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CORRECTION

In the last issue of "Chip & Token News" a letter was published by C.T. Rodgers in which Mr. Rodgers thanked the club for the telephone he received in the mail from the club. In my Editor's note following Mr. Rodgers' letter, I incorrectly stated that the prize was awarded to Mr. Rodgers for his winning suggestion for our "NAME THAT NEWSLETTER CONTEST". The award was actually presented to Mr. Rodgers as the TOP RECRUITER of new members for the period between our 1st and 2nd ANA Convention annual meetings. The newsletter name contest winners were BOB MATTHEWS, of Michigan, and BRUCE LANDAU of New York.

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purposes. Michael's re-worked
design(s) were selected and
refined by the other two club
officers and were given to **JOE GALLAGHER**
to go ahead with the
finished product (illustrated at
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stamped envelope. These decals
and multi-colored patches should
prove to be very popular club
promotional items with our
members, and sales are
anticipapted to be brisk. A word
of advice is in order here. A
very limited quantity has been
ordered, so to avoid any
disappointment I would urge the
membership to place orders early
before the anticipated sell-out.
If our initial order of 100
patches does sell out, a re-order
will be placed but a six week
delay will have to be endured.

A number of members have inquired about the availability of back issues of the club newsletters. Unfortunately, all supplies are exhausted because we usually print only as many copies as we need to mail out, with enough extra to cover issues for new members who join before the publication of the next issue.

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Mailing Date: Apr 15th

3rd Quarter: Jul, Aug, Sep
Mailing Date: Jul 15th

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Mailing Date: Oct 15th

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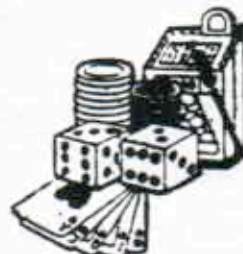
Mr. Howard Herz has submitted his letter of resignation as the Club's Historian.

Citing "personal difficulties before the Nevada Supreme Court, ... which will take considerable time after the decision to resolve, I have found it very frustrating to have the majority of my time taken by other matters that are not necessarily either productive or interesting." "Please keep up the good work with the club. We have an excellent hobby and I have no doubt that it is growing on a daily basis. I will presume that any future contributions that I can make to the club as a member will be acceptable to you and the membership." "I fully endorse your appointment of Janice O'Neal and I will give her as much support as I can in her efforts."

Our thanks to you Howard for your year of serving in the capacity of the club Historian. Effective November 1st 1989, I have appointed **JANICE O'NEAL** of Michigan to fill the important vacated position of our Club Historian. I'm certain that Jan will fill the void admirably. Janice's address is 1636 Fisk Road Howell, Michigan 48843. Members are encouraged to contact Janice for questions or new information regarding casino history and/or chip and token issues.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

A gift club membership might be an item some of you might want to consider giving to relatives, friends, trading correspondents, etc. A gift membership, at only \$10, is a fairly inexpensive gift. Contact Club Secretary, Michael Knapp for details.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alright, so I told 'a little white lie. The last issue of the newsletter was NOT mailed on October 16th, as stated in the newsletter. It was mailed on Friday the 13th. Many of you have sent post cards as I had requested, reporting that you were receiving Issue #4 on October 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th. That, my friends is excellent service on the part of the U.S. Postal Service. They must have goofed and processed the mailing as First Class, not 3rd Class. At any rate, the club saved substantially on the postage costs. That mailing for about 230 pieces, cost the club around \$50. Had we not applied for and received our bulk mail permit, the same mailing at .85 cents per piece would have cost the club about \$200!!

I'm happy to see that several talented members have taken such an active interest in the club and have offered to help in many areas of their personal expertise. For example; I'm certain that everyone has noticed the strikingly new improved masthead on the cover page of this issue of the newsletter. Club member FRED ZINKMANN, who does work for a printer, offered to set up the new catchy style at no cost to the club. The results speak for itself. Thanks FRED!! Club member JOE GALLAGHER, offered his free artwork design, and club decals at cost, for our membership. Club Secretary, MICHAEL KNAPP, has reworked/revised our club logo to a more simple, cleaner, device that JOE GALLAGHER has incorporated into the decal. JANICE O'NEAL has offered to handle sales of both the decals AND an attractive new club patch that has just been produced and is now offered for sale. (See ordering details published elsewhere in this issue) Janice has also accepted my appointment to serve as our new Club Historian and she continues to provide articles for newsletter publication. MICHAEL KNAPP, with the assistance of ALLAN MYERS and EARL REPPETTO have diligently researched and have published their original, comprehensive findings of, "The Gambling Clubs and Chips of Northern Kentucky" in this issue of the newsletter. A superb, well appreciated, reference accomplishment on their part. Club member ART SANDERSON has contributed another article on his travels that always makes for interesting reading. Club Treasurer, BRUCE LANDAU, continues to do his admirable job, keeping the club's financial records and prompt payments accurate and up to date. Member dealers, JODI SONNES & DEAN WASHBURN, DON BESTLE, CHARLES RODGERS, HOWARD HERZ, BILL BORLAND, JIM REYNOLDS, THE PASQUALAQUAS, and others, continue to "plug" the club and inspire new members to join. We are very fortunate to have such fine officers, supporters, and workers on behalf of the club, who unselfishly devote so much time to its success. Thank you all!!

Lastly, it would appear that the two major Casino Collectibles Shows held this year in Atlantic City, NJ and Bellflower, California were highly successful events by all reports. If you missed 'em in '89, it appears that you will get another chance in '90. Mark these two shows on your calendars. March 17 & 18 on the east coast in Atlantic City; March 17th and October 27th on the west coast in Bellflower, California.... Too bad both shows fall on the same day in March. Later on, during the summer of 1990 (August 22-26) our annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the grand daddy show of them all.....the 99th Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association in Seattle, Washington. More on this item next issue.

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This special offer was first reported in the 1988 Volume 1, 3rd quarter issue of the club newsletter, when our membership was significantly smaller. I've reprinted the information here for the benefit of our many new club members who are not aware of A.N.A.'s booklet on Monte Carlo Casino Chips and Tokens or who have not seen the original offer of this fine publication. The above paid advertisement by Philip Wing & Company also prompted your editor to reprint the following:

"An 18 page, well illustrated soft covered booklet on "CASINO CHIPS AND TOKENS OF MONTE CARLO", by Thomas C. Day, has been reprinted by the A.N.A. Included in this booklet is an addendum which lists additional chips/tokens that were not listed in the original article that was published in two prior issues of the "NUMISMATIST". Over 100 quality photographs of Monte Carlo chips and tokens are illustrated on glossy paper. This superb **reference publication** is now available for just \$2.95 each, plus .85 cents postage. If you would like a copy, simply mention your CC>CC membership number and send your check to:

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EDITORIAL

The fantastic growth of the club continues to amaze me and my fellow officers. Three or four of our dealer members are doing an excellent service for the club, recruiting and enrolling additional new members on a steady basis. A bulk mailing by the club, soliciting new potential members from names and addresses supplied to the club by Washoe Antiques, was a very successful endeavor. Many of our dealer members are now enclosing a club membership application with their own mailings of chip & token listings. Jim Munding's October "Casino Collectibles Show" in California was another fine source of new applications received. The numismatic press, **Coin World** and **Numismatic News** in particular, have been very supportive by publishing our news releases that Michael Knapp has submitted, resulting in additional new members. Thank you all for all of your collective efforts. This relatively young hobby collectible and our club is gaining increased attention from the numismatic community as a highly specialized field that is coming into its own after many years of neglect. We/you are in on the ground floor of a fast growing segment of a collecting area that has not yet reached its full potential. As we approach the 300 mark in memberships, our young club has dramatically surpassed the membership rolls of many established, more traditional specialized clubs in the numismatic hobby. While some folks have looked upon our chips and tokens as off-beat exnumia, many others have come to realize that these things we collect are actually substitutes for cold hard cash (spelled MONEY) and as such, are legitimate numismatic items that have been previously largely ignored. This sleeping giant, cousin to the coin, has finally awakened.

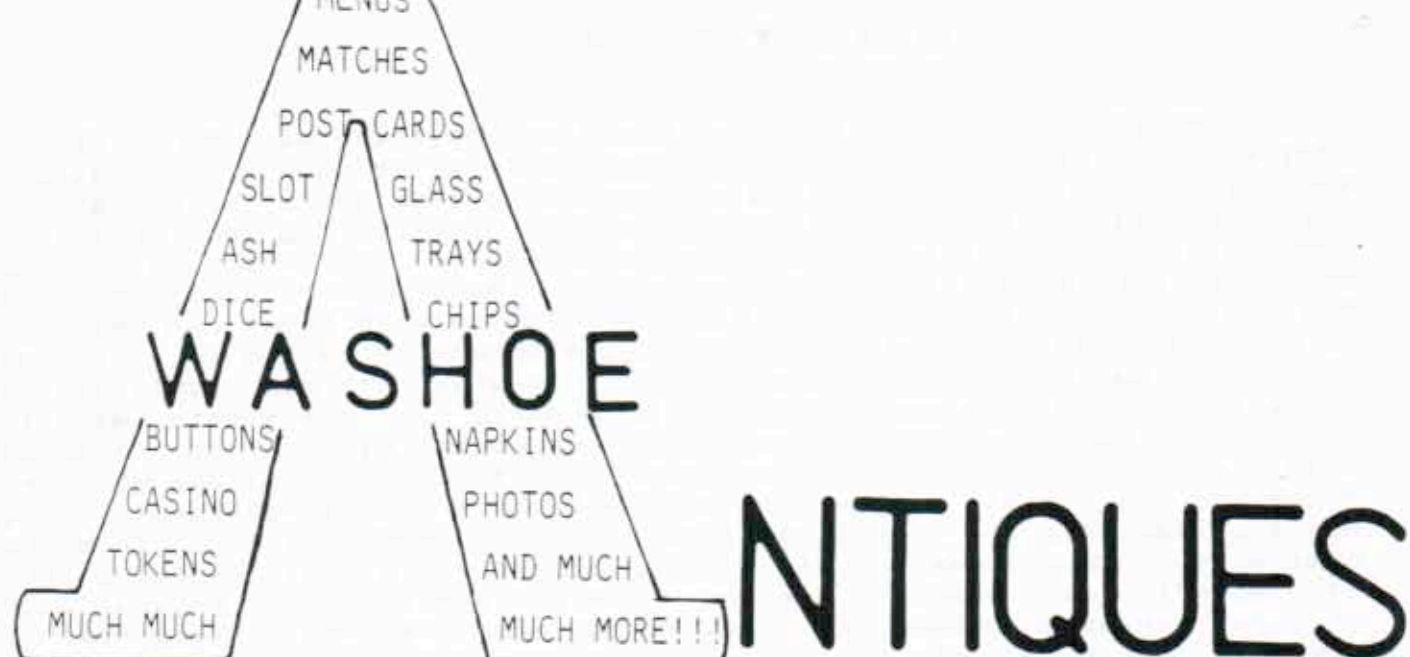
SECOND CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW ANNOUNCED

The second Casino Collectibles Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 17, 1990 at the Bellflower Masonic Hall, 9813 Beach Street in Bellflower, California, reports Jim Munding, Show Chairman. Hours of the show are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is an admission charge of \$3.00.

Mr. Munding stated that "the first casino collectibles show, held in October 1989, was a big success with over 200 people attending. Such items as casino chips and gaming tokens, dice, cards, ashtrays and glass wear, postcards, signs, matchbook covers, antique slot machines and all sorts of collectibles changed hands at the first show. Similar items will again be available at the March 1990 show."

Munding continued, "Plans are to conduct two shows each year in Southern California with "Casino Collectibles III" scheduled for October 27, 1990."

For additional information, contact Jim Munding, P.O. Box 4087, West Covina, California 91791. Telephone calls to (818) 919-0603 are encouraged on weekends and evenings.



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 FEBRUARY 17 & 18, FAIRGROUNDS, SAN MATEO, CA
 MARCH 2 TO 4, TOWN & COUNTRY HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CA
 MARCH 17 & 18, CONVENTION CENTER, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
 MAY 6, MARINA, BERKELEY, CA
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 JUNE 16 & 17, FAIRGROUNDS, SAN MATEO, CA

CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

I thought that some of you might be interested in which states represent our club membership. By far, the most club members live in California by a clear 3 to 1 margin over the next three runner-up states; New Jersey, Nevada, and New York. Below is a table that changes dramatically each quarter, which I think many of you will find very interesting. Do you see a state that is not represented....and do you correspond with any fellow collectors from those states? If so, how about inviting him/her to join the club?

CA 85	AZ 10	MA 5	TX 4	KS 2	AK 1
NJ 25	MI 8	MD 5	NC 3	ME 2	CO 1
NV 24	IL 6	PA 6	WA 3	TN 2	NE 1
NY 24	OH 6	MN 4	CT 2	UT 2	OK 1
FL 11	KY 5	OR 4	GA 2	WI 2	RI 1
				WY 2	

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CANADA 2

AUSTRIA 1

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Dear Editor:

Just a short note to comment on the Swap Meet of October 21st in Bellflower, California. This was the first organized meeting of token collectors that I have been to and when I got there at 9 a.m. the place was already open and bustling! I was very surprised at the large amounts of chips and tokens available many of which were very old and unusual. Although, compared to some hobbies, the following (collection) is small right now (200+), it appears there are quite a few longtime and very dedicated hobbyists on which to build a solid collecting base for future members.

Everyone I talked to was very friendly and helpful and I learned quite a bit in my couple of hours of browsing. I also added a few chips to my collection, although I was surprised that the prices of the chips were as high as they were (although frankly I didn't know what to expect). My question is that if a lot of the old chips are obsolete and purchased in bulk from the casinos at 10 cents on the dollar, why does each \$5 chips go for \$8 - \$10, \$25 chips for \$30. etc?

Anyway, in closing, it looks like the show was a big success and I hope that another one will be scheduled in the area in the near future.

MARK FREITAG R-236

Ed Note: You're quite correct Mark. I agree! Many \$5 chips purchased in bulk at 10 cents on a dollar should not cost us collectors \$8 to \$10 each. It depends on the chip issue and the dealer who is selling them. Seasoned collectors know which chips are available in huge quantities that should not bring anywhere near what some folks are asking for them. On the other hand, just because a particular chip is obsolete does not mean that it isn't worth \$8 - \$10, or more. It pays to get to know your dealer. The ones who are charging outrageous prices might sell a few chips at their high prices, but in the long run they will lose valuable repeat customers. After the novice collector gets burned a few times, he won't be back to get ripped off again from an unfair dealer. A good dealer (and the club has several of them) is a collectors best source of wanted material at reasonable prices.

Dear Editor:

October 22, 1989

I had the pleasure of sharing a dealer table at the Bellflower Gambling Memorabilia Show yesterday and want to congratulate Jim Munding on his successful event. I don't know the official figures but it seemed that about 100 people came through between 9:30 and 11:00, visiting the 35 or so tables in the room. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the people I had dealt with by mail or over the phone. There were a lot of happy people having fun and promoting this new hobby. One year is not going to be frequent enough for this kind of show. Twice a year with 50 or 60 tables would seem more like it. Several buyers mentioned that they had switched from coin collecting to chips and tokens. Club membership applications were available at several dealer tables, so expect some new members as a result of the show.

DON KNIGHT R-143

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NEW ISSUES

Well, the championship fight between Leonard and Duran on December 7th might have been held at the Mirage in Las Vegas but in Atlantic City, Claridge and Bally's Park Place sought to cash in on the high rollers who were invited to view the fight, via closed circuit t.v. Both casinos put into play, on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, and the day of the "big fight", their versions of high stakes slot machines.



Illustrated above is the very attractive one and a half ounce .999 fine silver \$25 slot token issued by the Claridge Casino Hotel. While the tokens were available on fight night, it was interesting to note that the only \$25 machine that would accept them was signed, "out of order".

Not to be outdone, right accross the street at Bally's Park Place, Atlantic City's newest \$100 token was in play for the first time.



This Bally's Park Place token is a first for A.C. in that it is the only commemorative slot token issued. The token marks the "10th Anniversary" of the opening of Bally's back in 1979 and bears the inscription "1979-1989". It has an outer ring of .999 fine silver and a 14k g.f. center. I wonder if this will be just a one year issue, or will Bally's issue another \$100 token next year?

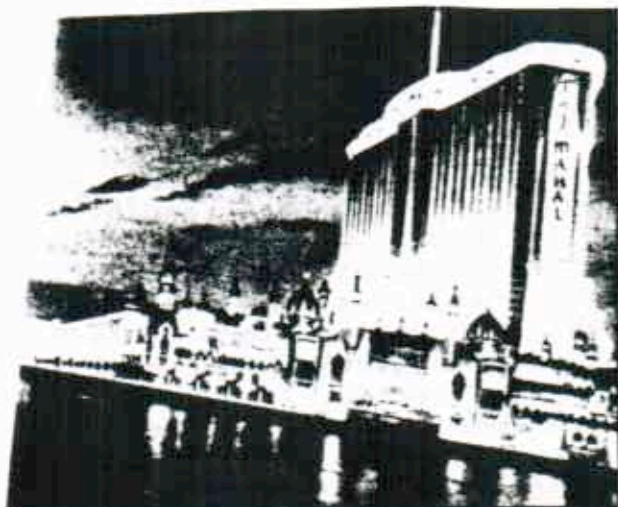
While the two tokens mentioned previously came as hardly no big surprise, as they were expected to be issued eventually, the really big surprise to be discovered by your Editor on that night of December 7th, occurred at Caesars.

My trading/selling stock of Caesars tokens had been depleted and while I was down to A.C. to view the championship fight, (without Brenda, as she hates the fights) it provided the perfect opportunity to stock up on several chips and tokens I needed to complete some orders. I decided to purchase a roll of Caesar's \$1 tokens and to pick out a few in decent condition. Upon opening the roll, I found only one that was real nice and I got about four other "keepers" that were so-so. The rest I cashed in. It wasn't until two days after I got home, when I got time to package up a few mailings, that I noticed the difference. I had only one token dated 1988, the rest were the known 1981 tokens. How long these 1988 tokens have been around that I never knew about, I have no idea. I would guess for at least a year. It just goes to show you, there are always new things to find in this hobby. You just have to keep on looking.



TAJ MAHAL TO OPEN IN SPRING

Construction is in full swing on Donald Trump's "TAJ MAHAL" on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Did you know that the "TAJ" will be New Jersey's tallest building? Does that shock you? How 'bout this one....it will also be the world's largest casino!! Yep, even bigger than Steve Wynn's Mirage. However that will all change when Vegas' Excalibur project is completed and "IT" will become the world's largest.



MORE A.C. NEW ISSUES

Showboat has issued a very ugly bronze \$25 slot token to fill in the gap between their \$5 and \$100 issues. I don't know why some casinos are able to issue attractive .999 fine silver tokens while others chose to put out these very crummy bronze issues. Evidently, there is no regulation in effect on the \$25 tokens as to what metals must be used. I would think that the N. J. Casino Control Commission would have some say as to what materials are to be used in the manufacture of these high denomination tokens. They tell the casinos what color carpets they can have on the casino floor, it's hard to imagine that they have no standards for all \$25 tokens.



Resorts International (now called, "Merv Griffin's Resorts") has issued their attractive \$100 slot token. Resorts has the distinction of having the only \$100 casino slot token with the denomination spelled out in script. It has an outer ring of .999 fine silver, with a satin finish 14k g.f. center.



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STEVE WYNN has had his ups and downs in the gambling casino business of Atlantic City and Las Vegas. But currently, he is having an up. His newest inn, The Mirage, which cost a mere \$670 million to build, raked in \$40 million in only two days during the recent weekend of the **Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran** fight. This was one of the heftiest gates ever anywhere in gambling resort history! Insiders say to break even, The Mirage has to do \$1 million a day.

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AND EVEN MORE A.C. NEW ISSUES!!

Well, it would appear that the only new A.C. issues coming out are the new \$100 slot tokens. I can't remember the last time a new chip was issued. It's probably just as well, as these .999 fine silver, 14 karat gold-filled tokens have been keeping my pockets empty. It's getting so bad that I can't afford to play any more. I keep adding these beautiful gold ones to my collection.

Anyhow, right around Thanksgiving, Sands Casino Hotel issued their \$100 token, which is dated 1989. Interesting to note that while the tokens were available for sale the machine was posted with an "out of order" sign.



Just a few weeks later, the day before Christmas Eve., Brenda and I noticed a new \$100 machine at Trump Plaza. When I asked the change person "when did this machine come on line?" the reply was, "just this morning."



The only A.C. casinos that DO NOT have a \$100 machine presently in use are; Bally's Grand and Claridge. Did you get yours while they're still in nice shape?

Happy New Year!! Archie.....

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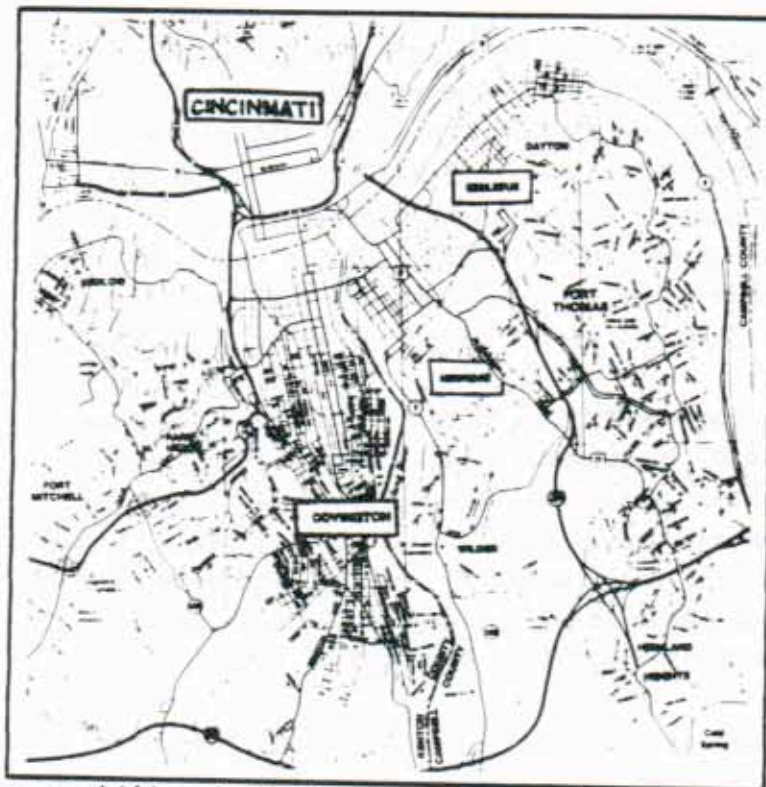
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'THE GAMBLING CLUBS AND CHIPS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY'

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From the 1930's through the early 1960's, Newport and Covington, Kentucky, sister cities just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio, were nationally known as the illegal gambling center of the country. (See below.) The number and variety of gaming clubs in the rather small area of northern Kentucky was unparalleled anywhere in the United States.



From the local equivalent of the Nevada "sawdust joint" to casinos in nightclubs more plush than anything in the sole state where gambling was legal, to small "bust-out joints," from which few customers ever escaped with anything left in their wallets, northern Kentucky had them all. Thanks to an investigative reporter for the Louisville Courier-Journal named Hank Messick, and to a few specialized collectors of the chips, dice and other

memorabilia of the Newport and Covington casinos, there is probably more known about the illegal gambling activities in that area than in most areas of the country where illegal gaming was prevalent.

This is the story of those clubs, and the chips they used for so long. As in many areas of the country, illegal gambling began in northern

Kentucky in earnest in the period immediately after Prohibition ended. The early gambling operators were, as was largely true elsewhere, ex-bootleggers who now faced legal competition and could no longer make a living with the same quality of liquor at the same prices.

Most of the early gaming operators in Newport/Covington worked at one time for George Remus, known as "King of the Bootleggers," and who controlled illicit prohibition-era liquor throughout southern Ohio, southern Indiana, and northern Kentucky. Jimmy Brink, Peter Schmidt, Buck Brady and Red Masterson (later to become known as "The Enforcer"), all were part of the Remus liquor business in the 1920's.

Initially, gambling in Kentucky was split largely along racial lines, with blacks patronizing and operating (although rarely owning) certain clubs, and whites patronizing and operating others. In the late 1930's, when the Cleveland Syndicate moved into the area, clubs were split again, this time along locally versus Syndicate-controlled lines.

Although all of the northern Kentucky clubs were started by locals, their success, and the tolerant attitude of the population of the towns (not to mention the direct interests of many local politicians and law enforcement officials), did not escape the notice of the "big money boys" for long. When gambling was rolling along in northern Kentucky in the mid- 1930's, for example, Reno was still the only town of any size in Nevada; Ben (no one called him Bugsy) Siegel and his partner Tony Cornero were still battling California Attorney General Earl Warren (later Governor, later Chief Justice of the United States) to keep their gambling ships open off the coast of that state. The Las Vegas Strip as we know it wasn't even a gleam in Ben Siegel's eye at the time.

The Cleveland Syndicate, run by Moe Dalitz (later the dean of Las Vegas pioneers, owning the Desert Inn and the Stardust) among others, had recently managed to force Dutch Schultz out of the Coney Island racetrack outside Cincinnati. They remodeled it and renamed it River Downs, and it began to make money. The group needed somewhere to put that money, and to make more, and the clubs of Newport and Covington had substantial appeal, especially since reporting the income to the government would have been out of place, if not downright dangerous.

The Syndicate moved in, squeezing one local owner after another out of their own clubs, or at least taking them over, leaving the locals as minority owners. The main local holdout, who became a rallying point for other locals trying to keep their clubs to themselves, was Peter Schmidt, one of George Remus' bootlegging lieutenants from the '20's. But we are getting ahead of ourselves. Perhaps it would be best to take a look at the rest of the history of the Newport and Covington areas through the clubs themselves.

The Glenn Rendezvous. Peter Schmidt (1886-1958; below left) built the Glenn Hotel, a small place, at 928 Monmouth Street in Newport, naming the hotel after his son, Glenn. In the 1920's it served the illicit liquor that Schmidt was helping to distribute throughout the tri-state area. In the early 1930's, back-room gaming began on a regular basis at the Glenn Hotel, and the gaming room (hardly a "casino" by most standards) became known as the Glenn Rendezvous. Below are chips from the Glenn Rendezvous.



When the Cleveland mob moved into the area in the mid- 1930's, Schmidt held out. He refused to be intimidated, and refused to take on "partners" he had got along very well without. But the handwriting was on the wall: if the Glenn Hotel and the Glenn Rendezvous were to remain open, the Syndicate would have its part.

Schmidt decided on an "end run." He purchased an old, rundown nightclub outside town in Southgate, Kentucky, known as the Old Kaintuck Castle. It sat up on a hill above the road, and when Schmidt was finished remodeling it he renamed it the Beverly Hills Club. More about the Beverly, as it was known, later.

Rather than give up a piece (or all) of his Glenn Rendezvous to the Cleveland outsiders, Schmidt simply closed it in 1935 when the Beverly was completed. Rather than distracting the Syndicate boys, the move made them even more determined, and when Schmidt was finally forced out of the Beverly in 1943, he reopened the Glenn Hotel and the Glenn Rendezvous.

Within a few more years, the Syndicate prevailed, and Schmidt was forced out of the Glenn Rendezvous for good in 1950 or 1951. The club was renamed The Tropicana, and the Glenn Rendezvous was no more. Schmidt opened a new place, called the Glenn Schmidt Playtorium (see below), and The Tropicana later played a prominent role in the death of the gambling industry in Northern Kentucky.



There are no remaining known chips from The Tropicana, but the photograph below shows the club on Monmouth Street. A fire destroyed the hotel and club in 1962. Today the building is gone, an empty lot between some buildings.

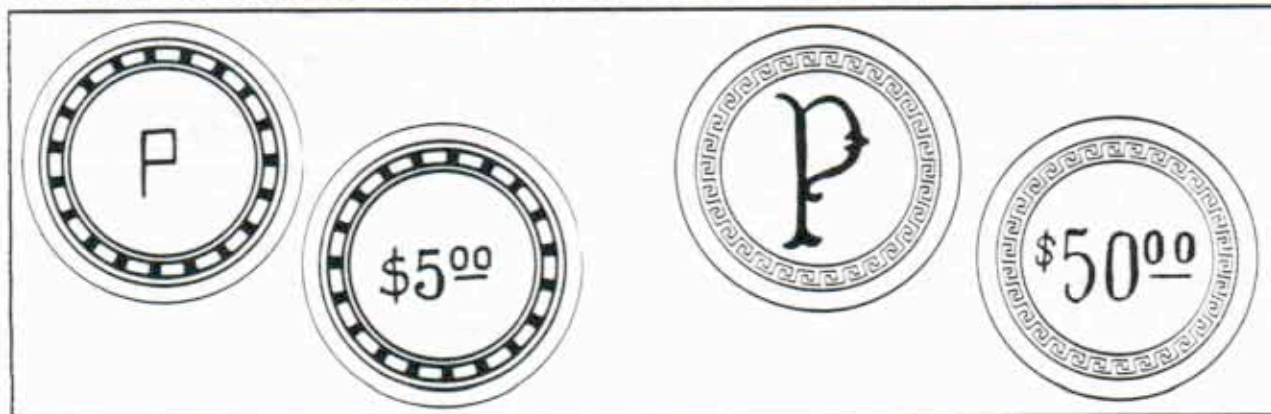
Primrose Club and Latin Quarter Unlike the Glenn Rendezvous and many of

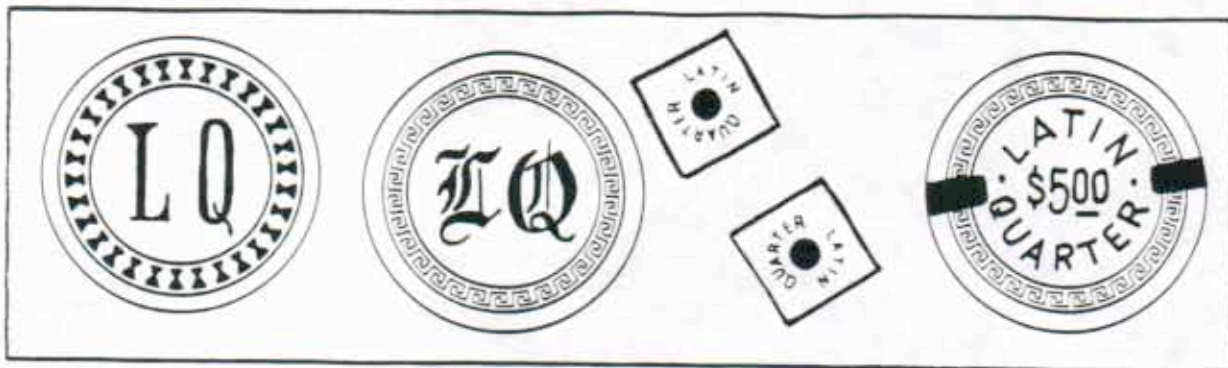


the other northern Kentucky clubs, the Primrose Club was not in the downtown area. Then Newport (and now within the city limits of Wilder), the building on Kentucky Route 9 sits out in the country even today. The Primrose (see below) was originally the Bluegrass Inn from which, if it had gaming, no chips are known to exist today. The Primrose was operated by ex-bootlegger Buck Brady, who was another local who resented and resisted the attempt of the Cleveland mob to take over the northern Kentucky clubs.

In 1946, Brady shot Red Masterson, who ran the

Merchant's Club (see below) for the Syndicate. Brady was forced out of the Primrose, and the price for his life was the turnover of the club to the Syndicate. Brady had done to himself what he had fought for so long. The Cleveland boys renamed the club, and it became the Latin Quarter, which it





remained until the end of gaming in the area. Above are examples of Latin Quarter gaming checks, as well as the dice used there.

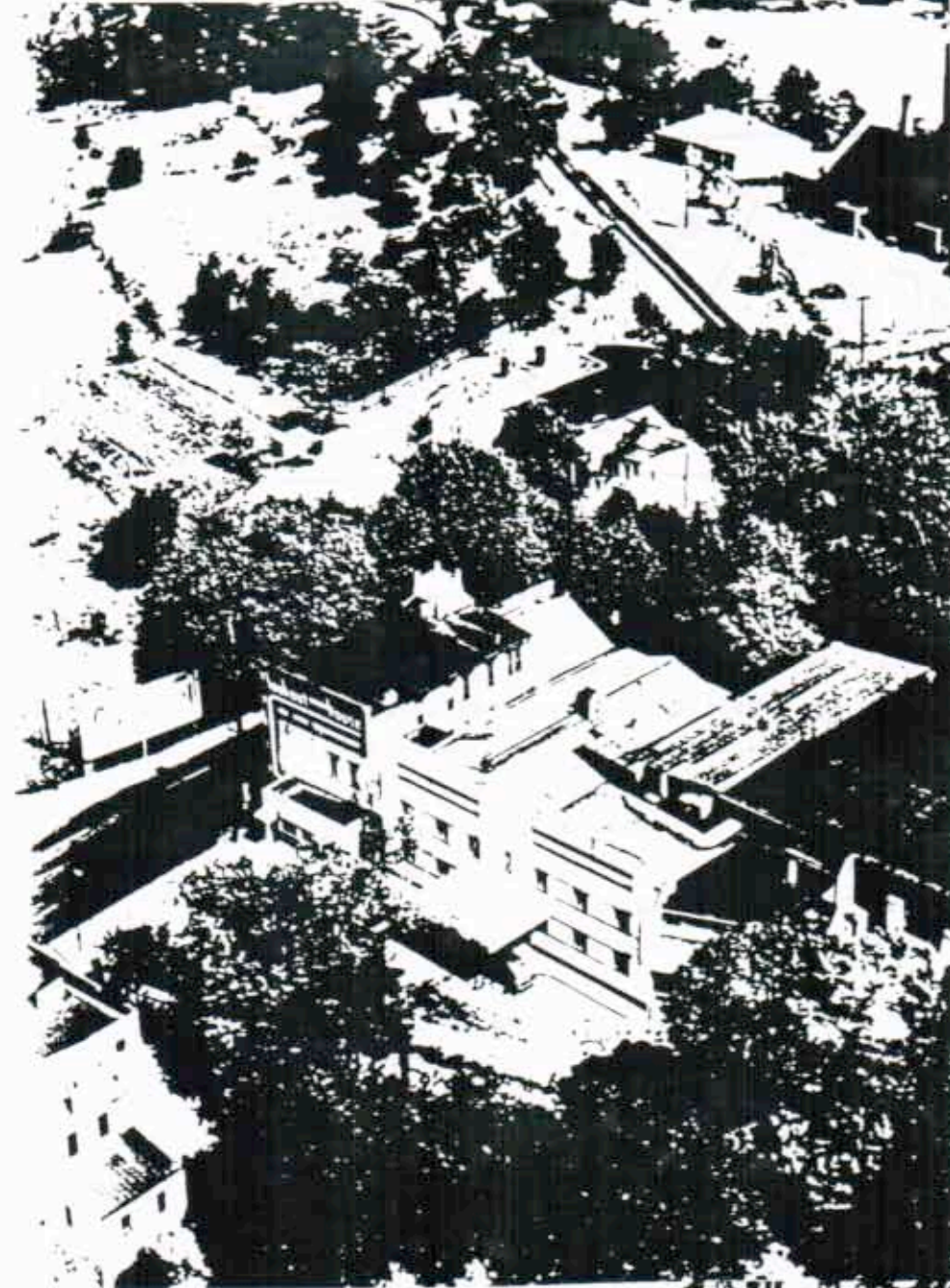
The building still exists, now known as Bobby Mackie's, a rustic local bar and restaurant.

Lookout House. As with the Primrose/Latin Quarter, the Lookout House is located in Covington, some miles away from the downtown area which held most of the smaller clubs. The Lookout House, along with the Beverly Hills Club, was known as the "class" of the northern Kentucky clubs. Not quite so plush as the Beverly, the Lookout House was by the standards of the era a full and comfortable casino. Big-name entertainment played in the lounge and restaurant, and the club was host to some of the underworld's most influential figures, as well as to many Cincinnati and northern Kentucky political and social bigwigs. (See next page.)

The Cleveland Syndicate moved in on the Lookout House in 1941 and appointed local Jimmy Brink as their operator. The club prospered throughout the rest of the decade, but ran into serious trouble in 1952 following the Senate Kefauver Hearings on organized crime. In that year, the state police, pressured by the FBI to do something about the open and notorious gambling industry in northern Kentucky, made an example of the Lookout House by raiding it (see next page) and shutting it down. Although it reopened as a restaurant and nightclub, the casino had closed permanently.

The Lookout House (shown next page), one of the two queens of northern Kentucky gambling clubs in its heyday, burned down in 1973, and the site is now the Lookout Corporate Center, a 7-story, modern brick office building in a built-up area of Covington. The woods shown in the picture are gone, and Route 25, Dixie Highway, is now a six-lane thoroughfare.

The Beverly Hills Club. When Peter Schmidt remodeled the Old Kaintuck Castle and reopened it as the Beverly Hills Club in 1935, he started what was to become the plushest and most famous casino/night club in the country until the palaces of the Las Vegas Strip were built. Out in the country in Southgate, Kentucky, the Beverly sat at the top of a large hill, with a stately, curving driveway going up the hill, lined with rock cairns between which





wrought iron chain was strung. The photo at left is the club in the late 1940's, and below left is the roulette action at the club in the late 1950's.

The Beverly became successful soon enough that by 1936 the Syndicate was

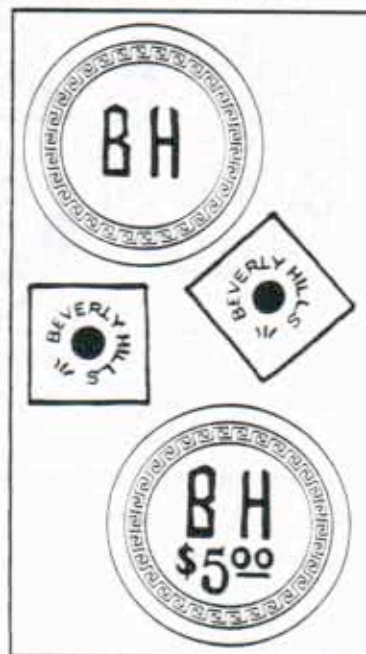
banging on Schmidt's door again. He was no more eager to have partners from Cleveland than he had been when he was running the Glenn Rendezvous, however, and the boys from Cleveland decided that it was time to teach Mr. Schmidt a lesson. In 1936, reportedly by order of Moe Dalitz, the Beverly was burned.

Schmidt didn't scare easily, though, and in 1937 the Beverly reopened,



larger and more plush than ever. It thrived, and so did its casino. By 1940, however, Syndicate pressure became too heavy even for Peter Schmidt, and he turned the club over to the Cleveland faction. With their connections in the entertainment field, the Syndicate improved on the substantial reputation which the Beverly Hills Club already enjoyed.

It became the nation's showplace for entertainment, fine food and high-roller casino action when Las Vegas was still a spot in the desert with a few downtown sawdust joints.



Gaming at the Beverly ended in 1961, and with the development of legal gambling in Nevada, especially in Las Vegas, the operators had begun to lose interest in northern Kentucky anyway. The club went downhill until it was finally shut down completely in 1963. It remained vacant until 1969 when a new owner tried to reopen it, but he failed within two months. In 1972 it reopened, and for a time became successful again,



booking name entertainment on a regular basis. In 1977, however, a fire destroyed the Beverly Hills Club, killing 165 people. One of the co-authors of this article, Earl Reppetto, was the first on-duty fireman at the scene of the disaster.

Flamingo Club. The Flamingo Club was one of the major downtown Newport gambling clubs, located at 633 York Street. (See photos above right.) A Syndicate-run club, it was operated by brothers Ed, Louis and Mike



Levinson. The Levinsons had come from Detroit, having operated the Chalet and Charlevoix Clubs, and leaving when the heat in Detroit was turned up and those two clubs closed.

Opened in the early 1940's, the Flamingo Club lasted until the late-1950's, when it, too, was finally shut down by local police pressured to "do something" about the open gambling in the northern Kentucky area. All of

the gaming checks of the Flamingo Club are embossed "633 Club," 633 York Street being the address of the building.

Ed Levinson, who had received his gambling higher education in Detroit and in Newport, was sent to Las Vegas by the Syndicate in 1956 to run the just-opened Fremont Hotel, then the tallest building in Nevada. The Flamingo was left in the hands of his brothers, but it wasn't long before the reform movement in Newport forced its closing.

Today the site of the Flamingo Club, across the street from the Wiedemann Brewery, is part of a complex of new buildings owned by a cab company.



Yorkshire Club. Across the street and down a block from the Flamingo Club, at 518 York Street, was the Yorkshire, the Syndicate's largest sports book operation in the northern Kentucky area. Also housing table games, the Yorkshire was in a somewhat larger building than many of the small downtown clubs. See previous page, where one photo shows a Yorkshire Club dealer caught in the act of paying a customer at a 21 table.



Although the Yorkshire Club, like the Flamingo and several others, used personalized dice,

chips were somewhat more portable, and direct advertising on the gaming checks was thought reckless. Various styles of Yorkshire Club checks are known.

Mecca Club. Next door to the Glenn Hotel



on Monmouth, the Mecca Club was located at 926 or 930 Monmouth. Its checks bore its name. (See above left.)

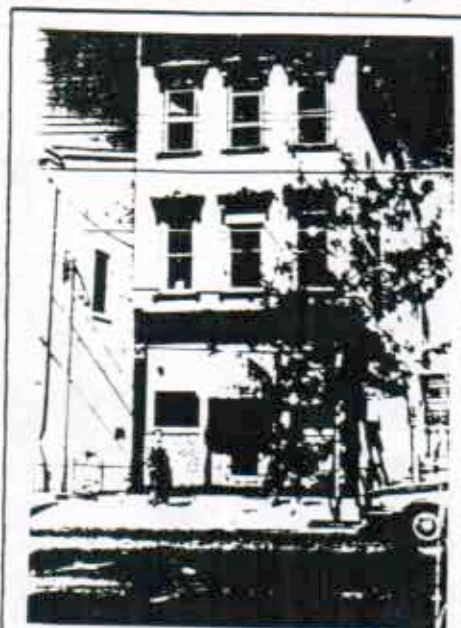
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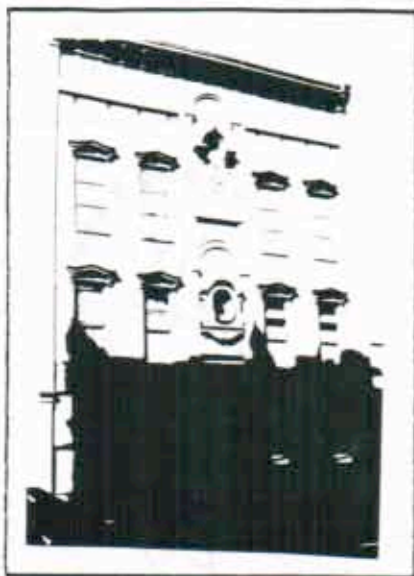
Monmouth Street rises as it heads south away from the Ohio River.

On a clear day, standing outside the clubs of Monmouth Street, patrons could see the tall buildings of downtown Cincinnati, and at night, their lights. Kid Able Club was located at 941 Monmouth Street, a couple of blocks south of the Glenn Rendezvous, Tropicana, Mecca Club, etc. Today it is "Barbz Bar," but the building still stands. (See right.) Gaming checks from the Kid Able Club are embossed "KID."

Grandview Club. Located in the Grandview Gardens restaurant at 34 Biehl Street at the end of Monmouth, the Grandview Club sat on a hill looking down toward the river and Cincinnati. (Above left.)

Merchants Club. When the Syndicate moved in on northern Kentucky, ex-bootlegger Red Masterson was recruited as one of their first local representatives. He would soon become known as "The Enforcer" for his efforts





in trying to squeeze local owners out of their clubs, or at least to give the boys from Cleveland a piece of the action.

Masterson himself ran the Merchants Club, at 15 East Fourth Street in downtown Newport. Across the street from the Merchants Club is a fire station, and a block to the west, clearly visible from the club's front entrance, is the county courthouse. At least three different styles of Merchants Club

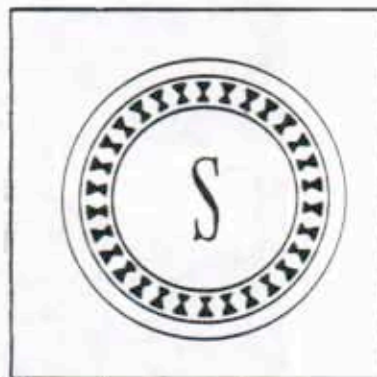


checks are known. (Above left is a photo of the Merchants Club as it exists today, and at right are its dice and checks.)



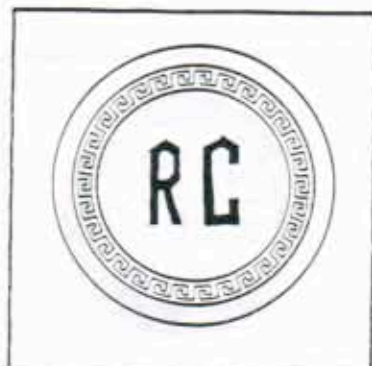
Sportsmans Club.

One of the largest clubs which catered to black clientele, the Sportsmans Club was taken over early on by the Cleveland Syndicate. Located at the northeast corner of Second and York Streets, down close to the Ohio River, the club was run by Frank "Screw" Andrews (left), one of



the Syndicate's main area strongarms. Today the building stands, somewhat remodeled, and contains a building supply company.

Andrews supposedly earned his nickname through his sexual exploits, and fancied himself as a ladies' man. He began as the man in charge of the Syndicate-operated numbers racket in the black communities of Cincinnati,



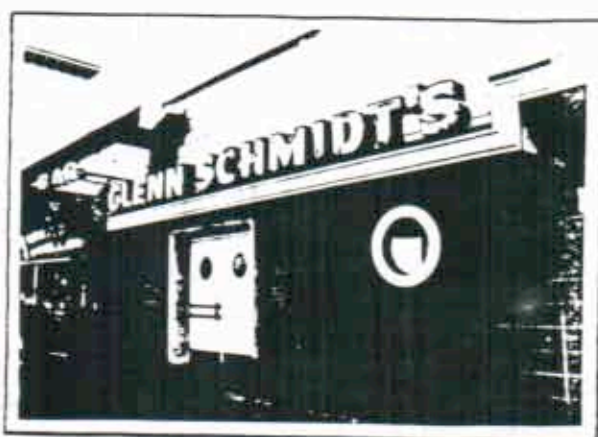
Newport and Covington, and eventually took over most of the black-owned clubs as well. Sportsmans Club checks have only an "S" on them.

Rocket Club. Another black club, also owned by the Cleveland Syndicate, located across from the Sportsmans Club on the northwest corner of Second and York Streets.

Kentucky Club. Across the Licking River in Covington is the site of the Kentucky Club. In addition to table games, the Kentucky Club featured a horse race book, and one style of the gaming chips used there features a brass-inlaid horse's head. The building still stands, although now faced with brick. Three styles of chips from the Kentucky Club are known. (Right.)

Glenn Schmidt Club. When Peter Schmidt, fighting the Syndicate to remain independent, was forced out of the Beverly Hills Club, and then out of the Glenn Rendezvous, he moved to the block between York and Monmouth Streets on Fifth and opened a large bowling alley known as the Glenn Schmidt Playtorium.





In a large back room, now used as a restaurant, Schmidt opened a new casino. The Glenn Schmidt Club still stands, as does the bowling alley (see left and previous page) one of the few buildings from the boom days

of northern Kentucky gambling clubs which still serves most of its original purpose. When, in the late '50's the reform movement heated up and pressure on the casinos increased, Schmidt moved the Glenn

Schmidt Club next door behind his Snax Bar restaurant, now attached to the bowling alley, but then separated by a wall.

The gaming checks from the Glenn Schmidt Club bear his initials on two bowling pins.

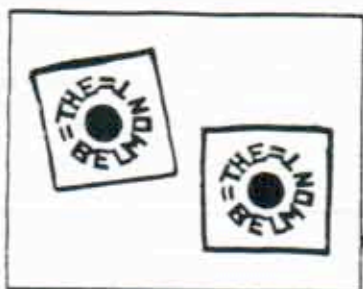
Alibi Club. Another black club taken over in 1949 by "Screw" Andrews, in Newport. The address is not known. (See above right.)

Stork Club. Although the dates are unclear, the Stork Club, at 613 Monmouth Street, was a club owned by local Jim Harris. The Syndicate moved in, and in the late 1940's it was taken over and renamed the Stardust. In the 1950's the name was changed again to the

Silver Slipper. Only the Stardust check is known today. (See left.)

Beacon Club. Located out in the country on Licking Pike in what is now Wilder, the Beacon Club also operated during the boom days of northern Kentucky gambling. (See right.) When gaming ceased, the place became the Beacon Inn, and may now have been





torn down - your authors were unable to locate it, at least!

Other clubs. There are a number of other clubs which operated at one time in the Newport/Covington area, of which relatively little is known. The Belmont Club (see left), the Club Alexandria, the Club Kenton and the Golden Horseshoe, for example. There

are others which existed, but for which no chips of any kind are known to exist today: The Avenue in Bellevue, which some recall had a single dice table; The Guys & Dolls, a club in Wilder which closed the same night it opened after a player had a hot run at a craps table; the 222 Club, a black club near the river; the Coconut Grove, another black club opened by Melvin Clark, head of the black numbers racket, who was shot and killed by "Screw" Andrews, who then shut the club down rather than operating it; the Copa Club, another black club; the Varga Bar, a Newport bust-out joint with such a bad reputation that even in wide-open Newport, it was shut down in the mid-1940's; the Dogpatch, near the river; the Teddy Bear Lounge in Covington, and the 316 Club.



There are also chips known to exist which some people have attributed to the northern Kentucky area, but which cannot be tied to a known gaming club: see right, for example.

The end of gaming in Newport and Covington. When the northern Kentucky clubs operated, at least in the early days, they usually shut down for the winter months. Cincinnati convention business, on which some of the clubs relied more than others, slowed considerably in the winter, and the high rollers from the midwest usually spent substantial periods of time in Florida in the winter. The clubs could not afford to keep their doors open solely for local patronage.

Throughout the period that the clubs operated, they also shut down for two weeks every year when the grand jury was in session. When the grand jury received complaints of open and notorious gambling in the area, the members could investigate all they wanted: they would find nothing at the buildings to which they had been sent. As soon as the grand jury's session was over, the doors were unlocked and it was business as usual. The clubs also closed periodically, for varying lengths of time, during the "locals versus outsiders" (i.e., Syndicate) wars.

Of course, illegal gambling in northern Kentucky, or in any other venue for that matter, could not exist without the involvement of politicians and

law enforcement officials. Newport and Covington had their share of payoffs to make, and in fact some prominent politicians and peace officers had significant ownership interests in the clubs themselves. In addition, however, the northern Kentucky area had something else going for it: a very tolerant and assenting attitude on the part of the general public, and even state officials. One candidate for governor of Kentucky, when asked about the existence of gambling in the Newport/Covington area, was reported to have remarked that it was the citizens' privilege to have it dirty if that's the way they wanted it'.

In the late 1950's, however, a reform movement, led by a group of local clergymen and headed by a postman, began to exert substantial pressure on the politicians and law enforcement officials to clean up the cities' image. With gambling had come a profusion of strip joints, bordellos and the associated unsavory characters which the reform group felt ought not to be tolerated.

The victory of John F. Kennedy in 1960, and his appointment of his brother Bobby as Attorney General, lent substantial impetus to the Newport reformers. Bobby Kennedy had been counsel to the McClellan Committee and the Kefauver Committee, both of which conducted lengthy investigations into organized crime, its influence in labor unions, illegal gambling, and legal gaming in Nevada, and both of which received significant publicity.

The reformers managed to nominate George Ratterman an ex-football player, as their candidate for sheriff of Campbell County, in which Newport is located. The Syndicate, fearing that the time might have come when the political winds had shifted enough that they might be driven out of northern Kentucky, moved to protect their interests.

During the campaign, Ratterman was lured to a bar, where he was plied with liquor and drugged. He was then transported to the Tropicana, in the old Glenn Hotel, where he was put to bed with an exotic dancer from the club named April Flowers (Juanita Jean Hodges; top right), and photographed with her. The attempted frame was a transparent flop. Ratterman beat all charges, and the beginning of the end had started. (Bottom right shows Ratterman after his acquittal, outside the Tropicana.) The coup de grace for gambling in Newport



came in August of 1961. The reformers had put sufficient pressure on the county prosecutor to indict several local politicians and law enforcement officials on numerous graft charges.

Such charges had never been made to stick before, although they had occasionally been attempted. Witnesses disappeared, lost their memories, or evidence had simply been ignored by juries who were tolerant of the situation. This time, however, the prosecution had subpoenaed a former madam who, embittered by the lack of protection she had received after having made the demanded payoffs, took the stand and began to recite in great detail how much she had paid, to whom, and when. The trial resulted in a number of convictions, and when George Ratterman won the election that year, the few remaining clubs shut their doors forever.

Following this article is a complete trial listing of the known gaming checks and varieties from the clubs of northern Kentucky.

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A TRIAL LISTING OF THE GAMING CHIPS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

All known colors and styles of gaming checks used in northern Kentucky gambling clubs are listed as follows: denomination, main color, rim (mould) design, center type, and number and color of edge inserts. A sample illustration of each of the chips listed here appears in the accompanying article.

Alibi Club

1.00	red	sakey	embossed
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Beacon Club

.50	yellow	sakey	embossed
1.00	ivory	sakey	embossed
25.00	black	sakey	embossed

Beverly Hills Club

----	ivory	sakey	embossed (BH)
5.00	brown	sakey	embossed (BH 5.00)

Flamingo Club (633 Club)

.50	dk. yellow	sakey	embossed (lg. denom.)
.50	lt. orange	sakey	embossed
.50	green	sakey	embossed
.50	mustard	diasqr	embossed
1.00	dk. red	sakey	embossed
1.00	bright red	sakey	embossed
1.00	red	diasqr	embossed
5.00	black	sakey	embossed
5.00	blue	diasqr	embossed
5.00	gray	diasqr	embossed
50.00	pink	sakey	embossed (sm. denom.)
50.00	dk. green	sakey	embossed
----	lt. gray	hrglas	embossed
----	dk. salmon	hrglas	embossed 3 1/4 black
----	mauve	hrglas	embossed
----	mauve	hrglas	embossed 3 1/4 green
----	red	hrglas	embossed
----	purple	hrglas	embossed 3 1/4 yellow
----	blue	hrglas	embossed 3 1/4 yellow

Glenn Rendezvous

1.00	brown	sakey	embossed
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5.00	red	smkey	embossed	
25.00	yellow	smkey	embossed	4 1/4 black
5.00	red	hrglas	embossed	

Glenn Schmidt Club

.50	brown	smkey	embossed	3 1/4 orange
1.00	rose	smkey	embossed	3 1/4 black
5.00	dk. yellow	smkey	embossed	3 1/4 green
50.00	green	smkey	embossed	3 1/4 red
----	black	hrglas	embossed	3 1/4 salmon
----	white	hrglas	embossed	3 1/4 red

Grandview Club

----	blue	smkey	embossed	
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Kentucky Club

----	dk. yellow	dots	embossed	
----	yellow	smkey	embossed	
----	red	smkey	brass inlay	
----	white	smkey	brass inlay	
----	yellow	smkey	brass inlay	
----	blue	smkey	brass inlay	

Kid Able Club

----	tan	hrglas	embossed	
----	grayish blue	hrglas	embossed	
5.00	brick red	hrglas	embossed	

Latin Quarter

----	blue	hrglas	embossed	
----	yellow	hrglas	embossed	
----	blue	smkey	embossed	
----	yellow	smkey	embossed	
.50	pink	smkey	embossed	2 1/4 black
1.00	ivory	smkey	embossed	2 1/4 black
5.00	blue	smkey	embossed	2 1/4 orange
25.00	red	smkey	embossed	4 1/4 yellow

Lookout House

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1.00	ivory	smkey	embossed	
5.00	blue	diasqr	embossed	
5.00	gray	diasqr	embossed	
5.00	rose	S's	embossed	
5.00	rose	smkey	embossed	

5.00 bicolor: obv.
 brown/rev.
 yellow

		sakey	embossed (silver)
25.00	black	S's	embossed
25.00	dk. yellow	sakey	embossed 4 1/4 black

Mecca Club

5.00	black	sakey	embossed
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Merchants Club

.25	yellow	S's	embossed
.50	dk. yellow	flower	embossed
.50	dk. yellow	sakey	embossed
1.00	dk. red	S's	embossed
1.00	red	sakey	embossed (\$1)
1.00	red	sakey	embossed (\$1.00)
1.00	red	flower	embossed
5.00	lavender	sakey	embossed

Primrose Club

----	yellow	rectls	embossed
5.00	red	rectls	embossed
50.00	red	sakey	embossed

Rocket Club

----	black	sakey	embossed
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Sportsmans Club

----	gray	hrglas	embossed
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Stardust

1.00	yellow	hrglas	embossed
5.00	red	hrglas	embossed
50.00	black	hrglas	embossed 3 1/2 white

Yorkshire Club

----	ivory	cord	embossed (Yorkshire both sides)
----	yellow	cord	embossed (obv. = Yorkshire/rev. = Y)
----	dk. pink	3dots	embossed
----	ivory	S's	embossed
----	dk. rose	S's	embossed
----	yellow	S's	embossed
----	red	S's	embossed
----	lt. gray	flower	embossed
----	lt. gray	hrglas	embossed
----	dk. red	hrglas	embossed
----	red	sakey	embossed
----	blue	sakey	embossed
----	yellow	sakey	embossed
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'LAS VEGAS, 1990-1995'

By Janice O'Neal, Club Historian

The following bits and pieces have been gathered from several different publications in the past three months:

If Donald Trump thinks "Las Vegas and the surrounding area is over-built", I will be very interested in what his comments will be five years from now.

Harrah's is looking for a new site in Las Vegas (in addition to Holiday) to carry the "Harrah's" name.

Hyatt hotels is looking to develop hotel/casino in Las Vegas.

Jackpot Enterprises (originally a slot route operator) is now going into casino operations and ownership. To be known as Jackpot Gaming. First will be "Jackpot City" located at Sahara Ave. and the strip on site of the old Foxy's Firehouse. Slots only...no table games. They are now in the process of negotiating for 3 or 4 other locations in Las Vegas and Reno. They have since taken over operation of Jim Kelley's Nugget on Virginia Street in Reno.

Bob Snow (of Church Street Station Complex of Orlando, Florida) is attempting to purchase Park Hotel property downtown Las Vegas at 200 N. Main to create a Las Vegas Church Street Station. He has stated the Park Casino would remain in operation.

The Mar Cor Resorts Co. (to open Rio Suites Resort, west of I-15 on Flamingo in January 1990) has assembled other Las Vegas sites for development and operation of future gaming resorts.

Sahara Casino Partners (owners of Hacienda and Sahara in LV, also Pioneer in Laughlin) to build a new casino in northwestern sector of Vegas on 36 acres at U.S. 95 Expressway and Rancho Drive. Tentative name is "Santa Fe".

Sheraton Hotels has acquired a Las Vegas site for hotel/casino, possibly near Las Vegas Hilton.

United Gaming (owners of Miss Lucy's at 3rd & Odgen, downtown LV) to have at least three more all slots casinos in near future.

MGM Grand Inc. owner, Kirk Kerkorian, is to spend \$700 million on a 5,000 room hotel & movie theme park on 115 acres now occupied by Marina Hotel/Casino and the Tropicana Country Club & Golf Course (behind Marina). He hopes to break ground this spring with completion late in 1992.

The Primadonna Casino is under construction near California/Nevada border at Jean, NV.

There is a new Flamingo Hilton under construction at Laughlin.

Emerald River Resort project has begun at Laughlin with the development of their golf course. Hotel/casino complex to be added.

Paradise Bay Resort, Laughlin is to open late in 1990 on 30 acres at intersection of New Needles Highway and Casino Drive. Plans have been announced for the Mojave Indian land south of Laughlin for up to three hotel/casinos and a man made 75 acre lake. To be called MoVada Group, with Bob Cashell (of Reno's Horseshoe) as one of the principals.

Bighorn Enterprises is to build "Bighorn Hotel/Casino" at Carey Ave. & Rancho Drive NLV. Construction is to begin in early 1990.

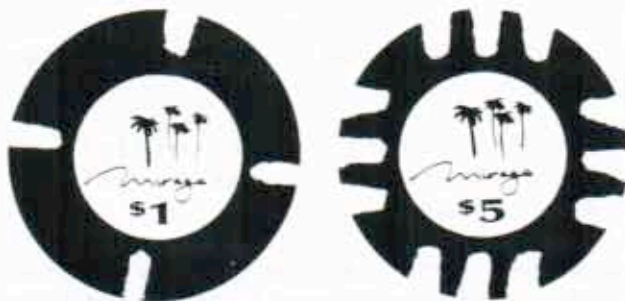
"Boulder Station" is to be built by Palace Station owners at Lamb Blvd and Boulder Highway.

Mar Cor Resort Properties (builders of Rio) plan to build hotel/casino on 40 acres in Green Valley on Sunset Road, west of Expressway. This firm also intends to develop a casino property in Henderson.

Cosmo World Corporation is to build a hotel/casino in Henderson on the foothills bordered on east by Sky Harbor airport and Lake Mead Drive to the north.

If all these plans do come to pass, and construction has already begun on some of them, think of the additions yet to be made to our chips and token collections!!

Keep in touch.....Janice.



Here's an interesting chip set from Reno. According to member PAUL ZINDEL, "when a Canadian gambler comes up to a table with Canadian money, they are given the Canadian chips and they play with those. At the end of their session when they cash out, the casino pays them in American money, at the current exchange rate for that day". The "1" value is light blue with 8 white inserts, the "5" value is red with 8 white inserts. The Canadian Maple Leaf side is common to both chips.

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Mirage wants gaming chip without Vegas designation

Review-Journal Capital Bureau

CARSON CITY — The Nevada Gaming Commission agreed Thursday to consider a change in gaming regulations that would allow The Mirage Hotel to manufacture a gaming chip without the inscription that the hotel-casino is in Las Vegas.

Mirage Hotel President Robert Baldwin said the hotel-casino wants to create a particularly attractive chip without having to list its location. Current state regulations require that chips list the city of the location.

Chairman John O'Reilly said he might support a waiver from the regulation as long as there is no other Mirage Hotel in the world.

The commission, however, will not decide whether to allow the exemption for the still uncompleted Mirage along the Las Vegas Strip until a later meeting.

"It is the understated approach we are attempting to play," said Baldwin about his hotel's request.

"It's like the billboards that simply say only 'Sinatra,'" responded Commissioner Ken Gragson.

While gaming chips of \$1 and higher denominations will not show the hotel is in Las Vegas, Baldwin said the hotel's metal slot tokens still will include the location.



'NEVADA CHIPS & TOKENS..... UPDATE ON THE UPDATE'

By Janice O'Neal, Club Historian

From the Reno area.....Eddie's Fabulous 50's closed at the end of July. "Onslow Hotel Casino" closed at the end of October. Both were located on Virginia Street in Reno. A new hotel opened on July 1, 1989 at 567 W. 4th Street in Reno called, "Cheers", formerly known as "Pearl", then "Golden Resort Hotel", then "The Reef". No live gaming. Nickel & quarter slots only at this time. Hilton opened a new Virginia Street casino on July 1, 1989 called "Pacos". They are still using the old Hilton dollar tokens. Chips are hat & cane, \$1 blue...red, black, yellow on a white CI. The \$5 is red with 2 off white/2 lavender and a red, black on white Hub CI.

"Gold Club" in Sparks has discontinued all live gaming. Only dollar tokens are in use now. "Karl's Silver Club" Sparks is now operated by IGT as "Silver Club". New chips are hat & cane \$1 light blue with 2 dark blue inserts with a blue, red on white CI. The \$5 chip is pink with 2 white/2 lavender and has a blue, red on white hub CI. Dollar tokens are still Karl's. "Baldini's Sports Casino", formerly "Shy Clown", has added live gaming. \$5 chips are red hat & cane with 4 blue inserts and has a red, black on white CI. "B Street Gambling Hall" is now open in Sparks, formerly "King Of Clubs", 1324 B Street. Same owner as "The Mint Casino" at 1132 B Street, Carl Giudici. The 1989 dollar tokens for B Street say only "Giudici's Sparks, Nevada". Red \$5 chips have hat & cane mold with 3 peach inserts and the hubbed CI says only "Giudici's".

New at Carson City in September is "The Carson Station" which is the former "Mother Lode". It is owned by Bob CAshell (of Reno's Horseshoe). \$5 chips are red with hat & cane and 2 dark orange/2 peach inserts with a white CI. Their dollar tokens is USM no date.

New "Sturgeon's Casino" at Fernly, Nevada. It is owned by the same folks that operate "Sturgeon's" in Lovelock. Dollar tokens are the same design. The Lovelock token is dated 1983 with no mint mark. Fernly token is dated 1989 marked green duck. No word yet on chips. Has anyone been out that way lately?

Thanks to Dean & Jodi at Washoe Antiques in Reno for helping on checking out information for us.

Now on to Las Vegas....On Wednesday, December 20, 1989 a new casino opened on the site of "Orbit Inn", 707 E. Fremont at 7th. New "Franklin Brothers Casino" is attached to Days Inn Motel. Dollar tokens only...no live gaming. "Anthony's Casino" is the new name for "La Mirage". Chips are .25 pink BJ 8 suit incised, with bright gold embossing. The \$1 chip is blue/white, BJ 8 suit gold embossed. \$5 red BJ has 3 split yellow inserts with a new decal center, black on white. "Hacienda" has a new \$5 red chip H&C with 3 blue/white inserts, black, red, green on white hub CI. "Lady Luck" has new \$2.50 yellow chips, H&C with 3 red inserts and a red, black on white CI (no head logo). Also a new \$5 "Lady Luck" token is now in play. "Opera House" in NLV has new \$1 chips for poker tables. They are blue H&C with gold embossing.

Hilton's new "O' Shea's" is now open. \$1 chips are blue with house mold and 4 white inserts and has a multi colored black on white CI. \$5 red chips have 4 sets of white...multi, black on white CI. "San Remo

tokens, but the main casino is still under construction. "Ellis Island Casino" 4178 Koval Lane has dollar tokens only....no live gaming. "Arizona Charlies" has opened three smaller places. "Cantina Charlies" 2695 S. Decatur, "Charlies Bar" 2089 N. Jones, and "Charlies Lakeside" at Sahara & Durango. Again, only dollar tokens....no live gaming. "Boardwalk Hotel/Casino", formerly "Slot Joynt", is to be completely remodeled during 1990. "Bourbon Street" has a new \$1 chips for their poker room... a blue/white BJ 8 suit gold hot stamp. "Longhorn Casino" on Boulder Highway has added a bright pink H&C .50 cent chip with gold embossing. "Slots-A-Fun" has new white \$1 BJ chips with 6 purple inserts and a metal center, plus a new red BJ \$5 chip with 6 yellow inserts and a metal center. "Peppermill Las Vegas" is now closed.

"Eldorado" in Henderson is temporarily closed. It is being completely re-built inside and out. New in Henderson on Sunset Road is "Tom's Sunset Casino" which opened on August 4, 1989. They have a dark red \$5 chip, horse head right, with 3 yellow inserts and a black on white CI.

At Jean, Nevada the new "Nevada Landing", is owned by the same group as "Gold Strike Hotel" across the highway. It opened on September 20, 1989. Their .50 cent chips are purple with gold embossed and H&C. the \$1 beige chips also H&C with gold embossing, while the \$5 chip is red with 4 lt blue inserts on a red, black on white hub CI.

Coming soon...."Silver Nugget" NLV to re-open on New Year's Eve. It is now owned by Gary Mahoney, owner of "Opera House Casino". "Rio Suites Casino" in Las Vegas is scheduled to open on January 15, 1990. The "Royal Casino" on Convention Center Drive in Las Vegas is to re-open again shortly under new ownership. "Primadonna" in Jean is to open in March of 1990 and Excalibur will open in June of 1990.

Until next time....I would like to hear about what you have found that I have missed!! Please send any news you might have to:

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"TOKEN COLLECTORS....TAKE NOTE"
Let's Not Jeopardize Ourselves

By Norma Jean King R-190

In a recent meeting with an agent from the Nevada Gaming Control Board, it was pointed out that there is some concern that collectors might be contributing to the increasing number of obsolete, counterfeit and scattered tokens through-out the state. Their logic follows.

1. Counterfeits have always been a problem, and recently many have become extremely sophisticated. Since the collector is striving for the best example, it is feasible one could, with the right talent and equipment, reproduce excellent examples. (But we wouldn't)
2. Once a token is withdrawn from use it is obsolete. If used it falls into the same category as a counterfeit. As collectors, one could abandon their collection or upgrade for condition, and drop discards into machines. Collectors would have, through association, access to obsolete tokens not destroyed. (They're too much in demand)
3. Gaming tokens are to be used only in the casino or establishment where acquired. Since tokens cannot be detected as quickly as chips or checks when used elsewhere, scattered tokens have always been a problem. The uninformed may carry them from casino to casino. A collector could carry out more tokens than what is required for his collection, and after choosing samples, later drop the undesirable ones in other casino's machines through-out the state hoping to find new specimens. Collectors may also be careless with their stock and subject themselves to burglary or robbery, which could result in indiscriminate use and scattering. (WHOOO'S, Maybe an innocent mistake)

At the present time there are no objections to collectors, either by casinos or the gaming authorities, only questions. Most collectors report they are well received. The above, however, jumped out like a "RED FLAG OF CAUTION". As the number of collectors increase, so will our visibility.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO RETAIN CREDIBILITY?

We are all proud of our hobby. This maybe the time to set ourselves aside from the souvenir seeker, establish a code of ethics, some do's and don'ts. We may need to let the gaming industry everywhere know we wish to assist and benefit their industry, not hinder it or our hobby. We have a beautiful new club patch, let's be able to wear it with pride into any casino in the world and be welcome.

We attract attention! Let's be aware and make our visit pleasant and profitable for all. Casino employees and security personnel are conscious of patrons behavior. Collectors behave, unlike the typical tourist or gamer, in an unique manner. We check out every token we pick up, whether at a machine, standing around, or sitting with a beverage. We drop certain tokens in either a special container or our pocket and slip another in a machine. We roam around the casino observing decor, machine denominations, general layout, attitude of employees, etc. We often ask unusual questions about the operation, and have been known to make notes on the spot. Unless we have that certain comfortable feeling and plenty of time, we usually do not stay on the premises for very long. We need to be aware that each casino has the right to question our behavior, and refuse our endeavors.

As collectors we have an obligation to know and abide by the gaming laws wherever we pursue our search. They are all basically the same everywhere. If we are not familiar with a specific area, use the knowledge we have and add an ounce of common-sense, we can't go wrong.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLLECTORS

1. Keep collections, stock or duplicates in a safe place. Treat as we would other valuable investments or coins.
2. Keep an inventory, prepare duplicate lists and swap or sell to reputable, recognized collectors or dealers.
3. When in a casino, do our roaming, observing, question asking and note taking before we purchase tokens. We may wish to identify ourselves as a collector during this time.
4. Purchase tokens from main cashier cage or cashier near machines that use the same denomination. Definitely identify ourselves at this time.
5. Always stay visible, with all checking of tokens obvious.
6. Check purchased tokens before we drop any into a machine. Set aside any we are considering keeping.
7. Either cash in excess tokens at this time, back to the same cashier, or run them thru a machine. Do not check tokens dropping from the pay-out chute with others in our hands.
8. When checking pay-outs, separate those tokens we wish to save, and stack them beside the machine. The tokens we wish to compare for date or quality place in another stack, also beside the machine.
9. Make any comparisons and do culling before we drop any further tokens into the machine.
10. Empty tray of all tokens remaining. This way the new pay-outs will not be mixed with the checked tokens. Repeat our checking and culling until we feel we have received all specimens desired.
11. Place the tokens we have now decided to retain in a container or our pocket. Play the remainder and enjoy, or cash in what we are not going to retain. Back to the original cashier.
12. Thank the cashier or floor person, and some nice comment about our observations of the casino would be a welcome gesture. One might even state that they wished they had more time to spend on the premises and that they look forward to returning.

If a counterfeit drops, DO NOT REPLAY! Stop playing the machine immediately and report it to security or a floor person. Insist they open the machine and check for others. This will do two things. First, it will help to establish our creditability, and second, it will help the casino establish when the counterfeit was used, as mechanics are trained to look for these in the drop box and records are kept of each opening of the machine, along with the count. Don't replay a counterfeit for we would be considered as guilty as the counterfeiter.

We should not walk into an establishment and go directly to a machine dropping in a token, even if it is from the same business. If a jackpot is hit, the casino would be within their rights to check the coin chute and deny pay-out if a token were used from another casino and they suspected it had been carried in from the outside.

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Edited by Michael Knapp (CH-007)

Welcome back! Happy new year, new decade, and hope your holidays were enjoyable. We've received some member input since the last column, and have a few answers for you this time, as well as many new UFC's. Remember, if you know anything about any of the Unidentified Flying Chips which appear in this column, please share what you know with the rest of the membership by dropping a note to me at: 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235.

Still unanswered: Questions 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 25, 26, 28 through 40, 42 through 46, 48, 52, 53, and 55 through 63, as well as those appearing below.

Answers to previous questions:

Q. 7: Leo's Club Bryte - a card room in Bryte, CA, which was located across the Sacramento River from Sacramento. In 1987 Bryte was incorporated into the city of West Sacramento, and no longer exists.

Q. 8: Lamb Club - a "private club" in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Q. 27: Pine's Club - Toledo, Ohio, 1930's and 1940's.

Q. 45: Could this be a Reno Bank Club roulette chip?

Q. 54: Although the center insert did not photocopy well in the last issue, it contained the initials IPC, the significance of which we are still ignorant. The chip, though, is from the Britannia Beach Club, Bahamas. It's a roulette F chip.

New questions for this issue:



Q.64

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Q. 64: This is from the Charlevoix Club, which operated in Detroit in the 1920's and 1930's. It, along with the Chalet Club, was operated by Ed Levinson and his brothers for the Detroit Purple Gang. When the heat got turned up by the Detroit police in the late '30's, Levinson went to Newport, Kentucky and went to work for the Cleveland Syndicate running the Flamingo Club. (See the article on northern Kentucky clubs elsewhere in this issue.) When he left Newport in the late 1950's, Levinson was sent by the Syndicate to Las Vegas, and if you want to know what he did there, read the other article!

Q. 65: Uncle Bud's Cabin - an illegal gambling club in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Q. 66: This is a generic fun night chip used by a number of Atlantic City casinos for their opening night promotions. Most recently it was used at the Showboat when it opened. Denominations and colors are: 1-white, 2.50-pink, 5-red, 20-yellow, 25-green, 100-black, 500-purple.

Q. 67-88: New questions. Please help!



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UNTANGLING THE MYSTERY OF GAMING CHECKS

by Howard W. Herz

During the annual meeting in Pittsburgh there was a discussion of whether the new name of the newsletter would limit the interests of the membership. This brings me around to the question of just what do the collectors in the club collect and what limitations might be appropriate for the club.

About 4 years ago I was very pleased to find Dale Seymour's book *Antique Gambling Chips*. I was thrilled that someone had tackled the impossible area of poker chips and produced an excellent reference. After meeting Dale we had a discussion on which areas of chip and check collecting we should continue to research. He found the gaming checks fascinating but massive in scope. I found the generic chips to be confusing and endless. After considerable discussion, we divided our research into two areas. Dale continued to work on generic chips and ivories and I concentrated on club chips and checks. Our discussion resulted in some interesting definitions.

Ivory Chips and Checks: Both generic and personalized chips and checks produced in ivory. Generally of the vintage before 1900, these are collected without the distinctions found in "clay" checks.

Generic Chips: Mass produced chips that were sold commercially to the general public through catalogs and retail stores. The major difference between these chips and "Club Chips" were that these were "generic" and not personalized in any way.

Club Chips: Any type of "chip" that has been personalized for specific identification with a gambling entity either private or "public". This includes generic chips that have been embossed or hot stamped with initials or names. Roulette chips are included in this category if they are personalized.

Club Checks: Any type of value gaming check that is personalized. There are some "generic" types of checks produced for games that have a value, but these are rare and generally for collecting purposes would be included in a collection of gaming checks. Promotional checks such as the ones that say "Las Vegas/\$1,000" would still be included in club checks but might be considered by some as marginal.

Casino Checks: This category is at best a poorly defined subdivision of "Club Checks". What is the exact difference between a casino and a club? Casinos tend to exist where gaming is legalized but many areas with illegal gaming offer a wider variety of games! In most instances the difference is in the wordage and not the types of checks.

Gaming token collectors also have some distinctions in the type of tokens they collect. In general, the modern series of tokens produced for slot machines in Nevada, Atlantic City and various foreign gaming casinos are considered to be distinctly separate from the metal gaming counters used in the late 1890's. The various types of metal tokens that were manufactured by slot machine makers for use in their machines have also never been included in the definition of the modern gaming tokens.

To some collectors the above distinctions might be irrelevant but to catalogers they serve a purpose. The purposes for which a chip or check is made dictate most of its physical characteristics. These physical properties in turn guide catalogers in classifying and listing similar types of chips and checks. By classifying and systematically cataloging chips and checks, we are able to bring a sense of order to an otherwise seemingly chaotic and diverse field of collecting.

Caribbean islands casinos

Island gambling normally takes one of two forms: action or distraction. The presence of junkets (trips organized to deliver high rollers to the tables by the plane-load) and several casinos (rather than just one or two) usually indicate serious play. Otherwise, it's lower-key stuff—something to do with an evening in town, to supplement eating, dancing or watching another island floor show.

Only a dozen island countries offer casino gambling. In these, certain generalizations apply: Basic games are roulette, craps and 21 (blackjack). The minimum bet is \$2 (exceptions: baccarat tables, where the stakes are usually far higher, and Haiti, where \$1 qualifies), but this can vary slightly (with the designation of certain \$5 tables, for example) according to the night, the crowd and who's in charge.

Most islands prohibit their own nationals from gambling, but tourists aren't stopped at the door or charged admission except on the French islands, where they're very serious about rules. (There, you must have identification with a photograph that proves you are 21—everywhere else it's 18—and there is a 50- to 80-franc admission charge.) Once inside, there may or may not be drinks (which may or may not be free to players).

Judged by breadth of equipment, intensity of action, and the proportion of tourists who list casinos among their prime reasons for choosing a particular destination, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and Aruba are the islands' top gaming spots; Curacao, St. Maarten and St. Kitts—all of which attract some junkets—come next; then the French islands, where interest seems to be growing even though there is no junket traffic.

ANTIGUA: There are several casinos: One at the Royal Antigua, one at the Flamingo hotel, another at the Halcyon Cove at Dickenson Bay, and another at the private St. James Club on Mamora Bay. There is considerable junketing. Baccarat and backgammon are played in addition to usual games. Players buy their own drinks. Hours: 9 p.m.-4 or 5 a.m.

ARUBA: The island's big tourist parlay is a combination of beaches and casinos at five major Palm Beach hotels: the Golden Tulip Aruba Caribbean, the Aruba Palm Beach, the Americana Aruba, the Aruba Concorde, and the Holiday Inn, all with adjacent cabarets in season. The Manchebo and other Druiif Beach hotels now have their own place to play: the Alhambra Casino, where betting limits are low and the atmosphere, pleasantly relaxed. Frequent junkets. Drinks are free while you play; people under 18 are not admitted. Hours: midafternoon until 3 or 4 a.m.; slot machines are turned on earlier.

BAHAMAS: There are now four casinos in operation: the Princess and the Lucayan Beach, which, with an assist from golf, keeps Grand Bahama tourism alive; Paradise Island Casino on Paradise Island; and the casino at the Crystal Palace hotel. Most junkets head for Freeport. All three feature the usual games, plus baccarat for big spenders. Paradise Island also has a small backgammon section. Hours: 1 p.m. to 4 a.m.

BONAIRE: The island's medium-size casino, the Black Coral Casino, is attached to the Bonaire Beach hotel; and there's a "Barefoot Casino" at the Divi Flamingo Beach. More casual fun than real glitter; junkets are not encouraged. Drinks are free for players; people under 18 not admitted. Hours: 9 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

CURACAO: The most chic crowds play at the plush-lined Curacao Caribbean; there also are active gaming rooms at the Holiday Beach, the Princess Beach, the San Marco hotel, and the Curacao Plaza. And there is a small casino at Las Palmas. This island is one of the few Caribbean spots where you can lose your blackjack boodle to machines. Junkets are allowed. Players drink for free. Hours: noon to 4 a.m.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Naco, El Embajador, the Jaragua, the Sheraton, and the Dominican Concorde in the capital (Santo Domingo) have casinos, as does Maunaloa, a nightclub in the Centro de los Heroes section. They have all table games, no slot machines. There is little junket action. Hours: 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

GUADELOUPE: The Casino de la Marina at St. Francois (hours: 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.) is near both the Meridien and Hamak hotels; the Gosier Les Bains Casino (hours: 9 p.m. to dawn), on the grounds of the PLM Azur Arawak, is handy to Gosier and Bas du Fort hotels. Strict French rules apply for admission; you must present some form of identification with your picture; minimum age is 21. Admission charge is about \$5 to \$10. No junkets allowed. There are drinks, but they're not free.

HAITI: There are two casinos in Port-au-Prince—the waterside International and one attached to the Royal Haitian (where there's a nightclub with dancing and a sometime pseudo-voodoo show attached), and one in Petionville, at El Rancho. All have the usual games, serve sandwiches as well as free drinks and host some junkets. Hours: 8 p.m. to 3 or 4 a.m. The Roi Christophe hotel in Cap-Haitien also has a casino.

MARTINIQUE: Casinos at the Meridien Trois-Ilets and La Bateliere hotels are more accessible than Guadeloupe's casinos. Same strict admission rules apply; identification with a photograph; minimum age is 21. Admission charge: \$9 and \$10, respectively. Hours: 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. nightly, except Sundays.

PUERTO RICO: The government carefully supervises the casinos at the Caribe Hilton, Quality Royale, both Holiday Inns, Condado Plaza, Dupont Plaza, and Ramada Inn in the Condado section; the Playa in Isla Verde; the Palmas del Mar in Humacao; and the Hyatt duo, Dorado Beach and Cerromar Beach in Dorado. Men must wear jackets after 8 p.m., and no drinking is allowed at the tables. If asked, you must be able to produce identification that proves you are at least 18. Slot machines are a recent addition. Hours: variable, but 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. is most common.

ST. KITTS: All the action is at the casino of the Royal St. Kitts hotel at Frigate Bay, where players drink for free. The usual games; slot machines too. Hours: 5 p.m. to 4 a.m.

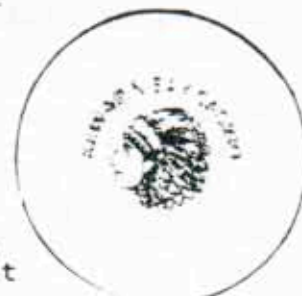
ST. MARTIN-ST. MAARTEN: The Dutch side has the gambling monopoly: at Treasure Island, Mullet Bay, Great Bay Beach, St. Maarten Beach Club, Pelican, Divi Little Bay, and Maho Reef Beach hotels (hours: 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.). At Seaview Casino and St. Maarten Beach Club hotel in Philipsburg, gaming starts in the afternoon. Some French-side hotels provide free casino transport. There are some junkets, but they're minor in the overall tourist picture. Roulette, 21, craps, and slot machines are all there; check the rules before you play for slight differences between casinos.



'MICHIGAN INDIAN GAMING'

By Janice O'Neal CH-008

TRIPLE 777 CLUB Lake Shore Drive Bay Mills, Michigan:
First opened in July, 1984. Casino closed for a time in 1988 to completely re-model inside. Opened again August, 1988 under the management of Vegas Kewadin Casino of Sault Ste. Marie with new name of **"KEWADIN BAY CASINO"**. As of Labor Day 1989 (Sept. 4th) management returned to Bay Mills with another new name of, **"KINGS CLUB"**. All chips are now the new Chipco unicorn rim. 50 cents are brite turquoise green; \$1 is light orange; \$2 is pink; \$5 is red; \$10 is purple. All are gold embossed (or hot stamped) with the casino name on the obverse and the denomination on the reverse. This club has eight "21" tables and no other gaming.



VEGAS KEWADIN 2186 Skunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan:

Opened in November of 1985. New chips here are 50 cent American with a plain rim, black with 3 beige inserts, gold embossed "Vegas Kewadin" "Sault Ste. Marie, MI" obverse, .50c (middle), "AMERICAN" (top & bottom) reverse.
.50c Canadian has a plain rim, beige with 3 black inserts, gold embossed "Vegas Kewadin" "Sault Ste. Marie, MI." obverse, .50c (middle) "CANADIAN" (top and bottom) reverse. The remainder of chips are the same as reported in the 1st quarter issue of the newsletter and are mostly so worn so as not to be even readable any longer. This casino has twenty "21" tables, one craps table, three poker tables and two money wheels.



KEWADIN SHORES CASINO 3039 Mackinaw Trail St. Ignace, Michigan:
New casino opened for the first time in May, 1989. This casino is managed by Vegas Kewadin of Sault Ste. Marie. The chips have plain rims each with 3 edge inserts. Casino name is on the obverse, the denomination is on the reverse. They are all gold embossed. The .50c is blue with white; the \$1 is red with pink, the \$5 is gray with pink. (It seems odd to play with a \$1 red chips as most other places, red is \$5) There are ten "21" tables, one poker table and one money wheel.



CHIP IN CASINO Hannahville Road off U.S. 2, west of Escanaba, Hannahville, Michigan:
Opened on December 21, 1985. All chips are as described in previous article. There are twenty "21" tables, four poker tables, two craps, one money wheel.



LAC VIEUX DESERT CASINO Watersmeet, Michigan:
Also known as "LVD CASINO". Opened on December 31, 1987.

During October of 1989, all new chips are of a solid color with edge inserts. Eight four leaf clovers with stem, name and denomination on both sides. All have gold embossed centers. .50c is blue with white, \$1 is white with gray, \$5 is red with white. The poker tables have separate sets of chips. These are plastic with 16 small suit incised edges. Initials "LVD" is gold hot stamped on the obverse, the denomination is on the reverse. \$1 gray, \$5 red, \$10 brown. There are twelve "21" tables, two poker tables, and one craps table.



SAGINAW CHIPS 7498 E. Broadway
Mount Pleasant, Michigan:
Now known as "SAGINAW CHIPPEWA CARD ROOM".
It opened in February, 1987. All chips are as described in earlier article.



LEELANAU SANDS (Grand Traverse) Suttons Bay, Michigan:
Opened in September, 1985. On December 6, 1988 fourteen .25 cent draw poker machines were installed. There are no other slot machines. As of December, 1989 \$1 & \$5 chips were found to be the same as described in my last article. Added however, is a .50 cent chip, triangle and club suits on the rim with dark green gold embossed center, plus two high value chips, a \$25 black and a \$100 white with black on white CI. Both are H&C molds with the denomination in the center of the wing on the hawk in flight. This casino has fourteen "21" tables, 1 poker, 1 craps and 1 money wheel.



OJIBWA CASINO U.S. 41 & M-38 Baraga, Michigan:
All new chips. Plain rim with 3 edge inserts and gold embossing. "OJIBWA CASINO/BARAGA MI." obverse with the denomination hot stamped on the reverse. .50c is yellow with white, \$1 blue with orange, \$5 is red with orange. Opening date is not known at this time.



TRAVELLING WITH THE SANDERSON'S
"WAGONS-HO and GO-PONY-GO"

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

The weather has cooled, we're talking late September. So it's "Travel Time" again. We don't like hot or wet.

The travel agent came up with the most practical way to cover Northeast Nevada FLY TO SALT LAKE CITY and drive to Wendover, Nevada to start a 800 mile loop, gathering dollar slot tokens along the way.

So that we did. "Wendover" is thriving. The town is split by the Pacific Time Zone, which is the state line. But both halves use "Mountain Time" to be less confusing and in "sync" with SLC. Besides the five big time casinos, there is a place rightfully called "Hideaway". They greet you with a free drink coupon...sort of an award for finding the place. They have dollar slots, but are still using the Ike Dollar.

The next morning it was Westward-Ho. We drove this route a long time ago. Not with a covered wagon, but a station wagon. Then it was a two lane Highway 80....not a four lane Interstate. It still follows the way of the "Wagon Trains", but this time we didn't have to go sideways through any of the mountain cuts.

No excitement at "Wells", it's 7:30 in the morning. Covered three of the four gaming halls. Accidently missed "Wells Chinatown". Muriel consoles me with, "They probably don't have dollar tokens anyway."

On to "Elko". We were surprised to see two "Red Lions". One is the "Casino", the other is the "Motel". Each has their own slot token. Originally planned on spending the night here, but it was early and with such good roads we decided to go on to "Winnemucca".

The next town is "Battle Mountain". The Cashier Lady at the Owl Club didn't know that anyone collected slot tokens. She remembered having two 1968's at home and would mail them to us....and she did! Found a "Nevada Club" that we didn't know was there. First time the bar tender ever heard of a wiskey sour. Didn't ask for a second, took our tokens and left.

"Winnemucca" is a going place. Saw a bumper-sticker once...."What's a Winnemucca?" Winnemucca was an Indian Chief whose daughter, Sarah, was the first Indian woman to write a book in English. The town offers more than the activity of six casinos (Cattlemen's is closed). There is a museum, art gallery, parks, golf courses, bowling alley, and indoor swimming pools. Didn't find the "Gem Sports". A Muriel quote - "Probably no dollar tokens anyway."

"Mill City" has its Burns Brothers Truck Stop with dollar tokens and biscuits with gravy.

In "Lovelock" we lucked upon 377 mixed dollar tokens....the biggest treasure find of the trip. Lovelock was once the last place the Pioneers could feed and water their stock before crossing the "40 mile

desert".

On south to "Fallon", where we had a choice of many nice motels. Much thought led to plenty of conversation about the hardships the Pioneers faced, taking weeks and weeks traveling the 450 miles that we had covered in two leisurely days with no fear of any kind. While you are in Fallon, visit the casinos, but take the time to go through the "Churchill County Museum". There are also Indian caves and burial grounds, displays of petroglyphs, and recreation parks. We stayed two nights and headed east on Hwy 50...The Pony Express Route...also known as the "Loneliest Road In America". Received a certificate, letter, decal, and pin from the state to the effect that we survived.

The entire Highway 50 route is scattered with "historical markers". There are Great Sand Dunes, Earthquake Faults, Ghost Towns, Pony Express Stations, and what-not. To us, it wasn't lonely, but haunted with memories of long, long ago.

Had breakfast at a quaint place in "Austin", a town of buildings dating back to 1866, including Stokes Castle and Gridley's Store. Would have stayed for lunch, but the "Golden Club" was closed until 6 p.m.....and you're right, or did you hear Muriel?? "No dollar tokens anyway"!

She was lucky at one of the two places in "Eureka". Put in three and took out sixty! The same place rubber-stamps their business cards. I asked for one, and thump-thump, I got it.

Arrived at "Ely" around noon. Couldn't get a room because of a "Rodeo and Horserace". Gathered up tokens and pointed north.

In a hurry to find a bed a Wendover, I was "cited", a little way out of Ely, for doing 80. "Missuse of Natural Resources"....I smiled, took the tounge lashing and mailed in the fine.

Even though they were having motorcycle speed runs on the "Salt Flats", we got a room in "Wendover" for two nights. No problem with what to do. There's plenty of promotional free this and that.

Even with Muriel's, "They don't have tokens anyway", it was extremely enjoyable, educational, gainful token collecting, and a "Glad We Did It" thing. We reminisced as to being in Wendover 20 years before...when we were only 50. We got a room on the Utah side, not knowing what was across the State Line until supper time. A good place to eat was on up the road and around the corner. I'm sure they had slot tokens then....but then I wasn't a collector.

I have since obtained a copy of "Harvey's Collectors Check List of Gaming Tokens" that names the known dollar tokens world-wide. So, no more, "they probably don't have dollar tokens anyway."

Editors Note: Excellent story Art and Muriel! Now that's what I call enjoying ones hobby to the fullest! Can't wait for your story on your visit to Mesquite and Beatty in December and on to Freeport in January or February. Keep us posted Art. Really enjoy reading of your traveling experiences.

ATTENTION SLOT TOKEN COLLECTORS

While this article that appeared in "COIN WORLD" was primarily prepared for coin collectors, the message applies equally to token collectors as well. You would do well

Protect coins from the 'green slime' monster PVC flips can damage coins

Polyvinylchloride has been the most widely used plastic material for coin flips, album pages and currency holders. Unfortunately, as most of you are probably aware, it is not a suitable material for the storage of your numismatic collections.

Whether it is referred to as polyvinylchloride, vinyl or PVC by the manufacturers or in the numismatic supply catalogs it is still the same material. The two main problems associated with PVC are "green slime" on copper-based coins and the production of hydrochloric acid.

"Green slime," as it is referred to in the numismatic literature, is actually copper phthalate, a corrosion product resulting when the phthalates used as plasticizers in the PVC react with the copper in the coins. These plasticizers migrate or leach slowly but continuously out of the material. "Green slime" is not only unsightly but, like any other corrosion product, results in damage to the surface of the coin.

PVC degrades to produce hydrochloric gas. In a damp environment water in the air combines with this gas to produce hydrochloric acid, which is corrosive to coins.

"Frosting" that some people have reported on the entire surface of silver Proof coins is a result of hydrochloric gas being produced in the PVC holder in which it was stored.

Many manufacturers advertise what they refer to as "chemical softening free vinyl," which is simply PVC without the plasticizers. The lack of plasticizers eliminates the problem of "green slime," but not the production of hydrochloric acid.

I have found that some manufacturers are misleading about their products. Not all state that their holders are PVC. It is difficult by looking at a holder to know if it is made of polyvinylchloride or not. Some PVC holders are quite obvious by their smell, others are not. A simple chemical test called the Beilstein test, that anyone can do



Saving money

By Susan L. Maltby

safely at home, will determine whether a plastic contains PVC or not.

All you need for the Beilstein test is a small propane torch and a copper wire (a pre-1982 cent could also be used).

Steps for testing

First, heat the copper wire in the flame of the torch until it burns cleanly.

Second, touch the wire to the holder. Hold the holder close to the air intake of the torch in order to draw away the fumes from the burning plastic.

Third, put the wire back in the flame. If the flame burns yellow or clear, then there is no PVC present. If the flame burns bright green then there is some PVC present. The one exception is Teflon[®] which tests positive. However, as there are no coin holders, to my knowledge, made of Teflon[®], you need not worry about confusing Teflon[®] and PVC.

When choosing a coin holder, take time and care that it is constructed of a safe material. Read the supply catalogs and the manufacturers' literature carefully. If these don't state what the material is, write and ask them. They should be able to tell you. Ask for a sample of their holders and do the Beilstein test. If the holder tests positive, reject it. There is no need for numismatists to use PVC holders as there are safe, readily available alternatives.

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Bayonne man guilty of cheating casinos

Associated Press

TRENTON — A Bayonne man was convicted yesterday of running an operation that cheated casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas by tampering with their slot machines, state officials said.

Anthony "Tony from Bayonne" Gallagher was convicted in Superior Court in Mays Landing of leading a group of eight Bayonne men who manipulated slot machines at Caesar's Boardwalk Hotel and Casino and Harrah's Marina Hotel and Casino.

Several Las Vegas casinos also were hit, said Robert T. Winter, director of the state Division of Criminal Justice.

"I believe the verdict demonstrates the state's commitment to keeping Atlantic City's gaming halls free from the criminal elements of organized crime," Winter said.

Officials said the group took more than \$500,000 from the two Atlantic City casinos between January 1981 and January 1984 by claiming as many as 10 jackpots of \$43,000 to \$81,000.

Gallagher was being held in the Atlantic County Detention Center and was scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 20. He faces up to 295 years in prison and \$1 million in fines, officials said.

Information on the remaining eight men was not available.

— Gamblers who like to play the slots should gamble in Atlantic City instead of Nevada for the best odds. New Jersey law requires that slot machines pay out at least 83% of the draw. Newly regulated Nevada machines are required to pay only 75%, and older machines are exempt from the rule.

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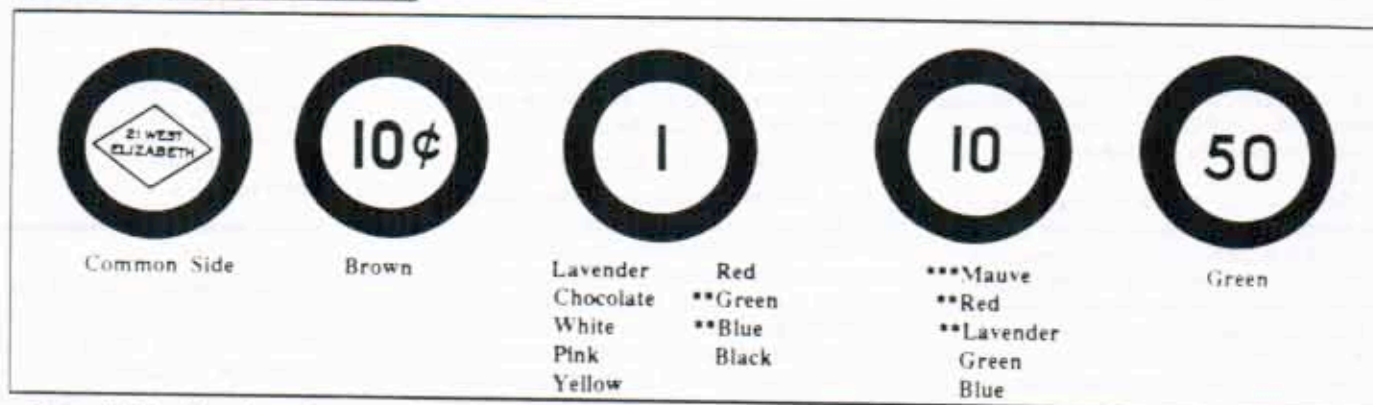
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GET THESE CHIPS WHILE AVAILABLE, I HAVE A SUPPLY OF SOME & WILL TALK FAIR WHOLESALE PRICES, WRITE OR CALL.



elsewhere

• The Soviet Union joined the ranks of the gaming countries as it opened its first casino in Moscow. The Savoy Hotel now offers blackjack and roulette for foreign nationals only. There's a catch, however. The player can only buy chips with a credit card or non-ruble currency, and any winnings are paid off in checks drawn on a Finnish bank, which must be cashed outside the USSR.

• Gary, Indiana, is making a bid to be the next major casino town in the U.S. Citizens of the economically depressed city will vote November 4 on a non-binding referendum to approve gaming. Thirty-one miles southeast of Chicago, Gary has over seven million people within a 100-mile radius. Casino sites are tentatively located mainly on the shore of Lake Michigan.

• Dubuque County in Iowa approved riverboat gaming, but two other counties rejected the idea. Six more counties are scheduled to vote on the proposal in the next year. Restrictions on the size of bets (\$5 maximum, \$200 maximum loss per night) make it questionable whether the operation will be a success.

• Donald Trump's name went up on another building in Atlantic City in November, when the signs on the old Atlantis Hotel-Casino gave way to its new designation as the Trump Regency (left). Trump purchased the property for the bargain price of \$63 million in May after the state Casino Control Commission stepped in and closed the unprofitable Atlantis.

• It was going to be called the Atlantic City Hilton, and then it was to be Trump's Palace. It opened as Trump's Castle, became Trump Castle and now it has officially become Trump Castle Casino and Resort By The Bay. The new designation is designed to highlight the Castle's location and its extensive renovation of the adjacent state marina, complete with restaurants and shops.

LIST #1 BUY-SELL-TRADE-COLLECT.
SELLING OTHER CASINO COLLECTIBLES.

SEND SASE FOR FULL LIST. COLLECTING &
SEND WANTS. ESPECIALLY POSTCARDS.

EL RANCHO VEGAS 1941-1960.

\$5 purple, sm. crown, h/s, lt. faded \$15. AU \$30, scarce cond.
\$25 orange & purple, sm. crown, h/s, \$25
As above, but slight messed up edges \$20
\$5 gold, none, inlay, pic. exc. \$15
\$25, maroon, inlay, warped, \$25
\$100 (PASE) gray lg. crown, h/s, nice, lt warp. \$50
damaged, \$30, cracked \$10. Near mint- trade.
All were in vault during fire, satisfaction guaranteed.

CASTAWAYS, LAS VEGAS, metal inlay, UNC.-\$100, \$500. \$1000.

.50 gray, h/s, cards & dice, h/s AU, \$3
\$1 orange & brown, Poker, h/c, h/s used, \$3
\$100 org & blk., \$18
\$500 2 tone blue, \$28
\$500 blk & blk. Sports Book \$28
\$1000 bnt. pink. & wt/bk. ", \$38
Set of 4 above \$89

THE TREASURY, LAS VEGAS

\$100, Black w/green, pretty chip, metal inlay, UNC. \$25

CAROUSEL, LAS VEGAS, \$100

Many colors on inlay, black/tan, unc. \$30

CALIFORNIA CLUB, LAS VEGAS

\$100 3 different, h/s, UNC. \$25 ea.
black w/org., blk w/yel., pink-(no Las Vegas name)
\$5 grn., have 2 diff. insert colored chips, UNC. \$7ea.
\$1 metal, used, fine, pic. bear, 1966 \$4. UNC \$10
.50 brass, UNC., 1967, \$6

SHENANDOAH, LAS VEGAS

\$100-(\$20)..\$25-(\$10)..\$5-(\$6)..\$1-(\$4)
Set of 4, metal inlay, slight used \$35

CLUB BINGO, DOWNTOWN, LAS VEGAS

No denomination, purple, h/c, used \$8

HORSESHOE CASINO, GARDENA, CA.

Set of 10 denominations, .25, .50, \$1, \$2, \$5
\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100 (wt, w/3 colors), all chips
different colors, most beautiful set. UNC. \$45.
\$100 separate, with hallogram like center, \$15 ea.

BENNY BINIONS, HORSESHOE CLUB, LAS VEGAS, \$1, grey, used

pic. of Benny, now deceased Christmas, 1909- 1989. \$3 ea.

PARK, LAS VEGAS, \$1, white & blue, unu, obsolete, nice \$3

ALADDIN, LAS VEGAS, \$5- (\$3) red.. \$1- (\$2) white or blue, 2 variants

holed, UNU. BACCARAT, \$20-- used, tangerine, pretty, holed \$12

HOTEL NEVADA CASINO, F.P., NON-NEG. \$1, ylw, blk.-h/s, d/c, AU \$4

COLORADO BELLE, LAUGHLIN, NV. \$1, blue, h/c, used, obsolete, \$6

RENDEZVOUS, LAS VEGAS, \$1 blue & wt.-(\$6). \$25, grn & pk. (\$12)

DIAMOND JIM'S, NEVADA CLUB, LAS VEGAS, \$1-(\$4), purple, au. \$5- (\$6)

red, au. Horsehead mold. Serial numbered.

\$1 metal, 1965, 66, 67, used, fine, \$3 ea. Unc. \$8

.50 brass, 1967, AU, lt. tarnish, \$4

LAST FRONTIER, LAS VEGAS, \$1, red & blue, h/c, used 1942-1955. \$15

CASINO PARADISE, \$5 (\$7)--\$25 (\$10)--\$100 (\$15) serial numbered,

cruise ship, foreign plaques, beautiful colors, set 3 for \$25.

\$500, (\$28) rectangular, grey. Inset, numbers not matched \$47

FORT LUCINDA, NEAR HOOVER DAM, \$1 metal, AU, 1965, \$6

BONANZA, NORTH L.V. GUS THIRO'S \$1, brass, 1966, AU, \$5, fine \$4

BIG BONANZA, N. L.V. \$1, metal, 1967, AU-XF, \$5

