page of space in this issue of the magazine to share their views and positions on Club issues with the membership, as well as space on the Club web site at [www.ccggtcc.com](http://www.ccggtcc.com), under the Election section.

## Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Any Constitutional Amendment **must receive at least a 2/3 majority** of the ballots cast to be accepted and the Constitution changed.

There are 8 Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the ballot, 2 of which are competing amendments. It is the unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors that these competing amendments are not in the best interest of the Club and may only cause confusion during the balloting process.

Member Eric S. Rosenblum has submitted 6 amendments for consideration. These proposed changes were discussed at the Club's Business meeting at the 2006 Convention. Most of the proposed changes to Article Five: Membership, came about as a result of requests to the Board to change or allow certain types of memberships that currently do not exist in the Constitution. Since the Board does not have the authority to create new membership types, the proper way to do it was through amendments to the Constitution.

The thought process was that since we were going to have amendments on the ballot, there were other things that needed to be changed and we might as well do them all at one time. With the exclusion of some the proposed amendments to Article Five: Membership, these changes are grammatical, procedural and/or for clarification.

During the discussion at the Business meeting, the first thought was to offer all the changes as one amendment, unless there was some resistance towards that idea. Member Paul Donohue voiced his objection to not being able to vote separately on the Membership amendments and that he would offer competing amendments if these changes were not broken out separately. He felt that the membership should have an up or down vote on this issues. He was told that competing amendments were not in the best interest of the Club and that his concerns would be taken into consideration.

The decision was made to offer the amendments on membership types as individual amendments and give the membership the opportunity to vote yes or no on each of these, without jeopardizing the rest of the needed changes. All of the proposed changes were published in the magazine for "review purposes only" and the membership was asked for comments or suggestions by Mr. Rosenblum.

Once Mr. Donohue saw the proposed changes published in the magazine for "review purposes only" he assumed that the membership changes would not be broken out separately and offered up his own, two competing amendments. He was informed that was not the case and that the membership issues would in fact be broken out separately, as discussed. He was furnished with a draft copy of the proposed changes by Mr. Rosenblum for review. After the review and in spite of the fact the membership issues were broken out separately as discussed, he still insisted on presenting his own competing amendments.

As mentioned earlier, the only thing these competing amendments do is create confusion, but as required by the Constitution, the President must present these amendments to membership, as submitted, for a vote.

Mr. Rosenblum's amendments are listed on the ballot as **Proposed Constitutional Amendments #1-6** and Mr. Donohue's amendments are listed on the ballot as **Proposed Constitutional Amendments #7-8**. The text of each of the amendments is presented in the following "Election" section of the magazine, as submitted by Mr. Rosenblum and Mr. Donohue.

Since Proposed Constitutional Amendments #4 & #8 are competing and directly contradictory, you cannot vote "Yes" to both of them. The same rule applies to Proposed Constitutional Amendments #5 & #7, you cannot vote "Yes" to both of them.

**The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a "YES" vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments #1-6.**

**Further, the Board of Directors unanimously recommends a "NO" vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments #7-8.**

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# Formal Constitutional Amendments

by Eric Rosenblum, Esq.

Last month I presented draft amendments to our constitution for review and comment. I have had several comments and additions, and I have incorporated most of those suggestions into this “official” presentation. I want to thank, for their input and participation, our Board of Directors, Jim Steffner, Aaron Peacock and John Zoesch.

I am presenting this, rather than the Board, since it is required that Constitutional Amendments be presented “~~to~~ the President.” However, be assured that it was drafted with the participation and agreement of the President and Board.

It is presented here in “redline” form, where the old deleted words are crossed out and new words are italicized and underlined. Once approved, I will delete the redlining. Once approved, if any of the individual sections noted below are not approved, then the document will be re-numbered accordingly.

I have not presented this Revision in one continuous document because, at the request of several members, certain provisions will be voted upon separately. The items that seem to attract the most attention are the membership items. Changes in Article Five, Section 1, §§ A, B, and E are merely ministerial and therefore are presented as part of the entire document.

Article Five, Section 1, §§ C, D, E(i), F, and G are more substantive and, although I recommend that they all be approved, they will be presented as separate individual items on the ballot. Therefore there will be six (6) individual items of my amendment on the ballot:

The entire document as presented without Article Five, Section 1, §§ C, D, E(i), F, and G  
Article Five, Section 1, § C  
Article Five, Section 1, § D  
Article Five, Section 1, § E(i)  
Article Five, Section 1, § F  
Article Five, Section 1, § G

Therefore, someone who wishes to approve the entire document will have to vote “Yes” to all 6 sections of my amendment on the ballot. If there are any further questions or comments, please email me at [legal@ccgtcc.com](mailto:legal@ccgtcc.com)

There is another, competing amendment which I recommend be disapproved by the membership.

# **The following are the Proposed Constitutional Amendments as presented by Club member Eric S. Rosenblum, LM-173-44**

Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1

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~~SECOND~~-AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION  
THE CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.  
Last Amended August 11, 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, to protect the integrity of the hobby 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 business 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 Charter, Regular and Life member in good standing not later than sixty (60) 30 days prior to an ~~election~~ annual business meeting, 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 business 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 Charter, Regular and Life member in good standing, a call for nominations. Regardless of the manner of mailing, the call for nominations shall be sent within sixty (60) 30 days ~~of~~ after the vacancy. The special election shall take place as soon as practicable after close of nominations, by mailing to all Charter, Regular and Life members in good standing.

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(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 mem-

bership 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;

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.

## **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~~ sixty (60) days prior to ~~an election~~ the annual business meeting, and shall specify the procedure for casting ballots ~~in advance of the annual meeting~~. A twothirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend.

The annual business meeting 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. It shall be the duty of the Charter, Regular or Life member to provide the notice and a copy of the ballot to any Associate Member associated with the Charter, Regular or Life member.

### **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 New 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 noncompetitive 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-  
in 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.

### **SEPARATE SECTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON**

Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2

## **ARTICLE FIVE: MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

C. Associate Members: spouses and/or children residing at the same address as a Charter, ~~or~~ Regular or Life  
Member in good standing. They are allowed access to functions restricted to "members," but they do not receive the  
club magazine nor can they hold office. They may vote on matters which are voted upon, but they must be provided with  
notices and duplicate ballots by the member they are attached to, not by the club; and

Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #3

D. Corporate Members: Corporations are eligible to join the club and to purchase tables or any other dis-  
play space at any of the club's functions or events if they are directly involved in the gaming industry or provide ancil-  
lary products or services to or about the gaming industry. The corporation shall designate an individual representative  
to vote on behalf of the corporation and receive its mailings. Neither corporations nor their designated representatives  
are eligible to serve as an Officer or Director.

Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #4

E (i). Dues Changes Impacting Life Members: if the Board of Directors raises the organization's annu-  
al 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 mem-  
ber has a one time only two month window to apply for Life Membership at the grandfathered lower rate.

Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #5

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 applica-  
tions 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

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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, but must pay any magazine mailing charges above bulk  
mail if the Honorary Life Member desires such mailing enhancement.



# The following are the Proposed Constitutional Amendments as presented by Club member Paul Donohue, LM-3935-18

## Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #7

Article Five: Membership  
Section 1

Add sub paragraph

*E. Establishment of membership types at reduced rates based on age or any other factor is prohibited. Senior Life Member at reduced rates is an example (but is not all inclusive) of prohibited membership types.*

## Listed on the Official Ballot as Proposed Constitutional Amendment #8

Article Five: Membership  
Section 1

Add Sub paragraph

*F. Grandfathering to allow members to avoid payment of dues increases is strictly prohibited for any membership type. The Board of Directors is not allowed any discretion in this area.*



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# Jim Follis

for  
CC&GTCC  
Secretary



Following a fair amount of thought and debate, a bit of self-reflection and examination, I have decided to run for the position of Club Secretary in the upcoming, 2007 Club Elections. I've already advised my worthy opponent about this decision and look forward to a spirited and competitive campaign that will take place on the highest plane of fairness and integrity.

With that in mind, I make no comments (good, bad or otherwise) about my competition and will only make comments about my intentions, my beliefs and my desires about participating in the Club as an elected officer. I also recognize that although the Club operates under the management, direction and leadership of the elected Officers (as the Board of Directors), it is the Club President that is the ultimate lead in the course of direction that the Club journeys. I fully intend to support the President and the other Officers, as well as all Club members at-large to the best of my abilities should I be successful in my campaign or not. At all times, I only want what is best for the Club.

Towards that end, I will be supporting the traditional and historical assignments and responsibilities of the Club's Secretary, and will also look to introduce and promote my own beliefs, concepts and ideas that I feel will move the Club forward, while maintaining the fine accomplishments and achievements of those who went before me.

So, with that being said, allow me to express my thoughts about what I think I am about, in terms of what I can offer the Club and seek your support to allow me to work on these issues as a Club Officer.

First and foremost, I believe that recruitment of new members is an absolute necessity for the long-term future of the Club. Recruitment should be and needs to be a Club priority. I believe that the Club's Officers need to establish a Member Recruitment Director position (an appointed position) that will be charged with developing an on-going new member recruitment program. This appointed position would be separate and apart from the Membership Officer duties, except that this individual will be responsible for managing the Club's annual, Membership Recruiter of the Year Award, the Robert "Bob" Mera Award.

Next, I believe that just as our purpose of Incorporation states, we are about educating others about our interests. I believe that we should be making extraordinary efforts in the direction of education. Granted, we do several things in this area, and I'll not diminish those efforts, like our Award winning publication, our 2005 Buyer's Guide, the Convention Exhibits, Keynote Speakers, seminars and related activities, but our future efforts need to be multi-faceted throughout the year and not just galvanized primarily at Convention time.

I also believe that although we want and deserve a permanent facility (Jim Kruse's dream home, which I fully support and have so from the beginning), I believe that our pathway to that dream will be from the generosity and charitable

offering(s) of a major benefactor or group of benefactors and that we as a Club need to be worthy of such a philanthropic event. We must be in a position to deserve such an offer and I do not think we can even hope for such a kindness, if we ourselves, as a Club, are not very giving on a continual and structured basis. I believe that the Club should create an annual, \$1,000 charitable donation to a "committee selected" (or Board of Directors selected) licensed charitable organization as a demonstration of our Club's generosity and belief in the philanthropic process.

While it is easy to recognize that many members of the Club have the giving spirit (witness the thousands of dollars (\$6,560) raised by Club members (and some non-members) for the Miracle Family Fund, as lead by Club member Dennis Shoop) it remains that the Club itself is lacking in this basic humanitarian concept. We need to change this perception. I also believe that it is important that such a generosity should go to an activity beyond our specific Club's interests as a demonstrative showing of our giving spirit to a non- self-serving interest. After all, is this not what we ourselves are looking for, a benevolent benefactor(s) to help us out?

I believe that the undisclosed repair and deceitful fabrication or modification of chips can only have the undesirable effect of killing our hobby. We as a Club, perhaps through our Archives and Standards Committee need to look for methods and processes to assist the community at-large to economically and reliably detect and recognize evidence of such illicit activity.

I also believe that the production of certain fantasy chips is a blight upon our hobby, and although there can be no real way to prohibit their design and manufacture, I believe that our members in good standing need to offer language and descriptions that make it perfectly clear to a potential buyer (Club member or not) the exact genesis of the item(s). I believe that our hobby should benefit from the inherent protections of the Hobby Protection Act and that we should establish a Committee to formulate a plan or approach to bring us into the Act. Just as the Building Fund project is a long-term effort, this too may well be a long-term effort, but we need to be vehemently pro-active on both of these topics (illicit repair and false representation).

I believe in, and support the efforts to keep slabbing out of the hobby. I am a Charter member of the Slab-Free Club and have spent volunteer time staffing the Slab-Free informational table at several chipping events and believe that slabbing does not benefit the hobby. In fact, I believe it only takes money from our hobby and gives it to non-interested persons and companies.

In the just over six years that I have been a Club member, I have continually been an active participant in Club activities and events. I have attended each Convention since joining the Club at the 1998 Convention at the The Orleans Hotel & Casino. I was a Dealer at my second Convention, after which I decided to get much more active in Club activities. I was lucky enough to hook-up with Club Founder and 1st President (and now Hall of Fame Member) Mr. Archie Black, as his Assistant OTY Awards Chairman. After my apprenticeship Archie recommended me as his replacement and I have ever since been the OTY Awards Chairman. Together with my son Casey, as the Assistant OTY Awards Director, we manage this continual, 18-month life cycle Program.

Later on, when the Club created an appointed position for On-Line Communications Director, I offered my services and have held and somewhat developed, refined and maintained that service unto the Club to this date, always serving at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This position alone speaks volumes for my accessibility to Club members, which is almost daily via the on-line Message Boards used by the Club, as well as several other casino memorabilia-related collector Clubs and groups like The StrikePoint of the Silver Strikers, the Slot Card BBS, the Atlantic City Casino Collectors Club, ChipTalk.net and TheChipBoard.com.

I am also familiar with the Club's appointed positions of Promotions Director and Property Manager, as I assisted a past Promotions Director (my wife) for more than a year (including one Convention) as her assistant and functioned as the Club's Property Dude.

In short, I am not a stranger to Club volunteering and I am seeking a higher level of involvement and support to the Club by running for the position of Club Secretary. I would very much like for each and every Club member to consider me for that position and give me your vote of confidence.

Thank you. Jim Follis, Life Member 3872-53



**Dear Fellow CC&GTCC Members:**

It is with great pleasure and anticipation I accept the nomination for Club Treasurer and ask for your support.

For those who don't already know me, I am better known as Doug "The Cigarman" Smith. I have been a member of this amazing organization for nearly 10 years now and have been collecting chips for about 15 years. I recently decided to become a Life member which is something I really should have done many years ago.

I am running for Treasurer because I see a great future for this hobby. Chipping for me is more than just the chips, its about forging friendships. I have been a collector all my life and have been involved with many types of collectables thru the years. From record albums to stamps, coins and sportscards I have collected it all. However I personally have experienced nothing before like I have since joining the CC&GTCC. The members of this club are simply incredible. No where else have I felt the true generosity and willingness to help the fellow collector as I have seen among "Chippers".

While I started my chipping like so many others by collecting everything I could get my hands on, I have now limited my passion for collecting to several main areas. I now collect mostly Vintage Vegas, Samples, Foreigns and "T" Molds.

Although born in Brooklyn NY, I have lived in Houston for nearly 30 years and consider myself a true Texan and lifetime Longhorn Fan. I am currently a Senior Project Controls Manager with a large Engineering & Construction firm based in Houston and have both an educational and professional background working with finances. I hold degrees in Finance and Management and feel that my qualifications could well benefit our club. I have also served as Vice President of the Greater Houston Chip Collectors Club for the past 5 years. I want to be able to share in our clubs success and look forward to making many more new friendships along the way.

I look forward to meeting each of you in the near future and long live Chipping !!!!!!!!!!!

Doug Smith



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Prior Year Pins Available 1997-2005

\$3.00 each

Set of all 10 Pins (including 2006)

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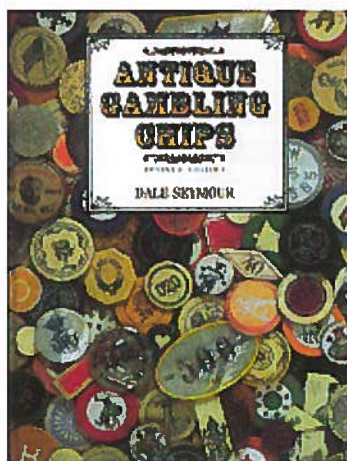
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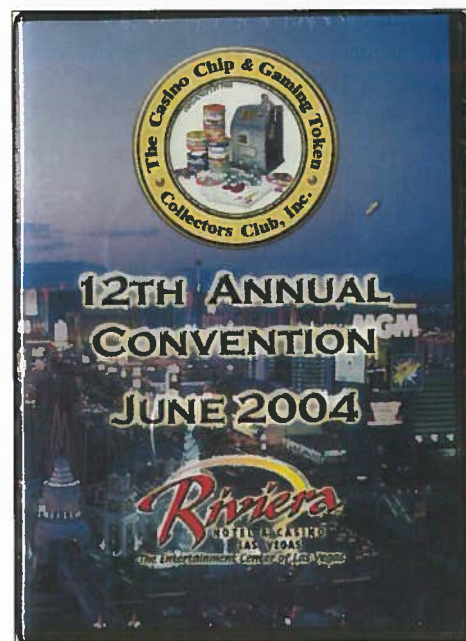
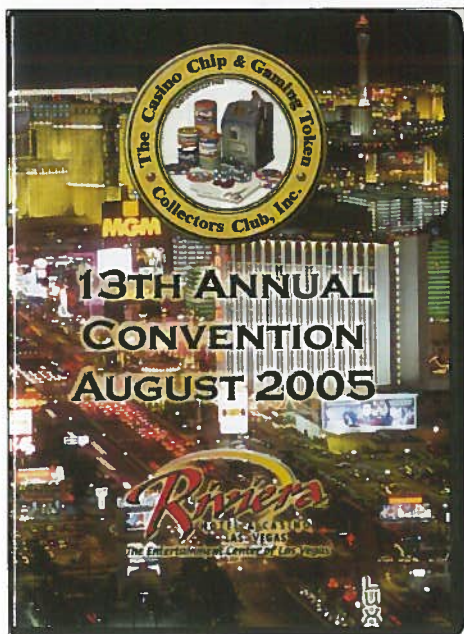
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# GRAND SIERRA RESORT

by Allan Anderson



The Grand Sierra Resort is located just east of Downtown Reno, Nevada. The hotel has 1,995 rooms and suites as well as 10 restaurants, and a casino with 115,000 square feet of space. The hotel also has a shopping center, wedding chapel, pool, convention center, 50-lane bowling alley, driving range and a KOA site.

The property opened in 1978 as the MGM Grand, the worlds largest casino at the time, with a 26-story, 1,015 room hotel on a 145 acre site. The construction cost \$130 million. On June 3, 1978 Donn Arden's "Hello Hollywood Hello" debuted. An expansion in 1981 increased the rooms to 2,001. In 1986 the property along with the MGM Grand in Las Vegas were sold to Bally Gaming Corporation and both resorts were re-branded as Bally's. In early 1992, Harveys Lake Tahoe entered a bidding war with Hilton Hotels Corporation over the right to buy the resort. Harveys announced an agreement on a \$70 million deal, only to see Hilton up the ante to \$73 million and assumption of Bally's debt. Several weeks later, after considering even higher bids, a federal bankruptcy court settled the matter by approving Hilton's final \$83 million offer. The hotel was later acquired by Harrah's Entertainment in the 2005 acquisition of Caesars Entertainment.

On May 11, 2005 Caesars Entertainment announced an agreement to sell the Reno Hilton to Grand Sierra Resort Corp. for \$150 million dollars. On June 23, 2006 the sale was completed and the name of the property was changed to The Grand Sierra Resort.

The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno is currently undergoing an extensive renovation plan to transform the 145 acres into the finest luxury resort imaginable. The master plan includes eleven floors of luxurious condominium hotel units – three of which will be designed and operated by Nikki Beach Hotel, a new partnership recently announced. The remaining condominium hotel floors are under the design of Dodd Mitchell and will be under operation of The Summit at Grand Sierra. Other renovations include nightclubs, innovative restaurants and renovation of the largest casino in northern Nevada. Additionally, a new look and feel for all of the guest rooms, construction of the nation's largest

indoor water park, a new luxury spa and a significant expansion of our retail space will create a new destination for northern Nevada.

This bold new blend of luxury with the surrounding adventures of Reno, America's Adventure Place promises to be one of the nation's most imaginative and spectacular resorts.

As of January 2007, Grand Sierra Resort has made the following changes:

In January 2007, Grand Sierra Resort and Casino announced a partnership with Nikki Beach, one of the world's leading lifestyle and entertainment brands identified with the international jet set and the celebrity crowd, to open a variety of Nikki Beach designed, branded, and managed hotel facilities and entertainment venues at the Grand Sierra property. Initial plans call for a five star Nikki Beach Hotel to occupy the top three floors of the Grand Sierra Resort Hotel property (a hotel within a hotel), a Nikki Beach Club at poolside, and multiple nightclub entertainment venues in the current Grand Sierra facility.

Grand Sierra Resort recently signed a contract with Charlie Palmer to renovate and operate GSR's current Steak House. Construction is expected to begin within the next 60 days and will feature Charlie Palmer Steak and a new concept, Charlie Palmer Fish.

Grand Sierra Resort is transforming suites on the upper eleven floors of the current tower into luxury condominium hotel residences featuring sensual leather and suede upholstered furniture, flat-panel TVs, Kenmore elite microwave and mini refrigerator, coffee maker, contemporary art accents, walnut cabinetry & luxurious marble and granite surfaces in the bath/spa.

One of the most intriguing aspects of hotel-condominium ownership is the hassle-free lifestyle. The buyer owns a beautiful furnished and insured unit that they may stay in for up to 28 nights per year. The rest of the time, units are rented through a rental management program administered by the Grand Sierra Resort's professional management company or a property manager of the owner's choice. All condominium-hotel units are marketed

as The Summit Hotel at Grand Sierra Resort. The nightly rental revenue is applied to reducing the owner's share of operation costs, which include hotel operating expenses like reservations, maintenance, cleaning and marketing fees.

Amenities available to hotel-condominium owners and guests staying in the 27-story tower include lobby wine bar and lounge, several dining and nightclub options, 24-hour room service, valet parking, concierge, entertainment ranging from showroom headliners to cinema, mini-golf, and thrill rides plus Northern Nevada's largest casino.

Dolce Enoteca e Ristorante, serving classic and innovative Italian cuisine in a chic Southern California-style ambiance, opened October 2006.

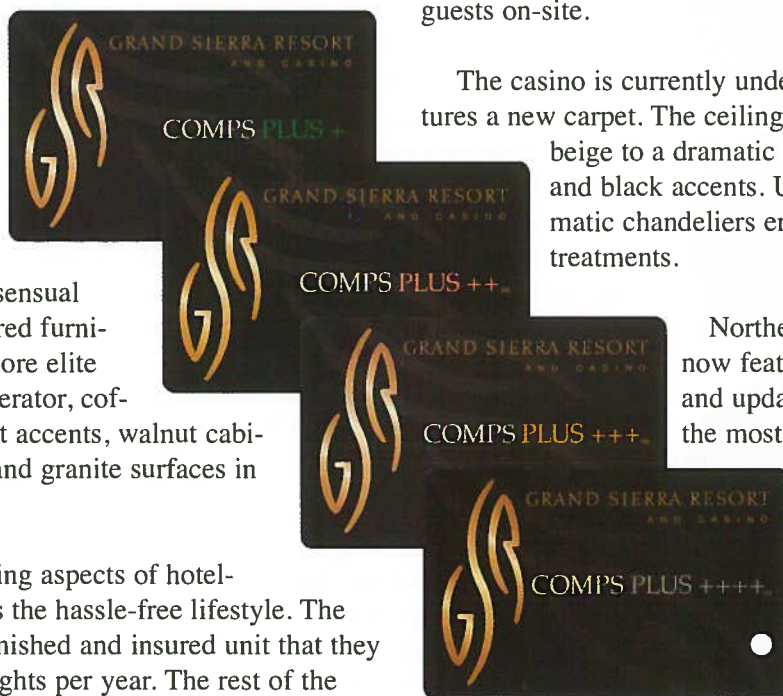
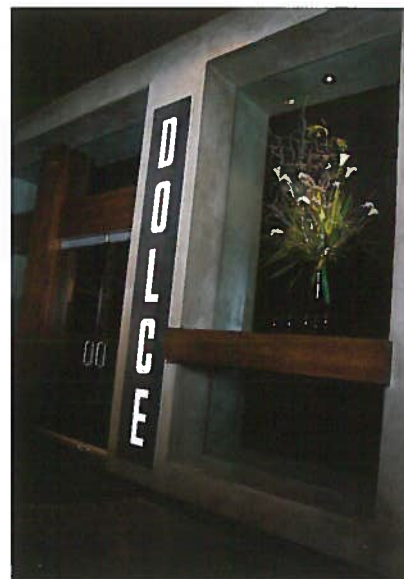
Grand Sierra Resort Health Clinic is Reno's first hotel-based urgent and primary care clinic for employees and guests on-site.

The casino is currently under construction and now features a new carpet. The ceilings have been repainted from beige to a dramatic chocolate brown with beige and black accents. Updated fixtures and dramatic chandeliers enhance the ceiling treatments.

Northern Nevada's largest casino now features the latest slot games and updated table games along with the most generous Player's Club.

Currently, there are 525 penny or multi-denomination games, 175 quarter games and 200 one dollar and above games. 35% of the casino floor is poker machines with a goal of

50% by April 2007. Grand Sierra Resort games include those from major manufactures such as IGT, Bally's, Konami, Aristocrat and Williams. There are also slot





games with prizes such as a car or motorcycle – starting at just a penny! Many of our new games include a new ticket-in, ticket-out system with improved pay tables and more progressives.

Among other casino renovations, table games will have a newer sleek look including newly designed layouts in the Grand Sierra Resort color schemes, new player tracking system that has real-time, accurate player tracking for blackjack players and also a system that comes with an option allowing Grand Sierra Resort to set up a random bonus jackpot for anyone playing with their Comps Plus+ card. New table games are currently being explored and will be unveiled as the casino reaches completion of being remodeled.

Reno's largest Race and Sports Book is now a stand alone book with more wagering options and higher payouts and also offers a free promotional card.

The Grand Sierra Resort Poker Room now offers more locals promotions, more daily tournaments, higher limit games and an additional Pot of Gold Poker Tournament in December.

Comps Plus+ is the player's card that allows players to receive comps plus so much more! Plus, players can swipe their cards daily at the Cavalcade of Cash and Prizes Machine for entries into free slot tournaments, an entry into the weekly cash drawing of \$15,000 along with other prizes including gaming bonuses, hotel upgrades, dining credits, concert tickets and more. To make things even better for GSR guests, we've added a point-of-sale option to the Comps Plus+ card that can be used for comps at restaurants, gift shops and more on property in a quick and easy fashion.

Rebranding of Grand Sierra Resort from the Reno Hilton includes dramatic exterior lighting and new internal and external signage. The outdoor marquee has been updated to include the newest, most innovative design and



structure to ensure dramatic and eye-catching images. It is the largest LED display ever built in our region and will be unique to the GSR property.

Grand Sierra Resort's Health Club and Spa now features facials, massages and updated fitness equipment.

Grand Sierra Cinema opened December 2006 with two screens and averages four movies per day, seven days a week. All shows are \$3 per person.

The Fun Quest arcade and family fun center has been renovated and includes new games, an updated laser tag game, bumper cars and a nine hold miniature golf course. A new climbing structure, Spider Mountain, is under construction for our younger guests.

Grand Sierra Resort Magazine (a quarterly publication)



has released its first edition and anticipates the second edition to be released in late March.

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# *Re-Elect*



***Belinda Hixon***

***LM3505-68***

***CC&GTCC Secretary***

***Member since 1997***

***Convention Volunteer, Program Chair, Convention Co-chair,  
Secretary of the BOD***



I gave a great deal of thought before announcing my run for re-election to the office of Secretary of the CC&GTCC. Ultimately, it came down to two factors. First, the current BOD has started new initiatives that I feel it is important that I help see through to completion. Secondly, I have made so many new friends and have gained so much enjoyment from this hobby that I want to continue giving back to the Club.

There are a lot of issues that we as a Club have to deal with. We should never forget this is a hobby for all of us, but at the same time the BOD has a duty to see that the Club is run responsibly and keeps moving forward. I want to address the issues most people care about so everyone will know exactly where I stand. If there are other issues you want to know my position on please just ask.

**Slabbing-** My position has not wavered. Slabbing has no place in the hobby. I will continue to work to see that it never enters our hobby

**Altered or Repaired Chips** - I believe the greatest threat to our hobby is that of altered and repaired chips. I support the work of the Standards and Archives Committee, which has been charged with making recommendations to the BOD. This committee has listened to the membership via surveys handed out at the Convention and distributed via the magazine.

Since none of us is the final owner of those things in our collections (unless you are planning on taking them with you) I believe that any item that has been altered or repaired or made to mimic a real item or to make it appear to be in different condition than it actually is, should be marked as such so that when the item returns to the market the buyer will not be deceived. I strongly believe that any person, who knowingly represents an item as "original" when it is not, should be expelled from the Club.

**The Museum (Building Fund)** - When the building fund was first set up I thought, as did many others, that the cart had been put before the horse. We were fundraising for something for which we had no plan in place for how to make it happen. I did however support the fundraising by making donations and continue to do so today. Now, with the Vision & Feasibility Committee's diligent work, I know that the building will be a reality. A two day workshop, lead by the former Director of the Neon Museum, Sandra Harris with members of the Vision & Feasibility Committee, produced a rather extensive document that gives us the road map we need to make this a reality.

**The Club's 501(c) § (3) status** – Next to our members, this is the Club's most valuable asset and it must be protected! I have and I will continue to consider this status before making any decisions that might impact it. For those that may not know, by the Club having this tax status, donations to the Club are tax deductible for the donors. Without this status the reality of a museum would be almost impossible. This is particularly important if we want to attract wealthy donors and estates to fund the museum. It also allows anyone to donate all or part of their collection at any point and take the tax deduction. In fact we already have had some members make some generous donations to the Club. It is through this same vehicle that charities are able to raise such large sums.

**Education** – Our Charter and tax status mandate that we operate as an educational organization. So one of our core functions is to provide our members and the public with education regarding gaming and it's history. This has always been one of my pet projects. I've worked closely with two educational directors on convention seminars. I've also spoken to other collectors about placing exhibits in libraries, at coin shows and other public places, any place that might start a dialog. I will continue to try to find avenues in which to educate the public as well as our membership.

**Publicity** – The Club has been so fortunate in the last few years to have Len Cipkins as our publicity director. Len has shown us that good publicity is the best way we have of getting the Club's name out, recruiting new members and educating the public. We're fortunate that Sheldon Smith has agreed to take on the job and I will support him in any way possible.

**Magazine** – The Club is very fortunate to have Allan Anderson – Editor, John Moore and Joe Shaw – Assistant Editors producing our award- winning magazine. The BOD has been working with Allan to try to find ways to increase advertising revenue for the magazine. As one of the Club's largest expenses we need to not only generate more ad revenue, but

as Allan has been working on, getting the magazine out for public sale. Obviously a greater circulation creates more exposure, which attracts new members and additional ad revenue.

**Corporate Memberships** – I wholeheartedly support approval of the proposed Constitutional amendment that will be voted on in the spring. Among other things this amendment will give us the opportunity to recruit corporations as members. This will open a potential new source of revenue for the Club and maybe help us find the “golden angel” to be the major donor to make our museum a reality.

**Membership** – As a Club we have done a pretty good job of recruiting new members. The BoD recently voted to develop a Recruitment Committee to bring more new members in. One of the big issues we have to resolve is member retention. Several avenues have been tried and none have made even a dent in the percentage of dropped memberships. I can't say I have an answer for this problem but I do know we must address this issue sooner rather than later. There is a way to increase our retention; we just have to find it.

For eight years, I've made myself available to the membership, as Convention Program Chairman for several years, two years as Convention Co-chair and for the last 4 years as Secretary of the BOD. In addition I spend a large portion of my time volunteering at the Convention wherever help is needed. I enjoy it, I enjoy meeting like-minded collectors and I enjoy being involved.

In closing I would like to ask when it comes time to vote that you consider two things in addition to my positions. First the time and effort I have put forth on behalf of the Club and membership. And secondly something many people overlook is what President Skelton calls “institutional amnesia”. The BOD deals with so many issues we spend a lot of time trying to determine why a previous BOD took a certain action. We don't know the history of a decision and past BOD minutes can only tell part of the story. I hope everyone will see the advantage and importance of continuity. With at least three new members coming on the Board I think this election makes experience and continuity even more important.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts. I ask for your support and your vote.

I hope you will re-elect me to the office of Secretary.

Respectfully,

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# The Southern Nevada Chip Report

by Tyrus Mulkey

Greetings Southern Nevada Chip Collectors!

As promised in the last issue, here are the scans of the new rack from the Aquarius casino in Laughlin. It was formerly the Flamingo Laughlin. I didn't have the images available before last issue's deadline. A few other Laughlin chips had also been released but missed the deadline as well. They are the Halloween \$25 Chip, the Veterans Day 2006 \$5 Chip, and the International Car Rally 2006 \$5 Chip – all from the Ramada Express. Also from Laughlin is the Edgewater 21 Days of Magic \$5 Chip.



The Fremont completed the release of their five piece 50th Anniversary Set by releasing chips #4 and #5. The dice and cards chip was released in November and the Champagne glasses chip was given to invited guests at the New Years Eve party. Collectors had to wait until after the first to be able to purchase them off of the tables. Although Fremont personnel refused to sell more than one chip at a time for the earlier releases, they seemed to lighten up in the latter releases and would

sell multiples, but they didn't have any set aside so the only chips available were in used condition. Eventually, the cage was selling a boxed set of new chips for \$40, even though the face value was only \$25. I guess they were charging \$15 for the cardboard box. I passed.



Another set that was completed this quarter is the Hooters "History of Hooters" set. Originally described as a six piece set, it turned out to be five \$10 chips with one \$25 final chip. At least that was one story that I got. The other story is that it was only a five piece set and the \$25 chip stands alone. Your guess is as good as mine! It is Hooters, after all. Regardless, here are the final two \$10 chips in the set and the \$25 20th Anniversary Girl Michelle chip.

Hooters has also continued their monthly calendar girl chips. The November and December girl chips continued to be difficult to obtain, were serial numbered, and were limited to 1,000. The January and February



girl chips have no serial number, are rumored to be limited to 2,000, and are fairly easy to obtain. Hooters has raised the quantities each person can buy for this year's calendar girl chips.



Main Street Station released a tenth anniversary chip to their tables, not holding back any for collectors at the cage.



The Four Queens was the only casino in Southern Nevada to release a Veterans Day chip this year.



TI, formerly known as Treasure Island, opened a poker room and issued a new \$1 chip for use there.



The Palms celebrated their 5th Anniversary and released a \$5 and a \$25 chip with identical artwork.



Paris released three chips for Thanksgiving with artwork of a pilgrim, an Indian, and the two together smoking a peace pipe. The Imperial Palace released a two chip set for Thanksgiving featuring a gambling turkey and a woman kissing a turkey!



For years, the Gold Coast has issued a four piece set of \$5's and \$25's every December honoring cowboys, rodeo clowns, rodeo animals, and others that have made the NFR what it is today. (They also manufactured the same chips in \$100 denominations but gave them to those portrayed on the chips themselves so they were never available to collectors.) This year, they changed the ten year old tradition and released one \$5



and one \$25 chip, each with different generic cowboy artwork.



The Orleans got into the rodeo spirit for the NFR in December and released a \$5 and \$25 chip with different cartoon artwork on each chip. They also released \$5 chips for three of the entertainers that performed there during the rodeo: Larry the Cable Guy, Jeff Foxworthy, and Bill Engvall.



The Las Vegas Hilton also released a rodeo performer chip – Brooks and Dunn. This is the second Brooks and Dunn chip released by the Hilton.



The Rio, Paris, and Bally's each released a \$5 rodeo chip.



The Riviera continued its' annual release of a \$5 chip celebrating the SASS convention.



The New Las Vegas Marathon was on run on December 12th. One leg of the run was on the Las Vegas Strip. Mandalay Bay issued a \$5 chip.



The Orleans celebrated ten years and released a \$5 and a \$25 chip to celebrate. The \$5 chip was released on December 14th, but the \$25 was held back and only given to invited guests at the New Year's Eve party. None were left in the cage and the only way to obtain one was by being at the right place at the right time when someone either cashed one in or lost it at the tables.



Christmas chips this year came from the Riviera, the Hard Rock, and the Ramada Express in Laughlin.







The Imperial Palace released a three piece \$5 chip set celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Auto Collection. Each chip portrayed a different classic car. A detailed description of each car can be seen on my website.



Harrah's released a \$5 Winter chip.



The Riviera, Ellis Island, the Imperial Palace, Paris, and the Golden Nugget Laughlin each issued a \$5 New Years Eve chip. Hooters issued \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips, each with unique artwork. Harrah's and the Flamingo each issued a \$25 New Years chip with matching artwork. Bally's and the Rio each issued a \$5 and a \$25 New Years chip. Although

the two denominations had different artwork, each casino had matching artwork on the \$5 and \$25 chips.



A new trend has begun here in Las Vegas. Casinos are having commemorative chips manufactured for a special occasion and then only giving them to their invited guests. The cage refuses to sell them. After the event is

# ELECT WAYNE THOMPSON CC&GTCC PRESIDENT

I have been fortunate in the 11 years I have been a member of the CC&GTCC to make a lot of truly great friends. For the members I haven't had the opportunity to meet I would like to give you some background on my involvement in the Club.

From 1998 through 2000 I was Convention Chairman. During this time we started the tradition of the pre-convention banquet which I still Chair every year. Since 2003 I have served two terms as CC&GTCC Vice-President. I also serve on the Vision & Feasibility committee for the Building Fund.

## POSITIONS ON CC&GTCC CLUB ISSUES

1) I think altered chips are the biggest danger our hobby faces today. We have to find a way to stop what's going on or at least have the chips marked in some way so that our membership isn't afraid to buy a chip because it may have been altered. I fully support the expulsion of any member for knowingly selling a known repaired chip without disclosure!

2) I am adamantly opposed to slabbing. At this point because of restraint of trade issues I'm not sure there is much more the BOD can do. However... If a slabbing company does decide to take another run at getting into the hobby I assure you I would support taking another look at the law to make sure we do everything possible without violating the law or endangering our 501(c)(3) status to keep the companies out of our hobby.

3) I fully support the Building Fund and the acquisition of a permanent home. Obviously this is a very long-term project but it is a vision that we will make a reality. Many people have given money, time, and items from their collection to get us to almost the \$100,000 level. Many more will have to "step up", but I'm confident in our ability to accomplish this goal.

4) Our membership continues to grow, but our retention rate is not as high as it should be. I want to put a greater emphasis on getting and retaining new members. Whether it is through a committee format or another method we need to put more effort into growing our membership.

5) The greatest asset our Club has, besides our members, is our 501 (c)(3) tax status. We must protect this at all costs. This status can be the key to getting major funding for the Building Fund as well as getting collections donated for the permanent display.

6) Unfortunately the Club is no longer the small intimate group of collectors who all knew each other and traded chips by stacks not values. The Club is financially the same as a small business and has to be run with the controls and protections any responsible business is. The BOD has to accept this responsibility on behalf of the membership. In spite of this there is one thing we can never forget. This is our hobby and we need to enjoy it and keep it fun!

As always I'm available to take any questions, criticisms, or suggestions any member has.  
**I hope I have earned your confidence and your vote.**



over, the cage then sells any remaining chips or cashed in chips. This was the case for the Orleans 10th Anniversary \$25 chip, the Harrah's properties New Years Eve chips, Super Bowl chips, and Chinese New Year chips. If it continues, it will make collecting these chips increasingly difficult.

The Silverton issued a new \$1 chip with a royal flush depicted in the artwork. It looks very similar to the \$1 chip issued as a Grand Opening chip for the poker room, but it is different.



Happy New Year to all my Chinese readers!! It is 4704, the Year of the Boar (or the Year of the Pig to some), according to the Chinese calendar. This is one of the busiest weekends in Las Vegas every year as thousands of Chinese gamblers come to town to celebrate. Several casinos released Year of the Pig chips

The first release was by the Palms and consisted of \$8, \$25, and \$100 denominations, each with unique artwork. The MGM and the Wynn each issued an oversized (43 mm) \$8 chip. The Rio, Bally's, and Paris each issued \$8 and \$25 chips with identical artwork. Again, chips were only given to invited guests and were very difficult to obtain. I didn't even get them all so I don't have a scan of the Paris \$8 chip. It has the same artwork as the Paris Year of the Pig \$25 chip shown here. I would like to thank Andy Hughes for providing scans of the Bally's \$8 chip and the Paris \$25 chip. Thanks Andy! The Four Queens issued a brass \$8 chip that is a knock-out! Several people have asked why the casinos are issuing \$8 chips for Chinese New Year. They aren't com-

patible to the rack on all table games. The number eight is considered to be the luckiest number in China. Much like our #7 or #11. So many of the casino pits with Asian games are known as Pit 8 and the \$8 chips are popular for Chinese New Year.



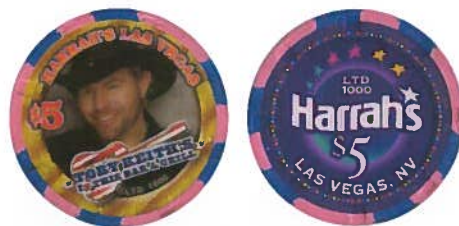
Four No Cash Value chips were issued by the Gold Coast for the Chinese New Year. Two different \$25's and two different \$100's were issued.







Harrah's released a \$5 Toby Keith chip. Harrah's is home to Toby's I Love This Bar & Grill restaurant. If you eat there, be sure to order a cocktail in a mason jar. The \$15 price tag is a bargain for the size of this drink!!



Super Bowl, er, I mean Big Game Day, is another busy weekend in Las Vegas. Plenty of gamblers and partiers come to town. Ellis Island, Four Queens, and Gold Coast each issued a \$5 chip. The Flamingo and Harrah's each released a \$25 chip with the same artwork on it. Again, these were held back from a public release until a week AFTER the big game.



The Santa Fe Station released a new rack, featuring RFID chips. The traditional \$1, \$5, \$25, and \$100 chips were issued, along with a \$2 chip to be used as a drop chip in the poker room.



Last year, Paris released a wedding cake chip with the "Everything's Sexier in Paris" title. Things are still sexier in Paris this year with that hussy the Queen of Hearts jumping off of her playing card and joining the Jack of Spades on his! Paris released two nearly identical chips. One had large cards and the other had smaller cards.



Our sexiest holiday brought on the release of several chips. \$5 Valentines Day chips were issued by the Rio, Paris, Bally's, the Hard Rock, and the Four Queens.







Remember the good ole days? You know, when every Hard Rock release created a stir and many were controversial? Things have really calmed down at the HRH over the last few years since Mike Decker took over the program from Warwick Stone. Although quite a few of the eBay dealers preferred the old days when they could make a killing off of the chips, I prefer the new regime that produces enough chips for all collectors to get them at reasonable prices. But I digress. We did, however, recently have a trip down memory lane with the very controversial Puma chip, which was manufactured for an August 2006 release.

Here's the story. Or, some of the story at least. In August of 2006, the Puma shoe corporation held a banquet at the Hard Rock Hotel during the semi-annual MAGIC (clothing) Convention. 2,500 of these chips were manufactured. One hundred were given to banquet attendees and one hundred were distributed to the table games. The rest, 2300 of them, were secured in the vault with no release date set. Of the original handful of chips that were released, several were put on eBay where they commanded prices exceeding \$200. Why would people pay over \$200 for a \$5 chip that was sitting in the cage? Well, many were convinced that the chips would never be released and they wanted to guarantee themselves

a complete HRH \$5 chip collection. Cage personnel at the Hard Rock weren't talking and no one knew for sure what was going to become of those 2,300 chips. I asked the cage manager about the chips and he just said to wait a few months and they would be released. This was the same information that he gave anyone that asked. I received several calls and emails from collectors asking me whether or not they should bid on eBay. I always recommended waiting. Finally, in February, 2007, the release was announced and the remaining chips were sold. Indeed it was a trip down memory lane with the long line and the hype!

While a few collectors publicly ridiculed those that paid the eBay prices, I can understand their reasoning. Imagine if the 2,300 chips had been destroyed! Only a handful of people would be able to have a complete \$5 HRH chip collection. It was a gamble and I'm sure they knew it.

Now, others took the opportunity to bring into question the integrity of HRH cage manager Mike Decker because all he would say is to wait a few months. He was being compared to Warwick Stone because of the shenanigans that Stone used to pull while running the chip program at the Hard Rock. I must publicly state that to compare these two individuals is a dishonor to Mr. Decker. Say what you want about Stone – Hell, I'll join in – but Mike runs a class operation.

I don't know the reasoning behind the hold up on this release. I'm sure there's a juicy story in here somewhere. But I do think it's too much of a coincidence that the chips were released shortly after the sale of the property was completed. The answer is in there somewhere. Regardless, the Puma chips have been released and are readily available to all collectors at reasonable prices!



The Four Queens was the only casino in Southern Nevada to release a President's Day chip.



The Palms released a \$5 chip honoring the work of Playboy artist Don Lewis. It is the first in a series of five chips to be released this year. A \$25 Brande Roderick, the 2001 Playmate of the Year, was also released.



Hooters released a six chip set of \$10 chips in February. I'm at a loss to describe the theme of the set. There is a Grand Opening chip dated February 3, 2006. Then there is a Grand Opening chip for the swimming pool dated March 17, 2006! These two are followed by a First Anniversary chip, a Nextel Cup Sponsor chip, an Offshore Racing Team chip, and a Rodeo Bash chip. It appears that the set was made to be released through the year during these events. Unlike the last set, however, which was released over a period of five months, this set was all released at once.





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# A Day Tour of Macau

by Joe Shaw

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1996. My wife and I were in the midst of a 3-week vacation in Hong Kong. My wife being Portuguese, the visit would not be complete without a day trip to the former Portuguese colony of Macau.

A quick 1 hour ferry ride on the “Turbo Jet” landed us in Macau. We arrived in the early afternoon and headed off immediately to the Hotel Lisboa for lunch. We had lunch reservations at Joel Robuchon’s restaurant located inside the hotel. We settled on the 4 course tasting menu. Food and service was excellent, although I must admit that the food was a little too rich for my taste. Especially for lunch. For the fine food aficionado/chip collectors out there, the cost of the meal was only about \$40 per person. As a comparison, the Joel Robuchon’s at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas charges \$250 per person for a 6 course tasting menu.

After a relaxing 2 hour lunch, we headed across the street to the newly opened Wynn Macau. It was located across the street from the Hotel Lisboa. It was very nicely done, very typical Steve Wynn. Had the large Wynn Macau marquee out front along with the “dancing water” fountain a la The Bellagio. Only thing was that the fountains, which was called the “Performance Lake” (which also had Mirage volcano like shooting flames)



Hotel Lisboa



was only a very scaled down version of the ones in front of The Bellagio. In fact while walking through the lobby and shopping arcade areas, everything was a scaled down version of Wynn Las Vegas. We walked through the lobby and the shopping area within 3 minutes. Shopping consisted of a few high end designer shops. I recall seeing Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Dior & Prada to name a few. There were also several restaurants inside, although we did not eat at any of them. Most looked like the higher end formal dining experience. Besides, we were still trying to digest what he consumed earlier on.



The lobby was small but nicely done. Walking through the front entry, the registration area was to the left. At the end of the walkway was a tall glass window overlooking the “garden/pool” area. Again very nicely done and decorated.

We then headed into the casino area of the hotel, which like all other casinos require going through a metal detector. Ladies will also have their purses inspected also. You are also not allowed to carry any packages or you will be denied entry. Unlike the other casinos in Macau, the gaming area was nicely laid out. Not cramped or smokey at all. The air seemed to be well filtered and circulated, which was a welcome relief, as it seemed like 99% of all gamblers also smoked. As is the tradition, the most popular table game was Baccarat, followed by Sic-Bo. There were some slots, not close to what you would find in any Las Vegas casino, but certainly much more than before. Table games took up what seemed like 90% of the floor space. The most interesting find for me was the electronic Sic-Bo. Played by up to six players at a time. No dealer involved, just six players sitting around a circular table with 3 huge fuzz balled dice bouncing away.

As an avid video poker player, the big disappointment for me was



the lack of video poker machines. I only found 8 or 10 machines. Single denomination and they were not multi game machines. And to make it worse, the only video poker game offered was the traditional Jacks or Better with an awful payout. Interestingly, all had a special payout for Sequential Royals (as if that happens often).



They had chips starting at Hong Kong \$25 (\$100, \$500 and up ??). The interesting part about the chips used was that they were in Hong Kong dollars and not Macau patacas, which is the official currency.



That was the only currency used for chips. As a comparison, the Sands Macau have chips both in Hong Kong dollars and Macau patacas. It should be noted that because they are so close in value (1 Hong Kong dollar = 1.03 Macau pataca), that Hong Kong currency can be used interchangeably anywhere.

Taxis, shops, casinos, restaurants, everywhere. Did not play slots or video poker so I don't know if tokens were used.

Wynn Macau did offer a slot club. The slot card is almost identical to the ones used in Las Vegas. After signing up for the card, you were then presented with it inside a fancy red card-board holder.



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Our next stop was the Starworld Casino. Located next block down from the Wynn Macau. Starworld opened in October, 1996 and is under the same ownership of the Grand Waldo and Grand Galaxy casinos. The casino outside was a disappointment after seeing Wynn Macau. It had no façade or marquee or any decorations. I would describe it as looking like a tall square commercial office building. Walking through the front entry, there was a large plain lobby area. At the end of the lobby



you went through the ever familiar metal detector and proceeded up the escalator. You are then presented with 3 huge levels of gaming. Table games everywhere with only a splattering of slot machines. Did not find any video poker at all. No pretenses of a theme of any sort, just pure unadulterated gaming.

After our short smoke filled tour of Starworld, we decided to walk around outside for some fresh air. There was construction everywhere for what I would assume to be new hotels and casinos. Complicating our outside walk was the upcoming Macau Grand Prix, which meant that some sidewalks were blocked off because they were putting up temporary guardrails for the race. Our aim-



Starworld lobby



Galaxy casino

less walk down the blocks took us past several more casinos before ending up at the Sands Macau.

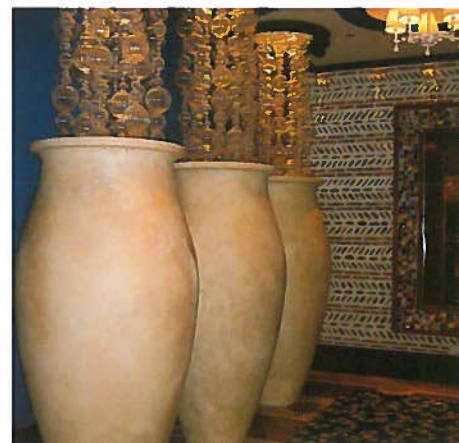
I had visited the Sands Macau several years ago with my daughter. My wife was not with me that trip, so we decided to stop in. They made a few changes since my last visit. Most notably was the buffet was gone. Replacing the buffet was a whole level of gaming. Guess table games did more for the bottom line than the buffet. During my last visit, I recall seeing only 2 levels of gaming. Now they have 4 levels. The most amazing thing was that it seemed like every table was filled (and they had what seemed like hundreds of tables).

I did manage to find some video poker machines. Not many, but I did find some at the bar

that offered Double Double Bonus (again with an awful 7/4 payout for full houses and flushes). After playing for awhile and not hitting any quads, and running late for our dinner reservations, we headed off.

Dinner was at a local Portuguese/Chinese restaurant. A cab ride back to the ferry terminal and we were on our way back to Hong Kong. Our trip was quick and rushed.

Many more things that we wanted to see and do. Maybe next time, with some planning, we'll stay overnight.



Wynn lobby



# The Brothers Hildebrandt

by Allan Anderson

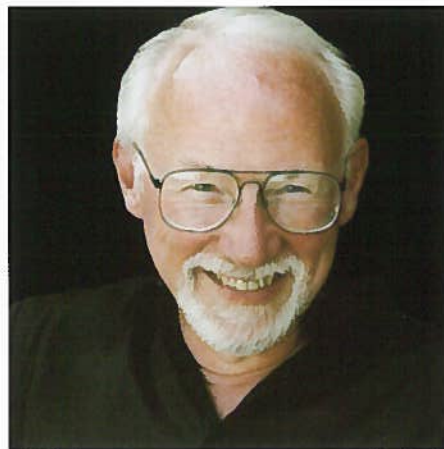
The year was 1939. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was in the White House. Hitler was waging war on Britain and France. 131 million people lined up to see The Wizard of OZ, the Yankees won the World Series, a loaf of bread cost 8 cents, and, on January 23rd, the Brothers Hildebrandt were born.

Greg and Tim worked together and separately, winning awards and fame. They created everything from their fantasy novel, Urshurak, to the world famous poster for Star Wars, to the best-selling calendars illustrating J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. Together they won the coveted Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators.

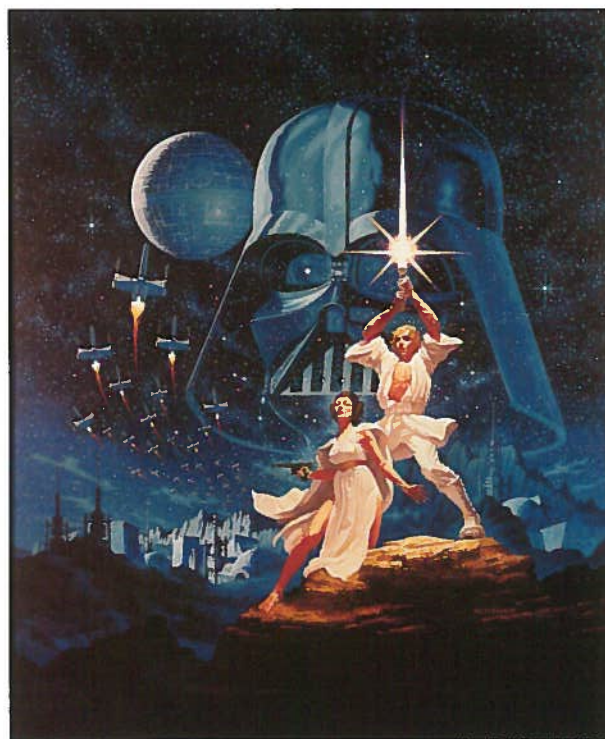
They were strongly influenced by many great comic books, like Green Lantern, Terry & the Pirates, Steve Canyon, Prince Valiant, Wonderwoman, Batman, and Superman. They were captivated by other forms of fantasy: marionettes, especially Edgar Bergen & Charlie McCarthy; science fiction novels/films, including Frankenstein, When Worlds Collide and War of the Worlds; and illustrators, N.C. Wyeth and Maxfield Parrish.

Perhaps their biggest influence was Walt Disney, especially his Snow White and Fantasia. They dreamed of becoming Disney animators. While they did not work for Disney, they became animators and documentary film-makers, winning the Golden Eagle award for Project Hope. They illustrated the Sword of Shannara, painted the movie posters for Barbarella, Clash of the Titans, and the world-famous Star Wars. Then they went on to write and illustrate their own epic fantasy novel, Urshurak. Which was on the New York Times Bestsellers List for 6 weeks.

In 1981 they separated to pursue separate careers. During the 80's Greg's art appeared on covers for Omni and Heavy Metal. The Franklin Mint & Lenox issued his work on collector's plates, figurines, dolls,



Greg Hildebrandt



Star Wars - Lucas Film Ltd.  
Brothers Hildebrandt Art



Smaug - Tolkien, Lord of the Rings Calendar  
Brothers Hildebrandt Art



King Kong - Jacqui Commission  
Greg Hildebrandt Art



Francesca Painting - Commissioned Portrait  
Greg Hildebrandt Art

and swords. His art has been on advertising for ABC and Dr. Pepper and licensed on dozens of additional products.

In 1984, Greg illustrated Mary Stewart's Merlin Trilogy. Lady Stewart wrote to the publisher and said that her words and characters were moving around in Greg's world.

Greg has illustrated 15 classics. Including: The Wizard of OZ, Aladdin, Robin Hood, Dracula, and Phantom of the Opera. There are over 3,500,000 copies in print of the combined titles. The New York Times has said "Fortunate the child or adult who receives a gift of the classics richly illustrated by Greg Hildebrandt."

Tim has illustrated calendars for TSR, Dungeons & Dragons, Realms of Wonder and The Dragon Riders of Pern. He painted numerous sci-fi/fantasy covers including; Amazing Stories, The Time of Transference and The Byworlder. He was commissioned to paint the cover for The illusion of Life by Disney animators Ollie Johnson and Frank Thomas. Tim's art has been on advertising for AT&T & Levi's and on packages for Return of the Jedi.

After 12 years the Brothers reunited. They worked on Marvel posters, pre-production art for Stan Lee & Michael Uslan, producer of the Batman Films, a King Tut book, a Dragon pop-up book, the 1994 Marvel Masterpieces card set, X-Men & Spiderman card sets, Terry & The Pirates and an X-Men 2009 painted Bookshelf edition released in January 1996.

Greg's art is collected by many famous people, some of whom include: Michael Jackson, Robin Williams, the owner of Word Perfect and Jacqui Lefrak. In 1993, the centerfold painting of The Unexpected Party, from the 1977 Tolkien calendar, sold for \$150,000.

Five years ago Greg began to paint a life-long dream. He created his American Beauties series of Retro Pinup art. There are presently 39 amazing paintings in this series and Greg says the possibilities are endless.

In 2003 he began creating art for the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Since Greg loves Rock Opera there could not be a better match than his art and TSO'S music.





Trans-Siberian Orchestra 2006 Program Cover  
Greg Hildebrandt Art



American Beauty - Pinup  
Greg Hildebrandt Art

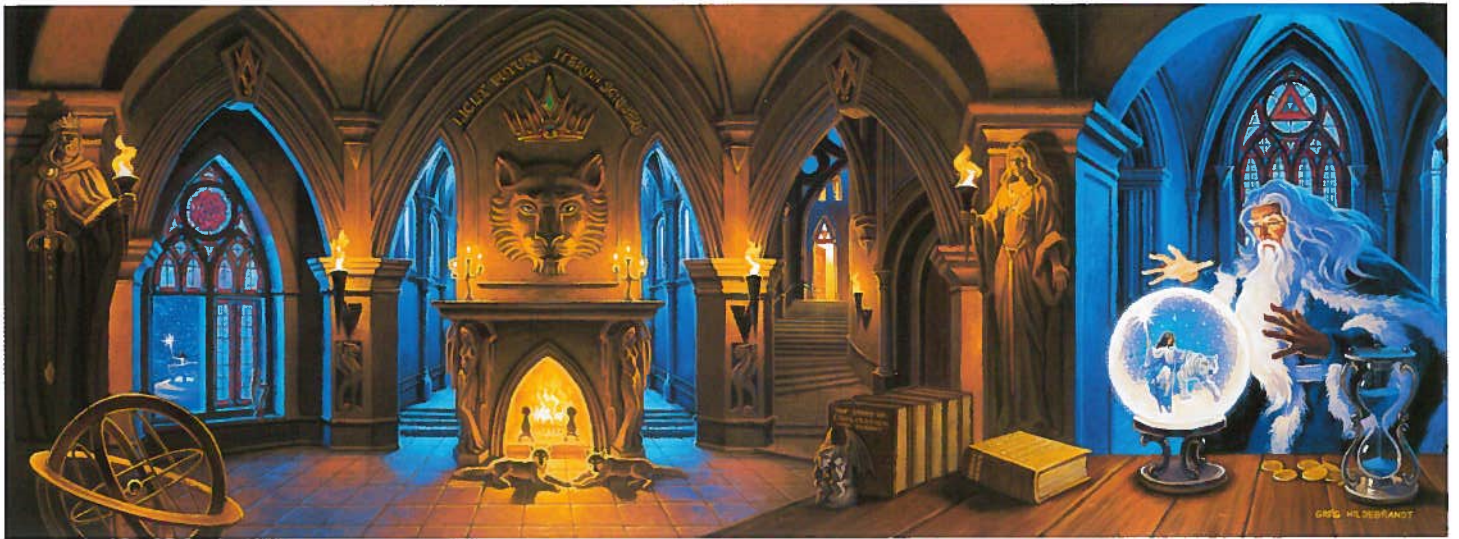


Spiderman with Gargoyle  
Marvel Comics  
Greg Hildebrandt Art



Snow White Evil Queen  
Sample Art  
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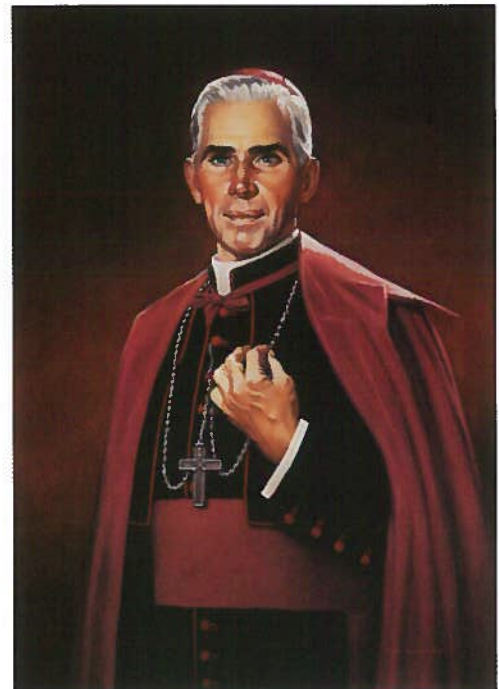




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Greg Hildebrandt Art



Captain America Red Skull - Marvel Comics  
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[brothershildebrandt@spiderwebart.com](mailto:brothershildebrandt@spiderwebart.com)  
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# CC&GTCC Building Fund

by Andy Hughes

## Building Fund Committee

The balance in the Building Fund as of December 31, 2006 is \$89,863.

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

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

## Vision & Feasibility Committee

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

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Mike Quinlivan  
Jim Kruse  
Wayne Thompson  
Eric Rosenblum  
Nate Pincus  
Chuck Tomarchio  
Travis Lewin  
Mike Skelton

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

Please mail a check out for the correct amount to:  
Mike Quinlivan  
Treasurer CC&GTCC  
P.O. Box 249  
Atwood, CA 92811-0249

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

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



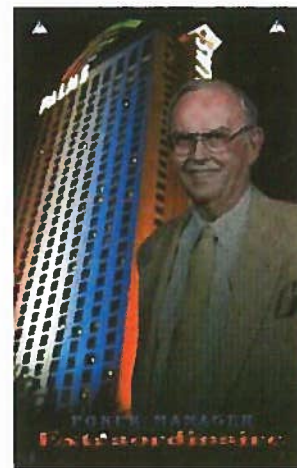
The NCV **Palms** chip below was given out one per person with a coupon at the 2002 CC&GTCC Convention. There were only 850 made & the Palms graciously donated the remainder to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Building Fund! The price is \$10 each.



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)



2006 Palms show reception & trade session. \$10.00.



2006 CC&GTCC Convention grab bag. \$15.00.



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2006 Palms chip show poker tournament players in the form of card cappers. \$10.00.



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2006 Palms chip show poker tournament players. \$10.00.



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Happy Halloween 2006. Donated by Debby Meister and Steve Palumbo. Standard sized ceramic plaque. \$20.00



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2006 Palms show reception & trade session. \$10.00.



Given out as gifts to 2006 CC&GTCC Convention poker tournament players in the form of card cappers. \$10.00



4th annual ChipBoard get together at the Palms, 2004. Donated by Greg Susong. \$5.00



House of Hanover. \$5 denom A-crest mold. Various colors. \$15.00



# North Dakota Charity Casino Chips 2005 World Junior Hockey Championship

by John K. Kallman

If I ever meet that fellow Murphy who seems to have a lot of laws named after him, I intend to have a very long talk with him! It seems that just when you think you have things figured out, then life throws you a curve ball. No sooner had the ink dried on my last article on North Dakota Charity Casino Chips where I remunerated on Limited Edition Chips, or more precisely the lack there of, that the number of known chips increased greatly.

After many false starts and numerous delays, I finally made my way to Grand Forks North Dakota. Crossing over from East Grand Forks in

Minnesota across the Red River into North Dakota, the first establishment that I stopped at was just in the process of opening the gaming tables for the evening. With no players present, it presented the opportunity to chat and find out a little bit more about these chips. The Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau was the organization that sponsored this particular charity casino and they produced 10 different \$5.00 and one \$25 chip in association with the 2005 World Junior Hockey Championship held both in Grad Forks and Thief River Falls Minnesota. Apparently they even tried to sell sets housed in a Lucite holder during the games, with little success.

With these chip, the total number of limited edition chips for charity casinos in North Dakota increases from a mere 2 to a total of 13! A \$5.00 chip for each country that participated with the flag and name of the country was produced along with a single \$25.00 chip. The countries were, Germany, Finland, Switzerland, United States, Canada, Belarus, Russia, Sweden, Slovakia, Czech Republic.

One never knows what adventure lies out on the road when one goes chip hunting. But I plan to find out once again, real soon!





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# **Collecting the Samples, Boxes and Original Catalogs of the Manufacturers & Distributors of “Clay” or Composition Gaming Checks and Chips (and the information they yield)**

*by* Howard W. Herz

In the more than 46 years that I have collected gaming checks, few collections have been as difficult to complete and yet have provided as much information about the history of gaming checks as the challenge of finding manufacturer's catalogs, boxes and chip samples. With around 100 known clay mold designs, it would seem that collecting one of each would be a snap. After starting in 1965 and giving considerable time, money and effort to the collection, I am still looking for samples and still learning about what exists.

The composition or “clay” gaming chips that we now know came into use before the turn of the 20th century. A number of companies manufactured and distributed poker chips to the general public and offered a variety of generic designs. Custom chips were fairly rare and were mostly produced for the wealthy. The United States Playing Card Company (USPC) offered some of the first customized clay chips around 1911. The company records include a number of sample books that start with custom orders of a plain mold inlaid chip. USPC records have a Hunt & Co. “chain mold” sample and a note “September 1927” in the record books. This would indicate that Hunt & Co. possibly produced the first chip that had a “mold” design embossed into the chip.

In September of 1928 USPC records have 9 color samples of a Hub” mold that was owned by Mason & Co. of Chicago, Illinois. On February 26, 1929, USPC made raised circle mold chip for A. Ball & Bro. of Chicago. A color set of 9 colors in the three ball mold was made in May of 1929 for Joe Trebal of Chicago. On November 27, 1929 a color set of 9 colors in a large crown mold was produced for T.R. King & Co. of Kansas City, Mo. The next mold in the USPC records was the diamond mold for Jack Todd with 9 color samples. On October 16, 1934 the first small Grecian key mold samples were made for B.C. Wills of Detroit. On September 28, 1938 USPC records show a large crown molded chip made for T.R. King in Los Angeles, CA.

## **Manufacturers vs. Distributors**

Starting the in the 1920's, a number of gaming equipment suppliers began to offer custom gaming chips. Rather than invest in the production facilities for chip manufacturing, these suppliers developed a relationship with the United States Playing Card Company in which they could order custom chips that were made on a “registered” mold design that only they had the right to sell. As the number of suppliers increased, new and different mold designs were introduced. In several instances, when a supplier went out of business, his mold would become an “open” mold that was available to suppliers that did not want to invest in the considerable cost of a “registered” design.

The result of this agreement was that different suppliers could offer their “registered molds” to their customers and guarantee that they would be protected against outsiders producing their chips. Although the vast majority of the chips offered were produced in the same manufacturing facility (USPC and Burt Co.), this arrangement allowed each supplier to tout his chips as the best. The manufacturers tended to only sell to the distributors who had the rights to the mold and would not sell directly to any of the distributor's customers. This two tiered system gave the manufacturers a certain amount of protection from problems with customers who might seek to subvert their competition with “counterfeit chips” and provided the distributors with the necessary security of production.

## The Primary Manufacturers

During most of the 20th century, only a hand full of companies actually manufactured custom gaming chips for casino operations. The first and oldest was United States Playing Card Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Burt Company of Portland, Maine also produced chips in the early part of the century, but primarily produced generic chips. Around the mid-1940's (probably 1946) the entire chip operation of the USPC was purchased by the Burt Co. who then became the largest producer of custom casino chips in the United States.

Hunt & Co. of Chicago, Illinois probably began molding chips in the 1920's under the ownership of E. M. Stockton who started the company in the late 1890's. Using hand plate molds and a steam press, Hunt & Co. produced the "Chain Mold" chips in several variations.

T.R. King & Co. began manufacturing casino chips in Los Angeles, CA after moving from Kansas City in 1931. T.R. King acted as a distributor for their chips.

The Paulson Company of Las Vegas, Nevada was established in 1966 and began their own manufacture of custom casino chips in the 1970's after initially using the Burt Company.

### "Clay" or "Composition" Molds of the Manufacturers and Distributors



#### **A.B.P. (Casino Supplies ) Ltd.**

4-5 Academy Buildings  
Fanshaw Street - London N.1  
England  
Distributor  
Era: 1960's - 1980's  
Mold: Scroll



Although this mold was developed for use in American style gaming checks, it was primarily sold in Europe, Africa, Asia and not in the United States. This mold illustrated as a manufacturers sample from A.B.P.'s Spanish distributor.

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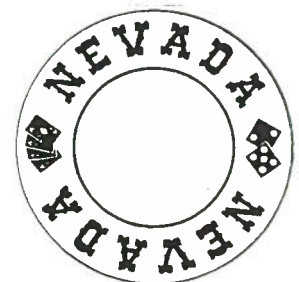
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Bud Jones developed the dice and cards mold almost immediately after the demise of Christy & Jones in late 1964. The mold was used for hot stamp issues along with the Nevada mold, that became the more common hot stamp mold of the Company. The dice and cards motif became one of the first molded metal center designs that was introduced by Bud Jones.

### Bud Jones Nevada Dice Company

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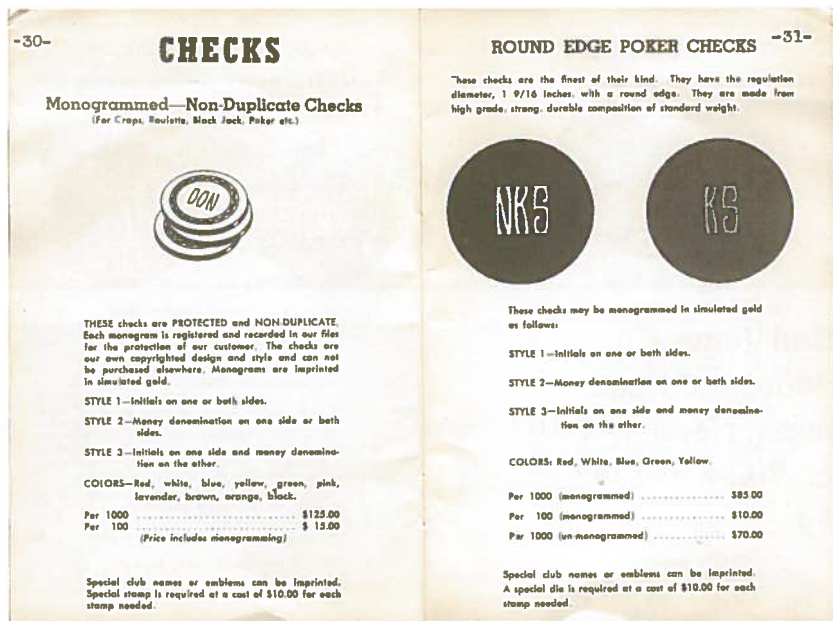
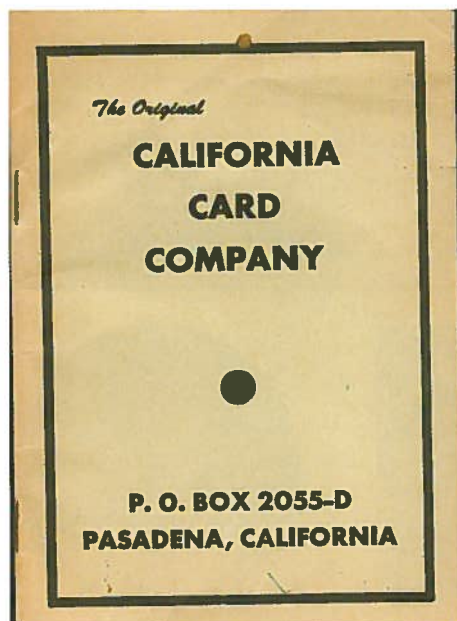
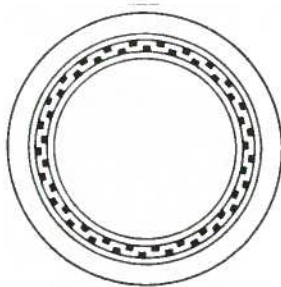
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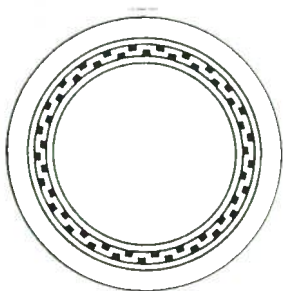


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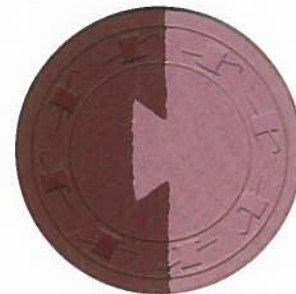
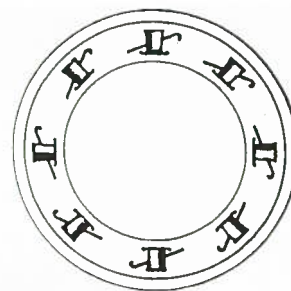
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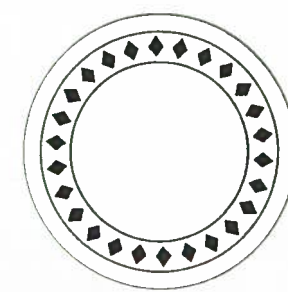
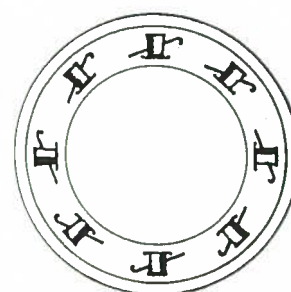


**Christy & Jones Co.**  
 1709 E. 31st. Street  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
 Phone: WAbash-4 7110  
*Hat & Cane Mold*  
*Diamond Mold (1962-)*



Originally Christy & Garrett, the company was renamed when William Chiristy & Bernard (Bud) Jones each purchased a 50% interest. They operated out of Kansas City, Missouri with a representative in Las Vegas. In the early 1960's Christy & Jones purchased the Jack Todd company from Todd's widow and thus gained the use of the Todd diamond mold along with their Hat & Cane mold. Bowing to pressure from national investigations into gambling by the McCellan committee of the U.S. Senate, both Christy and Jones decided that it was better to move to Las Vegas than starve in Kansas City. They moved the company to Las Vegas in October of 1963.

**Christy & Jones Co.**  
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Pat Sullivan, their Las Vegas manager, originally had no stake in the company, but after lobbying for some ownership, Bill Christy and Bud Jones agreed to each give Sullivan, their manager a small stake in the company. Once the papers for the stock transfer were signed, Christy and Sullivan called a stock holders meeting and voted Bud Jones out of the company at the end of 1964. Shocked and angered by the move, Bud Jones was forced to rely on a few friends (pit bosses) who gave him some dice orders. Starting the Bud Jones company in his garage, Bud eventually expanded into a full line gaming supplier.

Bill Christy and Pat Sullivan played down the removal of Jones from the company. Sullivan had lobbied both Jones and Christy to make "special" dice and with Jones out of the picture, they could proceed. In October of 1965, the ax fell on Christy and Sullivan when federal agents raided Bill Christy's home and found "crooked dice" that the company had shipped to Mississippi. With the original company gone, Pat Sullivan developed his own company under his name.

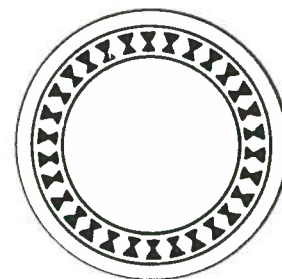


## Cliff's Accurate Products

308 West Fourth St.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Hourglass Mold



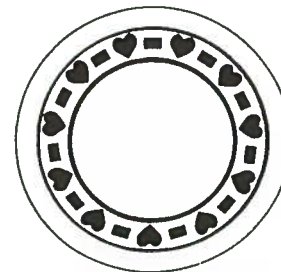
The successor to Rigdon & Co. located at the same address in Cincinnati

## Code & Co.

234 S. Franklin Street

Chicago, Illinois

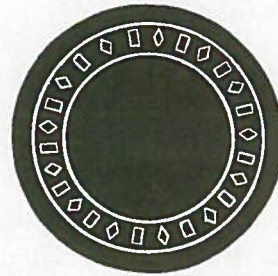
Hearts and Rectangles Mold - Code's Super Speed Checks - Diamond Rectangle Mold - Code Crap Checks



"THE PROTECTED LINE"

## CODE CRAP CHECKS

FAST DEALING • EASILY CUT • EASILY STACKED



### CODE NON-DUPLICATE MONOGRAMMED CRAP CHECKS

are made of the finest grade indestructible material, and feature a special mat finish which insures fast dealing, easier cutting and stacking. Our specially designed air pockets keep these checks from sticking together when stacked.

Code Monogrammed Crap Checks are sold only with Monogram, which is registered and cannot be duplicated or purchased by anyone except the original purchaser.

Supplied in 6 colors: Red, Black, Blue, Green, Yellow and Chocolate.

No. H-100.....\$8.00 per 100; \$75.00 per 1,000

ANY SPECIAL MONOGRAM AT NO EXTRA CHARGE  
ON ORDERS OF 1,000 OR MORE CHECKS

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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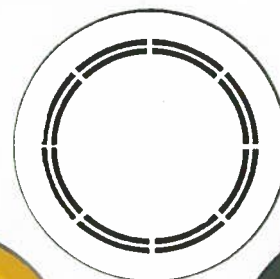
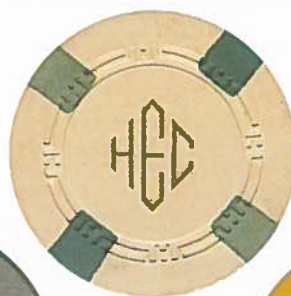
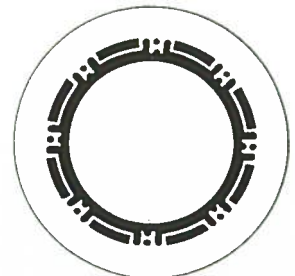
TELEPHONE CENTRAL 1355

Code & Co. was an early supplier of gaming equipment. Their Diamond Rectangle mold became an open mold early on and was used by a large number of other companies over the years. Hunt & Co., Pioneer Club Supply, were just a few that used the original Code & Co. mold. Although the Heart Rectangle mold is not shown in the catalog, a number of samples exist with the "Code's Super Speed Check" hot stamp.

## H.C. Edwards & Co.

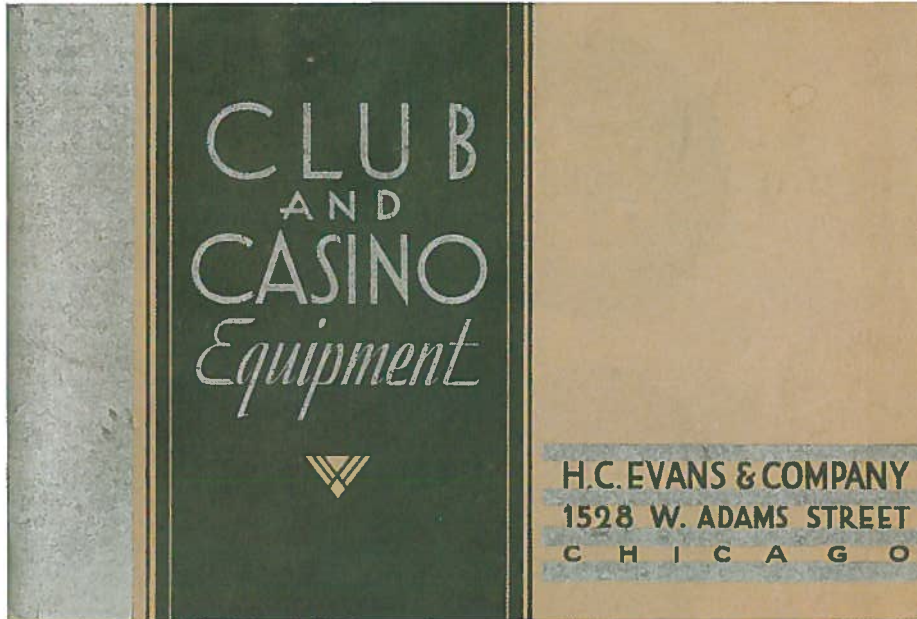
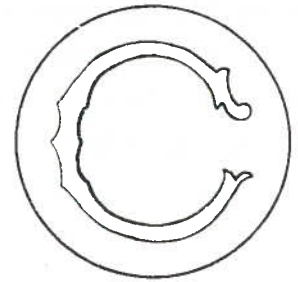
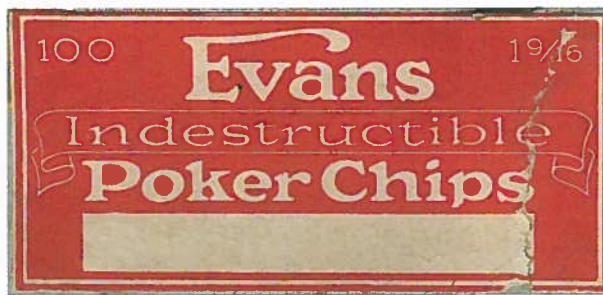
315 W. 39th Street  
New York 18 NY

*H Mold - Super Deal*  
*Broken Double Circles Mold*





**H. C. Evans & Company**  
 1528 W. Adams Street  
 Chicago, Illinois  
*C Mold - Embossed Casino Checks*



## Evans' Embossed Casino Checks



EVANS' Embossed Casino Checks are the latest development in Protection Checks, suitable for general Club Room use but the most satisfactory Check ever produced for Craps. The design is non-duplicate, exclusive with us, the letters or numerals being embossed into the face of the Check and finished in Gold. Standard designs include one, two and three letter designs also numerals and money values. We are also prepared to duplicate individual monograms, trademarks, Club insignias, etc., at a slight increase in cost to cover the expense of the special die.

Embossed Casino Checks are Satin finish, made of unbreakable material, 1 9/16 inches in diameter with thick square edges, guaranteed to size and stack. The large Casino C is an exclusive Evans' design and makes these checks what are known as "live checks" with contact on the edges only. This makes it possible to stack them much higher than ordinary without danger of upsets. Embossed with money values these Checks make ideal lammers.

No. 30F188	Embossed Casino Checks, standard designs.....	Per 100	\$ 6.00
		Per 1000	57.50
No. 30F189	Embossed Casino Checks, special designs.....	Per 1000	60.00

(Write for prices on smaller quantities)

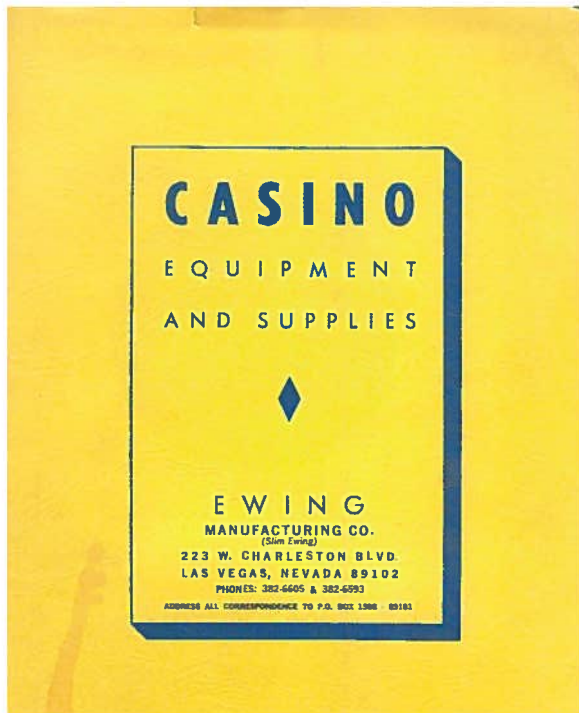
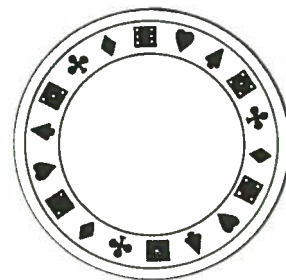
Samples furnished on request.

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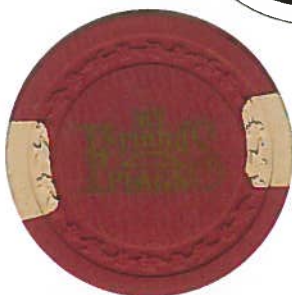
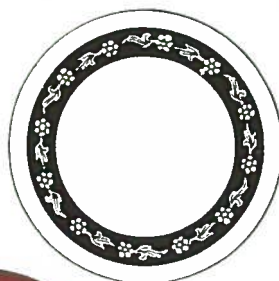




**Ewing Manufacturing Co.**  
 223 W. Charleston Blvd.  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102  
 Dice & Pips Mold -  
 Ewing's Superior Checks



**George & Company**  
 9 East Swain Street  
 Buffalo, New York  
*Floral Mold*



CLUB ROOM EQUIPMENT — CATALOG 80

**NON-DUPLICATE CLUB CHECKS**

*Our Exclusive*  
**FLORAL DESIGN**

Our non-duplicating, club checks are ideally suited for dealing craps, roulette, black jack, poker, or any game where chips are used. Just compare these outstanding features of our club checks with any others on the market.

**Size** - Finished a full 1-9/16" wide and a full 1/8" thick, with a square edge for easier handling.

**Weight** - They are made of a heavy compound which makes them the right weight for fast and accurate dealing. The extra weight permits easy placement in stacks which do not collapse easily when hit by dice.

**Uniform Thickness** - These checks are uniform in size and thickness so that high stacks may be cut off evenly without errors.

**Linen Finish** - The linen finish which is embossed on the surface of the chip offers greater protection, requires no breaking in, and prevents sliding and skidding.

**Low Center** - The low center creates a suction, keeps the wear to the outside edges, thereby eliminating gumminess and preventing a rocking stack which occurs when wear takes place on the edges of usual flat checks. The low center doubles the useable life of your checks.

**Non-Duplicating Features** - The floral design embossed around the monogrammed center belongs exclusively to George & Co. Your monogram will never be supplied to anyone but yourself. It is registered under your name and signature, and any subsequent orders for your monogram must bear your signature.

**STYLE A** - Max. 3 letters

**STYLE B** - Max. 3 letters

**STYLE C** - Max. 2 letters

**STYLE D** - Max. 3 letters

**STYLE E** - Max. 3 letters

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**Hunt & Co.**  
 88 No. Wells Street  
 Chicago, Illinois  
*Softclick - Chain Mold*  
*(with outside ring)*  
*Softclick - Chain Mold*  
*(without outer ring)*  
*Victory Chain Mold*  
*Woodlawn Chain Mold*  
*Stackrite Mold*  
*New Era Mold*



**TRADE CHECKS  
IN COLORS**

**HUNT & COMPANY**  
 160 N. Wells St. Chicago, Ill.

HUNT AND COMPANY, 160 NORTH WELLS STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**GENUINE NON-DUPLICATE CHECKS**

Your own Individual Monogram on every check and quick delivery.  
 Here is the only Genuine Non-Duplicate Check on the market that will give you absolute protection against "Ringers" and at the same time can be turned out or delivered quickly. We now have a new process by which we can place your own private initials or Monogram or any other lettering that you desire on checks in beautiful colors and we can give you delivery on the order in from three to five days. This check cannot be duplicated for the reason that we control the Chain Design on it and the monogram work or lettering which we place on the check is our own secret scientific process and no other firm has been able to perfect or master the method of printing it perfectly.

Where "House Men" or "Dealers" are dealing with high priced checks it is very essential that every protection should be used to prevent "Ringers" and when you purchase a rack of these Chain Design checks with your own private monogram on them you can then rest easy for your game has genuine protection.

Checks are made of best indestructible material in standard 1 1/2 size and come in ten different colors, and we will assort the colors any way you want them. When ordering this check use three letters in the monogram if you wish it, as three letters make the monogram look beautiful and well balanced.

These are made only in Thick Square Edge Checks, as they stack better than any others and you can work faster with them.

Samples submitted on request.

Price, \$10.00 for the first hundred, and \$7.50 for each additional hundred or \$75.00 per thousand.

**STACKRITE POKER CHIPS**

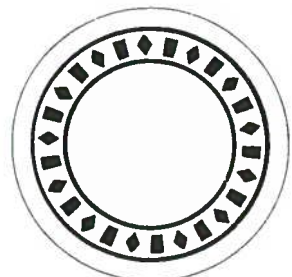
This is a Thick Square Edge Chip designed exclusively to meet the requirements of our customers who wish an inexpensive plain square edge chip. It is scientifically made by being concave in the center with the outer rim thicker than the rest of the chip, so that the contact or bearing surface is all on the outer edge. These chips stack perfectly and can be handled very fast. They have many good qualities and in fact the quality must not be judged by the price. We can furnish you these chips in ten different colors and they are made in the regular 1 1/2 inch diameter. Samples will be mailed on request.

Price, 100 Stackrite Thick Square Edge Chips.....	\$ 4.00
Price, 1000 Stackrite Thick Square Edge Chips.....	37.50
Price, 5000 Stackrite Thick Square Edge Chips.....	175.00

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**Hunt & Co.**  
 1736 So. Michigan Ave.  
 Chicago, 16 Illinois  
*Diamond Square Mold*

**HUNT & COMPANY**  
 Pull Tab License #PS4  
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 U.S.A. TOLL FREE # 1-800-336-TABS







**HUNT & COMPANY**

**HUNT'S CASINO CHECKS**

Made of the heaviest indestructible material, have an engine turned finish which permits them to stack more accurately and to cut easier under the most adverse conditions. This new check is as near the weight of a silver dollar as is practical.

Your monogram is yours exclusively. It is recorded and cannot be purchased by anyone else. Checks can be monogrammed with a one, two, or three letter stock monogram or any special design you desire. Or, when requested, a monogram on one side and money values such as \$1.00 or \$5.00, \$10.00, etc. on the reverse side. All monograms are embossed in Gold and there is no extra charge for a stock monogram.

When ordering, state monogram and colors desired, and forward a deposit of 50% with order to assure promptest possible shipment.

Supplied in ten colors: Red, White, Blue, Yellow are in stock at all times; Chocolate, Green, Orange, Pink, Lavender, and Black are made to order—allow two weeks for delivery. Send for free samples.

No. B220 Per 100 .....\$15.00      Per 1000 .....\$135.00

**HUNT'S NON-DUPLICATE INLAY CHECKS**

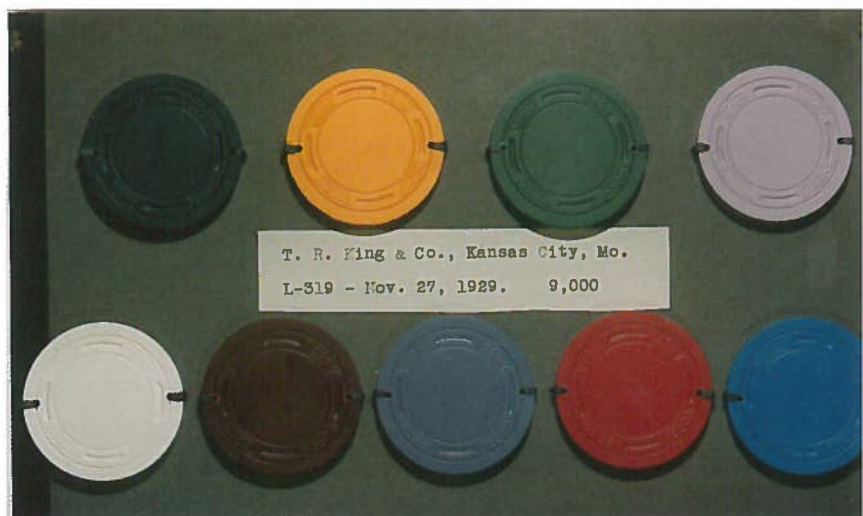
The check pictured is but one of thousands of designs that can be developed for those desiring a printed reproduction in their Checks of letters, numbers, photograph, etc., which will portray any of the characteristics of their club which they wish carried out in the design of their checks. Send for free samples.

Supplied in same colors noted above. Made in quantities of 1000 or over. As these checks are all made special, full amount must accompany order. Allow 5 weeks for delivery.

Per 1000 .....\$250.00

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**T.R. King & Company**  
 617 Grand Avenue  
 Kansas City, Missouri  
*Large Crown Mold*



T.R. King's large Crown mold first appears in the records of United States Playing Card on November 27, 1929



**T.R. King & Company**  
 218 So. Broadway  
 Los Angeles, California  
 (1931-1935)

*Large Crown Mold*

123 East Sixth Street  
 Los Angeles, California



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TELEPHONE TUCKER 2188



### KING'S MERCURY SPEED CHIPS

50% MORE WEIGHT ADDED

This new HEAVY SPEED chip was developed especially for crap play where the action is fast. This extra weight and new etched finish holds a stack firmly when shoved or when being cut to.

We are using our registered Crown Design and guarantee this chip to be non-duplicate. There are never two racks made alike or even similar. You have complete protection with this chip.

New Colors: We are making five colors in this new Heavy Chip which are NEW and DIFFERENT from any color made before. For description we call them Grey, Orange, Green, Crimson and Blue. We suggest the Grey for dollar value, the Orange for five dollar value, the Green for twenty-five dollar value, the Crimson for values over twenty-five dollars and the Blue for values under a dollar.

By suggesting the use of colors for values shown above and reserving this New Mercury Speed Chip for Chartered Clubs, Legal Casinos and permanent organizations, we eliminate the hazard of your club using one color for a twenty-five dollar value and another club using the same color for a dollar value. We expect cooperation in the use of colors.

**THICK SQUARE EDGE — 50% ADDED WEIGHT — REGISTERED — NEW COLORS — NON-DUPLICATE — SPEED**

Monogram, name or special designs are yours exclusively. Price includes monogramming on both sides of chip using our regular monogram designs or include monogram one side and price on reverse side. There is a die charge of five dollars on special designs such as "S. S. Rex" and "Hanks" as shown above.

No 607 King's Mercury Speed Chip, monogrammed both sides, per 100 \$8.00, per 1000 \$75.00

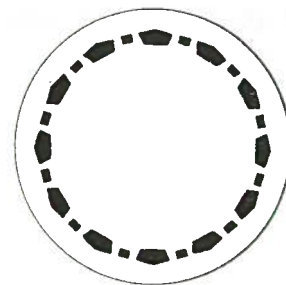
Mercury Speed Chips sold only by T. R. King & Co. and is the heaviest and fastest dealing chip made.

T.R. King & Co. moved to Las Angeles in 1931 under the ownership of M.C. Anderson who had purchased the company from Mr. King in 1926. Originally located on Broadway, the first known catalog from California shows an address on East Sixth street.

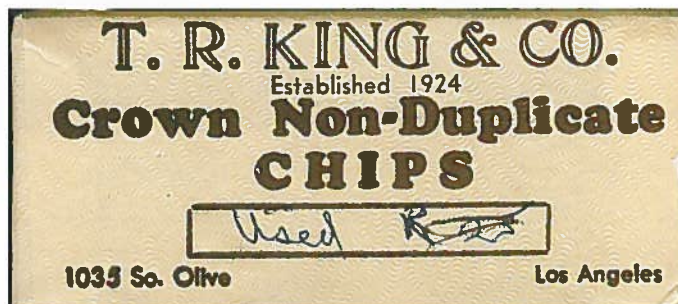




**T.R. King & Company**  
1245 So. Hope Street  
Los Angeles, California



1035 So. Olive Street  
Los Angeles, California



400 W. Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California



**KING'S REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS**

**CROWN BORDER CROWN DASH BORDER**

**GOLD STAMPED MONOGRAM**

KING'S REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS are made in both the Crown Border and the Crown Dash Border. These are square edge and standard Casino thickness of .127. There is no four chip for general Casino use. Stocks and cuts accurately.

FIFTEEN STANDARD COLORS: White, Scarlet, Blue, Yellow, Pink, Tan, Grey, Light Blue, Green, Lavender, Purple, Chocolate, Orange, Light Green and Black. SPECIAL COLORS and SHADES made to order at no additional cost.

KING'S REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS are monogrammed in gold on both sides or monogrammed one side and price on the other side. Special design monograms Club Names or Picture Designs can be used. See price list on opposite page.

**KING'S CREST and SEAL-REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS**

Designed and made for Clubs and Casinos. The four edge variation of the inlay is controlled for use on chips of the same denomination. This added protection precludes tampering. We operate our own chip manufacturing plant and have tight control of design and color.

FIFTEEN STANDARD COLORS: White, Scarlet, Blue, Yellow, Pink, Tan, Grey, Light Blue, Green, Lavender, Purple, Chocolate, Orange, Light Green and Black. Special colors and shades made to order at no additional cost.

KING'S CREST and SEAL are made with one, two or three color inlay with unlimited copy and color. See Price List on opposite page.

**KING'S INLaid WHEEL CHIPS**

Made in four designs: Heart, Spade, Diamond and Club. They are thick square edge with a dull sand blast finish and require no breaking in. Slightly concave and always cut and stack perfectly. Carried in racks of 2,114 chips, 307 each of seven colors: White, Scarlet, Blue, Yellow, Light Green, Lavender and Chocolate. Special colors made to order.

Kings Inlaid Wheel Chips.....Per 1000 \$ 125.00

**KING'S REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS**

**Extra Heavy**

**WEIGHTED CROWN-DASH DESIGN**

These chips are made both in the Crest Seal Inlay and Gold Stamped Monogram. This chip has far more weight than any other chip and is an easy chip to handle for fast dealing. Cuts and stacks to perfection. Thick square edge (standard .127), concave non-slip finish.

FIFTEEN STANDARD COLORS: White, Scarlet, Blue, Yellow, Pink, Tan, Grey, Light Blue, Green, Lavender, Purple, Chocolate, Orange, Light Green and Black. Special colors and shades made to order at no additional cost. See Price List below.

**ELKS CLUB REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS**

This registered chip is made exclusively for Elks Clubs in our one color Crest and Seal Inlay and our Gold Stamped Monogram. Crest and Seal Inlay will show the City-Number and S.P.D.E. The Gold Stamp Monogram will show the Number and S.P.D.E. These are thick square edge (standard .127) concave non-slip finish.

FIFTEEN STANDARD COLORS (same as King's Registered Chips).

**V.F.W. AND LEGION REGISTERED NON-DUPLICATE CHIPS**

This registered chip is made exclusively for V.F.W. and Legion in our one color Crest and Seal Inlay and our Gold Stamped Monogram. (Either will show the City-Number and V.F.W. or Legion. These are thick square edge (standard .127) concave non-slip finish.

FIFTEEN STANDARD COLORS (same as King's Registered Chips).

**CHIP PRICE LIST**

	Per 1000	Lots of 8000 Per 1000	Lots of 10,000 Per 1000	Lots of 20,000 Per 1000
<b>GOLD STAMPED MONOGRAM</b>				
Regular Weight—No Edge Spots	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$70.00
Regular Weight—With Edge Spots	145.00	135.00	125.00	115.00
Extra Heavy—No Edge Spots	120.00	110.00	100.00	90.00
Extra Heavy—With Edge Spots	145.00	135.00	125.00	115.00
Special Design Monogram, Club Name or Picture Design on above, add \$15 only to 1st 1000 chips				
<b>CREST and SEAL—One Color Inlay</b>				
Regular Weight—No Edge Spots	\$225.00	\$205.00	\$195.00	\$185.00
Regular Weight—With Edge Spots	280.00	260.00	250.00	240.00
Extra Heavy—No Edge Spots	245.00	235.00	225.00	215.00
Extra Heavy—With Edge Spots	300.00	290.00	280.00	270.00
<b>CREST and SEAL—Two Color Inlay</b>				
Regular Weight—No Edge Spots	\$230.00	\$210.00	\$200.00	\$190.00
Regular Weight—With Edge Spots	305.00	285.00	275.00	265.00
Extra Heavy—No Edge Spots	270.00	250.00	240.00	230.00
Extra Heavy—With Edge Spots	325.00	305.00	295.00	285.00
<b>CREST and SEAL—Three Color Inlay</b>				
Regular Weight—No Edge Spots	\$275.00	\$255.00	\$245.00	\$235.00
Regular Weight—With Edge Spots	330.00	310.00	300.00	290.00
Extra Heavy—No Edge Spots	295.00	275.00	265.00	255.00
Extra Heavy—With Edge Spots	350.00	330.00	320.00	310.00

## T.R. King & Company

Las Vegas, Nevada

(The July 1967 Las Vegas phone book lists the company at their 1035 So Olive address in Los Angeles)

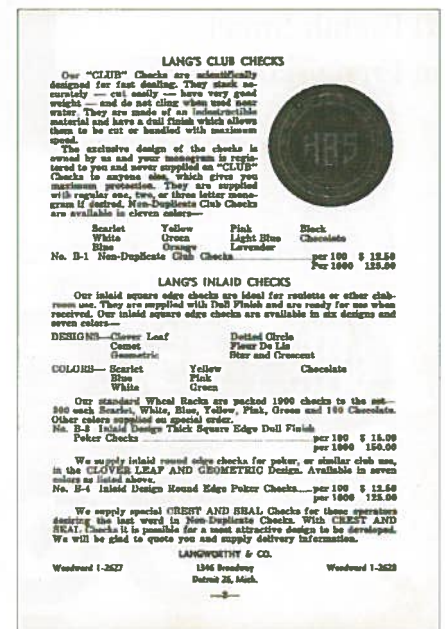
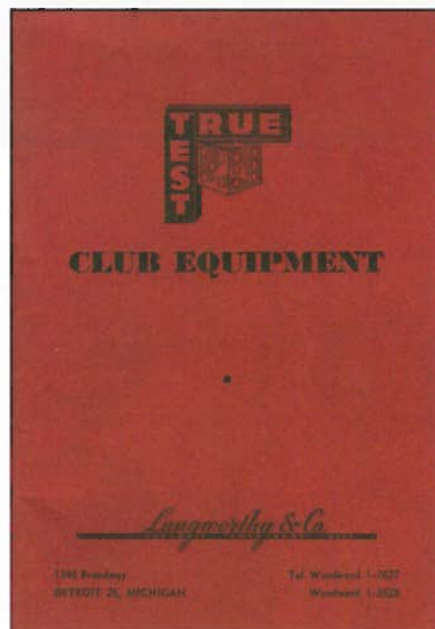
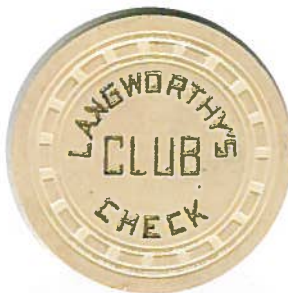
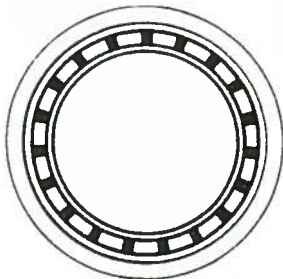
Samples from King's brief Nevada operations.



## Langworthy & Co.

1346 Broadway

Detroit 26, Michigan



## (Western Club Supply)

Arizona

We have a few samples of the Langworthy rectangle mold that have Western Club Supply hot stamped on the sample chips. One notes indicate that this was a short lived business in Phoenix, Arizona conducted by Felix Devere. The note indicates that it was closed for selling "crooked gaming equipment".





## Mason & Co.

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Chicago, Illinois

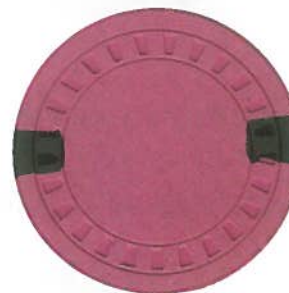
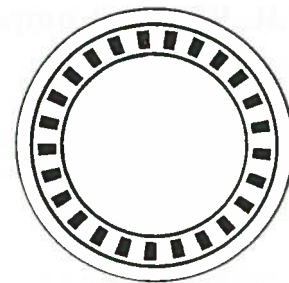
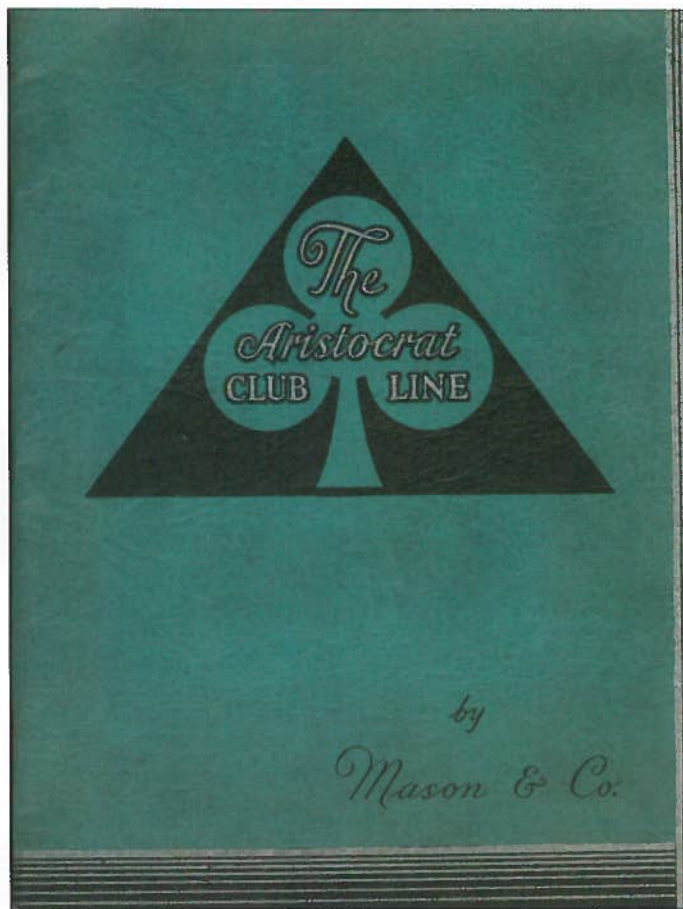
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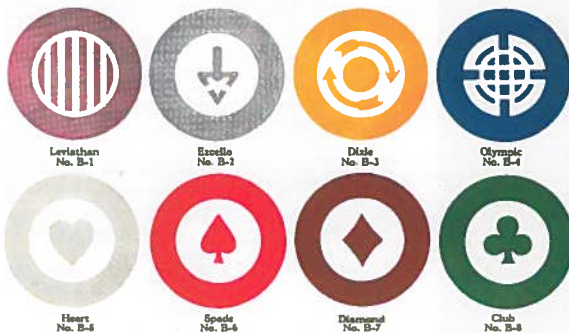
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San Francisco, California



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### Mason & Co. • The Aristocrat Club Line

#### Mason's Inlaid Square Edge Checks



THE checks pictured above are the ideal ones for roulette and other club room games. Mason & Co. own and control the Leviathan, Exello, Dixie and Olympic designs, and these cannot be purchased elsewhere. They are a thick square edge, made for us of indestructible material, and have a sand blast finish which allows them to be shoved without troublesome spills. We guarantee them to stack accurately. Supplied in eight colors: red, white, blue, yellow, pink, green, chocolate and gray. Colors are selected to prevent "Sleepers." A large supply always on hand for immediate shipment.

No. B-1 to B-8 Mason's Inlaid Square Edge Checks, per 1000 ..... \$ 7.25  
No. B-1 to B-8 Mason's Inlaid Square Edge Checks, per 1000 ..... 72.50

#### Mason's Hub Design Non-Duplicate Monogrammed Checks



##### The Fastest Dealing Check Made

WE can give you one day service on non-duplicate monogrammed checks. Our Hub design check should be used for dice or any other game where protection is desired against "Ringers." We own the design which cannot be obtained elsewhere. Your monogram is fitted and cannot be purchased by anyone else.

Our Hub checks are a thick square edge, made for us of indestructible material, and have a sand blast finish which allows them to be shoved without troublesome spills. Guaranteed to stack accurately and to cut easier and not to cling when used near water, than any check made.

Monogrammed with a two or three lettered design in gold, green or white, also supplied showing money values, such as \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, etc. When ordering, state monogram and colors desired. Supplied in ten colors: red, white, blue, yellow, chocolate, green, orange, light blue, pink and black.

No. B-9 and B-10 Mason's Hub Design Checks, per 1000 ..... \$ 7.50  
No. B-9 and B-10 Mason's Hub Design Checks, per 1000 ..... 75.00

### Mason & Co. • The Aristocrat Club Line

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#### Mason's Crest and Seal Non-Duplicate Checks



THIS is an exclusive, high grade, non-duplicate check for particular clubs desiring something aristocratic in appearance as well as affording protection from "Ringers."

By changing the color of the design and the color of the check we can furnish an almost endless chain of checks, which absolutely cannot be duplicated. Made for us with a thick square edge of indestructible material, with sand blast finish, in all colors.

No. B-11 Mason's Crest and Seal Non-Duplicate Checks, per 1000 ..... \$85.00

#### Mason's Monarch Checks Plain and Inlaid



OUR Monarch checks come in two styles, plain as pictured or inlaid as shown at the right with spade design. These checks are known as a "Tow check"; they have a groove around the center and contact is on the outer rim only. They cut easily and size correctly. The plain design is a moderate priced check, and the inlaid one is suitable for such games as faro, etc. Other designs beside the spade can be furnished. Made in square edge only, any color.



No. B-12 Mason's Plain Monarch Checks, per 100 ..... \$ 4.50  
No. B-12 Mason's Plain Monarch Checks, per 1000 ..... 45.00  
No. B-14 Mason's Inlaid Monarch Checks, per 1000 ..... 85.00

#### Mason's Inlaid Round Edge Checks



Supplied in red, white, blue, yellow, chocolate, light blue, orange, green and pink.  
No. B-15 to B-18 Mason's Inlaid Round Edge Checks, per 100 ..... \$ 5.00  
No. B-15 to B-18 Mason's Inlaid Round Edge Checks, per 1000 ..... 47.50



Engraved No. B-19  
Supplied in 4 colors.  
Red, white, blue, yellow  
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# DEADWOOD

by James Campiglia



Deadwood.

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## Deadwood Gaming 2006 update

Modern gaming began November 1<sup>st</sup> 1989 when made legal by a vote of the people. Since this time much revenue has been brought in for the state. The limit to just 30 gaming devices, slots and tables in each building, helps keep each casino equal. The betting limited was raised from \$5 to \$100 in 2000.

The first twenty casino's to open were:

B.B. Cody's  
Bella Union  
Bullock Hotel  
Calamity Janes  
D.T. Saloon also called Dakota Territory  
Deadwood Dicks  
Deadwood Livery  
First Gold  
Franklin Hotel  
Gold Street

Jackpot Charley's  
Lucky Wrangler  
Mineral Palace (no chips until 2003)  
Peacock Club  
Pink Palace  
Poker Alice  
Saloon No. 10  
Wild Bill Bar  
Wilderness Edge  
Windflower

In 1990 27 more casinos opened with live gaming. Of the 47 casinos at the inauguration of modern gaming in 1989 to 90 a few only lasted a year then closed up never to reopen. Many of the others have now become slots only. It is very hard for the small operations to make it through the slow winter season. After the yearly gaming taxes are paid July 1<sup>st</sup> a casino really has to generate a good income in the summer before the snow season starts in October and business and events really slow down. The machines have mostly gone to the ticket in ticket out, coinless, machines. There's only a few banks of poker machines in town. The once very popular poker machines are hard to find scattered among thousands of modern slots starting at a penny.

Deadwood has had 58 different casinos with live gaming to date. Not many new ones open these days. The casinos mostly have expanded to take over the buildings next to them. When Deadwoods modern gaming started it was a town of old, mostly closed down, business buildings that became small casinos in each building. The Wild Wild West now takes up most of one block- filled with bad paying machines and nothing much of interest. Wild Bill Bar was in this block but the live gaming has been taken out.

The newest casino to come along in a long time is Lucky Nugget, opened July 1<sup>st</sup>. A real nice poker room with 15 tables located at the end of the block and leased from the Wild Wild West. They have the first .50 cent chip! Their set of Chipco's is a must have. Some of the best artwork I have seen in a long time. The blue .50, the \$1, the orange \$2, the \$5, \$25, and \$100 make a real nice set. Don't miss their poker tournaments. The Lucky Nugget is one of just 4 poker rooms still going in Deadwood.



Mineral Palace has expanded and now holds 12 gaming licenses in their large building. With a new adjoining building called the Gem Theatre they added many brand new machines. On the second floor a restaurant, a steak house, and meeting rooms and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, suites. Also 5 or 6 blackjack tables are in use in the original casino area. The new area is called the Gem Theatre and Chipco chips were issued advertising this in the \$5 and \$25 only. They are regular table chips, not limited editions.



Under Mineral Palace ownership they opened a new Union Palace with 30 gaming machines on December 15<sup>th</sup>. I was not able to find out if they have tokens or not. Previously this building was Poker Alice and sat empty for a long time.

The Franklin Hotel was bought for big bucks then renovated, I hear 7 million, by the Silverado, one of Deadwoods largest casinos which is across the street. Three million more spent on renovation. They now have a \$100 chip in use on the 5 blackjack, two 3 card, and one 4 card tables in the beautifully redone casino. A newer \$25 was issued about 2004, before the casino was remodeled.



The Gold Dust is the only casino I could find which issued a \$500 chip. I'm not sure how often this nice lavender Chipco is put into play. Released around July is a new \$1 with a blue ring instead of the maroon that was in use. They are still keeping up with Black Hills Motor Classic biker \$5 chips that have been issued since 1998. Their \$5 coin inlay is now obsolete as well as the blue \$10 Chipco. This is one of Deadwoods largest casinos and chances are



they are changing hands end of Jan. 07 to a large casino group.



Silverado put in a nice large poker room around 2004 and now using a super nice set of chips. \$1 to \$100 and it's nice to see each with a different design.



Deadwood Stage/Dakota Frontier opened on the main street the summer of 2003 with a black jack table open on the weekends. Unfortunately by Feb, 04 the one blackjack table was taken out. The \$5 and \$25 chips are very hard to come by now. Slots only and a nice place to play. Located in part of the old Goldberg's.

Celebrity Hotel opened about 2004 and has a \$25 chip. Also for tables is a \$5 and \$1 token. Odd to see no \$5 chip. Lots of neat movie props and even cars from the movies are on display. A great place to gamble. Very relaxing.



Gulches of Fun outside of town has not had any tables since 05 and possibly even the last quarter of 04 when the blackjack was taken out. Slots only now.

Miss Kittys live gaming also ended at the end of 05. I was told the chips were destroyed.

I don't recall a table this summer at Buffalo Bodega and the number I called just goes to an answering machine.

Dakota Deuces which was the old Mother Lode/Depot property did not make it for long. No chips were issued just a \$1 token. This has now been changed to office and warehouse space for the local slot operator.



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# Bye Bye Barbary Coast

by Tyrus Mulkey

Back in the 1970's, the Flamingo Hilton was enjoying the status of being located at the most famous intersection in the world, Flamingo and the Strip. Their neighbors were Caesars Palace, MGM Grand, and the Dunes. Technically, though, the Flamingo was about a half block away from the intersection. There was a tiny piece of land between the Flamingo casino and hotel and Flamingo Road. But there was no need to spend money buying it. After all, it was too small of a property for anyone to build a casino on it. Or was it?

Michael Gaughan was raised in the casino business. His dad, Jackie, was a Las Vegas gaming pioneer that had held interest in at least eight Las Vegas casinos. Michael himself already had experience in several casinos, but had yet to land the flagship property that would put him on the map.

Michael bought that tiny piece of property next to the Flamingo Hilton, and on March 2, 1979, the Barbary Coast opened. Principal owners were Michael Gaughan, Kenny Epstein, Tito Tiberti, and Frank Toti. It was the unique design of the building that made it possible. The first floor was the 30,000 square foot casino and restaurants. Floors two through four were the parking garage and floors five and above were the hotel rooms.



For the next 26 years, the Barbary became a pain in the side of the Flamingo and an amazing piece of Las Vegas history that proves how powerful a great location really is.

Immediately, the Barbary became well known for Michael's steakhouse. Before Wolfgang, Emeril, and a host of other celebrity chefs turned Las Vegas into a gourmet destination, Michael's quietly impressed those that were willing to shell out big bucks for a great steak. It was a class restaurant that was old Vegas and built to impress. Michael's was one of the best gourmet rooms in the city.

On November 21, 1980, the Barbary Coast casino was shut down and turned into a triage area for victims of the MGM fire. The location was as close as any to the MGM, but it was far enough away that it was safe.

In two paragraphs, I've been able to describe everything good about the Barbary! Now, I could write a book on everything bad about the Barbary, but there isn't enough space so I'll just pass on some random bits of information.



The security tower for the employee parking area off of Flamingo. I always got a kick out of the way it resembled a prison guard tower.

When I moved to Las Vegas in 1987 to break into the casino business, I immediately started hearing about the “Barbaric Coast”. It was known as Barbaric because of the way management treated the dealers. Nobody wanted to work there! I certainly didn’t. In a nutshell, management expected every player that walked through the door to lose every penny in their pocket. If they didn’t, then it was the dealer’s fault!

Gaughan, Tiberti, and Epstein were more or less silent owners when it came to the day to day operations of the casino. Frank Toti handled all of the details. Toti was brutal. He probably remains one of the most hated casino bosses in Las Vegas history.

In 1989, I had been working at Palace Station for about a year and a half when my father passed away. I needed to go home to Texas to help my mom sell the house and clear up Dad’s business interest. Although Palace Station offered me a leave of absence, I knew that it would be time to make a career move once I returned to town. The Mirage was under construction and would open in November and I had already applied. So I quit Palace Station and went to Texas. Two months later, I returned to Las Vegas in August and needed a job fast! I knew that it would be a temporary job and I didn’t want to burn any bridges. At that time, Las Vegas was still a small town. Where could I go and get a job in a day and then not mind quitting in two months? BINGO! The Barbary Coast.

I walked in, filled out an application, and drove home. I lived two miles away. By the time I got home, there was a message on my machine from Frank Toti, asking me to come in for an interview. I did, and was hired that day. I went to work with an attempted open mind to see what this place was really all about.



As seen from Bally's. The close proximity to the MGM is why it was used as a triage center the day of the fire.

I was put on a dice crew with a schedule of work five days and two off, then work six days and have one off. There was one crew that was scheduled five days at nine hours a day. By the way, there was no overtime pay! There was also no holiday pay, sick pay, or vacation pay. I was informed by several dealers that I would probably be fired after 89 days. Most of the dealers were. Insurance benefits kicked in at 90 days! No problem for me, I wouldn't be there that long anyway.

Okay, enough of the history and on to the fun stuff! As I said, everyone that played was supposed to lose! The casino bosses had many tricks up their sleeves to insure this. You will probably laugh at some of these stories, but they are true. Even scarier, the bosses believed in them!

I never dealt 21 there, but I knew several 21 dealers that were kicked in the legs by bosses when a player was winning. The boss would kick them in the legs and then whisper obscenities in their ear about why they had better start winning.

The dice pit had an entire different set of rituals. Yea, we still had the obscenities whispered in our ear and we were kicked on occasion. But, in dice, the dealer responsible for the table is the stickman. So the bosses couldn't really go out of the pit and kick him within view of a player.

Instead, the stickman would, at the direction of the bosses, either slow the game way down or speed it up very fast. Many times I would give the shooter the dice before the dealer had paid everyone on his end of the table. Often times, the dealer was two rolls behind! In other words, the roll is 5 and before the dealer has paid everyone for the five, the shooter has already rolled an 8. Now the dice are already in the shooter's hands before the dealer has finished paying everyone for the 5!! Forget about the 8! Total chaos!

One day, a new dealer had given the dice to the shooter and someone threw in a prop bet. The dealer, who was very tall, bent over to set up the bet and the shooter threw the dice over his head to the other end of the table. The dealer stood back up and looked at the shooter. “Sir, please throw the dice.” The shooter opened up his hand to reveal it empty and the stickman nearly fainted before being told that the call was nine! There was a definite panic, which was common at the Barbary because of the constant chaos.

Then, we would stop the dice. They would just sit there in the middle of the table and everyone would look around. The shooter would be banging his hand on the layout begging for the dice and we would just stand there. All



the players would start to yell and we would just stand there, staring straight ahead, like statues. Finally, we'd give the player the dice. He would shoot them and then we would just stand there again for about a minute.

The most common type of "interference" during a good craps roll was kicking around the dice. In the old days, crossroaders would bring in their own dice and would switch them with the casino's dice so they could cheat, then they would switch them back before they left. Several guards were invented to detect this move. For instance, the tops and bottoms of a die should always add up to seven. The ace is on the opposite side of the six, the five across from the deuce, and the three and four are across from each other. If something doesn't add up, then the dice are either tops or bottoms, meaning one or more numbers is on there twice, preventing a seven from being rolled. The quickest and easiest way to detect this is to "roll the dice". The stickman would roll the dice over so that the boss can view all sides and verify that the dice are correct. This very simple means of detecting cheaters became a bastardized tool by the Barbary to interfere with a roll. You see, sometimes when the dice are rolled by the stickman then the next number thrown by the shooter is seven. So, often times, we would roll the dice just to try and get the seven to show up! This led to kicking the dice around. Rolling the dice just wasn't working enough. So the stickman would use his stick and kick the dice from side to side, causing them to tumble each time and interfere with the roll. If that didn't work, then we would first kick one die and then the other on the following roll! I was a base dealer one day when a player was shooting up a good hand. After the boss directed the stickman to roll, then kick, then alternately kick the dice, he instructed the stickman to turn one die over twice. Obviously, this was the move that would bring up the seven and the boss was confident. What he hadn't realized is that the player had shot a hard ten on the previous roll. So the dice were 5-5. By turning one die twice, they were now 5-2. It is VERY unlucky for the stickman to give the dice to a shooter on the number 7. It is even considered offensive. The stickman deadpanned a look at the boss and asked, "Is this how you want me to send them?" The boss looked down, became startled, and yelled "Just kick them around!" while motioning his hand in a circular motion. You see, while the bosses hated the players and expected them to lose; they couldn't let the players know this. It was all part of the game.

Pencils and pens were cheap. I can't tell you how many of them were snapped in the pit during a good roll. Another trick was the salt shaker!! The bosses kept a salt shaker in the podium of the dice pit. Sometimes, during a

hot roll, the boss would very inconspicuously get the salt shaker out and walk right up next to the shooter. He would then spill salt around the feet of the shooter in order to bring him bad luck. In a dire emergency, they would call 911. I don't know how old the dice were, but there was a stick of dice kept in the podium with the serial number of 911 engraved on them. If a table was losing money, the boss would "call 911" and bring in the 911 dice. No, they weren't loaded or shaved – just lucky for the house!!

The Barbary is the only place that I worked that used shills. When a game was dead, the boxman would come around to the players' side of the table. We would give him a stack of dollars and he would make a line bet and shoot the dice in order to get a game started. When a player walked up, he would give the money back to the dealer and return to his chair behind the table. One day, the female boss was shilling the game and a player put a bet down on the Pass Line right as she was throwing the dice. A bet had been made and was in action. The pit boss told her to just finish out the hand. She kept throwing number after number. Eventually, the table filled up with players. She kept throwing the dice off the table on purpose hoping to bring out the seven. No luck. She asked to switch dice. No luck. She would set the dice on seven before she threw them. No luck. She was throwing all numbers without making the point, where she could have just walked away. Needless to say, she was scared for her job. After a 45 minute hand, she threw the seven. We didn't use shills for a while after that! And, she kept her job.

The Mirage was preparing to open and I didn't get hired there. I did, however, get hired at the Golden Nugget. I gave a two week notice at the Barbary fully expecting to be told to leave at the end of my shift that night. They were hurting so bad for dealers that they kept me on for the full two weeks. Towards the end of my final shift, the pit boss was walking through the pit asking dealers if they could work the next day in my spot. Two weeks and they couldn't get my shift covered.

I'll never forget the night I walked out of the Barbary for the final time. Wow! I thanked God that the nightmare was over and I was happy that I did it. If someone was telling me these stories, I wouldn't believe them. Luckily, I saw them all myself and know that they're true.

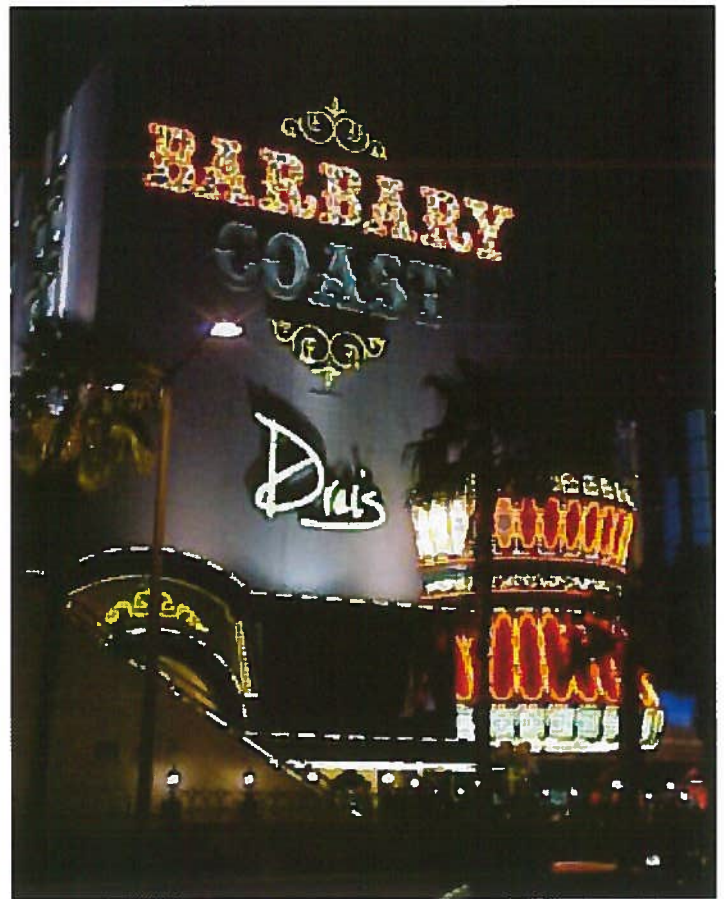
I've remained friends with one of the guys on my crew. He became a boxmen, then a floormen, and then a pit boss there. He's still there, in fact. On the night that the Dunes was imploded, he and I went to the fourth floor of the Barbary parking garage and stood in the window closest to the Dunes and watched it light up in fire and come tum-

bling down. We were so close we could feel the heat from the explosions!

About a year after I had quit, I had a couple of friends in town who didn't believe the stories that I was telling them and they wanted to play there. I went with them. We were playing dice and started to win some money. One of the casino bosses looked over at the table and recognized me. He stopped the game and told me that I couldn't play. I asked why and he said that former employees weren't allowed to play. I asked for how long – a year, two years? He said that as long as anyone in the pit recognized me, I wouldn't be allowed to play. Luckily, I was up about \$200 at the time so I pulled all of my money off of the table and stood there and watched my friends play. We didn't stay long.

The Barbary always stood out because of its dark red color of paint. A few years later, I noticed that the building had been painted a cream color that matched – exactly – the color of the Flamingo. I laughed when I saw it. The Barbary was able to stay alive and prosper because of the incredible amount of foot traffic it received from tourists walking between the Flamingo, Bally's (formerly MGM), Caesar's, and the Bellagio (formerly the Dunes). If it was painted to match the Flamingo, tourists may think they were at the Flamingo! About two weeks later, it was painted back to the dark red. I thought the Flamingo must have threatened legal action. An insider told me that the decision to paint wasn't Michael Gaughan's and he was sitting at the red light one day and looked up and noticed that his casino blended in with the Flamingo. He ordered the building to be returned to its original color.

Another Michael Gaughan story is the night he walked into the casino at 7 PM to have dinner at Michael's. His craps pit stood empty. Michael walked over to the pit boss and asked why the pit had no players during swing shift. The boss replied, "Because you're running the worst game on the corner." All of the other casinos had 3-4-5 times odds and the BC still had double odds. The casino manager, Anthony Toti (Frank's son – Frank had moved to the Orleans at this point), refused to put in the new odds because it would lower the casino's advantage. Anthony couldn't understand that holding five percent of \$100,000 is better than holding ten percent of \$10,000! The pit boss explained how the new odds worked and why people would no longer play double odds. About halfway through dinner, Michael came back to the pit, which was still empty, and asked for further explanation on the odds. When the pit manager came into work the next day, the odds had been changed to 3-4-5 times odds and Anthony was furious that someone had gone over his head to Michael!! He never found out who it was.



The word "Coast" was blacked out after Harrah's took over the property from Coast Casinos.

It's no wonder that profits shot up \$7 million during the year that Boyd Gaming ran the property! Barbary Coast management did everything they could to run that place into the ground, but the location was so strong that they lived off of first time visitors. Very few people returned. Without a doubt, many people were turned off of gambling and Las Vegas because of an experience they had at the Barbary Coast!

Finally, on the night of February 26, 2007, the Barbary Coast closed. Boyd Gaming had traded the property to Harrah's for some land near the Stardust. Harrah's will probably demolish the building within two years, but the location and the cash flow is too strong to let it sit empty. So, in the meantime, they have opened Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon.

I was there when the casino was closed. There were also three teams of auditors there. Boyd Gaming, Harrah's, and the Gaming Control Board each had a team of representatives there. I was doing a bit of drinking and gambling and reminiscing with employees. As tables would close, the shift manager would take a box-cutter and cut the name Barbary Coast out of each table layout.





Casino Shift Manager Steve Torrell cuts the name out of every layout as soon as the tables were closed on the final night.

He was stacking them on the podium in the dice pit – right there where the salt shaker and the 911 dice used to be. I tried to get one but I was told that they all had to be accounted for. Apparently, there is some serious animosity between Bill Boyd, who purchased Coast Casinos through Boyd Gaming, and Michael Gaughan. The word “Coast” had been blacked out of the Barbary Coast sign weeks earlier and all references to Coast had to be destroyed or confiscated that night.

I was able to purchase some chips, including full roulette sets. I also got several other pieces of memorabilia. At one point I went to the bar and put a \$10 bill into the video poker machine and asked for a beer. The bartender said “Okay, but that’s it, I’m closing the register!” So I asked for two beers since he was closing and I would be unable to get a second one. His barback brought me the two beers and asked for \$5. I said, “I’m gambling!” She said that I could only have one beer per buy-in and she proceeded to pour out the second beer. Even after I explained that the reason I asked for two is because the bar was closed and I will be unable to get another one, the barback replied with, “We don’t just give away beer!” My first thought was that Harrah’s has a lot of work ahead to get rid of the Barbary mentality.

As the table games closed and the slot machines were taped off, I took several pictures. At one point, a security guard walked up to me and asked me if I was a guest of the hotel. I replied no and he told me that I would have to leave. He even escorted me out the door. I thought that it was the perfect ending for my relationship with the Barbary.



The mini-bacc table waiting to have the chips removed.







The craps table waiting to have the chips removed.

Although I was both happy and sad to see it close, I feel it didn't receive any respect at closing. Regardless of the absurdities that took place in the casino, the Barbary maintained a significant presence at the four corners for over 26 years. Because of its unique architecture, it is in millions of photographs and memories. It is also a lesson on how powerful a good location can be – and how powerful gaming is. Any other business run by that management team would have closed within months.



All tables are closed.

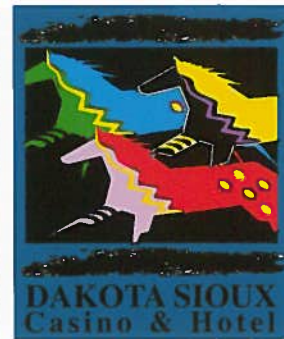
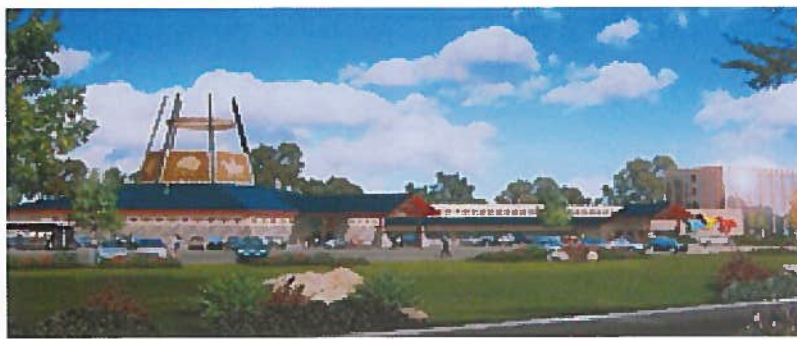
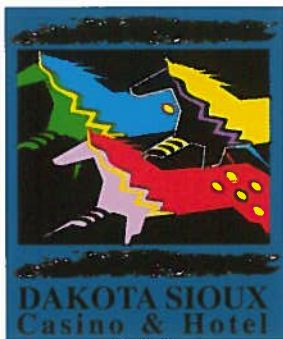


The garage is closed.

I'm thankful that I had an opportunity to work there. All in all, my only disappointment is that John L. Smith hasn't written a book on the Barbary. Without a doubt, it will be an eye opener to many if he ever writes one. Many former employees would be happy to hear about the way the Toti's and other juiced-in managers were run out by the Boyd's and Harrah's. From what I heard, Frank couldn't box up his personal belongings fast enough to get out of his office once he received the memo that he was being replaced. He, and his old crew, can now be found at the South Point, where they hang out. No one other than Michael Gaughan will tolerate them.

Tyrus is a fifteen year veteran of the casino industry and thankful to have survived two months as a dealer at the Barbary Coast.





by John K. Kallman

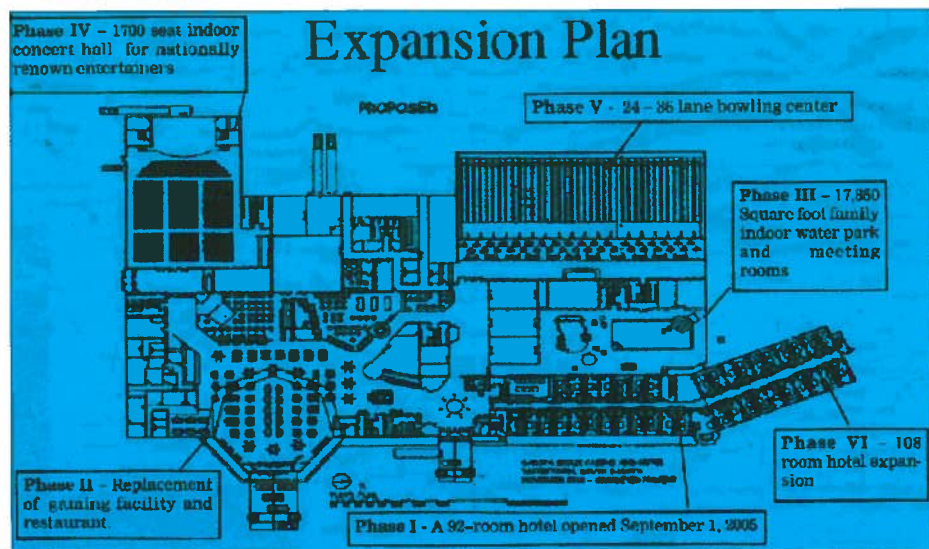
Watertown SD. November 6, 2006 marked the Grand Opening of Dakota Sioux new casino, built adjacent to their old structure. While the old casino still stands, it is now only used for private parties and functions. This marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> of a multiphase planned expansion of the facility to make this a destination rather than just another collection of slot machines and table games. The tribe is severely limited to a total of 250 slot machines between its two South Dakota locations by the existing gaming compact.

Other additions which the tribe is planning including a bowling alley, an indoor water park and an indoor performance hall along with an expansion of the recently completed hotel while the tribe continues to try and renegotiate the existing gaming compact.

This is one of three casinos that the tribes operate. Other facilities include Dakota Connection, also located in South Dakota, which has only about 50 slot machines and is co-located with a truck stop / filling station. This casino did have table

games for a while but closed them last year. Additionally, the tribe also operates Dakota Magic, just across the South Dakota border in North Dakota. This last facility is similar to other full line Indian casinos located across the mid-west.

The \$1.00 RTP mold chips replaced the casinos former rack before the new casino opened, with Chipco's both celebrating the Grand Opening and normal chips. It is believed that normal \$5.00 chip also was produced, but I was unable to acquire any during my first trip there since the new casino opened.







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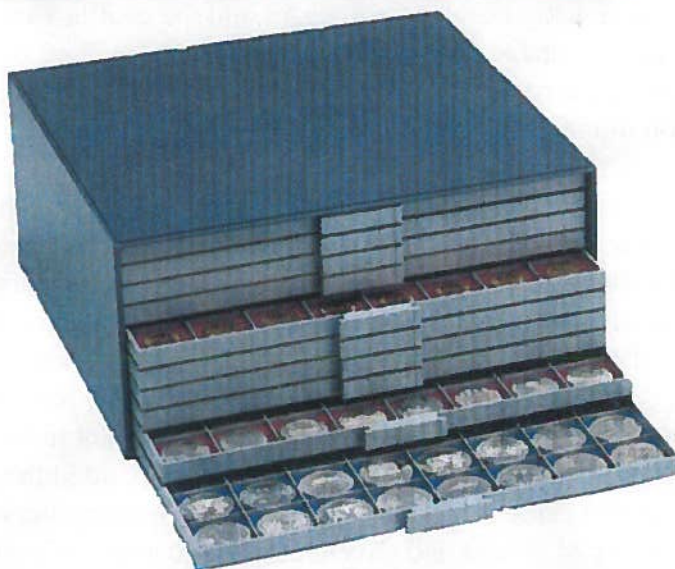
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# Richard Canfield's Chips

by Steve. Gould



Growing up with four brothers and sisters, we played games, often card games. Somewhere in the house we found a wooden box of poker chips and they were incorporated into the play. We learned after a time that the chips, which my father said were ivory, came from a raid on a casino owned by a man named Canfield and that our great grandfather had participated in the raid. The chips were used, moved from one house to another over the years and mostly neglected. There were almost two hundred chips in all and while most of them were plain white with different colored rings, nearly half were monogrammed. The elaborate three-letter monogram was difficult to interpret. We always guessed that the letters were *MCC* or perhaps *MPC*. The monogram didn't seem to be connected in any way to Canfield. A few years ago I purchased a copy of Dale Seymour's book on chip collecting and found on page 153 an image of the chips that I had. Dale indicated that the letters were *MPC*. The mystery continued, why the letters *MPC* and what was the connection to Canfield?

My mother knew some of the details. Our great grandfather, Charles, was an attorney and for several years worked for the District Attorney of New York City, William Travers Jerome. He took part in a raid on the gambling house of Richard Canfield and kept the box of chips as a souvenir of the event.

Richard Canfield began as a small gambler in Providence R.I. and moved to New York where in 1888 he opened the Madison Square Club in a four story brownstone building on West Twenty-Sixth Street. This gambling house quickly became prosperous and the profits were large. The Madison Square Club was furnished to provide a comfortable and dignified atmosphere, in contrast to the gaudy gaming houses that typified the New York gambling experience. The cost to operate the club ran near \$6000. per month including rent, wages and protection money paid to the police.

During the next several years he expanded, establishing gambling houses in Saratoga and Newport. In 1898 he purchased the property at 5 West Forty-fourth Street close to the famous eatery, Delmonico's, and moved his New York club to the new address. It was renamed the Saratoga Club and soon became the most famous of his houses. At this time he was forty-four years old. His architect and designer spent nearly a half a million dollars transforming the club. The *Times* described it as follows:

"The gambling house of ...Canfield... has lately been established in Forty-Fourth Street...it is the finest place of its kind in the country if not in the world, and the nightly play there is enormous.

The entire big brownstone house is fitted throughout with extreme magnificence. The rarest Eastern carpets are upon its floors, and masterpieces of art adorn its walls. The furniture, consisting mainly of divans and davenports, are marvels of beauty and luxuriousness.

Servants throughout the house attend to the wants of the players and the place is conducted

much like one of the most exclusive clubs. Entertainment is free to the guests. The costliest dishes – game, *pâtés*, and the rarest wines – are all included.”

Visitors to the house, distinguished by the huge bronze door at the entrance, enjoyed having their privacy protected. Only the very rich gambled at Canfield’s and he took pride in setting no limits for certain games or particular players. He is said to have kept in excess of half a million dollars in cash on the premises. Vanderbilts and Whitneys were frequent customers here, their privacy vigorously protected, patrons being addressed only by the initials of their last names. Canfield himself never gambled but he did well in the stock market, often on tips from his clientele. The massive bronze front door opened into a vestibule and a second equally impressive door led to the main floor, which held Canfield’s offices and reception rooms. The second floor contained the public casinos. The third level held private rooms for faro and Roulette gambling. Canfield’s living quarters and private library occupied the top floor. Dinner was served each evening at eleven o’clock. If a player wished something other than that which was offered, it was ordered from Delmonico’s and served at cost to him. The best cigars and the finest wines were free for the asking and Canfield’s wine cellar contained some \$75,000 worth of rare vintages. Hundreds of thousands of dollars flowed through this gambling house every month, the atmosphere intoxicating, the profits enormous.

William Travers Jerome campaigned for district attorney in New York with the promise to clean up the city, including the gambling establishments. He won his election and was sworn into office in January of 1902. He was determined to gain the information he needed to prosecute Canfield and was publicly vocal about his intentions. Canfield boasted that the new district attorney couldn’t get into his place and so closed the doors to the famous gaming house on the last night of 1901. He decided to wait and see how things developed; telling his patrons that “for the present” there would be no gambling at the New York club.

Almost a year later, Jerome was given erroneous information regarding the house at 5 West Forty-Fourth Street. An undercover policeman claimed to have lost money gambling in Canfield’s. Jerome obtained a warrant and on the night of December 1, 1902 staged the raid. Police, accompanied by Jerome and his assistants, set up a ladder and smashed the windows, gaining access to the second floor. Canfield, who’d been in Providence, rushed back to New York after hearing of the impending raid. He greeted Jerome and the police and took them on a tour of the empty house. There had been no gambling here for nearly a year. Inside a hidden closet on the fourth floor police discovered all the stored gambling paraphernalia that included faro tables and thousands of ivory chips. My great grandfather had been part of Jerome’s party and had made off with a box full of chips, dice and faro markers. The *MPC* or *MCC* monogram still didn’t make sense until, by simply tracing the lines of each letter it was revealed that the letters were in fact *MSC*, for the **Madison Square Club** not *MCC*, as many had supposed. Dale Seymour’s book on chip collecting has an image of the chip on page 153 of the 1998 edition and the letters are incorrectly identified as being *MPC*. I wrote to Dale, included a copy of the tracing of each letter using different colors to help distinguish them, the historic evidence I’d gathered, and he agreed that the *MSC* identification made perfect sense.

We still have the box and the chips. There are fewer than one hundred of the monogrammed ivories, perhaps fifty plain ivory chips, and a few dozen clay chips with various patterns. The details of the history helped solve the puzzle and the confusion of the monogrammed poker chips.

Canfield was never prosecuted, but two years later paid a small fine. Within a couple of years he closed his last gambling house in Saratoga and sold the building to the town. While he later lost much of his fortune in stocks his estate at the time of his death was estimated at almost a million dollars.



# Wild Rose Casino

by John K. Kallman



Emmetsburg, IA. The Wild Rose casino was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of three casinos which opened in 2006 as a result of legislation authorizing an expansion of gambling in Iowa. The first was the Diamond Jo in Northwood (reviewed here earlier), and the last being Riverside, located in Riverside. While the Wild Rose shares many similarities with the Diamond Joe, there are also many differences as well. As with the Diamond Joe casino, this one also has three feet of water in the basement to comply with legislation requiring non-Indian and non-race track associated casinos to be located on the water (perhaps an excellent example of politics gone awry!). The number of slot machines and table games along with the mixture is nearly identical to that of Diamond Joe. However, the amount of space both wall to wall and floor to ceiling is much greater, giving a much more relaxed feeling to the entire place as opposed to close quarters of the Diamond Jo casino.

The entrance is located in the center of the complex which opens into a two floor high foyer. The casino is to the left and the hotel is to the right. The back wall is nothing but windows which has a view over looking a lake. A staircase leads upstairs for an even better view, along with access to the buffet and several smaller food shops including a pizza and Blue Bunny Ice cream parlor. The casino hotel was built at the same time as the casino where as with the Diamond Jo, this was added on after the fact.

Unlike the Diamond Jo, which is right across from the Minnesota border and just off the interstate next to the Iowa Welcome Center, the Wild Rose casino is located in one of those places that you would have to want to go to as opposed to being convenient to travel between here and there. In fact, the community of Emmetsburg lobbied to have this casino placed here as a way no doubt to attract both jobs and visitors. No doubt in the end it will be successful, but not with nearly the amount of stop in traffic that Diamond Jo will receive.

Of note, the slot cards were made in China, and perhaps so were the chips which have yet their mold classified. They did have a 'high-roller' area, but no players during my visit and lacked a poker room, but no doubt the former may be removed if this does not attract sufficient players which would provide ample room for the missing poker room which seems to be a main stay of an increasing number of casinos. If you are in the area, you may wish to stop in for a visit, but as mentioned before, this casino is somewhat off the beaten track in more ways than one.





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# Chip & Medal Design Contest

The club is now accepting entries for our Convention Medal and Chip design contest for the 2007, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. These club convention commemorative issues are very collectible and popular with the membership. All members in good standing are eligible to participate. Awards for winning entries in all categories will be presented at the convention in August 2007 at the Riviera. This year's convention theme is "Aloha" and "Hawaii".

Contest rules are as follows:

The obverse side of the medal will be the standard club logo, of which a die has already been prepared. The reverse medal design submitted is to be prepared in black and white, on plain paper in a circular area about 6" to 8" in diameter. The main theme picture should be as large as possible in the space.

The chip design subject matter may be presented in black & white with color designations, in color, as a photograph, decal, or penciled art layout. Hand drawn or computer-generated art is acceptable. Formal art is not necessary. Your idea is just as important.

Up to three entries in each category may be submitted.

A panel of judges appointed by the Design Chairman will select winning designs. Winning design may be modified to meet manufacturing specifications if needed. Any changes will be reviewed with the designer. All entries become the property of CC&GTCC and may be used for the T-shirt design if appropriate. Deadline for entries is MAY 12, 2007 and MUST be postmarked by the date to be eligible.

Mail entries to:

Jim Steffner  
Design Contest  
9321 Mt Bret Av #103  
Las Vegas NV 89129





by Jim Steffner

Another year, another exciting convention...and we'll be gathering for the CC&GTCC 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Show. A milestone in the clubs history.

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

The Riviera Hotel will be our host for 2007 and the staff is anxious to assist our club to make this convention another first class event. This year we will be in the Royale Hall, 1-4. The large show floor, close parking and easy access, spacious meeting rooms, and many exciting events await. We look forward to seeing everyone in August.

### Help Wanted

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

If you wish to volunteer for positions such as registration, promotions table, auction table, membership table, or show setup and teardown, please contact Bob Bickford, Volunteer Coordinator, [oldberea@wowway.com](mailto:oldberea@wowway.com)

### Pre-Registration

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

The registration form can be found in this issue of the magazine, and on the club web site. Bruce & Mary Ann Massey will again be handling the pre-registration. Their

address and e-mail are on the registration form. Payment by check or money order made out to CC&GTCC must accompany the form. No credit card transaction can be used with the mail-in form. Be sure to include your e-mail, or phone number to receive your confirmation. You can also pre-register on-line at the club web site, [www.ccgccc.com](http://www.ccgccc.com) using VISA or MasterCard (sorry no other credit card can be accepted). Be sure you follow all the instructions in each step of the registration process. Do not close out until you are shown that you have completed the process. With either the mail in form or the on-line process, you WILL receive a confirmation within 30 days. If you do not receive your confirmation, you are NOT registered. Postmark and on-line deadline is July 7, 2007. Any registrations received after that date cannot be accepted.

A photo ID with address will be required to pick up your packet and each person must pick up their own. No packets will be mailed to non-attendees. Children under 12 for which there is no charge for show entry, do not need to pre-register, but if they will be attending the show, please provide their names and ages and a special Junior Collector packet will be available for them. Pre-Registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk on Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 between 9AM and 4PM ONLY, and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

There will be four lines separated alphabetically to make the process smooth and fast. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker and blackjack confirmations (if participating), and any special coupons, freebies, or give-a-ways that we can obtain.

### **Hotel Reservations**

Reserve your room directly with the Riviera Hotel. Call their toll free registration number 800-634-6753 or 702-794-9412. Be sure to mention that you are with the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club. Ask for your confirmation number. Deadline to book our special rooms is July 20, 2007 or until our block of rooms is filled.

Hotel room rates for the 2007 convention will be \$69.00 for Sunday thru Thursday, and \$79.00 for Friday & Saturday. Special rates are effective from August 3<sup>rd</sup> thru August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for those who wish to arrive early or stay over. Reservations must be made before July 20, 2007 to be included in the club room block. All reserva-

tions made at the Riviera and included in our special club room block help the club keep costs down in future years and assist us in negotiating more favorable contracts for future conventions. Support your club and stay at the Riviera.

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

### **Chip and Medal Design Contest**

Put your artistic talents to work, or even if you can't draw a straight line, submit your ideas and rough drawings. You don't need to be an artist. Enter the chip and medal design contest and compete for cash prizes. Your winning entry could be on the club chip or the silver and bronze medals for the 2007 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. See the article in this issue, start thinking, and submit your entry. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place in the chip, medal, and T-shirt design categories. The convention theme for this year is "Aloha" and "Hawaii". Good Luck!

### **Early Bird Banquet and Trade Session**

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Reserve your tickets using the registration form or on-line. No tickets will be available at the door. The banquet is always a sellout so don't miss your chance to attend. Last year Mr. Burton Cohen held the audience attention with tales of old Las Vegas.

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

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



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

### **Exhibits – Royale Hall 1 - 4**

All members are encouraged to enter an exhibit and compete for cash prizes. Show cases are provided at no cost. The exhibits that members provide show their collecting specialties and interests. The exhibits can be either competitive or non-competitive. Contact Jim Steffner, Convention Chairman at [convention@ccgtcc.com](mailto:convention@ccgtcc.com) to enter. The club will provide the display cases for your exhibit.

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

### **Educational Seminars**

Many good suggestions were received for seminar topics. Sheldon Smith, Education Director has lined up some great speakers to keep everyone well informed, educated, and entertained. Plan to join your fellow members on Wednesday for “The First Timers Workshop” presented by Doug Saito and Dick Covington. On Thursday, James Campiglia and Michael Knapp will discuss “The Guide Gurus, TCR & CW3”. Also on Thursday Carey Burke, Cameron and Sandra Kessinger, and Don Durnin will feature “Nevada Gaming History in Paper”. Friday morning dawns with noted author Steve Fisher talking about his new book “The Las Vegas Showgirls” followed in the afternoon by Ralph Pollack presenting “Fifty Years of Gaming in the Dutch Caribbean”. On Saturday enjoy “Records of the Chip & Token Companies and Their Vital Nature to Collecting” presented by Howdy Herz.

### **Bruce Landau Memorial Auction**

The auction will be Friday evening August 10th and once again Barry Weintraub will be organizing the popular event. Barry has assembled some excellent lots for this year’s auction that may include some lower and medium priced lots plus items other than chips. Be sure to order your auction catalog as they usually sell out by show time. (See auction catalog order form).

### **Poker Challenge and Blackjack Tournament – Palms Hotel & Casino**

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

A special set of tournament chips will be available and one set is included with each players seat. These chips are used for both the blackjack and the poker tournaments and will be available to players and for purchase starting on Friday morning when the show opens. Additional sets can be purchased from the Promotion table at the show or by mail. For any questions, please contact Bob Pardue, [robert.pardue@cox.net](mailto:robert.pardue@cox.net)

### **Trade Sessions**

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

### **Last Dance Swap Meet**

On Saturday, August 11th, the Last Dance Trade Session will be held. The event will begin at 7PM and last until the last two traders call it quits. This is not a “dance” with a band or music but just the last chance for members to get together after the convention closes to find that elusive chip, token, or slotcard. Check show schedule for location.

Watch for more updates in the next magazine and on the club web site. See you all in August and have fun collecting!

# **Educational Seminar Line-up 2007 Annual Convention**

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 accross 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
6. Saturday, 8/11/7-8AM  
Howdy Herz, Records of the Chip & Token Companies and Their Vital Nature to Collecting

Respectfully submitted  
Sheldon Smith CCGTCC Educational Director

**Thank you my friends  
and  
HAPPY CHIPPING**

**Aaron M. Peacock R-6315 (wooo)**



# 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.

Last time I reviewed three works that were a bit different from the usual: electronic books. This time I'll look at three more electronic publications, and next time we'll return to more traditional printed books.

## CHIPGUIDE.COM

by Greg Susong



Virtually all of us who have computers have availed ourselves of the terrific website that Greg Susong created and has maintained for the casino memorabilia community: TheChipBoard.com. But Greg also started the first online catalog of

gaming chips, pictured in full color, with his own catalog numbers.

Greg originally started with riverboat chips and then added tribal casinos. Until that point, there were no recognized catalogs that covered either area, and The ChipGuide filled that hole in collectors' need for information.

The ChipGuide pages contain a wealth of information. Just click on a state on the welcome page map, and you'll immediately be taken to a list of casinos in that state. Click on Mississippi, for example, and you'll see a list of 55 riverboat casinos, each of which can be examined, and a link to the Mississippi Gaming Commission site as well.

Click on – for example – Beau Rivage, and you're taken to a page with 42 full-color chip photos, each of which bears its own ChipGuide catalog number; the opening and closing and reopening dates of the casino; its phone number; address; and a link to a map which shows its location. For some jurisdictions or collecting areas (Nevada, New Jersey, illegals, cruise ships, etc.), Susong links to other websites maintained by collectors who specialize in those areas. In fact, in reviewing Greg's site again for this column, I found some sites I hadn't known to exist!

Greg's ChipGuide is a fantastic resource, and certainly deserves a glance or two. I'm willing to wager you won't be able to leave quickly! Find it at: <http://www.chipguide.com/>

## NEVADA CASINO FRONT- STRIKE MATCHCOVER GUIDE by Mark Cotton



What many gaming historians have known for a long time is that casino matchbooks are a tremendous source of information. Mark Cotton, an avid collector of casino matchbooks himself, has embarked on a project that offers that information, as well as the tremendous designs on (and in) matchbooks, to everyone.

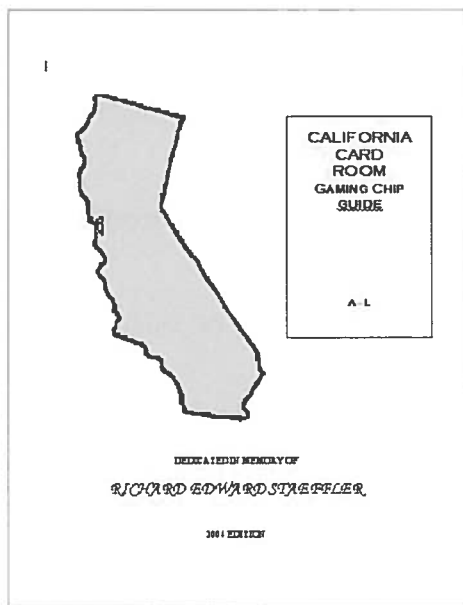
There are more than 400 matchbooks, most of them front-strikers, on Mark's website, and he says he's not going to update the website further until the first edition of his CD is completed.

According to the website, the CD will be made available to collectors either free of charge or for a small reproduction and mailing charge. If you go to Cotton's website, you'll find a link to a draft of the main work that will be burned to CD, and you can download it in PDF format (viewable on any computer). A warning, though: the file is more than 50 megabytes in size, and takes quite a while to download, even with a fast Internet connection. With a dialup connection, I wouldn't recommend attempting it.

Currently the draft consists of almost 300 pages and contains more than 1,000 matchbook covers. No wonder the file's so large!

Whether you download Mark's draft file or just view the 400+ matchbooks online, it's certainly worth a stop at <http://www.casinomatchcovers.com/>

**CALIFORNIA CARD ROOM &  
NATIVE AMERICAN CHIPS  
AND TOKENS**  
by Dick Staeffler



In memory of his son, Richard Edward Staeffler, Club member Dick Staeffler has compiled what might be the most complete reference work for California card room and tribal casino chips.

Dick is distributing his massive work to collectors free of charge, with the suggestion that if the recipient enjoys the catalog, a donation to the CC&GTCC building fund would be appreciated.

Some of you may have seen the first edition of Dick's guide at last year's convention. In fact, that's where I received my copy. By now, however, Dick has added substantially to his guide, and it is now the equivalent of 655 pages if printed out.

Given its size, being able to view the book on CD is a tremendous advantage. Staeffler estimates that his guide contains listings for about 95% of known California card rooms and casinos.

The vast majority of chips and clubs listed are illustrated with color scans of each chip style, with additional colors and details listed. Those that are missing have place-keepers with the legend "scan needed," and Dick will be glad to receive scans to fill in the blanks for his next edition of the Guide.

Some clubs are listed without any chip detail, because Dick hasn't seen the chips yet.

Tribal casinos are included in the main section of the Guide, but are also separated in their own file, so those who are interested only in Indian casinos will be able to download just those pages. The tribal section also contains a history of Indian gaming in California and a map of the tribal casinos.

Each section of the book also contains a full-color mold type guide to molds used for California chips.

Staeffler's work is not a price guide. There are no values shown, but names, addresses and dates of operation of the clubs are, along with the chip descriptions.

The Staeffler Guide is a valuable addition to the literature of California collecting, and will be distributed at the 2007 convention. For those of you who can't wait, contact Dick and he'll send you a copy of the current edition.

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# New Convention Chairman Needed

At the conclusion of the 2007 Club Convention, our outstanding Convention Co-Chairs, Jim and Sandi Steffner, will step down from the position they have held for six years. They have been nothing short of phenomenal in their planning and execution of the Convention. Their talents, demeanor and willingness to give of their time will be sorely missed by all of us. THANK YOU BOTH FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now the search must begin for our next Convention Chairman (or Co-Chairs) and we're asking for your help.

There is a tremendous amount of organizational work that goes into Chairing the Convention. Previous convention or meeting planning experience is a big plus! The selected candidate(s) must be attending the 2007 Convention and be willing to spend the week shadowing Jim and Sandi for "on the job training".

This requires a time commitment throughout the year and your presence at the Convention site the entire week of the show itself. It is not necessary that the candidate live in the Las Vegas area.

The Club is fortunate to have a great group of Convention volunteers to assist with the operation of the Convention and we don't see that changing. There will be plenty of assistance during the Convention week.

So here's your chance to become involved with *your* Club in a major way! If you have an interest in becoming the next CC & GTCC Convention Chairman, we'd like to hear from you as soon as possible. Please email President Skelton at [president@ccgtcc.com](mailto:president@ccgtcc.com) or drop a note in the mail to: Mike Skelton, PO BOX 2007, Coppell, TX 75019. Please include a brief summary of your qualifications.

Again, thanks to Jim and Sandi Steffner for six outstanding Conventions!!

# New Club Webmaster Needed

Our esteemed webmaster, CC & GTCC Hall of Fame member Greg Susong has informed us of his desire to step down as the Club's Webmaster. Over the years Greg has been instrumental in ushering the Club and the hobby into the online world. His time involvement and talents will be a loss to the Club, but his contributions have been significant and we thank him for all the assistance he has given the Club. THANKS GREG!!!!!!

We are now asking for one of our more "web savvy" members to step forward and volunteer for this position. We have discussed the need to overhaul and enhance the Club's web site and the new webmaster would be heavily involved in overseeing that, plus maintaining the site on a regular basis. You don't have to be a web design pro, but some technical knowledge of web design and applications would be helpful.

So here's your chance to become involved with *your* Club in a major way! If you have an interest in becoming the next CC & GTCC Webmaster, we'd like to hear from you as soon as possible. Please email President Skelton at [president@ccgtcc.com](mailto:president@ccgtcc.com) and please include a brief summary of your qualifications.

Again, thanks to Greg for all of his help over the years! We do appreciate it!!

# Casino Chip and Token News

## Proposed Name Change

As we go forward with the club magazine, and try to get new advertisers and corporate sponsors, the magazine has become much more than just casino chips and tokens. With that in mind, we're looking for a new name. With the Boards approval, I'm throwing this out to the membership and taking suggestions for a new name. E-mail me with ideas at [editor@ccgtcc.com](mailto:editor@ccgtcc.com). The CC&GTCC Board reserves the right to choose none of the submitted names and keep the current name, if that is deemed in the best interest of the Club.

### **To All Our Former A.C. New Issue Subscribers**

We wish to thank you for your past business and for your friendship.

Since my official retirement as of December 31st, 2006, our company and our Atlantic City New Issue Chip Service being operated under "Mr. Chips Inc.", no longer exists . . . but our interest, support and enthusiasm for our great club will never die.

There should be no interruption of chip mailings as our New Issue Service has been taken over by Ricky Pushkin, LM-6038-134 . . . dba ALL-CHIPS, Inc.

Ricky's email is [all-chips@comcast.net](mailto:all-chips@comcast.net) if you would like to be added to the list.

**Happy chippin' . . . Archie & Brenda Black**

# Logo Usage Policy

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

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- “Identifies” includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a “Member’s Logo” which contains the member’s membership number. Only that log may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
- The entities formerly known as “Chapters” are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

Example



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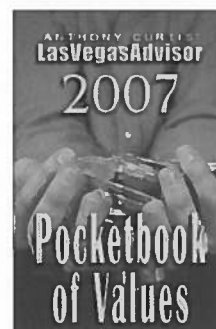
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Welcome to The Casino Chip and Token News magazine website. A quarterly publication of The Casino Chip and Token Collectors Club, Inc. On this site you will find featured stories from current and past issues of the magazine along with usefull information on the hobby of casino collectibles.



Volume 19, No.4

Cover story:  
Preserving Gaming History

The archives section will allow you to vview many of the articles that have appeared in the magazine over the years. These articles are in pdf format. There is also an index of all articles from the Fall of 2000 through the current issue.

## Preserving Gaming History

The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club was established to promote the hobby of casino chip collecting. Since those early days, members now collect just about anything that a casino has to offer. From chips, tokens, silver strikes, slot cards, room keys to cocktail napkins and swizzle sticks. Our annual convention in Las Veags draws sellers and buyers from all over the world. There are also many shows throughout the year all over the country, sponsored by local clubs or club members.

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Some of the articles archived are *The Flamingo Capri*, *Hard Rock Hotel and Casino*, *B.C. Wilis and Company*, *The Town House in Reno*, *Distributor Samples*, and *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*.

# Excerpts from the Nevada Casino Chips Blog

by Andy Hughes

<http://www.nevadacasinochips.com>

## Chip Collecting Stories!

I have a page on my Web site for collectors who want to share their chip collecting stories. If you have a story to tell, and would like to E-Mail it to me, I will look it over.

If I decide to use it, I will send you a few chips of my choice to add to your collection. Your story can be anything related to chip collecting, that you think fellow collectors would be interested in reading. The link to that page is below.

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

## Start a giveaway pile!

Most chip collectors pick up enough chips when they are at a casino, to have some to trade with other collectors. They have their chips in their collection, and they have their chips to trade. How about starting a 3rd group? Those chips can be the ones that go in your giveaway pile!

As you become more involved in the hobby, you will run into those who have never collected, but find the hobby interesting. If you end up giving that person a chip or two from your giveaway pile, you just might bring a new collector into the hobby. And end up making a trading partner at the same time

## Garage Sales!

Garage sales are another way to find chips or other gaming related items. Check your local newspaper to see what is listed in your area.

When you arrive, the first thing you should ask is if they have any old casino gaming chips. Even if there are none out for sale, sometimes people will remember a couple they brought back home and just tossed in a drawer!

If they don't have any chips, ask about other gaming related items. Even if you don't collect anything other than chips. If you get something else cheap enough, you might be able to trade it for chips in the future. Or sell it, if the item is something special.

Also, make sure to leave your contact information with the person putting on the garage sale. You never know when they might meet someone who has some chips.

## When the mob ran Vegas!

This is a great book about Las Vegas in the 50's and 60's. Go to the link below to read more about it.

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# 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:

- 1) Slabbed chips from being sold at member/dealers' tables;
- 2) Slabbed chips from being traded in the trading sessions;
- 3) Slabbed chips from being advertised in the club magazine; and
- 4) Members selling or purchasing slabbed chips.

There is a very fine line between (a) not wanting to signal to members that slabbing is a good idea and will have a monetary return, and (b) actionable restraint of trade by prohibiting members from doing what they wish to do privately. We have tried to straddle that line to protect the hobby from what we perceive to be negative influences without giving rise to and opening up the club to litigation.

We have an obligation to educate under IRS § 501(c)(3), and this stated policy tries to accomplish that.

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Bladensburg (Md.) Complete: 60 R'lettes	\$119	Curzon House Plaques 10,50,100 Pound	\$189
Nashville Nevada Club \$5 Brown, 4 Org.	\$39	Harrah's Reno Hot Aug \$5's - '93 to '06	\$169
Ponderosa \$1 Navy LgKey 3-Pink	\$38	Playboy (London) 60's - 5 Shil, 1 & 5 Pd	\$199
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Reno Hilton \$8 Yr of the Monkey (2004)	\$39	Harvey's Inn \$1 2 Diff- House & Nevada	\$49
Sahara (LV) \$20 Baccarat Plaque (60's)	\$39	Desert Sands (Cabazon, CA.) \$3 & \$5	\$19
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Cal-Neva Lodge \$1 Black Rectangle	\$59	Stockmen's (Elko) \$25 Pink; Metal Inlay	\$59
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Harvey's Obsolete Brass - \$1, \$2.50, \$5	\$29	Harrah's Reno \$5 Octagon "Satisfaction"	\$35
Harvey's Obsolete \$25 Orange Brass	\$59	Ponderosa Reno N.D. Red Plain V5305	\$89
Hacienda 50c Trade Check Yellow V4396	\$19	Opera House 71 Yrs \$1,5,25,100 (19 Sets)	\$249
Hacienda 50c Trade Check Gray/Green	\$29	Town House \$5 V9907 Brn SmKey None	\$69
North Shore Club Zigzag "NSC 2" Navy	\$49	North Shore Club 50's "A" SmKey 3 Diff	\$69
Harrah's Tahoe Obs. NCV's 1,5,25,100	\$39	Claim Stake (Sparks) \$1, \$5, \$25 - All 3	\$48
Sowndowner/Virginian 1 ERROR NCV	\$49	The Gambler (Reno) \$5, \$25, \$100	\$49
G. Autry's Htl Continental Red Roul Rm	\$44	Saddle West: 1st Issue H&C: 25c, \$1, \$5	\$49
Foxwoods \$10 - Frank Sinatra	\$38	Harrah's Tahoe \$5 - "Sailboat" 1990	\$29
John's Tahoe Ng't 100 NCV (Ewing Mold)	\$22	Horseshoe: WSOP Sat' lite NCV's 6 Diff.	\$35
State Line N.D. V9838 Chinese Warrior	\$89	The Shack (Lake Tahoe) \$5 Diamond	\$69
Ed's Tahoe Ng't NCV's: 5,25,100,500,1000	\$49	Meeks Bay (Tahoe) \$1, 2.50, 5, 25, 100	\$49
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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
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Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

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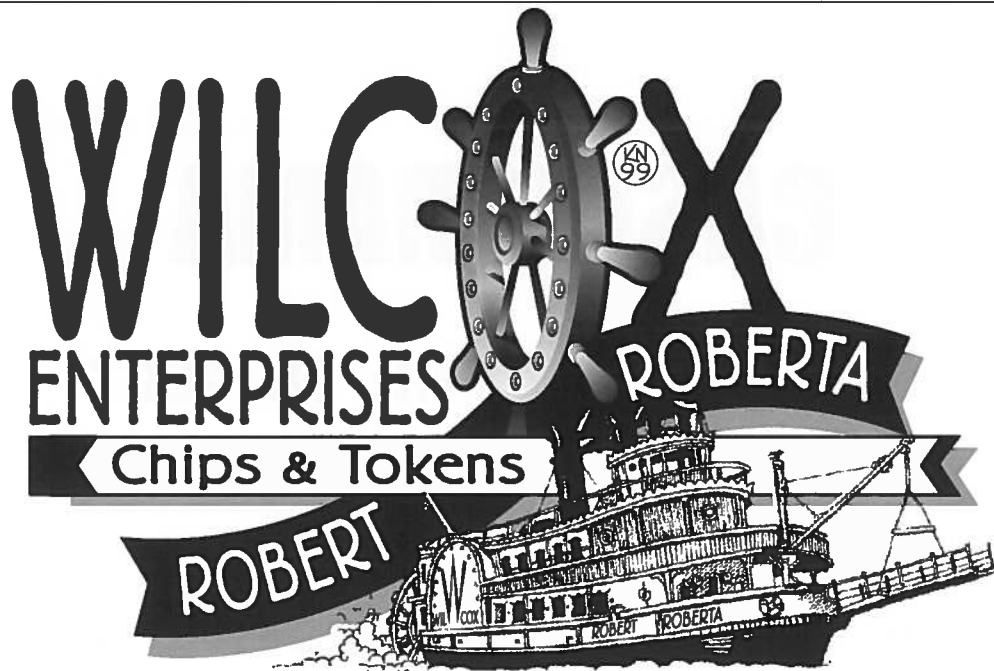
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1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it Vice-President Wayne Thompson.
3. V.P. Thompson will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Thompson will forward the form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

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

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





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"These Oregon Chipcos were highly popular among CC&GTCC members responding to an ad run in 1993 when I was dealing blackjack at the Bear Tavern," says Hank Dolmatch, chip collector and head of CCC/Media. He recalls that one member drove with his family to Clatskanie from Southern California that summer in search of quality gaming chips and was delighted to encounter the Chipco "Bears."

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