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- Chipology 101 a great intro-to-chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- · Cleaning Chips a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
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- Brass Core a thorough presentation of the brass core controversy.
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- The Flamingo Capri Revisited by Mike Quinlivan
- Casino Chip and Token News Back issues

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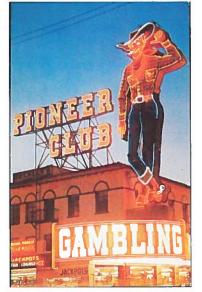


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Editor's Note



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President's Letter

1st Quarter 2015

By the time you are reading this, the 2015 convention will be upon us.

We have another great show planned for 2015 and our Convention Chairs, Sheldon and Christine have some great stuff in store for us. We are looking forward to a fantastic convention and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Please take some time while at the convention to experie nce all it has to offer. Between the early bird banquet, the trade sessions, the seminars, poker and blackjack tournaments, auction, and other events, it's really an experience no one should miss.

The MOGH had some disappointing news this past month. With great sadness, I announced the resignation of 3 MOGH members including Chair Mike Quinlivan and BOD members Neal Silverman and Jim Kruse. I wanted to personally thank Mike and Neal for all their work on the El Cortez and Mob Museum Exhibits and Jim whose dream started the entire idea of the Club Building and eventually the MOGH.

I would like the membership to know that the MOGH has every intention of continuing the path towards the vision that so many of us have supported thru the years.

Please take a moment to look at the ad in this issue featuring the 2015 annual CC>CC Convention raffle. As one of the largest fundraisers for the club each year, it is important to the club that we support the efforts. This year once again, prize packages include a brand new lpad Air2, Tons of Chips, Tokens, Cards, Dice and other casino related items. With each package having a \$400-\$500 minimum value the winners are sure to be pleased. Tickets will be available at the club table during the convention and you don't need to be present to win.

I hope to see everyone at the South Point !!!!!!!!!.

Doug "Cigarman" Smith LM-3209-147 Proud President of the CC>CC

A new beginning...

This is my first effort in editing your magazine. There is a bit of a learning curve for me in using the program to create this magazine. I hope you like what I am able to put together for you. I would like to thank Todd and Steve for helping me get started. A big thanks goes out to a fellow editor up here in Ontario, Henry Nienhuis who uses this same program to create the The CN Journal for the Royal Canadian Numismatic Society. We were able to get together to go over the inner workings of InDesign and everytime I was stuck I was able to call him for help.

A bit about me, I am currently President of the Ontario Numismatic Association in Ontario Canada. I am Past President of the Waterloo Coin Society. I am a member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, Brantford Numismatic Society, the Silver Strikers Club and this club.

I have been show chairman for the 2012, 2013, 2015 O.N.A. Conventions. I am also an administrator for the Chip Guide for the last couple of years. My wife and I love to travel to the Las Vegas area and try to get there once a year. We just participated in our first ever Silver Strike Slot Tournament this past January!

I welcome any comments or concerns that you may have with this issue. Please feel free to email me at this email editor2@ccgtcc.com with those comments. If you have any articles that you would like to have put in the next issue or any future issues, send them on to Steve and I. My next issue will be the winter issue.

Unfortunately I will not be at this years convention, living in Canada makes it a bit more costly to travel to the US and as I mentioned earlier, I have already had my one trip to Vegas earlier this year. We will see what next year brings.

Robb McPherson R-8583 Co-Editor CC>CC

New Members

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Lantz	Megan	OR	Bend	Club Web site	R	8682
Scatamacchia	Patrice		France	Sheldon Smith	R	8683
Harmon	Tony	CA	San Diego	Club Web Site	R	8684
Fremont St.	Duke of	NV	Las Vegas	Sheldon Smith	R	8685
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Kyte	RC		Canada	Club Web site	R	8687
Dwight	Timothy	HI	Lihue	Club Web site	R	8688
Lu	Egan	NV	Las Vegas	Archie Black	R	8689
Garrison	Kathy	NV	Las Vegas	Club Website	R	8690
Elliott	Jim	TX	Nacogdoches	Club Web site	R	8691
Talbot	Raymond J.	ΑZ	El Mirage	Club Web site	R	8692
Hauptman	Dennis	CO	Broomfield	Club Web site	R	8693
Appleton	Carol	WI	Appleton	Club Web site	R	8694
Previti	Sam	NY	Medford	Club Web Site	R	8695
Cherpock	John	NY	Syosset	Mitch Heller	R	8696
Mint, Inc	Nevada	NV	Las Vegas	Rich Burgel	R	8697
McCarthy	John	FL	Naples	Club Website	R	8698
Schmidt	Stefan J.	ОН	Powell	Jim Steffner	R	8699
Krysiak	Daniel	MD	Baltimore	Jill Bitner	R	8700
Gielen	John	WA	Vancouver	Club Web Site	R	8701
Turner	Charlie	KY	Louisville	Club Website	R	8702
Wood	James H.	ΑZ	Phoenix	Club Web site	R	8703
Wolf	Michael	ΑZ	Dewey	Sheldon Smith	R	8704
Wolf	Sandra	ΑZ	Dewey	Sheldon Smith	R	8705
Baird	Monica	ΑZ	Peoria	Sheldon Smith	R	8706
Jenkins	John	ΑZ	Prescott	Sheldon Smith	R	8707
Chase	Ronald	NV	Pahrump	Club Web site	R	8708
Woods	Kelly	NV	Pahrump	Club Web site	R	8708-A
Valterza	Laurence	CA	Sacramento	Club Web site	R	8709
Pait	David	SC	Simpsonville	Club Web site	R	8710
Atiyeh	Bret A.	TN	Jasper	Club Web site	R	8711

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Of Literary Note

by the Club Librarian P.O. Box 122 Sartell, MN 56377

While this month's listing is short as far as size goes, the amount of items donated and more importantly, the hole that it helps fill is NOT!

Mark Gereb donated the following items:

Silver Strike Newsletter - Issues: 18 – 26; 28 – 72 Coast to Coast Magazines – Issues: 14 – 121

> Various chips and gaming tokens for sale from States and Countries. Call for information 1-913-897-2684 and ask for Quentin

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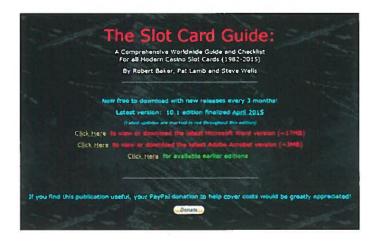
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KNAPP ON BOOKS

Michael Knapp

This is the 31st installment of "Knapp on Books."

If you're an author, let me know by sending me an e-mail at ChipProf@aol.com to arrange for a review copy of your book. For readers of the column, if there are books you'd like to see reviewed in this column, please also drop me a note and I'll be glad to try to accommodate your request. As with all reviews, this column contains my opinions.



THE SLOT CARD GUIDE (2015) by Robert Baker, Pat Lamb and Steve Wells

This is not the first electronic publication I've reviewed here, but it is the latest. For collectors of slot cards, this online guide is an incredible resource. Although it's free, author Robert Baker asks users to make donations as they see fit, so the guide can continue to be maintained and expanded.

Originally published by Steve Wells and maintained by Pat Lamb for many years, Baker took over support for the guide in 2010 after Pat retired from collecting, publishing his first edition in 2011.

The Guide now contains more than 17,400 cards, and the last complete update was finished in April, 2015. Robert plans to update every three months, so a new edition should be due soon.

The Guide consists of listings of slot cards, not room cards or other forms of plastic collectibles.

The Guide is available in two formats: Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat. Those who do not have IBMcompatible computers will find the Acrobat format viewable.

Each card listing includes the major colors, a brief description with possible notes to expand on the basic details, information on any manufacturer mark, an estimated rarity and valuation plus the corresponding 6-digit CG# from when the card was added on the ChipGuide website.

While descriptions are text, the CG numbers are hotlinks (in the Word version only) so that by clicking the number, the reader is taken directly to the ChipGuide illustration for the card.

Changes and additions in each release throughout the year are in different colors so they are easily identified. The latest changes and additions are shown in red on the website, and at the time of the next edition, these markers will revert to black type, with only the newest shown in red.

A detailed Introduction describes methodology and inclusiveness, along with a "how to use" guide.

All US casinos are listed alphabetically by casino name within each state, with all casino types combined. As an example, the entry for South Point Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas lists 11 different slot cards, while the

Riviera lists 52 different cards. In most cases, numbers indicate the order in which the cards were issued. Values are determined by rarity, and the Riviera cards range from virtually no value for the most common, to \$50 for the rarest cards. South Point cards are listed at near no value to about \$1 each.





According to Robert, this is one of the rarest known cards in his guide.

Local Casino Collectibles Clubs

Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club; http://gaming-chips.com/; Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 5 meetings a year on Sunday's in AC; \$10.00 annual dues.

Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club; ikcarkop@comcast.net; Riverboat Rick Pokracki; various locations in the tri-state area.

Dallas Chip Club; txbel711@aol.com; Belinda Hixon; various contact for next meeting

Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club: Jerry Leonardo 561-445-4007 6646 110th Place Sebastian FI 32958: jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net; Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr

Houston Chip Club; Houston Chip Club on Facebook; Frank Chalfant; 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM

Michigan Chip Club; albertscalzo@gmail.com; Al Scalzo; 7229 Flamingo St. Clay, MI 48001; Elks Lodge #810, 2100 Scott Lake Rd, Waterford MI

Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club; Todd Dingley, sandpointe@sbcglobal.net, 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together!

NY Metro Chip Club; qualpete@aol.com; Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.

Slot Card & Room Keys; Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573

Southern California Collectibles Club; georged@mindspring.com; George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM

Southern Nevada Collectibles Club; http://snccc.weebly.com/; Rich Klabacha; 1616 Gleneagles Court Boulder City, NV 89005-3653; monthly meetings; membership dues \$12.00

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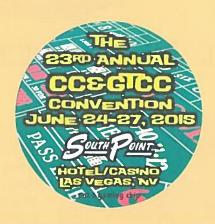
2015 CONVENTION CHIPS





The octagon chip is included in the pre-registration kits. Hopefully you have ordered your kit!!!





This is the commemorative chip for this years convention. It will be available during the Showroom Hours of the Convention at the Club Promotional Items booths (Tables # 21 & 22), right inside the front door of the Showroom. Post-convention, available items may be ordered via the Merchandise Order Form located on the Club website, www.ccgtcc. com.

2015 CONVENTION MEDALLION



Medallion sets include one (1) numbered silver and one (1) unnumbered bronze medallion and are \$60 per set. A single bronze medallion is \$10. There are only a limited number of medallion sets available.

All silver medallions will be used

All silver medallions will be used in combination with a bronze medallion in a set. Some members have already reserved a set and Roy Nelson will hold sets for pick-up at the Convention. For those not attending the Convention, medallion sets may be obtained by making arrangements with Roy.

2015 Convention Volunteer Banquet Speaker



My birth name: Ronald Lloyd Wall

Trademarked name: The Duke Of Fremont Street

Born: 12/08/1950

Where: Cape Girardeau, Missouri, On the banks of the mighty

Mississippi River!

Bi-lines The Adventure Continues, Las Vegas Treasure Hunter Education: BA in English Literature, UMSL, University of Missouri,

St. Louis

Since childhood I always had a passion for collectables, coins and toy soldiers, in particular. Upon graduation from the university I started my company Ron Wall Miniatures and created military miniatures for over 25 years. While doing this I was also an entertainer playing drums for lounge groups 6 to 7 nights a week for over a decade. In addition to these pursuits I played poker frequently up and down the Mississippi River as a Mississippi

Riverboat gambler. All during this period I dabbled in treasure hunting, metal detecting and adventure travel. I've trekked across the globe and gravitated to the remotest most unexplored regions of the planet in South America, Africa and Papua New Guinea. My adventures and travels have given me a better perspective of the world we live in and made me appreciate my beloved Las Vegas even more. What's left on my bucket list? I'm currently writing an autobiography and am actively pursuing philanthropy. I am dedicated to preserving artifacts and treasures especially those that reflect the heritage, culture and history of our society.

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.ccgtcc.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.

Mentoring Program Director, Terry Shaffer R-5645 terryshaffer@hotmail.com

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS



By Archie A. Black HLM-001/ANA Club Rep

Reprinted from "The Numismatist" 2006



Casino Night: Friday, April 7, 7-9:30 p.m., Renaissance Waverly Hotel Ballroom. An exciting evening of gaming and play awaits you, featuring commemorative scrip, special casino chips and tokens, music, food and a variety of casino table games — just steps away from the bourse. The evening ends in a special auction for holders of chips and scrip. Cash in your evening's winnings for valuable and fun prizes. Pre-registration: \$25.

.After March 20, \$30

The paper casino certificates and chips illustrated below were used at an ANA casino night event during the April, 2006 National Money Show in Atlanta, Georgia





































The Member's Corner **BRIAN CASHMAN LM-1121-157**

By Jerry Vergatos LM 8093-241

Welcome club members to this edition of Member's Corner. In this edition, I am featuring Brian Cashman, AKA Mr. Splashbar. I chose Brian because I was curious about him. I had seen posts in the chip guide and articles about his Splashy Awards and the Splashbar Event. I was intrigued by who this person was and what he was all about. I contacted him and he agreed to be my next victim and I'm so glad he did. Very often, when a new member joins, he feels uncomfortable as they don't know anyone. This resonates with me as well as Brian when we both joined. As you will see in the article, that feeling can be resolved by any club member willing to take that first step in welcoming new members. Brian is



an excellent example of doing just that. Enough said, I present to you, Brian Cashman "Mr. Splashbar!"

Jerry: Hi Brian, please explain how you got the nickname, "Mr. Splashbar?"

Brian: It all started at the Riviera Hotel. Their main show was "SPLASH" and the bar outside, on the casino floor was named the "SPLASH BAR". I had attended a convention after being a member for a few years and was really upset that no one would take the time to speak with a new member. I attended the next year and things were the same until a real nice guy (Jim Kruse) introduced himself to me. He asked how I liked the convention and I said not very much as the members I saw were very stand-offish. Well he took me down to the SPLASHBAR and introduced me to the members at the bar and all of a sudden you would have thought I was their best friend. After that, I decided that no one should have to go through what I went through and made it a point to pull over anyone with a CCGTCC badge and introduce myself, talk with them for a while, and then introduce them to every member I could find at the SPLASHBAR. That is how "MR SPLASHBAR" came about. Jerry: What do you like the most about the club?

Brian: The friends that I have made and kept over the years. Our members are a special group.



Jerry: What type of casino memorabilia do you collect?

Brian: Chips only, from Las Vegas and mainly downtown

Jerry: Tell us a little about yourself, personal life, wife, kids, grandkids, etc. Where do you live, career?

Brian: Born in 1944 and brought up in a section of Boston called Roslindale. After high school, I joined the Army. After the Army, It was while working as a laborer digging ditches that I noticed a guy wearing a white hard hat and watching us work, while he stood there. That is when I decided I had to go to school. After a few years in school, I became that guy in the hard hat. I ended up being a civil engineer for the Massachusetts Water Authority for 38 years until retirement 4 years ago. Met my beautiful wife in 1974 and we were married in 1975 (40th anniversary in March). We have two daughters and they have given us three beautiful granddaughters. We moved to the small town of Walpole, MA about 25 miles south of Boston 18 years ago. I have been retired over 4 years and loving it. We go to Florida and Aruba every spring for vacation.

Jerry: Ok, Brian. Here's your chance to clown around! Give me your top reasons why everyone should be at

the next Splashbar Event.

Brian: The next Splashbar event is the annual "SPLASHY AWARDS." This is where the members honor someone who has done something for the club. It started as a real fun event 10 years ago the year after SPLASHBAR #1. We decided to honor one who had something that was real fun by having a crazy ceremony at the SPLASHBAR. After a while it included members that have done something beneficial for the club as well those who have a sense of humor. The ceremony takes place the Friday afternoon of the convention at the lounge by the restaurants at approximately 5pm. Besides having a real good time, it is a great place to meet members! (Just go up and introduce yourself).

Jerry: What drove you to join our club?

Brian: In 1993, I was a small time collector and saw the club being mentioned on-line and thought, there are more weirdo's like me in this world? I just had to join and is ONE OF THE BEST MOVES I HAVE EVER MADE.

Jerry: If you had to change anything in the club, what would you do? What would you like to see in the future concerning our club?

Brian: I am not sure that there is anything I would change as, (except for the chronic complainers), it is running as good as can be expected. I, like most would love to see an increase in younger members. How to get them to join I really don't know.

Jerry: Do you have any advice for new members?

Brian: Yes, a whole lot. Try to decide what you want to collect and work at that. You can branch out later if you decide to. Do not buy everything you see. Use the Chip Rack for a guide to Nevada chips and the Casino Chip Guide for other locations. Also one of the greatest resources you will have is The Chip Board. You can find information on just about any chip in the world on it. Also, just be honest with your transactions and you will find that your collecting will go along much smoother. Last thing: make friends with other members and you will have friends for life.

Jerry: Tell us something about yourself that nobody knows. (Now keep it clean!)

Brian: Not much to tell, I am what you see, and grew up like any other city kid.

Jerry: Give us your final parting words.

Brian: Jerry thanks for granting me this interview. I think it is a good thing and an important part of the club history, for members to get to know the other members of the club. Please, keep this going.

Jerry's Final Words: I wish to thank Brian for this interview. I caught him just before he was leaving for Aruba. While I don't know him personally right now, I know that will be remedied on Friday afternoon, June 26 at the convention (Location is at the bar adjacent to the restaurants.) I plan on being at the Splashbar Event to personally greet him and would especially invite new members to stop by and say hello. I'm sure you will find him very

If you would like to reach him, his email is: mr splashbar@verizon.net

2015 Convention Educational Seminar Speakers



Thursday June 25, 2015 - 8:00Am - Sonoma A "History of Burt Company and Chip Manufacturing"

Howard became associated with gaming collectibles in 1967 as the curator of Harvey's Resort Hotel's collections of gaming checks and gaming tokens. In 1967 he had the distinction of being one of the few people who had visited and entered all of the state of Nevada's licensed casinos while collecting gaming checks and tokens for Harvey's owner, Harvey Gross. Over the years, Harvey's chip collection grew to more than 27,000 chips and tokens. As curator of the collection, Howard was responsible for cataloging the collection. To assist in this job, Howard contacted the gaming manufacturers that Harvey's did business with and also others that supplied other casinos. In 1983, Howard was asked to provide a

detailed catalog of the collection - this project required research into the various methods of gaming chip production and the identification of the gaming check molds of the various manufacturers and distributors. This research led to the publication in 1985 to Harvey's Guide to Collecting Gaming Checks and Chips. This publication was one of the first collector's guides in the hobby. In 1995, Howard & Kregg wrote A Collectors Guide to Nevada Gaming Checks & Chips published by Whitman. Over the next fifteen years, Howard's interests expanded into other areas of gaming history including dice, cards, Silver Strikes and table games. In the late 1990's, Howard was able to visit and research some of the original companies that have supplied gaming in the early part of the 20th century including Mason & Co., Taylor & Co., Hunt & Co. in Chicago. Howard also researched the operations of Paul-son, Bud Jones and other local Nevada gaming manufacturers. Some of the results of this research has been made public over the years in the more than 35 auction catalogs that Howard and his wife Kregg produced for Gaming Archaeology as well as more than 10 books on gaming collectibles. Howard and his wife continue to research and catalog gaming collectibles.

In 2007 Howard established the American Gaming Archives at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno. Nevada. The Archives collections are focused on the history of American gaming (Caribbean included) as it developed from its earliest days in the United States. Because American style gaming was also introduced into the Caribbean the mid 1950's, this geographical area is also part of the AGA area of interest. Howard serves as the coordinafor of the Archives and is presently cataloging its extensive holding of gaming records and artifacts and continues to research the history of American gaming. Howard, Kregg and their daughter Marce (who collects WWE chips) live in Minden Nevada with their two dogs and four cats.



Thursday June 25, 2015 - 3:00Pm - Sonoma A "Duties of the Nevada Gaming Commission's Enforcement

Special Agent Phillip Pedote started with the Nevada Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division in 1999 after receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa. He was a Field Training Officer for over six years and supervised a field service squad for over a year. He then served four years in the Intelligence Analysis Unit. Special Agent Pedote has instructed other law enforcement agencies as well as casino and security personnel on cheating detection, gaming law, and protecting the games in the United States and internationally. Special Agent Pedote is currently the Staff Officer to the Chief and serves as the Enforcement Division Training Coordinator.

Friday June 26, 2015 - 8:00Am - Sonoma A "Illegal Chips".

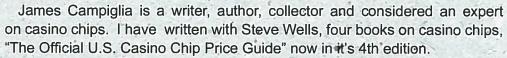
Ed has been a member of the CC>CC for 18 years. His love of history and chip collecting eventually collided on a trip to Galveston, Texas, with its long history of unlicensed gaming, and opened his eyes to the world of "Illegals". Since that time, Ed has spent considerable time and energy researching illegal clubs from all over the country. Like so many others, his passion for chip collecting has expanded into matchbooks, postcards, tokens, gambling devices and anything else associated with illegal clubs.

Ed wrote the Illegal Chip Price Guide, last updated in 2005, and is in the process of deciding on the future format for a comprehensive guide. He has published articles in the CCTN related to illegal gambling and is a presence online.

Ed lives in Houston with his very patient and understanding wife and can be reached at edhertel@hotmail.com.



Friday June 26, 2015 - 3:00Pm - Sonoma A Experiences of a Collector, Dealer and Author"



For nearly 30 years now I have collected gaming memorablia and have had an interest in the history of the casinos in Nevada. The early days of collecting also peeked my interest into the history and chips from other locations run by the mafia who later came to run Las Vegas.

I traveled around Nevada on many trips and to and from Reno to find the long forgotten chips and memorabilia. I took many fun trips with friends and family. So many of these casinos and little clubs are gone forever now. The discovery of chips never before seen by collectors was my big thrill. Meeting the old casino owners is something that can not be done today.

Wheeling and dealing came natural and to build great collections you need two things; tons of money or a way to keep upgrading until you have the best! I have always strived to find the best condition chips possible and compare any chips I get to make sure they're not an upgrade. I bet a million chips have passed through my hands.

Becoming friends with and dealing with the original chip collectors and learning all I could about Nevada history and chips led me to write articles for Gaming Times and Chip Forum magazines and later to author books. Learning the history first along with saving pictures and postcards put these old Vegas clubs into perspective. I was then wanting something more solid from the casino's. I began collecting dice and then traded those for a friends chip collection. I didn't stop there I was buying tokens, ashtrays (once having over 1400), paper memorabilia, just about everything!

Each day life is a treasure hunt. The unknowing keeps me going!



MUSINGS from the MoGH By Charles Kaplan - Co-Chairman

Museum of Gaming History

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For those members (new and established) that may not be aware of what the MoGH is all about, the mission of the Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) is to preserve collections, artifacts and archives for the purpose of educating the public through exhibitions, programs and information. For more details, please visit the MoGH website at http://themogh.org.

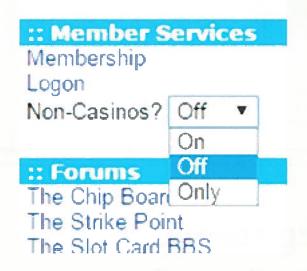
Changes at the MoGH

Since the last issue of Casino Collectibles News, Mike Quinlivan – Chairman of the MoGH, Neal Silverman – Exhibit Coordinator, and Jim Kruse – Board Member, have retired from the board of the MoGH. Running the MoGH is no small feat. It takes someone with vision, leadership, and the ability to understand what needs to be done and how to get it done. Mike Quinlivan is one of the few among us that has those talents and is also willing to volunteer them to hobby. I appreciate what Mike has done to carry the vision of the MoGH forward. Under Mike's watch the MoGH came to life with exhibits at the Mob Museum and the El Cortez. Neal Silverman was the driving force in making these exhibits a reality. Neal took care of: Determining the content of the exhibits; Arranging loans of the items from collectors; and then how we were to display them. And then there was the difficult part, negotiating the agreements with our hosts. Without Neal's tireless dedication, these exhibits would not have happened. Jim Kruse was an original member of the Building Fund committee which eventually became the MoGH. The vision of the Building Fund was to take chipping from an annual 3 day event to a place that was open all year long. I thank all our retiring board members for everything that they have done for us.

Meetings will be held during the convention this year to determine our future direction. For now it will be as we are with the MoGH website and exhibits. The exhibits planned for the Neon Museum and the Las Vegas Club are on hold for now. And for time being, Doug Smith and I will the acting Co-chairmen of the MoGH.

The Chipquide

The 146,000th item was recently added to the ChipGuide. We currently have a sizeable backlog of items submitted to the ChipGuide waiting to be processed. It is a busy time of year and many of the ChipGuide Administrators are spending most of their time on family and business activities. If you are interested in helping the ChipGuide as an administrator, please contact Webmaster Albert Scalzo, albert@themogh.org.



The ChipGuide has chips that were issued by organizations that are not casinos. They are called Non-Casinos, examples are: Fraternal Organizations, Golf Clubs, Dealer Schools, Bars, Harley Davidson Dealers and the Military, just to name a few. Some collectors want to see non-casinos on the ChipGuide and some don't. The ChipGuide has a feature that controls how non-casinos are shown. The dropdown field on the left has 3 settings: ON - show noncasinos; OFF – don't show non-casinos; and ONLY - only show non-casinos.

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Visit the Museum of Gaming History at www.themogh.org.

The on-line museum has many great features including "This Week in Gaming History",
On line videos, plus, 1000's of photos and scans are being loaded.

Visit the Greg Susong Digital Media Center!

at the Museum of Gaming History

The Greg Susong Digital Media Center is dedicated to Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club Hall of Fame member Greg Susong. Greg is one of those who brought the Internet to chip and token collecting. His website, The ChipGuide, was one of the first sites devoted entirely to chip and token collecting, and serves as a tremendous resource for collectors throughout the world. His work has been kindly donated to the Museum and will be continued to be updated at the Museum of Gaming History.

Visit it today at museumofgaminghistory.org

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our eBay user ID. take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have purchased casino memorabilia from us.



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June 24-27, 2015



9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV 89183

Main Show Floor Times: Thursday, June 25th, 10:30am - 6:00pm Friday, June 26th, 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, June 27th, 10:00am - 4:00pm No admission charge on Saturday!

- Open to the public -



Admission to show floor available with valid photo ID. \$10.00 on Thursday, \$5.00 on Friday and Free Saturday. Admission for all children 18 and younger is FREE any day when accompanied by an adult. Check in at the CC>CC Registration Desk prior to entry.







This year's Convention theme is "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!" And, ROLL, they will when you come and join us June 24 – 27, 2015 for our 23rd Annual CC>CC Convention. Some things to look forward to include:

- *scores of dealer tables (filled to the brim with daming memorabilia)
- *club merchandise (check out the new items ordered this year);
- *educational seminars (with interesting topics for all);
- *gaming tournaments (where you can "pit your skills" against fellow members);
- *a (plated, sit-down, delicious) Banquet with a most interesting speaker and a 50/50 raffle;
- *both a silent and live Auction (with items to tempt and tease);
- *exhibits and awards:
- *multiple MEMBER-ONLY trade sessions; and,
- *maybe best of all -- the camaraderie of getting together with fellow gaming collectible enthusiasts to trade memorabilia, stories and friendship.

Once again, the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa, located at 9777 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV, will be our host hotel. As those of you who have been here before know, the South Point property is a beautiful hotel with an easy-access show floor, an extraordinary casino floor with lots of good slots and table games, several reasonably priced restaurants, a pool, a wonderful spa, 64 lanes of bowling, a 16 screen movie complex, a fitness center, a barber shop, a gift shop and a state-of-the art equestrian center for when you need a break from the excitement of the convention! Also, the South Point operates a free shuttle to the Town Center Mall and provides a nominal-fee shuttle to various Strip locations.

From the South Point, you will be a short ride from several world-class indoor and outdoor shopping venues, a large outlet mall, an antique mall and, of course, the Fabulous Strip! There are many great attractions in Las Vegas, including the High Roller at the LINQ between the Ling Hotel/Casino and the Flamingo; the newly-opened shopping Bazaar at Bally's; The Mob Museum and the Slotzilla Zip Line. Also, there are many newly-opened restaurants, bars and several restored neon signs that the Neon Museum has installed -- all located downtown on Fremont Street.

While you're here in Las Vegas, you should also make time to see the excellent gaming exhibits provided by our Museum of Gaming History at the El Cortez Casino and within The Mob Museum. These exhibits contain all sorts of historical memorabilia on-loan from many of our members. The exhibit at the El Cortez is located opposite the Players' Club desk and there is no charge for the opportunity to see an impressive collection of items from the old Jackie Gaughan properties.



2015 CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday - June 24, 2015

9:00 am - Pre-Registration and banquet ticket pick-up only

Dealers and Members

9:00 am - Dealer set-up begins - Grand Ballroom

Dealer credentials required for entry

9:30 am to 4:00 pm - Member trade session - Napa A - no sales

Registration badge required for entry

12 Noon - Blackjack Tournament - Casino floor

4:00 pm - Member trade session closes; Pre-Registration and Banquet ticket pick-up closes

5:00 pm - Dealer set-up closes.

5:00 pm - Cocktail hour - Sonoma A and B

6:00 pm - Early bird banquet - Sonoma A and B

Guest speaker – Robert "Bob" Miller, longest serving Governor of Nevada (1989-1999); former Clark County District Attorney; currently serves on the Board of Directors of Wynn Resorts and International Game Technology (IGT); author of "Son of a Gambling Man."

Ticketed event - advance purchase only

8:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session - Napa A - no sales Registration badge required for entry

Thursday - June 25, 2015

7:00 am - Dealer set-up continues - Grand Ballroom

Dealer credentials required for entry

8:00 am - Educational seminar - Sonoma A (see page 20)

"History of the Burt Company and Chip Manufacturing"
Presented by Howdy Herz

9:00 am - Registration opens

9:30 am - Early admission for pre-registered members - Grand Ballroom

10:30 am - Opening ceremonies - 2015 show begins - Grand Ballroom

3:00 pm - Educational seminar - Sonoma A (see page20)

"Duties of the Nevada Gaming Commission's Enforcement Division"

Presented by Special Agent Phillip Pedote

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

7:00 pm - Show floor secured

7:00 pm - Bruce Landau Memorial Auction - Sonoma A

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session - Napa A - no sales

Registration badge required for entry

Friday - June 26, 2015

8:00 am - Dealers with credentials may enter showroom

Dealer credentials required for entry

8:00 am - Educational seminar - Sonoma A (see page 21)

"Illegal Chips"

Presented by Ed Hertel

9:30 am - Registration opens

10:00 am - Show floor opens - Grand Ballroom

11:00 am - Hall of Fame Committee meeting - Napa A

12 noon - OTY Awards - Grand Ballroom

12 noon - Ladies' Luncheon - Reserved Area in the South Point Buffet

2:00 pm - Florida Collectors Club meeting - Napa A

3:00 pm - Educational seminar - Sonoma A (see page 21)

"Experiences of a Collector, Dealer and Author"

Presented by James Campiglia

5:00 pm - Show in recess until 10:00 am Saturday

6:00 pm - Show floor secured

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session - Napa A - no sales

Registration badge required for entry

6:00 pm - Poker Challenge - Poker room - Casino floor

Saturday - June 27, 2015

8:00 am - Dealers with credentials may enter showroom

8:00 am - Clubs Presidents Meeting - Napa A

9:00 am - Annual CC>CC Business meeting - Sonoma A

9:30 am - Registration opens

10:00 am - Show floor opens - Grand Ballroom

12:00 noon - "People's Choice Awards" - Exhibit area - Grand Ballroom

4:00 pm - 2015 show closes — See you next year!

6:00 pm - All dealers must vacate show floor

7:00 pm - Volunteer Reception - Sonoma A

Guest speaker - The Duke of Fremont Street

by Invitation only

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm "Last Dance" Member trade session - Napa A - no sales Registration badge required for entry

Times and locations are subject to change. Visit the club table for up to date details

SHOW ENTRANCE FEES:

Thursday June 25th: \$10 for General Admission (\$20 for those who pre-register by May 20, 2015).

Pre-registration provides the following benefits:

*1 hour early admission on Thursday, June 25th;

*A \$2.50 Scrip Octagon Chip;

*A Raffle ticket for the \$25 Scrip Plaque;

*A Coupon for EITHER: \$10 worth of any Club merchandise dated 2013 and earlier;

OR, \$5 off any purchase of \$25 or more at the Club table; and,

*Other items as available.

Friday June 26th: \$5 for General Admission

Saturday June 27th: FREE ADMISSION

Admission for all children aged 18 and younger is FREE every day but children must be accompanied by a paying adult. For children aged 12 and under, a special "Junior Collector" packet (without casino-related items) will be available. However, you must list their ages on the Pre-Registration form.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

The South Point Hotel sells out most weekends at \$120 plus per night, but the Club secured favorable room rates of just \$66 per night Sunday through Thursday and \$99 per night for Friday and Saturday. Each room comes with a 42" flat screen LED TV, Point Plush mattresses, and room Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi is included in your room fee and the resort fee is waived WHEN you register under our room block (a savings of \$14.00 per night).

If you are coming to Las Vegas early or staying over after the convention, our room block runs from Thursday, June 19th through Sunday, June 28th. So... make those reservations! Call the toll free reservation number at 866-791-7626 and use the Club's special booking code of "CAS0619." If you'd rather book on-line, go to the Club website (www.ccatcc. com) and select the link on the left hand side that says "2015 Hotel Booking."

These room nights are extremely important to keep our facility costs down, and they help with negotiations for convention space in future years. Support your Club, stay in a great room, get your resort fee waived and have easy access to all events that our convention and the South Point have to offer!



PRE-REGISTRATION and REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP:

Each person must pick up his or her own packet using a photo ID with address. No packets will be mailed to nonattendees. NEW THIS YEAR: Children under age 18 will not be charged for show entry when accompanied by a paying adult; therefore, pre-registration for them is not required. However, please provide the ages of children 12 and under on your Pre-Registration Form so that our Youth Program Directors, Debbie and Dave Harber, can have a special Junior Collector packet made available for them.

Pre-Registration packets can be picked up at the Registration desk on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM ONLY, and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be multiple lines, separated alphabetically to help make the process fast and smooth. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker and blackjack confirmations (if participating), a \$2.50 octagon Scrip chip (snapper), and the special coupons and giveaways identified above. Remember - if you are attending the Trade Sessions or Banquet on Wednesday, you must pick up your registration packet before Registration closes at 4 pm that day!

We extend a special "thank you" to George Dmitrevsky, our Pre-Registration Chairman, for all of his work getting the Pre-Registration packets put together and keeping all the badges, lists and sign-ups straight! George has been an invaluable help and he is a "fountain" of institutional knowledge!

Another person who deserves special thanks is Brenda Black. She, along with her capable volunteers at our warm and welcoming Registration desk, always provide excellent service. Whether it's by quickly providing the Pre-Registration and Dealer packets or getting our General Admission attendees signed in and on their way to our treasure-laden Showroom Floor, or answering questions and giving directions, Brenda and her crew are outstanding!

EARLY-BIRD COCKTAIL HOUR and BANQUET:

The Club's Early-Bird Banquet is scheduled to begin with a Cocktail Hour at 5 pm and a Sit-Down Dinner at 6 pm Wednesday evening, June 24th. NEW THIS YEAR: Non-members may attend the Banquet, IF accompanied AND paid for by a paid member. NO tickets will be available at the door. Business casual dress is appropriate.

THIS YEAR, we will have a 50/50 Raffle with tickets sold starting at 5 pm, during the cocktail hour prior to the Banquet. These tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Many thanks to Dollie and John Ramsey for handling this fund-raiser for the Club!

We are very pleased to announce that, thanks to Jim Kruse, Robert "Bob" Miller will be our 2015 Banquet speaker. Mr. Miller is the longest-serving Governor of Nevada, a former Clark County District Attorney and, currently, a Director on the Board of Directors for both Wynn Resorts and International Game Technology. Mr. Miller is also the author of a 2013 book, "Son of a Gambling Man." Jim Kruse really "outdid" himself this year and we thank him for once again securing a brilliant speaker for what should be another great Banquet!



EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS:

Jim Kruse, is also our new Educational Director and he has scheduled some great seminars this year - two on Thursday and two on Friday at 8 am and 3 pm each day. We hope that you will be able to attend some, if not all, of these seminars as they fulfill the educational purpose of our Club in a most interesting, fun and personal way!

On Thursday, June 25th, Howdy Herz will start us out at 8 am with a "History of the Burt Company and Chip Manufacturing." This seminar will be over in plenty of time for those who pre-registered to get their EARLY admission to the Showroom Floor. At 3 pm, Special Agent Phillip Pedote of the Nevada Gaming Commission will speak to us regarding the "Duties of the Enforcement Division."

On Friday, June 26th, at 8 am, Ed Hertel will discuss "Illegal Chips." This seminar will be over in time to allow for a cup of coffee or a quick breakfast prior to the opening of the Showroom Floor at 10 am. At 3 pm, James Campiglia will discuss his experiences as a collector, dealer and author.

We thank Jim and his Seminar Speakers for their time and efforts in providing us all with the opportunity to expand our knowledge of this "hobby" we so much enjoy!

"OTY"

Jim Follis, "OTY" Chairman will announce the winners of the four (4) "OTY" Award categories on the Showroom Floor at 12 noon on Friday, June 26th.

EXHIBITS and the "PEOPLES" CHOICE AWARDS":

Personalized exhibits are one of the highlights of the Convention and all members are encouraged to enter an exhibit. The exhibits that members display show their collecting specialties and interests, and can either be competitive (i.e., eligible for a trophy) or non-competitive.

Please contact Jim Follis, Exhibit Chairman at exhibits@ccqtcc.com to enter. The Club will provide display cases for your exhibit at no cost. Past exhibits have included chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, belt buckles, dice, money clips, casino and/or hotel history, security badges, vintage casino dinner and glassware, and much more. Be sure to vote for your favorite exhibit.

Members can start voting for their favorite EXHIBIT as soon as the Showroom Floor opens on Thursday, June 25th. Voting will continue until Saturday, June 27th. Jim Follis, Exhibit Chairman, will announce the winners of the "PEOPLES" CHOICE AWARDS" on the Showroom Floor at 12 noon on Saturday, June 27th. These Exhibits are always a big "draw" as members always enjoy seeing what their fellow members collect!

BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION:

This year's auction will be held on Thursday evening, June 25th at 7:00 PM, and should again prove to be a memorable part of the Convention. This Auction is the Club's largest fundraiser! And, whether you place your bid in person or online, your bidding helps the Club. The Auction offers a great selection of affordable pieces along with rare items. You may not even know you want/need something until you see it!

Auction Chairs David Spragg and Jay Sands have put together an excellent list of lots that can be viewed on the show floor prior to the opening gavel drop by our entertaining auctioneer, Tyrus Mulkey. Included in the lots will be some lower and medium priced items as well as those much-sought-after rare finds. Stop by the Auction Table on the show floor on Thursday to view the auction lots. Please remember – although the Live Auction starts at 7 pm on Thursday, June 25th, the Silent Auction closes Thursday afternoon!

David Spragg has made the auction catalog available on-line at the Club website and absentee bidding is available. Besides bidding on-line, bidders can also leave bids on the boards at the Auction Table. This is a real boon for those who can't attend the Auction in person! If you want a printed version, you can pick one up at the Auction Table on Thursday, June 25th.

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT AND POKER CHALLENGE:

Our table game tournaments will once again be held at our host hotel. The 12th Annual Blackjack Tournament will be on Wednesday, June 24th starting at 12 noon, and the 17th Annual Poker Challenge will be on Friday, June 26th starting at 6 pm. You can get all the details on these tournaments elsewhere in this magazine.

Because of Gaming Regulations, NO on-line payments for the tournaments can be accepted. Payment for tournaments MUST be made by check and mailed in with your registration form. However, for the Poker Challenge, members can also sign up at the convention, on a space-available, first-come/ first-served basis.

The cost for each of the tournaments remains the same as last year: \$70.00 for the Blackjack Tournament and \$90.00 for the Poker Challenge. NEW THIS YEAR: the South Point has agreed to increase the initial "stake" for all Poker Challenge participants from 3,000 in NCV chips to 5,000 in NCV chips! ALSO NEW THIS YEAR: Re-entries WILL be allowed for the Poker Challenge at \$90 per re-entry.



A special set of commemorative chips will be available for purchase at the Club Merchandise Table starting on Thursday morning, June 25th when the show opens, or from Jerry Vergatos, Tournament Director, at the Tournaments, or from Roy Nelson, Promotions Director, through the mail after the Convention.

MEMBER-ONLY TRADE SESSIONS:

We have several Member-Only trade sessions planned throughout the four days. Be sure to check the signage and your convention program for times and locations. Please keep in mind that selling is not permitted during trading sessions and those who sell rather than trade will be asked to leave the trade sessions. Make sure to wear your convention badge, as it is a requirement for all attendees. YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE WEDNESDAY TRADE SESSION, WHICH WILL OPEN AT 9:30AM.

On Saturday, June 27th, the "Last Dance" Trade Session will be held, starting at 7 pm and goes until 11 pm. This will be your last chance after the showroom floor closes to trade for that last chip, token, silver strike, room key or slot card for your collection.

LADIES' LUNCHEON:

Marion Engel is coordinating the Ladies' Luncheon on Friday, June 26th at 12 noon in the South Point Buffet. There is no formal "pay-in-advance" structure and everyone will pay for their own Buffet. Please email Marion at tinymom@ atlanticbb.net if you'll be attending so that she can make sure our reserved space can accommodate all who wish to attend. Nothing like a little "break" to keep the enthusiasm up!



VOLUNTEERS:

Many thanks to Belinda Hixon for coordinating everyone's volunteer efforts! Her's is a monumental effort as it takes more than a "village" to get our Convention up and running - it takes a whole CLUB! Volunteers are critical to making our Convention possible!

It's not too late to sign up to spend a few hours helping out with set-up and (especially) tear-down, the Auction, the promotions table, the membership table and the Museum of Gaming History table and other areas where a smiling face and a helping hand are more than welcome! Contact Belinda at TXBel711@aol.com to volunteer a bit of time to our Club. You may also leave a message for Belinda at 817/494-3808.

Volunteering not only helps the Club but is a very good way to meet new people and make new friends. Volunteering for even a few hours makes a BIG difference. Plus, as a volunteer, you are invited to the Saturday night, June 27th, Volunteer-ONLY Reception starting at 7 pm. We are very pleased to announce that this year's Reception speaker will be the Duke of Fremont Street, a collector of casino items and all things silver and a well-known Las Vegas local.

REMINDERS:

- Make sure to get your hotel registration at the South Point in the Club's block number (CAS0619);
- Sign up to volunteer a few hours;
- Plan your days to attend the Banquet, the Tournaments, trade sessions, seminars, the Auction, and the Annual **Business Meeting:**
- Be sure to check the Convention Program and signage at the show for the latest up-to-date times and locations for all events:
- If you have specific questions, please stop by the Club Table right inside the show floor's entrance door. You can also check the Club site, www.CCGTCC.com.

COME, join us at this year's 23rd annual CC>CC Convention and "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!" We are very much looking forward to seeing you all this year!

Sheldon and Christine Smith (2015 Convention Co-Chairs)



2015 CONVENTION PIN



A commemorative pin has been made for this years convention. The above picture shows a large blow up of the pin and a small actual size picture.

The pins will be for sale during the Showroom Hours of the Convention at the Club Promotional Items booths (Tables # 21 & 22), right inside the front door of the Showroom. Post-convention, available items may be ordered via the Merchandise Order Form located on the Club website, www.ccgtcc.com.

Williston North Dakota

Ranmtown USA

By John K. Kallman

Perhaps this is what San Francisco looked like during the gold rush of 1849. Of course, with more than 150 plus years of "modern' advances", some things were of course quite different. However, many things were quite the same. There were more people than places to put them; insufficient infrastructure, especially roads; and of course, a lack of able body dependable workers to fill all of the iobs.

Having been to most, but not all, the charities casinos in the eastern half of the state; roughly a line drawn from Bismarck to Devils Lake, and from the Canadian Border to the South Dakota Border, it was time to work father west. An unexpected, but most welcome email from Ford Jenson inviting me to go on a chip run while his wife was visiting her grand children was a good enough excuses as any to get out of the house and hit the road!

With his wife's airplane leaving early Wednesday morning from the Fargo Airport; I drove up late Tuesday afternoon. After mapping our plans and departure times for the next day, it was of course time to have a pre-chip chip run to some of the Minnesota casinos.

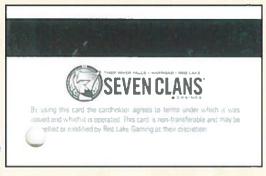
A stop at the Palace Casino, Cass Lake; resulted in a new 50c chip. A similar 50c chip was also on the tables at White Oak Casino in Deer Lake. These two chips match the earlier reported one from Northern Lights Casino, located in Walker. In so much as all 3 casinos are owned and operated by the same Native American tripe, it should come as no surprise that all 3 chips are similar in design and mold.



Another stop was at Seven Clans, Warroad revealed yet another new 50c chip and a new slot card as well!







While we got home a little later than planned, it seemed well worth the effort given how little "new" items are issued for Minnesota. Up far too early the next day, we managed to arrive at the airport on time. After making sure that all was well, we then decided upon were to head next, with our first stop being Bismarck to check to see if anything was new there since my visit about a year ago and lunch. While my source at the Convention and Visitor's Center was out when we arrived, after lunch we checked on some possible new places, deciding to call ahead instead of driving to each location. And that turned out to be a good thing as we saved both time and gasoline as none of the places had black jack; only pull tabs.

Our next stop was Minot North Dakota. After securing a place to hang our hat for the evening, and before heading out to supper, we called the suspect places to both make sure that they had gaming tables and that they would be open upon arrival. Needless to say, we did not have the best of luck. Sometimes, with only a single table and no other players, it was very difficult to "pocket" chips while playing. And then at the next bar you could not get a seat and when asking if I could only purchase chips, the answer was usually no. I did manage to take notes (when allowed), and came away with a fair number of chips be the end of the night – but it was a struggle! Almost every charity had paddle wheel tables, but none of them were open and the cases were covered so it was impossible to figure out the chips in the rack.

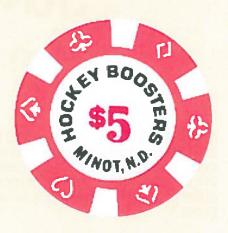
Minot Hockey Boosters had a mixture of chips on the table, from Bud Jones Coin Inserts; Bud Jones Center Inlay; Diamond Hot Stamp; and Chipco knock offs. New to my collection were the following items:



50c - Diamond



\$2 - Coin Center



\$5 - Center Inlay

Chipco knock offs with at least one re-order as the denominations are in different font sizes. There is also a \$25 Green chip with 6 White inserts similar to the chips below.









Paddle wheel chips were on the table, but I had no luck in even getting any information.





Minot Junior Golf was next on the list of places to visit. There had been at least two racks issued for this charity, the first one known to me being hot stamp in Hat & Cane mold and the second in Bud Jones suit pip mold, also hot stamped. In both cases, the charities initials (MJG) were on the obverse with the denomination on the reverse. While functional, they were not very artistic. The newest rack was quite the treat; depicting a small mouse holding the flagstaff from a hole with the pennant reading "Wee Links"!



A \$25 chip, Green, with 3 White Inserts, in a similar design was also on the table, and a paddle wheel table was also present but not open.

One of the more unusual charities is that for the Foundation for Orthodoxy. I have no idea as to what it supports or why. They have a single table at a single location in Minot, and only deal black jack. No pull tabs, no bar bingo – just black jack. And the lone employee is both the dealer as well as the cashier! And he appeared to be in no hurry to do much of anything. Unlike some dealers who pull the cards before you could count them, he was as slow as a drizzle on a lazy summer Sunday afternoon! All chips were hot stamped Hat & Cane.







Among the other charities dealing cards in Minot is the North Dakota Association for the Disabled. They are one of a number of charities that seem to have locations in many different cities across the state, and while I was not expecting anything new to be on the tables when I visited but I was pleasantly surprised to find both a new 50c chip on the table as well as a new rack of paddle wheel chips. As for the mold of this chip, well hopefully you can come up with a name.....



The paddle wheel chips have a similar logo along with the NDAD mimicker hot stamped front and back with 8 white suit pip molds in colors of Orange, Green, Pink, Purple, Black, White, Blue and

While there were other places that I would have like to visit, it was getting late and time to crash and burn for at least this evening.

Up too early the next morning, we had plenty of time to kill before hitting the road. One of the many problems in collecting chips from North Dakota is among other things, that it is at least a 3 hour trip from where I live to any place of size that has sufficient places to stop to make the trip worthwhile. However, once in state, the distance between most places is not all that great. That, and most if not all table games do not open until at least late afternoon or early evening, and in some cases only Friday and Saturday evenings for the smaller towns. While our next planned stop was to be Williston, we did not want to get there so early as the table games would not be open, nor so late that if the few hotels that are in the area were either full or beyond a price that we wanted to pay that we could not get to our next location at a reasonable time. Thus, we planned several stops before departing that morning.

The first was the "information center" (not very apply named as the staff on duty both the afternoon before as well as this morning did not have a single answer to any of our questions). However, located on the grounds were several historical buildings, including a Scandinavian Historical Park. The only outdoor museum in the world that features all five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Located in the heart of the Magic City, the Park includes a 240-yearold log house from Norway, a replica stabbur, 27-foot-tall Swedish Dala horse, the Gol Stave Church Museum, Finnish sauna, Danish windmill, statues, map plaza, picnic shelter, walking path, and gift shop. Of course, none of the buildings were open at the time, and the staff had no idea as to when they were opened. So we strolled around the grounds until they did open, and spent

some time exploring the buildings.

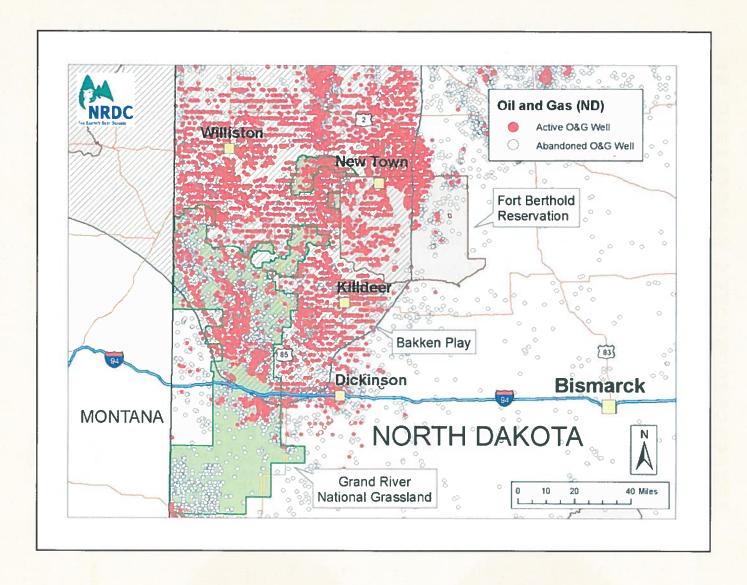
Our next stop was a "coin shop", or at least that is how it was billed both in the phone book and on its sign outside the shop. However, this was much more of a "junk shop", with the owner very un-costumer friendly, and much overpriced! In one of two books of tokens was a post World War II occupation military token from Japan, that book for \$5. His price was \$75! However, it does pay to look, and among the other items was an older Golden Nugget \$25 chip. But because it was both drilled as well as clipped, he had this priced at "only" face value - \$25! Needless to say, this item

soon found a new home!





While we stopped at several places billed as "antique shops", all were closed, so it was time to hit the road. While one hears and reads a lot about the "fracking" drilling taking place in this part of the country, the scope of the operations becomes very apparent the closer that you get to the epic center of the wells. Not only is the landscape mostly devoid of trees, or many signs of civilization, there are wells, both operating, abandoned, and in the process of being drilled. A map of the area shows more clearly the scope of the wells in and around this area of the county.



In addition to the wells, there is considerable amount of road construction ongoing to accommodate the increase in traffic. When we did finally reach Williston, it was the first time that I saw a mid afternoon traffic jam of mostly big rigs in the center of town. It was also evident that things like grocery stores, hotels and other buildings were going up all over the place. Out in the middle of nowhere, there were massive RV parks along with portable trailers, usually stacked 3 high, ten deep and several rows across that served as "housing" for the oil drill workers. And even these do not come cheap, as one of the trade magazines we picked up featured an advertisement for one of these structures. They come fully wired for both electricity and water, requiring only hookups. With a common areas, they also have 10 individual "rooms"; all for only \$100,000 each!

Upon arrival, we could not find any locations that had table games open – and those that were open have very noticeable security measures in places for those who had more money than time, and had not had either a drink or a companion for awhile. Not being able to find a hotel room at what we considered a reasonable rate, we soon departed for Dickerson.

However, at least one location was kind enough to at least let me survey the chips in the tray. Williston State College Foundation had chips: 50c - Yellow; \$1 White with four Blue inserts; \$5 in Green with 6 White inserts; and \$25 Green with 6 White inserts. The 50c chip had Williston / Foundation in two lines on the Obverse with the denomination on the Reverse, and this chip was H&C mold with the remaining chips in the rack were of the Icon mold. The other denominations had WSC Foundation along with the denomination on both sides.

Along the way, between here and there, we stop at the Watford Eagles. The tables, once again were not open and the bar tender was not quite as accommodating, but I did find out that there were at least chips from 50c to \$25 on the tables. But colors, molds and other important information was not forthcoming. Thankfully, the America Legion also located in Watford was for more helpful. Not only were the table games open, I was able to come away with a full rack of the chips on the tables!



With no place to stay, we were off to Dickerson for the evening. Thanks to my superior navigation skills, we wound up half way to Deadwood South Dakota before I realized that I have failed to make a turn! Needless to say, we arrived somewhat late at our intended destination.



Upon arrival, we quickly secured a sleeping place for the evening, and with a big supper at a Mexican Restaurant under our belts, it was time to go chip hunting.
Our first stop was at a local bar that had a single table for the Elks. The dealer was busy exchanging chips from his tip jar into higher denominations.





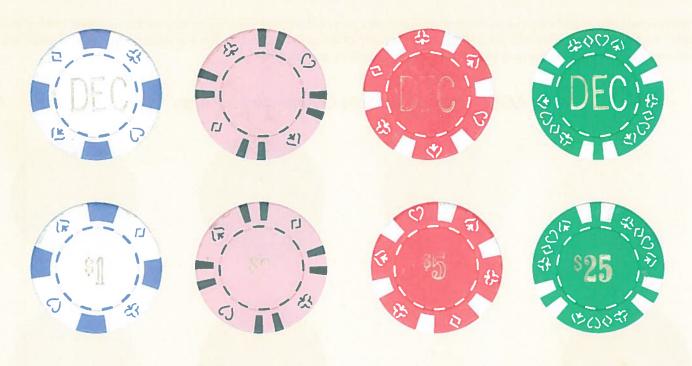
You could tell he was not in the best of moves as he told me not only to move away from the table but when I asked if I could buy chips; the answer was a very resounding NO! Not only that, when I then asked if I could take some notes, he was even more outspoken in his denial. But not to worry, about a half a block away, around a corner, was another bar with a table that had the change chips that was more than willing to sell same. Go figure!

Even more willing in not only selling chips, but digging through the rack so that I could come up with 2 sets of both varieties that were on the tables was Eagles Lodge.

Small Fonts



Large Fonts



Dickinson Youth Activities was our next stop, and while they were more than willing to sell us chips, this did NOT include the 50c chip, even with offers of an oversized gratuity! The 50c chip is of the same mold and design, but yellow in color with no inserts.



Paddlewheel chips were also in evidence, and while I was unable to get any during this stop, they were of Unicorn Mold, hot stamped DYAI in colors of White, Orange, Red, Pink, Green, Gray, Purple and Black.

Paddlewheel tables and chips were very prominent in this part of North Dakota, much more so then in other parts of the state. And while I was unable to get a single chip from any of these locations, the club's annual convention provided me with more than a handful not only the Williston area, but other areas as well!

AGG - American Gold Gymnastics - Fargo



ARC - Association for Retarded Citizens, Grand Forks



CAP - Citizen Assistance Program - Grand Forks



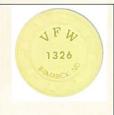
DYAI - Dickinson Youth Activities



LDC - Listen Development Center - Grand Forks



In all, not a bad haul, even if I had to wait a few weeks for the convention to acquire some of my new treasures. And with oil prices at a low point right now, hopes are that my next trip to Williston, not only will there be more rooms available, but also at a more reasonable price than my last visit!



Wanted! This and other North Dakota **Charity Casino Chips** John K. Kallman P.O. Box 122 Sartell MN 56377 LM:112-112 / cashcoinconnection@yahoo. com

End of an Era on the Strip



It all started April 20, 1955 as the first highrise and 9th resort on the Las Vegas strip.



The 2,075-room building and the 26 acres it sits on was sold to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority in February.

The publicly-funded tourism agency plans to tear down the casino-hotel where Liberace and Frank Sinatra were once headliners and expand the Las Vegas Convention Center to the Strip.

"The Riv" is among the few remaining hotel-casinos that got its start in Sin City's early mobled days.

The property has struggled in recent years as development around it went dormant, deterring walk-in traffic.

> For many of us, the era of classy Las Vegas glamour died on May 4, 2015. Farewell to the Riviera.

> > Nothing in Las Vegas will ever be the same.











What Can I Collect?



A plastic European marker and ceramic home set plaque

In each issue we shine the spotlight on a type of casino collectible. This time we look at tetragons - as known as rectangles and squares.

Do you want to augment your collection of circular casino chips? Looking for something to contrast the curves? Try TETRAGONS!

Tetragons, quadrangles or quadrilateral, are four-sided polygons, what most people call squares and rectangles. There are not as many tetragon chip options as circle chips but there are still enough four-sided chips to keep you searching.

Casino Plaques

I suspect many peoples' first exposure to casino plaques are the moves - most notably the James Bond series. Mr. Bond is sitting at a baccarat table, or a poker table in the later movies, with a stack of rectangular "chips" worth thousands of dollars. Very high on the cool level!

Very few Las Vegas casinos used plaques in the past: just the Sands and the high limit London Club in the Aladdin come to mind. And the only other US casino I can think of that issued plaques is the Hollywood Park Casino in Inglewood, California.

Lucky for us many non-US casinos use rectangular plaques, especially for higher denominations. Rectangular casino plaques exist from casinos in South American, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. You might even find a small number of square chips/plaques.

These plaques range in size from slightly larger than a typical circular casino chip to 2-3" by 3-6". Most of these plaques are made out of plastic though some are ceramic. They can be transparent, translucent or light blocking solid. And just like casino chips manufactures make sample plaques. Casino plaques can be fairly reasonable in price (under \$20) and like any other collectible an uncommon or rare plaque can cost 100s if not 1000s of dollars.

Older personal sets

Squares and rectangles have been used as chip shapes for hundreds of years.

Mother of Pearl chips/counters with carved images can be very beautiful pieces of art. Some wealthy families and individuals had personalized sets monogrammed with their initials, the family crest or an image. Many of these have found their way into the open market. Sometimes a fortunate collector can find an entire set or large quantity for sale.



A plastic chip from South America, a Mother of Pearl plaque and a cattle bone chip



Casinos Municipales Montevideo, Uruguay 120mm x 68mm

For the average person plastic and cattle bone chips were more common. Square and rectangle chips made from cattle bone can be readily found for sale in many different colors: green, blue, red, yellow, purple and orange seem to be the most common. If you do a quick search of eBay you can find several different offerings of rectangular bone chips for as little as \$1-2 each.

I am not aware of any ivory chips that are squares or rectangles but they could exist.

New home sets, personal chips and lammers

Today there at several different chip manufacturers that offer rectangular plaques from fake casinos, themes (western, Egyptian, zombies) or movie replicas (see James Bond above). These plaques are usually made of ceramic or plastic and cost between \$2-10 each. Plain, non-descript home sets with plaques can also be purchased. Personalized rectangle plaques can also be ordered from chip manufactures. I have seen a couple of different casinos using square and rectangular lammers. Just like person chips a savvy collector can find a couple of companies that sells tetragon lammers and most of them offer you the option to personalize them.

Don't be a square!

Tetragon chips will never overtake circular chips but they can be a great addition to any existing casino chip or memorabilia collection.

Got a Spotlight Idea?

Do you specialize in one area of casino memorabilia? Would you like to see a particular collectible in a future issue? Please let me know and I will work with you and make it happen!

> Erik Dauplaise R-8053 erik24@cox.net

Vegas to Reno and back in 2 Days

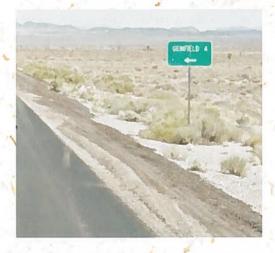
My wife Lisa and I had just finished our first Silver Strike Tournament at the Four Queens. We had a couple days left before flying home to Canada. We had rented a car for our stay in Nevada so on Monday January 26th we packed up and checked out of the Four Queens for our new adventure. I had checked on google maps prior to leaving and to see the best way to go. There is two main routes, one is taking the US95N or taking the US395N through the mountains. It was early so we decided to take the US95N route. Our plan was to be in Reno to stay at the Hyatt Hotel on the Monday Night but also to stop at as many casinos as possible along the way.

We took our time heading up US95 slowing to see Area 51 and Nellis Air Force Base along the way. We went through small towns like Indian Springs and Beatty.



Our next major stop was in the town of Goldfield. Goldfield is a very old historic mining town. We stopped at an old antique store that along the main street. The propetier had a bunch of rocks and minerals outside on a stand. We mentioned that we were travelling through on the way to Reno and wondered if there was any other antique stores. We also inquired while looking over her rocks and minerals if it was possible to just find them out in the desert. She mentioned there was another antique store just ahead before you leave town and to stop in there and

She mentioned that just up the road approx. 7 miles there would be a small sign that said Gemfield with an arrow pointing to the left with the number 4. Take that dirt road back about 4 miles in and there would be a big tree and a donation box on post there and that is where you can park. So needless to say off we go into the desert and found exactly what she had mentioned. We ended up spending more than a couple hours out in the desert searching for neat rocks. We found lots of Jasper and agate, my wife even found a small piece of turquroise!



Late in the afternoon we were back on the highway on the way to Tonopah with 30 to 40 lbs of rock in the car.

Tonopah, the half way point, was our next stop. When we rolled into town, the first casino we spotted was Tonopah Station Hotel & Casino. We pulled in to check out this casino. It is very old casino and had alot history in the lobby. They do not use the TITO electronic system so I as not able to get a TITO slip. It also did not have a slot reward system so no card was to be had here either. I was hoping not to have 3 strikes in getting something from this casino. I approached the cashier cage in hopes of obtaining some slot tokens as seen there was racks to hold them around the casino. I was in luck! The cashier had some of the slot tokens and was willing to sell them to me. We searched through what she had to get the best of the circulated tokens. She informed me that they are associated with the Banc Club which was on the other side of town and that the tokens from the Banc Club could be used at this location also thus saving us some time by not having to stop there. I was able to buy some of both tokens. Tonopah Station had table games when they opened in 2002 but they were removed years later. Due to time we didn't stop at the Mizpah Hotel in the center of town.







On the road again, we continued northwest on US95 passing through some small towns such as Mina, Luna, Hawthorne. Our next major stop was Fallon, Nevada. Fallon is at the crossroads of US50 & US95. US50 was our turn to head towards Reno. Fallon has approx. 11 casinos, It was around 8pm when we arrived in town so we picked 3 that we would stop at while passing through.



Our first casino stop was at Comstock Casino. A very small place with only 30+ machines. No reward card or tokens here but I was able to get the TITO slip and an ash tray for my collection.





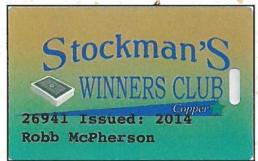




Next was Stockmans Casino, a much bigger casino with over 250+ machines and some poker and blackjack tables. Here I was able to obtain a couple slot tokens and their Winner's club reward card and not only that but I was able to obtain all 3 levels of cards for my collection. We stayed here for a little bit to play a couple machines so I was able to obtain my TITO slip.

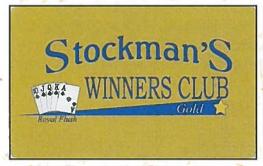














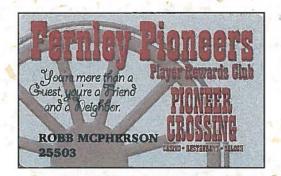


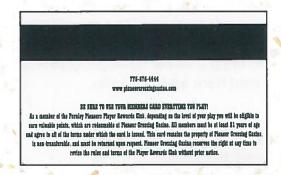
Our last stop in Fallon was at Churchhill Springs Casino. Another smaller casino with only 100 machines in it. It was a quaint place but interesting in that they had some of the old antique slot machines on display around the room. I was able to obtain my TITO here and we were on our way again to the next town.





The next town on the US50 to Reno was Fernley Nevada. We arrived in town around 10pm so we figured on stopping at just a couple casinos here. The first one we stopped at was Pioneer Crossing Casino, Hotel & Restaurant. There is only 200+ machines here. Here I was able to obtain the entry level rewards card only along with my TITO slip.





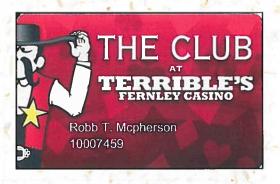




The final stop here was Terribles Casino. This casino had just opened in the last year in conjunction with a Flying J and a Denny's all attached. We used this stop for a late dinner at Denny's! While not a large place, they do have a rewards card that I was able to obtain along with my usual TI**T**€ slip.





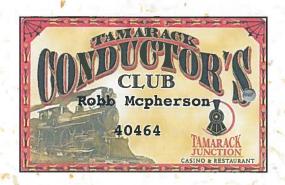


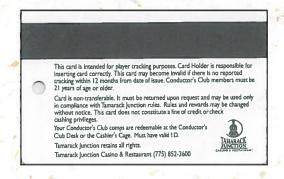


Our arrival into Reno late, at around midnight brought us to our overnight destination which was at the Hyatt Place hotel across from the Reno/Lake Tahoe International Airport. From our room we could see over the city and that there were many casinos in town but that would have to wait until tomorrow.

Tuesday January 27th was our first full day of this short trip. On our agenda was to try to stop at a couple of the main casinos in Reno then head to Carson City and Virginia City before making our way south back towards Vegas. Alot to do in a very short time period!

Our first stop was at Tamarack Junction Casino. I had another, secondary reason to stop at this casino. I was to meet a fellow collector to pick up my ebay purchases. I was able to obtain my usual rewards card here and TITO slip.



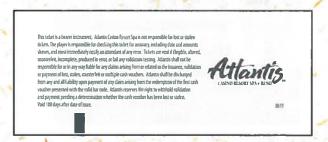






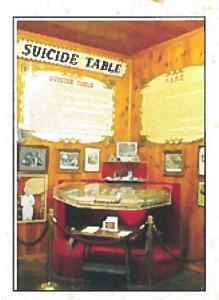
With lots of casinos to choose from in the Reno area, it was a tough choice as to where to go to next. One casino that stood out in size was the Atlantis Casino. We decided to make this the next stop. The tropical theme of this resort makes sets it apart from many of the casinos in the area. It was a resort that would be nice to come back and stay at in a future visit. Here I was able to get my rewards card and the manager was able to give me blank cards of all the higher level cards. No slot tokens were available here.





Seeing that it was already early afternoon and we had alot to see and a long way to go, we figured we better get on the highway and start heading south again. It didn't take long to get to Carson City as it is only a few miles away. We would have liked to stop at the old Carson City Mint but time was too short on this trip. Our intention was to head to Virginia City to make a stop at the Delta Saloon Casino. So as we passed a bunch of smaller casinos heading out to Virginia City, we figured we would catch some of them on the way back out.

Driving the twisty and hilly roads back into this old mining town was breathtaking. We saw that they were still mining in the area while driving in. They use an open pit mine now in this area to mine for gold. Arriving in this town, it felt like we were driving back into the mid 1800's. This Victorian era town looks almost like it did back then with all the old buildings and still even has the wooden boardwalk sidewalks. After finding a parking spot in the middle of town we just took in the awe of the scenery before we headed straight for the Delta Saloon Casino. The casino and bar looked like the saloons of the old days except for the newer slot machines. This casino is famous for the "Suicide Table", an old Faro Bank Table that was in play in the 1860's



We headed to the back of the casino near the Suicide Table display to find the only Silver Strike machine in the area that is still in use. As members of the Silver Strikers Club we just had to try this machine out! It was different then most of the silver strike machines we have played in that it is a 3 pay line instead of the normal single payline. We were pretty lucky here and were able to get one of each of the 3 clad strikes that are available.











Most shops were closed, but we did manage to find one that was open and found out alot of history from the shop keeper. We definately want to come back here and stay for a few days to check out the rest of the casinos and shops in the area.

It was now late in the afternoon and we headed back to Carson City to get on the highway to head south. We decided to make a couple quick stops at some of the small casinos we passed on the way in. The first stop was at a place called SlotWorld. The name describes the place well as that was basically all there was here. We signed up for our rewards card and once again I was able to obtain blank cards of the reward levels. I checked with cashier and was able to aguire the last couple slot tokens he had! We played for a few minutes and I obtained my TITO.









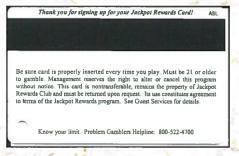


One more stop before heading south again was at Jackpot Crossing. Just a quick run in to get the rewards card and put a couple dollars in to get the TITO was all that was done at this place. On the way towards the door, I noticed they had their own ash trays too. I asked the bartender if I could take one since I collect them and he chuckled and go ahead.



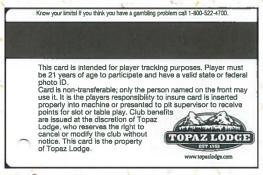






It was now almost 7pm and here we were still in Carson City! We needed to get moving back towards Vegas. I had figured on heading back on the US395 down through the Sierra Nevada mountains. Just after 8pm we arrived in Gardnerville Nevada and pulled into the Topaz Lodge and Casino. This was a nice small casino with a few slot machines and even a couple table games. We found the cashier who is also the same person who issues the rewards card and once again I was able to get all the levels of cards. We got to talking about collecting casino items and once I mentioned slot tokens, low and behold she says she had a bunch there behind the counter. Not only just the dollar ones too, she had some of the \$5 dollar ones from their 50th anniversary. These \$5 slot tokens had a hologram on the one side. We weren't done yet, next she says that someone had cashed in some older 50 Cent chips just the other day. I responded with "I will take them too" so I was able to get 3 of them.

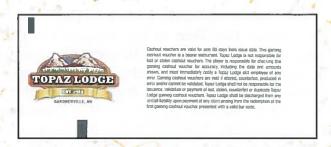








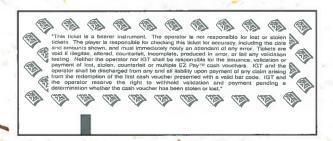




All this excitement was making us hungry so off to the restaurant they had for a hearty meal. While we were speaking with the waitress on our travel plans, another customer in the booth next to ours heard that we were planning on heading south on the US395. He then informed us that he had just come up that way driving truck and in the higher elevations it was snowing heavily so it might be better for us to head back over to the US 95 for the trip south especially since it was nighttime and we were not familiar with the area. So that is what we did, we drove till around 1am when arrived back in Tonopah. Here we quickly found a cheap motel to grab a few hours of sleep.

Its now Wednesday morning and we needed to be back at the Las Vegas airport for a 4pm flight. Right away we headed out and made it to Beatty for our next stop. Here we stopped at the Stagecoach Hotel and Casino which conviently had a Denny's for us to grab some food. Of course while we were here we would get what we could for collectables. No reward cards were used here but we were able to get a couple slot tokens and our TITO slip.









From here it was a mad dash for the McCarren Airport to drop of the rental car and make it for flight home. Needless to say we pulled into the rental car drop off at just after 2pm which allowed us to get over to the airport in plenty of time.

Alot of people mentioned when they heard we were going to Reno via US95 that it is a boring drive across the desert. A week of traveling from Vegas to Reno would be great! We managed in that short of time to hit all those casinos listed and pick up alot of stuff to add to our collection. The next trip to the Reno area will be a much longer trip so that we can hit all the casinos we didn't get to and see more sites that we missed.



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It Happened on Fremont Street Part II

A Short History of Downtown, Las Vegas

By Pam Goertler #R-3432

This is a continuation of Pam's updated article published previously in CCN. Most of the photos provided are from Pam's vast collection of Las Vegas memorabilia. I have found her collection to be amazing in depth and variety and I hope you do also.

15 Fremont Street (continued) Coin Castle Casino, 1970-1999:

After the Monte Carlo closed, non-gaming businesses, including Sam's Roast Beef and Denny's Restaurant, occupied the property until Don Petit opened the Coin Castle Casino on September 4, 1970. Blackjack was played at the Coin Castle until 1977, when Herb Pastor bought the club and removed the tables. On March 20, 1981 Herb Pastor hosted a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of legalized gambling in Nevada. The event recreated the essence of Las Vegas in the 1930's by parking antique cars on Fremont Street, and having a street band in period costumes playing music from the 1930s. Attendees included Harry Reid, Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission; Bob List, Nevada Governor; Burton Cohen, Chairman of the Southern Nevada Golden Anniversary of gaming Committee, and President of the Desert Inn and Country Club; Las Vegas Mayor Bill Briare; and Harold Stocker. Pastor stated "This establishment is truly a part of Nevada's history and we will continue to uphold the building's proud gaming heritage and reputation as a fair and square gambling hall on Fremont Street." He also stated that while the Northern Club had been allowed 2 slot machines the Coin Castle had 140 sleek chrome-and-mirrored slot machines

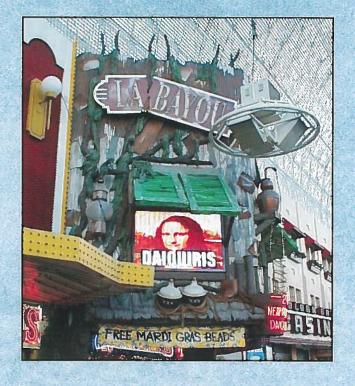


Harold Stocker, who still held the deed to the property that had been in his family for over 60 years, spoke a few words at the celebration. He commented that the building had served as a casino, a restaurant, and a doughnut shop, but that it always reverted back to its original destiny...a casino.

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

La Bayou, 1996-present

In 1996 the Coin Castle Casino was transformed into La Bayou, with a Louisiana swamp cabin theme. Though the name and the decor changed, there's still girls giving out beads and trying to get you into the casino to play. Other than the Golden Gate, this small joint is the only gambling left in this block, on this side of the street. The rest of the .block is souvenir stores



17 Fremont Street

Bank Club 1938-1945: According to researcher Harvey Fuller's Index of Nevada Casino Gaming Establishments, The Bank Club was open from 1938 until 1945, and was licensed for slots and 21. I've been unable to find any other information about this small casino. Pictures of the Bank Club are rare, but a few exist.



19 Fremont Street

Las Vegas Tavern: Listed in a 1945 business directory, the Las Vegas Tavern (or Las Vegas Bar) can be seen in many photos of early Las Vegas.



In 1929 John Kell Houssels Sr. moved from California to Las Vegas. He paid \$6000 for a one-third interest in the Smokehouse, a business located at 21-23 Fremont Street. Depending on where you're looking, the Smokehouse has been described as a "pool hall and saloon", "legal poker room and parlor", "downtown poker room" and "restaurant". The partners renamed the business The Las Vegas Club, and when gambling was legalized, they quickly remodeled to accommodate the new games.

The bill to legalize gambling in Las Vegas was passed in March of 1931. The Sheriff issued temporary licenses to several establishments on Fremont Street, including the Las Vegas Club, so they could be in operation while awaiting their permanent licenses. The minutes of the Clark County Licensing Board meeting from April 1, 1931 (attended by County Commissioners E.G McGriff, A.L. Jones, and E.F. Davison; District Attorney Harley A. Harmon; Sheriff and Board Chairman Joe Keats; and clerk William L. Scott) show that "the Board took under consideration all applications for gaming licenses which had previously been filed with the Sheriff of Clark County." The motion was made, seconded, and carried that owners A.T. Gilmore, J.W. Horden, and J.K. Houssels be granted a license for the Las Vegas Club. The license authorized the Club to operate two blackjack games, one roulette game, one craps game, one poker table, one pan game, two nickel slot machines, two dime slot machines, two quarter slot machines, and one hazard game. Having received their County license, they also had to be licensed by the City. In a similar meeting, the minutes from the Board of Commissioners of the City of Las Vegas (Mayor Hesse, Commissioners Thomas, German, Smith, and Hansell, the City Attorney, and the Clerk were present) from April 7, 1931 also show that in a 5-0 vote it was approved that a license be granted to the Las Vegas Club at 21-23 Fremont Street.

At that same meeting a discussion came up as to whether the Board should continue issuing gaming licenses, or whether there should be some regulations developed that would include zoning for casinos. Citizens A.W. Ham, C.C. Beggs, and E.F. Dupars, among others, were in favor of more licenses being issued. Citizens A.E. Cahlan, A.B. Witcher, Dr. W.S. Park, A.C. Delkin, Dr. Martin, E.A. Stinston, and P.A. Simone were among those who were in favor of a district being zoned for gambling, and a limit set on the number of licenses that could be issued. After a lengthy discussion, a resolution was developed that would prevent the current board from granting any more licenses "except to those places of business that held gambling licenses in the previous quarter". Thus, the only seven places, in the city of Las Vegas, that would continue to be licensed, until the zone and policies were established, were the Northern Club, Boulder Club, Las Vegas Club, Exchange Club, Rainbow Club, Big 4, and J.P. Boyer in the rear of the Arizona Club.



The resolution also prohibited new licenses from being considered, until a zone was established for gambling houses, and until a policy could be adopted by the Board that would govern the issuance of new licenses. The resolution passed in a 4-1 vote.

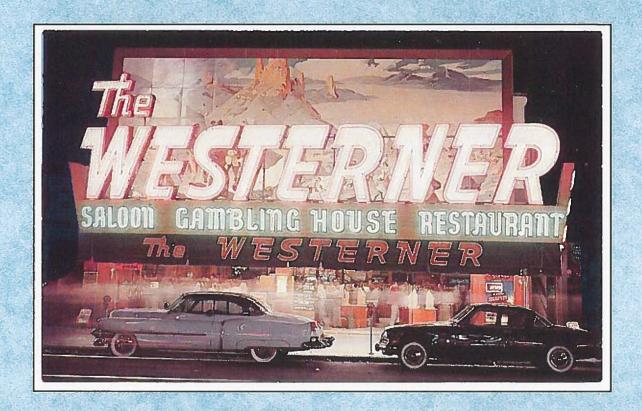
In addition to those listed above, reference materials list Mayme Stocker; Joe Morgan; Lester, Harold and Clarence Stocker; Art Shelling; Tutor Scherer; Michael Shapiro; Morris Klein; and Milton Prell as being part-owners of the Las Vegas Club, over the years.

In 1940, the Las Vegas Club claimed to be the largest club in the world's busiest little city. They offered roulette, 21, craps, racehorse keno, keno, faro bank, wheel of fortune, pan, poker, and direct wire to all major racetracks. In 1949 the Las Vegas Club, that was located on the south side of Fremont Street, closed. It reopened across the street at 18 Fremont Street, in the Overland Hotel building.









The Westerner, 1950-1960:

In 1946 Texas gambler Benny Binion rolled into Las Vegas. His Cadillac was filled with his wife-and five children, each of whom knew that there was a special suitcase in the trunk. Ten-year old Jack Binion couldn't even lift the suitcase, and he didn't know what was in it...but he knew that his older sister had been instructed "if the hotel catches fire, get that suitcase out". Eventually, of course, he learned that the suitcase was filled with cash. Years later Benny said that he didn't even remember how much cash he brought to Las Vegas, "but I made sure there was enough."

Early in 1947, Binion became partners with J. Kell Houssels Sr., in the Las Vegas Club. Binion and Houssels got along just fine. Unfortunately, Binion's philosophy on running a casino didn't sit well with most of the other casino owners in town. Binion knew that all gamblers are dreamers...and their fondest dream is that one day they will hit a hot streak and parlay a small stake into a fortune. To keep their dreams alive, Binion kept raising the betting limits. That forced other casinos to raise their betting limits...and that made the other owners nervous. As far as they were concerned, higher limits meant higher risks.

Binion sold his share in the Las Vegas Club when it moved to its new location. He took over the vacated property and, with Emelio Georgetti, operated it as The Westerner.

The partners weren't well acquainted before they went into business together, and an aura of distrust and disagreement surrounded the partnership. According to Georgetti's testimony in the Kefauver hearings, the two were in business together for 1 month and 10 days, then he went to San Francisco. A couple of weeks later, not knowing where Binion was, Georgetti went back to Las Vegas to try to run The Westerner. He testified that everyone was angry, that no one liked his decisions, and they all told him that when Binion returned he'd "...throw [Georgetti] out on his head."

Soon after that, Binion approached Georgetti with an offer to buy him out. While each partner was willing to buy the other out, neither was willing to accept the amount offered by the other. The decision was finally made by the flip of a coin...Georgetti won and bought out Binion.

Georgetti's problems persisted...there were frequent rumors about his involvement with the mob; he was cited for contempt of Congress, after initially refusing to testify at the Kefauver hearings; his pit boss, Robert Peccole, sued him for reneging on an agreement to give Peccole a 0.0916 percent interest in The Westerner; and on November 13, 1951, The Westerner cage was robbed for over \$21,000 by a man who presented himself as an electrician, there to make repairs in the boiler room which was next to the cage. Georgetti decided it was time for him to return to San Francisco, so he sold The Westerner to Italo Ghelfi and his partners. Just two years later Ghelfi sold The Westerner, and opened the Golden Gate Casino.

After a few more ownership changes, The Westerner closed in 1960.





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Club Bingo, 1962-1983:

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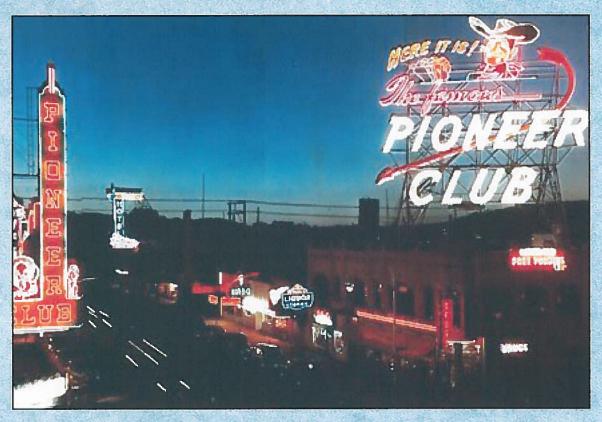
Side note: While doing a Google search, to see if there was more information available on Club Bingo, I stumbled across a comment that had been written, on a Las Vegas blog, in 2007. The writer commented that he lived in Las Vegas from 1949 through 1976. He stated that when he was in high school, his dad had owned Club Bingo. And that his dad was business partners with Jackie Gaughan from 1963 until his dad retired in January of 2007. His dad's name is Johnny Jones, and his parents still lived in Las Vegas when he wrote the note. The gentleman has been located and contacted, but has not responded as of yet. If we get a response...at least if he responds with cool stories, we'll pass the information on to you in the next issue.





25 Fremont Street Pioneer Club, 1942-1995:

The three-story building on the corner of First and Fremont was the home of the Beckley's Mens Wear store for several years. The store closed in 1941 and the building was soon leased to Californians Tutor Scherer, Farmer Page, Chuck Addison, and Bill Curland. In April of 1942 the partners, who had previously run illegal gambling clubs in California, opened The Pioneer Club in the Beckley Building. For several years the Pioneer was the largest casino downtown.

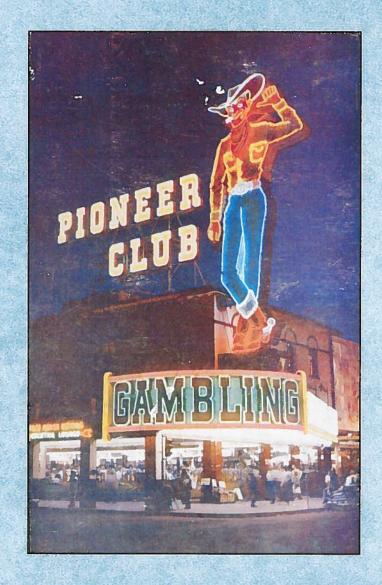








One of the best known symbols of Las Vegas, the tall neon cowboy known as "Vegas Vic", was mounted on the Pioneer Club in 1951. I'd love to tell you a story about the Pioneer Club, but I can't think of one! I played there, but all of my memories are just brief moments in time, like one photo from a roll of film. For example, the Pioneer was the only place I ever played Caribbean Stud and I remember getting \$75 for a full house (I considered that a huge win, at the time!) I remember getting something to eat from the Carl's Jr. in the back of the club, and it was awful! I remember searching for my boyfriend (now husband) one time, and I found him at a craps table on the sidewalk in front of the Pioneer. I remember playing the Sigma Derby there. I remember going to the Pioneer one time and noticing that they'd taken out a few banks of slot machines. In place of the machines, they'd put up a rail fence around some cases that were filled with old casino chips and matches and dice and other stuff like that. I remember wondering why anyone would want to look at that old junk, when they could be playing slot machines! The Pioneer Club closed in 1995, and the building now houses retail stores again. The cool thing is, Vegas Vic and the Pioneer Club signage are still on the building. (The club was also known as the New Pioneer 1956-1967, and the Famous Pioneer 1967-1983).



Special thanks to Alan Schuyler for all of the research in the newspaper archives, lots of new facts came to light!

My usual disclaimer: A lot of different websites, books, and reference materials were used to research this article. I've done my best to double check the facts, but there could still be some errors. Hope you enjoyed the article, we'll continue our journey down Fremont Street in the next issue...

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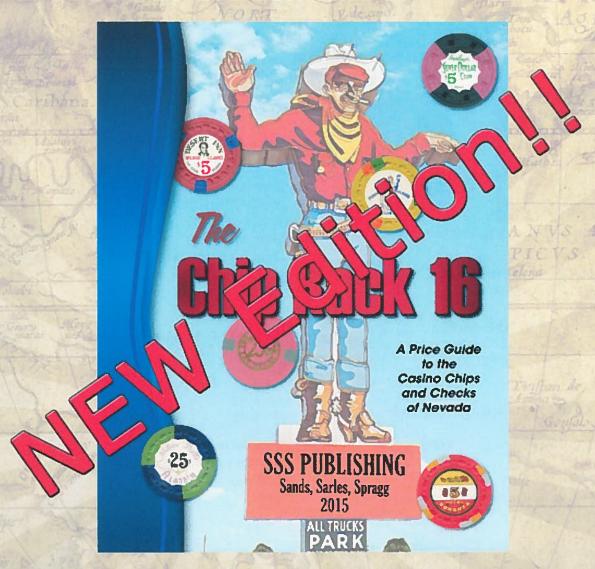
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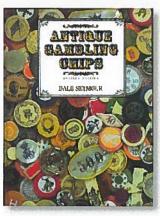
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For more club apparel check out the 'On-line Club Shop' on the website www.ccgtcc.com.

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



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.ccgtcc.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 \$260 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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