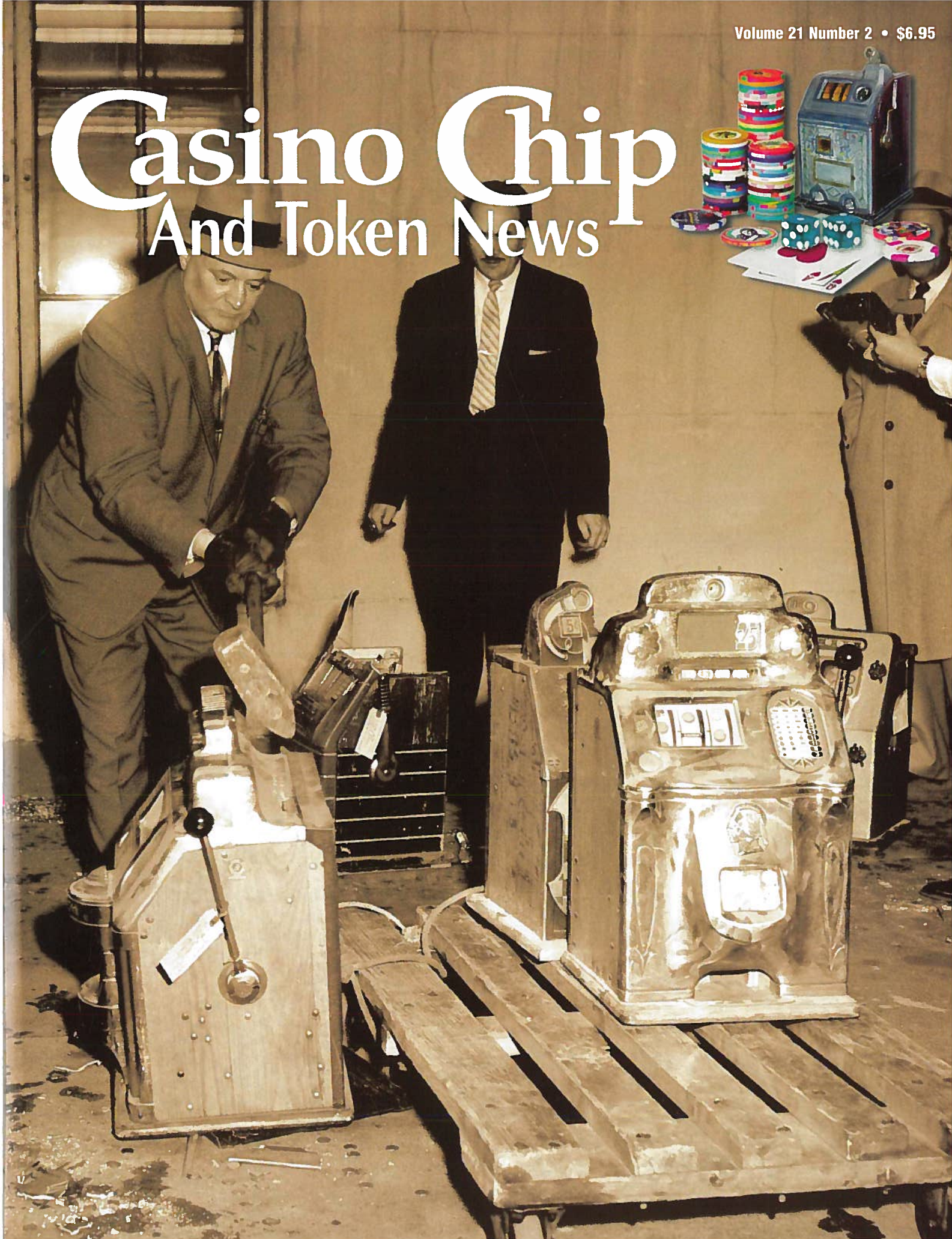


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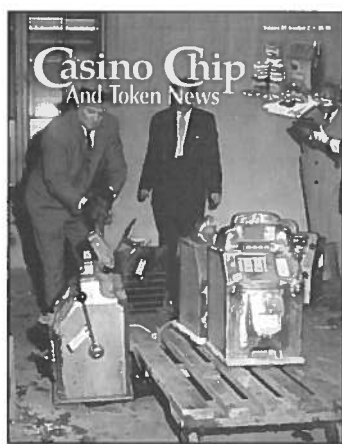
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Wayne Thompson
President

President's Letter

We are just about a month away from what many consider the highlight of their year. Dawn & Mike along with the many other Chairs and volunteers are working diligently to make the 16th annual Convention the best yet. I hope to see everyone there.

I want to start my report off with a couple of pleas to the members who will be attending. First, at every Convention we hold the Club's annual meeting. It's always disappointing with the turnout we get. This Club has so much going on that the Business meeting is the only way to know what's happening, what's planned, and what is already being implemented. In our first 7 months in office we received over 50 suggestions of things the Club should pursue. Some of which we adopted and some we just didn't have the manpower or finances to take on. If you have suggestions for improvement of the Club, the Convention, or ideas for the future please attend the meeting and express your opinion. This is one of the few times the entire Board of Directors is together in one place at the same time to answer all Club member's questions. We even welcome your constructive criticism. So please attend and take this opportunity to express your opinion.

The second plea has to do with booking your rooms at the Riviera instead of another hotel where you might save a few dollars on rate. As I mentioned in our last issue we are in danger of losing the ability to have our Convention at the Riviera and if we go to any other venue we will undoubtedly have to raise admission fees to pay for the exhibit space that we now get free. I know this will not be popular with many members who are on a budget. At this point we control our own future. Let's not let this opportunity slip away.

I'll get off my soapbox for while and get into some of the exciting things the Club has going on.

Everyone should have received his or her ballots by now for the special election to fill the Membership Officer's position. I hope everyone will take the time to vote. Also you should have the ballots for the two constitutional amendments. The Board of Directors has looked carefully at how these two amendments will impact the Club. I hope you will consider the Board's recommendation on the issues and vote accordingly.

As I mentioned in the last issue we wanted to establish a Membership Recruitment & Retention committee to try and grow the Club. I'm pleased to say Jim Follis has accepted the position of Chairman. Now we need for our members to step up and volunteer to help in this effort.

We need people from all over the United States. We all have to remember membership growth is the key to the future of our Club and the hobby. Please contact Jim if you have any questions.

Also in the last issue I discussed the "Planning" Committee that Steve Margolis had agreed to Chair. They have brought their first recommendations to the Board, which we are now reviewing. They have done a great job of laying out several new ideas and how they could be accomplished.

The Museum committee has been hard at work and there will be several announcements made at the Convention. I'm sure Mike will make a report with many of the details. Progress is now to a point that I think everyone will be excited to see how the plans are progressing.

Two last requests. **First and foremost our award-winning magazine editor has only one more issue before his resignation becomes effective. It is imperative that someone step up and volunteer to take on this position if we want to keep getting our quarterly magazine. Please, if you have any interest contact Allan or myself for more details.** Secondly, we need some volunteers in the Las Vegas area to distribute Convention flyers to the various casinos and also to tourist information centers. If we have a large group of volunteers then the job won't take a lot of time. I hope everyone in the Las Vegas area will volunteer to help us draw more non-members to the Convention. If you are willing to help, please contact our Publicity Chair Sheldon Smith for additional information.

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A Message from Your Convention Co-Chairs



by Dawn Satter and Mike Pasternack

Hi all- June is right around the corner! If you haven't booked your rooms at the Riviera, please do so now and help support the club. Also, don't forget to pre-register so you can avoid waiting in a long line.

We hope that everyone takes advantage of the many events this year, including the educational seminars, the poker and blackjack tournaments, the banquet, and the many trade sessions.

The "Got Riv" raffle items will also be on display, so make sure you check them out. Someone is going to win some great stuff!

Thank you to all of the volunteers for their hardwork and dedication to the club. And a special thank you to our friends for their encouragement.

See you all at the show,
Mike and Dawn

Room Reservations

Listed below are the room rates for the Riviera for the 2008 show. Everyone who is planning on attending the convention is encouraged to book the rooms by mentioning "The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club" group rate when they reserve. The telephone number to call for reservations is 1-800-634-6753 in the continental US, or locally at 702-794-9412.

We are aware that many members have comped rooms at the Riviera or elsewhere, but we ask the membership to support the club by booking at the group rate. After hours of negotiations, this is the best they can offer us this year. If we meet the required number of rooms, we may be able to secure a better rate for the coming year(s). If we do not, we may be forced to pay higher prices for rooms in the future and also may have to look elsewhere for a place to hold our convention. The Riviera has treated the club quite well over the past few years, but the room bookings are down considerably, and **IT IS IMPERATIVE** that our members book their rooms at the prevailing rates.

Dealers are also reminded that as per their contracts, they may be required to stay at the Riviera if necessary to fill the rooms.

Rates are as follows, per night, excluding tax:

Single/Double/Triple/Quad	\$89.00
Petite Suite	\$175.00
1 Bedroom Penthouse	\$550.00
2 Bedroom Penthouse	\$700.00
1 Bedroom Suite	\$300.00
2 Bedroom Suite	\$400.00

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Doug Smith
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

This is my fourth report in my initial year as your elected Treasurer. The information contained in this report reflects costs and expenditures for the period of 03/01/08 thru 03/31/08. Since we are playing a little catch up on CCTN issues this particular report is written with just a months additional input since the last report. With that being the case there is not a whole lot to report so this should be shorter than normal. I wanted to thank everyone again for all your emails and support and look forward to the 2008 Convention and many more to come.

Highlights of March 2008:

Worked with Committee Chairs to get convention promotional items purchased.
Handled all requested refunds for over payments on membership and pre-registration fees.
Worked with the rest of the BOD to resolve remaining Convention issues that were not yet completed.
Started preparations for the 2008 Convention.

Club Accounts

The current balances as of 03/31/08 in the new club accounts are as follows:

Museum Fund Money Market	\$106,685.15
Life Membership Fund Money Market	\$ 63,877.79
General Fund Money Market	\$ 32,284.89
General Fund Business Checking	\$ 40,329.03
Total of all four accounts	\$243,176.86

The above totals do not reflect checks written in the amount of \$4,343.00 for payments that have not yet cleared.

6th Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

I wanted to offer a special thanks to David Spragg who has stepped up to the plate and offered to chair the auction this year and ensuring the continued success of those who have previously made this auction a convention highlight. I also wanted to personally thank those who have made donations of lots to the club and in particular, David Sarles who has made a tremendous donation with some fantastic chips. These donated lots offer the added benefit of 100% of proceeds going to the club and are instrumental in the future success of the auction and our club. Please keep a lookout for more information on the auction from David and I look forward to seeing a lot more people at the auction this year.

The Museum Fund

The total amount currently in the Museum fund as stated above is now \$106,685.15. This past month there were



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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CC>CC

We have examined the Treasurer's Report of **THE CASINO CHIP AND GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB, INC.**, for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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, 2007, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting applied on a consistent basis.

MIKE SKELTON

DAVID HARBER

WAYNE THOMPSON

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FEBRUARY 21, 2008

very few donations to the Museum Fund as only \$141 was added thru donations and interest.

There were several expenses this period associated with the Museum fund as mentioned in my last report. These expenses centered on the Museum Committee Workshop that occurred in February. There will also be some additional expenses for fees from our advisor, Sandra Harris who has been instrumental in helping bring our dream to fruition. I personally see a great future for our Museum and am excited to be a part of its growth into a reality. As always, I would like to once again thank everyone who has donated and supported this great project in the past and continues to do so.

Online Renewals & Pre-registration

The On-line renewal function on the CC>CC site continues to work great. During this past month we have had a total of \$10,885 made thru the website for payments on Membership, and Convention pre-registration activities. Another big thanks again to Sunday Silverman, Ralph Myers and George Dmitrevsky for helping me out with the monster job of reconciling these online payments.

Period Revenue (Thru 03/31/08)

The following monies were collected during March of 2008.

Membership Renewals	\$4,888
Blackjack and Poker Tournament Fees	\$4,760
Banquet Fees	\$2,680
Dealer Table Fees	\$1,868
Pre-Registration Fees	\$1,820
Life Memberships	\$450

Reimbursement of Advances	\$335
Interest Income	\$194
Promotion Sales	\$121
Museum Fund Donations	\$20
Total Period Revenue	\$17,136

Period Expenses (Thru 03/31/08)

The following expenses paid during March of 2008.

CCTN Printing & Postage	\$15,292
Museum Committee Workshop	\$2,209
Meeting Costs	\$1,931
Printing special fliers & mailers	\$860
Storage Fees	\$852
Misc Postage costs	\$582
Misc Supplies (includes postage supplies)	\$418
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$327
Wooden Nickles for 2008	\$280
Telephone Charges	\$168
State Filing Fees	\$150
Misc. Expenses	\$85
Total Period Expenses	\$23,153

Period Account Balance Reconciliation (Thru 03/31/08)

Total balance in all accounts as of 02/29/08	\$249,194
Revenue for the Period thru 03/31/08	\$17,136
Expenses for the Period thru 03/31/08	(\$23,153)
Balance of all accounts as of 03/31/08	\$243,177

In closing I would like to say I look forward to seeing you all at the 2008 Convention and adding a whole lot of new names to my list of friends.

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January 1 Thru March 31, 2008

INCOME

Membership Dues (Includes 1st class postage & Life Memberships)		\$	11,889
Convention 2008:			
Table Fees	\$	29,320	
Poker & Blackjack Tournaments	\$	6,920	
Banquet	\$	3,120	
Registration	\$	2,160	
Program Advertising	\$	-	
Auction Proceeds	\$	-	
Convention 2008 Total:		\$	41,520
Interest Income	\$	1,412	
Magazine Advertising	\$	725	
Promotion Sales	\$	303	
Misc	\$	10	
Building Fund Donations	\$	20	
Directory Sales	\$	-	
Total Income :		\$	55,879

EXPENDITURES

Magazine	\$	15,292	
Printing	\$	3,134	
Meetings	\$	2,431	
Museum Committee Workshop	\$	2,209	
Postage (Other than Magazine)	\$	1,360	
Storage (Occupancy)	\$	852	
Supplies	\$	831	
Bank Charges	\$	613	
Promotion	\$	376	
Telephone	\$	168	
Filing Fees	\$	150	
Miscellaneous	\$	85	
Convention 2008 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)	\$	-	
Video Production (Convention/Seminars)	\$	-	
Insurance	\$	-	
Website	\$	-	
Advertising	\$	-	
Total Expenditures :		\$	27,500

Net Income - 01/01/08 to 03/31/08	\$	28,378	
Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/08	\$	239,058	
Net Income - 01/01/08 to 03/31/08	\$	28,378	
Change In Inventory - 01/01/08 to 03/31/08	\$	-	
Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/08	\$	267,436	

Detail of Equity Balance - 03/31/08

General Fund - Checking	\$	40,329	
General Fund - Money Market	\$	32,285	
Museum Fund (Formerly Building Fund)	\$	106,685	
Life Membership Fund	\$	63,878	
Total Cash Available		\$	243,177
Inventory	\$	23,795	
Advance (Membership Officer)	\$	465	
Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/08	\$	267,436	

Respectfully Submitted, Douglas P. Smith - Treasurer
April 12, 2008



Belinda Hixon
Secretary

Secretary's Report

Greetings!

As of this writing, nominees for Membership Officer are being notified and asked if they'll accept the nominations. As soon as they're all received, ballots will be prepared and then, along with one page bios/platforms for those who accept the nominations, be mailed to the membership by May 7th. Please pay close attention to the instructions on the bottom of the ballot when returning yours.

There have been questions about why we're spending the money to send the election materials via mail instead of using the magazine to distribute them. Due to the special circumstances of the election, the need to get a new Membership Officer elected quickly and the deadlines for the magazine, mailing them is the most efficient manner. We will return to the time tested method, including all nomination/election materials in the magazine with the next regular election.

I need to thank Gene Trimble for acting as Election chairman for this special election and also to Marc Shapiro who has graciously offered to print the ballot materials at no cost to the Club. Thank you both so very much!

Since my last report, my work has primarily been preparing the nomination/amendment packet mailing and answering member concerns about Club business. Not particularly exciting but important. I've also tried to assist Interim Membership Officer, Ralph Myers, in any way I could.

The Club is officially 20 years old this year in honor of that, we're having special 20 year member pins designed. It will be my pleasure to present them to the founders of the organization on behalf of the rest of the membership. Something for us to all aspire to!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the Club, please contact any Board member. We're here to serve!

Happy collecting!
Belinda



Twenty Year Members

Congratulations to the following members for attaining
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Janice O'Neal CH-0008	David Cuthbertson CH-0070
Dean Richmond CH-0009	Wayne Sone CH-0072
David Udkow CH-0018	Paul Fort CH-0078
Norman Namgouni CH-0021	K. Michael Pollard CH-0079
Jon Morell CH-0025	Howard Herz LM-0085-03
Allan Myers LM-0027- 87	Gerald O'Neal CH-0088
Rick Meyer LM-0028- 186	Michael Hurley CH-0094
Walter Dirzulaitis CH -0031	Edward Kurtz, Jr. CH-0095
Charles Rodgers LM-0033-140	William Miller III CH-0098
Albert Giorgi LM- 0036-35	Charles Mades R-108
Jim Dakzell CH-0037	Ernie Wheelden R-109
Kermt Stephen CH-0041	Travis Lewin LM-0111-46
Jim Munding CH-0043	John Kallman LM-0112-112
Steve Passalacqua LM-0044-214	George Pilla R-0116
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Scott Fawcett CH-0049	



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Ron Whelden R-0976
Glenn Hay R-0988
Jim Fisher R-0992



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Jim Rauzy R-3646
Roger Baker R-2648
Jim Fuhlrodt LM-3652-178
Ron Kleintop LM-3655-12
John Long R-3656
Melvin Israel R-3662
David Wendleton R-3663
Paul Bender R-3668
Peter Van der Kar R-3684
Cyril "Skip" Larson R-3686
Dennis Tubbs LM-3688-63
Ken Guidinger R-3694
Lloyd Malani R-3697
Brina Mizuki R-3700
Jack Ferme LM-3705-11
Paul Murphy R-3706
Frank Schwartz R-3712
Rober Muller R-3716
Tommy Glaze R-3720
Steve Stoltenberg R-3728
Randy Pisane LM-3734-34
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Of Literary Note

by the Club Librarian, John K. Kallman

Looking Back

One or more members of our club perhaps became collectors by bringing back items home after a trip to a casino. Some members probably still like to try there hand with Lady Luck as evidenced by the popularity of the club's annual Black Jack and Poker Tournaments held in conjunction with the clubs annual convention. Of course, once does not have to go to a casino in order to gamble. Sporting events are often the reason for one or more friendly bets. In fact, some people will bet on almost anything! And if you are going to bet your money, on anything, rule number one is to know the rules of the game! The club library has many different resource books which will help you out in this regard. Of course, many books are nothing more than failed gamblers trying to supplement there income to help pursue there own gambling habits. In fact, the Gamblers Store lists some over 500 titles to strategy concerning games of chance. One of the more comprehensive books is *Gamblers Digest* by Clement McQuaid. This is book is divided into several different sections covering major topics from card games, to sporting events. Not only does it relate the rules of the game, but also how to watch for cheating as well. What the library is in need of are for some of the more modern games currently on the casino floor such as Let It Ride, 3 Card Poker and similar games.

In Print

\$25,000 Round Chip To Replace Casino's Rectangular Plaques by Timothy B. Benford, Coin World, April 14, 2008. Atlantic City Casino Control Commission authorized new higher denomination chips for play as highlighted in this article. Our club gets mention as well in the very first paragraph!

Library Additions

The following items have been added to the club library and are now available for loan:

Greg Susong was kind enough to donate 2 copies of his *3rd Edition American Riverboats* to replace a copy that the post office managed to loose.

Edward Noel donated a copy of the *1st Annual CC>CC Convention* program.

Mark Gereb was kind enough to donate a copy of *The Complete Guide to Colorado Chips and Tokens, 5th Edition* and *The Chip Rack, 6th Edition*.

Notice of Meeting of

The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

A meeting of the members of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. will be held at The Riviera Hotel (Royal 7 room), Las Vegas, state of Nevada, on June 21, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows: Annual Business meeting.

Name of Secretary: Belinda Hixon

Corporation: The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

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Ralph Myers
Membership Officer

I'm baaaack. Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water.

Here you thought you got rid of me. Well, actually you did, this is just temporary until a new Membership Officer is announced on June 11th.

The membership situation is well in hand with just a few glitches to be brought back up to speed.

Let me know of any problems, and I'll try my best to get them resolved for you, as soon as possible.

I hope to see everyone at the convention this coming June. Until then.

Regards,
Ralph

Membership Officer's Report



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7721	Lamfrom	Steven	PA	Export	Returning Member
7722	McWilliams	Vinell	CA	Laguna Hills	
7723	Richford	Leonard	FL	South Dayton	
7724	Greenwood	Shawn	CA	La Crescenta	Archie Black
7725	Sternberg	Arnold	TX	Richardson	Andy Hughes
7726	Black	Jay	TX	Waco	Archie Black
7727	Williams	Makhi	OH	Garfield Heights	Dennis Shoop
7728	Dawson	Ronald	MN	Coon Rapids	Returning Member
7729	Wilson	Shane	Australia	Queensland	Archie Black
7730	Fox	J	NJ	Princeton Junction	Returning Member
7731	Church	Jeff	IL	Barrinton	Greg Cagle
7732	Zines	Matt	OH	Salem	
7733	Prager	Mitchell	AZ	Cave Creek	Michael Knapp
7734	Wilson	Brad	WA	Puyallup	
7735	Ste. Marie	Ron	WI	Hayward	Greg Susong
7735-A	Ste. Marie	Tonya	WI	Hayward	Greg Susong
7736	Gleason	Charlie	IL	Sherrard	
7737	Calvano	Robert	PA	Kingston	Doug Saito
7738	Spencer	William	NM	Albuquerque	C T Rodgers
7739	Seyr	Stephanie	NJ	Neptune	Archie Black
7739-A	Seyr	Ron	NJ	Neptune	Archie Black
7740	Yasutake	Gerald	AZ	Surprise	
7741	Chapman	Eddie	CA	Porterville	Archie Black
7741-A	Chapman	Stephanie	CA	Porterville	Archie Black
7742	Parks	Trent	NV	Las Vegas	David Spragg
7742-A	Parks	Jill	NV	Las Vegas	David Spragg
7742-B	Parks	Chase	NV	Las Vegas	David Spragg
7742-C	Parks	Cameron	NV	Las Vegas	David Spragg
7742-D	Parks	Carolyn	NV	Las Vegas	David Spragg
7743	Wagner	Martin	CA	San Diego	
7744	Sanderson	Russell	CO	Colorado Springs	
7745	Schaffer	Paul	TX	San Angelo	Mike Mason
7746	Cook	Terry	KY	Burlington	Gene Trimble
7746A	Cook	Teresa	KY	Burlington	Gene Trimble
7747	Bolinger	Tony	OK	Broken Arrow	
7748	LaBue	Charles	CA	Vallejo	
7749	Johnson	Doug	NV	Gardenerville	Archie Black
7750	de la Cruz	Albert	CA	Norwalk	
7751	Seidel	Eric	AP	Santa Rita	Greg Cagle
7752	Yaksich	Rudy	NV	Las Vegas	Club Web Site
7753	Tobin	Sean	CO	Centennial	
7754	Timmons	Brian	TX	Austin	Richard Timmons
7755	Tate	Mike	TX	Austin	Returning Member
7756	Charles	Westen	FL	Miami	
7757	Leedy	Clyde	IN	Piercetown	
7758	Bognar	Jay	CA	Dana Point	Greg Susong
7759	Cocozza	Carmen	PA	Drexel Hill	

Number	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7760	Fruzyrna	Norm	CA	Coto de Caza	Terry Lazarus
7761	Hyme	Tom	OH	Lancaster	
7762	Stanaj	Joseph	MI	Sterling Heights	
7763	Best	Bruce	NC	Jarvisburg	Jim Follis
7764	Jensen	Daniel	Canada	Alberta	
7765	Carella	Frank	MO	Gladstone	
7766	Miller	John	CA	Sonora	Josh Shore
7767	Zimmerman	David	PA	Altoona	Greg Susong
7768	Engel	John	SC	Aiken	CT Rodgers
7769	Shepherd	Bill	AZ	Casa Grande	Michael Engel
7769-A	Shepherd	Michelle	AZ	Casa Grande	Tom Hill
7770	Jones	Michael	IA	Corydon	Tom Hill
7771	Ostrom	Daniel	OR	North Bend	
7772	Herrmann	Ann	MA	Dedham	
7773	Lammy II	RD	MI	Flushing	Returning Member
7774	Vitale, Jr	Anthony	OH	Bristolville	
7775	Esposito	Leonard	NV	Henderson	
7776	Feehan	Kevin	NJ	Parsippany	Ralph Pollack
7777	Lammer	Ron	KS		Gene Trimble
7778	Smith	Janice	IL	Evanston	
7779	Nutt	Robert	OH	Fazeysburg	
7780	Stylianou	Stelio	UK	Hartfordshire	7777 Contest Winner!
7781	Petitclair	Matthew	MN	Ramsey	
7782	Lavoie	Guy	Canada	Quebec	
7783	Myers	Patrick	NJ	Sayreville	Susan Kozlowski
7784	Bartlett	Keith	WA	Everett	
7785	Rudick	Steve	AZ	Phoenix	
7786	Johnson DVM	Omar	KY	Simpomville	Ricky Pushkin
7787	Dahl	Chris	KS	Derby	
7788	Dixon	Thomas	TX	Plano	
7789	Okata	Lyle	HI	Honolulu	Jim Forsmam
7789-A	Okata	Sandy	HI		
7790	Dziubkowski	Doug	PA	Erie R.	
7791	Heath	Emmett	SC	Columbia	Michael Dziubkowski
7792	Sipes	Kevin	NV	Las Vegas	
7792-A	Sipes	Barbara	NV		
7793	Noble	Craig	CA	Santa Maria	Official Chip Guide
7794	Dugard	Anthony	UK	Harlow Essex	
7795	Bilsborough	Shaun	UK	Chorley	

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All Convention Attendees Please Read

The Future of Our Convention

The Riviera has informed us that if we do not get our room count up this year they may not allow us to hold our Convention there next year. If that were the case the cost of holding our Convention could easily go up \$20,000+ and the room rate a minimum of \$25-\$30 per night. These numbers are based on actual research. There are only 12 hotels in Las Vegas that can accommodate our needs so we would certainly be at their mercy.

We think this is important for all our members to consider when they go to book a room. Please even if it costs you a few dollars more a night please stay at the Riviera. I assure you the convenience of not having to leave the hotel and being about to drop off or pick up items from your room at anytime will more than make up for the nominal extra cost.

Please realize that after discussion with the Riviera they are very serious. We book a nominal number of room nights and spend very little with catering considering we use such a disproportionate share of the Convention space. For those who don't know the bourse floor and meeting rooms are provided at no cost. No other hotel in town will even talk to us on these terms.

For years we have exhorted our members to stay at the Convention hotel and yet the number drops every year. So this year we have decided to resort to incentives.

Before I go into the incentives we are going to offer, let me state upfront that I know some members will be unhappy especially the members who live in Las Vegas. But I hope everyone will understand this is not a decision the Board of Directors took lightly. It is a necessity that we cannot ignore if we want to have an affordable place to hold our Convention.

For those members who stay at least two nights under the Club room block we are going to offer the following incentives, which I think, will make staying at the Riviera almost irresistible!

We have at least one casino (we are working on more) who will be issuing a limited edition NCV Convention chip for those staying at the Riviera. The chip will be free.
Registration will be raised to \$20 per person. For those staying at the Riviera they will receive \$10 in dealer scrip, which can be redeemed with any dealer to offset the increased fee.
We have items being donated that will be raffled off. Only members that stay at the Riviera will get a free raffle ticket.
We have quite a few dealers who are offering discount coupons for our members who stay at the Riviera. This alone could save our members a fair amount of money.
Lastly the members who stay at the Riviera will be allowed into the show one hour earlier than everyone else.

At this point these are the incentives that have been confirmed. We are working on even more incentives as a way to entice members to stay in the Club room block.

Keep in mind these are limited to one per room. If there are two members legitimately staying in the room and they book 4 nights then we will provide two of everything.

We have given this a lot of thought and tried to be as fair as possible to the members who support the Club by staying in the hotel. Keep in mind this system is set up to reward members who support the Club by staying in the Convention hotel, not penalize the ones who don't. For those members who live locally I realize that some will feel this is unfair. But the way we viewed the issue was that with the money you save for not having airfare and hotel costs the savings will more than offset the value of the rewards.

We are asking all our members to consider staying at the Riviera. It is extremely important to the future of our annual Convention. Thank you.

After reviewing this is, if any member has any questions please direct them to Wayne Thompson (president@ccgtcc.com) or any other Board member.

2008 Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2008

- 9:00 AM** REGISTRATION OPENS; ID REQUIRED
Dealers and members
- 9:00 AM** DEALER SETUP BEGINS- ROYALE 1-4
DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
Exhibitor setup from 9-1 PM ONLY
- 9:00 AM** TRADE SESSION- CAPRI 112/113
- 12:00 PM** 6th ANNUAL CC>CC BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT -PALMS CASINO RESORT
- 2:30 AM** TRADE SESSION ENDS
- 3:00 PM** EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- ROYALE 7
"FIRST TIMERS CONVENTION WORKSHOP"
SPEAKER: HOWARD HERZ
- 4:00 PM** PRE-REGISTRATION/ BANQUET TICKET PICKUP CLOSES
- 5:00 PM** DEALER SETUP CLOSES
- 5:30 PM** EARLY BIRD BANQUET- TOP OF THE RIV
TICKETED EVENT- ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
- 8:00-11 PM** "BIG KICK OFF" MEMBER TRADE SESSION AFTER BANQUET- CAPRI 112&113
-NO SALES
- DEALER SETUP CONTINUES- ROYALE 1-4
DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2008

- 7:00 AM** DEALER SETUP CONTINUES- ROYALE 1-4
DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
- 8:00 AM** REGISTRATION OPENS; ID REQUIRED
- 8:30 AM** EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- ROYALE 7
SPEAKER: DAVID. D. SCHWARTZ,
UNLV GAMING STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER
- 9:00 AM** OPENING CEREMONIES- 2008 SHOW BEGINS, ROYALE 1-4
EARLY SHOW ADMISSION TO PERSONS STAYING AT THE RIVIERA

10:00 AM 2008 SHOW OPENS TO ALL
2:00 PM HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEETING- CAPRI 110
3:00 PM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- CAPRI 112 & 113
 “CUBA, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE CCCC”
 SPEAKERS: CHARLES KAPLAN AND RALPH POLLACK
3:00 PM SILVER STRIKE FORUM- ROYALE 7
4:00 PM CARIBBEAN CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB- ROYALE 8CAPRI 112 & 113
4:30 PM SHOW FLOOR ENTRANCE CLOSED- EXIT ONLY
5:00 PM SILVER STRIKE MEETING- ROYALE 7
5:00 PM SHOW IN RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM FRIDAY
5:00-10 PM MEMBER TRADE SESSION- CAPRI 112 & 113 **-NO SALES**
6:00 PM SHOW FLOOR SECURED
7:00 PM 10th ANNUAL CC>CC POKER TOURNAMENT- BINION’S GAMBLING HALL

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2008

8:00 AM *DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOWROOM*
8:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS; ID REQUIRED
8:30 AM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- ROYALE 7
 “LIFE & TIMES OF SLIM EWING AND THE EWING MOLD”
 SPEAKER: BILL RAGSDALE
9:00 AM *EARLY SHOW ADMISSION TO PERSONS STAYING AT THE RIVIERA*
10:00 AM SHOW OPENS TO ALL- ROYALE 1-4
11:00 AM FLORIDA CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING-
 CAPRI 112
2:00 PM TITO COLLECTORS MEETING- CAPRI 112
2:00 PM STANDARDS AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING- CAPRI 110
3:00 PM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- ROYALE 7
 “PRESERVING GAMING HISTORY”
 SPEAKER: GENE TRIMBLE

3:30 PM SHOW FLOOR CLOSED- EXIT ONLY

4:00 PM CHIPTALK.NET MEETING- CAPRI 110

4:00 PM SHOW IN RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM SATURDAY

5:00 PM SHOW FLOOR SECURED

5:30 PM BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION- ROYALE 7

8:00-11 PM MEMBER TRADE SESSION - (AFTER AUCTION IS COMPLETED) ROYALE 7
NO SALES

SATURDAY, 21 JUNE JUNE 2008

8:00 AM *DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOWROOM*

8:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS; ID REQUIRED

8:30 AM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR- ROYALE 7
“THE FIRST NUDE SHOWGIRL AND HER STORIES”
SPEAKER: LISA MEDFORD

9:00 AM *EARLY SHOW ADMISSION TO PERSONS STAYING AT THE RIVIERA*

10:00 AM SHOW OPENS TO ALL- ROYALE 1-4

11:00 AM ANNUAL CC>CC BUSINESS MEETING- ROYALE 7

3:30 PM SHOW ENTRANCE CLOSED- EXIT ONLY

4:00 PM SHOW CLOSES- SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

4:00-10 PM “LAST DANCE” TRADE SESSION- CAPRI 112 & 113 *NO SALES*

6:00 PM *ALL DEALERS MUST EXIT SHOW FLOOR- NO EXCEPTION*

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2nd Annual Meeting in Germany

by Björn Zabel

Our 2nd annual meeting was held from April 4th to April 6th, 2008 in Baden-Baden, Germany. Each year we meet in a different city (in 2007 it was in Bad Homburg). This year we had 25 attendees mostly from Germany, but also 8 from Switzerland and 2 from Spain.

On Friday evening we all met at the hotel and went to a restaurant for dinner. Afterwards we walked through the old and very nice city of Baden-Baden, and stopped at a



Davide Grande on the left is talking to Heino Böhlinger (sitting on the right) Behind Heino you can see Marc Fontbona (right) and Fran Alejandre (left).

bar to talk about casinos and chips. We returned to the hotel at 2 am making it a very long day.

On Saturday we reserved a conference room where we had the “main event” of the meeting. A lot of chips were traded and sold, and it was a good time to ask questions. There were many experts on European jetons at the meeting. Some brought parts of their collection so we could see some rare and interesting stuff.

On Saturday evening we went to the casino of Baden-Baden for dinner and gambling. The boss of the casino



Heino Böhlinger (left) is looking at a small part of the plaque collection of Klaus Seifert (right).



A closer look at the plaques from Klaus Seifert.

greeted us and he had a very nice present for everyone. Every collector received jetons and a plaque from the rack used from 1953 until 1963 in Baden-Baden. It was a great surprise.

The following night was very short and on Sunday after breakfast we all left to go home.



Doing some chip business Front to back: Heike Wollborn, Waldemar Baron, Klaus Seifert, Wolfgang Wollborn.



Peter Brooks and Sandra Schröder are looking at Wolfgang Wollborn's treasure chest. And he had some real treasures in that chest!!



There were a lot of experts at the meeting, so I could ask a lot of questions. From left to right: Peter Brooks, myself, Günter Stramm, Jens Jandt, Wolfgang Kurth.



Here you see most of the attendees. Fran and Marc are not in the picture. They had to leave earlier to get a plane back to Spain.

It was an absolutely fantastic weekend. We all had so much fun. We do not know the date and the place yet, but there will be another meeting in April, 2009.

Björn





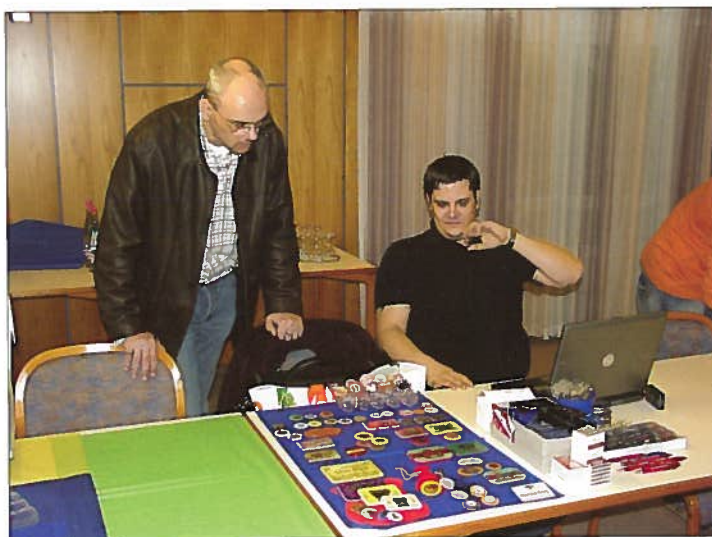
From left to right: Marcus Berg, Waldemar Baron, myself (Björn Zabel), Klaus Seifert



On the left is Remo Grande, and on the right Wolfgang Kurth
One of the ladies is Renate Seifert and the other is a friend of hers



On the left is Brigitte Stramm, and on the right Sandra Schröder



On the left is Don Peter Brooks, and on the right Marcus Berg.



We are dressed to go to the casino. The casino Baden-Baden has a strong dresscode. Men have to wear a tie and a jacket to enter.
From left to right: Myself, Lothar Rucks, Simone Rucks, Andrea Berg, Heino Böhringer, Wolfgang Wollborn, Heike Wollborn



Heino Böhringer, Andrea Berg, Wolfgang Wollborn, Marcus Berg, Corinne Kaiser, Remo Grande, Renate Seifert and her friend.

The Playboy Find

by Allan Anderson

A work crew digging a path for a sidewalk in Hernando, Mississippi got quite a surprise when they found tens of thousands of old Playboy chips from Atlantic City. Instead of being destroyed, the chips were buried underneath a large slab of concrete on the former site of the Green Duck Corporation.

Soon after the find, thousands of chips went up for auction on eBay, flooding the market. Chips that were once worth hundreds or thousands of dollars are now worth a fraction of that. A \$100 chip that at one time had a value of \$3,000, is not worth much of anything now. Many of the chips were embedded in the concrete, some destroyed but most were in good shape.

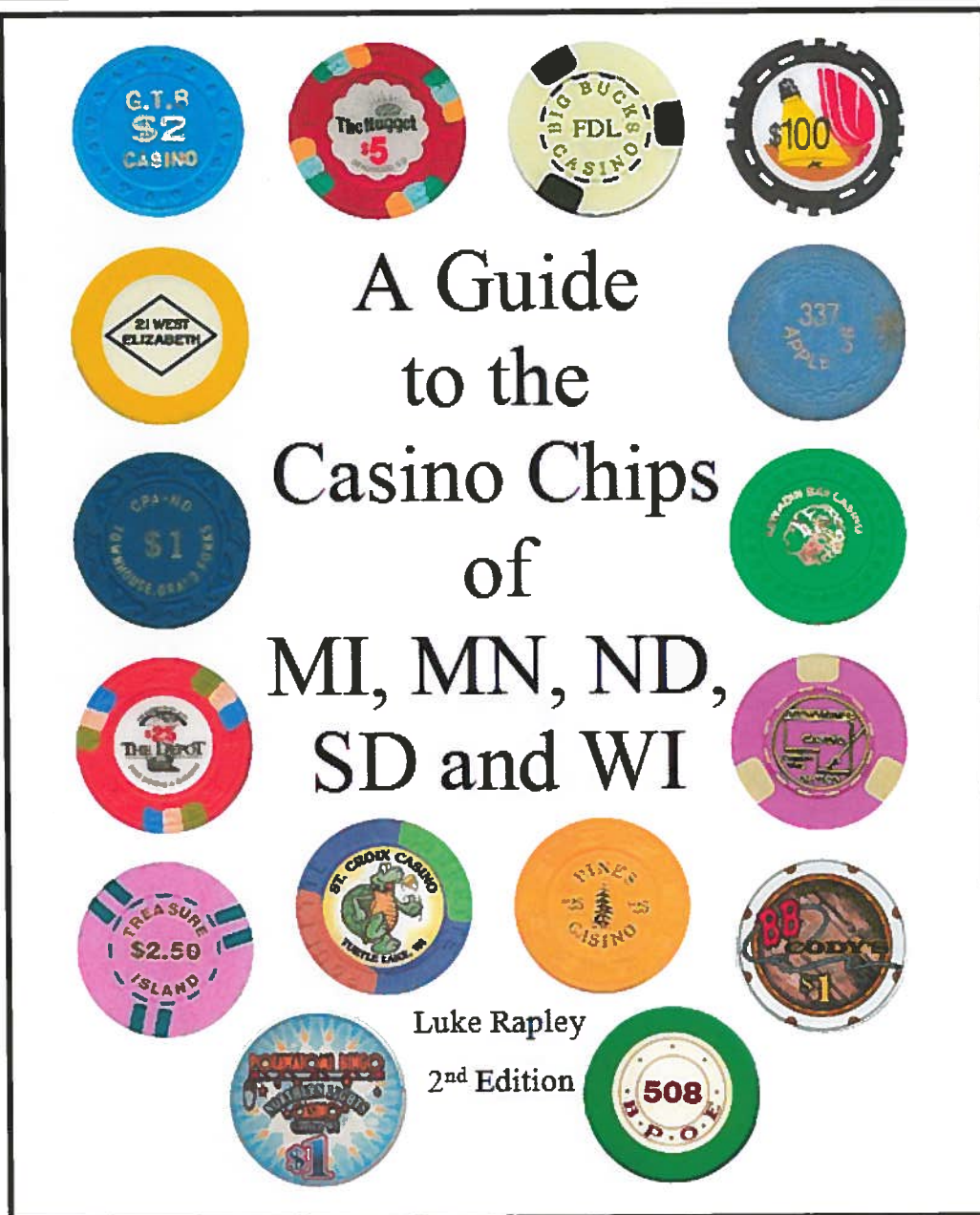
These are the denominations of the chips found. There were not a lot of \$ 1.00 chips found and only about 500-600 of the \$500 chips were found.

- \$ 1.00
- \$ 2.50 white
- \$ 2.50 olive
- \$ 5.00 gold
- \$ 5.00 teal
- \$ 25.00 pink/red
- \$ 25.00 light green,white inlay
- \$ 25.00 dark green,white inlay
- \$ 100.00 yellow
- \$ 100.00 orange
- \$ 500.00

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Thanks to Ricky Pushkin for the "dig" photo and to Bruce Konick for the chip scans and denomination information.





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Buffalo Chips

by John K. Kallman



Some chips are just plain harder to get! Not that they are exceeding rare, just hard to get a hold of. Take chips from the New Town Tavern, for an example. Chips from the **Buffalo Community Club** are another such place. Location and other circumstances are factor to take into consideration. Times that the tables are open and how willing they are to let you walk with chips are also other considerations one must factor in. North Dakota is no different. A few places do not want there chips to walk, but at least you can find the tables open on most days, and at least take notes. And not to talk bad about North Dakota, but there is a whole lot of nothing out that way! I have known of chips at this location for nearly a year now, and have never managed to be there when the tables where actually open. With the weather looking clear and the snow of the roads, I headed up north to track down more pieces of clay in some of the smaller out of the way locations. As luck would have it, I actually was at this place when the tables were open, cards were being dealt, and even better yet, they were willing to let one of each of the chips to walk! As it turned out, it was a good thing that I decided to stop that particular night as this was the last night that they were going to have the table open until mid-October! Thus, a table game that is open one night a week, between 8 and 12 PM, only between mid-October and mid-April, and then some 300 miles one way from home! Now that is a hard chip to get!

The second bonus was a new mold, for at least North Dakota that is. This is the first noted use of Chipco molds! When I started this continuing series, I remunerated on the large number on Bud Jones Suite Pip molds in play. Of course since then, a large number of other mold designs have been forthcoming. Hat & Cane molds can be found scattered about along with Mermaids and Mr. Lucky molds to name a few. Presently, legislation requires operators to order chips via authorized distributors as opposed to ordering them directly from the manufacture. One source, unconfirmed, has related that the only approved manufacture to supply the distributors are in fact the afford mention Bud Jones chips of which so many are in play. Thus, and new racks, or reorders for old racks will more than likely be these molds. Thus, if an existing casino is currently only accepting \$5.00 bet maximums, they may still be using older H&C mold chips. But then if they decide to increase the betting limits to \$25, the new order will be Bud Jones which is why many organizations have more than one mold in play at a time.

This rack is in fact at least the second rack in play for Buffalo. They were using older H&C 50c chips as separators.



Other chips, according to the dealer, but not seen on the table, from this rack were: \$1.00 Blue and \$2.00 Gold (no inserts on either denomination). It was unclear if there was a \$5.00 chip ever in play with the above denominations..

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Aloha - Maui

by Jim and Sandi Steffner

At the 2007 Convention Early Bird Banquet, we were pleasantly surprised with a 6-day trip to Maui. We headed off on March 29th, 2008 for a fabulous fun filled week on this beautiful island in the Hawaiian chain. Following is a bit of history about Maui and some of our adventures. We thoroughly enjoyed the relaxing time and thank everyone involved. We hope you enjoy the report and we look forward to seeing all of our friends in June.

In the beginning there was Pu'u Kukui, the now extinct volcano that created what is now West Maui. Then there was the mighty Haleakala, the now dormant volcano that created East Maui. Then there was the isthmus connecting the two landmasses, created by matter that had eroded from the slopes of the opposing volcanoes. Combined they form today's Maui, the Valley Isle, second largest island in the Hawaiian chain at 728.8 square miles.

Tropical rain forests climb the slopes reaching upward from the windward slopes of East Maui. Further up the terrain turns alpine, where evergreens flourish and enters the lunar climes of Haleakala Crater (largest dormant volcano in the world), where the island's highest point at Pu'u Ulaula looms at 10,025 feet above sea level and 28,000 feet above ocean floor. At this altitude snowfall occurs occasionally.

Fabulous white sand beaches fringe the west-facing shores where the sun shines most of the year. Lava cliffs rise up from the north shores. Black sand graces some of the beaches eastward, as does red.

The windward central valley is carpeted with undulating sugar cane. Also centrally, as well as northerly, fields of pineapple flourish.

At the northern end of the valley are the business and population centers of Kahului, where the main airport is located, and contiguous Wailuku, the county seat. At the south end is Maalaea, the little harbor village, and Kihie, a former desert that now boasts one of the fastest growth rates on the island.

On the shores stretching farther east is Hana, called "The Last Hawaiian Place".

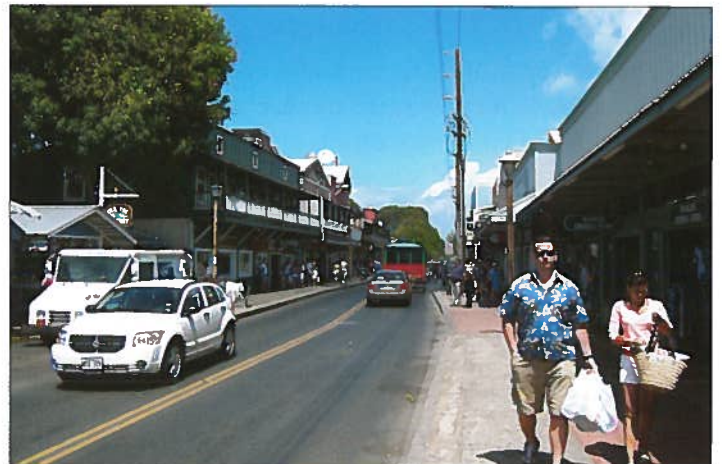


This is "paradise". With such a variety of elements composing its tapestry, Maui has come to be known as "No Ka 'Oi" or simply, "The Best".

Lahaina Harbor, site of the first lighthouse in the Pacific is also home to the historic courthouse and the famed Banyon Tree planted in 1873, now 130 years old, still growing, and covering almost a whole city block.

Lahaina, original capitol of the Hawaiian Kingdom and home to the Royal Family, an old whaling ship port where 400 ships could be anchored at one time still boasts some of the oldest buildings and historic sites. The narrow two-lane Front Street today is a setting for many, many shops (danger, danger – way to many jewelry stores), restaurants, art galleries, museums, and tourist attractions.

With Maui's 100,000 permanent residents and over 2.4 million yearly visitors, there are many activities available. You could enjoy surfing, snorkeling, scuba, whale watching, para-sailing, fishing, tours of neighboring islands by boat or plane, island bicycle trips, cave expeditions, shopping, luau's, semi-submersible and submarine tours of the underwater life, and even a helicopter ride to the top of the volcanoes.





Our place away from reality for 6 days



View from the balcony. The island across the water is Lenai.



See Forrest? Maybe he went in for a bite to eat. Left his shoes behind.

Maui's Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is the winter home to over 3,000 of these interesting animals who arrive about October and leave in April, heading back to their summer feeding grounds in the Alaskan waters. Our two-hour boat tour gave us the opportunity to see many of these whales close up. At one point there was the mother (cow), two babies (calf) and a large male (escort) as close as 10 feet from the boat. It's a splendid site to see these whales that can be 43 feet in length and about 40 tons in weight breach the water surface with such grace. Even at a distance we could see the whales activities while sitting on the condo's balcony overlooking the gently rolling ocean waters.



Native Hawaiian woodcarver signing a turtle carving. Turtle represents good luck and long life.



Why they are called humpback



Adult whale pectoral fin - flipper



Whale fluke - tail



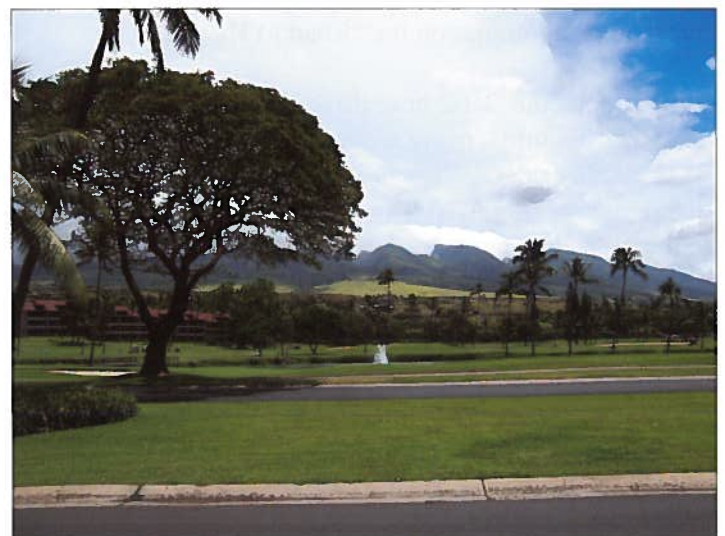
Adult whale



Baby whale breaching water

Traveling North from Lahaina leads us to Ka'anapali, home of exquisite resorts, golf courses, a whaling museum, and the Whalers Village, a collection of shops and restaurants located in an open-air three-story mall along the shore. Still farther North is Kapalua home to more golf courses and thousands of acres of pineapple fields.

Driving South from Lahaina took us across Ma'alaea Bay, past field after field of sugar cane and down the coast to Kihei and Wailea. Kihei is great beach combing territory and a good spot for snorkeling and whale watching. We found a roadside craft fair with many exquisite home made items and an islander carving beautiful wood sculptures. Continuing South took us through resort areas of Wailea nestled at the base of Haleakala. Even farther South is Makena and the Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area



Reserve. It is said to presently resemble the surface of the moon. Travel over this area would be impossible in an ATV and extremely difficult even in a military tank. This area is the last lava flow from the volcano before it went dormant in 1760.



Lava rock shore line south of Makena

The next day trip found us heading to the South East corner of the island to the town of Hana by way of the famed Hana Highway. This historic trail begins in Kahului, the islands main urban area and major seaport. In Ha'iku we took a side adventure in search of some native Koa wood, which grows only on Muai. We traveled back roads I believe even some islanders don't know exist, a real insight into the real island culture and living conditions. We stumbled upon an artist guild type group in an old cannery building that housed about 40 different facilities from cabinet making, painters, glass blowers, and even a surfboard manufacturer. Not locating a source for the wood needed for a wood turning project, we backtracked and continues on the "Road to Hana".

This gorgeous 2-1/2 hour drive is comprised of very sharp hairpin turns, many sections of one lane road, and 54 one-lane bridges. Views from the road, when you can divert your attention, shift from breathtaking coastal vistas to the rugged wilderness of Masui's mountainous interior. This is the fantasy tropics, a place of waterfalls and rain forest densely draped in vines, of taro fields and botanical gardens and nurseries alive with exotic flowers. It's the journey, not the destination that is the main attraction. Hana is *old Hawaii* with many historical sites such as churches built in the mid 1800's, the gravesite of Charles Lindbergh, famed aviator, 400-foot waterfalls and white, black, and red sand beaches.



Lava flow from last eruption



Coastal view from Hana Highway



Smaller waterfalls



Black sand beaches



Painted eucalyptus trees

Another day, another road trip – this time to the Haleakala Crater by way of Maui’s only winery. Travel is thru the “Up Country” beginning at Pukalani, climbing the slopes of Haleakala (The House of the Sun) to ranchland communities of Makawao, Kula, Keokea, and ‘Ulupalakua. This is home to Maui’s oldest and largest cattle ranches where *paniolo* as Hawaiian cowboys are known, still ride the range on horseback. Beyond Kula, 20,000 acres of the ‘Ulupalakua Ranch pastureland unfold. A quaint old country store with a small grill (excellent Elk burgers, by the way), deli, and souvenir section sits across from the ranch office and the Tedeschi Vineyard. The winery produces about a dozen different wines and is noted for the pineapple wine.

After some taste testing and a purchase of some delicious wines we resumed our travel upward thru a 45-minute, 22 mile twisting drive to the Haleakala Crater well above the cloud level of the island. The National Park is also home to the Science City Observatory, a collection of several large telescopes perched atop the hill. Several hiking trails will take you down into the crater (4000 feet deep, 7.5 miles long, 2.5 miles wide), and if you don’t like to walk there are horseback tours available. While time didn’t allow a full-length hike, I did manage to trek up some steep trails to lookout sites for some awesome pictures. The drive up, and back down, can be a bit nerve-racking with sharp curves, deep drop-offs, minimum guardrails, and fabulous views to draw your eyes off the road. Luckily there are several areas to safely pull off the road, look, and just say WOW.



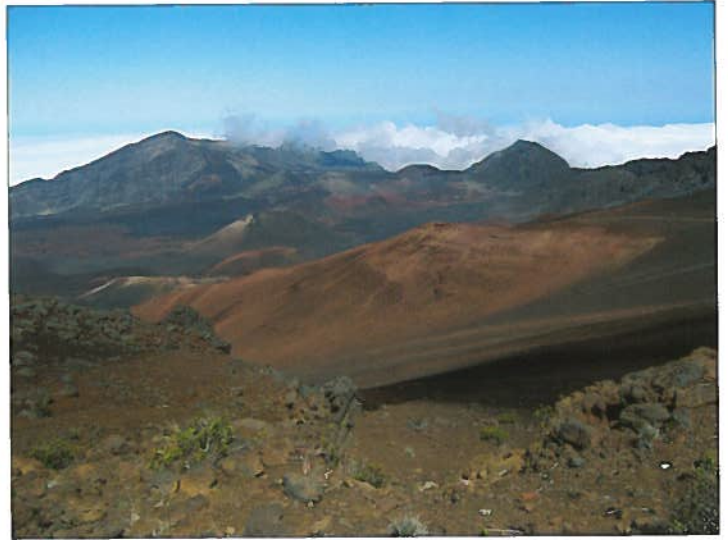
View about half way up. We are above the clouds.



Science City Observatory



Halalii cinder cone



Crater view from the hiking trail



Sugar cane

Alas, all good things must come to an end - our last day on the beautiful island. After a slowed-down easy lifestyle, friendly folks, great food, fabulous adventures, lots of shopping, whale watching, beach walking, and generally just relaxing, it's time to return to reality and think about heading home. The last day started with packing and some last minute shopping. On the way back to the airport we made a stop at the Iao Valley State Park to see the beautiful mountain scenery, waterfalls, and the famous Iao Needle, a 2250-foot towering mountain peak. Then it was on to the Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum to get a close look at the sugar industry on the island. Interesting to note that the large sugar factory across the road that processes all the cane to raw sugar and molasses was designed and built by a company in New York, dismantled, packaged and shipped to Maui with a set of instructions on how to reassemble.

Then it was up, up, and away, back to Las Vegas, Aloha Maui! Malaho to all that made this trip possible!



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The “Joints of Jeffersonville”

The Indiana Club

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It has been said that everything gathers dust and everything has a history. The gambling chips pictured in this manuscript are no exception. Each has a story to tell. The worn nicked edges and cigarette burns attest to the hours of play in the smoke filled “Joints of Jeffersonville.”

The Primary Question

Why are all of the “Indiana Club” chips in pristine condition? All other known chips from the Jeffersonville area exhibit extreme wear. This dichotomy was one of the first issues to spark my interest into searching for the story behind the Indiana Club.



Figure 1 - Indiana Club chips

The Indiana Club was reportedly located at 5th Street and Missouri Avenue in Jeffersonville, Indiana. This is the story not only, of how the location was confirmed, but also about the people, events, and chips involved with the Indiana Club.

The deed books of this small river town in Clark County, Indiana, begin with the original land grant of 1783. The Commonwealth of Virginia granted 150,000 acres known as the Illinois Grant, to George Rogers Clark, his brother William Clark, and the other members of the Virginia Regiment. The records revealed that the northwest and southwest corners of 5th and Missouri Avenue were owned by The American Car Foundry. As the search continued, it was found that the northeast corner was a residence belonging to Charles Reeder and the southeast corner was a residence belonging to Clara Duitz. Having found no gambling establishment listed on any of the four corners and feeling that every option had been exhausted, the decision was made to forget about ever finding out who owned the elusive Indiana Club. However, the following events stuck in the back of my mind. On September 1, 1928, one Albert A. Duitz sold lot 8 of block 48, the southeast corner, to attorney James W. Sweeny, Esq. On September 4, 1928 (three days later), Mr. Sweeny sold lots 7 and 8 of block 48 back to Albert Duitz and his wife Clara. I'm not skilled in title searching, so I called in an expert. He confirmed that these two lots, did indeed, change hands twice in three days. There were absolutely no records of said property after that date. It appeared that block 48 had vanished.

Finally, after many years and many interviews, I met the 85 year old son of Maurice Wesley McBride, the owner of the Indiana Club. When asked why the chips were in such good shape, he just laughed and said “Well, I got out of the service in 1946 and was a box-man at the craps table for Dad at the Indiana Club. I went to Chicago to pick up dice and chips in 1947 and they closed us down in 1948.”

Taylor Company records confirm the 1947 purchase date and the newspapers reported the details of the raids ordered by Jeffersonville Judge James L. Bottorff and carried out by Col. Robert Rossow and the Indiana State Police on the second day of January 1948. I now knew why all those chips were in such pristine condition. I will now tell you the rest of the story about the history of the Indiana Club.

Until recently it was difficult to trace the origin of chips in illegal clubs because they were often purchased and used under a veil of secrecy. Fortunately, Howard Herz of Gaming Archaeology, purchased the Taylor Company order records in 2001 and graciously made them available to collectors. Hopefully, these and other records will put a stop to the practice of falsely fabricating a name to go with a chip monogrammed with initials.

The Taylor Company records confirm that four colors of the Indiana Club “T” mold chips were ordered: red with yellow

hot stamp, black with yellow hot stamp, yellow with blue hot stamp and gray with blue hot stamp. Just as important, they also provided the address from which the chips were ordered.

During my second interview with the son, I asked about the ownership of the property where the Indiana Club was located. He replied that his Dad had owned the property from 1928 until 1950. At that time, the property was condemned for the right-of-way for the Clark Memorial Bridge. When shown my drawing of the intersection at 5th and Missouri and the previously typed notes, he simply laughed and stated, "Sure, Dad owned it, but you wouldn't expect him to have a piece of property with an illegal gambling house in his own name, would you?" He just winked and told me to forget trying to find the records on that piece of property.

The reason the property could not be found in the original search is that the property had been condemned by the State of Indiana for the aforementioned easement and the State doesn't pay taxes to Indiana counties. However, the records at the Clark County Recorder Office reflected that Mary Duitz sold lots 7 and 8 of block 48 to the State of Indiana for easement on December 30, 1950. The search had been for documents that recorded ownership and were used for assessing taxes; therefore since no taxes were owed or paid, those records had been removed from the files.

Territorial Wars

The idea for the Indiana Club was conceived, out of necessity, in Snider's News in the early 1940s. Snider's News, located on the east side of Vincennes Street just north of Market Street in New Albany, Indiana, was owned jointly by E. Courtney Snider of Floyd County and Maurice Wesley McBride of Clark County. Floyd and Clark County have been bitter rivals over the years and the power brokers in control of the political machine in Floyd County forced Maurice McBride to give up his interest in Snider's News.

Like most newsstands and cigar stores of the period, the real money at Snider's News was not made by selling newspapers or cigars but, rather, by selling the daily racing form and by making book on horse races. Of course, every newsstand, cigar store, pool hall and bookie joint had the obligatory back room card game. If the games involved enough money, the owners usually had personalized chips made to prevent other chips from being run into the game. Figure 3 illustrates three different chips from Snider's News. Note that there are two different spellings of "Snider's News." One has to wonder if this was an intentional error to deceive or just a mistake in printing by the distributor.

The ECS chips were ordered by E. Courtney Snider on March 13, 1943 and shipped to Snider's News at 314 Vincennes Street in New Albany. This would indicate that the popularity of card playing continued to grow after Maurice Mc Bride (known to most simply as "Mac") was run out of town. To my knowledge, none of these chips have surfaced.

Name Indiana Café Address 432 Missouri Ave Town Jeffersonville State Ind. Per Taylor "T" checks				Indiana Club	
Amount	Color	Style	monogram	Date Shipped	
5,000	scarlet	spec	Yellow	4-5-47	
3,000	Black	spec	Yellow	4-5-47	
500	Yellow	spec	Blue	4-5-47	
500	Grey	spec	Blue	4-5-47	
			\$25 Other side		

Figure 2 - Order card for the Indiana Club chips

Name E.C. Snider Address 314 Vincennes St. Town New Albany State Ind.				SPECIAL MONOGRAM ECS				
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
2000	Choc	ECS	Block					3-13-43

Figure 4
Order card of ECS chips

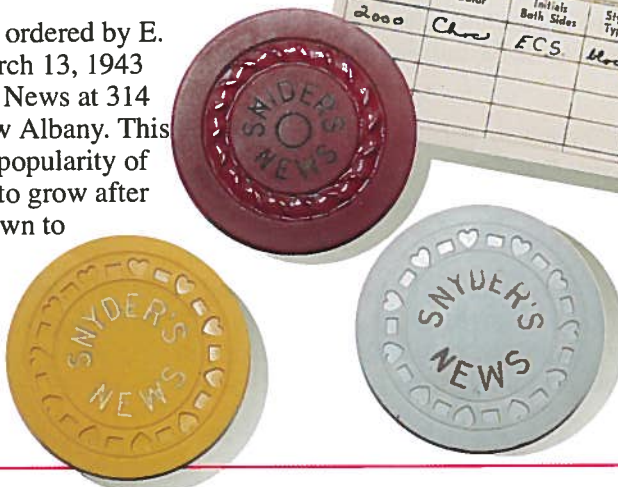


Figure 3
Snider's/Snyder's News chips

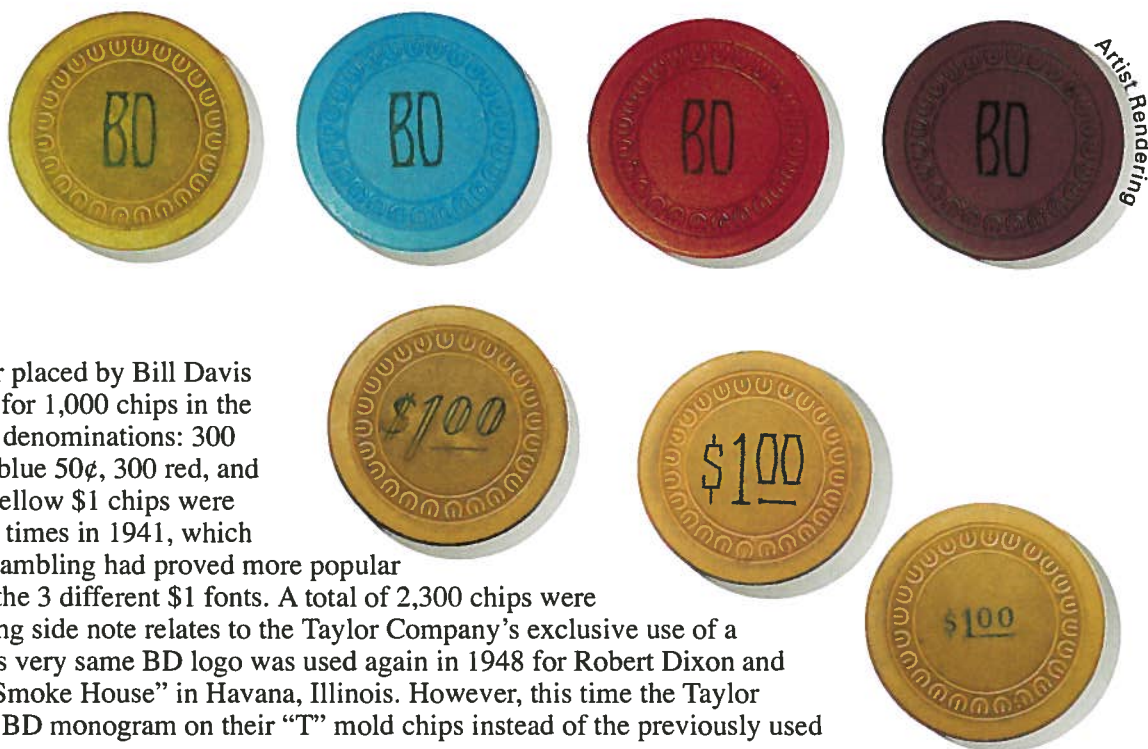
“Mac” had given up his job as a railroad detective and was looking for a partner to open an operation on his own turf in Clark County. His dream was to not only open just another bookie joint, but to open a full fledged casino with all the games of chance. He wanted poker, black jack, roulette, bird cage, craps and most of all a wire service to post the current results of horse racing from across the country.

Bill Davis and The Biffi Night-Club

Enter one Bill Davis into the story. He was a big fellow with a bank roll to match his stature. In 1942, Davis was having problems with the local authorities across the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky. He was running the Biffi Night-Club along with several other bookie joints, but the frequent raids and constant harassment was causing him to look for another location where the police were willing to “look the other way.”

The Biffe Cafe opened in 1937 and became the Biffi Night-Club in 1938. It was located at 1423 Poplar Level Road in Louisville and closed it’s doors in 1943. John A. Longo was listed as proprietor in the Caron’s City Directory. However, in what seemed to be the accepted practice of the day, the deed book listed his wife Emerga Longo as the real owner of the property.

Figure 5
BD chips used at
The Biffi Night Club
and The Indiana Club



The original order placed by Bill Davis on July 9, 1940, was for 1,000 chips in the following colors and denominations: 300 yellow \$1, 300 light blue 50¢, 300 red, and 100 chocolate. The yellow \$1 chips were reordered three more times in 1941, which would indicate that gambling had proved more popular than expected. Note the 3 different \$1 fonts. A total of 2,300 chips were ordered. An interesting side note relates to the Taylor Company’s exclusive use of a customer’s logo. This very same BD logo was used again in 1948 for Robert Dixon and was shipped to the “Smoke House” in Havana, Illinois. However, this time the Taylor Company placed the BD monogram on their “T” mold chips instead of the previously used Harp mold chips.

The harassment at Davis’ Biffi Night-Club continued to increase and finally Bill Davis picked up his chips and moved across the river to Indiana. Thus, a verifiable link was found between these BD Taylor Harp mold chips being used at the Biffi Night-Club in Louisville, Kentucky, and at the Indiana Club in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Location

As best it can be documented, the physical plant of the Indiana Club was taking shape in the early part of 1942. Bill Davis ordered 6,000 of the Harp mold B over D chips during the first three months of 1943 and had them shipped to 432 Missouri Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana. (see addendum 1 on back page) This chip order brings to light the interesting question. Why didn’t they have these chips hot stamped with the Indiana Club logo? One answer may have been the uncertainty of their long term success. The actual name “Indiana Club” does not appear in the Caron’s City Directory until 1947. However, one must note that due to the war, there was no Caron’s City Directory published in 1945 or 1946. Being unable to procure phone books for those two years, made it difficult to determine what name was listed for the property. Further evidence of their dilemma is the fact that the property is listed as Coy’s Restaurant in 1937-1939. Clearly, “Mac” owned the property during this timeframe but may have been showing restraint in advertising it as a gambling parlor.



Realtors are fond of saying that there are only three things to consider when purchasing property. Location, location, location. "Mac" had found a perfect location on Missouri Avenue. Missouri



Figure 6 - B over D chips ordered by Bill Davis for The Indiana Club

Avenue and Court Avenue were the only approach roads to the newly constructed Municipal Bridge. This meant that anyone traveling across the bridge, whether going to or from Louisville, had to pass by the Indiana Club or the other gambling joints on Court Avenue. As a further bonus, the Jeffersonville Coach Line passed by every fifteen minutes. As a courtesy, a dish of bus tokens was located near the front door for the patron's convenience.



Figure 7
Jeffersonville
Bus Token

Timing is everything and in this case, Maurice McBride hit the home run. The Municipal Bar, owned by Jimmy James, had had the very best location. It was located right at the entrance to the bridge. However the Municipal Bar had been shut down in 1937, following a machine gun shooting at Walter's Place on U.S. Highway 31-E and Applegate Lane in Clark County. Shortly after, Judge James L. Bottorff was elected as circuit court judge on a promise to clean up gambling in his district. He had succeeded in shutting down the Greyhound Club and others operating out in the county in 1939. However, he refused to get involved with the clubs within the city proper. The illegal clubs along West Court Avenue and the Indiana Club on Missouri Avenue were flourishing during the 1940's because the locations were perfect, the timing was right, and even more importantly, the city fathers were willing to turn a deaf ear and look the other way. Of course, they also extended their hands with their palms up.

President Herbert Hoover arrived in Louisville for the dedication of the Municipal Bridge on October 31, 1931. It was the first span to carry only highway traffic between Southern Indiana and Kentucky. U.S. Highway 31 became the main north/south artery for the Midwest. The Municipal Bridge, built for \$1.2 million, operated on a toll basis until 1946. Three things are credited with the early pay down of the bridge debt. First, was the heavy wartime traffic to and from the Indiana Ammunition Plant in Charlestown, Indiana. Second, was the heavier than expected ebb and flow of gamblers from Louisville, and finally, was the daily commute by the people who worked in Louisville and lived in Southern Indiana.

"Mac" also purchased the adjacent property to the south, at 430 Missouri Avenue, so as to insulate the Indiana Club from the neighbors and the neighbors from the casino. "Mac" owned the property, but the actual name on the deed from 1941-1944 was T.R. Donahue. The house that he purchased at 432 Missouri Avenue was a two story white frame house with a large back yard. The back yard was an important consideration, as that is where they made the large concrete block addition which became the gambling arena.

To gain entrance to the Indiana Club, one had to pass by the doorman standing in the portico. Once past this point, your choice was to either go up the stairs to the restaurant or down the hallway, past the cage and office, into the large remodeled open grand salon. They converted the upstairs to a full service restaurant called The Indiana Café. Comfort was king and the owners certainly didn't want their patrons leaving the property to go somewhere else to eat dinner. The Café served everything from sandwiches to the finest steaks and chops. Although they did not hold a liquor license, one was able to order the libation of choice from any of the many attractive waitresses that continually circulated around the floor. The grand salon contained a plethora of games of chance. There was chuck-a-luck, bird cage, big wheel, several craps tables, blackjack, poker and a large sports book with chalk boards proclaiming all the horse racing information that the Western Union Wire Service provided. Since there were no telephones allowed at the actual horse tracks, bets could be laid right up to post time. The race results came in over the "Wire" and the race was "called" by the club announcer. The payout limit for a \$2 bet on any race was: Win \$20, Place \$8 and Show \$4. For an additional fee known as "the vigorish", one would be paid "actual track odds."

Following the raid of 1948, the house at 432 Missouri became a dusty white elephant and sat idle for two years. No one wanted the two story building with the huge back room. But as another example of how a good location paid off, the State of Indiana confiscated the property in 1950 by The Right of Eminent Domain for the right-of-way to the newly renamed George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge. "Mac" went into retirement following the raid in 1948 and passed away a year later while walking home from his favorite fishing hole.

Colley Sheppard

Colley Sheppard was a craps dealer at the Indiana Club from the time they opened until they were shut down in 1948. He had run floating craps games in several locations including the Shady Terrace Trailer Park located at the east end of Eastern Boulevard in Clarksville, Indiana. He owned enough chips to handle most games. Initially, his chips were used along with those belonging to Bill Davis at the Indiana Club. Unfortunately, the order cards for his chips are unavailable but it is known that there were the following colors: green, orange, violet and black. Very few of the violet chips are in the hands of collectors since these chips are currently being used in a private game.



Figure 8 Colley Sheppard's chips

Cole C. Shepard a/k/a Colie Shepard a/k/a Coleman Shepard a/k/a Colley Sheppard

The Caron's Directory revealed that Cole C. Shepard quit school in 1920 but he continued to live with his mother until 1930. During that time, he worked his way up from an apprentice to a helper at the American Car and Freight Company. In 1930, he worked as a roadhouse employee which may have proved to be the training ground for his future endeavors. Over the years, he changed his name several times. Starting in 1915, he was known as Cole C. Shepard. In 1921 he became Colie Shepard, in 1927, he became Coleman Shepard and in 1930 he was listed as Colley Sheppard. In 1937 and 1938, he was back to being called Coleman Shepard. In 1938, he resided on the west side of Homestead Avenue in Clarksville, Indiana. Colley, as he shall be referred to, was a very frugal person and saved most of his money. In 1940, he and his wife, Myrtel, purchased property at 600 E. U.S. 31 in Clark County about two miles north of Louisville, Kentucky. He built the Bel-Aire Court on this site in 1948. A search of the records proved difficult because of the many aliases on the deed books but all evidence would lead us to believe that he built the Bel-Aire Court with cash money as there were no recorded liens or mortgages on the property. This fact would further substantiate his frugal nature. Sometime prior to 1959, he changed the name to The Bel-Aire Motel.

Colley Sheppard was one of the first to use a neon sign in Southern Indiana. The neon outline of a girl diving into a swimming pool would surely bring back memories to many of the local residents.

French engineer and chemist George Claude is credited in 1902, as the first person to apply an electric discharge to a sealed tube of neon gas. He displayed the first neon lamp to the public on December 11, 1910, at the Paris Expo. Wouldn't he be proud of the prolific use of his invention in Las Vegas? The Bel-Aire Motel sign now resides in a local couple's garage as a reminder of the first night of their married life spent under the neon glow. They claimed it kept them awake all night. Would this garage then be considered as Jeffersonville's version of the famed Neon Grave Yard in Las Vegas?

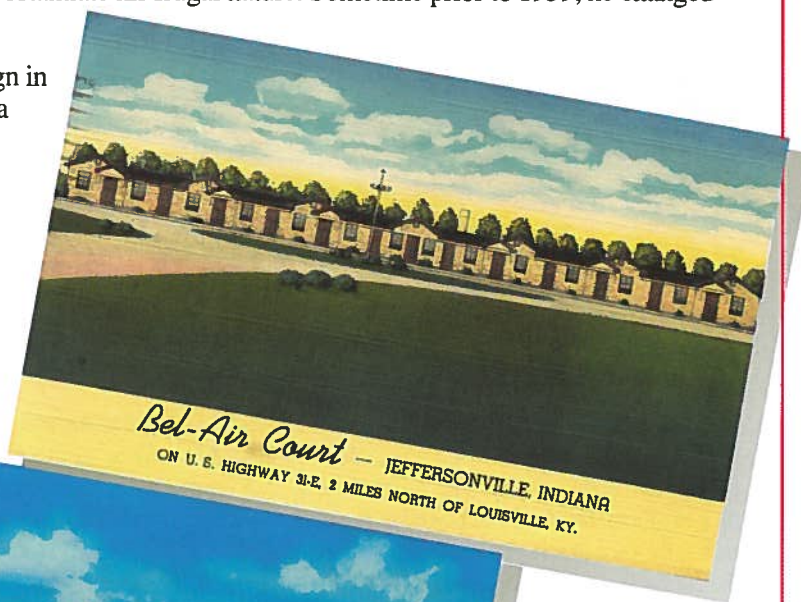


Figure 9A - Bel-Aire Court



Figure 9B - Bel-Aire Motel



Figure 10
Dynamite box
full of chips

The Club with many Aliases

Although the property at 432 Missouri Avenue belonged to Maurice McBride, it was listed in the deed book as belonging to Mary Duitz from 1929 through 1950. In 1937, it was listed as The Coy Restaurant, however, the ashtrays and dice were inscribed with The Indiana Café name. The chips which were ordered in 1947, carry the Indiana Club name. It is speculated that, in the early years, the owners were not convinced that they were going to be allowed to operate in the open and were not comfortable advertising. As the years passed, they became more secure and openly advertised the Indiana Club as a place to get "Sports Results." In fact, they advertised the Indiana Café as "The Finest in the Middle West."

This insecurity is consistent with the advice that "Mac" gave his

son when he arrived home from the war. He

said, "Just remember that this is a business and right now times are good. Save your money because the good times may not last."



Family Time

In the early 1900's, Sunday afternoon was considered family time in Southern Indiana. The adults played cards and the younger set played board games. As a result, a deck of cards and a pair of dice were often in the pockets of the boys when they shipped out to war. The countless hours spent in fox holes and onboard troop transport ships were spent playing cards and rattling the bones. Dice were extremely popular because their size made them the ideal portable game. The board games of their youth were replaced by the tightly tucked blankets on their bunks. Stories abound about how many paychecks changed hands by the roll of the dice on a blanket. The War changed them all. They left as boys and came home as men. Some even came home as cigarette smoking, whiskey drinking, craps shooting men!



Figure 12
Loaded Dice



Dice

To understand why the owners of the Indiana Club went to the added expense of having their name hot stamped on their dice, the term "Bust Out Joint" must be defined. The term, "Bust Out Joint" came from the fact that they would "Bust" your bank roll before you were "Out"

the door. It was common practice in "Bust Out Joints", to have miss-spotted or miss-shaped dice run in and out of games, thereby making it impossible for the customer to win.

At the Indiana Club, the patrons were treated to fair games. For, after all, the odds were always in favor of the house. By having their name on the dice, it was believed that the patrons would view the game as being legitimate.

However, in all games during this period, the house as well as the patrons needed to be aware of outside influences. The "Dice Mechanics" as they were called often operated out of the trunk of a car. They carried a full line of straight dice of all sizes and colors, as well as the corresponding gaffed dice. They could match the dice in any game and they even had a hot stamp machine hooked to the car battery so they could stamp the correct dice with the desired logo. A team of Dice Mechanics operated undetected in the Jeffersonville area for some time before the police finally arrested them, ironically, in an illegal casino.

Dice of the era came packaged in sets of two as opposed to currently used sticks of six. "Gaffed" or cheating dice, as they were called, came in many forms and could be readily purchased from The Hunt & Company, The K.C. Card Company or any number of other supply houses. Their catalogs listed page after page of different straight dice as well as the matching gaffed dice. The catalogs should have been required reading for any gambler of the period. Some of the gaffed dice available were: loaded dice, tapers, shapes, miss-outs, and passers, as well as Tops and Bottoms. Two of the easiest to identify, pictured above, are the loaded dice and the Tops and Bottoms. The loaded dice had extra weight added under the spots so as to influence the natural probability of a number being rolled.

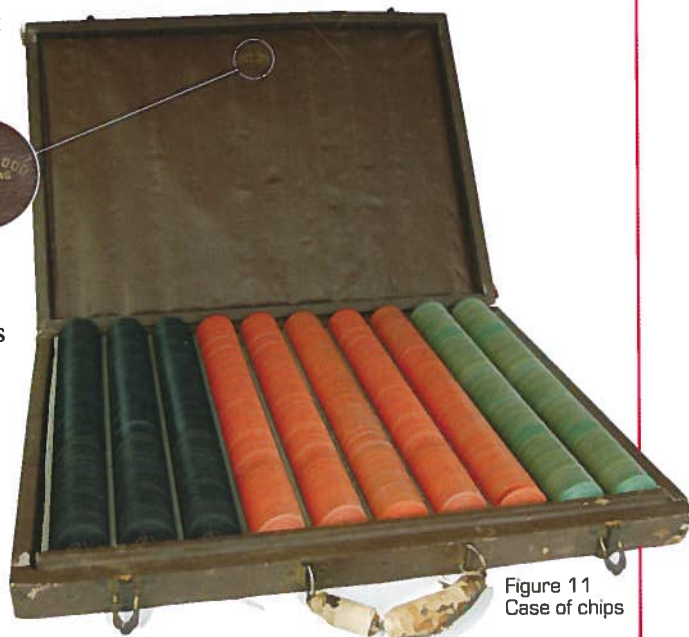


Figure 11
Case of chips

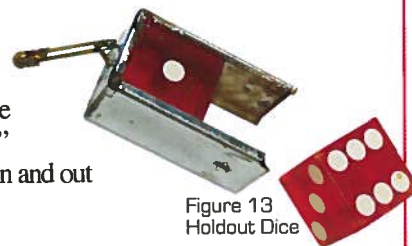


Figure 13
Holdout Dice



Figure 14 - Miss-spotted Dice



Figure 15 Gaffed dice in a plane wrapper

The Tops and Bottoms were constructed on the principle that the player could only see three sides of a die at one time. Consequently, the die could be miss-spotted, so as to have only three different numbers, each number being repeated on the opposite side. A rule of thumb would be, "If you don't know what number is on the bottom of the dice, you had better retrieve what was left of your bank roll and exit quietly." Obviously the manufacturer didn't want the company name on the wrapper of gaffed dice; so, they were wrapped in a plain silver wrapper. Can you spot the gaffed dice in Figure 15.

Gambling during the War and the Post War Era

Although World War II took many men from the area, it also brought full employment to Jeffersonville, Louisville, and the surrounding areas. The Indiana Army Ammunition Plant in Charlestown was working around the clock. The Quarter Master Depot became the world's largest military belt and shirt factory and M. Fine and Sons were manufacturing "Olive Drab" trousers. The Colgate Palmolive Company and the American Car Works were also working at full capacity. The U.S. Navy took over the Howard Steamboat yards to build LST boats for the war.

Housing was tight and there are reports of people living in chicken coops just to be near work. Living conditions were cramped, but everyone was drawing overtime pay. The people were working long, hard hours and at the end of the day, they wanted to relax and gamble. The man-in-the-street saw the chance of a big win as his only real chance of escaping the monotony of the work-a-day life. Money flowed like water from a broken fire hydrant. This surplus of disposable income, coupled with Jeffersonville's "look the other way" attitude toward gambling, contributed to the success of the "Joints of Jeffersonville". It seemed that everyone wanted to gamble and there was always someone willing to accommodate.

Raids

Occasionally, the local police would conduct a raid, but these raids usually turned out to be a photo opportunity for the local newspapers. The gamblers were usually tipped off in advance so they could move out most of their equipment. The police would then make a big production by burning the remaining tip sheets and other non-essentials. Ironically, they always let the gamblers purchase back whatever had been confiscated.

Events Leading Up To The Final Raid

By the late 1940's, attitudes were beginning to change. People were outraged when Police Officer Emerson "Buck" Payne and Officer Paul Coleman were shot while waiting for a bank night deposit. In 1945, a man and a woman were murdered and their bodies buried in a wheat field near the small river town of Rockport, Indiana. That same year a bomb was thrown onto the side walk in front of Antz's Café injuring several plant workers. Weary of the violence, the people began to demand reform.

It has been said that the straw that broke the camel's back was the open construction of a mega casino called Casino X located at Court Avenue and Mulberry Street in Jeffersonville. It is reported that Judge Bottorff was not consulted or asked for his blessing. This breach of decorum angered him to the point of calling in the Indiana State Police. The use of the city police was out of the question because they were on the "take" and wouldn't conduct a raid without first contacting the "Joints of Jeffersonville." The local police had more leaks than a proverbial sieve.



Figure 16 - Smashing-absolutely smashing
Courtesy of James N. Keen Collection, Special Collections, University of Louisville

The Final Raid

The Jeffersonville newspaper, The Evening News of January 3, 1948, reported the following account of the final raid. *"In several hours of swift, methodical work, the Troopers arrested 63 persons identified as operators and housemen, took the names of 368 patrons, confiscated more than \$8,000 and enough equipment to fill five big trucks. State Police identified the places raided as the 125 Club, the 322 Club, The Indiana Club, the 119 Club and the Club X. The raiders, directed by Capt. John J. Barton and Capt. Kermit E. Lewis, struck simultaneously from a number of meeting points. State Police said they confiscated equipment including setups for horse bookies, dice, roulette, chuck-a-luck and poker. Col. Robert Rossow, State Police Superintendent, who ordered the raids, said they were made in accordance the policy of the State Police Board."*

The aforementioned 322 Club was actually Kenneth Horn's pool hall located at 322 Spring Street. There were 3 pool tables in front and a card room in the back. Upstairs, behind a steel reinforced panel door, was the horse book.

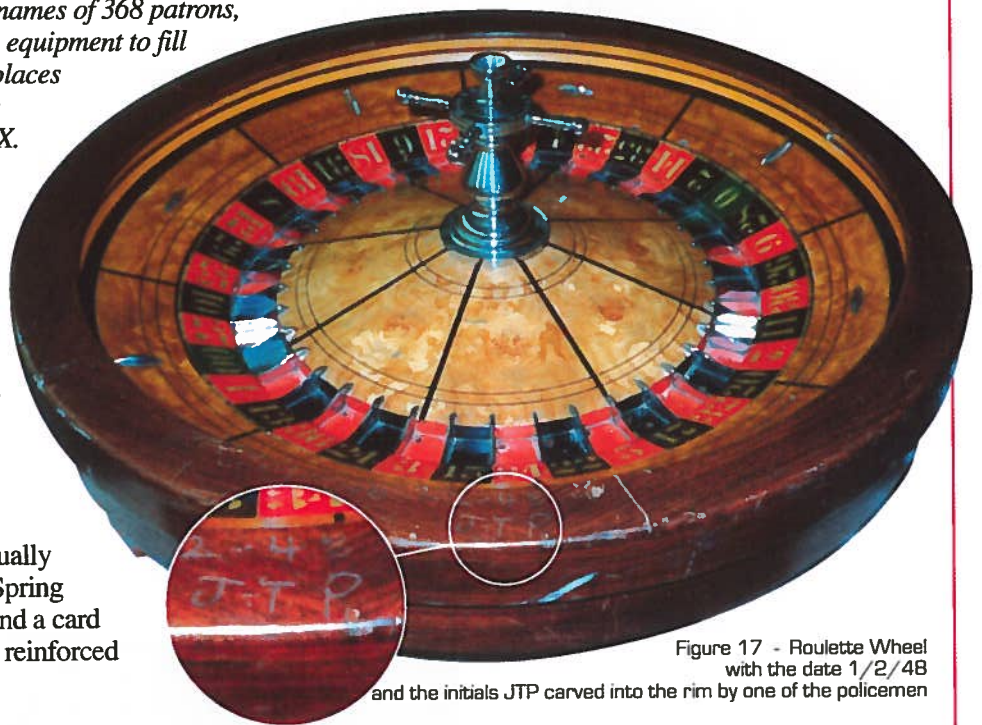


Figure 17 - Roulette Wheel with the date 1/2/48 and the initials JTP carved into the rim by one of the policemen

"JTP" carved into the rim by one of the policemen

It is interesting to read the article of June 10, 1948, in the Jeffersonville Evening News which documented that not only did the gamblers sue to regain their equipment and the cash, but they actually won the case.

"Western Union, not to be outdone, filed a suit to get back five tickers that had been confiscated in the raids. During the hearing held May 27, 1948 in Clark County, District Manager E. A. Schaeffer admitted that Western Union installed, serviced and maintained the tickers. One service man testified on the witness stand that he had worked on the tickers in each of the gambling houses at least once a week but that he did not know gambling was going on. Western Union got the tickers back."



Figure 18
Indiana Café
Ashtray

After the raid to end all raids, one would assume that all the gambling in the City of Jeffersonville and Clark County would have ceased to exist. Well, that was not quite the case. Just as a leopard finds it hard to change its spots, Jeffersonians and the good people from Louisville and the surrounding area still wanted a little "Action". Gambling just moved from the public eye once again into the back rooms of bars, pool halls, liquor stores and the basements of private homes. Although the plush carpeted casinos and the sawdust floor joints were gone, gambling continued.

On October 28, 1972, James Bolus reported in The Courier-Journal:

"Betting parlors are thriving in New Albany." He is further quoted as saying "A recent investigation into illegal bookmaking activities of walk-in establishments, which are said to be nonexistent in Louisville and Jefferson County, are flourishing in at

least three locations right across the Ohio River in New Albany." He continues to name names and locations in which he was able to place bets.

In 1980, the headlines of The Courier-Journal attest to the state of gambling. They read, *"As Clark County has earned the reputation as a gambling haven, even for a stranger, placing a bet in Jeffersonville is easy."*

During a well publicized trial in Federal Court in Indianapolis (118 miles north of Jeffersonville), the defense attorney put the question very simply to the FBI agent on the stand: *"Wasn't it true, the attorney asked, that gambling-wagering on horse races, basketball games and the like, was well tolerated in Jeffersonville and Clark County? Isn't gambling a way of life down there, more so than in other areas?"* The FBI agent answered in the affirmative.

The Arrival of Legalized Gambling

Evansville became the first city in southern Indiana to have legal riverboat gambling when the Casino Aztar Riverboat had its inaugural sailing in 1995. Ironically, the boat was constructed at the Jeffersonville Boat Yard in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The Argosy followed in 1996. It was reported that over 6.7 million people had been on board an Indiana gambling boat during the year of 1996. Interestingly, that is more than the total population of the State. Although Clark County [Jeffersonville] successfully defeated the referendum to legalizing Riverboat gambling in 1993, Harrison County gladly passed it in 1996, and in two short years, Caesar's Glory of Rome river boat weighed anchor. What was then billed as the largest river boat in the world, set sail for it's new home just 11 miles down stream from where "The Joints of Jeffersonville" once stood. Proving once again: "What goes around- comes around."

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Figure 19
Indiana Cafe
Dice

Finally, I would like to thank my wife for reading, correcting and rereading this manuscript, and for allowing me to have it cluttering our dinning room table for several months.

Disclaimer

This manuscript has been in the "works" for nine years. During that time, I have suffered two computer crashes. Many of my original notes were lost. If I have quoted, misquoted or failed to give proper credit, then I hereby beg forgiveness. I readily acknowledge that there will be inaccuracies of omission as well as commission.

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Figure 20 - Addendum



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Update from the Auction Chairman

by David Spragg

The 2008 Bruce Landau Memorial Auction will once again be held during the convention, on Friday 20th June 2008 at the earlier than usual time of 5.30pm. The change in schedule is due to the earlier closing time for the convention floor.

We were in danger of having no auction at all this year. My late appointment as auction chairman meant I had a lead time of only about half of what is usually required, so there are some enforced changes this year.



The first of these is the fact that the auction will be limited to a maximum of 150 lots (including donated lots), of which 10 donated lots will be auctioned during the banquet. I am pleased to say that I have already secured sufficient material for the auction but I therefore regret that I am unable to offer the membership the opportunity to consign if they have not already done so. It has always been a 'wish' to try and reduce the length of the auction, and although this year's reduction was somewhat enforced, we will look at its success (or failure) before deciding how to proceed in future years.



I was very selective in the material to be auctioned this year, and am confident we are offering 150 lots of the highest quality. Consequently there will be a minimum bid of \$50 on any item, and some items valued at \$500 and up will carry reserves. One further point I do need to stress now is the enforcement from the 'terms and conditions' that every successful buyer who is present in the auction room will be required to pay for their lots before the end of the convention, regardless of whether they choose to collect them (and pay the Nevada Sales Tax) or not.



The auction catalog is now available on-line at <http://www.ccgcc.com/2008ClubAuction.pdf> for anyone wishing to view, download or print. Full terms and conditions are included. I also plan to have hard copy versions available for sale in color as well as black & white.



For convention absentees and those not wishing to bid in person, I will be offering the opportunity to bid by email, and /or by proxy in the auction room. Convention go-ers will also be able to view the lots in the main convention hall before the auction and place bids at that time. Our usual 'score-board' showing the high bids for each lot will again be in use. I intend to publicise the auction as widely as possible through the club, and early bids are always encouraged as in the event of equal bids, the earliest will take precedence. I will also maintain an online listing of the current high bids right from the time the catalog is published.



If you are not regularly on-line and will need details of the catalog, the opportunity to bid in advance or by proxy, or have any other enquiries on the auction, please use auction@ccgtcc.com to contact me.



I am going to take this opportunity to give some thanks in advance to the other people who have helped or will help this all to happen at such short notice. While I don't have an official 'co-chairman', both Gene Trimble and Luke Rapley have made themselves available to deal with any logistical issues of me being 6,000 miles away, avoiding the need for any of the consignments to be sent to the UK. Debby Meister is helping prepare the scans for the catalog, our regular auctioneers Jim Kruse and Tyrus Mulkey will once again be entertaining you, and Alex Cilento will be manning the viewing tables in the convention hall.



My last thanks go to all that have consigned lots to the auction, and in particular to those who donated lots for the club to keep 100% of the proceeds. Of particular note here was the wonderful donation of 12 scarce chips from David Sarles, who continues to show unprecedented support for the club. Spurred on by this, Doug Smith also made a considerable donation and I hope others will follow their leads for future auctions.



The chips and dice on these pages are pieces from the auction catalog.

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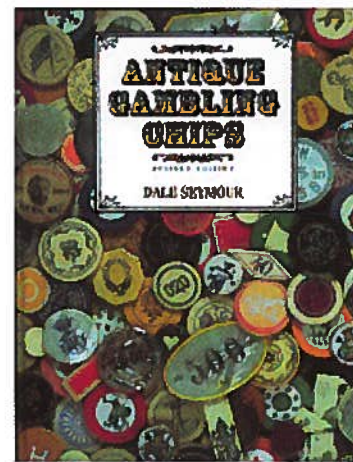
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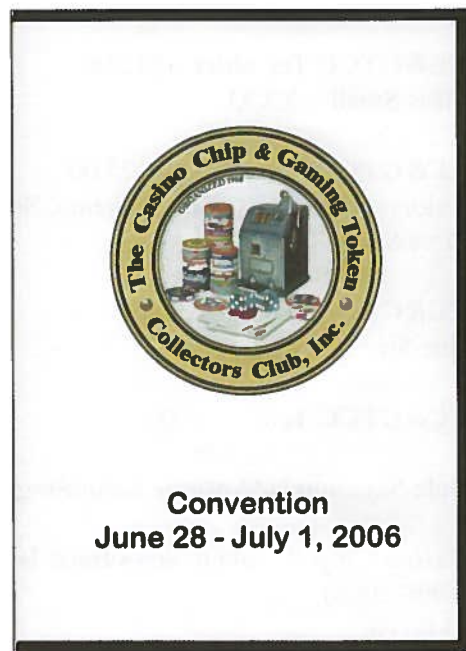
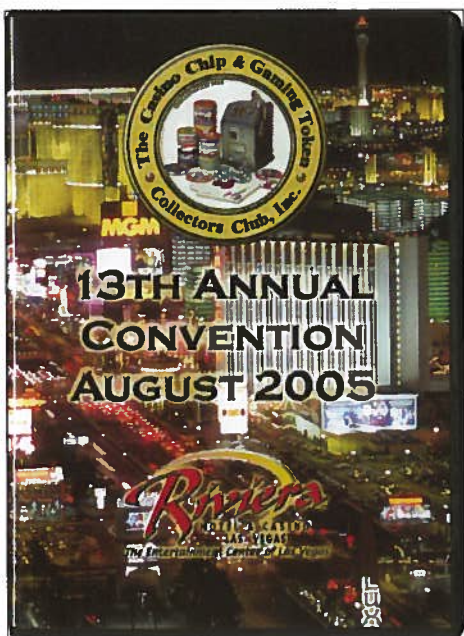
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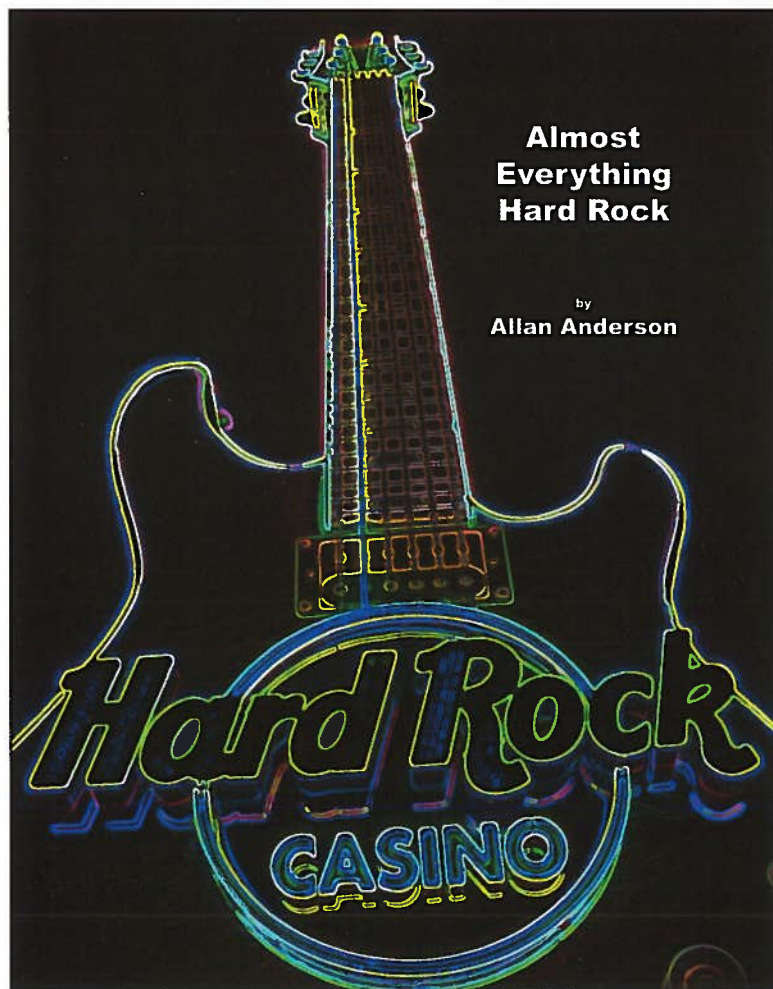
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Nevada Casino Chips had the chip below made up in April of 2007. 100 were made with engraved numbers & they are oversized (44MM) chips. ALL of the money raised from the sale of the chips goes to The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Museum Fund! The price is \$100 each.



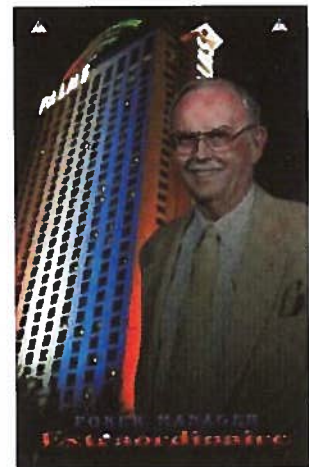
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The chip below was designed by **Debby Meister** who had it made for the 2004 CC>CC Convention. There were only 100 made. The price is \$20 each.



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



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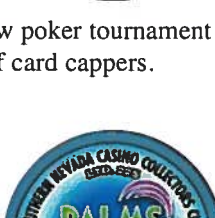
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San Juan's Isla Verde Beach

by Charles Kaplan

This is the second article of a series to be published about Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

The year is 1948. World War II is over and the U.S. economy is booming. Vacation travel had been a luxury, but is now becoming affordable. All the conditions were right for Caribbean tourism to start taking off. At that time Havana, Cuba was the playground for wealthy Americans. But sharpies knew that the mob was running the casinos, the games weren't square and that government officials were being paid for their cooperation. Puerto Rico was anxious to get their fair share of American tourist dollars, but didn't want to invite in undesirable elements. In 1948, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico legalized casino gaming and in 1949 the first hotel and casino opened, the Caribe Hilton.



San Juan Metro Area, Puerto Rico

Fast forward to 1958. Pan Am Airways, now defunct, was the leading international airline of the day. They had just begun jet service to San Juan, Puerto Rico, greatly reducing the travel time and making the Caribbean more desirable to U.S. tourists. Seeking to capitalize on expanding U.S. tourism, Pan Am began developing resort hotels around the world through their hospitality division, Inter-Continental Hotels. The main tourist area in San Juan was, and still is, Condado Beach. But San Juan is a large modern city that can boast several neighborhoods with tourist appeal. Among them are Old San Juan, San Jeronimo, Carolina and Isla Verde Beach. Isla Verde Beach, pronounced Iz-la Ver-dee, and in English means "Green Island", is located just outside Luis Muñoz Martín International Airport and has one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. In 1958, the area was underdeveloped, rundown and mostly overlooked by tourists. But that all changed with the opening of the San Juan Inter-Continental at 6063 Isla Verde Avenue.



Isla Verde Beach tourist map

There currently are five casinos open on Isla Verde Beach: The Inter-Continental San Juan Resort and Casino, The Wyndham El San Juan Hotel and Casino, The Ritz-Carlton San Juan Hotel, Spa & Casino and the Casino del Sol which is in the Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort, and the Embassy Suites Hotel & Casino, which is just off the beach. Some information about the history of these casinos and their chips follows.

At 187 Isla Verde Avenue, the **Americana** opened in September of 1963 and closed in 1976. This happened to be the first casino that I visited and have a great story about my luck that day. But is will have to wait for a future article. All Americana chips are hard to find and highly sought after by collectors.



\$1 HCE Hot Stamp

\$5 Bud Jones

\$25 HCE

\$100 HCE, Notched

After the Americana closed, it was replaced by the **New Palace** in October of 1976. This casino also has chips that call it simply **The Palace**.



\$1 HCE

\$5 HCE

\$25 HCE

\$100 HCE

The **Palace** closed in 1985 and reopened as the **Sands** in October of 1987.



\$1 Chipco

\$5 House

\$20 House

\$25 House

The **Sands** closed in 1997 and it later reopened as the **Grand Beach Resort and Casino**.



\$1 Bud Jones

\$5 Bud Jones

When the **Grand Beach Resort and Casino** closed in 2000, it was replaced by the **Inter-Continental Resort and Casino**.



\$1 Bud Jones

\$5 Bud Jones

\$ 25 Bud Jones

At 6063 Isla Verde Avenue, the Tropicoro Casino in the San Juan Inter-Continental hotel opened in 1949. There currently is an Inter-Continental in San Juan, but it is the not same hotel. The current Inter-Continental is located at 5961 Isla Verde Avenue. It opened in 2000, it was formerly the Grand Beach Resort, and is right next door to the El San Juan which is at 6063 Isla Verde Avenue. So what does the El San Juan have to do with the old Intercontinental hotel? I did some research on the internet with Google and found this from Travel Writers' Magazine, in an article called "Saturday Night at the El San Juan" by Ron Bernthal.

"Now known as one of the grandest resorts in the Caribbean, the hotel was opened by Pan-American Airways in 1958, under Pan Am's trademark Inter-Continental hotel group. In those days, the area around San Juan's airport was underdeveloped and run-down, but with the introduction later that year of the first jet plane service from New York to Puerto Rico, the hotel's 300 rooms were soon filled with sun-starved tourists from the Northeast. San Juan quickly became a glamorous and exotic Caribbean destination, an inexpensive island where the lure of American culture, Spanish history, and warm Christmas weather attracted millions of visitors.

The property became the El San Juan Hotel & Casino three years later, and thrived during the economic boom of the 1960's. In the hotel's famous Tropicoro Club entertainers like Sammy Davis, Jr., Nat King Cole, Eddie Fisher., the Supremes, Johnny Mathis, and Paul Anka helped create an atmosphere similar to Las Vegas."

The postcards that follow are from the Intercontinental and the El San Juan and have almost the same view of the hotel from behind the pool.



The San Juan Intercontinental



The El San Juan Hotel & Casino

Now the \$64,000 question. Was there a casino in the San Juan Inter-Continental and if so, where are the chips? There aren't any known chips around identified from the "San Juan Inter-Contintenal". But, I think I have a reasonable answer. There is a club in the El San Juan that has been there since its opening called the Tropicoro. There are also some Puerto Rican casino chips from a Tropicoro, about which little is known. George Davis, the author of *The Obsolete Casino Chips of Puerto Rico - From the Albert Rollins Collection*, indicates that "The Tropicoro Casino opened in 1949 in the El San Juan Hotel. It was succeeded in 1950 by the El San Juan casino." I think George has the right idea, but perhaps the dates are a little off. Now the clincher. The known Tropicoro casino chips are all hot stamped small greek keys. The chips simply printed with "Tropicoro Casino", the denomination, and the initials "S J I". I contend that "S J I" stands for San Juan Intercontinental. This would mean that: The San Juan Intercontinental opened in 1958 and it's casino was called the Tropicoro. In 1960, this became the El San Juan Hotel and Casino.



Tropicoro \$1 chip Tropicoro \$5 chip

In 1960, the **El San Juan Hotel and Casino** replaced the **San Juan Inter-Continental** hotel and the **Tropicoro** casino. The El San Juan is now a **Wyndham** and is one the oldest casinos still in operation on the island. It certainly has the reputation as being the most upscale of Puerto Rico's casinos. The set of Chipcos, below, were the first ever produced by the company.



\$1 Crest & Seal

\$5 Bud Jones

\$25 Scroll

\$100 Ewing



\$1 Chipco

\$5 Chipco

\$20 Chipco

\$25 Chipco



\$1 Lgkey Baccarat

\$20 Lgkey Baccarat

\$50 Lgkey Baccarat

\$500 H&C Baccarat

At **7012 Boca de Cangrejos Avenue** in Isla Verde, the first casino to open was the **Holiday Inn**. The opening date is not known, but it did close in 1975.



\$1 HCE

\$5 HCE

The **Isla Verde Beach Resort** opened in 1975 and closed a year later. This set of Paulson Hat & Cane metal insert chips are the only ones known from Puerto Rico and the entire Caribbean region.



\$1 H&C MI

\$5 H&C MI

\$25 H&C MI

\$100 H&C MI

There have been hotels at this location, but no casino until the **Casino del Sol** recently opened in the **Courtyard by Marriott**. Shown are the set of Grand Opening chips.



\$1 Chipco

\$5 Chipco

\$25 Chipco

Reverse

The **Ritz Carlton** is an elegant hotel and casino located at **6961 Avenue of the Governors**.



\$1 H&C

\$2.50 H&C

\$5 H&C

\$25 H&C



\$100 H&C

\$500 Inverted H&C

\$1000 Inverted H&C

\$5000 Inverted H&C

Finally, off the beach at **8000 Tartak Street** is the **Embassy Suites Hotel and Casino**.



\$1 Bud Jones

\$5 Bud Jones

\$5 Grand Opening

No Cash Value

Well, that's it for San Juan's Isla Verde chips, casinos and hotels. Doing the research to write these articles is a lot of fun. Information is sometimes not available or difficult to find. If you have anything to add, please email me at chas@ckaplan.com. Please join me next time for another article about Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, right now warm breezes, a cool beverage and perhaps a hot dice table are calling me.

Slot Programs of the Hard Rock Casinos

by Allan Anderson

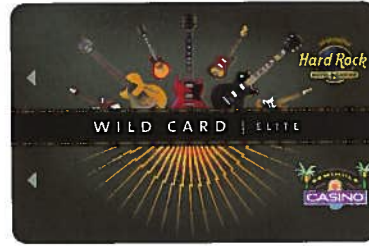
On May 1st, The Seminole Hard Rock Casinos and the Seminole Casinos started a new 3 tier slot program that ties all of their properties together. This follows a new 3 tier program from the Hard Rock Biloxi and a 5 tier program from the Hard Rock Las Vegas. The Seminole Florida properties and the Biloxi and Las Vegas properties are under different ownership and not tied together. Following shows what each property has to offer in their programs.

Seminole Hard Rock

In May of this year, The Seminole Casinos announced a new player's club, the Wild Card and wild rewards program.

The new Wild Card gives you unprecedented power to earn and redeem points at Seminole Casino properties located throughout Florida: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa, Seminole Casino Brighton, Seminole Casino Coconut Creek, Seminole Casino Hollywood and Seminole Casino Immokalee. One card. Endless possibilities. Earn points in Coconut Creek, and then redeem those points for a stay in Hollywood, Florida. Play in Immokalee, then use the points for a gourmet dinner in Tampa.

The Wild Card is available in three levels: Gold, Platinum and Elite.



Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Tampa

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Continue to play and elevate yourself to the highest level, double platinum. At this level, receive VIP treatment and ultimate benefits like private promotions, VIP access and a personal casino host.

You can check your rewards balance at any slot machine or at the Encore Players Club. The more you play at the Hard Rock Biloxi, the more you earn.

Las Vegas

The more you play, the more access you get to the world famous Hard Rock Hotel and Casino's amenities, such as world-class concerts, Rehab, suites and more. Play with your Rockstar card at any slot or table game to be rated. Players can earn points and comps for various restaurants and amenities at the Hard Rock. Offers can include free table bets, rooms, concert tickets and special invitation-only events.



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

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

Ashtray Pictures and Casino Photos

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

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

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

Mark & Lynn Englebreton
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This official club quarterly is a must-read for every casino collectible enthusiast.

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- [2005 Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles](#) - Be an informed collector!
- **Ask The Expert!** - a list of CC>CC members who have volunteered to answer your questions.
- [Chip Conditions](#) - an official list of CC>CC sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- [Glossary](#) - an extensive list of the terminology used in our hobby - a "Chiptionary", if you will.
- [Chip FAQ](#) - a huge list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our hobby.
- [Chipology 101](#) - a great intro-to-chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- [Cleaning Chips](#) - a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- [Mold Designs](#) - Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project.

Detailed Reference

- [Fakes/Fantasy/Counterfeits](#) - a large list of fake, fantasy, and counterfeit chips - includes pictures.
- [Brass Core](#) - a thorough presentation of the brass core controversy.
- [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) - Aeries listed numerically
- [Cancelled Chips](#) - Nevada Casino Chips Known To Exist Cancelled

Books, Magazine Articles, etc.

- [Club Library](#) - a list of club reference material that you can check-out and use.
- [Gaming In Atlantic City](#) - by Steve Piccolo
- [Playboy Cheques, Chips & Tokens](#) - by Tom Stroh
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The Education section of the CC>CC website offers valuable information on chip collecting, whether you are new to the hobby or have been collecting for years.

In this section you will find reference material about fakes and counterfeits, cancelled chips, brass core chips and much more. *Ask The Expert* gives you access to over 50 collectors who can answer any question about collecting. Each collector is an expert in a particular field. Whether it's casino chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice or collecting by state, country or casino, you can find help here.

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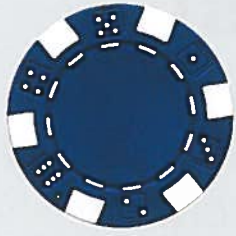
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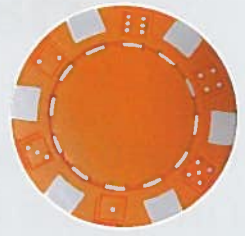
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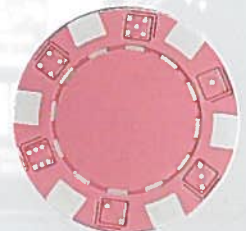
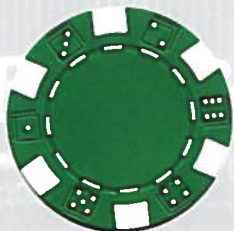
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CC>CC 2008 Poker Tournament

at Binion's Casino – Downtown Las Vegas

Thursday June 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm

General Info

The 2008 CC>CC Poker Tournament will be held during the club's annual convention in Las Vegas. The tournament format will be **NO-LIMIT** Hold'em again this year. This is the 10th annual Poker Tournament the club has sponsored. Pre-registration for the Poker tournament is encouraged — see club magazine or website for details. Additional entries on the day of the tournament will be accepted on the convention floor, if space available. Wait-listed players will be seated in the tournament during the first hour, if seats become available.

The set of 2008 commemorative tournament chips will be available for sale at the club table beginning on Friday, June 20, for \$15 per set. Also available by mail — see club magazine for order information.

Time & Place —- NOTE NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR —- BINION'S CASINO – DOWNTOWN LV

Thursday evening, June 19, 2008, beginning at 7:00 pm at Binion's Casino - Downtown Las Vegas. Depending on the number of players, the tournament may last 4 to 5 hours or so.

Entry info

Entry fee: \$100 per player. (Note: No optional rebuys or add-ons this year.)
Open to current CC>CC members and associate members only. (Age 21+ of course.) Maximum 165 players (15 tables with 11 seats per table). Additional tables may be added if warranted and available for set-up. Each player receives 1500 in NCV tournament chips for entry fee.

Prize pool

\$60 of each player entry goes into prize pool*, \$30 to Binion's for hosting the tournament, \$10 for cost of one set of 2008 commemorative tournament chips awarded to each player. (*3% of prize pool held for tournament staff.)

Prizes

First place winner receives custom-framed plaque with commemorative tournament chips. **Prize pool distribution: the final 12 players split the prize pool based on a declining percentage. Distribution: 38%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 3% for 1st through 7th places, and 2% each for 8th through 12th place.** All entrants receive a set of commemorative chips. (Chip sets available toward the end of the tournament, or pick them up on Friday at the club table on the convention floor.)

Poker Tournament Format

NO-LIMIT Texas Hold'em. Start with 1500 in tournament chips. No rebuys. Limits start at 15 & 30. Limits increased every 15 minutes of play. Minimum bet and raise increments equal to big-blind unless all-in. Tables & seats assigned randomly as registered. Tables will be consolidated periodically throughout the tournament. Finalists will be paid in the order of finish.

No refunds for no-shows. No-show chips will be blinded off, then picked up after 40 minutes of play if no player.

Tournament Play

Binion's Poker Room tournament rules for this type of tournament will apply. Seat assignments, table combinations, rulings on play, etc. according to Tournament Director whose decision is final.
Also...Absolutely NO HARVESTING tournament chips.

CC>CC 2008 Blackjack Tournament

at Palms Casino Resort

Wednesday June 18, 2008 12:00 noon

General Info

The 2008 CC>CC Blackjack Tournament will be held during the club's annual convention in Las Vegas. This is the 6th annual Blackjack Tournament the club has sponsored. Pre-registration for the Blackjack tournament is encouraged — see club magazine or website for details. Walk-up entries and re-entries will be accepted at the Palms on the day of the tournament as well, based on space available.

A set of commemorative tournament chips will be available for sale at the club table beginning on Friday, June 20, for \$15 per set. Also available by mail — see club magazine for order information.

Time & Place

Wednesday afternoon, June 18, 2008 – 12:00 noon to approx. 5:00 pm at **Palms Casino Resort — pit #3**. See specific schedule below.

Entry info

Entry fee: \$80 per player. Open to current CC>CC members and associate members only. (Age 21+ of course.) Maximum 108 players, as explained below. Each player receives 600 in NCV tournament chips each round.

Prize pool

\$45* per player goes to prize pool; \$25 to Palms for hosting the tournament and \$10 for cost of one set of CC>CC 2008 commemorative tournament chips awarded to each player. * 3% of prize pool held for tournament staff. (Commemorative chip sets available after the Thursday night poker tournament, or pick them up Friday at the club table on the convention floor.)

Prizes

First place winner receives custom-framed plaque with commemorative chips. Final round players win the following portion of the net prize pool: 1st place - 40%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd - 15%, 4th - 10%, 5th - 7%, 6th - 3%. Each player receives a set of tournament chips; re-entry receives additional set of chips.

BJ Tournament Format

Three (3) initial rounds, followed by 1 semi-final round, followed by 1 final round. Players will be scheduled to play in one of the initial rounds (12:00 noon, 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm) with player start times assigned as received. (If you do not advance to the semi-final round on your first try, re-entries into the 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm initial rounds will be accepted if space available, at \$80 per re-entry.) Semi-final round begins **immediately** after the last preliminary round finishes and Final round begins **immediately** after the semi-final round finishes... so if you advance to the next round, remain available for the next round!! Each round starts promptly. Late players will be disqualified. No refunds for no-shows.

Initial rounds:

6 tables with 6 players each table. Maximum 36 players start at 12:00 pm; 36 additional players start at 1:00 pm and 36 additional players start at 2:00 pm. The FIRST and SECOND place players with the most chips from EACH table advance to the semi-final round.

Semi-final round:

6 tables with 6 players each (assuming sell-out in initial rounds). The FIRST place player from each semi-final table advances to the final round.

Final round:

1 table with 6 players. Final position based on order of busting-out. For players with chips remaining at end of final round, the final order of finish will be determined by chip count.

Tournament play

Each round begins with each player receiving 600 in NCV chips. Betting limits: 10-500 anytime. Players make betting decisions in turn for each hand, with "chung" marker at first-base player for first hand. Chung moves clockwise each hand, so new player acts first each time. Open play for the first twenty (20) minutes, then five more additional hands will be played at each table before play ends. Maximum of 1 minute per player to make betting decision.

Blackjack Tournament will use 6-deck shoe, with cards dealt face up. Dealer must hit soft 17. **Blackjack pays 2-to-1.** Double down on any two initial cards. Split any pair, resplit to total of 4 hands. Resplit aces to total of 4 hands if additional ace(s) dealt immediately. Double down after split permitted. Surrender permitted.

Additional tournament rules

One player per hand — No coaching from other players or spectators. Must leave table when no chips remain. All standard Palms Blackjack rules apply. If there is a tie between two contestants who may advance to the next round, one (1) card will be dealt in normal order to each contestant. High card dealt will determine who will advance to the next round. (Ace high, deuce low.) All disputes resolved by the Palms tournament representative whose decision is final. All decisions will be based on normal house rules. Any extenuating circumstance will be based on the fairness for all participants. And finally, absolutely NO harvesting tournament chips!

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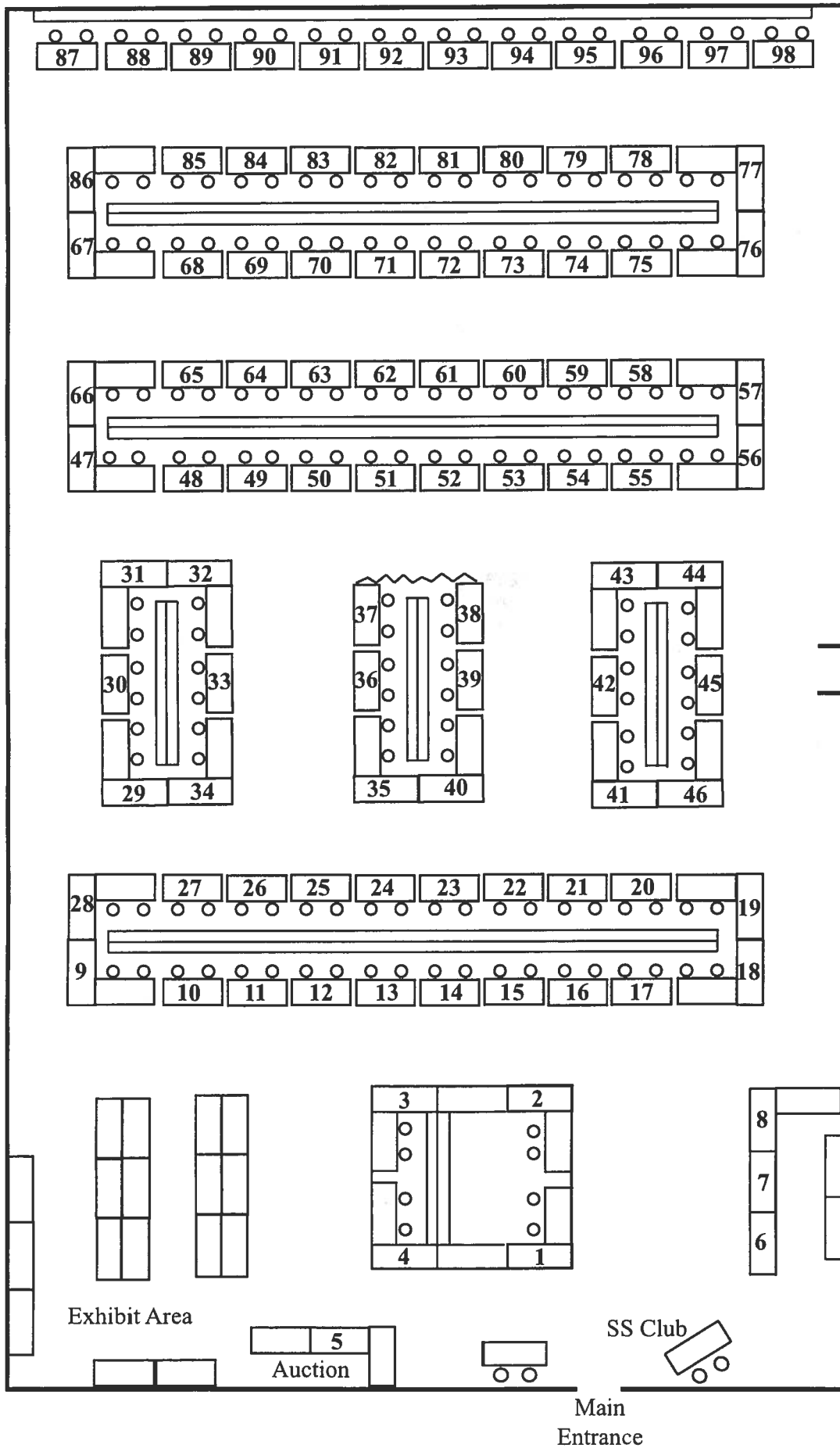
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Incline Village \$100 H&C(CJ) Drilled	\$69	Golden Nugt Rare NCV's 6 Diff : 1-1000	\$199
Giudici's (Sparks) \$5, \$25, \$100	\$49	Hard Rock Starter Set - 20 Diff New \$5	\$139
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The Rouse House Revisited:

Unraveling the Enigma of Murder, Police Corruption, and Organized Crime

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Many organized crime articles and textbooks have made reference to the Rouse Casino or the Rouse House. However, those publications did not fully explain the Rouse Casino. It was more than the typical back room parlor. The Rouse mansion was a classic case of organized crime co-existing with police corruption. Crooked police officials and organized crime figures cashed in on a family tragedy. This article explains the history of the Rouse Casino and how organized crime gained a foothold in Libertyville, Illinois.

Libertyville is a sleepy little bedroom community located in the heart of Lake County, Illinois. One of the most affluent counties in Illinois, Lake County is located in the northeast corner of the state. Residents of the tiny town of Libertyville are not accustomed to violent crime. So when the brutal murder of two of their most prominent residents occurred, it sent shock waves through the community. As shocking as the double murders were, no one expected what else was about to be uncovered.

Bruce Rouse, age 44 at the time of his death, was a self-made millionaire. He earned his money through the ownership of four gasoline service stations, numerous real estate transactions, and part ownership in a cable television company. He lived in a mansion on the north side of unincorporated Libertyville with his wife Darlene, age 38 at the time of her death, and their three children. The oldest child was a son, Kurt, age 20. Kurt resided in a coach house located behind the main house. Their daughter, Robin age 16, and son, Billy age 15, lived in the main house. Their bedrooms were on the second floor of the mansion.

At 8:30 on the morning of June 6, 1980, Robin answered the ringing telephone. It was the manager of one

of her father's gas stations. He was calling to get the combination to the safe, as Bruce Rouse had not shown up for work. Robin entered her parents' bedroom only to find a grisly murder scene. Bruce and Darlene had each been shot in the face at close range with a shotgun. Bruce had also been bludgeoned about the head and repeatedly stabbed in the chest. Robin immediately got her brother, Billy, who telephoned police.

On the night their parents were brutally murdered, Kurt claimed to have been with his girlfriend in the coach house. Robin was at a party in Lake Forest, and claimed to have returned home around midnight. Billy was allegedly home all night watching television in a downstairs room. The coroner established the time of death as being around 2:30 in the morning. Despite being home at the time of their parents' death, none of the children claimed to have heard the gunshots. Attorneys for the children were quick to point out that a thunderstorm that night explained why the children didn't hear the gunshots. The Lake County Sheriff's Police Department was called in to conduct the homicide investigation. Police stated there were no signs of forced entry, and no murder weapons were found at the scene. A 16-gauge shotgun and several knives were missing from Mr. Rouse's personal gun collection. Police suspected the missing 16-gauge shotgun was the murder weapon. Robbery was ruled out as a motive, because the murder(s) took nothing with them, except for the shotgun and knives. In fact, Bruce Rouse's wallet still contained \$300 in cash. Lake County Sheriff, Tom Brown, was quoted as saying the murders were "an act of hatred".

A coroner's inquest ruled that the deaths were a result of homicide, and ordered the Rouse mansion sealed. Lake County Sheriff's deputies provided around the clock security for the crime scene while the investigation proceeded. Several theories for the murders emerged, including organized crime being responsible. However, the Sheriff's Department began to focus on the Rouse children. The three children invoked their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination at the inquest, refusing to answer questions. They also refused to take a lie detector test offered by the Sheriff's Police. The Sheriff's Police had searched nearby fields, ponds, gravel pits, and the Des Plaines

River for the murder weapons with no luck. With no new leads, the investigation bogged down to a standstill. Private security replaced the Sheriff's department, who had been keeping a steady vigil over the crime scene.

Gloss Guard and Investigative Services, Incorporated of Waukegan was hired by the Rouse estate to provide security. Security guard Richard Vogel, 18, was allegedly attacked one Tuesday about 10:40 at night. Vogel was struck over the head from behind with a blunt object. He lost consciousness temporarily. He was taken to Condell Hospital for observation and treatment of head wounds. The attack was never solved, and it remains unknown if it was directly related to the Rouse murders. With the investigation going nowhere, the Coroner's Office ordered the crime scene could be released. The private security was withdrawn.

Tom Brown was the Sheriff in Lake County from 1978 to 1982. Deputies under Brown described him as a narcissistic, power-hungry leader, who had a high opinion of himself. The Rouse investigation was his administration's responsibility. Sergeant Willie Smith was in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Sources inside the Sheriff's Department claimed that not many crimes were being solved under Smith. In fact, they claimed it was a party atmosphere in CID. There were several unsolved homicides. Sergeant Robert Schroeder was the sole organized crime detective. He was also a close personal friend with Sergeant Smith. Schroeder was alleged to be a party animal away from the job, who hob-knobbed with the County's elite.

Organized crime in Lake County was running rampant under Brown's administration. Traditional to organized crime, gambling and prostitution were the main money-makers for the "outfit". Illegal card and dice games were frequently occurring in the back rooms of Lake County taverns and restaurants. Betting on sports games and horse races occurred through secret wire rooms and out of taverns. According to sources inside the Sheriff's Department, prostitution was occurring mainly at three places of business. The first was a topless strip club in unincorporated Lincolnshire called the Roman House. The second was a topless strip club in Half Day called The Cheetah. The third location was an adult bookstore in Mundelein called Businessmen's Consultants.

Joseph Ferriola was the boss of the Taylor Street Crew and ruled the cities of Chicago and Cicero. His underboss was Rocco Infelise. Infelise went on to replace Ferriola as the boss of the Taylor Street Crew. Infelise decided to expand the outfit's business into Lake County. There were already independent bookmakers operating in Lake

County. Infelise organized a massive effort to extort money from the independents in Lake County. He assigned the notorious outfit enforcer Salvatore DeLaurentis (Solly D) to run the Lake County operation. Outfit heavy William (B.J.) Jahoda was DeLaurentis' right hand man.

Vince Lombardi once said, "Luck is when preparation meets opportunity". The opportunity for the Chicago outfit came when Tom Brown became Sheriff in Lake County. Brown was closely associated with Ferriola. In addition, CID Sergeant Willie Smith and Salvatore DeLaurentis were brother-in-laws. The situation was ripe for corruption. DeLaurentis was concerned about local law enforcement in Lake County. Ferriola told him not to worry, because he had an record with the police in Lake County. That "in" was Sheriff Tom Brown. Brown was paid \$1,500 a month by the Infelise crew to warn the outfit of pending raids on gambling and prostitution operations. Ferriola had a separate "hot line" set up to Brown's office. Anytime police planned to raid an organized crime operation; Brown gave them a warning.

Pick-ups of Brown's payoffs were made by Brown himself and two other Lake County Sheriff's Police deputies. A former Sheriff's employee, wishing to remain anonymous, stated Chief Deputy Mike Mustell and Corporal Jerry Pankauskus were seen on numerous occasions collecting payola from taverns and restaurants for Brown. The Gages Lake Inn was but one establishment in which payoffs were routinely paid to Brown through Mustell and Pankauskus. Pankauskus was allegedly Brown's personal chauffeur when driving to meet with organized crime members. Interestingly enough, Mustell was also married to Brown's sister.

After the security had been lifted from the Rouse House, CID Sergeant Willie Smith actually moved into the mansion making it his personal residence. During that time, Smith threw outrageous parties. Numerous deputies told tales from Smith's "Rouse house parties" One deputy, wishing to remain anonymous, described a Halloween party Smith threw at the mansion. "It was a Halloween costume party, and it was meant to make fun of the fact that a murder happened there. All of the people came dressed in some sort of theme depicting the Rouse murders". That same deputy claimed Sheriff's Department personnel used to bring their girlfriends there to cheat on their wives. It lived up to its nickname of a party palace. Excessive drinking, gambling, fornication, and prostitution were common place. It was a house of sin operated by the police. The party came to an end when the "Waukegan News Sun" reported the on-goings of Sheriff's personnel in the Rouse mansion.

With the heat on, Smith moved out. Yet that wasn't the end of the mayhem at the "murder mansion". The Chicago outfit purchased the property, and sank \$50,000 into turning the second story into a casino. DeLaurentis oversaw the operation. When asked if the Sheriff's Department knew of the organized crime casino, one anonymous deputy stated "Knew about it? They were there!". He claimed that it was not only illegal gambling was taking place at the Rouse mansion. He described the inside of the house as follows. "There were massage tables all over and private showers. Then there was the pool". Prostitution and gambling continued for two weeks.

Robert Plumber of unincorporated Libertyville was an independent bookmaker turned "revenue collector" for the outfit. In May of 1982, Rocco Infelise ordered Plumber's murder. Infelise ordered Jahoda to bring Plumber to the Rouse casino. Jahoda's orders were to bring Plumber to the upstairs casino, and "just keep going". Jahoda stated at the trial of Infelise that he did as he was told. Plumber followed Jahoda upstairs. At the top of the stairs, Plumber was grabbed and beaten to death. Jahoda told in court of the horrible cries from Plumber as he met his demise. Plumber's body was dumped in the trunk of his car. His car was driven to the Holiday Inn hotel in neighboring Mundelein. Plumber's wife reported his disappearance to police. Plumber's decomposing body was found eight days later. To date that homicide has not been solved. Insiders at the Sheriff's Department claimed Smith was in a position to slowdown a murder investigation, or even abandon it. In addition the Sheriff's organized crime detective, Sergeant Schroeder, was in cahoots with Brown and Smith. Needless to say, it was easy for organized crime to go unsolved.

With the heat on from Plumber's murder, the outfit shut down the Rouse operation. Reports on how much the outfit made in those 14 days varies. Estimates range from \$400,000 to just under \$500,000. Unfortunately for the outfit, Sheriff Tom Brown was defeated in April of 1982 by Coroner Robert "Mickey" Babcox. Babcox vowed to clean up the Sheriff's Police. In conjunction with the Illinois State Police, Sheriff Babcox orchestrated a series of successful prostitution raids on the former Businessman's Consultant's, now called Cheri's Studio. Without the protection of the Sheriff's department, the outfit was forced to stop their prostitution business.

The outfit went back to Willie Smith, who was still with the Sheriff's Department. They attempted to continue their "business arrangement" through Smith. But Smith was now under federal investigation. Jahoda had turned informant for the government. During the Rouse operation, Jahoda had been wired. Smith was now in a bind.

Babcox saw an opportunity to make lemonade from lemons. Smith agreed to wear a wire, and work as an informant, in exchange for not being prosecuted. Sheriff Babcox used the wiring of Smith as a chance for a public relations stunt. Instead of telling the public that Smith was working off potential criminal charges, he told reporters that the wiring of Smith was the Sheriff's Department's effort to work with federal investigators in cleaning up organized crime in Lake County. Smith became known as "Willie the wire" by his co-workers. Smith maintained his innocence. As one former Sheriff's Department detective stated, "Would the mob deal with someone they knew was a cop, unless they knew that cop was dirty?" As one organized crime figure noted, there is never a shortage of police officers willing to look the other way in exchange for money. In fact, he claimed he never personally approached police officers about being paid to allow illegal activity to continue. He said the police always came to him.

Smith was not fired for his part with the Infelise crew. Many inside the Sheriff's Department speculate that Sheriff Babcox didn't want to bring anymore negative attention to the Department. Smith was actually promoted to the position of undersheriff during his career. Ironically, Smith ran unsuccessfully for Sheriff in Lake County in 1998. Babcox eventually retired, and was replaced by Sheriff Clinton Grinell. Grinell was the police chief in Libertyville at the time of the Rouse and Plumber murders. Today Sheriff Gary del Re is in charge of the Lake County Sheriff's Police.

As for the murder of Bruce and Darlene Rouse that started this saga of murder and mayhem, it was finally solved. In 1996, Billy Rouse confessed to the murder of his parents. The motive was anger and profit. As Sheriff Tom Brown had speculated, the murder was propagated by hatred. The life insurance money was a secondary motive. Rocco Infelise and Salvatore DeLaurentis went to prison on federal charges thanks to Jahoda's testimony. None of the personnel from the Sheriff's Department were ever indicted or charged. Smith and Mustell retired and quietly disappeared. Schroeder is reportedly still working in private security, and Jerry Pankauskus recently passed away from a heart attack. As for Sheriff Tom Brown? He is living the good life in Fort Myers, Florida.

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CC>CC Claims Form

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

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

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

The process will work as follows:

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

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

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

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Editor of *The Casino Chip and Token News Magazine*

It's tough to give up something you really like doing but all good things must come to an end. Effective with the post 2008 convention issue I will be resigning as editor of the Casino Chip and Token News Magazine. I started doing the magazine in late 1999 and when my last issue meets ink it will have been 9 years. I want to thank all the people who have contributed over the years. Without them there would not have been a magazine. Special thanks to C.T. Rodgers, advertising manager, John Moore who kept me from butchering the english language and to Joe Shaw. Not to be forgotten is John Yee who called me one day in 1999 and said, "hey, I just volunteered you for something".

Anyone who is interested in applying for this position please contact me at editor@ccgtcc.com. A background in graphics and publishing is helpful.

Reward Fund

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

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- “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.
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