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**"INFORMAL" CLUB MEETING SET FOR
JUNE 23rd IN NEW JERSEY**

Some of our east coast members who were unable to travel west, to the big Swap Meet in California in March, or to our 1990 "official" annual club meeting in Seattle in conjunction with the A.N.A. Convention during August, have suggested or have requested that we have an informal get together on the east coast.

I've made arrangements with the Garden State Numismatic Association for an "unofficial" club meeting to be held during the GSNA convention at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23rd 1990 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt, Route 70, in Cherry Hill, NJ. Cherry Hill is only 15 minutes from Philadelphia and just an hour and 15 minutes from Atlantic City. A mini-bus or van trip from the Hyatt to A.C. on Saturday night is being plannedpossibly to the newly opened Trump Taj Mahal.

The G.S.N.A. convention is a major coin show with well over 100 coin dealer tables from all over the U.S. and it has been conducted at the Cherry Hill Hyatt for the past 15 years. For the last three or four years, the NJ Token & Medal Show has also been held in conjunction with the GSNA show at the Hyatt, in a different room on the same dates as the GSNA Show. In fact, fellow club member, Paul Cunningham conducts the NJ Token & Medal Show. Both shows compliment each other and draw fairly large crowds as there is no admission charge, parking is free, and both shows are open to the public. The token and medal show boasts an additional 25 or 30 dealers... some of whom do deal in chips & tokens. Our club meeting during the GSNA convention will be just an informal gathering for club members; to give them an opportunity to meet and to talk with each other, and to do some trading. So bring your dupes.....

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The Omaha Coin Club will host the 8th Annual ATCO National Token & Medal Show on September 1 & 2, '90 at the Ramada Inn Airport, Abbott Drive and Locust St. in Omaha. According to Steven C. Drake, the ATCO show "is probably the largest token and medal show in the U.S. with over 75 dealers." For more information write to Mr. Drake at Box 1003 Omaha, NE 68101-1003.

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1st Quarter: Jan, Feb, Mar
Mailing Date: Jan 15th
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Mailing Date: Jul 15th
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Mailing Date: Oct 15th

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FUTURE A.N.A. CONVENTIONS

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1990 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
1991 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
1992 ORLANDO, FLORIDA
1993 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
1994 DETROIT, MICHIGAN
1995 ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA
1996 DENVER, COLORADO
1997 NEW YORK, NEW YORK *
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JANICE O'NEAL IS APPOINTED SALES MANAGER OF OFFICIAL CLUB DECALS, PATCHES, COMMEMORATIVE CONVENTION CHIPS & WOODEN DOLLARS

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1989 SOUVENIR "2" BLACK CLAY CHIP

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

While it is not dues renewal time just yet..... until the end of May, this newsletter represents the final issue that you will be receiving during the club's last fiscal quarter IF your membership expires on May 31st. PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL to determine exactly when your club membership expires. We wouldn't want you to miss a single issue of "Casino Chip & Token News". (1990 means your dues are due)

For those of you whose dues ARE expiring at the end of May, I hope you feel that you've received value equal to/or have surpassed your dues payment for the past year. Much interesting reading and many bargains are found in the pages of "CASINO CHIPS & TOKENS NEWS" each issue. Other great deals were found in some of the many mailings from dealers who have obtained your name from the club's membership directory. I don't know HOW to place a value on the many friends and club members I have met, or have traded chips with, or "Pen Pals" with whom I've corresponded. Only through club affiliation has that become possible. When I first started collecting chips and tokens, I knew very few other collectors with whom to share my experiences. Through CC>CC membership, many doors have opened up to me, and I'm certain they have for you too.

So, as you receive Secretary Knapp's enclosed gentle reminder that the 1990-1991 dues are due, I hope that you will look back and say to yourself, "that was the best \$10 I've ever invested in my hobby" and send your check in pronto. You may even consider renewing for 2 years!

I've received many, many favorable comments about the new colorful club membership patches. In fact, Janice O'Neal has received so many orders after the patch and decals were illustrated and were offered in the last newsletter, that it became necessary to re-order another 200 patches. So if you missed out last time, or didn't get around to ordering either the patch or the decal from the initial offering, now is the time to write Janice while she still has them available. (How about some of you dealers too? Help promote the club... and your business.)

I hope that many of you, especially you "left coasters" from California, are planning to attend the club's annual meeting, which is held each year in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association Convention. The 1990 A.N.A. Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington the week of August 22-26 at the Washington State Convention Center/Seattle Sheraton Hotel & Towers. Our club meeting/swap session will probably be held on Saturday the 26th; subject to confirmation from the A.N.A. Election of officers and other club business will also be conducted at this convention meeting. The time and meeting room will be announced in the next issue of the club newsletter.

Lastly, I wish to publicly thank **"DON & JEAN TOKEN COLLECTORS"** for their unselfish gesture of granting permission to the club to reprint up to 250 copies of their excellent Gaming Token publication as a promotional tool to introduce and recruit new potential members to the club and the hobby. If you are a gaming token collector and If you have not already ordered any of these fascinating booklets from **NORMA JEAN KING**, I would urge you to do so. (See their ad in the last newsletter issue) Also; a big thank you to **ARTHUR SANDERSON** for the talk he was scheduled to give on collecting chips and tokens on February 18th at a "Las Vegas Party" in Georgia. Unfortunately, due to heavy rains and winds, only seven or so folks showed up out of an expected 50.

"ATLANTIQUE CITY SHOW"

I have not received a report on the March 17th, "Casino Collectibles Show" in Bellflower, California as of yet, but from the activity I witnessed in Atlantic City on the same weekend at the "World's Largest Indoor Antique Show & Flea Market" I think that it is fairly safe to say that our fascinating hobby is in excellent shape. At least five of our members had tables at this huge show, and there was no need to go looking for other tables offering casino chips and gaming tokens. Between Jodi Sonnes and Dean Richmond at their WASHOE ANTIQUES table; Al Zaika and Paul Cunningham at PAUL CUNNINGHAM'S table; and Frank J. Tiemann at his TIEMANN'S COLLECTIBLES table, there was no need to look any further. Quite a few of our club members were in attendance along with all of the club officers. I was particularly pleased to see all those colorful club member patches being worn.

The O'Neals have come up with a great idea for wearing your club patch. Either use double stick tape, or glue, on the back of the patch and affix the cloth patch to a large pinback type button. In this manner you can have the flexibility of transferring your now "button-patch" from one garment to another instead of having it permanently sewn on just one jacket. If you have not yet ordered your patch from Janice, I suggest that you do so soon. They are only \$3.00 @ and I guarantee that you will like them. If not, I will personally refund your money.

The highlight of the show for me was the opportunity I had (after Janice & Jerry tipped me off) of picking up a previously unknown (to me) \$100 Resorts International H&C chip at Frank Tiemann's booth. The most interesting unique thing about this chip is that it is the only A.C. chip issue that I know of that bears the inscription, "NO CASH VALUE" on a center insert chip. To my knowledge, all other Atlantic City NCV chips are hot stamped. In addition, this chip is of the H&C mold which indicates to me that it is from the 1st issue series of Resorts chips.



Additionally, it has three sets of edge inserts; green/gray/yellow, and I guess I should mention that they were mounted in a money clip type holder when they were originally purchased by Mr. Tiemann. Frank says that he has only handled three of them, so they are quite scarce, if not rare, as they were given out to only a few "high rollers".

"CASINO COLLECTIBLES II"

FLASH; Just received a short note from JIM MUNDING, Chairman of the California "Casino Collectibles II Show". "The show in Bellflower was terrific! I'd guess that we had 250+ people attend, which was even better than the October '89 show. I passed out a bunch of club membership applications as did our pal C.T. RODGERS. One sad note was that Don Bestle of DEBS was unable to attend because of an illness.

(Editor's note: I'm saddened to learn that Mr. Bestle of DEB'S has passed away on Saturday, March 17th, the day of the show.)

My October "CASINO COLLECTIBLES III" show is on Saturday, October 27, 1990. When is the deadline to place and ad. I'll buy a full page! It works!! Also, what is the date for the 1991 Atlantic City show? I don't want to conflict. Keep up the good work!"

EDITORIAL

I sincerely hope that all of you have enjoyed receiving and reading the previous issue (Volume 3, #1) of "CASINO CHIP & TOKEN NEWS". At 56 pages, our largest issue to date, it was a huge effort to put it all together and mail it out. I seriously doubt if another issue of that size will ever be duplicated during my services as the Club Newsletter Editor. It was an extremely time consuming chore. I only mention it (and I hope it's not viewed as complaining) as I don't want the membership to feel shortchanged when they receive future newsletter issues that are not of the same number of pages as the previous issue. It is only through generous dealer advertising support; and folks like MICHAEL KNAPP, ALLAN MYERS, EARL REPPETTO, JANICE O'NEAL, ART SANDERSON, NORMA JEAN KING, HOWDY HERZ, DICK HANSCOM, CARL CEDERBURG, WALTER DIRZULAITIS and others, who have submitted articles to me for publication, that will insure continued interesting reading of future issues; no matter what size the final results are.


I also wish to acknowledge the help and assistance I've received from JOE GALLAGHER, who has made "stat" copies of newspaper clippings and photos I've submitted to him for reproduction in this newsletter. I'm sure you will all notice the difference in the quality of some of the photos published.

Got an interesting story or news item you wish to share with our 300+ newsletter readers? Send it in. You may win a prize at our 1990 annual meeting in Seattle for the best article that has appeared in "Casino Chips & Token News" since our 1989 convention. How 'bout some of you slot token collectors out there? Surely something interesting is happening in your collecting specialty fields. Send it in, I'll print it!



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TRENTON, NJ 08610

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I've just updated my trade list.
I want to trade or buy chips.
Look forward to hearing from you.
BRUCE LANDAU 44 WEST GATE ROAD
SUFFERN, NEW YORK 10901

On Saturday, March 17, 1990 Mr. Donald E. Bestle passed away. Mr. Bestle was an early supporter of our club, holding charter membership number CH-010. He and his wife Marion, operated their mail order coins, tokens, stamps and casino collectibles business in Burbank, California under the name of "DEB'S". In addition to his wife Marion, Mr. Bestle left behind 3 sons; Randy, Rick and Rory; a brother Bob; and two granddaughters. Mrs. Marion Bestle plans to keep running the DEB'S firm as long as she can.

On behalf of the club, I've extended our deepest condolences to the Bestle family.

A recent note from Michael Knapp revealed the following statistics on how dealer-member, non-officer recruitment efforts are going:

C.T. RODGERS	20
HOWARD HERZ	11
WASHOE ANTIQUES	11
DEB's	4
BOB MATTHEWS	3
PAUL CUNNINGHAM	2
ROBERT EISENSTADT	2
DON & JEAN	1
BILL HOLMAN	1

The club will be presenting awards to the top recruiters in two categories (dealers and non-dealers) during our August 1990 annual meeting in Seattle. The final tally will not be announced until the meeting..... so everyone is encouraged to get busy. Club Officers are not eligible.

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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Are you missing out on new chips and tokens because you are not aware that a casino has come out with a new issue?

If so, this subscription service may be for you.

I've been providing this new issue service for about a dozen folks with whom I have been regularly corresponding for sometime and I am now in a position to offer this personalized service to a few new additional subscribers.

SEND NO MONEY! Simply send me your name and membership number and let me know which Atlantic City casino chips and/or gaming token denominations you wish to receive, automatically, as issued. I will send your requests and bill you at the following rates:

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Since the club has begun mailing out the quarterly newsletters via 3rd Class bulk mail, it is extremely important that we have your current address on file. If you have recently moved, and if you have not notified the club of your new address, you may be missing out on receiving your newsletters, as 3rd class mail is not forwarded by the Postal Service. As a result, two things happen. You are mad at us because you did not receive the bulk mailing, and we are mad because now we now have to send out a second heavy newsletter, at first class rates, which costs the club an additional \$1.25 postage. Plus, the fact is that we may not even have an extra copy to mail out to you...one month after the original bulk mailing was made. Please keep address changes up to date with the Club Secretary.


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David Gingold Elrama, PA

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"Thank you very much for the copy of your new A.C. catalog. This is great. I hope you do well with it." Janice O'Neal Howell, MI

"This catalog is a must for people like me. I collect casino tokens and my son collects chips from Atlantic City.... I think it is a superb job and is needed by anyone who collects Atlantic City casino tokens, chips or memorabilia. Thanks again for a great job." Bernie Walters Vincenttown, NJ

"A great idea, thanks." Neal Rasmussen Los Gatos, CA

"Sounds like an invaluable resource. I am looking forward to adding it to my library." Tom Arestad Lake Oswego, OR

"Glad to see it come out this soon." George Dmitrevsky Los Angeles

"Black's Catalog is extremely well done and I'm certain that anyone who purchases it will be very pleased." Bruce Landau Suffern, New York

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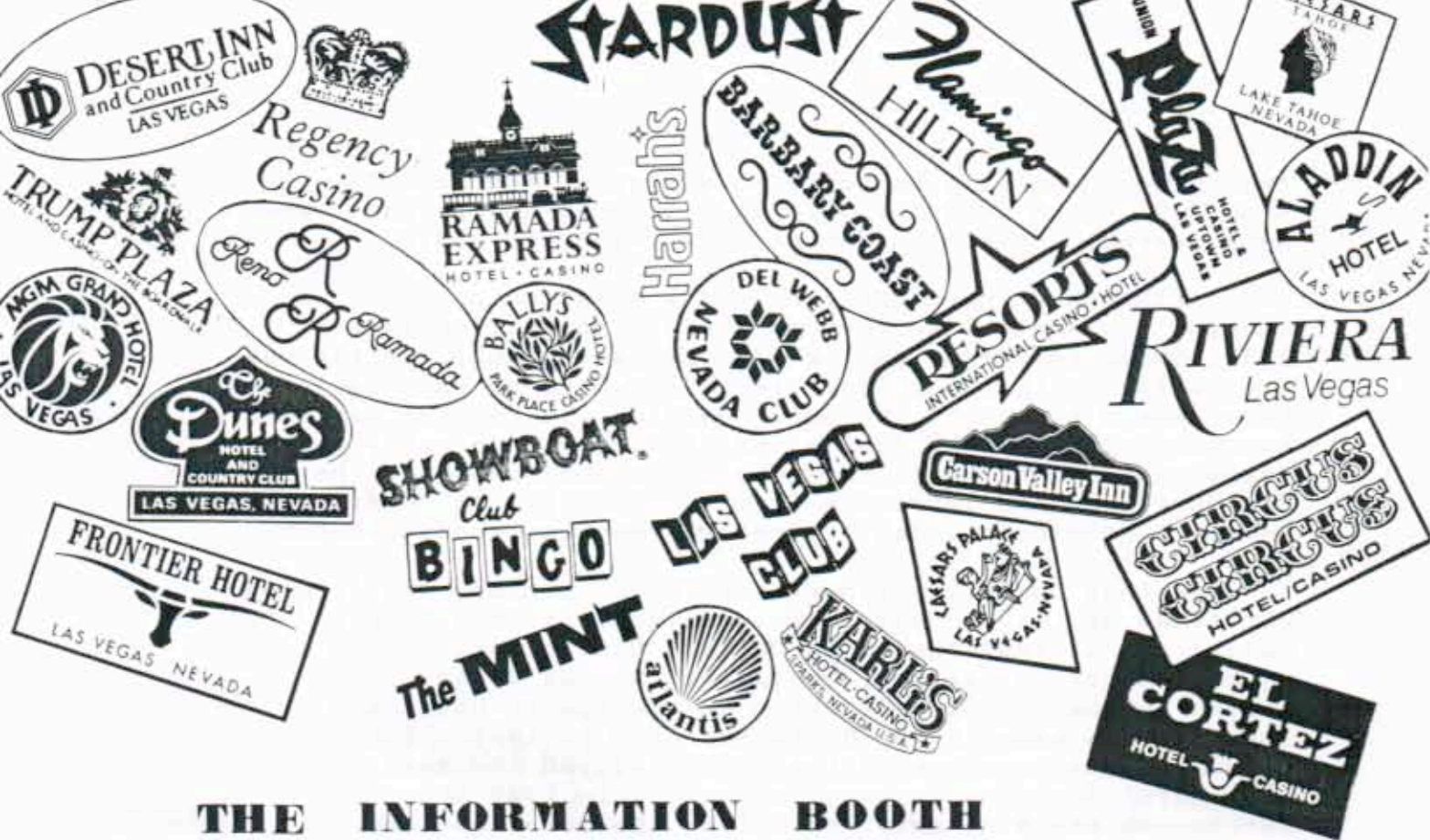
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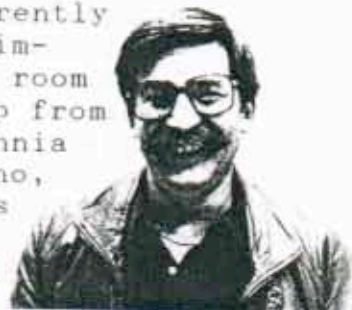
THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Edited by MICHAEL KNAPP (CH-007)

Lots of information this time, some questions answered, and many more new UFC's to try to identify.

Remember, if you can help identify any of the chips shown in this issue or in previous issues, please drop me a note referring to the question number, at: 5410 Banbury Dr., Worthington, OH 43235.

First, some corrections from the summary of unanswered questions in the last issue. Question 6 was in fact answered and is from the Alamo Club, Pioche, Nevada. #45 is the Brook's Club, Troy, NY, not #41 as indicated. 41 still needs to be identified. #47 was listed as answered, but apparently your column editor decided to keep the information to himself! Not very nice of him! The Rodeo Club was a card room in Salinas, CA. Finally #54 was misidentified as a chip from the Britannia Beach Club, Bahamas. Actually, the Britannia Beach Hotel and the Paradise Island Hotel shared a casino, the Paradise Island Casino, and that's where the chip is from. The iPC in the center insert stands for Paradise Island Casino.



Now for some new information. First, some further information in answer to question 51, about sources for books listed in the bibliography which appeared in Vol. 2, No. 2. Donn Knepp's book, *Las Vegas: The Entertainment Capital*, which is probably the best single source for information and photos of Las Vegas history, can be obtained directly from

the author, who will be happy to autograph the book for you. Send \$30, which includes shipping, to Donn Knepp, Las Vegas News Bureau, Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV 89109.

Although we have not received a question on this, we thought you would like to know that in the latter part of 1989, three Las Vegas gaming figures passed away. First was Moe Dalitz, originally from Cleveland where he was reputed to have been a member of the mob. Dalitz, who ran the northern Kentucky clubs in the 1930's and 1940's, was an early Las Vegas pioneer who built the Desert Inn and completed the Stardust. He had interests in many clubs in Las Vegas, and became a prominent local figure and charitable contributor.

Another Las Vegas pioneer was Benny Binion, who died on Christmas day at the age of 85. Originally from Texas, having run illegal gaming in Dallas, Binion bought into several downtown casinos, including the Las Vegas Club, before buying the Club Eldorado in the Apache Hotel and changing its name to the Horseshoe Club in 1951. The Horseshoe has been one of the longest-lived and most successful downtown casinos, expanding in 1989 after purchasing the Mint next door, from the Del Webb Corp.

Finally, Ginji Yasuda, owner of the Aladdin since 1985, passed away at the age of 57 in November. The Aladdin, which had been in bankruptcy when Yasuda bought it, is back in bankruptcy reorganization, and rumor has it that Frank Sinatra (who just recently was given his license back by the State of Nevada, which revoked it in 1963) may be negotiating to purchase the Aladdin. Yasuda is notable as the first foreign national to be granted a gaming license in Nevada.

Q. 88. What ever happened to the Playboy Casino in Atlantic City, which became the Atlantis?

A. 88. The Atlantis, owned by the Elsinore Corp., which owns the 4 Queens in Las Vegas and which had financial problems from the beginning, was forced to file for reorganization under the bankruptcy laws in 1985. It emerged from reorganization in March of 1988, but was not able to solve its financial problems. After the New Jersey Casino Control Commission denied renewal of its license for reasons of financial instability, the casino closed on May 22, 1989. Donald Trump bought the building and it has reopened as the Trump Regency, a boardwalk hotel without a casino.

Q. 89. I read that MGM Grand just bought the Tropicana in Las Vegas. What are they going to do with it?

A. 89. That's not exactly what happened. MGM Grand did buy the Marina Hotel and the Tropicana Country Club (but not the hotel). The Marina is now the MGM Marina (new chips are on the tables), and MGM Grand plans to build a theme park on the property. The southern part of the Strip is hating up, with Circus Circus' new Excalibur due to open in June, the change of ownership of the Aladdin in the works, and the new

plans by MGM Grand.

Q. 90. Do you know who holds the record as the world's largest casino?

Q. 90. Is this a trick question? As this is being written, the answer, I think, is Bally's Grand in Reno. By the time you read it, however, the record will be held by the new Trump hotel, the Taj Mahal, in Atlantic City, with 120,000 square feet of casino space. Back when it was built in 1971, Las Vegas' Union Plaza was the record holder.

Now some answers to previous questions:

A. 10. Hollywood Club: This might have been an illegal club in the Toledo/Detroit area. A large group of these chips was recently found in a building being demolished in Toledo. Further details when available.

A. 34 and 37. A guess, not a definitive answer. Could these chips be from Houston, Texas? Could one of them be from the California off-shore gambling ship named the Texas?

A. 69, 78 and 80. All of these chips are reputed to be from the Toledo/Detroit area, but no one seems to know the names of the clubs. Any further information?

A. 93. Pastime M.H. Club. Is this chip from a card room in Bakersfield, Colusa or Woodlake, California? Come on, California members, help out!

New Unidentified Flying Chips, some with answers:



A. 91, 92 and 93. These are salesman's samples from the C.W. Rice Company, a California chip manufacturer.



Q. 94. This is a compressed paper chip, not clay composition.

Q. 95. This chip is not from either the Beverly Hills

Club in Kentucky nor the Beverly Club in New Orleans (Jefferson Parish). Note that *Beverley* is spelled with an extra "e."

Q. 96. Apparently the St. Louis Racquet Club, but does anyone know anything about it?



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NEVADA UPDATE

By Janice O'Neal, Club Historian

Time again to record all of the many changes we've seen or have been told about since the last newsletter issue.

Bourbon Street, LV has closed their poker room. The \$1 blue Bud Jones chip is now obsolete. They have since issued a new \$1 chip for use on their 21 tables. Chip is \$1 BJ 8 suit white/gray black embossed.

San Remo Hotel opened their new casino on Feb. 16, 1990. Chips are white \$1 H&C, w/red; yel, gol, blk on wht C.I. The \$5 red H&C has 3 pnk/blk; red, yel, gol, blk on wht hub C.I.

Ellis Island, 4178 Koval Lane, has added a \$5 slot token.

Rio Suites Hotel opened on January 15th. Chips are peach .50 H&C; red, blk on wht CI. \$1 white chips w/4 gray; red, blk, on wht CI. Red \$5 H&C w/8 pink; red, blk on wht hub CI. Designated slots pay out blue aluminum "Club Rio" tokens which are accumulated for extra prize incentives.

Royal Casino, 99 Convention Center Drive, has re-opened on January 25th. Chips are \$1 BJ 8 suit white/gray w/gold embossing. The BJ \$5 red/white chips have metal centers.

M-G-M Marina changed names (from Marina) on January 5th. New chips issued are \$1 H&C white;; blk on wht CI, lion head logo. \$5 red H&C chip has 3 green edge spots w/a blk on wht hub CI, lion head logo.

Palace Station has a new .25 chip. Light blue H&C gold embossing.

Riviera has new chips with a new style house rim. \$1 lite blue w/3 org; maroon "R", gold "1", black "\$" on white CI. A red \$5 house w/3 yel/grn, maroon "R", gold "5", black "\$" on wht hub CI.

Sam's Town has 2 varieties of \$5 chips in play. One has "Sam's Town", the other has "Las Vegas, NV" just above the word "Town".

Tropicana has once again changed their match play chips. The Non-Negotiable chip is now dark blue with 8 orange; clover inserts, gold embossing. This makes the 4th type of match play chips since this promotion was begun. The first three were all H&C rim, all gold embossed. The chips are divided in half with two colors; dark blue & white, brite green & white, and pink & gray.

Silver Nugget NLV was re-opened by Gary Mahoney, owner of Opera House NLV on 12-31-89 at 12:00 midnight. \$1 lite blue H&C chips w/4 lavender; blk, red on wht CI. \$5 red chips with 4/yel/grn; blk, red on wht hub CI.



Joe's Bar in North Las Vegas has been expanded and re-modeled and is now known as Joe's Longhorn Bar & Casino (no connection with Longhorn Casino on Boulder Hwy). Now has live gaming with yellow H&C .50 chips and gold embossing. Red \$5 H&C chips 4 yel/blue; brwn red on wht hub CI and half spoked wagon wheel logo.

Eldorado, Henderson, has re-opened with new chips. A .25 orange H&C gold embossed. A \$1 H&C brite blue w/4 orange; gold embossing. A \$5 red H&C 3 pnk/orng; blu, blk, red on wht hub CI.

There are now \$5 tokens at Rio Suites, at San Remo, and at Silver Nugget.

We have two unusual new \$1 tokens. Bobby's Lounge, 2329 N. Jones LV, and The Trap House, 8119 Clarice Ave, LV. They are dated 1990 on the obverse and 1989 on the reverse. They were minted by NCM and distributed by Sunset Coin.

New in Laughlin: Golden Nugget lite brown, w/gold embossing, .25 chip. Riverside has added a separate \$1 chip for poker room use only which is a blue H&C gold embossed chip.

From Reno; Bally's has a new lite blue \$1 house mold, 2 org 2 purp; prpl, blk on wht CI. Paco's has added a .25 brown H&C gold embossed chip. We have been informed that Cheers, Reno does have a \$1 token only in the hotel bar and tokens are purchased from the bar tender.

To correct an error in the last newsletter: Gold Club in Sparks still has live 21 games with \$5 red BJ chip, brass metal center. Only the .25 chips from dice tables were discontinued.

We wish to thank FRANK & VIRGIE MANTELL, WALTER DIRZULAITIS, PAUL ZINDEL, AND JAMES CAMPIGLIA for supplying us with information for the update.

We would also like to ask any members planning a trip to anywhere in Nevada and finding new chips or tokens to drop a line to us at 1836 Fisk Road Howell, MI 48843 so that everyone can be aware of where to find new things on their trips.

In the next newsletter issue (July) we will be expanding. STEVE GOODRICH from Moscow, Idaho has offered his research on clubs in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California for publication. Watch for new information on where to find chips for your collections. Until next time..... let us hear from you!!



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• Francis Albert Sinatra is making a serious bid to purchase the troubled **Aladdin Hotel** with former Bally's executive Albert Rapuano. Inside sources tell us that if the deal goes through the hotel will be renamed **Sinatra's**.

Originally known as the Tally Ho Inn, the **Aladdin** has been a white elephant since it was built in 1963 by Edmond Lowe (Lowes Theaters). This daring young man put his money on the line, betting that Las Vegas was ready for a hotel "without" a casino. How wrong he was; a few months later, it was tally ho for the Tally Ho.

In 1964, a new group bought the hotel, renamed it Kings Crown and began a \$15 million expansion project, which included a showroom, new facade and, you'd better believe it, a casino. The new owners were denied a gambling license, and, again, it was tally ho. Along came entrepreneur Milton Prell, who bought the hotel, added a larger casino and turned it into the Aladdin. I guess he figured he needed a magic lantern to make it work.

Since it has been the Aladdin, it has gone through numerous owners, including entertainer Wayne Newton, and was even closed for over a year. The most recent owner, the late Ginji Yasuda, from Korea, was the first foreign national to be

granted a Nevada gaming license. Some say he died from a terminal case of disillusionment with casino ownership.

The Aladdin was placed in bankruptcy last September, listing more than 800 creditors and \$121 million in debt. Currently, the Aladdin is being operated by court-appointed trustee Jack Fidelman.

If anyone can light Aladdin's lamp, it will be Ol' Blue Eyes. Sinatra is no newcomer to the casino scene; he once owned the Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe and had a piece of the Sands Hotel and Caesars Palace in Vegas. Sinatra has done more than any other single entertainer to make Las Vegas what it is today.

Another white elephant in the neon jungle is in big trouble. The space needle-designed Landmark Hotel, operating in Chapter 11 (bankruptcy reorganization) since July, 1985, was placed in Chapter 7 (liquidation), with the threat of the axe on the auction block. The Landmark, opened by reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes in 1969, has rarely turned a profit.



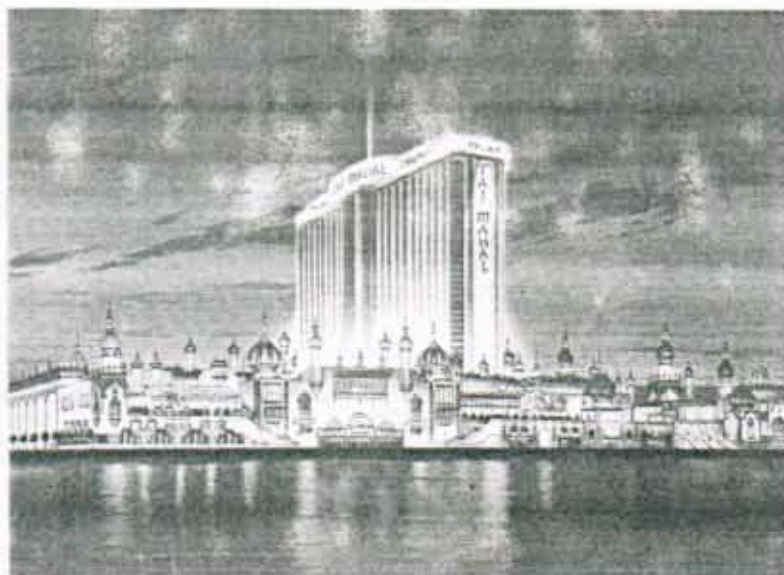
It will be the tallest building in New Jersey, with a casino longer than three football fields, more square feet than two Pan Am Buildings, and enough electrical power to light a city of 100,000 people. Maybe the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort, to open in Atlantic City in April, isn't everyone's idea of luxury—but it will be hard not to notice it.

With its 129 minarets and onion domes made of lucasite, gold and sapphire-blue fiberglass, the 42-story, maharaja-inspired vision has been designed to look as if it is floating over the boardwalk. You might think it's a mirage (sort of Aladdin meets Atlantic City with a little Disney thrown in). But the billion-dollar Taj is

the biggest and most expensive casino resort ever built; experts say it will have to take in \$1 million a day just to break even. It's a big-ticket, albeit surreal, attempt to lure a new, upscale customer to Atlantic City. Turban-clad doormen and eight-foot elephant statues will greet high rollers. In the casino, 167 gaming tables and 3,000 slots lie in wait; throughout the complex, more than five acres of mirrors reflect the glitz. Upstairs, big spenders can choose from among more than 1,250 guest rooms and suites, some with historic themes inspired by Alexander the Great and King Tut. One room has two *faux* elephant tusks on golden pedestals framing the bed.

And why not? The Taj is Donald Trump's latest play in a town where he already holds all the cards. It's brash, bizarre and oddly appealing. But most of all, it's big.


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Mirage \$500 Two Part Coin. The outer rim is 10 carat gold and the center is .999 fine silver.

The Mirage had \$1, \$5, \$25, \$100 and \$500 denominations minted. The 100 and 500 dollar tokens were very special in that the Mirage chose to have these tokens made in two parts, an outer ring with a centered insert. The 100 dollar token has a .999 fine silver outer ring, with a 24 carat gold plated insert. The 500 dollar token has a solid 10 carat gold outer ring, with a .999 fine silver insert. The 25 dollar token is .999 pure silver. The 1 and 5 dollar tokens are made out of 752 alloy. The art work on the tokens was a joint effort on the part of the Mirage's art department and Nevada Coin Mart's art department. The Mirage's tokens were minted at our new facility in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things only hoped for.

—Epicurus

Once seemingly headed for Sleazy Street following the twin lightning bolts of the early 1980s—recession and legalized gambling in Atlantic City—Las Vegas has been on a comeback streak of late. Two almost surreally large hotels and a smaller entry, opening over the next three years, brashly confirm the trend.

First up, with 3,049 rooms at a cost of \$630 million, is the aptly named, just-opened **Mirage**. Located next door to the by-now understated Caesars Palace, the elephantine Mirage is fronted by cascading waterfalls and a "working" volcano (don't ask).

Meanwhile, across from the

Tropicana, the 4,000-room **Excalibur Hotel Casino** is scheduled to open in June 1990, when it will steal the title of "largest hotel in the United States" from the existing, 3,079-room Las Vegas Hilton. Not to be outdone, MGM recently purchased 115 acres across from the Excalibur, where it plans to start building a 5,000-room hotel and—yes, that's right—a theme park in the next three years.

Finally, there's the comparatively diminutive **Rio**, a 430-suite compound with a sand-bottom swimming pool and "beach." Explains one Vegas insider: "We pride ourselves on an excess of everything."

Here Are The Legal Sizes For Nevada Gaming Tokens.

\$1.00 Token

- A. Diameter 1.459 inches through 1.474
- B. Thickness .095 through .115
- C. Number of reeds along the edge must not exceed 150

\$5.00 Token

- A. Diameter 1.75 inches
- B. Thickness .115 through .135 inches.
- C. Number of reeds along the edge must not exceed 175.

\$25.00 Token

- A. Diameter must be larger than 1.75 inches through 1.95 inches.
- B. Thickness .10 inches.
- C. Number of reeds or serrations must not exceed 200.
- D. Tokens made of .999 Silver the diameter must be 1.654 inches (42 millimeters)

Larger Denominations

- A. Must have such measurements and edge reeds or serrations as the Chairman may approve or require.



The Excalibur has selected Nevada Coin Mart to mint their gaming tokens for their grand opening in June, 1990. Be sure to read our next issue to discover what exciting new dimensions in token art we have created for the Excalibur.

"FUN NITE CHIPS"

By Archie A. Black C-001

Many of you have seen them. Perhaps you have wondered what their use is. Why were/are they issued? How does one obtain them? How much do they cost? Do they have any value? What am I talking about?? Why, "Fun Nite" chips of course.

This article was prompted by a comment in a recent letter to me from our Club Treasurer, Bruce Landau, in response to my explanation to him of how the upcoming Fun Nite on April 2nd at the Taj Mahal was probably going to be conducted. Bruce stated, "your explanation was so good that I believe the readership would find it very interesting, as I don't recall an article ever appearing in the newsletter about the Fun Nites." With that thought in mind, this is what I told Bruce.

When a brand new casino plans to open in New Jersey, such as the Taj Mahal on April 2nd, the Casino Control Commission supervises a "dry run" (or Fun Nite) of all the casino operations for a minimum of one day before allowing a casino to open for gaming with real chips. What usually is the Fun Nite scenario, goes something like this:

The casino opens to the public around 10:00 a.m. or noon and players are invited to purchase paper "Fun Money" at .10 cents on the dollar....or, \$10 per \$100 of paper fun money, usually at registration tables in the lobby, staffed by a non-profit organization, prior to entering the casino. You may purchase this paper Fun Money in \$1, \$5, \$20, & \$100 denominations. All the proceeds from the sale of this Fun Money goes to a charitable organization, such as the United Way (as was the case at Trump Castle's Fun Nite). This paper fun money IS redeemable, but not for cash. It is redeemable at the casino's table games, only for "Fun Nite" chips. Players are then encouraged to use the Fun Nite chips as wagers, just as they would with "real" chips. However, all winning wagers are paid out in more Fun Nite chips..... which are not redeemable for anything.

Primarily, Fun Nites are intended to monitor the performance level of all casino employees and management executives by the Casino Control Commission to determine if all of the casino personel are satisfactorily competent and qualified to operate a new gaming hall coming on line and to give hands on training to new dealers and new pit bosses who might not have had much experience with crowds under actual gaming conditions.

It also affords the novice player, one who is not familiar with a particular table game, to get some real experience under actual game conditions without losing a bundle of money. I should mention at this point,



that the slot machine action during Fun Nite IS for real. Actual tokens, or nickels, quarters and half dollars, are used and payouts are in real money, or in "redeemable for cash tokens."

Of course while these "for fun" table games are taking place, every aspect of running a casino, from dealers taking bets, paying out the correct odds on winning wagers, dropping tips in the toke boxes, to cocktail waitress and bartender services, elevator and escalator performance, parking garage and valet parking operations, housekeeping, etc. is all being monitored by the C.C.C. At about 6:00 p.m. the casino is shut down, all players are requested to leave the premises (taking their Fun Nite chips with them, or depositing them in containers on the way out so they don't litter the boardwalk) and the C.C.C. reviews their observations with the top level casino management. A "report card" is then issued, with their "grades". If a minimum level of acceptable performance is not met, the casino is not allowed to open to the public for real wagering. Another Fun Nite is then held and possibly held again...., until the C.C.C. is satisfied that the level of competence is acceptable to open for real. If the C.C.C. is satisfied with their observations, the casino is allowed to open the following day for real gaming.

The Fun Nite chips and Fun Nite paper play money are legitimate collectibles in our hobby, especially the ones that are printed, or embossed, with the casino name on them. Sometimes casinos don't go through the added expense to have custom chips or play money manufactured for their Fun Nites; as they are in use for usually only one or two days. In these cases, (Showboat, Castle and Golden Nugget for example) the generic, or stock, Fun Nite chips were used, although Showboat did have two different issues of paper play money printed. One set was for a family Fun Nite, when the families of casino employees had their own Fun Nite, prior to the public Fun Nite. The Fun Nites with casino names on them are eagerly sought after by chip collectors, especially the high values such as the 100 and 500 which are sort of tough to obtain. Usually the high value Fun Nite chips were not purchased via Fun Nite paper money, but were paid out as a result of winning wagers, or were "colored up" as a result of combining several winning wagers in lower value chips. I personally enjoy the challenge of accumulating as many different Fun Nite roulette chips as possible.... and then swapping duplicates with other collectors for their Fun Nite roulettes that I was not able to "win".

Note: The Taj Mahal Fun Nite was very dissapointing as far as the Fun Nite chips were concerned. Only generic chips were in use, without the Taj Mahal designation on them. I thought that Mr. Trump would have had issued something more special to commemorate the much celebrated event.





TRUMP'S TAJ MAHAL TOKENS

As you've already read elsewhere, the Taj Mahal Fun Nite chips were very disappointing. Not so with the tokens and chips however. As illustrated below, the attractive tokens are extremely well done. The \$25 & \$100 tokens, while not stamped "sterling", ".999 fine", or "g.f.", as are other similar A.C. issues, they would appear to be so. The \$1 token is nickel, and the \$5 is antiqued bronze.



TRUMP'S TAJ MAHAL CHIPS

Same basic colors as all A.C. chips. White, pink, red, green, black, for the denominations from \$1 to \$100. No \$20 yellow chips. The \$20's seem to be phasing out all over, as most baccarat games now have a higher \$25 minimum.

Probably the most distinctive feature of the \$100 Taj Mahal chip is the hologram center insert.



"A CHIP AND TOKEN COLLECTOR IS BORN"

By Janice & Jerry O'Neal
CH-008, CH-088

My husband and I made our first vacation trip to Las Vegas in 1980, just to see what it was like. I was not a gambler on anything, but I am a compulsive collector of everything.

While Jerry was playing the dollar slot machines and a few tokens would jingle into the tray, I would pull them out to look. Lo and behold! Different names, different designs, etc. Wow!! Down the street to the next casino, sure enough, more different ones. At yet another casino I found a \$1 token with a ship logo on it and the name, "Emerald Seas". Fantastic! To the Frontier and two tokens with different dates. So! Each casino changes their tokens for new designs or just new dates now and then. That did it, hooked for life!

Plastic coin holder pages with twenty pockets for twenty tokens each, are very heavy. Next trip to Vegas was with a couple of friends. She collects match books. Great! Almost every casino has their own. Very colorful! Now a match book has to go with each token. Ten tokens ten match books in each page. Not only does this make the page much lighter but it is also more interesting to look at than just plain silver tokens. If no match books were available, I simply used a plain white match book cover just to keep the pages symmetrically even. The staple is opened, the matches are removed and the cover is folded flat. Small covers slip right into the 2x2 pocket perfectly. The larger covers are trimmed just enough so they fit snugly as well.

One day, upon trying a little blackjack at the Silver Slipper, Jerry brought me a .50 cent chip from the table as a souvenir. You guessed it, we started casino hopping all over again for chips to go with the token collection. Now I have two separate collections, but both are equally great fun.

Next we discovered other people doing the same thing and we could trade duplicates through the mail. And then.... a club is born and the rest is history.

More and more the word is spreading. More and more people are seeing trips to Nevada, Atlantic City, California card rooms and other places in a whole new light of always bringing something back! Happy collecting!

How Much Do 1000 Coins Weigh?

Approximate weight of
Nevada Gaming coins per 1000
coins

752 Alloy

\$1.00= 48.25 lbs.

\$5.00= 78.49 lbs.

260 Brass

\$5.00= 82.37 lbs.

713 Alloy

\$1.00= 48.73 lbs.

ANA plans Alaska cruise after 1990 convention in Seattle

A post-convention cruise to Alaska aboard the *Rotterdam* is planned during August 1990 following the American Numismatic Association convention in Seattle.

The ANA's 99th Anniversary Convention will be held Aug. 22-26. The schedule for a seven-day cruise is in the planning stages. Tentative plans call for passengers to take a motor coach to Vancouver, British Columbia, in Canada Aug. 26 to reach the ship. The *Rotterdam* will stop at Ketchikan in Alaska for optional tours to Totem Bight State Park, salmon fishing, a flying tour to Misty Fjords National Monument and tour sails to Juneau.

The fourth day of the tour will see a visit to either Sitka (former headquarters of the Russian fur empire before Alaska was purchased by the United States) or to Glacier Bay. From there the cruise goes to Hubbard glacier, Columbia glacier and College Fjord.

After anchoring in Seward, a motor coach will take passengers over Ptarmigan Pass and along Turnagain Arm to Anchorage, where return airline flights will be arranged.

For cruise information, contact the convention department of the ANA at 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903.



'MATCH PLAY CHIPS'

By Janice O'Neal CH-008

Generally speaking, Match Play chips can not be purchased "over the table" so to speak. They are usually awarded to customers with casino junket packages or in special casino promotional offers. Because of their limited use, they are not as readily available to the general public as the regular chips are, therefore, they are much tougher to obtain and are highly sought after, usually by the more advanced chip collector. "Match Play" chips are not to be confused with "Free Play" chips, which do not require placing any of your own money at risk as an additional wager.

What the term "Match Play" means, is that the house (casino) "matches" or equals the wager that the player bets. For example: Each \$5 Match Play chip must be played with \$5 of your cash. When/if you win, the dealer pays you \$10 in regular chips and takes back the \$5 match play chip. If for example you get a blackjack while playing with a \$5 chip plus a \$5 match play chip, you receive \$7.50 for your \$5 regular chip bet and \$5 cash for your match play chip, which totals a \$12.50 win for the player. The dealer takes back (confiscates) the \$5 match play chip as it is only good for one play, win or lose.

Match play chips cannot be cashed in. They must be played at the blackjack tables, at the pass line of the crap tables, or on even money bets at the roulette tables or big six wheel, provided that an equal amount of regular chips are played at the same time. Match play chips are played only once and whether the player wins or loses they are confiscated by the dealer. When a player wins, the match play chips are replaced with regular chips, usually of the same denomination.

The most common current "Match Play" denominations are 1 and 5. Illustrated to the right are several examples of "Match Play" chips. Note the Imperial Palace "\$3 for \$2" match play chip. For a \$2 wager, the house will pay \$3. This particular chip was in use on December 5th, 1981. How long before or after December 5th is unknown.



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VIEJAS VALLEY CASINO

By Walter Dirzulaitis CH-031

I've just returned from a recent trip to San Diego and the Viejas Valley Casino that opened on March 1st. Viejas Valley Casino is located in Alpine, California on an Indian reservation about 40 miles east of San Diego. The chips are pretty impressive but all of the players were complaining about how "heavy" they were. One dealer told me that they cost about \$1.30 each to make. If that is true, I'm sure that the casino would not be happy about the ones that "walked" out of there. Obviously, the company that makes these brass inlay edge inserts and brass center chips also supplies Harrah's in Reno & Lk Tahoe, the Silver Smith in Wendover, Harveys, and the Ranch House in Wells.



The card games in San Diego are all small and strictly regulated. Games are limited to draw poker and all must be storefront operations, allegedly so the police can see what is going on from outside. Unfortunately, most have generic chips with nothing on them or else they are so worn as to be unreadable. The Indian reservations are outside of town and are more wide open. All forms of poker are allowed as well as certain Asian games. All are open 24 hours as well. Believe it or not, the clubs in town (San Diego) must close at midnight and must be closed on Sundays. Competition among the Indians is fierce. At one club, I actually got a free \$20 bill for playing one hour and a free buffet.



A point I would like to bring up for discussion in the club newsletter is; in San Diego for example, there are many small clubs of two or three tables. At least one of these has some very desirable chips. But when I've asked for them, they have refused, saying that the owner "doesn't want any going out the door." I've come across this attitude a few times before, mostly at small casinos with one or two tables. My reaction to this is to sit down and play and "palm" the chips out of the game. Is this dishonest or unethical? I've paid for the chips and sometimes I've lost up to \$100 just to sneak out a few chips ... but, they are the club's property and perhaps technically this is illegal.



In Puerto Rico's casinos you will see large signs stating that chips may not be taken out of the casino. In Aruba the signs are even sterner. Right by the exits, the signs say that chips taken out of the casino will not be cashed later. That's fine with collectors but it is obvious that they don't want us collecting their chips. I would be very interested to hear opinions from other members. Sometimes I feel like a pickpocket, palming chips (which I "paid" for) off of a gaming table.

Editor's Note:

Readers are encouraged to write to Walter (or to the newsletter editor) with your opinions. Walter's address is 13707 Doty Ave. #10 Hawthorne, CA 90250.

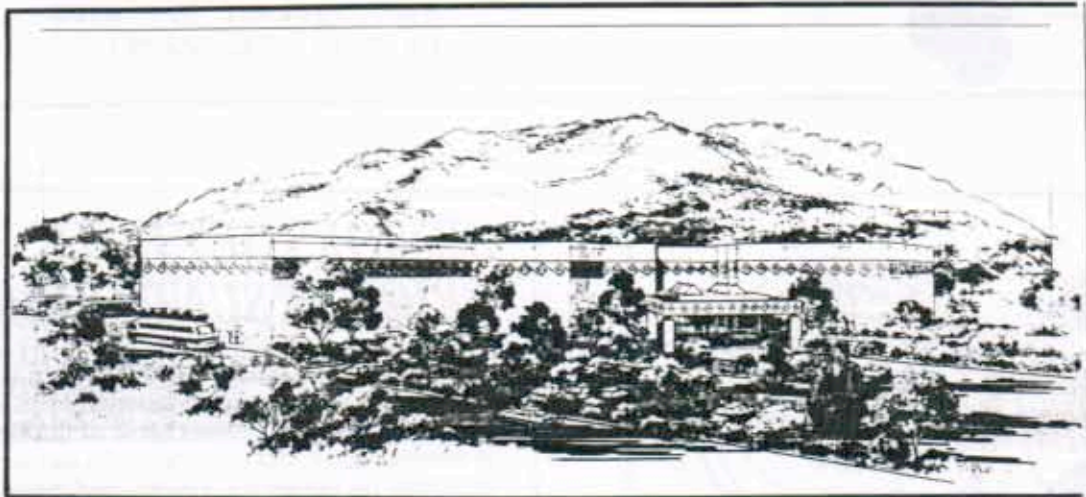
LAS VEGAS IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

By Norma Jean King, R-190

June is the month! The lights will go on and the sky will light up in San Diego's East County when a "Las Vegas" style casino will be opening in El Cajon. Yes, you read this correctly. The Sycuan Band of Mission Indians, famous for the largest Bingo "Pay-Outs" in Southern California in the past six years, and their Poker Casino (San Diego County's largest with 17 tables) are currently constructing a new "Gaming Center" that will rival any in the nation.

The new 55,000 sq. foot gaming center, pictured below, will house a 2,000 seat Bingo Parlor, offering the player either paper or electronic "Fortunate Bingo" party games. The Action Bingo Lounge will be enlarged, where players can play regular bingo 24 hours a day. There will be a 55 table Card Room, plus Pai-Gow and Pai-Gow Poker, and five figure jackpots and tournaments. A 500 seat off-track betting parlor, a 24 hour gourmet restaurant, a cocktail lounge with live entertainment, and valet parking will all be features.

With the grand opening, will be NEW CHIPS! The writer looks forward to this gala event and I'll hopefully give a full detailed report in the next issue, when a little of "Las VEGas" comes to El Cajon and San Diego County.



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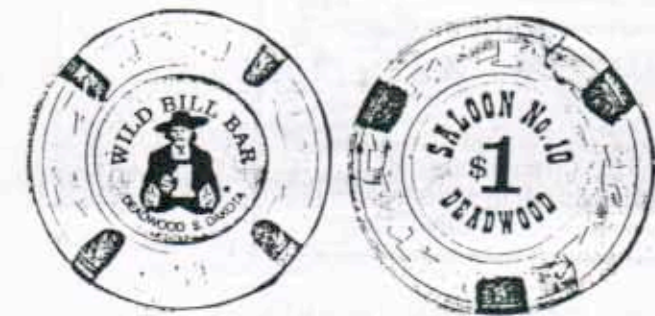


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'TRAVELLING WITH THE SANDERSON'S'

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

'GET OUT OF TOWN'

There is something to do in Las Vegas, besides all of the things that people normally do in Las Vegas. Establish yourself....get out of town and enjoy the surrounding area.

Taking advantage of a promotional package, we went for the week after Christmas. Spent the first day with club members Janice & Jerry O'Neal, who flew in from Michigan, and Norma Jean King, who drove from La Mesa, California for the day. It was a very enjoyable meeting that was profitable in knowledge, tokens and friendship.

The second day, Muriel and I headed out for "Beatty". We ate breakfast at Indian Springs. The casino is still using the 1985 token, but the cashier let me pick through 200 mavericks.

On to "Amargosa Valley". Arrived, but there was no casino in sight. Inquired at the "Watering Hole" (the only prominent building around) as to finding the Sateline Casino. "Take a left on 373 a little way, and it is just past the Post Office." Actually, it was 8 miles to the Post Office and 7.5 miles past that to the casino.

"Beatty" for lunch. The three sources of tokens were active. "Stagecoach" has added an '88. While in "Beatty", do as the tourists are told to do....visit the "Rhyolite Ruins." There you can explore a ghost town that dates to 1806 and had an opera house, several major banks, a stock exchange, and three railroads. Sort of spooky. Since we now know who does and who does not have dollar slot tokens, Muriel has been promoted to "Noted Observer". While I was taking pictures, she observed that we were not very far from "Death Valley" and noted that since we have never been there....Why Not??

Within a few short miles, like just past the Post Office, we dropped from a plus 4,500 feet to a minus 200. Sort of like sky-diving with an automobile. Took the "Noted Observer's" picture standing by a sign that reads, "190 Feet Below Sea Level". She's holding her nose with one hand and reaching over her head with the other. I can't tell you anything about the valley that you haven't seen on T.V....except that "Borax" didn't have a 20 mule team. It was 12 mules and 2 horses.

Seven miles before "Shoshone" we catch up with a high rise, 4x4 pick up truck, doing better than 70 mph as it's right rear tire blew. After a remarkable example of driver control, the truck pulled over on to the shoulder; and of course we stopped...**SITUATION - DEATH VALLEY**; three o'clock in the afternoon, a young lady alone, taking her baby to the doctor in "Pahrump" (35 miles yet to go), blow-out, and no spare. Until Archie starts printing book-length novels, I'll leave you with just, "we helped".



At "Pahrump" we visited "Saddle West" and the new "Cotton Pickin" and was back in LV in time to eat, pull the handle a few times and get some sleep before going to "Mesquite" in the morning.

I am disappointed in "Mesquite". I had read that it was destined to be another "Laughlin". It may well be, but it hasn't started yet. Peppermill Western Village is the big "Arizona Tourist" attraction. It's all one place, but they are using two different named tokens. The most interesting part to me was a dome shaped tent thing in the parking lot that sold groceries, souvenirs, and stuff. I bought 2 bottles of "Rattlesnake Beer" (gave one to Jerry O'neal to treasure). They are beautiful! The label is painted on the bottle, and it's made in Texas. Don't get me wrong. If you ever get a chance to visit Mesquite.... don't pass it up. It's the only place I know of that sells "Rattlesnake Beer".

As the New Year rang in, Muriel and I counted 519 different tokens acquired in 1989; and that we had visited 141 gambling establishments. Not bad for a year of "FUN & GAMES".

A PENNY SAVER IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

Here's something that everybody knows.....so please, don't consider it an insult, but a reminder.

"A word to the wise, saves nine."

If your vacation or travel times are flexible, consult with a travel agent (there is no charge for any travel agent's services) as to off-season rates and package deals. The one we use even has a toll free number. "Travelhost" 1-800-726-0745.

"The early bird gathers no moss".

Here is an example "you can't beat with a ten foot pole"... The month of December is slow in Las Vegas. So, Muriel and I took advantage of it. "A stitch in time is sufficient".... For \$269 each, Delta flew us round trip from Atlanta, gave us unlimited nights at Bally's (we chose five; the sticker price on the room was \$150 per day) and a medium sized car for \$23 a day, with one day free. So, for \$630 we got what normally would be well over twice that. Package tour deals are available all of the time, for all over, including cruises. See your "Travel Agent" and remember.....

"A rolling stone doesn't cross the bridge until the well is dry."



SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

Apparently they have 24 slot locations: Bella Union, Bodega, Buffalo, Bullock, Calamity Jane's, Deadwood Dick's, Durty Nelly's, Eagles Club, Elks Lodge, Franklin Hotel, Fox's '76, Frontier Drug, Hickoks, Goldberg's Grocery, Gold Street, Miss PJ's, Saloon #10, Rocky Mountain, Safeway Store, Thundercove, Wilderness Edge, Wagon Wheel, VFW, and Video Pro. Don't know what their tokens are. There are 9 places offering poker, and 13 dealing Black Jack. Can't wait until June or July to see what it's all about.

'SLOT CLUB CARDS'

By Larry Pang (R-198)

Dear Editor: I received the "Casino Chips & Token News" yesterday. Thanks! It's always exciting to hear what other collectors are doing out there.

Just a short note on my collection: Some Nevada casinos have started "Slot Clubs". These clubs register your slot and video poker "action" using cards similar to credit or ATM cards. Some have keypunch holes, others have magnetic strips on the cards to identify the player. Players insert the cards into a machine similar to a card-key or ATM. A central computer keeps track of the tokens or money you play. Some casinos rebate cash, others give different prizes at various award levels. Slot action has become very competitive recently in Las Vegas and Reno and most casinos have these cards in various designs and colors (like chips!)....each being unique to the casino. To make a long story short, I collect these cards and their corresponding dollar tokens. These clubs are ususally free to join and therefore Slot Cards are easy to collect.

Another short note: In Southern California, like the rest of California, there are many Card Rooms. Gardena, California used to be the capital of Poker Rooms in the state. But recently (in the last 5 years) surrounding communities near Los Angeles have opened Mega-Card Rooms. They call themselves "Casinos" based on their size (100 tables or more of action) and the games they offer (Poker, Texas Hold-em, 7-card stud, California Low-Ball, 5 Card Draw, "Asian games" such as Pan-9, Pai-Gow, Pai-Gow Poker, and my favorite; Pan). The two largest clubs presently are the California Commerce Casino in Commerce, CA (where I work) and the Bicycle Club in Bell Gardens, CA. Two others are the Bell Club in Bell, CA and the Huntington Park Casino in Huntington Park, CA. A new casino will be open in December, 1989 in the Cudahy, CA called the Silver Saddle Casino. I would be glad to trade one dollar chips from these casinos for ones I don't have.

LARRY PANG 1129-17th St. B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403

Editor's note: Thanks Larry. Please be advised that slot club cards are beginning to catch on with many token collectors. In addition to your letter and photocopies, I've received similar material from Janice O'neal and I've illustrated a few of my Atlantic City cards as well. Perhaps someone would like to organize a club for slot card collectors?



In a previous issue of the club newsletter, there was a question about wording on a token from the Gold Strike Inn near Boulder Dam. Perhaps a little history on the area would be of interest and add to other's collecting pleasure.

The town of Boulder City, Nevada was founded as a federal construction camp for workers and their families during the building of Boulder (now Hoover) Dam in 1930. Nevada legalized gambling in 1931, which was an unpopular move in Washington, D.C. and throughout the nation. As this was also during the time of prohibition, both alcohol and gambling were considered illegal within the community boundaries. After the dam was completed, the community remained a federal town until January 4, 1960, 30 years to the day, when it was released to the State of Nevada as a city. Today, it is still believed to be the only city in the state with laws prohibiting gaming of any type within the city limits.

On August 31, 1931, the Railroad Pass Casino opened between Las Vegas, which incidently was a "temperance town" until April 2, 1948, and Boulder City.

Closer to the construction area in 1935, a small bar opened along the road between the dam and the construction camp. As this was on private property known as "Sullivan's Gulch," the government could not restrict the operation and Nevada approved it. This bar became known as Fort Lucinda. After the owner's death the family ran Fort Lucinda until it was purchased by Don Belding of Boulder City in 1966.

In 1967 this casino was remodeled, a large gift and souvenir shop added, and the name changed to Gold Strike Inn and Casino. It was the original intent to turn the area into an early western mining ghost town. Old buildings and mining equipment were brought in and placed beside the buildings. By the mid 1970's there appeared to be a museum in the making. In the late 1970's the theme was retained, but the need for a hotel was evident and construction began on a new building.

Don's son, Dave, joined his father, and the business expanded with the acquisition of the Las Vegas Pioneer Club in 1983; and the Railroad Pass in 1985. Recently, the family business, now run by the son, Dave, opened the Gold Strike Hotel and Gambling Hall (1988); the new Nevada Landing (1989); and have proposed a high-rise hotel/casino also in Jean.

With respect to the tokens issued, Fort Lucinda had a dollar token in 1965. The Gold Strike had tokens struck by the Franklin Mint in 1967, 1979, 1980 and 1982, and all read "Near Hoover Dam". In 1985 there were either 4 or 5 variations struck by three mints, (we have four and suspect a fifth), and these all read "Boulder City, Nevada". This was due to a Nevada gaming regulation change (12.030.2a) which states "... the city or other locality and the state where the establishment is located must be inscribed on at least one side of each chip and token". As the Gold Strike receives its mail from Boulder City, that is its legal address and must be used, although the Gold Strike is not within the city limits. Also of note, the 1985 tokens read "not legal tender". This wording is not required in Nevada, as it is in Atlantic City, and we believe these are the only issued tokens in Nevada with this rim wording.

When there is a lot of money in a town, there is undoubtedly gambling. Fairbanks, during the pipeline years definitely fits this description.

This listing of modern gambling chips is incomplete. Our sources know of other chips of the same types as those illustrated in this article, but of different color combinations. There are probably other types not recorded here. By publishing this list it is hoped that readers will contribute their knowledge of other chips. These items are ignored by most, but they are tokens in the truest sense of the word.

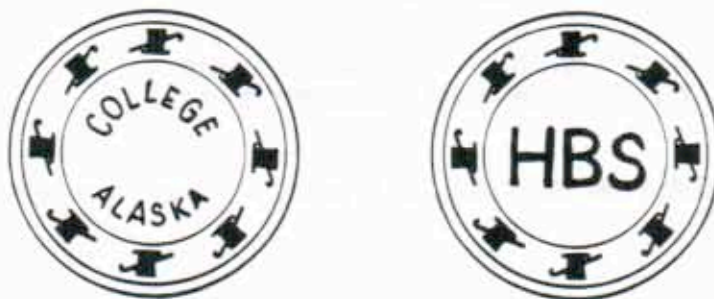
All chips are of a hard fiber or plastic material. For security, they are made of 2 colors; one is the predominant colors, and 3 or 4 border insets of a different color. The coloring will be indicated as follows: Red/3 pink. The predominant color would be Red, with 3 pink border markings. Printing on all chips listed is gold.

The border of each side of the chips also has a design pressed into it. They will be identified as follows:

- Type 1 - Top hat and cane
- Type 2 - Alternating diamond and rectangle
- Type 3 - Square in circle

Unfortunately, denominations are generally unknown, since all but one chip lacks a value.

1) COLLEGE ALASKA/HBS



A. RED 3/PINK, BORDER TYPE 1

2) XXX (stylized)

- A. GREEN/3 RED, BORDER TYPE 2**
- B. YELLOW/3 GREEN, BORDER TYPE 2**
- C. RED/3 BLACK, BORDER TYPE 2**
- D. BLUE/3 YELLOW BORDER TYPE 2**





- A. YELLOW/4 ORANGE, BORDER TYPE 3
 B. WHITE/4 BROWN, BORDER TYPE 3
 C. SOLID ORANGE, BORDER TYPE 3
 Reverse '100 CREDIT'

4) ALASKA 'RKD'



- A. RED/3 BLUE, BORDER TYPE 1
 B. WHITE/3 ORANGE BORDER TYPE 1

5) FAIRBANKS ALASKA - 'W' & 'R'



- A. 'W' BLUE/3 WHITE
 B. 'W' BROWN/3 WHITE
 C. 'R' LT. BLUE/3 WHITE
 D. 'R' RED/3 WHITE
 Both 'W' and 'R' are of border type 1

This concludes our listing of modern gambling chips. Any additions would be appreciated. Please contact Dick Hanscom (R-194) at P.O. Box 2832 Fairbanks, AK 99707

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5. BOA-5	BOARDWALK REGENCY \$5 CHIP	\$12.00
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7. BRI-2.5	BRIGHTON \$2.50 CHIP	\$10.00
8. BRI-5	BRIGHTON \$5 CHIP	\$15.00
9. HTP-1	HARRAH'S TRUMP PLAZA \$1 CHIP	\$ 4.00
10. HTP-5	HARRAH'S TRUMP PLAZA \$5 CHIP	\$10.00
11. HIL-1	HILTON \$1 CHIP	\$ 5.00
12. HIL-2.5	HILTON \$2.50 CHIP	\$10.00
13. HIL-5	HILTON \$5 CHIP	\$15.00
14. GOL-1	GOLDEN NUGGET \$1 CHIP	\$ 4.00
15. GOL-1a	GOLDEN NUGGET \$1 CHIP	\$ 5.00
16. GOL-2.5	GOLDEN NUGGET \$2.50 CHIP	\$ 9.00
17. GOL-5a	GOLDEN NUGGET \$5 CHIP	\$11.00
18. HAR-1	HARRAH'S MARINA \$1 CHIP (w/black ring 1st issue)	\$ 5.00
19. PPL-1	PARK PLACE \$1 (1st issue w/dark brown inserts)*rare	\$10.00
20. SAN-5	SANDS \$5 CHIP (1st Issue w/purple inserts) *scarce	\$12.00
21. TRO-1	TROPICANA \$1 CHIP (1st Issue)	\$ 4.00
22. TRO-5	TROPICANA \$5 CHIP (1st Issue)	\$12.00
23. PLA-1	PLAYBOY \$1 CHIP	\$ 5.00
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