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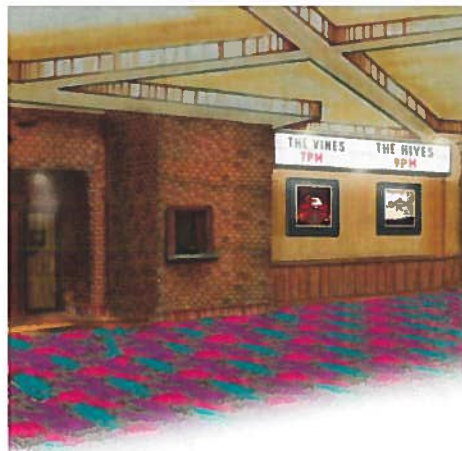
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Doug Smith
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President's Letter

Another fantastic convention has come and gone.

I sincerely hope everyone had as great of time at this years convention as I did. While a few of the regulars were sorely missed, there were many new faces and first timers that I had never met before.

Attendance was comparable to last year and better than expected. I really enjoyed both our Banquet and Volunteer reception speakers who were very entertaining. This year's seminars were very popular and several looked like they broke attendance records.

This was our 4th year at the South point and everything seemed to run flawlessly thanks to our convention chairs Mike and Corni Quinlivan. The best news I heard all year is when Mike and Corni announced that they would stay on as Chairs for the 2013 convention which will also be the 25th anniversary of the club.

One of the highlights this year was the 2012 CC>CC Raffle. This years raffle exceeded all expectations and raised nearly \$2,800 for the club. I want to thank everyone involved including all the donors and those that purchased tickets. The raffle is an important fundraiser for the club and we couldn't do it without all your support.

This years auction was another huge success raising approximately \$9,000. A special thank you goes to Jerry Vergatos who donated 18 bottles of Bourbon engraved with the Club and MOGH logos. His donation alone accounted for nearly \$2,000 in income. We are very appre-

ciative to Jerry as well as all the other donors of auction lots each year.

In closing, I wanted to personally thank each and every one of this years volunteers who give their time and effort to make the convention a success. From my fellow BOD members, to the committee chairs, to those that spend a few hours behind a table. It's because of the efforts of our volunteers that we all get to enjoy the convention and have the great time that we do. Thank you all !!!

Doug "Cigarman" Smith
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New Members

Member #	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
8438	Harris	Ronald	MO	Rolla	Former Member
8439	Cape	Gloria	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
8440	Ramirez	Carlos	NV	Las Vegas	Spinetti, Mike
8441	Moore	Scott	UT	Riverton	David Spragg
8442	Armstrong	Richard		Canada	Former Member
8443	Hurst	Bob	IL	Champaign	Club Website
8444	Nolton	Michael		Australia	Club Website
8445	Schlinger	Hubert	CA	South Lake Tahoe	Club Website
8446	White	Joel	MA	East Bridgewater	Club Website
8447	Kamm	Quintin	HI	Honolulu	Mark Kajiwara
8448	Winegrad	Ian	WA	Vancouver	Andy Hughes
8449	Pitblado	Jeff	AZ	Phoenix	Andy Hughes
8450	Brossard	Eddy		France	Archie Black
8450-A	Brossard	Audrey		France	Archie Black
8451	Tronggaard	Craig	WI	Platteville	Club Website
8452	Shuster	Ronald	WI	Thiensville	Club Website
8453	Shaff, Sr.	Joseph	CA	Victorville	Club Website
8454	Schaefer	Bobbi	CA	San Luis Obispo	Jim Silva
8455	Solomons	Marian	NV	No. Las Vegas	Archie Black
8455-A	Solomons	Mark	NV	No. Las Vegas	Archie Black
8456	Medina	Harlan	CA	Upland	Andy Hughes
8457	Rutledge	Roy	TX	San Antonio	Leonidas Tan, Ph.D
8458	Helik	James		Canada	Archie Black
8459	Green	Brian K.	CA	Visalia	Ricky Pushkin
8460	Adkins	Jerry	MN	Lakeville	Former Member
8461	Bails	Jesse	CA	Victorville	Club Website
8461-A	Davtian	Jessica	CA	Victorville	Club Website
8462	Bitzer	Jeffrey	IL	Hoffman Estates	Former Member
8463	Crozier	Rick	CA	Castro Valley	Convention
8464	Burke	John	NV	Las Vegas	Convention
8465	Migliore	James			Convention
8466	Darkoski	Dan	CA	Simi Valley	Campiglia, James
8467	Franko	Tom	TX	Sante Fe	Fred Bergman
8467-A	Franko	Patsy	TX	Sante Fe	Fred Bergman
8467-B	Franko	Jonathon	TX	Sante Fe	Fred Bergman
8467-C	Franko	Jacob	TX	Sante Fe	Fred Bergman
8467-D	Franko	Joshua	TX	Sante Fe	Fred Bergman
8468	Grande	Remo		Switzerland	David Spragg
8469	Loving	Stan	VA	Chesterfield	Club Website
8470	Bousfield	David		Canada	MOGH
8471	Hardy	Mark		United Kingdom	Club Website
8472	Graham	Sandy	AZ	Kingman	Bob Hayden
8473	McCoy	Brian	AZ	Tempe	Club Website
8474	Tyra	Todd E.	NM	Santa Fe	Club Website
8475	Picciallo	Michael J.	NJ	Dover	Archie Black
8476	Rash	James	CA	Castaic	Andy Hughes
8477	Mitchell	Blaine	WA	Issaquah	Club Website
8478	Hoffman	Brian	OH	West Chester	Club Website
8479	Mankey	George	TX	Willow Park	Club Website
8480	Reiter	Bruce T.	NY	Bedford Hills	Andy Hughes
8481	Reid	Thomas	TX	Woodville	Caribbean Chip Guide

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Convention 2012 Our 20th!

By Mike and Corni Quinlivan

Photography by Mark Lighterman and Dick Covington

The Club's 20th annual convention, a special anniversary for us all, has come to a close. The Roaring 20's themed event drew steady attendance, and the Saturday free admission day was well attended. The South Point continues to provide a quality facility and unsurpassed service to make our annual show come off without a hitch and was again a fabulous host for our events. Their staff provided great service, anticipating our needs, and offering superlative service to our dealers and

members. There were some new dealers to help maintain the number of tables just one shy from last year, as a few of our regular dealers could not make it this year. Several people took advantage of the South Point's card promotion, exchanging player credits for \$50 gasoline cards. A nice way to pay for the ride home for many of us!



Club Banquet

In keeping with the Roaring 20's theme, our Banquet dinner had a "Speakeasy" menu. The sit down dinner menu included Capone Caprese, Rico's Rigatoni, Lucky's Chicken Angelo, Dillinger's Desert (a chocolate covered cannoli with pistachio crème), and ending with Bugsy's Bathtub Gin martinis. We got rave reviews from many people not only about the food selections, but also enjoying the more relaxed, waiter served meal.

Several attendees wore 1920's related costumes, including Flapper Corni and Barbershop Quartet Captain "Q". Myrna Lighterman won the "Best Themed Costume" dressed as a mobster, complete with wise guy's suit and fedora.

And now on to the awards: Belinda Hixon became the 24th member to enter the CC>CC Hall of Fame. Michael Knapp proudly presented the prestigious award to Belinda. The Janice O'Neil Memorial Book of the Year award was won by SSS Publishing (Jay Sands, David Sarles and David Spragg) for "The Gaming Table – Edition 4". Jim Steffner won the award for the Harvey J. Fuller Magazine article of the Year for "From Star to Dust – Historical



Myrna Lighterman



Michael Knapp inducts Belinda Hixon into the CC>CC Hall of Fame. Belinda becomes the 24th Hall of Fame member.



David Spragg accepts the Janice O'Neil Book of the Year award from club President Doug Smith.





Tidbits of the Stardust Hotel and Casino” Vol 24 #2. Once again, Kevin Norris won the design contest for both the Convention Chip and Convention Medal. President Smith presented Paul and Barb Bender a Presidential Award for chairing set-up and tear down for the past several conventions. Doug Smith also presented Mike Quinlivan a Presidential Award for distinguished and dedicated service as previous Treasurer and current Claims Director and MOGH board member.



Jim Steffner receives the Harvey J. Fuller Magazine Article of the Year award.



Presidents Awards. Above - Paul and Barb Bender for chairing set-up and tear down for the past several conventions. Right - Mike Quinlivan for distinguished and dedicated service as previous Treasurer and current Claims Director and MOGH board member.

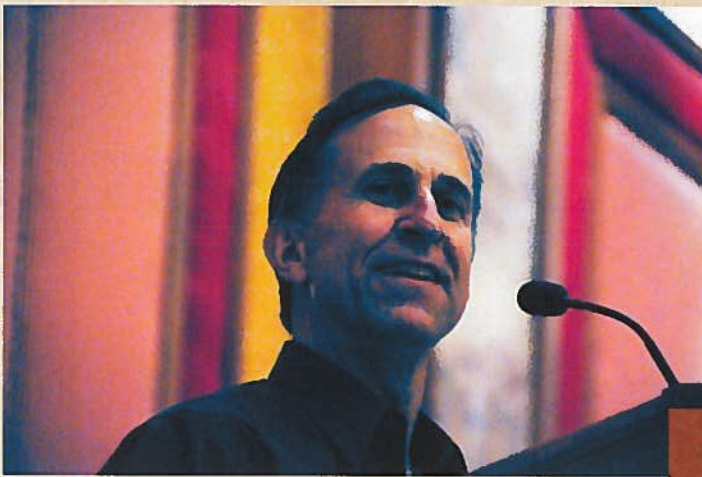


The Greg Susong Memorial Award is given to the person that the members of the CC>CC feel made the greatest contributions to the club and the chip collecting hobby throughout the past year. This years winner was Todd Barrett. Todd is an editor of the Casino Collectible News and also writes articles for the magazine. He also designed the club calendar and is involved in numerous other projects for the club.

This year's early bird banquet speaker was Eliot Jacobson. He spoke a bit about his years as a mathematics and computer science professor. However, he spent most of the time talking about his experiences as an advantage player and how he now consults in the casino industry with table game design and development.



Todd Barrett receives the 2012 Greg Susong Memorial Award from Steve Bedo.



Guest speaker Eliot Jacobson.

The Convention

Thursday, June 21st, was the 20th Annual Convention opening day. Although pre-opening was at 9:30AM for those members that pre-registered, the official opening was held at 10:00AM outside of the Ballroom entrance. President Smith and Mike Quinlivan shared the ribbon cutting duties while the rest of the board of directors looked on. As the doors opened and as you entered the bourse floor, one could see a very large room full of dealers, exhibits, and club related tables.

Each year the Museum of Gaming History sells the famous Grab Bags full of collectibles generously stuffed with donations from our fellow members and other supporters. This year was no different and at least 30 bags were sold for \$30 each. Mike Skelton held a contest for those online members that were not able to attend



Mr. Jacobson receiving framed CC>CC casino chips



the convention this year. The contest consisted of guessing the hour and minute that the last grab bag would sell. The winner was Phyllis Spagnola with her guess of Thursday, 1:17 p.m., which was the closest guess to the actual time of Thursday at 11:05 a.m. We would like to thank all of the members that generously donated items and to Steve Polumbo for collecting and assembling the bags. The grab bags are always a huge success.

The raffles went very well this year. President Smith called out 15 prize packages and 5 were shipped to the winners that were not in attendance at the time of the raffle. The Club sold 357 raffle tickets, which was more than expected, and raised \$2,850 for the Club treasury. Another raffle was held just for the dealers this

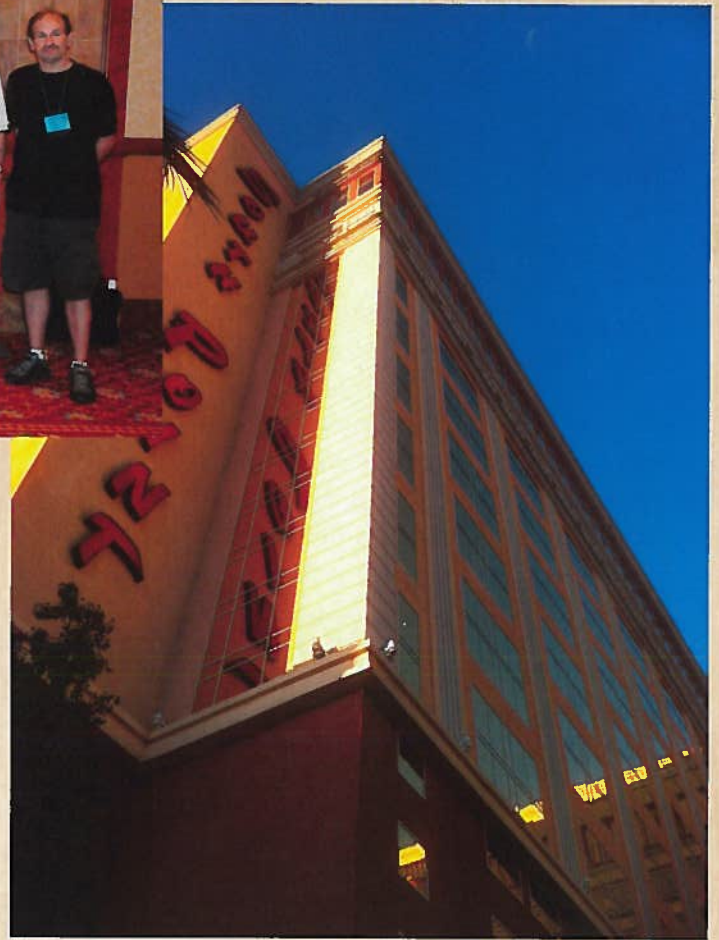


From left to right - David Spragg, Secretary; Doug Smith, President; Steve Bedo, Membership Officer; Mike Quinlivan, Convention Chairperson; Sheldon Smith, Vice-President; Corni Quinlivan, Convention Chairperson; John Zoesch, Treasurer





Presidents of the CC>CC. Wayne Thompson, Mike Skelton, Jim Steffner, David Sarles, current president Doug Smith, Archie Black and Nate Pincus



Tyrus Mulkey and David Spragg auctioning off the engraved bottles.



Jerry Vergatos donated 18 bottles of Bourbon engraved with the Club and MOGH logos for the club auction.

year. Prizes included dinners to Primarily Prime Rib and Don Vito's Italian Restaurant, passes to the Garden Buffet and a 3-day/2-night stay at the South Point Hotel, including dinner for two at the Silverado Steakhouse and limo service to and from the airport.

Bob Pardue and Gene Trimble once again chaired the Blackjack and Poker Tournaments that were held at the South Point Hotel and Casino. William Pentacost won the Blackjack Tournament and Wendy Beckers was the winner of the Poker Tournament (her 2nd time as champion). Please see Bob Pardue's article regarding the tournaments for more detail.

The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction was again held on Thursday night. The total profit on this year's auction Sandi Steffner again hosted a "High Tea" at a local antique mall for over 25 of our female members. It has been a good time for all ever since Sandi started the tradition. Everyone is looking forward to attending next year's getaway.

Rick Pokracki took over as Education Director this year, and he did an excellent job putting together a fine assortment of

seminars for this year's convention. On Thursday morning, Ralph Pollack shared his recent visit to Cuba. In the afternoon Dr. David Schwartz discussed his thoughts on Jay Sarno and his role in the development of Las Vegas. On Friday morning, Charles Kaplan presented the Chipguide, its use and changes. Charles also held an unscheduled seminar afterwards on how to submit scans to the Chipguide.

Later that afternoon, Ed Hertel and Gene Trimble gave the Illegal Seminar of the year.

There was something for everyone, including information about identifying illegal chips and locations. The highlight was the passing out of several chips from some of the areas discussed.

Jim Follis and Casey Focazio-Follis presented the OTY's on Saturday, June 23rd. To see who the winners



Club auctioneer Tyrus Mulkey



Dr. David Schwartz



Ralph Pollack



Charles Kaplan

and runner-ups were, please see their article elsewhere in this issue. Due to technical issues, there was no webcam this year. Belinda Hixon provided a dozen bags for this year's Scavenger Hunt for junior members. A dozen turned out to not be enough so Roy Nelson (Promotions Chairman) provided some bags and 4 more kids were able to participate. All of the kids had fun and came away with some pretty good stuff. Thanks to all of the dealers that participated in this fun event for the kids. Dave and Debbie Harber won the award for "Best Decorated Dealer Table on the Bourse Floor". Their table looked great and it really captured the Roaring 20's theme.



Dave and Debbie Harber at their award winning table

The volunteer reception that is held on Saturday evening has been an annual event to thank all of the members that

volunteer their time for the convention and throughout the year. We had provided tables for 60 people and ended up having to quickly set up 2 more tables to accommodate 71 attendees, the most since these receptions started. Our guest speaker was Mark Van-Patton, Museum Administrator at County of Clark, Nevada, and is regularly seen on The History Channel's "Pawn Stars" providing expertise for various historical items. He talked



Mark Van-Patton

about his new book called "Asphalt Memories" which is a compilation of origins of some of the street names of Clark County. We provided "build your own sandwiches", salads and some delectable desserts. It turned out to be a fitting ending to another great convention.

We would like to thank the Club's Board of Directors and all of the Convention Committee Chairs for their support before and during the convention. Without the support of these wonderful volunteers, the convention would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

We hope that everyone, from club members to dealers and to newbies walking onto the bourse floor for the first time had a great experience at our convention. If you weren't able to attend this year, we hope to see you next year, as we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Club, as well as our 21st Convention.

One last note: Corni and I are pleased to announce that we will return as Convention Co-Chairs. But more importantly, all of the current Convention Committee Chairs have agreed to return next year as well!!! The theme for the 21st convention will be announced soon. See you next year!



Walter Dirzulaitis and Christopher



Betty Jo Wilker and Carolyn Petru



Mike and Corni Quinlivan



Derek Bistricky, Jim Forsman, and Robert "Smitty" Smith



Splash Bar 2012



Alexi Harber

The Greg Susong Memorial Get Together 3

By Sheldon Smith

Greg Susong was a leader of the innovations that led the chipping community to get together electronically. His work in the internet community that evolved into the THE CHIPBOARD.COM, THE CHIPGUIDE.COM, THE STRIKEPOINT.COM, etc, made and continues to make profound contributions to the casino collecting community. Greg's last appearance at what was then simply the CHIPBOARD GET TOGETHER which had been going on for a number of years was June 23, 2009. Greg had been ill for some time and passed away soon thereafter.

In honor of his contributions to the community of the CHIPBOARD the Get Together was renamed the GREG SUSONG MEMORIAL GET TOGETHER. This year on June 19, 2012 at Gardunos at the Palms Number III was celebrated in his honor.

Gene Trimble, Allan McCurdy, David Spragg and Sheldon Smith have pulled together for the

last 3 years to remind CHIPBOARDERS of the Get Together, provide them with a meeting place, Gardunos at the Palms and a chip or two and a Palms souvenir in Greg's honor.

For those that never had the chance to meet Greg it is a time to learn of his accomplishments, his humor and his ready smile and most of all to thank him for his contributions to our hobby. The attendance this year was somewhere around 150 and food and drink flowed continuously in his honor.

Andy Hughes and Steve Bedo are instrumental in the annual award of the Greg Susong Award for major and continuing contributions to the hobby. The award itself is given out at the CCGTCC's annual Dinner Banquet

You are all invited to NUMBER IV next year!



Doug Smith, holding the smiling Greg chip, and David Spragg

Blackjack & Poker Tournaments

By Robert Pardue

The CC>CC 2012 convention sponsored Blackjack and Poker tournaments again this year at the South Point Hotel & Casino host hotel.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 20, the 10th Annual Blackjack event was played as a three-table tournament. After the preliminary and semi-final rounds, the 36-player field was reduced to 6 places at the final table. The finalists split the net prize pool, taking home \$261 winnings for each finalist. After playing a final round of hands to determine the winner of the framed set of commemorative chips, William Pentecost took home the plaque and 1st place. Rounding out the other 5 finalists were club members Fred Bergman, Keith Brinton, Jon McClaran, Sandra McNeil and Peter Nathan.



From left to right - Bob Pardue, BJ & Poker Tournaments director, Gene Trimble, BJ & Poker Tournaments co-director William Pentecost, winner of BJ Tournament (holding framed chips), Greg Fisher, South Point, pit manager, Jordan Etzig, South Point, pit supervisor



Robert Pardue, Wendy Beckers and Abe Mobley, South Point Tournament Manager

The club's 14th Annual Poker tournament, on Friday night, June 24, was held in South Point's Poker Room. No-limit Texas hold'em was the game, and after many rounds, the 83-player field was reduced to 10 finalists at the final table. The 5 ½ hour tourname

ended with Wendy Beckers as the champion this year, taking home \$1737 and a framed set of commemorative chips. Wendy is our first repeat champion in the annual Poker Tournament event. The remaining finalists, in order of finish, were Rick Armstrong (\$870), Steve Bedo (\$580), Nate Pincus (\$435), Jay Sands (\$290), Roger Morgan (\$242), Scott Snider (\$193), Steve Miller (\$193), Tony Vitale (\$145) and Terry Shafer (\$145).

A big thanks to the South Point tournament managers and dealers who make these tournaments possible, including Greg Fisher (Blackjack tournament) and Joe DiGiacomo (Poker tournament). Thanks also to Gene Trimble, and to David Spragg, for producing the 4-piece set of commemorative chips and the poker octagon "card cappers". Hope to see you at next years' tournaments!



2012 OTY Awards

By Jim Follis

What a wonderful time at the Club's Annual Convention and Business Meeting. As has been pointed out already, this was the 20th Anniversary Convention and what a remarkable event it was!

Congratulations are in order for the SouthPoint (our host property) and the Four Queens (twice) casinos for achieving First Place honors in the CKOTY, SSOTY and COTY Awards, respectively. We also congratulate Sunshine Mint and GPI-USA (Paul-Son) for their First Place honors in the manufacturer elements of the SSOTY and COTY Awards, again, respectively.

In a now familiar format and process, the OTY Award presentations were announced and handed out on the Convention Bourse floor at 12:00 noon on Friday. This allows the recipients to attend during their normal work-hours and permits them to walk around the Bourse Floor both prior to and after the Awards ceremonies to see what our collecting World is all about!

For Slot Card or Room Key of the Year honors (CKOTY) the SouthPoint Hotel Casino Spa issued room key celebrating the Club's Annual Convention (for 2011) was a heavy favorite over the runner-up contender Route 66's "Get Your Kicks" room key



Accepting the CKOTY Award for the SouthPoint Hotel Casino Spa was Maureen "Mo" Robinson.

This key was one of two different keys ordered by the CC>CC, Inc. for the 2011, 19th Annual Convention and Business Meeting and used as room keys at the SouthPoint during the Convention.

Silver Strike of the Year honors (SSOTY) went to the Four Queens Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV for their "Limited Edition Three Hundred Dollar Token" commemorating Halloween 2011 with a depiction of the "Queen of Halloween 2011" and minted by Sunshine Minting. In attendance at the presentation and accepting SSOTY Award recognition was Mr. Shaun Webster of the Four Queens, who also accepted the Award for Mr. Sean Sarr of Sunshine Minting.



Regrettably, again for 2012, there were no viable nominations for Token of the Year (TOTY) so it was decided to continue the suspension of the TOTY competition for the time being.

Chip of the Year honors (COTY) also went to the Four Queens Hotel and Casino, for the second year in a row and COTY honors was again given to a \$5 Limited Edition chip commemorating Veteran's Day for the second year in a row! This Limited Edition commemorative chip was manufactured by GPI-USA (Paul-Son Gaming) in a house mold. In attendance at the presentation and accepting COTY Award recognition was Mr. Mark McDuffie of the Four Queens. Accepting for GPI-USA was Mr. Mike Leonardo and Jason Emeric, the graphic artist designer.



Listed here, in the order for which they were listed in the Judge's Pamphlet were the Top Ten Finalists in each OTY category:

	Casino	Location	Description	Type
CKOTY				
A	SouthPoint	Las Vegas, NV	CC>CC Convention	key
B	Hard Rock	Las Vegas, NV	Holiday Havoc II	key
C	Showboat	Atlantic City, NJ	Back Stage	key
D	Showboat	Atlantic City, NJ	Showgirl	key
E	Atlantis	Paradise Island	"all color fades to blue"	key
F	The Orleans	Las Vegas, NV	'Rock A Billy' Weekend	key
G	Caesars	Las Vegas, NV	Pirates of the Caribbean	key
H	Route 66	Albuquerque, NM	"Get Your Kicks"	key
I	Harrah's	multiple properties	Year of the Cat	card
J	Hard Rock	Las Vegas, NV	Santana	key
SSOTY				
A	El Cortez	Las Vegas, NV	Bugsy Siegel	\$10
B	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Gypsy Queen	\$10
C	Mirage	Las Vegas, NV	Winston	\$10
D	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Queen of Halloween	\$300
E	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween Clown	\$10
F	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween girl and pumpkin	\$10
G	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Eagle and ribbon	\$10
H	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	« Luck O' the Irish »	\$10
I	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Girl on clover	\$10
J	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	Gypsy Queen	\$10
COTY				
A	Four Queens	Las Vegas, NV	11-11-11	\$5
B	Ellis Island	Las Vegas, NV	Halloween	\$5
C	Hard Rock	Las Vegas, NV	Cinco de Mayo	\$5
D	Hard Rock	Las Vegas, NV	April Fool's Day	\$5
E	Margaritaville/Flamingo	Las Vegas, NV	house/rack chip	\$1
F	Bimion's	Las Vegas, NV	9-11 10 th Anniversay	\$5
G	Club Fortune	Henderson, NV	Fourth of July	\$5
H	Palms	Las Vegas, NV	Cathay House	\$8
I	The Orleans	Las Vegas, NV	house/rack chip	\$5
J	Dunedin	Dunedin, New Zealand	Year of the Rabbit	\$5

Casey (the Assistant OTY Chairman) and I would like to thank the many Official OTY Judges for their participation in this Awards program of the CC>CC, Inc. We thank also the participating Club members that loaned us OTY Nominees for display at the Convention, as well as those who provided quality scans of each Nominee for use in the Official Judge's Pamphlet and Un-Official OTY Candidates Viewing Site (on-line).

In no particular order, those individuals include:

Ralph Myers, Brian "Splashman" Cashman, Larry and Alice Kopp, Esther Barker, Jim Silva, Dennis Berry, Allan Anderson, Barry Hauptman, Archie Black, Don Zeni, Tony Tricoli, Rob Lange, Robert Rohrbough, Bob Hiestand, Tony Van Hook, Mike Petty, Matt Elliot, Bill Wiegele, William Cohenour and Mark and Myrna Lighterman.



Left to right - Casey Focazio-Follis, Assistant OTY Chairman; Shaun Webster (SSOTY) Four Queens; Mark McDuffie (COTY) Four Queens; Maureen "Mo" Robinson (CKOTY) SouthPoint; Melissa Dacher (COTY) GPI-USA (artist); C. Pearson Gorham (COTY) GPI-USA; Jim Follis, OTY Awards Chairman.

A special thanks also to my son Casey for his receipt and organizing of the Nominations and (mailed) Ballots. Casey is also responsible for the latch-hook rugs that are used in the two OTY Exhibit display cases.

Thanks are also in order for Larry and Alice Kopp and to Barry Hauptman for their donations of the COTY and CKOTY winning items, respectively, for the Club's "Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners" which is displayed each year at the Convention. Thank you Larry, Alice and Barry! Over the following several months, I will be looking to acquire an example of the SSOTY winner as a donation to the Club. Please feel free to make the offer, if you have one.

As always, it is an honor to run the OTY Awards contests for the Club!

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Some of the items donated.

The People's Choice Award

By Casey Focazio-Follis

We had quite a few entries for the People's Choice Award at this year's Convention. I thank each participant for sharing with the Club (and the public) parts of their collections. In celebrating the Club's 20th Convention, we had some "20th Anniversary" themed Exhibits and in the overall, the Exhibits area was full! The variety touched on a large diversity of collecting interests. Jerry Birl, a perennial participant, offered 9 display cases of "roulette" only related collectibles. Erik Dauplaise, a newcomer to the hobby offered a display that gave some insight into figuring out what one might want to collect?

Others had displays that ranged from Cathouse Chips of Australia only to baseball only. From the old Hacienda memorabilia and old Las Vegas room keys and old Cuban \$1 chips, to 20 years of Club Convention related chips and keys.

Congratulations are extended to Jerry Birl, once again, for his display of "20 Years of Collecting Roulette Related Memorabilia" which was awarded 1st Place in the voting. Jerry's Exhibit featured 9 display cases of roulette themed collectibles. From watches to ashtrays and many, many more items.

Coming in 2nd Place was Erik Dauplaise's Exhibit entitled, "What Chips Should I Collect?" Congratulations Erik!



1st place winner Jerry Birl

Here is a list of all the Exhibitors and their Exhibits:

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"20 Years of Convention Chips" - Jim Follis, LM 3872-53

"20 Years of Collecting Roulette Related Memorabilia" - Jerry Birl, LM 0774-27

"Remembering the Hacienda." - Jim Steffner, HLM 1508

"Baseball and Casino Chips" - Jerry Vergatos, R-8093

"Cathouse Commemoratives of Nevada and Australia" - Estate of Don Zeni, R4846

"A Selection of Cuban \$1 Chips" - Irwin "Doc" Gross - R-0130

"What Chips Should I Collect?" - Erik Dauplaise - R-8053



2nd place winner Erik Dauplaise

Non-Competitive Exhibits

“20 Years of Convention Badges” - Jerry Birl - LM 0774-27

“20 Years of Convention Programs” - Chuck Tomarchio - R-0377

“20 Years of Convention Medals” Roy Nelson R-4727 and Jerry Birl-LM 0774-27

“2011 OTY Nominees” - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

“The Permanent Collection of All Past OTY Award Winners” - Jim Follis - LM 3872-53

I thank everyone that provided an Exhibit at the Convention. If anyone is interested in setting up an Exhibit for the 2013 Convention, please contact me via email at Exhibits@CCGTCC.com or please feel free to mail me at:

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For more information contact Steve Bedo at membership@ccgtcc.com.

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Happy Holidays!

The end of the calendar year is a popular time for casinos to release limited edition chips with holiday themes. In the late 1990's and early 2000's, many casinos produced "Merry Christmas" themed chips. But, with the advent of political correctness, casinos have taken to releasing chips with a "Happy Holidays" or a "Season's Greetings" theme. Coincidentally one of the first-ever limited edition chips was produced in 1968 by the Sahara in Las Vegas for a private holiday party they hosted for World Airlines.



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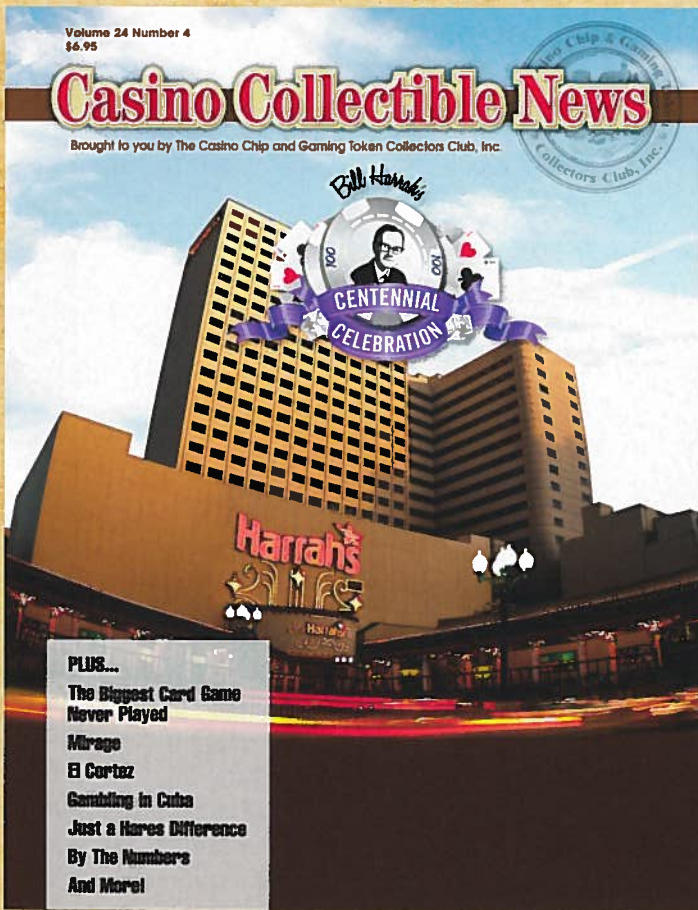
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I want to rock n roll all night and party every day

That line from a Kiss song sums up the major changes that are happening at the Hard Rock Las Vegas this year.

By Allan Anderson

More music with the addition of Vinyl, the intimate 650 capacity live entertainment venue, which will feature a diversity of genres including jazz, blues, pop and country, will make its debut in late August 2012. The multi-functional room will not only bring celebrities up-close-and-personal but it will also allow up-and-coming bands to come within arm's reach of their supporters and often capture the interest of new ones.

Emanating a speakeasy atmosphere, Vinyl will express an industrial look and feel, featuring Chicago-common brick and cinderblock, distressed wood floors and an exposed, sky-high ceiling. An elevated VIP section will house leather banquette seating and offer guests their own wait staff and an exclusive bar. Along the perimeter of the venue will be a bar where guests can watch all the action. An impressive state-of-the-art entertainment system will offer high-definition screens that will project images and video on both sides of the main stage.

The Mr. Lucky's Café transformation includes new fur-



Photo courtesy Richard Lane

nishings and décor, including chic yet comfortable chairs and tables, wood floorings, metallic pendant lighting, neutral-colored walls as well as red and purple fabrics. The exposed kitchen features countertop seating that offers full-menu service. A display of high-definition TV screens sits high above the kitchen, offering great visibility to guests in the main dining room. Then expansion offers patio seating, giving guests the best view in the restaurant to all the action-taking place in HRH Tower.

Mr. Lucky's menu offerings will expand to feature additional fare from different regions around the world, such as traditional Italian eats. The standard diner cuisine will remain - burgers, sandwiches, pizza and breakfast items such as French toast.

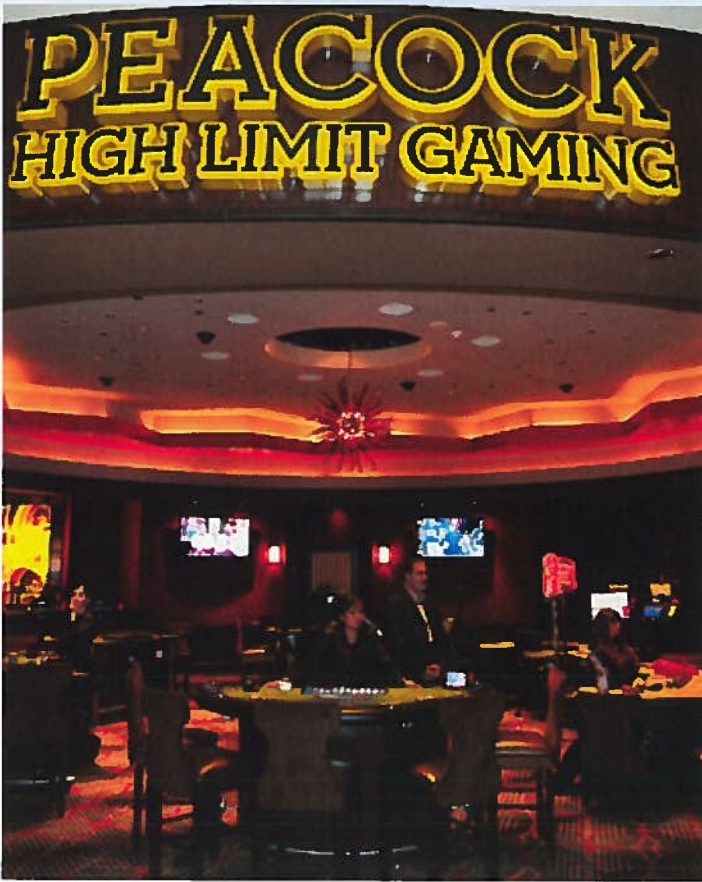
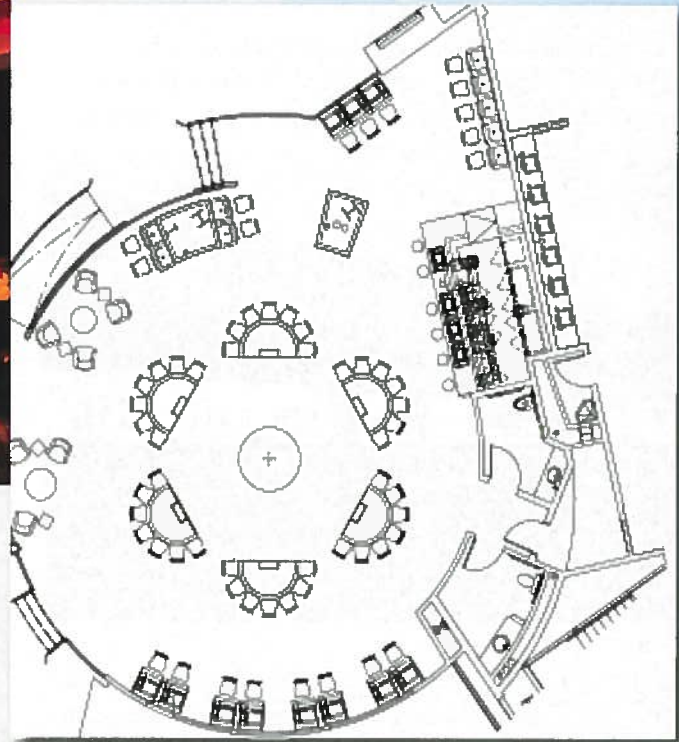


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A newly redone Peacock High-Limit Gaming is located right off the main casino floor on an elevated platform. Peacock boasts luxury features to complement the VIP and exclusive audience it appeals to with its own cage and bar. Table games, positioned in a round table fashion, include blackjack and roulette.



The Hard Rock also announced a new high-limit gaming area. The games will be Pai-Gow and baccarat along with a special menu of Asian dishes. This area is aimed towards Hard Rock's Asian customers.

The Ainsworth is a full scale bar, restaurant and event space. The rustic, but upscale motif provides a fusion of classic American fare favorites with a first-class bar and cocktail menu. The emphasis will be on sports events. When sports aren't on TV, the screens turn into mirrors for a lounge atmosphere. The Ainsworth is looking at a Labor Day opening. Blitized is now in that location.



The Ainsworth, New York

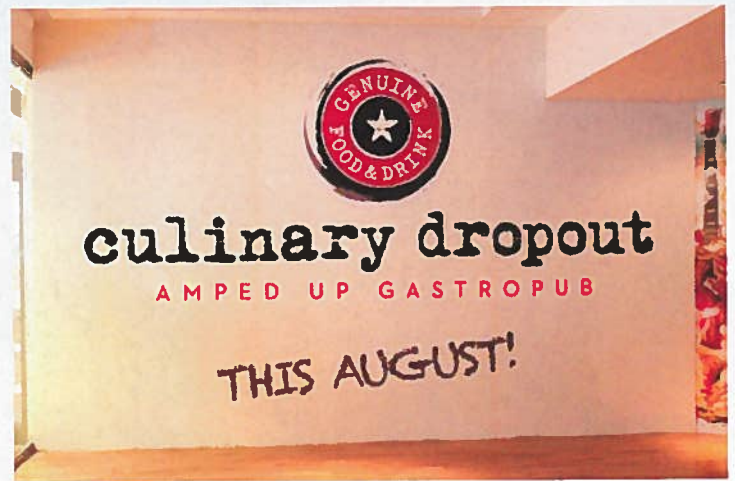
Culinary Dropout, across from Nobu, is a 9,000 square foot gastro pub operated and owned by Fox Restaurant Group. The pub seats 200 while the outdoor patio seats an additional 120. Guests will find pub-type appetizers, salads, sandwiches and entrees, along with a unique antipasti menu showcasing hard-to-find meats, cheeses and vegetables. Patrons will enjoy the outdoor patio and occasional live music performed on the mini stage. Culinary Dropout is also a day-drinking and late-night destination with two-thirds of the menu dedicated to beer, wine and some pretty interesting cocktails.

The registration desk has had a complete face-lift. Because there is only one opportunity to make the first impression, Hard Rock Hotel Las Vegas wants to ensure



Photo courtesy Richard Lane

that guests are receiving the proper welcome when arriving at the entertainment off-strip resort. Plush vinyl sofas, ottomans and tables make up a central seating area for guests



wishing to rest their tired feet or enjoy some cocktails and conversations. Directly behind the desk is a panoramic and seamless video display wall, made up of 24 high-definition screens, which have the flexibility to display property content, concert videos and more. Appropriately located in between the newly remodeled concierge and brand new Backstage Pass kiosks.

The Hard Rock Store has moved from its original location to across the casino floor and now offers a new look. Guests often want something to remember their Las Vegas stay by, and while pictures are worth a thousand words, sometimes nothing does it like a Hard Rock branded logo tee, baseball cap or a souvenir shot glass featuring the world-famous Hard Rock logo. Because Hard Rock Hotel is also home to Rehab Sundays, the store also offers a large variety of swimwear. The new store reveals a new look, featuring hardwood flooring, granite countertops, metal accents and sophisticated track and pendant lighting.



The new Hard Rock store

Of Literary Note

by the club Librarian, John K. Kallman
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Archie Black donated a copy of his most recent edition of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens – 2012. There has not been a whole lot of “new” from Atlantic City in awhile, but it is good to see both new issues from rebranded and a new casino as well!

Jim and Sandi Steffner donated a copy of Nevada Casino Playing Card Guide Addendum.

The Club’s Annual Convention netted the following items:

- Silver Strikers Club Newsletter – Issue #66
- 20th Annual Convention Guide
- 10th Annual Bruce Landau Memorial Auction

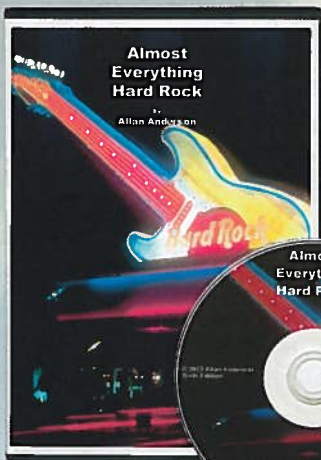
Also, I donated a copy of Tasmanian Passes, Checks & Club Tokens by Noel G Harper. I picked this little tome up while on my recent visit to Tasmania. While there are no checks as we know them, a good majority of the tokens are from illegal clubs! Additionally, one of the entries confirms previous scant details of Tasmanian R.G.C. (Racing and Gaming Club). This club was organized on 29 June, 1874 at the Rock Hotel on Elizabeth Street in Hobart, New Zealand. While tokens for admission to the stands are noted, no chips are, but we do know of chips that were issued from this establishment.

Taking my own advice from my last installment, not only did I stop in a poker room during one of my casino runs, I actually remembered to pick up the various free magazines offered there:

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HELLDORADO 2012

By Sheldon Smith

The Hëlldorado Parade story, again,
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and us (CC>CC)

The Hëlldorado Parade started in 1934 to try and attract folks to Las Vegas as Hoover Dam was being completed. The Parade was suspended in 1997 and resurrected in 2005. Now, it's 2012, and they have brought back the rodeo as well. The CC>CC was in the parade for the third year in a row! We did not take part in the Rodeo and, most probably, never will!

We got Ralph "Hotrod" Myers' vehicle for this year, yeah, Ralph!

Now we were, again, almost set. We had wooden Hëlldorado nickels to toss (this time with days, dates, admission fees and web site information for the show in June).

This year, we had Tony Tricoli back again to walk alongside the truck with the darling Christine and a new outrider, Ms. Sandra Zakai, she of Scott Snider fame!



Tony, Christine and Sandra legged out the entire parade route! We all tossed out Hëlldorado wooden nickels, Sandra, Chris and Tony actually walked from person to person the entire route handing out the nickels. Yours truly, of course, tossed them from the bed of the truck occasionally hanging on for dear life as Ralph motored along!!

Now, we had, once again, the Hëlldorado Force for the good of the club. The wheel man, Ralph, the outriders, Tony, Christine and Sandra and, of course, me on the bed of the truck -- a 1971 El Camino!



Ralph Myers, Christine and Sheldon Smith

There were over 100 entries in this year's Hëlldorado Parade. We all got there early again and then we waited and waited and waited a total of 1.5 hours until we actually moved. Even though our Parade number was lower than it was the previous 2 years, it still took a long time to get to our number!

Along the way came, once again, some very nice surprises! We had supporters out along the parade route: Scott Snider, his parents and others! See all the pictures!

Our timing worked great again -- when we passed the reviewing stand, they made a nice announcement of who we were and what we do! yeah!

Our Helldorado nickels, with convention information invited folks to the upcoming convention and we gave out 2400 of them. We hoped that our Helldorado nickels would actually show up at the registration desk but we are waiting to see the registration forms to see, hopefully, someone or more checking the "other" (one of the categories on the registration form re: how the attendee heard about the convention)! We feel the effort was worthwhile and will be repeated. So, we will be back next year and the year after and the year after, if for no other reason than to have fun and let thousands of folks that line the parade route know we -- the CC>CC -- are around!

That's the story of the CC>CC and the Helldorado 2012 Parade!



Tony Tricoli



Sandra Zakai



Ralph Myers

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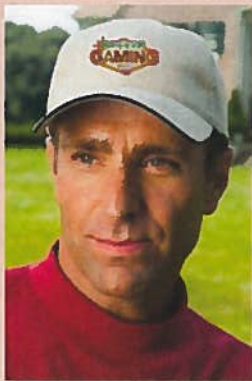
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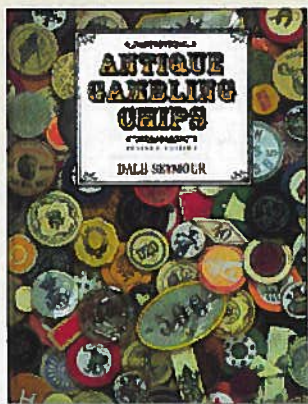
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Cuba Today

Havana, a travel back in time

By Ralph Pollack LM-13

Part Two

Hotel Sevilla



Left: Front View of the Hotel Sevilla

Below: Corner view of the Hotel Sevilla



Right: Registration desk with the original marble floors and decorative blue and gray tiles.

Bottom right: Dining room



The Hotel Sevilla Was originally the Biltmore Sevilla Hotel and then became the Sevilla Hotel. It is located only a few blocks from the Capitol building on Trocadero No 55.

Tropicana Casino

Located in Mariano, Calle 72 No 4504 still has Las Vegas-type shows.



Large entrance sign with the famous dancer logo.



Great 50's style arch into the Tropicana Grounds



This famous fountain was designed by Aldo Gamba in 1881 and was named "Fuente de las Ninfas" and placed by the Gran Casino. Later this fountain was moved by Martin Fox from the Gran Casino in 1953 or 1955 at a cost of \$25,000.00. The Tropicana today is still a busily frequented nite club with dramatic dancing and singing.



Muses on the \$1.00 chip made by the Burt Co. of Portland, Maine



The Gran Casino and the fountain with the muses are shown in this postcard



Main entrance to the casino and the famous Tropicana nite club



Single dancer adjacent to the driveway



Ballerina on the roulette chip ordered from the Burt Co. of Portland, Maine

Casino Comodoro

This majestic looking building is by the beach on the Gulf of Mexico on 72nd Avenue, Miramar



Circular driveway to the Hotel and Casino Comodoro





Check-in desk at the Hotel Comodoro



Ornate marble floor on the patio near the water's edge. Note the artistic boat with a sail and waves

Habana Biltmore Yacht Club and Country Club



The Habana Yacht Club and Country Club in the Miramar section was built in 1928 and was exclusively built for white and upper class persons. It is rumored that Fugencio Batista was not allowed in this club. Today it is a magnificent club that is frequented by wealthy foreigners and diplomats. This beautiful building and beach is just west of Habana and is now called "Club Habana". The hotel and great beach is right on the Gulf of Mexico.



Casino in the Habana Yacht Club. The marble floor ceiling and wall paintings are believed to be from the original casino.

Vedado Tennis Club

This majestic building is near the Miramar section and near 5th Avenue.



Street side view of the Vedado Tennis Club



One of the few roulette chips from this once famous tennis club



Back view of the Vedado Tennis Club

Habana Hilton Hotel and Casino

This is Habana's largest hotel opened in March 1958 and was later occupied the headquarters for Fidel Castro and his army. Today it is called the Habana Libre and is located in 23 & L Streets, Vedado just a few blocks from Hotel Capri in Centro Habana



View of the Habana Libre Hotel's mural over the main entrance by the famous artist Amelia Palaez. This hotel is only a few blocks away from the Hotel Nacional.



Registration desk for the Habana Libre

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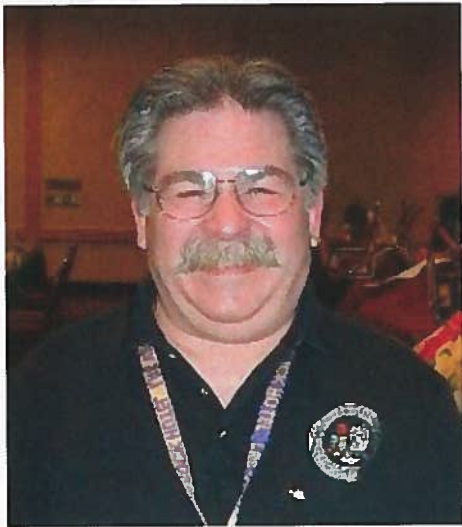
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By Michael Knapp

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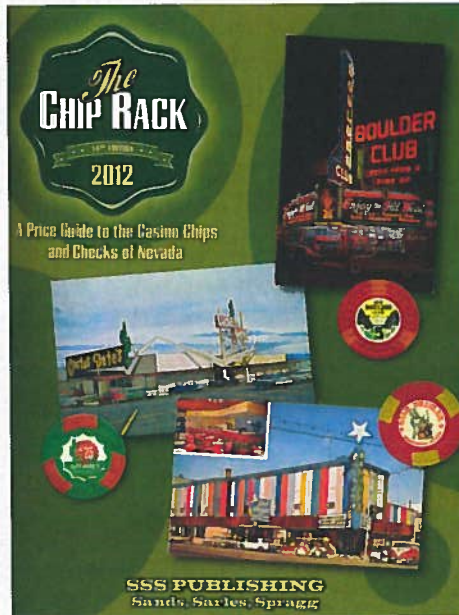
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As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.

THE CHIP RACK: A PRICE GUIDE TO THE CASINO CHIPS AND CHECKS OF NEVADA, 14th Edn., (2012) by Jay Sands, David Sarles and David Spragg

[Disclaimer: your reviewer is one of the original authors of The Chip Rack.]

Since its first publication in 1993, The Chip Rack has been the foremost price guide and catalog for Nevada casino chips and checks. It's still the most complete, attempting to list all chips, whether house issues or limited editions or com-memoratives, and its unique catalog numbering system has provided the hobby with a quick and easy reference to Nevada chips.



When it was first published, TCR contained fully descriptive listings in 58 pages. Over the years, the authors enlarged and expanded the book, and today's TCR consists of over 400 pages.

TCR13 received the Book of the Year award at the 2012 Club convention. The new edition, released at this year's convention, continues with the wealth of information and guidance as did the previous editions. The current edition continues the catalog numbering system as well as the letter code value guide, so users of previous books will find no difficulty in using the 14th Edition. If you are reading this review, drop me an e-mail: the first to do so wins a chip. The 2012 book contains descriptions and value information for some 32,500 Nevada chips, an increase of almost 1,000 chips from the previous edition.

Distinctions continue to be listed for long cane and short cane versions,

spun and polished coin inlays, and the like. The variations are listed with letter suffixes with the same base number, rather than assigning a separate TCR number for each variation of what is apparently the same chip.

A separate section behind the regular casino issues is included for non-casino chips: dealer schools, advertising and promotional chips, and the like. The photographic section, which makes identification of similar chips easier, is still included, although I do not believe it's been expanded.

When used properly, TCR is an invaluable and essential work which belongs in the library of every Nevada chip collector.

The book is available at www.thechiprack.com/order.htm.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING CLUBS OF TOLEDO: THE CHIPS, THE DICE, THE PLACES AND FACES (2012) by Terry Shaffer

This new book, about 150 pages in 8 1/2 x 11 format, by Terry Shaffer, is a fascinating and thorough look at the illegal casinos and clubs in and around Toledo, Ohio, from before the turn of the century through the modern era. Terry conducted intensive research and investigation to provide this in-depth look at the clubs, and he was assisted with some significant good fortune.

As he was doing his research, he kept pestering the local police department, which insisted that most of their records for the 1920's through 1940's had been lost or destroyed. By

persevering, however, Terry managed to arouse the department's curiosity sufficiently that they eventually found the records he was looking for. Or was it that he simply made a pest of himself? In either case, once they found the documentation, they could not have been more cooperative in setting Shaffer up in a room to examine them, giving him as much time as he wanted.

Due in part to the previously unknown police records, Shaffer was able to provide details which he has authenticated – actual addresses, for example.

But the author did not stop with newspaper and police records. He interviewed those who had been around when the clubs, some of them famous and plush, were in operation, and visited and photographed their original locations.

Amazingly, many of the buildings which housed the clubs still existed - some occupied as private homes. Terry's photographs of the buildings are included in the book. To be sure, a few are now only vacant lots or nondescript warehouses, but many still exist in configurations close to the way they looked in the 1920's.

Shaffer also goes into detail about the people who owned and operated the clubs. His book includes photographs of them, some as mug

shots, some as newspaper or magazine photographs.

And of course, let's not forget the chips, dice and matchbooks which form the "meat" of the book for chip collectors.

Not all clubs used chips, of course. Some used only silver dollars or smaller coins, and some used more paper money as was the case among illegal clubs throughout the country. Many of us, however, are very familiar with illegal club chips from the Toledo area: the Hollywood Club, Dixie Inn, Buckeye Club, Maumee Club, The Orchard, Toledo Club, Pine's Club, for example, as well as some less familiar clubs, such as the Suder Club or the Ace Club.

Those chips and more are illustrated in color in Shaffer's book, along with some dice, matchbook covers, and photographs of the clubs.

Shaffer's book is a terrific addition to the literature of the hobby, and an invaluable resource for illegal chip collectors.

His first edition was sold out by the time the convention was over, but he's reprinted, and copies can now be purchased directly from Terry or from Amazon.com.

TITOs UPDATE CC/CD (2012) by Jim Noll

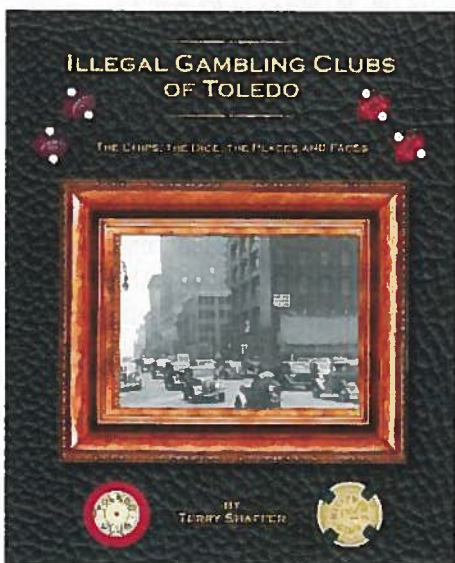
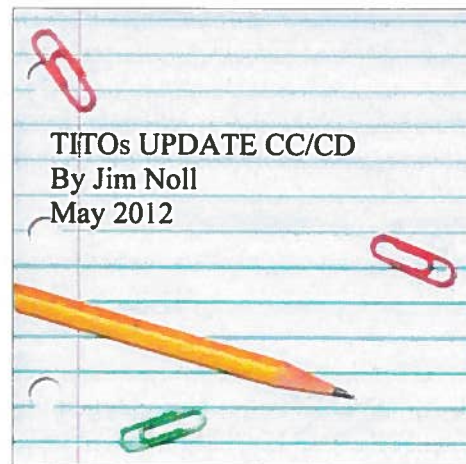
As with Jim Noll's original "book" on ticket-in-ticket-out receipts, the 2012 update is in CD format. Noll has published another update rather than republishing the entire work.

The format is essentially the same as the original TITO "book," except this one includes only new material. Jim told me at the convention that this will likely be the last such update he will publish. He is now devoting the majority of his time to adding the TITO section to the Club's The Chip Guide website (<http://www.museumofgaminghistory.org>), which already, thanks to Jim, contains a substantial number of casinos and TITOs.

Each of the new pages on the CD is a separate MS Word file, although as I recall Jim told me that he will provide them in PDF format as well, for those who cannot read MS Word files. Some pages have only one new TITO addition, many have several.

There is a complete index included as well, listing each casino and page separately, so it's easy to find every addition to the "book."

This is a supplement to the definitive work for TITO collectors; a copy can be obtained by contacting Jim Noll.



All of Michael Knapp's book reviews from years past will be available on the Casino Collectible website starting in January 2013.

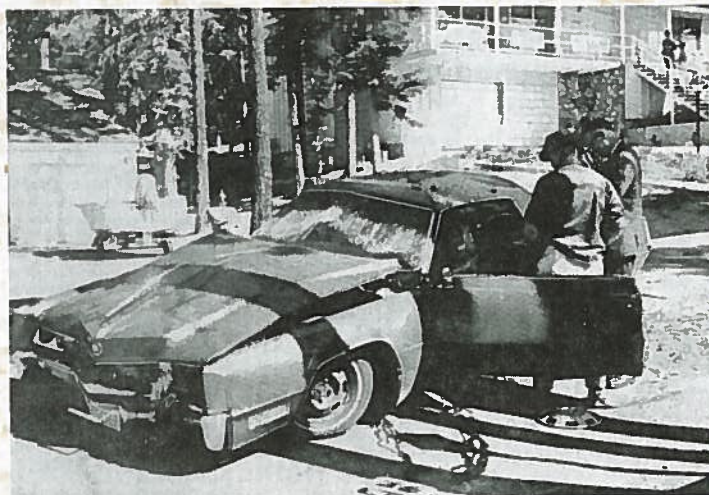
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THE RICHARD CHARTRAND MURDER CASE

Editors note. This article first appeared in the Tahoe Daily Tribune on August 28, 1968. We thank them for allowing us to reprint it.

Thanks also to Mike Awbrey for bringing this article to our attention.

While demolishing the second floor in the old Bill's casino property in Lake Tahoe last year, construction workers found a safe hidden in the wall. The safe could have belonged to former Barney's owner Richard Chartrand and after many unsuccessful attempts to open it, The Oprah Network hired a locksmith to open it for an upcoming show. What was in the safe is still unknown but the following story could lead to many possibilities including who might have killed him and why.



Death car. Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Delorey and an unidentified man, probably a police photographer, examine the wreckage of the car in which Richard Chartrand, owner-director of Barney's, was killed Tuesday when a bomb exploded.
- Tribune photo

BULLETIN

Donn Lee Cavnar, who was arrested early this morning by South Lake Police on a charge of murdering casino owner Richard L. Chartrand, will be released this afternoon for a lack of evidence, said the Douglas County District Attorney's office

Cavnar had been arrested on a tip given by an informant. The informant reported that Cavnar had made threatening statements about Chartrand.

"I'm going to kill him, I'm going to plant a bomb in his car," Cavnar had been reported to have said.

Although Cavnar admitted making the statement, the district attorney's office says there is a lack of corroborating evidence.

Law enforcement agencies on the case are developing new leads, but no immediate arrests are anticipated, the districts attorney's office said.

South Lake Tahoe police arrested Donn Lee Cavnar, 24, at 1 a.m. today at this Blackwood Apartments residence in connection with the bomb-killing on Tuesday of Richard L. Chartrand, 42, owner-director of Barney's Casino, Stateline.

Lt. John Crow, of the South Lake Tahoe Police department, said a warrant charging Cavnar with first degree murder came from Douglas County (Nevada) sheriff's deputies.

Cavnar was surprised when police appeared, Crow said, but he put up no resistance.

Crow said Cavnar was a bartender at Barney's and had been fired about two weeks ago.

Chartrand, who once was involved in bitter stockholder struggles over control of Lake Tahoe gambling houses, died when a bomb exploded in his automobile in front of his home at Skyland, near Zephyr Cove.

The explosion littered the lawns of Chartrand's expensive home and others.

The blast dented the street. No one else was injured.

Sheriff George Byers of Douglas County said the bomb was under the floorboard of the automobile.

"We have no evidence that this was a gangland-type assassination," said Deputy Dist. Atty. Ted Stokes.

Byers said the bomb exploded after the gambler backed the car out of his driveway and turned onto Matle Street.

Deputies said the bomb exploded when Chartrand put the car in forward gear.

A neighbor, Lou Tyler, heard the explosion. He ran out and shut off the car's idling engine, then called the Zephyr Cove Sheriff's substation, according to George Brautovich, Douglas County Undersheriff.

"We got a call from Tyler at 1:20 p.m.," Brautovich said.

Chairman Frank Johnson of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, who lives across the street and heard "the tremendously loud blast," said Chartrand had been involved in heated corporate disputes in the gaming industry.

But Dr. T. C. Harper of Reno, one of Chartrand's partners at Barney's Casino, said the dispute ended two years ago when Chartrand became the general manager. In addition, Chartrand was president of the South Tahoe Nugget.

Harper said he knew of no threats against Chartrand, who had never been married.

I think it was a disgruntled employe who did this," said Harper. But he said Chartrand's relationships with casino workers were good.

A former Fresno, Calif. businessman, Chartrand first invested in Nevada gambling in 1961.

Johnson said Chartrand had had several corporate struggles in the gambling industry, which is legal in Nevada.

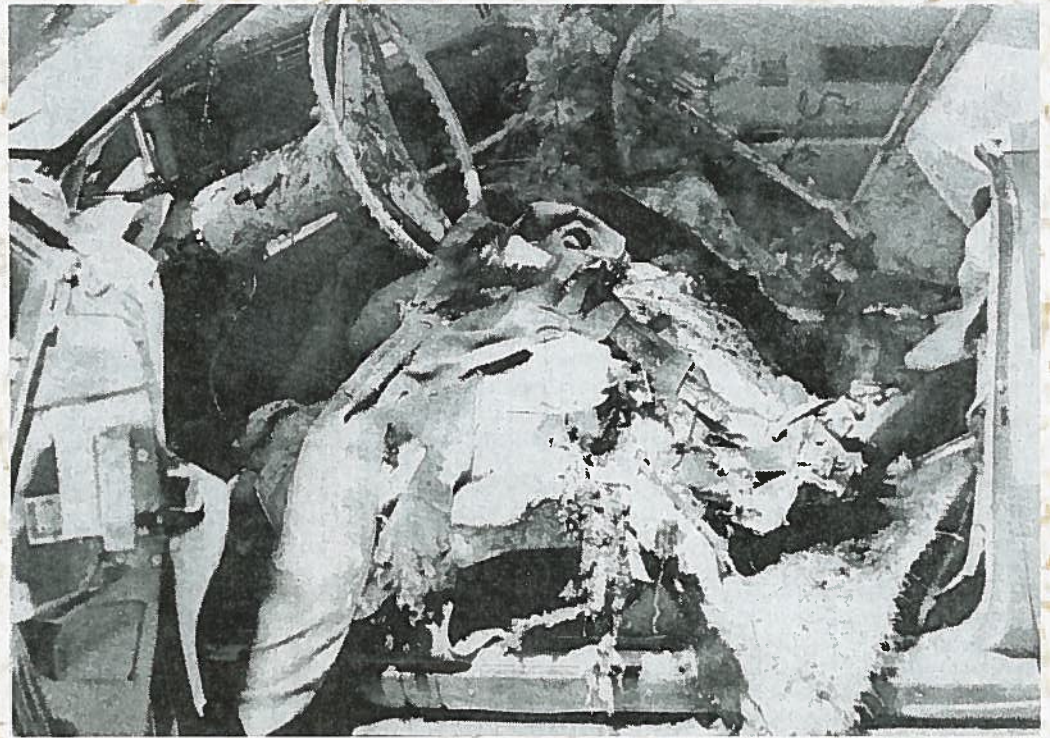
Area residents include many owners of clubs at Stateline and a number of professional men. Chartrand's modified ranch-style home is about a quarter of a mile from the lake shore.

Residents could recall no bombing incidents here involving gamblers.

Chartrand had managed Barney's club for about two years. Last Nov. 27 the Nevada gaming Commission approved a license for him to purchase the 26 per cent of Barney's which was owned by Barney O'Malia, for whom the place was named. The price was given as \$200,000.

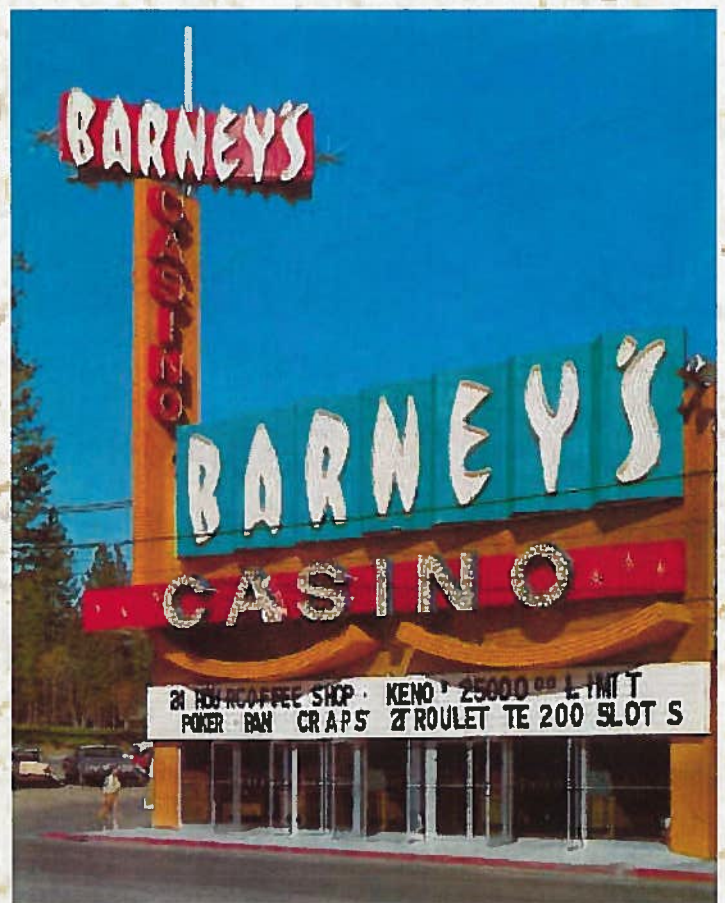
FBI agent Max Wilson of Reno said a bureau technician will examine evidence to determine the type of bomb used.

Harold Campbell Jr., special agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas office, said the FBI has no jurisdiction in this case at this time.



Auto Bombing. This is the way the interior of Richard Chartrand's car looked after a planted bomb went off under the luxury automobile's front seat Tuesday at Zephyr Cove. The car was demolished. The type of bomb has not immediately been determined by demolition experts.

- Tribune photo



BOOZE, BROADS, MURDER AND MAYHEM

By Jim Linduff

Once at the core of illegal activities in the glory days of Newport, a building at 600 Monmouth Street has been the scene of many adventures. Operating under many names and with several owners, the place has featured bootleg booze, illegal gambling, happy hookers and finally a wonderful Museum featuring many of the artifacts that made the joint and area famous beginning as early as 1930. The following chronology has been assembled using phone books, newspaper accounts and personal recollections by people associated with the several bars that were operated there throughout the years until the early 1990s when CC>CC member Larry Trapp and his mother converted the location to R&L Collectables then to the Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum. Members Gene Trimble and



Memorabilia from Larry Trapp's Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum

Roy Klein contributed pictures and research to the project and I thank them for their work



Vintage slots on display at Larry Trapp's Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum



Chips and dice from Larry Trapp's Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum

Chronology

1930s-1942 The location was the Brick and the Kinsella Café, owned by William J. Kinsella, who lived next door and was from a family that had several saloons in Northern Kentucky and the West Side Hotel in Newport.

1943-1948 April 25, 1943 Renamed the Horseshoe Bar, the location was the scene of a killing of a patron, Dan Coburn by the night manager, Charlie White. White was

an associate of Ralph (Smoky) Maggard. Both were professional boxers and had many scrapes with the law over the years. Maggard would subsequently run the joint under several names and figure in another murder there.



May 1, 1943 Kinsella had the license transferred to Claude Moar, an injured war vet, thus avoiding the issue of ownership at the time of the killing.

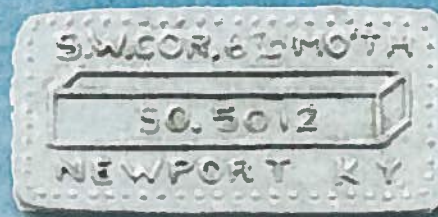
July 3, 1948 The Kentucky Times Star reported the grand opening of the Manhattan Club at the location. Smoky Maggard was listed as the operator. It is not clear who was the actual owner.



1949-1965

The joint was called the Frontier Bar and was the scene of several skirmishes and a killing.

December 3, 1956 An Ohio man, Wilber Blount who described himself as a "self-employed bodyguard" required



*William J. Kinsella
6th & Monmouths Sts.*

In 1939 Phone book



34 stitches to close wounds he received in a fight at the Frontier Bar. Hugh Miller, another customer was charged with breaking a beer bottle across the bar, then cutting Blount in the face.

January 8, 1957 A few days later a brawl took place among several people well known to the police. Nine "citizens" were arrested and fined \$100 each for breach of the peace. One guy, Elmer (Frenchy) Davis was cut by a broken glass.

August 2, 1960 Another murder took place at the Frontier. A patron, Gene Luker was shot and killed in the back room of the joint by our old friend Smoky Maggard. Luker contended Maggard owed him \$80, a fight ensued and both fired pistols. Maggard was hit in the thigh; Luker was hit four times in the chest after his weapon jammed. Maggard was charged with murder, but beat the rap with a self defense claim.

January 18, 1965 A spectacular fire broke out in the club, destroying the second and third floors of the building and sending 5 firemen to the hospital. The upper floors housed small apartments, some that were rented very frequently. A check of the known renters determined all had escaped the fire.



May 27, 1965 A wrecking crew workman found a body, apparently undetected four months, in the burned out third floor debris of the Frontier Bar. The skeleton was identified as Ray Chapman who was thought to be in a Vets Hospital at the time of the fire.

1966-1984 The bar was renamed the Mustang Club.



The Mustang Club was located at the corner of Sixth and Monmouth Streets. It was a strip club featuring nude go-go dancers. The club was easily recognized by a large statue of a mustang horse that sat on top of the building until a storm knocked it down and damaged it. The site was the location of previous nightclubs such as the Brick, the Frontier Bar, and the Davey Crockett Bar. (Campbell County Historical Society.)

November 20, 1972 Killing number three took place at the location, this time as a result of a fight between two "good friends". James Douglas (Curly) Napier was shot five times by Ernest (Lucky) Johnson near the door of the bar and died immediately. Witnesses said Johnson walked up to Napier and started shooting at close range with a .25 caliber pistol. He then ran out the door.

Curly was well known to police having been convicted of involuntary manslaughter in 1967 for the fatal shooting of a Cincinnati man, Marvin Cox at Mabel & Cue's Bar on Elm Street in Newport's West end. Curly bonded out, then jumped bond and was the object of a nationwide search for two years. After surrendering to the FBI in 1970, he drew a prison term to run concurrently with that imposed in the manslaughter case. This time his luck ran out.

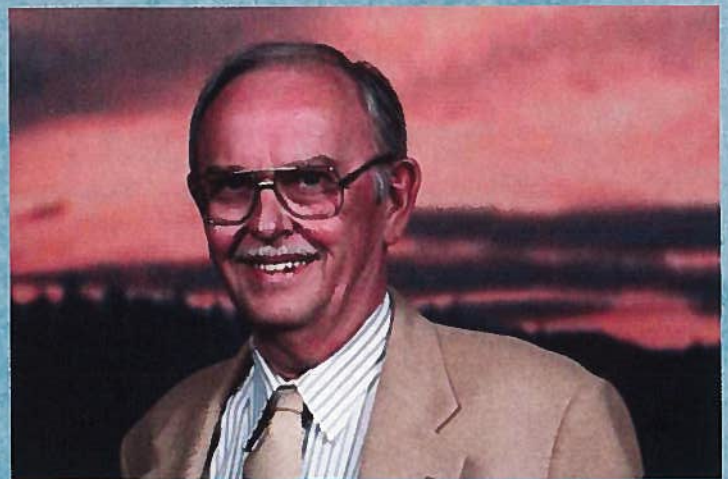
Johnson, a career thief, had been previously jailed on a burglary charge in 1967.



Curly Napier (left) Lucky Johnson (right)

October 5, 1973 Lucky Johnson was sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to murder. Earlier in 1965, Johnson escaped from the Newport jail while awaiting sentence on a burglary beef.

1973-1975 The bar, still called the Mustang was owned by Gene Trimble. As Gene describes the place, "it was a topless, redneck go-go joint". Gene, a life member of the CC>CC moved to Las Vegas after running the joint and remains in the gambling business to this day. In the basement there was a complete 2nd bar, juke box and some "small rooms" for the girls of the night. After closing hours the patrons moved to the basement where a poker game was usually in session. Also under Gene's tenure, his bouncer Charlie Woods was shot by an associate of Curly Napier in retaliation for Curly's demise at the club apparently thinking Woods was involved. Charlie, a colorful Newport character survived to continue his robbing and stealing until jailed for a bank heist in 1980.



Gene Trimble

1984-1987 The joint was now unofficially called Floofies, a go-go bar run by Ruth Coyle. Coyle, who worked for Gene, took over the Mustang in the late 1970's. In 1983 the city of Newport banned nude dancing, thus putting a crimp in Ms. Coyle's business.

1988-1994 After the demise of Floofie's in 1987 the location was called Cactus Jack's for a brief time until busted for drugs then stayed vacant until restored and opened as R&L Collectables in 1994.



Ruth Coyle in 1987

Current Larry Trapp now runs his Northern Kentucky Gambling Museum out of the building which is being investigated by several paranormal organizations. The basement, still set up for gambling has long thought to be haunted and some initial camera placement there suggests some unexplained movements at night. It would be great if one of the ghosts would be willing to be interviewed about Gene Trimble's time at the joint. We would all learn more about our esteemed colleague during his younger days in town! When in the area, stop in to see Larry and the many other collectors who often congregate there to swap lies and look in awe at his collection. It's a good thing that a building that provided a significant amount of history during Newport's "Sin City" days is still standing and much like it was in the past.

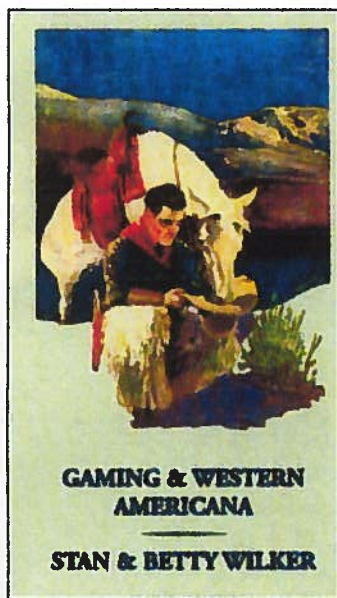
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Australia

By John K. Kallman

“When you come to a fork in the road... Take it” is one of the many things that the Hall of Fame baseball player Yogi Berra (and NOT the cartoon character with a similar sounding name) is reported to have said. We have all faced such decisions in life, from the trivial to the life changing nature. Sometimes, we make the right choices, and sometimes we don't – just ask my three ex-wives!

When I worked for the government, I took advantage of the various travel opportunities offered to me by my various postings around the United States and the world to see as much as I could. From the local surroundings to countries close by with at least one “major” trip per tour. My last posting before retirement was to Japan. We had to decide to either take a 4 day visit to Australia or a 7 day trip to Hong Kong, both for about the same price. At the time, Hong Kong was still under control of Great Britain, although the paperwork had already been signed to revert control back to the Chinese in a few years. Knowing full well that due to the nature of my job, I would be unable to visit this location once the Chinese took over, and that the prospect of the Chinese taking over Australia seemed somewhat remote; we opted for the trip to Hong Kong. The idea then was that we would visit Australia sometime in the future. That was some 20 years ago!

In September 2005, I was contacted by Ken Nestle about creating an online catalog for the chips, checks, and tokens from Australia and New Zealand. One thing lead to another, and as in many cases, the best way to catalog anything is to be a collector of same. And there is nothing more than a collector likes to do than to be able to add to their collection by actual visiting the casinos that they collect items from. Of course, getting there from here is somewhat difficult as either the bridge was out – or it has not been built yet.



That left me with two options. Both stated of course with a long flight there and then either a land based tour or an extend cruise. While I have driven on the “other” side of the road, both during my stay in Japan as well as an earlier tour of Great Britain both had been a while ago, and I was long out of practice. That, and despite its rather small looking size on the map, Australia is somewhat larger than it appears. The cost of a rental car, hotels, gas and other associated cost more or less ruled this out. After all, I am “retired” now and that seemed to be just too much “work” if you will.

Most of the casinos in both Australia, and New Zealand are based along the coast, where, of course, the major cities are located. While it took a while, I did locate a cruise that would stop at ports of call where nine casinos were based. And of course, there just happen to be a casino aboard the ship as well (another collecting area of mine)! With transportation and accommodations as well as food taken care of, the next thing to do was to just sit back and relax! Of course, with the thought in mind that it may be another 20 years before I was able to get back anywhere close to this part of the world (if I was still alive at that time), was a thought to maximize my limited time at these casinos. Thus, I sent a letter of introduction along with a nice cover letter secured from the club’s president in advance of my departure in hopes of greasing the skids along the way. Finally, since the start of the on line catalog, I have made contact with various collectors living there and made arrangements to spend parts of my visits with them as well, knowing that they were far more familiar with the casinos close to where they lived.

The next most important part of my plan was to schedule the trip when the weather in what passes for home is not quite the nicest (i.e. when it is winter over here, it is summer down there)!

15 FEBRUARY DEPARTURE DAY!

The time had come after some 16 months of planning, packing, and of course paying for the trip. While the winter here in mid-Minnesota had been mild compare to many in the past, I was more than looking forward to a warmer climate. As we drove down the interstate towards the Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport; rain started falling from the overcast skies. This soon changed to freezing rain and then to snow! The flight to San Francisco went well as did the following flight to Sydney. All the while, I was wondering what I had forgot, if things would go well; and of course, if the natives were friendly.

17 FEBRUARY SYDNEY

It was early morning when we landed, and cleared customs with little delay. Our bags were waiting for us at the carousel. Waiting for us was John Yarwood, a collector / cataloguer of British Commonwealth military items, flew in from Horsham to spend the weekend in Sydney. Also present was Brian Roach, a native of the city who is also a collector of casino items from Australia. We were than off to our hotel and after checking in, our hosts for the day made sure that we were able to exchange our currency.



Yarwood played host to us on Saturday as we took a walking tour of Sydney with stops at a coin shop (no casino items); lunch and a few museums. That evening, I did stop at a nearby bar that also had slot machines. Sometimes referred to as 'pokies', i.e. you have to "poke" the buttons to get them to work! There is some ongoing debate about these machines. Unlike similar places in and around Nevada; here the slot machines must be physically separated from the bar / dining area. Additionally, there were very prominent signs, both at the main entrance as well on each machine concerning both gambling, the chances of winning the stated jackpot, and of course, how to get help if you have a problem with gambling.

Some places, in addition to having "pokies"; also had off track betting – but not just limited to races, but most any sport being played. Such establishments were easily identified by having the word TAB posted on the sign outside.

Visiting or living overseas always introduces one to a different lifestyle. Australia, and later New Zealand, would be no different. Things were a lot more expensive than what I thought they might be and I was glad that most everything was already paid for in advance! From food; to drinks (a six-pack of beer at a 'discount' liquor store - \$18.99); to tobacco; (\$16.40 for a package of 20 cigarettes) and even parking (\$20 for 3 hours at the Star City casinos private parking facility on a Sunday).

The local language was another adventure! While many of the people can trace their ancestors back to the British Isles, the language, both written and spoken, has evolved over the years. Having lived in Great Britain for four years, I was used to some of the difference, such as Centre as opposed to Center and Tyre for Tire among other things. However, others took a little more explanation, or in one case actually experiencing the difference. The hotel where I was staying at had a coffee bar, and after walking around half of Sydney on Saturday, a tall cold milk shake sounded



just like what was needed. And it was listed right there on the menu! However, I got exactly what was posted: a glass of milk with some flavor added, and shaken! Another sign that left me scratching my head was one posted along the road about not transporting electric ants! Turns out these are very similar to what are known as Fire Ants in places such as Texas.

19 FEBRUARY STAR CITY CASINO

Sunday, Brian picked us up at our hotel to take us to the dock, with of course a stop first at the Star City Casino, Sydney's and New South Wales' only casino!

To say that they have a monopoly would be an understatement! At this, and most of the casinos, the main casino floor is up one flight (a good way to reduce robbers) and was manned by security staff that was licensed by the state to insure that patrons were both of the proper age and dressed appropriately (no hats allowed in the casino!).



Photo courtesy The Daily Telegraph

There was a very interesting article in one of the Sydney Morning Herald papers concerning the casino alleging improprieties by casino management including misbehavior

“in a social setting”; drug and alcohol abuse, corruption, sexual harassment, and other incidents. Of note, the casino has 3,560 employees, 213 table games, 270 automated games, and 1,400 slot machines.

The Star City Casino is somewhat larger than the South Point while smaller than the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. An assortment of slot machines and table games were present. Craps seems to be at the low end of the scale, with only two tables present here and in some of the smaller casinos, none at all. But by far and away, the table, and increasingly, an electronic version; roulette seems to be the game of choice! While doing a quick walk through of the casino, several new roulette chips from previously unknown tables. In all, I counted 34 roulette tables, and there were probably more in the high roller area!

ROULETTE CHIPS

After having visited perhaps one too many casinos throughout the United States and a few in Canada as well, there is sameness to them. However, there is always a new wrinkle that one can find along the way. Here it was the fact that beneath the dealers’ tray, which could be lifted up and out, was a second tray beneath it! If nothing else, this reduces the number or refills needed. This feature

was common among most of the other casinos I was to visit on my trip.

I did notice some tournament chips in play in the poker room, but could not get close enough to determine if they were casino issued or just generic, nor the colors; denominations, design elements, or other details.

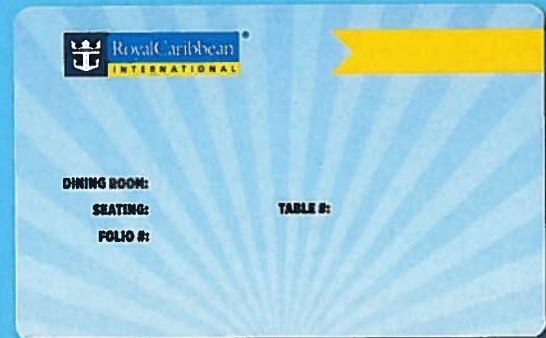
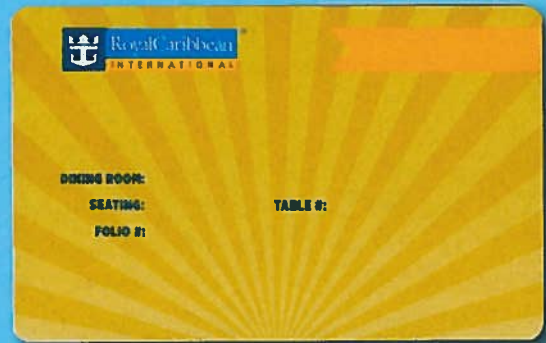
RADIANCE OF THE SEAS

All too soon, it was time to leave and make our way to the dock and board our ship. Modern cruise ships are a sight to behold and a marvel of modern engineering. Even in the large dock facilities of Sydney Harbour, the boat still towered over the port facilities. And as often as this and other cruise lines have done this before, they still do not seem to get their act together! Each boarding passenger had to fill out several forms BEFORE actually getting to the numerous attendants for additional processing, but nowhere was their either pen, pencils, or places where one could sit with a hard surface to complete the forms. People were left trying to juggle whatever they were hand carrying; while trying to figure out the forms that had little or no instructions; while slowly advancing in line. This turned out to be not the first time on this (and previous trip) that the staff was ill prepared to handle the task at hand and did not bode well for a seamless trip.

After checking out our cabin for the next 34 days, it was off to muster drill. While this used to be performed during the first full day at sea, because of a rock hitting another liner, this is now done before the ship ever leaves the dock. A quick shower and then off to dinner. After supper, it was time to visit the on board casino where I would spend far too much time. There were an assortment of slot machines, mostly video in nature that either took bills or quarters. Most of the machines paid out in quarters as well, but the higher denomination machines did pay out in \$1 tokens. Plans are underway to convert over to TITOs, but none were present during this cruise. The \$1 tokens were the copper/nickel ones that have been in use for a number of years. One machine, which was used for free play to those who had cruised before and if presenting a coupon to the cashiers cage, received on OC minted token with a black “X” marked on the token, to be used in. Likewise, these same OC minted tokens were at times used in the pusher machine. Tokens with three holes drilled in them could be redeemed for \$100. When the pusher machine ran out of gift tokens, OC tokens that had the center portion colored either red or black were then used (3 such tokens were needed to exchange for a ‘prize’ – perfume; that if purchased in the duty free shops onboard, would have cost far less). The slot machines were designed to take players card, and you room key, sea pass also doubled as your player’s card. However, this did not extend to the table games. Also, a WIN chip was added to the pusher machine and used similar to the gift tokens were three of them could be exchanged for an overpriced “prize”.



Table games, while few in number, included a single craps table (which hardly anyone, including myself, ever played) as there was only single odds available; a single table for Texas Hold'em and Baccarat. Two roulette tables along with tables for black Jack, 3 Card and Caribbean Stud rounded out the assortment. Not only were the odds on the craps table less than ideal, so were the house rules for Black Jack, such that it was nearly impossible for a person who not only new basic strategy, and used it; could expect to break even. There was no need for them to adjust the payouts for roulette as it heavily favors the house to start with. I do not know enough about the other games to comment on them and I do not play them. None the less, I was able to come away with a number of items for my collection. Interesting to note that the entire rack of \$1 Chipco's had been replaced, while there was an equal number of both the older and new rack for the 50c while all of the other denominations were only the old rack. In addition, there was a Lotto game (think Power Ball / Mega Millions); Australian Bingo (the cards and playing the game was a variation of the American style game) and pull tabs. Only the later had the Cruise Line / Vessel name on it, and I purchased a strip of five so that I could add this to my collection of casino related items. Finally, after pointing out an error between what the daily newsletter indicated that was happening in the casino on a particular day – which somehow the casino staff had not been informed; I was given a free drink card, similar in size and shape to a players card including a magnetic strip on the back so that it could be run through the reader on the register at the bar to account for the drink. Somehow, the drink never got purchased – not at least with the card.



Sea Pass/Players Card



Free Drink Card



GOLD

FREE "SPIN TO WIN"

*Win up to \$5,000 USD
or other great prizes*

} Redeem this certificate in the Casino, and we will give you a free handle pull on one of our dedicated slot machines. Photocopies not accepted.

Name: _____

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Free Play Coupon



Free Gift Token
Used in "Pusher" Machine



Roulette Chips



Regular Slot Play Token



Free Play Slot Token





They had completed the transition to the new building logo for the regular play chips and, while I could not afford to add these to my collection, this includes a \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 denominated chips.



There was a single Sic Bo table with a Bud Jones suite pip mold with a center inlay of a horse on it. Of the 15 roulette tables present, new designs noted included a Tree, Globe, Ships Wheel, and Crossed Keys.

Table Chips



*Win Card Chip
Used in "Pusher" Machine*



Slot Cards

**21 FEBRUARY
TREASURY CASINO**

When the colony of New South Wales needed a better place to house its worst convicts, the tropical country farther north seemed a good place to drop them. Accordingly, in 1824, a penal settlement was established at Redcliffe on Moreton Bay, but it was soon abandoned due to lack of water and hostile Aboriginal people. The settlement was moved south and inland to Brisbane, and a town grew up. Although the penal settlement was abandoned in 1839, Brisbane's future was assured when the area was thrown open to free settlers in 1842. As mineral riches were developed, Brisbane grew to be a city and today it is the third-largest in Australia.

Tournament chips were still in play in the poker room. I also learned that there were two Premium Chips (\$25, and \$100); as well as two additional Chipco Sample chips (\$25 and \$100). Sadly, the staff would let me depart with any of these! After taking a look at the surrounding area, it was time to board the bus back to the ship.

The bus from the port to town dropped us off at the backside of the casino which was housed in a very old building. Slot machines were crammed into every conceivable nook and cranny. But they made the most of what little room they had.





Treasury Casino

24 FEBRUARY PORT DOUGLAS

My original notes showed that there was no casino here, but as the boat got closer to today's port of call, the in-house television channel that update the course of our vessel showed that Cairns, were the Reef Casino calls home, was close by. But I was not quite sure how close close was! After checking with the people who book the tours; I found that was only 42 miles away! Thus, if I could get there and of course back again before the ship set sail, I was going! The facilities at Port Douglas were such that the boat had to stay off-shore and tenders were required to get ashore. This was not the problem the previous day when we stopped at Airlie Beach. From the time we got our tender tickets to the time we step foot ashore was less than 45 minutes. Of course, that day we had no where that we needed to get to! However, because I did want to get somewhere, things did not move quite as fast as I wished nor wanted. I picked up my tender tickets at 10am, but did not get to shore until 1pm! After checking with the friendly information people at the dock, I was headed off to town to find the local bus company to see if transportation was available and affordable. While the answer was yes; the last bus had already departed. However, they would hold the bus for me at one of its stops in town. However, before departing, I wanted to insure that I would be back at dock side in sufficient time. After being assured that I would, it was off on perhaps the journey of the trip!

CAIRNS WILDLIFE DOME

is a spectacular all-weather wildlife immersion exhibit - and open and interactive environment for humans and animals to mingle in a spacious natural setting - enclosed by a 20 metre high glass dome on top of the iconic Reef Hotel Casino. Immerse yourself in a rainforest environment whilst parrots, cockatoos and other birds native to the Wet Tropics region fly freely around you. Get up close to cute rainforest wallabies as they roam freely through the Dome. Observe curlews, frogmouths and kookaburras along with other animals such as frogs, turtles, pythons, freshwater crocodiles, lizards and adorable bettongs.



Diagram of 3rd Floor Tropical Rain Fores



The Reef Hotel and Casino



entrance to the casino and wait for the bus to return. The appointed time was to be 5pm. However, there was no bus. At 5:05pm, I started asking the cab drives if they could take me to Port Douglas and what the charge would be. At 5:10pm, I

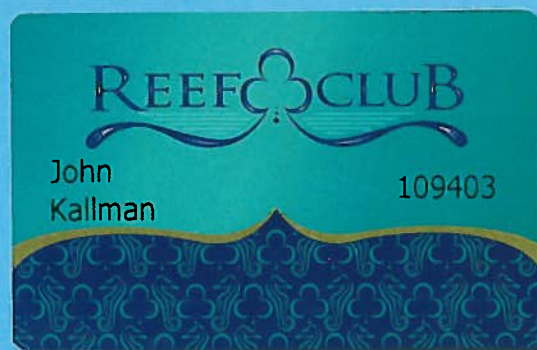
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It was a small bus, holding perhaps 18 but with only about 8 people present, counting the driver on this journey that followed the coastal road. The bus made infrequent stops along the way at places people had asked to get off when boarding the bus as opposed to schedule stops. First, it was a park were you could feed the alligators; than a time share; the airport; and finally, being the last person left, the front door of the casino! After checking where and when the pick-up was to be, it was time to check out the casino.

This is a small casino, three floors in all. The 2nd floor was closed for remodeling and the 3rd floor contained a Wildlife Rainforest! This explains the glass dome shown in most views of the casino. This was the only casino along the way that actually had a sign posted indicating that chips could be purchased from the cage. Other casinos you had to purchase chips from the tables, with the exception of those that had poker rooms of course, where the reverse was the case.

Key Ring style chips were being sold at the front entrance where player cards were also issued. "Gift Cards", in the form of an oversize post card, were also available, but with a starting price of \$20 (and up), I passed. A single Sic Bo and Money Wheel were present as were 10 roulette tables.

After double checking both my printed list of what I knew about the casino and the chips that were actually in play, it was time to sit on the park bench at the front



went in to have a call placed to the bus company to see if they had forgotten about me. As the phone was ringing, the bus pulled up to the casino. Once again, there was a small number of other passengers that had to be dropped off along the way. However, it was now rush hour, and the casino was located at the wrong end of the city. This slowed the speed that the bus could go until we reached the other side of the city, and now it was time to make numerous stops along the way to discharge the other passengers. All the time, I was sitting silently urging the driver in my mind at least, to go faster, go faster! Finally, I was the only passenger left on the bus, and we were still not back to the port! As we drew closer to the Port Douglas, I could at least see that the ship had not pulled anchor and left, but I was still not certain if I would get to the dock in time for the last scheduled tender. Finally, we pulled up to the port – with all of 45 minutes left to spare! While it was a close call, a tenth casino was added to the list when only nine had been scheduled at the start.

**7 FEBRUARY
DARWIN CASINO**

The capital of the Northern Territory was named after the English naturalist Charles Darwin. It has struggled for survival ever since its founding in 1869. Its development was hampered by the settlement's isolation at the end of a peninsula, surrounded by water on three sides. It was attacked by the Japanese at the onset of World War II. On Christmas Eve 1974, Cyclone Tracey flattened large portions of the city.

A bus from the port to the city center was amiable (for a small fee) that took me to the city center. However, this was still too far to walk to the casino, so I hailed a taxi cab. The casino itself was far from the city center such that it precluded casual walk in traffic. No wonder that this site has been the host to more than one operator.

The Darwin Casino has had an interesting history as it started off in a small hotel as the Don Hotel Casino (1979 – 1981). It then moved to a purpose built casino and was renamed Mindil Beach (1981 – 1984). A few years later, it became the Diamond Beach (1984 – 1995). It then became M.G.M. Grand Darwin (1995 – 2004). It was purchased by a New Zealand company and renamed Sky City, Darwin (2004 – 2008). The name was then modified to reflect the new corporate logo, SKYCITY Darwin, its current moniker (2008 – Present).

While there were many un-cataloged chips on the tables, there was a plaque in the cashier's cage showing most (but not all) of the past issues from the former casinos. There was at least one missing chip from the display, but having said that, there were far more issues being displayed than there were missing.... Additionally, since they had not finished processing passports from the previous stop in Bali, I was unable to get a slot card.

For Diamond Beach, there was a \$500 chip in play (Purple, with coin center and 4 sets of split purple inserts) along with a bronze/brass token of unknown denomination that was smaller than a standard size casino token.



Diamond Beach Casino

Photo courtesy Tim Harry



Sky City Darwin

Photo courtesy Tim Harry



For Mindil Beach, there was a \$100 Large Key (White, hot stamp, with 8 blue inserts).

The MGM Grand



MGM Grand

Photo courtesy Tim Harry

- A No Value Promo Chip that was Green and Pink, Suite Pip mold.
- \$20 Sea Green Bud Jones mold with 4 sets of Yellow / Blue inserts.
- \$100 Blue Bud Jones mold with 8 sets of Blue / Pink inserts.
- \$500 Purple oversize Bud Jones mold with 8 sets of Light Blue / Pink inserts.
- \$1,000 Green oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets of Green / Cream inserts.
- \$5,000 Brown oversize Bud Jones mold with 8 sets of Yellow / Red inserts
- \$10,00 Blue oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets of Pink / Light Blue Inserts
- \$20,000 Tan oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets of Purple / Light Blue inserts
- \$50,000 Blue oversize Bud Jones mold with 3 Peach and 2 Orange inserts.

The Sky City management had a fair number of chips both on display as well as on the tables:

Regular Play Chips:

- \$500 Purple oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets split yellow
- \$1,000 Blue oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets split yellow
- \$5,000 Light Yellow oversize Bud Jones mold with 4 sets split yellow

Jetons:

- \$50,000 White
- \$100,000 Blue

The Money Wheel has a mixture of roulette style chips including an Anchor and Tulip designs.

The Sic Bo table had a 4 Square design roulette style chip.

Roulette Tables included one with Windmill; Tulip; Flower; and Star Fish. There was an additional roulette table in the high roller area, which I was unable to observe the chips in play. At the electronic roulette game, there was a single green triangle in circle roulette style chip.

6 MARCH BURSWOOD CASINO

Fremantle was today's port of call. This is the gateway to the much larger city of Perth where the Burswood Casino is located. There was quite the mess today in both getting off the boat as well as meeting up with Matt Elliott; my host for the day. This was the end of the 1st part of the cruise, as well as the start 2nd part of the cruise. Seeing as how I was staying in the same room on the same ship, all I had to do was be processed by customs (on the ship), pick-up my new "sea-pass" card, and then take the exit to the dock. Of course, things don't always work the way you wish or hope. The customs agents were late in arriving (not sure if they ever got there at all); and after a far too long wait, it was decided that we could leave our passports with the ship's crew who would in turn pass them on to the customs agents once they did get there. Next was finding the designated exit for passengers like us as it seems the ship's crew was under-informed. Once we did manage to get off the ship there were people everywhere! Both passengers who were NOT sailing on; people picking them up, taxis, cabs, private cars; and of course people coming to the dock to board for the second portion of the cruise. While it took a while, I finally hooked up with Matt and off to the casino we went.

Once at the casino, we meet with Wayne Carrie; Senior Games Shift Manager and Jason Barry; General Manager of Table Games. Over coffee, they answered my various questions concerning the casino in general: The casinos name will change probably in Sept 2012; once the current expansion is complete. Additional tables (total number controlled by the government) and slot machines will be added. Among the obsolete chips that are no longer in play; they were able to confirm two additional denominations for two different racks. They also confirmed the order of chip releases as well as manufactures. Then it was time for a quick tour of the casino. The casino does not



Burswood Casino

Photo courtesy Tim Harry

presently have Ticket In – Ticket Out (TITO) for the slot machines, which only accepts coins or bills. Two money wheels were present, one electronic. They were able, with a little persuasion, to gain entrance for me to the high-rollers area. It seems, even in their positions, even they do not have access to all areas of the casino! This was indeed a rare treat! This is one of the few places in either country where smoking indoors was permitted. Rarer still were the windows that were on two sides, overlooking a small park with its own pond and black swans as well! In addition to the roulette tables on the main floor (30); there were an additional 6 roulette tables here and a Sic Bo table as well. Both square shape (cash play) and oval (no cash value) plaques were being used on some of the tables in denominations for AU \$50,000 through AU \$1,000,000. Sadly, I had to pass on acquiring any of these items for some strange reason.

The only “new” chip to that was actually present at the casino was the Year of the Dragon in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$25 and \$100.



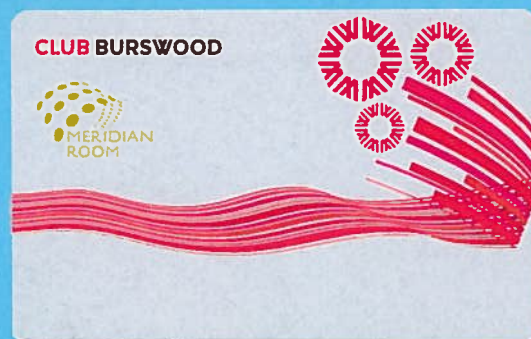
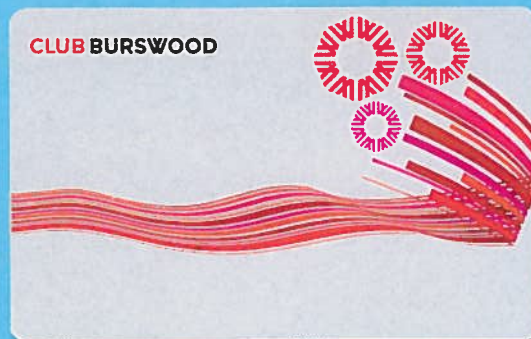
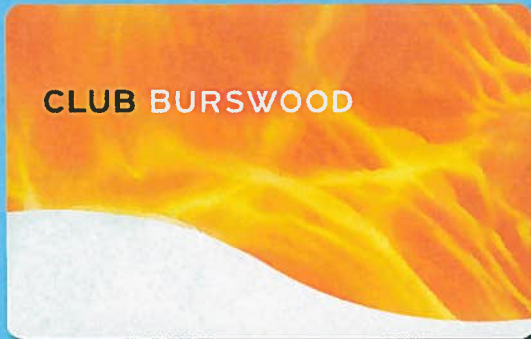
Slot cards



On the way back to the dock, Matt and I stopped at a coffee shop where we traded chips that we had been gathering for each other at the start of the trip and I was able to oh and ah over his collection before he took me back to the port where by now the dock was nearly deserted.

11 MARCH ADELAIDE CASINO

Tim Harry was my host today. First stop was of course the casino where the only thing “new” that I was able to pick up was a slot card. Of course, being the type of collector that Tim is, had I found something new in his own back yard, no doubt he would have been upset! After the casino, a quick stop at the liquor and grocery store and then off to his humble abode with his lovely wife Kylee, his son Tyler, and off course, the king of the roost; Barnee (the dog). After a bite to eat, it was time to look at his amazing collection, talk chips, and of course; quaff a few beers! All too soon, it was time to return to the ship.



Slot cards



Adelaide Casino

13 MARCH
CROWN CASINO

After exiting the ship, there were the always present, friendly, and informative Information Brigade who provided maps as how to get to the casino, which tram to take, and the cost of the round trip fare. A few steps away were the people who actually sold the tickets! A short walk from the port facilities to the waiting tram and I was off. The tram stopped across the street from the casino where signs of construction were quite evident. I was unable to determine if this was an expansion or just a redesign. As with many of the casinos, it appears that the operations have greatly outgrown the present facilities that do not look like they were built with the business currently operating within the facility. There was an underground parking garage, and below that was the poker room that also had a few other table games. The only “new” chip that I located here, and due to economic reasons I passed on, was a \$5,000 oversized Hologram individual serial numbered chip! Gift cards were available, but with a minimum cost of \$20, I passed. There was a Poker Card available to use an electronic poker table, and I did get myself one of these, as the price was free!

I tried my best to look through every nook and cranny of this casino, but I am unsure if I found everything that there way to find! I do know that there were at least two different places on the main floor that I was denied entry to as I was not the holder of the proper level’s players card for those areas. There was at least one hotel attached to the casino and two other off-site casinos. At least I did come away with room keys for this one hotel.

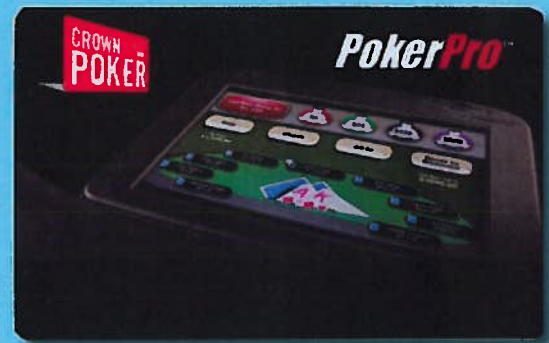
In addition to the lower level poker room, the main floor was divided into what I can only described as a left and a right side casino. As I ascended the escalator to the main gaming floor, I enquired as to where I could apply for a player’s card and was directed to the right. This was the smaller side of the casino if you will. A quite nice surprise was when I was given a check good for \$5 for signing up that could be tendered at the cashier’s cage. Not a ticket worth that amount that had to be played – but CASH! Of course, if I had been offered a free play chip, I would have gladly taken that! But cash is the best offer I had at any of the casinos along the way.

After scouting the “right” side of the casino, it was time to scout the “left” side! This appears to be the more modern and larger of the two sides and has access to the on-sight hotel. The casino run gift shop is a floor below this side along with gift shops that are leased to various vendors. The only thing of note here was a key ring chip which was reasonable priced!



Crown

Photo courtesy Tim Harry



Poker card



Room Keys from Crown Towers

The above cards are from the Crown Towers with the other two hotels being the Promenade Hotel and Metropolis.



Players Card

There are five levels of slot cards, the Bronze Card shown above, the Silver, Gold and Platinum and the Black which is by invitation only.

King Ring Chip

The table games on this side of the casino out number that on the other side by at least four to one! And roulette tables by far and away were the most numerous. In addition to the “left” and “rights” side of the casino, there were escalators on both sides that went to additional gaming areas. And as best that I could determine, these two upstairs areas were not attached in anyway. There were at



least four different molds of roulette style chips; both on the roulette tables, money wheels, and Sic Bo tables!

Roulette Chips

The chip with the Crown motif was currently being used on a money wheel but had previously been used on a Sic Bo table. The chip with the bull’s eye target behind the 90 number was also present with a number 93 on roulette tables. Numbered and Letter chips, both with and without a Crown logo made up the remaining tables, with apparently the chips with the small Crown logo on the top slowly replacing the other rack. In all, there were at least 44 tables present with these chips being used. Of that 44, three were Money Wheels (letters B, D – older rack, and Crown); Sic Bow (tables A, C, 6, 10, 19, and 53 – older rack). That leaves 36 tables for roulette – not counting the electronic version.





New Variety \$5 Chip

I also found a variety in the current rack of \$5 chips, with the denomination very close to the crown on the inlay.



Crown TITO

This was the only casino that I found where you could put a \$1 coin into the slots and get a TITO out! The casino in Sydney also had TITO's, but they only had bill adapters on the slot machines and with the smallest denominated bill being \$5, I passed!

To say that this was perhaps the largest of the casinos that I visited would be an understatement. At least three levels of live gaming, two stories of underground parking, 3 hotels, 3 spas, 30 restaurants / café; 11 casual dining venues; 26 shops; 4 different entertainment venues; and at least 12 bars!

While I would have liked to stay longer, sadly, it was time to take the tram back to the dock and board my floating hotel for another night!

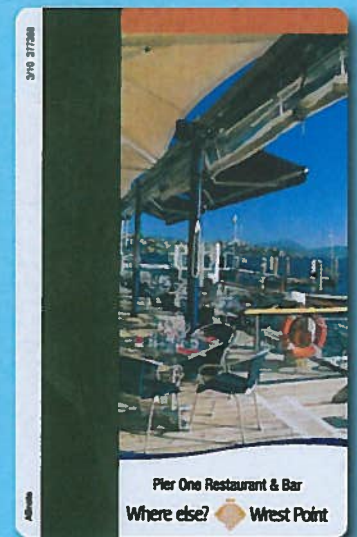
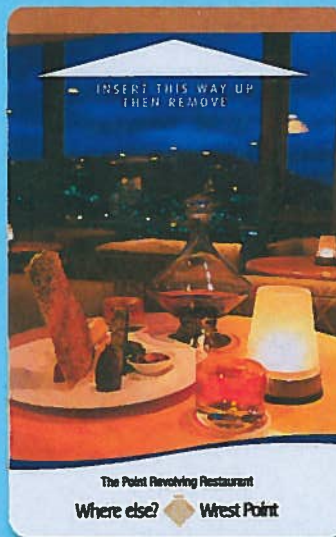
**15 MARCH
WREST POINT**

The city was easy walking distance from the dock, and while the casino is open 24 hours a day, the table games do not open until 2 in the afternoon. So, the first stop at the day was to the local coin shops in town before taking a cab to the casino as it was located too far from downtown for a conferrable walk.

Upon arrival, of course I secured both a slot card as well as a room key. Gift cards were also available, but the minimum amount was \$20, so I passed. After checking the gift shop and the "open" side of the casino were a majority of the slot machines were located, it was time to find my host for the day: Randall Smith, Rooms Division Manager. Wrest Point was the first legal casino, opening 10 February 1973. While the Franklin Mint issued a non-gaming token to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this event, there are currently no plans to issue any similar issues, token or chips, for upcoming 40th Anniversary next year.



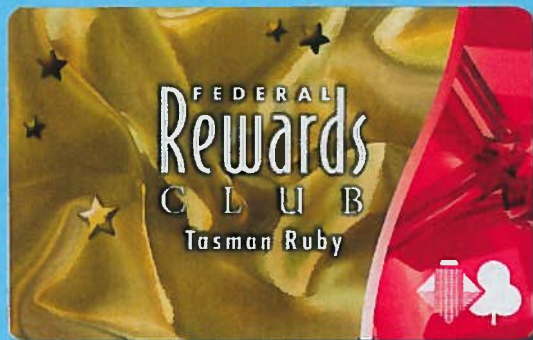
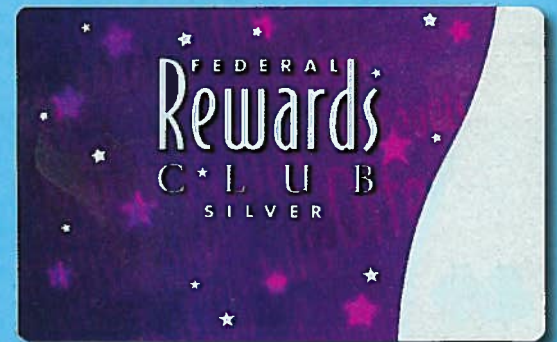
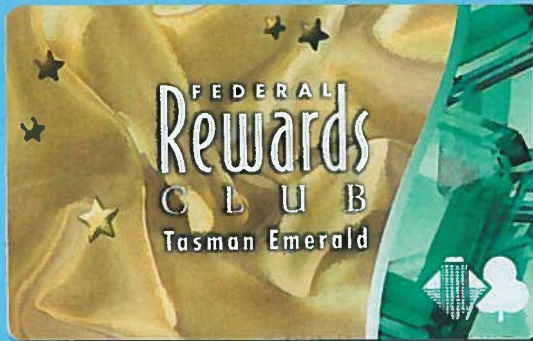
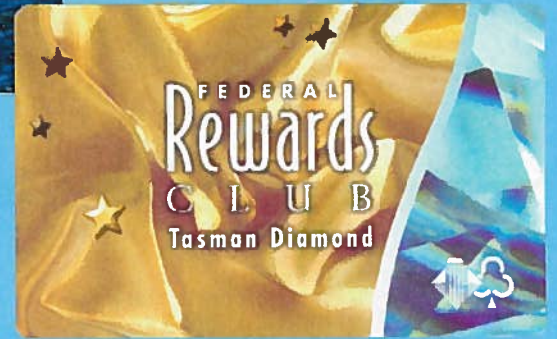
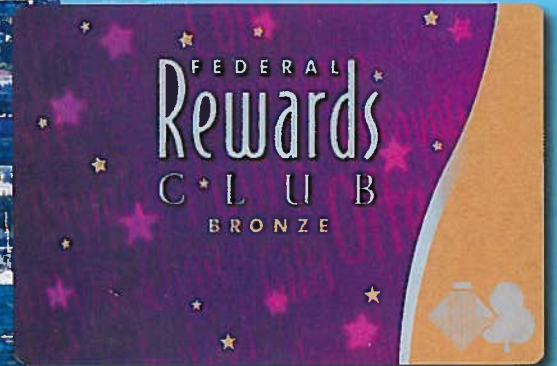
Franklin Mint 30th Anniversary Token



Room key



Wrest Point



Slot cards

Randall gave me a tour of the facilities which includes a main floor as well as a smaller lower floor which is used both for private parties as well as those times when there is an overflow crowd. At one time, there were 13 roulette tables, but that is now down to 3 on the main floor along with 2 additional tables downstairs. Currently roulette designs include center inlay palm tree; anchor, and well, like they say, a picture is worth a thousand words, and I could probably look up a thousand different words before I found one to describe the last of the current active designs!



Roulette Chips

Other active chips that were previously unknown include a \$500 Purple oversized with 4 sets of Lt Blue / Dark Blue inserts and a \$5,000 oversized Orange with 4 sets of Blue / Yellow inserts. Among the obsolete chips were a \$5,000 Bluish / Purple and \$5,000 Salmon / Pink jetons.

Of particular note, Sherwood Numismatics produced a limited edition set of \$1 tokens (1973 – 1982) with a total mintage of 100 sets, where the date is in circles. The purpose of the date in the circle is to denote them from the previously issued “live” tokens where the date is NOT contained within a circle, as the casino is still redeeming the later (but of course none of the former



Limited Edition – Regular Issue

Given the “late” opening time of the table games, it was all too soon to leave. Mr. Smith was kind enough not only to provide me with a gratis card for internet access while at the casino, but also arranged to have me driven back to the dock!

**19 MARCH
DUNEDIN**

With the city some 20km from the dock, I took the bus from the dock to the town center. Upon arrival, I did the usual tourist thing of window shopping including a stop at a coin / stamp store as the casino did not open until 11AM. This casino is advertised as boutique, which if you do not have your Funk & Wagnall handy means small – as in a total of 13 tables. There appears to be more at one time, but according to the staff, one roulette table was removed for an electronic version and the space taken could easily handle several tables. There was a money wheel present, but was being used for promotional

purposes and there was no indication as if any particular chips were used in association with this wheel. The removed roulette table used letter “A” chips, similar in design to the letter “B” chips which were still in used on one table with CLOVER roulettes on the other table.

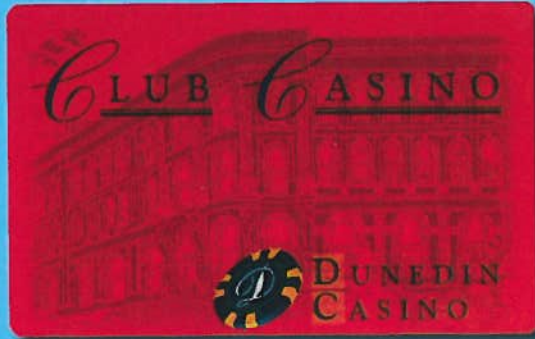


The only new chips on the floor were a \$5 Year of the Dragon Chip. Tournament chips are in use with denominations of \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. The \$1,000 chip was a hologram, for a Tournament chip!

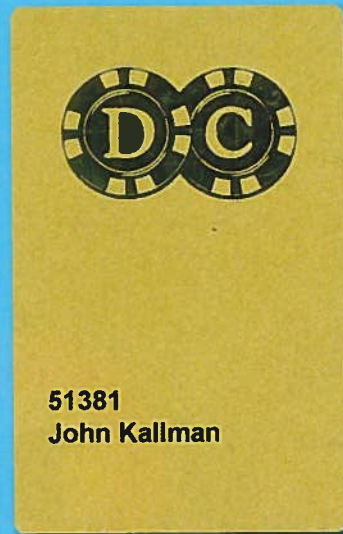


Year of the Dragon chip

Of course, I also managed to come away with two slot cards and a card cover with the casino's new, redesigned logo. There were no indications that this would carry over to a new rack however. You can see the difference in the logo design change by comparing to "old" and "new" slot cards shown below.



Slot Card with Old Dunedin Logo



Slot Card with New Dunedin Logo



Dunedin Casino

Photo courtesy Tim Harry



Card cover

20 MARCH
CHRISTCHURCH:

When I first booked this trip, the ship was schedule to dock here today. But a lot can happen in 18 months! What happened was a series of earth quakes with many aftershocks. As a result, the ship was forced to stop in Akaroa as the docks in Christchurch had not yet been repaired to the point that they were able to accommodate ships like ours.

Akaroa was founded by French settlers in 1840 and holds the distinction of being the first colonial town on the South Island. The town is small, with a population of only 1,000. After reaching the dock from the tender, I boarded the waiting bus for the 90 minute trip to Christchurch. The start of the trip was along the coast line with many twist and turns as well as many ups and downs as the landscape here was quite hilly. The region was mostly populated by cows and sheep as there was too little land that was flat enough for crops. As we moved further inland, the landscape became more level and small towns appeared. Soon, we were at the out skirts of Christchurch with some signs of destruction. However, once the bus reached the city center, it was quite evident the amount of destruction that the earth quakes caused. Whole city blocks were cordoned off. Some buildings had either already fallen down or had been torn down while others were in the process of being razed.

After exiting the bus, and checking directions from where I was at to where the casino was at, it was a short but very depressing walk to the casino as many more buildings were deserted with signs posted on the doors that they were slated for destruction as they were no longer safe to live in. Most of the buildings surrounding the casino were in a similar shape and the casino itself had some suffered some damage to its exterior, but thankfully was still open.

After entering the casino, the ever present security personnel informed me that should a earth quake or aftershock should strike, NOT to take the exit that I had just entered as there was glass above and this might fall and thus cause entry. I was somewhat early for my scheduled meeting with Milan Smolar, the cage manager, so of course, I first secured a slot card and went up to where the bar was as there was an advertised pizza lunch special that sounded too good to pass up.

There was an assortment of slot machines located here as well, but sadly no TITO's. After

lunch, I made my way down one flight to where the table games were located. There was a \$5 Year of the Dragon chip on the tables that I quickly added to my collection!



Year of the Dragon chip

Among the higher denomination chips on the table that I had to pass on were:

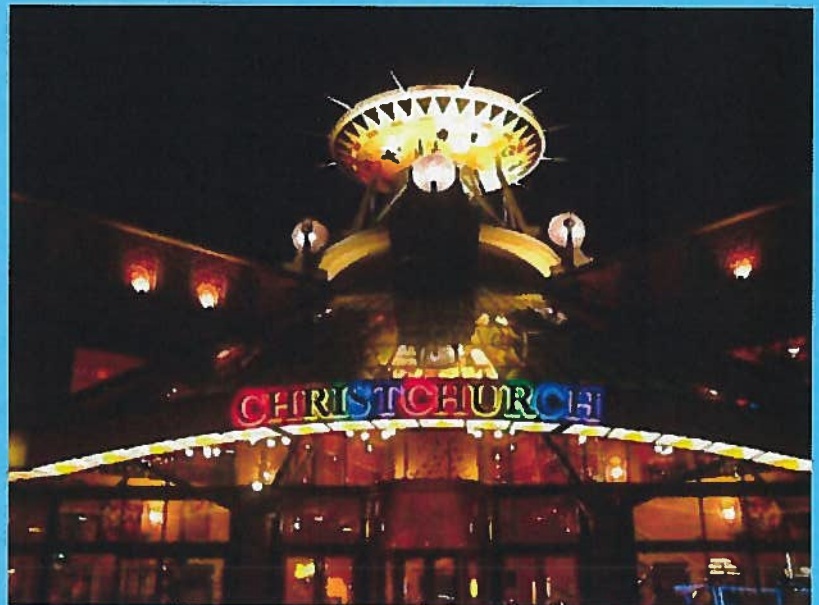
- \$500 Gray with three sets of White / Yellow / White inserts
- \$1,000 White oversized with 4 sets of Blue / Purple / Blue inserts
- \$5,000 Purple oversized with hologram and four sets of Dark Blue and Yellow

In the cage, there were also 3 square plaques as follows:

- \$5,000 – Blue Marble
- \$10,000 – Silver Marble
- \$25,000 – Gold Marble

Additionally, there were a series of No Cash Value chips (incused) with three half moon notches (as made) used for tournament play:

- \$5 - Pink
- \$12.50 – Brown
- \$25 – Green



Christchurch Casino

Photo courtesy Tim Harry

- \$100 – Blue
- \$500 – Tan
- \$1,000 – Light Gray

There was a single money wheel with a center inlay of a Satellite in colors of Gray, Red, Salmon, Pink, Russet, and Beige.

Roulette Wheels with hot stamp chips with 12 white inserts consisted of a Tulip, Star Fish, Windmill, Butterfly, Light House and Acorn in an assortment of colors. There are two additional roulette wheels upstairs in the high roller area along with a Sic Bo table, but I was not granted access to that area. With the bus schedule to depart soon for the return trip to the dock, it was time to make my way back through the rubble.

TRIP IN REVIEW

From an economic viewpoint, this trip made very little sense. I did come back with a fair number of chips to add to my collection, but no doubt, in time, I probably could have gotten the same number and type of chips either through one or more of the various on-line auction sites,

in trade, or at the club's convention. And probably, I could have done so at a far less price. From an information gathering viewpoint, the trip was a bonanza! From the first casino, Star City, Sydney; to the last casino in Christchurch; the amount of information gained was tremendous, with probably over 1,000 new items added to both my online and hardcopy listing for these countries!

But by far and away, the best and most important part of the trip was actually getting to meet people who previously I had only known via the internet. Being picked up at dock side, driven to the casino, answering all of my numerous questions, letting me see their collections, and of course taking me back dockside again! Many, many thanks to Brian Roach, Tim Harry and family, and Matt Elliott! Also of note were the casinos executives who took time out of there busy day to answer all of my questions, take me on tours of the casino, and of course let me purchase chips often from the cage, including obsoletes! And try as hard as I could into talking the ship's captain to stopping at other places where I knew there were casinos; for some reason he tried his best to explain that there was just no way for the ship to call on some of the places like Alice Springs for example.... Thus, it looks like I will have to return next year for a follow-up

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CC>CC Mentoring Program

Introduction

The program is offered free of charge and available to everyone. The Mentoring Program is specifically designed for new casino chip collectors offering a wealth of information and experience of our seasoned casino chip and memorabilia collectors.

Seasoned collectors have gone through many a trial and tribulation, learning as they go and learning from their mistakes over the years. Knowledge increases little by little over time as we absorb what we can from our interactions with other collectors and individual experiences. If one is going to learn from mistakes, isn't it always best to learn from someone else's mistakes?

Collecting has many forks in its windy road, and is filled with many potential unwise choices, but our experienced collectors will help guide the beginner down the path.

Quite often a new collector just happens to stumble onto a casino chip online message board or web site. They most likely have just a few chips, no price guides and no real idea of the best way to proceed with their new hobby. They often times have no idea how vast chip collecting is. That's where we come in!

- Find out which price guides are available.
- Find out which price guides should and shouldn't be used.
- Be able to ask questions about casino chips and casino related collectibles and find the answers.
- Find resources online and offline through our resource pages..
- Find out the best ways to increase your collection.
- Discover the many different collecting areas of casino memorabilia.
- Learn from the pros, what's valuable and what's not!

The Program

Simply go to www.ccgccc.com, click on the "EDUCATION" button to the top of the page. From there click on the "CC>CC Mentoring Program" link and a questionnaire/application will download to your computer, print out and complete the questionnaire/application and mail it to the address provided. The questions are designed to best identify your interests and to match you with a suitable mentor for your particular collecting interests.

Initial Stage: lasts for a period of 30 days. During this time, both parties will be encouraged to communicate back and forth through e-mails, and/or telephone. The mentee (new collector) will be open to ask any and all questions he may be interested in, and the mentor (experienced collector) will address the questions, giving advice and direction.

At the conclusion of the initial 30-day initial stage, the program chairman will contact both parties to see if both wish to continue. If both parties are pleased with how things are going, they may choose to continue for an additional 11 months. This short initial period is particularly good for beginners who just need a little help and direction while getting started.

Either the mentee or the mentor can conclude the relationship at anytime. This may need to be done because of unforeseen real life issues that may arise.

The program will continue for a maximum period of one year from the beginning of the initial active date, with a review after six months.

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Logo Usage Policy

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

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

Example



Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it.

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 Sheldon Smith.
3. V.P. Smith will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Smith 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 V.P. Smith.

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 V.P. Smith. We will notify the membership once this format is available.

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:

If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$250

If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500

If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.

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- [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.

- [2011 Club Auction](#) - Catalog, Terms and Conditions & Current High Bids.

Detailed Reference

- [Illegals & Manufacturer Records](#) - a huge compilation of chip manufacturer records.
- [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
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- [Knapp on Books](#) - A series of book reviews by Michael Knapp
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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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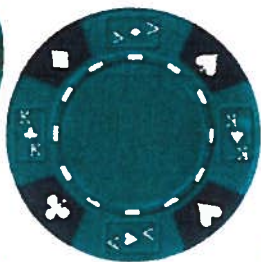
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