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OUR 1989 ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

For those of you who are new to the club, one of the benefits of our club's affiliation with the American Numismatic Association, is that our annual meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the A.N.A. annual convention which is held in a different major U.S. city each year.

This year's A.N.A. convention dates have been set for August 9-13, 1989 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center/Vista International Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I mention this now because many of our members have to select vacation time with their employer in advance, or re-arrange their busy business schedules in order to plan ahead if they wish to attend our club meeting. While our actual meeting date and time has not been submitted to the A.N.A. for confirmation as of this writing, I do plan to request Saturday, August 12, as the date for our 2nd Annual meeting. The A.N.A. will select an appropriate time, probably in the morning, and they will also assign a meeting room at the convention center for our club activity.

One of our most important club activities at this meeting will be the election of officers for 1989-90, following our annual report to the membership on the club's progress and future plans. I would encourage those of you who plan to attend, to bring some of your duplicate chips and tokens for an informal swap session immediately before or after our official meeting. Final details about date, time and meeting room location will be reported in the next issues of the newsletter.



GAMING TOKENS & CHIPS.....SUPER HOBBY COLLECTIBLE

By Donald E. Bestle CH# 010

Casino chips have been around for hundreds of years, but it was not till 1965 that gaming tokens for slot machines came into play. When the cartwheels or silver dollars in 1964 began selling at a premium, this left the Nevada casinos in a bad spot. Every time more silver dollars were brought out of their safes and put into play, they would quickly disappear. At last, through the Nevada Gaming Commission, the State of Nevada and the U.S. Treasury Department, casinos were allowed to issue their own private dollar, five dollar, and .50 cent tokens. The law was passed in August of 1965.

The gaming industry is very important to the State of Nevada. It is a major employer, it provides revenue for the State in the way of taxes, and of course it is a big tourism draw.

The Franklin Mint in Philadelphia made the first tokens issued in 1965 for Harrah's at Reno and Lake Tahoe. By the end of 1965 there were 27 casinos using the tokens manufactured by Franklin Mint, plus 12 additional casinos using tokens struck by other mints, like Michigan Tool. Some tokens were struck in copper and others in silver-clad and sterling silver. Tokens at six of the casinos in 1965 were undated..... Harrah's, Desert Inn, Stardust, Sands, Tropicana and Reno's Horseshoe Club. By 1966 there were 72 different dollar gaming tokens for 64 casinos in Nevada and eight gaming tokens manufactured for foreign casinos. In the 1965 Franklin Mint set, there were 27 tokens. They were made of Franklinium (cupro-nickel columbium alloy) developed by the Franklin Mint. The brass tokens were of Franklin nickel/brass. These tokens were struck in Proof and Proof-like.

The 1966 set were of the same material (Proof & Proof-like) with a total of 72 tokens. In 1967 the same metal was used except for the large \$5.00 tokens. They were struck in solid sterling silver. There are 36 different \$5.00 tokens, three \$2.00 tokens, twenty four \$1.00 tokens and thirty two of the .50 cent tokens. A complete set consists of 95 tokens. One of the \$5.00 silver tokens in the set is an error. A Harold's Club token (which is located in Reno) was struck with "Las Vegas" on the reverse. Replacement silver tokens were issued to correct this error. These sets were also struck in Proof and Proof-like sets. The 1968 set is also of the same metal composition, struck in Proof and Proof-like, with 48 different tokens making up the set. Again, in 1969, a set of 24 tokens issued in Proof and Proof-like were issued in the same metal. Beginning in 1970 to date, thousands of different tokens were made by about ten different mints for all of the casinos.

In 1967, the silver shortage claimed another victim....the sterling silver \$5.00 token. Now most casinos use \$5.00 tokens made of nickel. I know of one that has issued a \$10 token and many casinos have .999 fine silver \$25.00 tokens. Some even have \$100 tokens in .999 fine silver while others have used 24k gold on silver. It has been reported that there may be \$500 or \$1,000 tokens manufactured and put into play shortly.

The first slot machine was invented in 1896 (the same year as the earthquake) on Market Street in San Francisco, California, by Charles

zey, who devised the 3 reel "Liberty Bell" machine. Mr. Fey also issued .05 cent brass tokens with a hole in the center, similar to a washer, which had the name, "Chas Fey & Son" stamped on them. Other holed tokens had various vendors names struck on them. Interestingly, some slot machines paid out in gum, candy, mints and tokens for cigarettes.

Speaking of first's, The Northern Club (where Coin Castle now stands) held Las Vegas gambling license #1.....the first legalized gambling in the United States. The El Rancho Vegas was the first on the Vegas strip, operating from 1941 until 1960 when it burned to the ground.

On August 2, 1966 for \$25,000 Don Laughlin opened the first Casino/Motel on the Colorado River (now called Laughlin, Nevada) and turned it into a multi-million dollar empire. In 1978, Resorts International (formerly Mary Carter Paints) opened the first casino in Atlantic City and used the Ike Dollar before issuing its own privately manufactured slot token. Tokens were also used in slot machines on airplanes by Singapore Airlines on flights between Los Angeles and Singapore. Cruise ships also are big users of chips & tokens. And we can't leave out horse tracks and dog tracks as users of gaming tokens as well. In addition, metal pieces were being produced by private mints in Europe in the 14th through 19th centuries for use as tokens and game counters.

Perhaps at a later time in a future article, we can get into the manufacture of chips. There are many different kinds and compositions.. such as; bone, ivory, mother of pearl, clay, celluloid, paper, rubber, wood, plastic and porcelain counters. I have put out a new 85 page catalog listing Casino Chips & Slot Tokens and other casino collectables for sale for only \$2.00. We also buy collections or individual pieces and we're always ready to try and answer any questions you may have on this fascinating hobby.....DEB'S P.O. Box 6445 Burbank, CA 91505.

"WHAT'S HAPPENED TO TOKEN AND CHIP PRICES??"

By Don Bestle (DEB's)- CH #010

Well, like everything else, prices go up. I held them at the same price for ten years, but I had to give in!!! First of all, my prices on slot tokens are about the same on issues from 1965 thru 1969. The reason for this is the uncirculated slot tokens for those years are so hard to pick up anymore. And when we can get them, the prices are higher to us. That, along with holding them for a long time, and sometimes they never do sell.

We then have the high price of advertising, also printers bills for our catalogs and other printing costs which have gone up. Along with that, other prices have risen such as office bills, help, rent, postage, insurance, phone, electric, heat, & water. It's no longer what started out as a hobby, but is now a full time business. And the same thing is now applying to casino chips. Sometimes that can be worse than the tokens. It's so hard to buy collections of chips, and then only one of a kind. By the time you list them and print a new catalog, they are all gone!! I know there are those who think that a \$1.00 token or chip should only sell for about \$2.00. It just doesn't work that way. But DEB's is here to stay and we are not crying the blues. Just trying to explain it to our good customers. If any of you out there have any tokens or chips to sell.....please let us bid on them.

"THE BLUE BOOK"
A REVIEW BY HAROLD FLARTEY, N.L.G. (CH-017)

Let's start out by getting to the nitty-gritty! The "Blue Book of Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens" is a monumental work. This ponderous volume in loose-leaf form is mounted in a blue 3-ring binder with ten tabbed index pages marking the sections. Whatever your interest may be, Nevada, California, New Jersey or the world, there is no problem authenticating your collection. As time goes by and new casinos open and old establishments close or change chips or ownership, new pages will be issued. You may choose to update the entire catalog or just the section of your specialization.

Each section has numbered pages, for example, section 1a has 47 pages of listings for Las Vegas while section 2 has 32 pages of listings for Carson City, Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sparks and Virginia City. Section 3 has all the other listings for Nevada from Armargosa Valley to Yerington on 19 pages.

If your bag is Atlantic City chips, look over 10 pages in Section 4a, then go cross country for California Card Room chips in Section 4b. More diversity is in Sec. 4c which includes Cruise Ships and Gambling Ships.

Had enough? We're just warming up! Section 5 lists foreign chips (American Style) from Africa to Yugoslavia, from far-off places you only get to in the army. There's still more in Section 5b listing European Style foreign chips from Argentina and 14 other places around the globe.

The scope of the information is staggering! The "Blue Book" takes you from the early sawdust casinos of the 1800's to today's plush gaming rooms. The novice or the experienced collector can look up any entry and use the pages as a check list. Catalog numbers precede the listings, and each casino is listed alphabetically. Historic facts are listed for each casino and the date it started operations. All you need to know about each casino is shown in 15 columns. Being a resident of New Jersey for seven and a half decades, I looked up N.J. (Sec 4c pg.4) and found The Barn, run by mob boss Willie Moretti, opened in 1937 closed 1952. The Riviera, located on the New Jersey side of the George Washington Bridge, was another gaming operation run by Abner "Longie" Zwillman, the "Al Capone of New Jersey".

We could go on all day quoting chapter and verse, but that would spoil the fun. It will take a few hours to find your way around the weighty tome. Read the introduction, browse the index, look over the 68 pictured mould designs and list of manufacturers, study the 10 different inlays, then you will be ready to peruse the listings, a veritable encyclopedia of Casino Chips. Your personal copy will bear your name and registration number on the fly-leaf. You may use section 6 for new arrivals and up-dates. Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 are open and Blue Book Editor, Bill Borland, suggests that you use these sections for your personal collection and notes. Your input is solicited. The First Edition is \$50 for club members from World Wide Casino Exchange, P.O.Box 14827, Las Vegas Nevada 89114-4827. If you are a serious collector, go for it!

"LAS VEGAS Casino Chips"

X () CHIP #		DEN.	CASINOS	HISTORY and FACTS		OP	STAT	CL	M/D	COLOR	DES	CON	PRICE (
X ()	NC-1318	-----	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	("ORIGINAL" ROULETTE WHEEL CHIP)...(NUMBER 3)			10/42	CL	55	10	ORANGE HS	AU	\$5. ()
()		\$1.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/2-BLACK)-(PIC of a SHOWGIRL)-(OWNERS: BILL MOORE & R.E. GRIFFITH)			10/42	CL	55		BROWN CI/R		()
X ()	NC-1319	\$1.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(PIC OF SHOWGIRL)-(2nd HOTEL/CASINO on the LAS VEGAS STRIP)			10/42	CL	55	1	RED/GRAY CI/R	UNC	\$18. ()
X ()	NC-1320	\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	*(1N/3-BLACK)-(PIC of DANCING SHOW GIRL)-("RONALD REGAN" DID A NIGHT			10/42	CL	55	29	GOLD CI/R	UNC	\$18. ()
			*(Continued)	*CLUB ACT on STAGE HERE in FEB 1954 "NOTE" PICTURES OF THIS EVENT ARE									
			*(Continued)	*AVAILABLE FROM WORLD-WIDE CASINO EXCHANGE. INFORMATION on REQUEST)									
X ()	NC-1321	\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/3-GREEN)-(COVERED WAGON)-ORIGINALLY 91 CLUB OWNED by GUY MACAFEE)			10/42	CL	55	7	YELLOW CI/R	AU	\$18. ()
X ()	NC-1322	\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/3-RED)-(SILVER SLIPPER 1-side, L.F. WESTERN VILLAGE on the other)			10/42	CL	55	36	YELLOW CI/R	UNC	\$22. ()
X ()	NC-1323	\$25.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	*(1N/3-PURPLE)-(PIC. SHOW GIRL)-("ELVIS PRESLEY" MADE HIS LAS VEGAS			10/42	CL	55	29	GREEN CI/R	UNC	\$23. ()
			*(Continued)	*DEBUT HERE as OPENING ACT for Comedian "SHECKY GREENE" in 1956.									
			*(Continued)	*PRESLEY "BOMBED" HIS CONTRACT WAS CANCELLED. HE DID NOT PLAY VEGAS									
			*(Continued)	*AGAIN UNTIL HE STARRED AT THE "INTERNATIONAL HOTEL" YEARS LATER.)									
()		\$25.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/6-(3)BLACK-(3)PINK).....(OPENED OCT. 30, 1942 with 107 ROOMS)			10/42	CL	55	29	GREEN CI		()
X ()	NC-1324	\$25.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/3-GOLD)-(SILVER SLIPPER 1-side, L.F. WESTERN VILLAGE on other)			10/42	CL	55	36	PINK CI/R	UNC	\$25. ()
X ()	NC-1325	\$100.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	*(1N/3-BEIGE)-(PIC DANCING SHOWGIRL) "LIBERACE" MADE LAS VEGAS DEBUT			10/42	CL	55	29	BROWN CI/R	UNC	\$30. ()
			*(Continued)	*HERE (without) a CANDELABRA and Brother GEORGE PLAYING the VIOLIN.)									
X ()	NC-1326	\$100.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/3-GOLD)-(SILVER SLIPPER 1-side, L.F. WESTERN VILLAGE on other)			10/42	CL	55	36	GREEN CI/R	UNC	\$35. ()
X ()	NC-1327	\$100.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "LAST"	(1N/3-RED)-(PIC of a COVERED WAGON with a ROPE AROUND the center)			10/42	CL	55	7	GREEN CI/R	AU	\$30. ()
X ()	NC-1328	\$1.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	(FORMERLY THE LAST FRONTIER HOTEL)...(1942-1955)			55	CL	7/67	2	RED CI/S	UNC	\$8. ()
X ()	NC-1329	\$1.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	(FORMERLY THE LAST FRONTIER HOTEL)...(1942-1955)			55	CL	7/67	2	RED CI/S	AU	\$6. ()
X ()	NC-1330	\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	(1N/3-YELLOW)			55	CL	7/67	45	BLUE CI/R	AU	\$15. ()
X ()	NC-1331	\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	(1N/3-YELLOW)-(FORMERLY "THE 91 CLUB" and "LAST FRONTIER HOTEL")			55	CL	7/67	45	BLUE CI/R	CAN	\$12. ()
()		\$5.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	(1N/3-BLACK)			55	CL	7/67	25	GOLD CI/R		()
X ()	NC-1332	\$100.00	FRONTIER HOTEL "NEW"	*(1N/3-ORANGE)-("ORIGINAL CHIP")-(SINGER "MARIO LANZA" (Almost) MADE			55	CL	7/67	45	PURPLE CI/R	UNC	\$23. ()
			*(Continued)	*HIS LAS VEGAS DEBUT HERE. HE GOT DRUNK WITH HOLLYWOOD COLUMNIST									
()			FRONTIER TURF CLUB	*LOUELLA PARSONS ON OPENING NIGHT and NEVER SHOWED UP FOR THE SHOW)			43	CL					()
()		\$.50	GAMBLER'S HALL OF FAME	(ONLY THE NAME "GAMBLER'S" APPEARS on the chip)				CL	74	1	PINK HS		()
X ()	NC-1333	\$1.00	GAMBLER'S HALL OF FAME	(ONLY THE NAME "GAMBLER'S" APPEARS on the chip)				CL	74	1	BLUE HS	UNC	\$12. ()
()		\$5.00	GAMBLER'S HALL OF FAME	(ORIGINALLY LOCATED ON SITE WHERE Bob Stupak's "VEGAS WORLD" IS NOW)				CL	74	1	RED		()
()		\$5.00	GLITTER GULCH, Bob Stupak's	(1N/6-(3)PINK-(3)BLUE)-(NOW THE GOLDEN GOOSE on East FREMONT STREET)				CL		1	RED HS		()
X ()	NC-1334	\$.25	GOLD COAST HOTEL	(LOO & DEMONINATION in center)-(LOCATION: 4000 West FLAMINGO RD.)			12/86	DB	1		GRAY CI/R	UNC	\$3. ()
X ()	NC-1335	\$.25	GOLD COAST HOTEL	(DEMOMINATION ONLY in center-RED / NAME & LOCATION ON OUTER RIM)			12/86	CU	1		GRAY CI/R	UNC	\$2. ()
X ()	NC-1336	\$1.00	GOLD COAST HOTEL	(LOGO & DEMONINATION in center)-(LOCATION: 4000 West FLAMINGO RD.)			12/86	DB	1		GOLD CI/R	UNC	\$5. ()
X ()	NC-1337	\$1.00	GOLD COAST HOTEL	("\$1." ONLY in center IN RED / NAME & LOCATION ON OUTER RIM)			12/86	CU	3		GOLD CI/R	UNC	\$4. ()
()		\$5.00	GOLD COAST HOTEL	(1N/4-WHITE)-(THE PROPERTY WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED by HOWARD HUGHES)			12/86	CU	1		RED CI/R		()
()		\$5.00	GOLD COAST HOTEL	(1N/4-WHITE)-(THE PROPERTY WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED by HOWARD HUGHES)			12/86	CU	1		RED CI/R		()
()	NC-1338	\$5.00	GOLD COAST HOTEL				12/86	CU	1		RED CI/R	AU	\$8. ()

*EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS A FULL PAGE PAID AD BY BILL BORLAND

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would say that the significantly big news impacting upon our chip collecting membership is the long awaited release of Bill Borland's, "BLUE BOOK OF CASINO CHIPS AND TOKENS". For those of you who have not yet seen a copy (or for those of you who did not know such a book was in the works) I would strongly urge your consideration of purchasing a copy of this most significant research project. If you are a serious collector and if history and facts about where specific casinos were located, when they opened/closed, or what a particular casino or club was named previously, plus retail price guides for many well described chip issues, this book (over 200 "action" packed pages) is for you. Published elsewhere in this newsletter, is an unbiased book review critique of Mr. Borland's reference work by one of our prestigious club members, N.L.G. writer and award winning columnist, Harold Flartey of Wharton, NJ. Mr. Borland has offered a special discount price to all club members who have not yet ordered a copy. Please mention to Bill your club membership number when placing your order with him to take advantage of this "Special" \$45 price (include \$4.95 for postage and handling). This book normally retails for \$75.00. An actual sample page from The Official "Blue Book" of Casino Chips & Tokens is reprinted on the page opposite this report.

Membership continues to surge in our year old organization. I am pleased with the continued support of our advertisers and our contributors of articles submitted to be published in each quarter of the newsletter. Charles T. Rodgers (C.T. Coins) continues to be a top recruiter for new members into our club. Charlie has sent out dozens of membership applications with his price lists, or has supplied me with names of potential members. Many have responded and as a result are now current members of the club. We could use a few more Rodgers' out there. Charlie has appealed to you west coasters who attend the Long Beach coin shows to contact him for informal get togethers during the show.

Speaking of shows; on the east coast, the Atlantic City Antiques & Collectibles Show will be held March 16-18, 1989 at the Atlantic City Convention Hall. Touted as "the largest antiques & collectables show in North America", over 1200 dealers will have booths at this huge show. Club members, Dean Richmond and Jodi Sonnes of Reno, Nevada will be bringing lots of chips & tokens and casino memorabilia to sell at their Washoe Antiques booth in Atlantic City and they have invited any club members visiting the A.C. show to stop by and say hello.

Do YOU have a friend with whom you correspond who collects chips and/or tokens who is not a member of the club? Why not ask him/her to join? Or, send me the names and addressess and I'll forward a complimentary copy of the latest issue of our newsletter and a membership application to your potential member.

In other club matters, our annual club meeting is scheduled for Pittsburgh during August in conjunction with the national A.N.A. convention. I hope to see many of you there. More to follow in the next issue. Lastly, I hope that all of you will support the 1989/90 dues increase reported on elsewhere in the newsletter. I don't think that \$10 per year dues is an unreasonable amount to spend on what I hope is an very enjoyable aspect of only one of the benefits of membership in this unique club. I look upon it as an "investment" towards the future.



*Happy collecting,
Archie*

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1988 Dues Payments	\$705.00	
Pre-paid dues for 1989	\$ 15.00	
Auction Commission Income	\$ 21.60	
Advertising Income	\$456.90	
Wooden Nickel Income	18.50	
	<u>\$1217.00</u>	Total Income

DISBURSEMENTSEXPENSES SINCE CLUB ORGANIZED:

Blank Check Order	\$ 7.81	Shadow Lawn S & L
Membership Cards	\$ 19.61	A.D.I. Impressions
American Numismatic Association	\$ 36.00	Annual Dues
Commemorative Wooden Dollars	\$ 55.00	Elbee Company
Newsletter Mailings	\$419.16	Postage
Miscellaneous Mailings	<u>\$ 43.17</u>	Postage
	\$580.75	Total Expenses

CURRENT CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 15, 1988

\$636.25

Bruce Landau, Treasurer

MICHIGAN INDIAN CASINO CHIPS

By Janice O'Neal CH-008

UPPER PENNINSULA:

"TRIPLE 777 CLUB" Bay Mills, Michigan

As of 1988, this club is now known as Kewadin Bay Casino. It is under the same management as the Vegas Kewadin Casino at nearby Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The original set of chips at the Triple 777 Club are as follows:

AMERICAN \$1 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, yellow gold embossed.
AMERICAN \$2 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, black gold embossed.
AMERICAN \$5 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, blue gold embossed.



BMIC (BAY MILLS INDIAN COUNCIL)

CANADA \$1 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, color unknown, gold embossed.
CANADA \$2 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, color unknown, gold embossed.
CANADA \$5 rim, 4 sets of small card suits, gray, gold embossed.



All of the above chips were replaced by a new series of chips as illustrated below:

BAY MILLS BLACKJACK/AMERICAN

.50 light gray	Gold embossed.
.50 dark gray	Gold embossed.
\$1 dark yellow	Gold embossed.
\$5 dark red	Gold embossed.

*All the above chips have the new .50 Elephant & Crown mould.
(There was also a matching set marked "CANADIAN")

"KEWADIN BAY CASINO" Bay Mills, Michigan (1988)



(.50) Circle of diamonds rim. Pink, gold embossed Indian Head. Plain reverse.

\$1 UNITED STATES. Same as above except for green color.

\$5 UNITED STATES. Same as above except for



orange color.
 (.50) Blue, gold embossed "C" (for Canadian),
 4 sets of small card suits. Plain reverse.

\$1 circle of diamonds rim, yellow, gold embossed
 Obverse: "Kewadin Bay Casino" plus Indian Head.
 Reverse: "Canadian" and denomination.

\$5 Purple, same as above.

VEGAS KEWADIN CASINO ("Vegas Of The North") Saulte Ste. Marie

.50 AMERICAN: Circle of diamonds rim, brite
 orange, gold embossed. "Vegas
 Kewadin/ denomination/Sault
 Tribe on obverse, Soo, MI. on
 reverse.



\$1 AMERICAN: Rim 4 sets of small card suits.
 Red, gold embossed "U.S. \$1 SSM
 TC (Sault Ste. Marie Tribal
 Council) reverse.

\$2 AMERICAN: Rim 4 sets of diamonds. Brown,
 gold embossed. "U.S. \$2 SSM
 TC" reverse.

\$5 AMERICAN: Circle of diamonds. Gray, gold
 embossed. Vegas Kewadin
 SaultTribe,Vegas Kewadin Soo, MI
 reverse.



.50 CANADIAN: Circle of diamonds. Green, gold
 embossed. Vegas Kewadin amt
 Sault Tribe Vegas Kewadin Soo,
 MI reverse.

\$1 CANADIAN: Rim 4 sets of small card suits.
 Blue, gold embossed.
 Denomination. CAN reverse.

\$2 CANADIAN: Rim 4 sets of small card suits.
 Green, gold embossed.
 Denomination. CAN reverse.

\$5 CANADIAN: Circle of diamonds. Purple,
 gold embossed. Vegas Kewadin,
 denomination, Vegas Kewadin
 Soo, MI reverse.

The 1988 .50 American chip is pink with gold Indian head. Same
 chip as being used at Bay Mills.

"OJIBWA CASINO" U.S. 41 & M-38 Baraga, Michigan

Was originally known as "The Pines". The casino manager was transferred to a new casino at Watersmeet, Mi in January 1988. He took all of "The Pines" chips with him to the new casino where they were still in play as of May 1988. Ojibwa Casino got all new chips reading "KBIC" (Kewanee Bay Indian Council).

KBIC Casino is divided into two parts:

#1....bar-bowling alley, has only 5 blackjack tables that opens at 3:00 pm, using one set of chips: .50 pink, \$1 off-white, \$2 blue, \$5 orange, \$10 red. All are gold embossed "KBIC". Denomination is on reverse.

#2....main casino has 30 blackjack tables, 2 dice tables and one wheel of fortune. It opens at 6:00 p.m. each evening and uses a completely different set of chips as follows: .50 rim has four sets of small card suits. Purple, gold embossed. \$1 circle of diamonds rim. Yellow, gold embossed. \$5 circle of diamonds. Gray, gold embossed.

"L V D CASINO" Watersmeet, Michigan
(Lac Vieux Desert Casino)

As of May 1988 LVD was still using old chips from the original "Pines Casino" at Baraga, plus other miscellaneous chips.

- (.50) Mermaids rim. Blue, no markings.
- (.50) H&C mould. Blue, gold design in center.
- \$1 "THE PINES" Elephant & crown. Black, gold embossed.
- (\$1) H&C mould. Black, gold embossed "D.N. reverse, gold spur
- \$2 Elephant & crown. "THE PINES" Green, gold embossed.
- \$5 Elephant & crown "THE PINES" Red, gold embossed.

This casino also has 3 poker tables. All were closed and the chips were locked up. So there are other chips here as they are different than those used on the blackjack tables.

"CHIP-IN CASINO" Hannahville, Michigan
(Hannahville Rd. off U.S. 2....West of Escanaba, MI)

.50 H&C Lt. Blue, 4 blue inserts, gold embossed.
"CHIP-IN CASINO" .50 reverse.

- \$1 Plain edge, off white with 3 blue inserts, gold embossed.
- \$5 Plain edge, red with 3 light blue inserts, gold embossed.





LOWER PENNINSULA:

"SAGINAW CHIPS CASINO" Mount Pleasant, Michigan

The original set of chips had no name. All have gold embossing with the denomination and gold flower design reverse. All have small key rim:

.50 Rust, \$1 Blue, \$2 Green, \$5 Dark Maroon, \$10 Beige.

2nd issue chips are as follows:

SAGINAW CHIPS, denomination. Gold flower design reverse.

.50 Brown, \$1 Blue, \$2 Green, \$5 Dark Maroon, \$5.00 Dark Red, \$10 Beige, \$25 Black.

Both sets were being used in play at the same time on the tables



3rd Issue chips issued in August, 1988

SAGINAW CHIPS CARDROOM, logo, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
Denomination on other side.

.50 Honey with 3 white inserts, \$1 Blue with 3 Yellow inserts, \$5 Red with 3 yellow inserts, \$25 Green with 3 yellow inserts.

"LEELANAU SANDS CASINO" Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan

\$1 H&C, Blue with a black on white center insert.
\$5 H&C, Red with a black on white center insert.

"GRAND TRAVERSE BAND" "OTTAWA-CHIPPEWA INDIANS" with an outline of a flying hawk with denomination on wing in center.

Thank you Janice for sharing your Michigan Indian Chips specialized information with members of the club. This is the type of research that encourages all of us to expand our collecting horizons into additional areas of interest.Editor.



Victory for casino industry seen in House bill limiting Indian gaming

Frantic last minute lobbying by a variety of Indian interests appeared to fall short as Congress moved toward the passage of landmark Indian gaming legislation endorsed by casino industry leaders.

It looks like a big victory for casino executives who had argued the legal limits of Indian gaming should be expanded only if they include provisions for strong state control.

Senate Bill 555 which requires Indian tribes interested in the most sophisticated forms of commercial gaming operations to first negotiate state compacts, passed the House on a voice vote. It was scheduled to be brought back for a roll call vote because of the demand by one representative.

The requirement of a roll call vote was seen as a small matter, however, compared to the hurdles casino industry lobbyists have cleared since the Supreme Court made it clear Indians could sponsor a wide variety of gaming activities unless Congress ruled otherwise.

As it is, tribes will not be able to operate anything more than bingo and cardrooms unless the activity is also permitted in the state where the reservation site is located.

Arizona Sen. John McCain said tribes were largely to blame for the fact they are getting less than they wanted. That's because they failed to unite behind a measure that also included the provisions for control Congress could accept.

Representatives of Indian tribes demanding the right to open gaming operations without first negotiating state compacts concerning controls and taxation accused Nevada-based casino interests of "seducing" key lawmakers.

Several lawmakers put parliamentary "holds" on Senate legislation as proposed amendments were studied. Nothing, however, has altered the crystal clarity of the central issue.

Tribal leaders from throughout the U.S. hope to use the lure of widespread gaming operations to create a revenue flow. Casino interests, particularly those in Nevada, are just as anxious to block competition that would not be taxed or subjected to the same level of regulation as casinos in Nevada and Atlantic City.

Senate and House committees headed by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) and Rep. Morris Udall (D-AZ) led the way in drafting bills to fill the void created in February 1987 after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The High Court's decision came in response to a case originating with a Southern California tribe. Tribes in California and Arizona, states now important Nevada casino markets, are expected to be among the most aggressive in testing the limits of the new legislation or looking for loopholes in it.

Nevada casino executives have led the way in building a massive lobbying program to ensure Indian competition with Nevada's number one industry is

kept to a minimum.

They appeared to be generally successful until the late wave of opposition by tribal interests materialized early last month in Washington as supporters of the proposal drafted by Inouye's Indian Affairs Committee prepared for a vote on the Senate floor.

Nevada casino executives allied themselves with established horse racing interests in striving to limit the scope of expanded Indian gaming. The same executives are pleased with the work of super lobbyist Robert Strauss, the former Democratic party chairman hired to act as a lobbyist on behalf of casinos.

John Schreiber, the president of the Nevada Resort Association, gave credit for major last minute assistance to most of the state's congressional delegation, including Sens. Harry Reid and Chic Hecht.

Nevada officials had appeared generally optimistic the rights of Indians to use table games would be limited or banned unless otherwise approved by the state. But the same officials realized few members of Congress want to be perceived as doing the casino industry any favors. So industry strategists focused on the importance of strong law enforcement to any commercial gaming activity.

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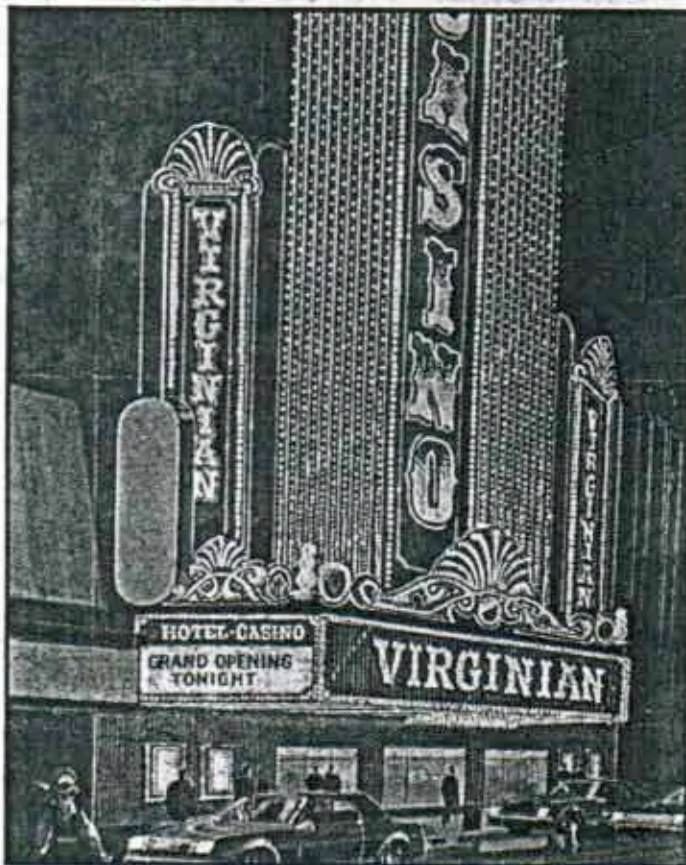
This Thursday, Nov. 17, downtown Reno visitors gain another exciting hotel-casino option, and this brand-new property promises to offer something for everyone.

It's called the Virginian Hotel-Casino, and it's located right in the middle of Reno's gaming action on South Virginia St. (just south of the Club Cal-Neva).

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Besides giving visitors hundreds of new, handsome, pastel-schemed hotel rooms to choose from, the Virginian is dedicated to being the "Friendliest Casino in Town," and will boast a long list of attractions, such as:

- Liberal slots, including a \$1 carousel on the second floor which offers 99% payback.



This artist's rendering of the brand-new Virginian Hotel and Casino shows the outside beauty of the property. Inside is fun galore.

PROFILE OF A COLLECTOR.....JIM REYNOLDS, CH-05

HI THERE - I started collecting Casino Chips many years ago, 1958 to be exact, by just keeping one each of the different Chips that I found in Vegas. Mainly 10, 25 and 50¢ Chips. Back in the year of 1985, that was just after a long time ago, I was at a Coin Show and was trying to sell my Uncirculated Silver Dollars, only to find out that my UNC Dollars were only MS/55 and they were only worth the price of silver. Well, today I call that day my MOST LUCKY DAY, as I found a copy of a new catalog on Antique Poker and Gambling Chips by Dale Seymour. This catalog lists and pictures over 1000 different Chips and prices them... SHOULD I GO ON? Yes, but only to say, "I'm having the time of my life." I now collect all kinds of Chips - Bone Ivory, Clay, Mother of Pearl, Casino, Paper, Wood, Metal and even the very common Plastic Ones. The Seymour Catalog of Antique Chips may be purchased from Dale Seymour at PAST PLEASURES, P.O. Box 50843, PALO ALTO, CA. Zip 94303. Hard cover at \$26.95 and Paperback edition at \$16.95 plus 10% for postage. You will be forever grateful. Its OK to start your collection today, but my best advice is buy the Catalog first. Again you will be well served!

The best of all questions that I get is - Where can I find Old Poker Chips? Ans. For me, thats where all the fun begins, I go to Swap Meets, Patio Sales, 2nd Hand Stores, Antique Shops every week. And now one might find Chips at Gun, Knife, Stamp, Coin and Baseball Card Shows. However, my most successful method is to carry 4 or 5 Chips in my pocket at all times and show them when talking with a friend or neighbor. Show them, Show them, Again and again and tell them that you are a collector of Antique Poker Chips. I am still amazed how many Chips I get this way. Go out and look, its fun, and it will do you good to get out of the house. GOOD LUCK!

As stories go - A friend of mine bought a box of 96 Ivory Chips at a Swap Meet. The seller really wanted \$2 for the box, but before my friend could get his money out, he reduced the price to \$1. because there were only 96 Chips and he was sorry not to have a full box of 100 pcs. Too bad about that! Ivory Chips sell at about \$25. each and up.

If you know of any good, true and unbelievable stories - Please tell me about them, I'll print them in my next list. Thank you.



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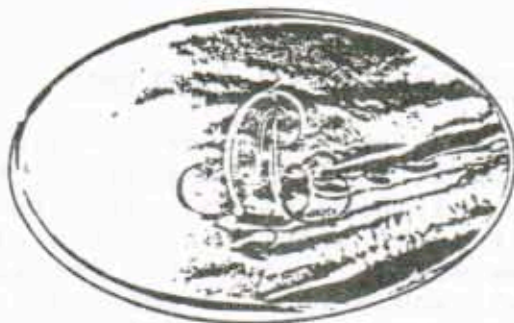
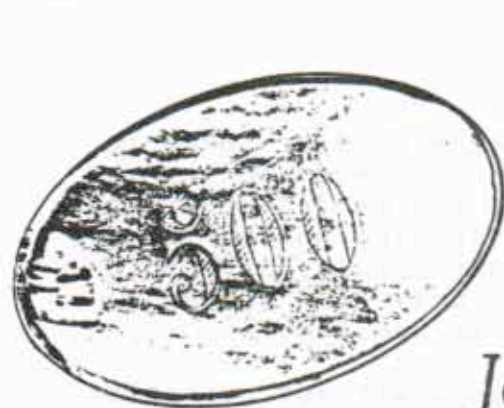
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HI THERE - Its old Jim again.

MY NEWS IS - I am now a MOP Collector. On special occasions I do floors, but thats no sign that I will do windows.

WOOP'S - I'd better keep my act together. MOP is short for MOTHER OF PEARL. I collect Chips and Markers, be they from sets or from High Class Casinos.

I love the Engraved ones with Monograms or Denominations.

All sizes and colors are wanted.

I already have lots of the Chinese counters like Pope Joan, Loo, Ombre and Quadrille. But, I still need the larger ones with Engraved Monograms etc.

I have a few MOP for traders or I will even trade some of my Ivories for MOP. You might only have one Chip to sell or trade, and that might be just what I am looking for. PLEASE send a photo-copy [PRICED] That saves time and postage for both of us.

I will even buy Collections etc. be they large or small to get what I want. TRY ME!

AS EVER, Old Jim. *Jim*

Broken or Chipped Chips, have no value to me. Sorry.

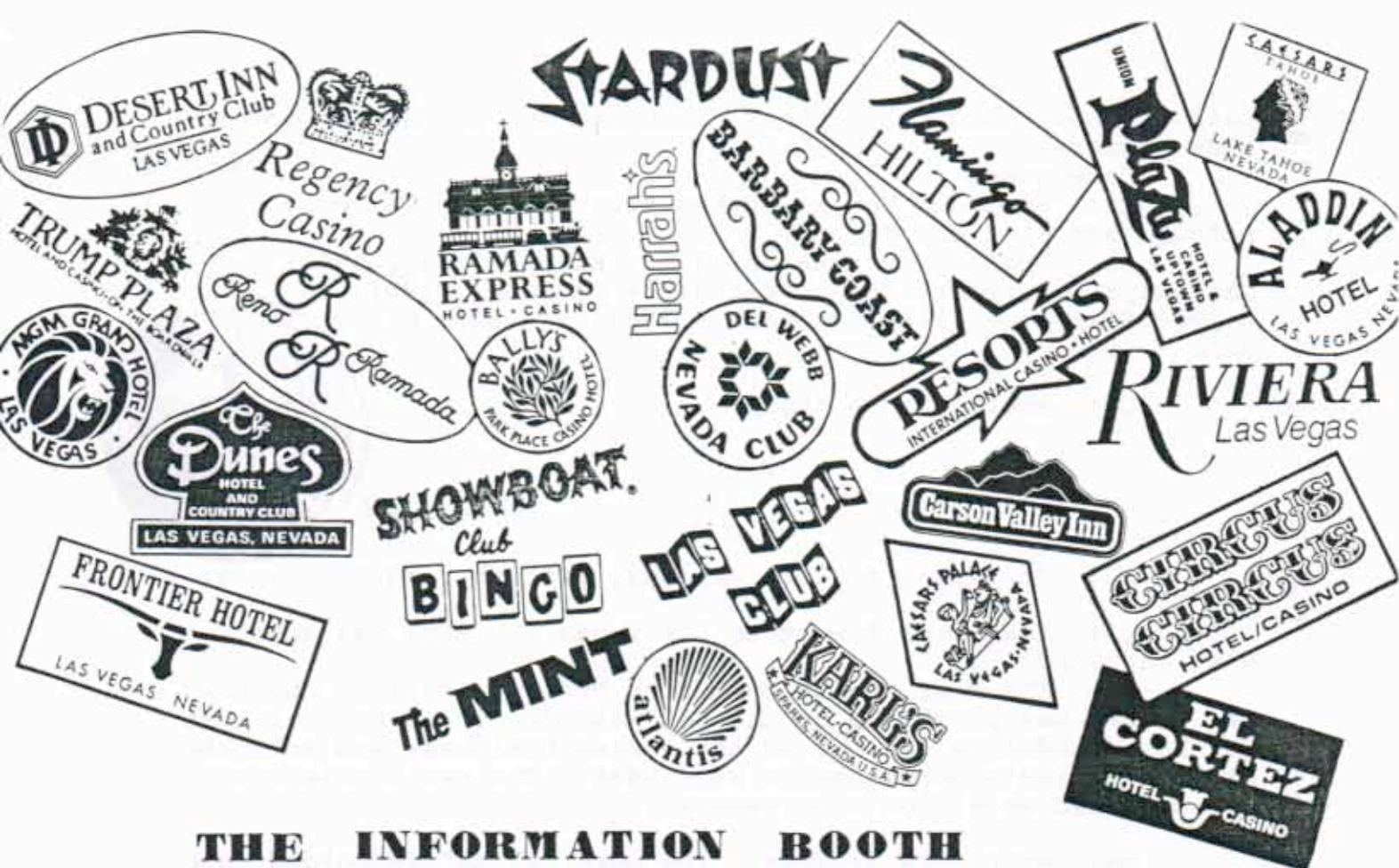


SAFEGUARD YOUR MAILINGS

How many times have you received a letter containing a chip or token in the mail only to find that it arrived damaged, broken, or even worse.... missing? Of course this only happens to items that the sender does not have duplicates of, so it's not simply a matter of sending another item as a replacement. If we would take a few packaging precautions, both the sender and recipient would fare a lot better and some potential future hard feelings between buyer and seller could be avoided.

Do not insert a token or chip in a plain paper envelope without suitable padding. The most common cause of breakage or loss occurs as a result of several reasons. Breakage of chips can occur easily, simply from being run through the Post Office cancelling or sorting machines. Even with padding, it is a good idea to write "Hand Cancel Only" on the outside of the envelope in red ink and hand the envelope to the window clerk for hand cancelling. Padding can simply be a piece of cardboard doubled over or two pieces of cardboard stapled together like a sandwich with the item you are protecting in between. "Bubble wrap" or styrofoam is another effective padding material for insertion in a letter size envelope for mailing of only a few items. Chips and/or tokens mailed without padding tend to roll around inside the envelope and can be "squeezed" out either end of a thin paper envelope, either deliberately or accidentally. An unprotected token or chip can be mistaken for coins by dishonest persons handling the mail and may arrive missing due to theft, or it may have simply "cut" its own way through the paper from its sharp unprotected edge. It's also a good idea to insert your tokens or chips in small 2x2 paper envelopes, or vinyl "flips", to keep them from rolling around inside the mailing envelope. Padded, corrugated self stick mailing envelopes are ideal for protecting more valuable chips inside the outer addressed envelope. Of course, one should consider taking insurance protection on more expensive mailings. You are allowed to insure a letter for up to \$200 (with chips/tokens enclosed) via First Class mail at any U.S. Post Office. It's always a good idea to use a heavier envelope when available. For mailings of many items, a padded "Jiffy" bag or cardboard box will be necessary. The use of reinforced shipping tape is recommended to seal these containers. If you are near a U.P.S. mailing facility you will find their service to be just as fast as the Postal Service and U.P.S. automatically insures their parcels up to \$100 at no extra cost. Additional insurance is available from U.P.S. service at a rate of 25 cents per \$100. The drawback is that U.P.S. will not ship to a P.O. Box. You must have a street address for the person to whom you are mailing.

One final note. In the event of loss, either insured or uninsured, it is always the shipper who assumes the responsibility for safe delivery. If an insurance claim is to be made, either for damage or loss, it must be initiated by the shipper as he has the receipt. In the event of an uninsured loss, the loss must be borne by the shipper as well, as the addressee is not usually responsible for the loss...with the exception of a case of fraud. I would hope that all members are fair and honest in their dealings with each other. If found otherwise, the officers will consider expulsion from the club for repeat offenders.



THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Edited by Michael Knapp (CH-007)

This is the inaugural column in what will be a new feature for the Club newsletter. Do you have chips you can't identify? Unidentified tokens? Are you missing vital information about a particular casino or gaming figure? Here, we hope, is where you can get the answers!

With the help of a panel of members, I'll try to provide answers to whatever questions you have relating to chips, tokens, and gaming history. The panel members will be introduced to you in the next issue: I'm still recruiting them!

Here's how The Information Booth will work: if you have a question, send it to the column editor (address below). If the panel can answer the question, we'll publish both the question and the answer in the next issue. Chances are that other members will be interested as well. (Remember, there are no stupid questions; only stupid answers.) If we can't answer your question, it will be published in the next issue and given its own number. Any member who has the answer is asked to send it to the column editor, referring to the question by number, and that answer will be published in the newsletter by number corresponding to the original question number.

For chips or tokens you can't identify, send a photocopy (if it can be made clearly enough) with as much descriptive information as possible (for example, main color, rim design, center insert colors, edge insert colors, etc.). If the chip or token will not photocopy well, send a drawing in as much detail and as accurately as you can. Examples of such drawings appear on the next page in Q4 and Q5.

This column will be most successful if members partici-

pate, both by sending in their questions and in helping to provide answers.

Here goes:

Q1: When did Howard Hughes start buying Las Vegas hotels, and what did he buy?

A1: Desert Inn - March, 1967; Sands - July, 1967; Castaways - October, 1967; Frontier - December, 1967; Silver Slipper - 1968; Landmark - 1969; Harold's Club, Reno - 1970.

Q2: What chip is this?



A2: St. James's Club, Antigua, British Virgin Islands.

Q3: Last time I went to Las Vegas The Mint was gone! What happened?

A3: The Mint, built by Milton Prell in 1951 in downtown Las Vegas, was purchased by the Del Webb Co. in 1965. Del Webb Co. has decided to get out of the gaming business, and sold the Mint to Binion's Horseshoe in May, 1988. The two hotels are now combined as Binion's Horseshoe.

Q4: What chip is this? The word "Elite" is molded into the center of this mustard-yellow chip, not embossed?

Q5: What chip is this? Color is ivory, embossed.



Q4



Q5



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Q6

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Q7

REV.



Q8



Q9

Please send answers to these questions (refer to previous question numbers) and your own questions to: Michael Knapp, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235.

NEVADA CHIP UPDATE:

By Janice & Jerry O'Neal...CH #08 & CH #88

NEVADA...November 1st, 1988. New 8 suit chips with suits incised and gold embossed center are manufactured by Bud Jones Co. New BJ chips ("Park Hotel" LV, "Bill's Casino" Stateline & Lake Tahoe, plus "Harrah's Del Rio" Laughlin) are called "Decal Center". We stopped at the Bud Jones showroom in Las Vegas and spoke with a company representative on our recent visit there.

New casino..."Arizona Charlies" L.V.....\$5 BJ chip. New chip, "Bourbon Street" LV, \$5 H&C. New chips "Dunes" \$1 & \$5 house....new management took over here on July 1st. "Foxy's Firehouse" LV no more live gaming....slots only. New chips "Frontier" LV \$1 & \$5 house. New chips at "Horseshoe Club" LV all H&C but mixed in with old horse shoe edges. New chip "Hotel Nevada" LV \$5 H&C. New chip "Palace Station" LV .25 dice & cards mould. "Royal Casino" LV is closed. We found no changes at "MGM Sands" LV after reading that MGM had sold it. New chip at "Westward Ho" LV, .50 H & C. "Silver Spur" in Henderson is open with new owners. They hope to have live gambling back by January '89. Del Webb's "Nevada Club" Laughlin is now a "Golden Nugget"....new chips \$1 & \$5 house mould. "Harrah's Del Rio" Laughlin now open with new Bud Jones decal center \$1 & \$5 chips. "Ramada Express" Laughlin also open...\$1 & \$5 Bud Jones metal center chips. "Bonanza Casino" Reno new .25 BJ 8 suits mixed in with old H & C chips. "Comstock Hotel" Reno has new \$5 H&C chips. "Eldorado Club" Reno took out their live poker room.... put in all new table video poker machines. "Nevada Club" Reno new .25, \$1 & \$5 chips all H&C. Jim Kelley's "Nugget" Reno and Jim Kelley's "Nugget" Crystal Bay....no more live gaming. "Ponderosa Hotel & Casino" Reno is opening as the "world's first completely non-smoking hotel/casino"...hotel is open now, casino is under construction. "Sundowner" Reno new \$2.50 H&C chips also new \$5 chip H&C red 4 olive/white light red on wht CI. New, to open any day - "The Virginian" Reno, next to Cal-Neva Club on Virginia Street. Old "Shy Clown" Sparks being remodeled to open as "Baldini's"...mostly sports book. "Peter's Golden Nickel" Carson City is using Ike dollars....no live gaming. New casino, "The Depot" Fallon \$5 H&C chips. New casino "Headquarters" Fallon \$5 H&C chips. "Stockman's" Fallon new \$5 H&C chips. "Mizpah Hotel" Tonopah is open but no live gaming there..... Back of new one dollar token reads, "Machines are operated by International Game Technology, Las Vegas". "Verdi Inn", downtown Verdi, Nevada is being completely remodeled into quite a fancy looking place....but not open yet. No live gaming anywhere in Virginia City. "Gold Ranch" Verdi was "Prospector"...same owners, they just changed names....new \$5 chip BJ same colors as "Prospector".

I would be very interested in receiving any additional information or corrections club members may have as to current casino status and any changes. Please send all correspondence to: Janice & Jerry O'Neal 50 Dove Ave. Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

(Thanks for providing the informative update, J&J.....Editor)

THE NEW BUD JONES COMPANY
SECURITY VALUE CHIPS

Michael Knapp (CH-007)

The Bud Jones Company of Las Vegas, which pioneered the use of the "coin inlay" chip in 1973, has introduced a new product it calls the "security value chip." Accompanying this article are illustrations, provided for the Club by Bud Jones, President of the firm which bears his name, of the 174 different patterns available with security value chips by casinos.

Bud Jones Co. supplies some 250 casinos in 30 different countries, some of which are converting to the new security value line of coin inlay chips. Current uses with which our members may be familiar are: Bill's Casino, Lake Tahoe; MGM Desert Inn, Las Vegas; Colorado Belle, Harrah's Del Rio, and Ramada Express in Laughlin. To this writer's knowledge no Atlantic City casino uses this style chip presently.

The inlays in the security value line are available not only in the stainless steel of the original Bud Jones coin inlay chips, but also in brass and a multi-color "decals" center which is silk-screen printed rather than embossed metal.

According to the company, the new security value chips have several advantages over the old coin inlay versions. The new line has a flat-ground surface which makes them easier to handle, and coin retention has been improved, making it less likely that the center inlays will loosen or drop out of the rims.

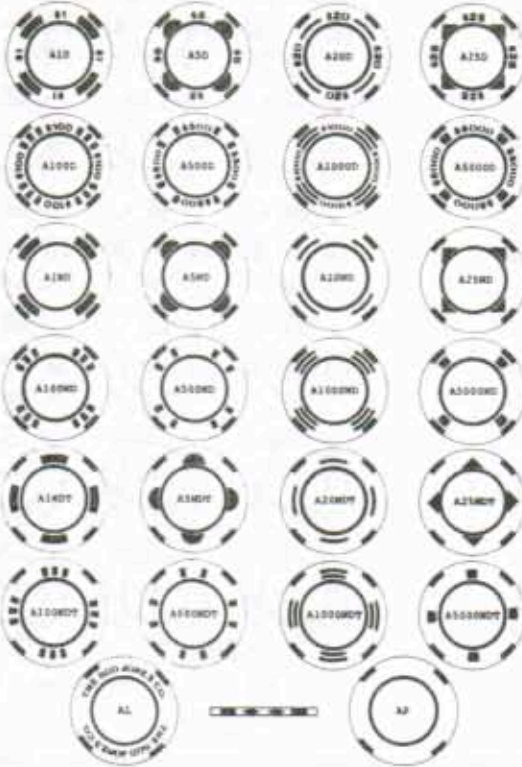
In addition, the new styles are an attempt to respond directly to the 1987 Nevada chip regulations (see the article elsewhere in this issue) which require that chips be readily identifiable on closed-circuit black-and-white television (the "eye in the sky" behind the bubbles in casino ceilings) and be more difficult to counterfeit. In addition to the more intricate designs of the new chips, the secondary colors of the chips fluoresce under black light, increasing the ease of authenticity checks.

Mr. Jones has indicated that he will keep the Club informed of future developments and details about the company's products, and further articles will follow.



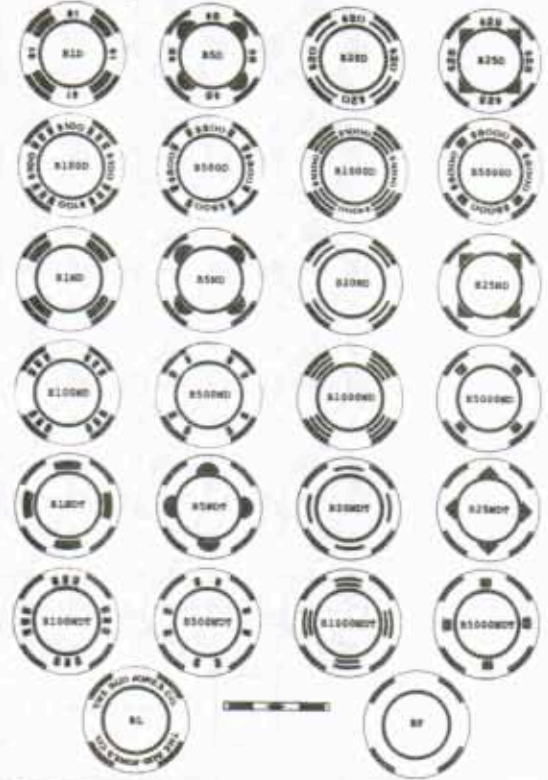
Editors note: Our thanks to Michael Knapp for his "leg work" writing to Bud Jones Company for sharing their complete set of design renderings of "Security Value" coin inlay chips. Michael reminds us that these are the new chips we have been recently seeing (eg; Bill's Casino, MGM Desert Inn & Sands, Colorado Belle, Harrah's Del Rio, etc). Represented are 174 different styles, a chore for the most accomplished cataloger to identify. Michael suggests using the BJ stock numbers for descriptions. "For example, Harrah's Del Rio \$1 would be BJ-CID, Colorado Belle \$1 would be BJ-DL, Ramada Express \$5 is BJ-C5D." Michael has also written to Burt Co. and Paul-son for similar information.

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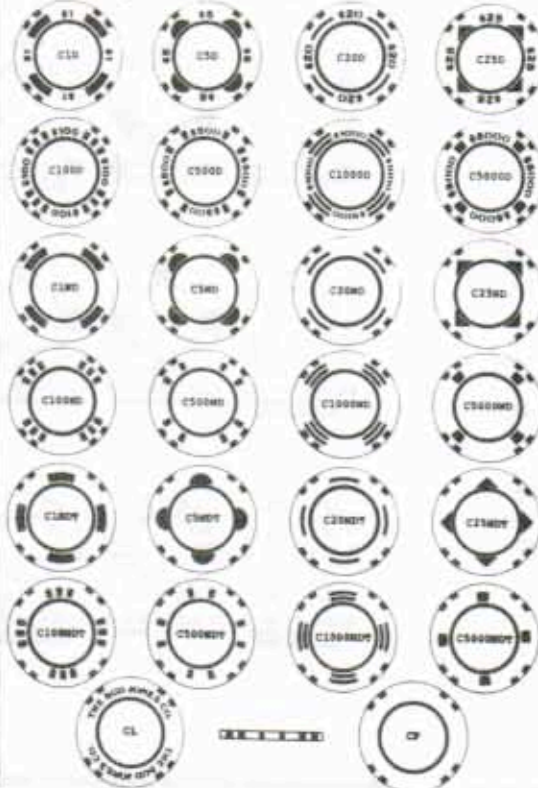
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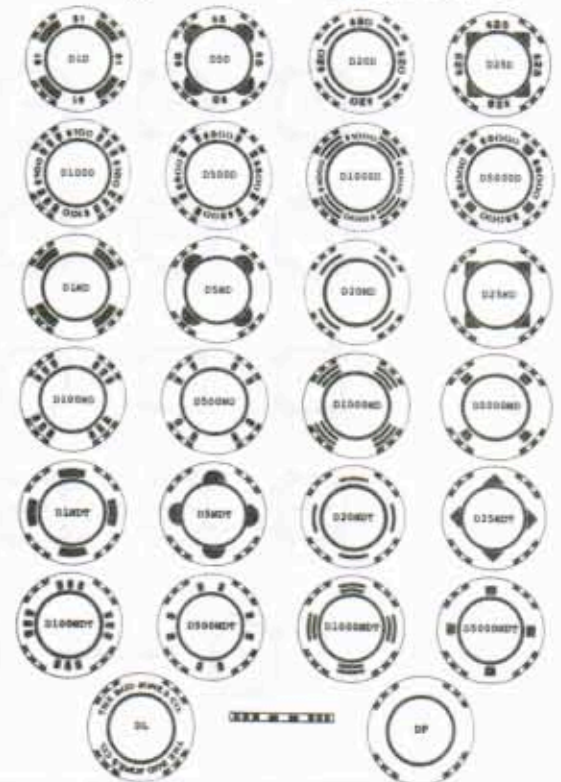
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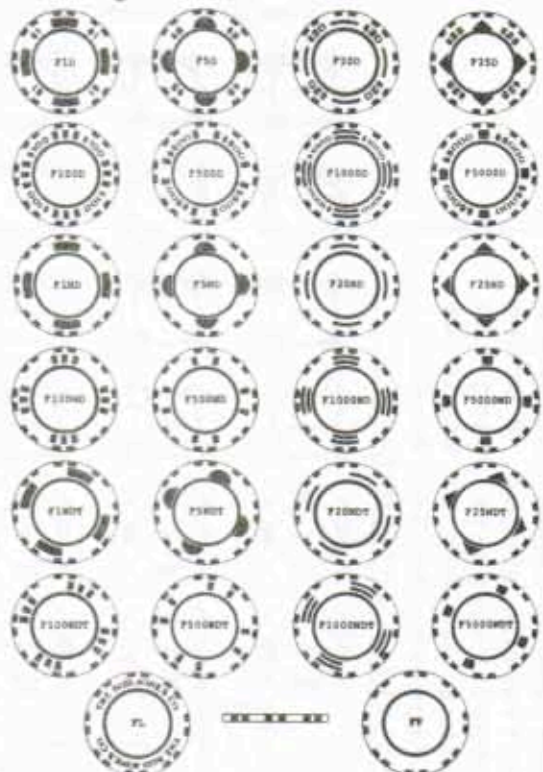
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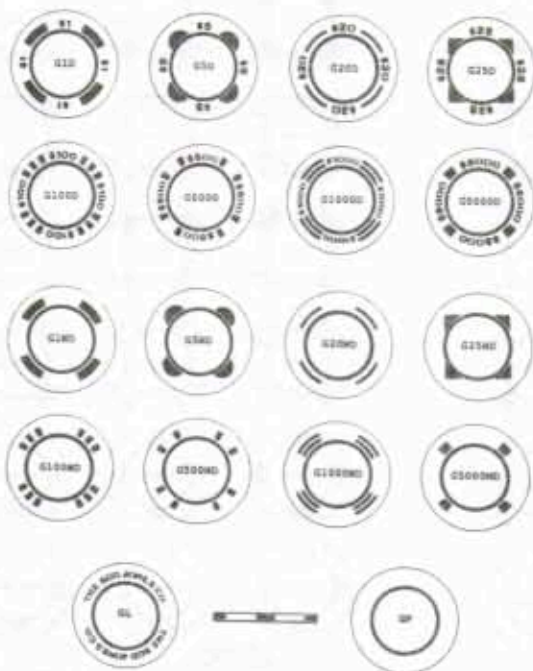
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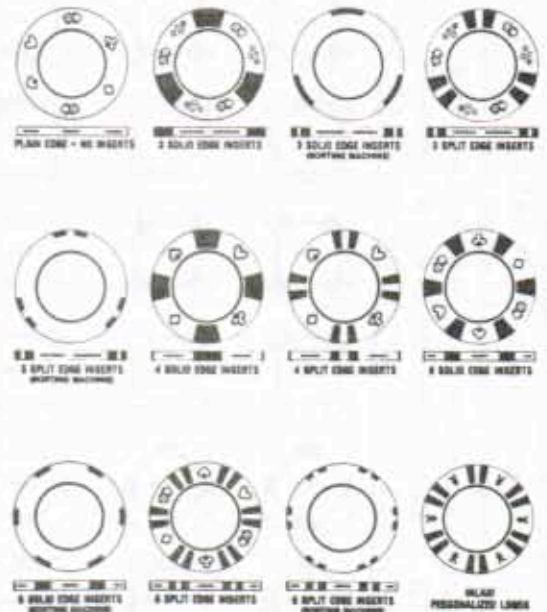
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A FEW ATLANTIC CITY SLOT TOKEN MEMORIES (and they weren't even silver!)

The article below appeared in the October 28, 1981 issue of Coin World. Can you believe that the gold plated S.B.A.'s were redeemable then for \$5 cash? I see them in our local coin club auction once in a while and never realized that they were used at the Atlantic City Claridge.

Two more uses for SBAs

Patrons of the Claridge Hotel's Hi-Ho casino in Atlantic City will have no trouble identifying the Susan B. Anthony dollars they might win in the dollar slot machines there. The slots pay off in gold-plated dollars.

"Claridge Gold," says an advertisement promoting the slots on the hotel's mezzanine level, is "better than British sterling," backing this boast with the offer to exchange each

of these coins for \$5 cash; or players may "save them as souvenirs."

Across the country in San Francisco, SBA dollars are being used to buy admission to a sleazy side show, where patrons have the opportunity to "See and Talk to a Nude Girl."

Neither of these two reported new uses for the SBA dollar is expected to create a major change in demand for the coins.



It's sometimes pretty neat to rummage through old newspaper clippings once in a while to refresh our memories what it was like a few short years ago. The ten year old story reprinted below reminds us of the Resorts 1978 opening and the Ike Dollars in play at the time. Since then, we now have three different Resorts slot tokens to place in our collections.

I personally include a 1971 Ike in my set, along with the large size tokens dated 1981 and 1983, plus the new "standard" size token which was issued in 1987 to conform to size with all the other A.C. slot tokens.

Casino opts for its own token

Eisenhower dollars were always popular at Resorts International, an Atlantic City, N.J., gambling casino. So popular, in fact, that the coins left the establishment to the tune of 40,000 pieces a month, and double that during the prime summer months. Something obviously had to be done.

Something was done. Gamblers working the one-armed bandits and casino tables are

now using a privately struck cupro-nickel token, slightly larger and heavier than the standard Ike dollar. The casino had to change all of their gambling machines overnight to accept the bigger tokens.

The need for something other than Eisenhower dollars became clear to casino authorities last fall. At that time, the casino contacted the Franklin Mint in Franklin Center, Pa.,

who came up with the design and struck 1.2 million tokens now in use.

Like all casino tokens, the pieces are redeemable only at the issuing casino, and are not legal tender.

The Eisenhower dollars and tokens were selected, incidentally, over the ill-fated Anthony dollar. Like most of the nation, casino owners report that the SBAs were rejected when it

came time to tool up their machines because the coins were "too light, too small, too easily confused with quarters."



'THE ELUSIVE 1979 BOARDWALK REGENCY SLOT TOKEN'



Without question, the toughest A.C. token to locate is the 1979 Boardwalk Regency token. Issued as a temporary substitute for the new Susan B. Anthony dollar (which had not yet been released by the U.S. government), this token was the same size as the new S.B.A.'s as Ceasars planned to use the S.B.A. dollar coin in its dollar slot machines. Unlike the larger Ike dollar as mentioned in the Resorts token story, the Susan B's were NOT disappearing from the casinos as regularly as the Ike's were from Resorts. In fact, just the opposite was true. Because of the S.B.A. small size, it didn't feel like a dollar when inserted into the coin slot and it did not sound like a dollar when it tumbled into the coin hopper on payouts. As a result, the coin was not popular with the players and "met with customer resistance" according to Peter G. Boynton, then Executive V.P. It did not take a mental giant to come up with the solution to the problem that Las Vegas had to deal with back in 1965.....the dollar sized gaming token.

The prized 1979 Boardwalk Regency token often brings a minimum of a \$10+ bid when offered....which is very seldom, due to it's relative scarcity. This token is, without question, the most sought after Atlantic City slot token and it is missing from most A.C. collections. (Save your postage folks, I don't have any for sale...Editor)

Jersey Casino Ousts SBA \$1 from Slots

The Susan B. Anthony dollar suffered yet another setback July 29, when a major casino hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., announced it is giving the coin the gate.

Caesars Boardwalk Regency is returning several hundred thousand "Susies" to the Federal Reserve because of customer resistance to the coins, according to Peter G. Boynton, executive vice president of the firm.

In their place, the casino is providing its customers with new Caesars tokens for use in \$1 slot machines, Boynton said. He said the tokens are similar in size, color and feel to the Eisenhower dollar and are much more popular with dollar slot players than the widely scorned "mini-dollar" coin.

They will be good, however, only in Caesars casino.

While similar in size and appearance to the Ike dollar, the new tokens are not identical in composition. They are 65 percent copper, 17 percent zinc and 18 percent nickel. The Eisenhower coin, by contrast, consists of an outer layer of 75 percent copper and 25 percent nickel bonded to a core of pure copper.

The tokens bear a profile portrait of Julius Caesar, along with the logo "Caesars" in Greco-Roman-style letters.

Caesars has ordered 1.2 million of the new tokens from Medallion Art Co. of Danbury, Conn., Boynton said. About one-third had been shipped already, he said, with the rest due to arrive within the next few weeks.

Conversion of slot machines to accept the tokens began on the weekend of July 25-26, Boynton said. Of the 236 machines being converted, he said, 20 are "progressive" slots, 37 are video blackjack machines and 18 are video poker games. The conversion process costs about \$300 per machine, Boynton added.



'INTERNATIONAL NEWS'

By Jeffrey E. Stokes CH-059

For decades gamblers have flocked to the casinos in Macao, a Portuguese enclave located off the coast of mainland China, a mere 40 nautical miles to the west of Hong Kong. There are six casinos in Macao.. the Casino Lisboa is luxurious and old-world... the Oriental Casino is situated in the elegant and sophisticated Mandarin Oriental Hotel... the Floating Casino, an ornately decorated triple-deck Chinese pavilion, is anchored in the Inner Harbor... the Hyatt Regency Casino is Macao's newest... the mid-town Casino Kam Pek offers only Chinese games... and the Casino Jai Alai is located near the Ferry Terminal.

For years all casino gambling in Macao has been controlled by a business tycoon from Macao, Mr. Stanley Ho, through the Macao Tourism and Amusement Company (STDM).

There is, however, a "new kid on the block" threatening to give Mr. Ho's operation a run for its money!

The 6,000 ton luxury cruise ship, ORIENT PRINCESS, has recently been chartered by another business mogul from Macao, Mr. Yip Hon, and in October he began offering overnight gambling cruises out of Hong Kong. Would-be gamblers are promised not only unprecedented high stakes gambling but are offered luxurious entertainment facilities including a swimming pool, a fitness center, a sauna and laser-disco theaters. Mr. Yip, believed to be a major shareholder of the consortium which chartered the ORIENT PRINCESS, has been a long time rival of Mr. Ho's in Macao, with personal and business conflicts dating back several years. This long standing rivalry between Mr. Yip and Mr. Ho apparently peaked recently when the management of the ORIENT PRINCESS sent out invitations for the cruise ship's inaugural voyage to the regular clientele on Mr. Ho's STDM mailing list! Talk about industrial espionage!

And according to a recent article appearing in the SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, this "new kid on the block" is not welcome in the South China Sea... and there is controversy raging in the highest circles concerning the "legality" of the casino which is operating on board the ORIENT PRINCESS.

You see... casino gambling is illegal in Hong Kong. The operation of the casino aboard the ORIENT PRINCESS not only threatens to cut into the monopoly of Mr. Ho's Macao casino gambling operation, but according to the casino tycoon himself, "people can engage in all sorts of gambling on board, and nobody pays any taxes". It is true that there is little the authorities in Hong Kong can do to stop people from gambling aboard the ORIENT PRINCESS. The law does not prohibit any operation which takes gamblers on deluxe gambling cruises outside its territorial waters.

And to further complicate matters, a Hong Kong government spokesman responsible for Hong Kong gambling policy, stated that the potential problem posed by the ORIENT PRINCESS would be examined by both the Macao and Hong Kong governments.

So, my friends... if you are heading for the South China Sea this spring, you might want to try your luck in the casino on board the ORIENT PRINCESS. You'll only be billed for the US \$2,500 worth of chips (minimum) after you've had a chance to freshen up in your US \$600 state room.

And... if you should "miss the boat" (it sails at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon from the Queen's Pier), you can always venture out into the colonial Chinese night and try your hand in one of Macao's gambling rooms. Stakes at most tables range from a minimum of 10 Patacas/HK \$10 with, of course, special rooms for high rollers where minimums are US \$250. All offer fast action and games to suit nearly every taste including Boule, Baccarat, Roulette, Craps, Black Jack, Fan Tan and Dai-Siu in addition to slot machines which are known locally as "Hungry Tigers"... and other exotic games less known to the Western hand.

For the chip collector... CASINO DE MACAO chips are denominated in both Patacas (the currency of Macao) and Hong Kong Dollars. The "10" chip in yellow, gold and green is a 10 Hong Kong Dollar chip. The building depicted on this and other chips is the facade of the ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral. The "10" chip in white, blue and gold is a 10 Pataca chip (indicated by the small letter "m" to the left of the "10"). The monogram is the form of a Chinese pagoda represents "STDM" (Sociedade de Turismo e Diversoes de Macau = Macao Tourism and Amusement Company).

Denominations are in Patacas and Hong Kong Dollars of 10, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000. Gamblers can play in either currency and both currencies are used at the same time by various players. Quite an exercise in concentration on the part of the croupier!

Current chips and plaques are plastic "European Style" but I have also seen the HK \$10 chip in "US Style" (clay composition) with a small crown mold in light purple with 3 1/2 R light blue inserts with a white center inlay depicting the Floating Casino and Chinese characters on one side and a "CM" monogram, Casino de Macao and "\$ 10" on the other side.

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Editor's Note: Club members are cordially invited to send any information about any of the world's casinos to: Jeffrey Stokes P.O. Box 102, Plantsville, CT 06479. Jeff has graciously offered to submit an "International News" column regularly for publication in the club newsletter. That's exactly the kind of support we need Jeff. Thank you for your input!



The Nevada Gaming Commission, on July 18, 1987, adopted comprehensive rules governing the size, type, design and disposition of gaming chips and tokens, which will have far-reaching effects on chip and token collectors as well as gaming establishments to which they apply.

Commission Regulation 12 specifically exempts all existing chips and tokens. Only those manufactured after July 18, 1987 were required to comply with the new rules.

Certain rules apply to both chips and tokens. Designs for proposed chips and tokens must be submitted to the Gaming Control Board for approval, and the finished product must be resubmitted and approved before use. All chips and tokens must:

- (1) be designed to prevent counterfeiting
- (2) not deceptively represent U.S. or other nations' actual coinage
- (3) contain the name of the casino on both sides
- (4) identify the city and state of the casino's location on at least one side
- (5) contain the chip's or token's value on both sides (except for roulette chips)
- (6) display the manufacturer's name or logo on at least one side
- (7) be designed so that, when stacked, denominations are distinguishable on closed-circuit black-and-white TV.

In addition to the general rules applying to both chips and tokens, there are specific rules applying to each.

General use chips must be disk-shaped (no European-style plaques or other shapes), and must be 1.55" (39.37 mm) in diameter and .130" (3.3 mm) thick. Baccarat chips may be the same size as general use chips, or they may be larger: 1.6875" (42.86 mm) in diameter. The rules also permit chips for use only in race and sports books and in counter games. These must be clearly marked on both sides as to their limited use, and must be of the larger size: 1.6875" (42.86 mm).

Unlike chips, which must be the same size regardless of denomination, tokens are required to vary in size relative to value. In Nevada, tokens may not be minted for lower denominations than \$1.00, nor may tokens be manufactured from material having the ability to be accepted by coin mechanisms other than slot machines. Three-layer copper core clad tokens are prohibited. The token specifications are:

- \$1.00 tokens: 1.459"-1.474" (37.06-37.44 mm) in diameter; .095"-.115" (2.41-2.92 mm) thick; number of edge reeds not to exceed 150
- \$5.00 tokens: 1.75" (44.45 mm) diameter; .115"-.135" (2.92-3.43 mm) thick; not more than 175 edge reeds
- \$25.00 tokens: 1.76"-1.95" (44.7-49.53 mm) diameter; .10" (2.54 mm) thick; not more than 200 edge reeds (pure silver \$25 tokens may be 1.654" [42 mm] in diameter).

The regulations also prohibit the use of chips and tokens for monetary purposes outside the casinos, and prohibit the establishment's acceptance of chips and tokens for goods and services except at gaming tables (for example, they cannot be used in the hotel's restaurant or gift shop).

Chips and tokens may be redeemed by casinos other than the issuing casino, but only under specified conditions (in games, not at the cage).

More extensive rules for the disposal of obsolete chips and chips from closed casinos are also included in the new regulations. A plan for redemption and disposal of chips and tokens must be submitted to the Board at least 30 days before removal from circulation. The casino must redeem chips and tokens for at least 120 days after removal, and must advertise the removal and redemption in at least two Nevada newspapers, twice each week during the redemption period. The Board must also approve either the destruction or other disposal of the chips or tokens once they have been removed from circulation.

For collectors, the new regulations will have a significant impact. Chips will be more readily identifiable (although the vast majority of existing modern chips comply with most of the new requirements anyway). Certainly roulette chips, which will bear the name and location of the casino, will change the most. On the other hand, when a casino replaces chips, it may be easier for the establishment to provide for destruction of the old stock rather than requesting approval for sale or other disposition. Obsolete chips may well become harder to obtain.

Because all existing chips were "grandfathered" by the new rules, the full impact of the regulations will not be felt for several years.

As with all other aspects of casino gaming, New Jersey's rules for Atlantic City chips and tokens are more stringent and more inclusive than are Nevada's. (See the article on Nevada regulations elsewhere in this issue.)

New Jersey, as most members probably know, dictates the colors which casinos must use for their chips, as well as the denominations which may be used. Nevada does not do either. The colors which follow are abbreviated; the actual regulations break down the components of each color into hue, value and chroma, and for each aspect the rules specify the upper and lower limits permissible:

\$0.50: mustard yellow	\$25.00: green
1.00: white	100.00: black
2.50: pink	500.00: purple
5.00: red	1,000.00: fire orange
20.00: yellow	5,000.00: gray

Again unlike Nevada, Atlantic City chips must have edge spots (edge inserts), and "no casino shall use a secondary color on a specific denomination of chip identical to the secondary color used by another casino on that same denomination of chip." While Nevada leaves the center design and rim design of a chip within the discretion of each casino, New Jersey requires that each denomination of chip must have a differently-shaped center, and that the name of each casino must be molded into the rim.

Roulette chips in Nevada are treated as any other chips (except that display of a denomination is omitted), but in Atlantic City there are specific requirements, and they are different from the rules pertaining to regular chips. The word "roulette" must be molded into the rim of each chip; the casino's name must be molded into the center; each wheel must use chips with a design, insert or symbol different from those in use at any other wheel in the casino. As with other table game chips, edge inserts are required.

For chip collectors it is interesting to note that the New Jersey rules specifically state: "nor shall any casino licensee or its employees allow any casino patron to remove [roulette] chips from the table from which they were issued."

In at least one respect, New Jersey's rules permit something Nevada's do not: European-style plaques, oval or rectangular, for denominations of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. Among other requirements, each plaque must bear a serial number.

"Foreign chips," those issued by another casino, may under certain circumstances be redeemed by Nevada casinos. As a practical matter, that occurs less frequently than it used to, but it is permitted by Nevada regulations. In Atlantic City, however, chips may be redeemed only by the casino which issued them, and all casinos must post signs to that effect.

Token rules in New Jersey are similar in their general provisions to the Nevada rules, but strangely, given the minute detail of the New Jersey chip regulations, the token rules are actually less detailed than Nevada's. No denomination-based criteria exist in Atlantic City as they do in Nevada. Rather, all tokens must be at least 0.060" thick (1.52 mm) and must weigh at least 2 grams. Other than that, tokens may be issued in any denominations in the following diameter ranges: 0.680"-0.860" (17.27-21.84 mm); 0.890"-0.980" (22.6-24.89 mm); 1.018"-1.068" (25.86-27.13 mm); 1.180"-1.230" (29.97-32.24 mm); 1.475"-1.525" (37.47-38.74 mm).

Two other specific provisions of the New Jersey regulations which have no counterparts in Nevada rules have special interest for chip and token collectors. They are reproduced below:

Gaming chips, tokens and plaques shall be considered solely as evidence of a debt owed to their custodian by the casino licensee and shall be considered at no time the property of anyone other than the casino licensee issuing them.

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Each casino shall have the right to demand the redemption of its gaming chips, slot tokens or plaques from any person in possession of them and such person shall redeem said chips, slot tokens or plaques upon presentation of an equivalent amount of cash by the casino

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Since the 4th quarter newsletter issue was published, I am pleased to announce that the following 20+ individuals have been accepted into our club as new members:

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An updated club membership address directory is available for \$1 from P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723.

As additional collectors are drawn into the hobby and more and more of your limited duplicates are absorbed by new collectors (and hopefully members of our club) the presently limited stock of many obsolete issues of chips and tokens being currently held by us will be depleted in due time, causing today's taken for granted to be transformed into tomorrow's, "I wish I had". At this time one year ago, who among us would have thought that this brand new club would be approaching 150 members a year later? I'm sure that there are many, many, potential new members out there just waiting to discover our club. All we have to do is let them know that we exist. You can help....talk it up!

Trump sees Taj Mahal finished in 14 months

By PATRICK JENKINS

Construction on the Taj Mahal casino hotel in Atlantic City has restarted and the \$1 billion facility should be complete within 14 months, Donald Trump announced yesterday.

"All financing is in place and by February, we will have about 1,200 construction workers on the job," Trump said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the 88,000-square-foot Donald Trump arena.

"As the weather warms up, we will be putting on some 2,000 construction workers and, hopefully, in a year or a year and a couple of months, we will be back here again to open up," Trump said.

The Taj Mahal, with Atlantic City's largest casino at 12,000 square feet, will have 1,290 luxury rooms and dozens of suites in a 42-story tower, a 1,200-seat theater, 150,000 square feet of meeting space and exhibition facilities and a 5,000-space parking garage.

It covers 17 acres and is linked with Steel Pier, which will be developed in an as-yet-undetermined but "spectacular" manner, according to Trump.

"I haven't seen anything like this building in the world," Trump said. "This room alone is spectacular, with 88,000 square feet of clear view with no columns."

He said it would be used to host major sporting events as well as serve as exhibit space to attract the nation's largest conventions.

"No other casino facility in the city has anything like this," he said of the cavernous room.

"This building will never be equalled again. It's spectacular but economically not justified. What these people (Resorts International) did, most people wouldn't do," he added.

Trump said it would cost him about \$750 million to complete the building, adding that much of the total

cost was picked up by Resorts International, which he sold to Merv Griffin.

"Merv made a donation," Trump said.

He said plans for Steel Pier were still under development, with at least four consultants working on conceptual designs, including one who played a significant role in the development of Disneyland.

The pier, he said, wouldn't be ready at the same time as the Taj Mahal.

When complete, the Taj Mahal will be a tourist attraction in itself, drawing hundreds of thousands of additional visitors a year, Trump declared.

Atlantic City Mayor James L. Usry said the restart of construction marked a new beginning for the city.

"Without a doubt, this will be the most significant gaming hotel facility, not only on the East Coast, but the country and the world," Usry said.

"It falls in keeping with what the Trump Organization has come to represent. Donald Trump, it doesn't matter what some people say, you are good for Atlantic City," Usry added.

State Sen. William Gormley (R-Atlantic) said the Taj Mahal project was welcome throughout the state.

"When the private sector makes an investment at this level, it is important to Atlantic City, Atlantic County and to all of New Jersey," Gormley said.

Trump also announced that Mark Grossinger Etes, who had been president and chief operating officer at Trump Plaza casino hotel, would be president of the Taj Mahal.

He will be replaced at the Plaza by Jack O'Donnell, who has been executive vice president there.

Stephen F. Hyde is chief executive officer of the Trump casino properties in Atlantic City, which include the Plaza, Trump's Castle and the incomplete Taj Mahal.

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2. Unicorn Bogota- Bogota, Columbia 1000 pesos	M.B. \$10
3. Holland Casinos - Holland "5"	M.B. \$ 7
4. Casino De Macao - Macao "10"	M.B. \$ 7
5. Palace Card Room Missoula, MT \$1	M.B. \$ 4
6. Sands L.V. \$25 Lime/4 green/4 tan/multi-color	M.B. \$12
7. Hotel Nevada - Ely, NV \$100 Black/3-purple/6-tan	M.B. \$12
8. Nevada Club - Reno, NV \$25 Green/12-pink/MI	M.B. \$12
9. 10 different \$1 Nevada chips - My choice	M.B. \$15
10. 100 different .10, .25, .50, \$1 Nevada chips - My choice	M.B. \$200
11. Valley School of Gaming .25, .50, \$1, \$5 4 chips	M.B. \$10
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3. El Rancho Vegas LV \$25 SmCrn ORG-LtBLU PIE (Windmill) XF	M.B. \$15
4. El Rancho Vegas LV \$5 SmCrn PUR 3 GRY IN (Windmill) VF	M.B. \$15
5. El Rancho Vegas LV 25 Rect GRN CI XF	M.B. \$10
6. The Flamingo LV \$5 USPO BRN 2 YEL BRASS INLAY UNC	M.B. \$30
7. Holiday International LV \$100 D&C YEL 6 BLK M.I. UNC	M.B. \$30
8. Last Frontier LV \$100 DIA BRN 3 BEIGE IN (CanCan) AU	M.B. \$20
9. OXC (Oxford Club) LV \$5 Weave RED 3 CREAM VF	M.B. \$15
10. Western Club LV \$20 SmCrn YEL-BLK Pie AU	M.B. \$10
11. MC (Miners Club?) \$5 clay chip RED-BRN XF	M.B. \$10
12. C.C. Club T.L.G. JUNEAU (Alaska) Dia DkORG VF	M.B. \$10
13. Hunters Lodge, Carson City \$5 Arodie BLK AU	M.B. \$15
14. Royal, Henderson \$10 ZigZag RED XF	M.B. \$15
15. Cal Neva Lodge Crystal Bay \$100 Rect BLK AU	M.B. \$20
16. Caribe Hilton SJ \$5 H&C BRN 3 PINK IN Scal CI XF	M.B. \$10
17. El San Juan SJ \$5 LgMz GOLD 3 LILAC 3 PUR IN BACCARAT XF	M.B. \$10
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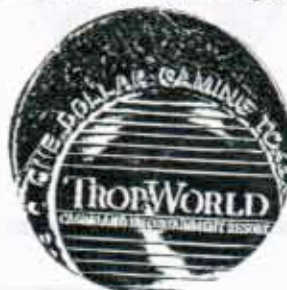
NOTICE OF DUES INCREASE

In a unanimous decision, a vote to increase the membership dues to \$10 per year was authorized by your club officers, effective June 1st, 1989. An optional dues renewal of \$18 for two years was also authorized.

While this increase will not have an immediate effect on those who are currently members in good standing, it will apply to all members who renew their dues in May. A new member joining after January 1st, will pay \$5 for the remaining fiscal year, but will renew at the new dues rate of \$10 in May, or \$18 for two years. The primary need for the increase was brought upon by the dramatically increased printing costs of publishing our quarterly newsletter. With the tremendous increase in membership and the continuous need for extra copies of the newsletter to satisfy individual inquiries about the club, combined with the routine complimentary copies sent out to hobby publications and promotional periodic news releases to recruit additional new members, it became necessary to engage a local commercial photocopy service to reproduce well over 175 copies of the significantly expanded club newsletter. Hopefully, this dues increase will not create a burden or major obstacle for those of you presently on the membership roster as the officers believe that the club has demonstrated it's value to you, the membership, during this past year. You had to save at least \$10 through your club membership if you've taken advantage of some of the "deals" our advertisers have offered on these pages or through some of the trades that have taken place as a result of our published membership directory being made available, putting you in contact with other collectors who share your common interests. This fascinating hobby is still in its infancy.

RECENT A.C. SLOT TOKEN ISSUES

A prized addition to my Atlantic City \$1 slot token collection recently came my way by way of an A.C. collector friend. I don't know if any of you collect error tokens....or if you've ever seen one. Of all the slot tokens I've handled, both playing with at the machines and in trading with others, I've never seen one as dramatically struck off center as the one illustrated below. I've seen many U.S. coins struck this much off center, but not a slot token. If you have similar error material, I would be happy to publish illustrations of same in the club newsletter. Either send me the actual token, which I'll return, or a good clear photocopy.



HARRAH'S MARINA has followed Trump Castle in the race for high roller action on the slots. Below is illustrated their new SILVER \$25 slot token. You may insert two at a time if you like, to avoid developing a case of "slot elbow". A \$100 gold layered token is promised for the new year!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

If you are going to soar with the eagles in the morning, you can't hoot with the owls all night.

—Anonymous

NEW SANDS \$1 SLOT TOKEN

Sands Casino & Hotel has issued a new \$1 token which is dated 1988, one of the few dated A.C. tokens. The Sands first issue, dated 1982, is illustrated on the left, while a new issue of similar design, dated 1988, appears on the right. Both tokens are in use presently. Don't know how much longer the 1982 issue will remain in play before it is withdrawn.



CLARIDGE ISSUES NEW \$5 TOKEN

It was just a matter of time before Claridge joined the rest of the crowd. This attractive design which was issued in November, joins none other \$5 A.C. slot token issues. The only Atlantic City casino presently without a \$5 slot token is Atlantis. Bally's Grand is still using the Golden Nugget \$5 token.



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