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The Editor wishes to acknowledge "THE HENRY HERALD" of McDonough, Georgia for granting permission to reprint their article on club member Arthur Sanderson that was published on July, 25, 1990.

EDITORIAL

The last two issues of the club newsletter, while mailed out right on schedule, have experienced unusually long delays with delivery. As you know, since the club has obtained a bulk mailing permit, the club newsletter is sent to you via 3rd class bulk mail. Speedy, it is not.... its value is relatively cheap postage costs to the club. 310 copies of volume 3, #3 were mailed out on Monday, July 16th, via 3rd class bulk mail, for a total postage cost of just \$55.30. This identical mailing at first class rates would have cost the club approximately \$400.00 in postage, which we can not afford under our present dues structure.

The first acknowledgement received about delivery of Vol 3 #3 was from Jim Whittaker (NJ) on August 3rd... almost 3 weeks from when the mailing left the Brick, NJ post office. I've complained to the Brick Post Master several times about the slow delivery and he has referred the problem to the Quality Control Officer in Philadelphia, from where our bulk mail is distributed. The answer received about Vol 3, #2 delay was that possibly because the Federal Income Tax return filing deadline coincided with our mailing (April 15th) which could have caused the delay. The reason given for the delay of issue #3 mailing (July 16th) was possibly because of the pending U.P.S. strike. Many mailers who normally would have used UPS for their packages, switched over to the US Postal Service, causing a huge mail back-up. I don't know if either scenario caused the slow delivery, but be rest assured it was NOT because the newsletter was not mailed out on time.

I have suggested to my fellow officers, and I have brought up the same recommendation before the membership present at our Seattle meeting, an alternative option for your consideration; without raising the current \$10 dues. If you absolutely can not wait the 3 weeks (or more) for 3rd class bulk mail delivery of your newsletter, the club will send it to you 1st class (four issues) for an additional (optional) \$5 surcharge on your dues. In other words, you will be paying \$1.25 each issue for first class postage instead of the bulk mailing, which we will continue to utilize as long as we have the minimum 200 pieces to qualify for our bulk mailing permit. This annual \$5 surcharge is strictly voluntary. If you chose to receive your copy of the club newsletter via 1st class mail each quarter, simply send a \$2.50 check, NOW, to Secretary Knapp for the remainder of the current fiscal year (next 2 issues). He will then modify your address label to reflect the 1st class handling and I'll do the rest. Upon dues renewal time next May, we will request an additional \$5 dues surcharge from those members who wish 1st class delivery of the club newsletter. If you do not mind the wait that all members are presently experiencing as a result of the current 3rd class mailings, no further action is needed on your part. You will still to receive the newsletter via 3rd class bulk mail at no continue additional cost to you.

One final caution must be made at this point. The club does not intend to give up its bulk mail permit, so only a limited number of members can opt for this proposed 1st class mailing service. The club MUST maintain a minimum of 200 pieces of mail to qualify for bulk mail privileges. Therefore, only approximately 125 current members out of our roster of about 330 can switch over to 1st class consideration. I sincerely hope this potential solution to a very frustrating problem for all meets with your approval.

AN APOLOGY TO ALLISON PUBLISHING

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In the Volume 3, #3 issue of "Casino Chip & Token News " an article titled, "HISTORY EXCITEMENT A SURE BET IN DEADWOOD* was published with a byline credit incorrectly given to member, Craig T. Ordahl.

been It has brought to my attention by Rena Webb, Editor, of "Deadwood You Bet" magazine, that original author of this article was Marie Tesch. It was written exclusively for "Deadwood Bet" magazine and publishing the article in our club newsletter we were in violation of 1978 U.S. copyright laws.

The CC>CC Editor, on behalf of the club, has extended our sincere apologies to Ms. Webb and her publication and has offered a \$25 payment to the original author of the article as a gesture of good will.

As a result of this unfortunate experience, Club Newsletter Editor Black urges all members submitting articles for publication "Casino Chip & Token News " to from taking credit refrain articles written by someone else. addition, written permission be obtained for reprinting articles that have appeared in publications that copyrighted their printed material.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Secretary Knapp has advised me that 49 ex-members have been dropped from the club roster for non-renewal of dues for the current year. Last year at this time, a similar action was taken which resulted in dropping 30 former members from our 1989 roster. In spite of losing almost a total of 80 members since our modest beginning, the club has vigorously recruited new members to replace the numbers lost and has continued to grow dramatically. As this report is being prepared, the club presently has 340 active, paid up members. One can only surmise that those of you who have stayed with us, must like what the club has to offer. It would be nice to know the reason(s) why those who have decided not to renew chose not to. Perhaps these annual "shakeouts" are beneficial to the club (and the current membership) in the sense that those who are the seriously interested collectors are still with us.

Our annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, held during the A.N.A. convention, was very well attended. 28 members were in attendance, and a good deal of horse trading followed our busy meeting. See the official meeting report published elsewhere in this issue.

Now is not too early to begin planning for our 1991 meeting in Chicago. The A.N.A. will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year and this convention will be the "grand daddy" of them all for some time to come. The dates are August 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18, 1991 and all events will be held at the O'Hare Exposition Center. Our meeting will once again be held on Saturday morning (the 17th) so plan ahead. If I can get enough volunteers to "man" our own club table on the midway to promote OUR organization, I will put in the request to A.N.A. So, if you can give the club 4 to 6 hours of your time on one day during the 1991 convention week, I will prepare a schedule so that no one is putting in more than one half day at the club table and you'll be able to enjoy the convention activities and sightseeing as well.

I've just received word from the F.U.N. (Florida United Numismatists) folks that they've invited our club to hold an unofficial regional meeting during their F.U.N. Convention in Orlando, January 3rd-6th, 1991. Brenda and I will be there. I don't know who else will show up besides Polly and Ed Abbott but you are all invited to attend. If any of our past "regional get togethers" are any indication of what is in store for those in attendance at Orlando, I would urge you to bring your dupes to the meeting for some lively horse-trading sessions.

Brenda and I have been to two previous F.U.N. gatherings, long before CC>CC was organized, and we can assure you that their acronym, (F.U.N.) means just what it says. If you missed the 1990 ANA convention in Seattle with 585 dealer tables, you will find just as many tables, probably even more, in Orlando. I can't promise you how many dealers in Florida will offer chips and gaming tokens for sale.... but what the hell, Disneyworld is close by and its a prety safe bet that the sun will be shining and the January Florida temperatures will be in the 70's-80's. I DO KNOW that club member and chip/token dealer, Bob Matthews (MONEY TREE CO.), of Howell, Michigan will have a table at the FUN show (see Bob's 1/4 page ad published elsewhere in this issue).

Our club meeting at F.U.N. is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5th, 1991 in room 2B of the Orange County Convention Center. Our club meeting, and the F.U.N. convention, is open to the public.

PROTECTING YOUR COLLECTION: A FOLLOWUP

Michael Knapp (CH-007)

In the last issue, we provided some guidelines for protecting your collection from theft, as well as suggestions for steps to take should something happen to your collection.

We didn't have this information soon enough to include in the last article, but it should also be considered. One of the benefits of membership in the American Numismatic Association (although CC>CC is affiliated with ANA as a group, individual membership must be obtained separately) is the collection insurance program offered to members. Often such association insurance packages are less expensive than similar coverage which might be available under a homeowners or renters insurance policy as a rider.

The ANA insurance program will insure a collection for up to \$25,000 in value. Insured items are covered against loss from theft, fire, storm or other natural disaster, but not against what the insurance industry calls "mysterious disappearance," that is, an accidental loss such as dropping a chip or token down a

heating duct or into a sink disposall.

There are restrictions and conditions, but essentially the premium is \$1.50 per \$100 of valuation for collections not kept in a safe or vault, and \$1.00 per \$100 of valuation for collections kept in a bank vault or safe deposit box. The minimum premium is \$26.00 per year. The insurance is available only to private collectors, not to dealers.



Arthur Sanderson shows off his collection of casino tokens. Sanderson began collecting the tokens before it was popular, and today has one of the finest collections around. Photos by Adele Brinkley.

"TRAVELLING WITH THE SANDERSON'S" By Arthur Sanderson R-171

"ATLANTA, LAS VEGAS - FRYING PAN, FIRE"

We booked six days in Las Vegas for June 19th, thinking we would do some "Token Hopping" before it got too hot. One morning while we were there, the TV screen is showing "PRESENT TEMPERATURE IS 105..." while the weather man is saying, "Today it is going to GET HOT". Next year, I'll plan better.

Heard that they had to close down one of the airports in Arizona. (Phoenix) Then I learned that airplanes don't take off if the temperature is over 120 degrees. I know that a bird can't fly in that kind of heat. The silly thing keeps jumping up in the air and falling down. Eventually the air cools down enough that he makes it home to Mama in tha air conditioned nest. Naturally she doesn't believe a word of his story.

The "Excalibur" opened the day we arrived. I picked up two tokens, one extra to trade. After I got back home I learned from Janice O'Neal that there are SEVEN different Excalibur tokens. Luckily the two that I got are not the same. No, I didn't turn around and go back. I'll catch 'em later. Add the EXCALIBUR to your list of MUST SEE.... below "MIRAGE". Muriel wasn't at all impressed either. In her notes, (she's still the "Noted Observer") she mentions maybe observing the ghost of Disney....laughing and saying "I did it first."

During our stay we did the cocktail lounges, for tokens, in the cool of the morning, and stayed in at the "21" tables during the HOT of the day. To step outside after lunch can only be described as going from the refrigerator into the oven, just about the time the roast is done.

Blackjack didn't pay any of the expenses this time. If only they would change the name of the game to "22". A couple of complimentary dinners from Pit Bosses helped to relieve some of the pain.

Drove south, past "Jean" to the PRIMADONNA. Disappointed here too. This may have been an off-trip. They didn't have any publicity material to put in my scrap book...not even a picture postcard. Their tokens are not as pretty as the ones from the Excalibur, but there are two different "First Editions". One has 1990 on it.

Disregarding the heat, the trip was succussful. Picked up 52 needed tokens, plus a CLIP from Fitzgerald's. Saw the Union Plaza show "NUDES ON ICE". Muriel has tried to explain to me how those feathered hats keep 'em warm. The juggler was good too.

The next time we do Vegas, there will be new places to visit, and we'll win at "21". I've promised not to hit 18's, and Muriel says she will split aces and eights. For sure it will be cool.... we're thinking Christmas, for now.





Hobbies Keeps Life Filled For Arthur Sanderson Of Hampton

By ADELE BRINKLEY

he loves. It is a time for him to creuses his time to do the many things Arthur Sanderson of Hampton. He ite and collect. ness to former Army captain Retirement does not mean idle-

modifying and repairing, still life fishing and hunting. Chips and Tokens magazine, and ishing, writing articles for Casino home-movie making, boat refurbpainting, counted cross stitching, que furniture refurnishing, gun His many talents include anti-

unique. With a lake populated by derson home on Highway 3 is like coins, slot machine tokens, cacti, frame revolvers. Visiting the Sanhorse bits, padlocks, and brass The two-story house itself is In addition, he collects stamps tion effort in West Germany.

visual information specialist as he he would retire once again, leav-ing behind him 34 years of public had done in the Army. In 13 years Service doing the same job as a for Sanderson was with the Civil Post-retirement employment

us; it really is our home," said individual needs. I designed it for

Captain Sanderson and Muriel,

ducks in front of it, the house is

built on a nautical theme.

"We wanted a house to fit our

touring a private museum.

but I worked to have money in my worked. I didn't always have to, pocket and to learn about life," he

Point, but it became too crowded Their first residence was in East New York to Georgia in 1960. his wife of 48 years, migrated from

for them, so they moved to College

school with a car. It was a 193 When he was 14 he bought his

wanted to live in the country, to and to have lake property," Sanbuild a house to meet our needs, derson recalled. "We decided then that we

moved into it in 1983." then we built our dream house and 1979. First we put the lake on it; them. "We bought the property in Hampton was the answer for

active duty, Sanderson retired from the Army in which he had pation forces in Germany, his ser American Embassy. From Alaska and Germany and spent quartermaster. He was stationed in four years in Japan working at the worked as a troubleshooter for the vices being used in the reconstruc-1952-55, he was part of the occu-AFTER SERVING 21 years of

Sanderson readily admits that he is a work-a-holic. "I've always

first car. "I was the only kid in high

crowding in East Point repeated only house on the block, but the Park. For a while their's was the

> Chevrolet coupe which I paid \$210 for," he fondly recollected. car. At that time only officers had I was the only enlisted man with a "In fact, when I entered the Army,

collection. He has also found colretirement did he begin devoting more time to his collections. He views collecting itself as a hobby, lecting to be profitable. and doesn't limit himself to one things all his life, but only after his SANDERSON HAS collected

off," said Sanderson. "Any hobby was through with it." 've ever had I could cash in when "A hobby should have a pay

had put on tape reels. He recorded a collection of old songs that he One regret he has is the loss of a musical collection. Sanderson had

Valentino, the only one he ever published. There were even some of Judy Garland's earliest songs. One was a song by Rudolph

music and memories up my son's house," said Sanderson.
"Thousands of dollars worth of They were all lost in a fire at

ing season and refurbish them, wooden boats at the end of a boatstamps. Sanderson would buy have included boats, guns, and His more lucrative collections

> dealer or another collector. when requesting information from a Stamped Envelope. Send an SASE means Self Addressed

of boats made of fiberglass. who could not afford the new type then sell them in the spring to folks

off, no end result." derson, "because there is no pay like playing cards," said Mrs. San "HE CAN'T DO something

His wife is special. She goes along with all of his hobbies and adventures.

so they can collect casino tokens. ous places where gambling is legal travel at least once a month to varicasino tokens. He and his missus His current hobby is collecting

the coins is extremely fascinat-ing," said Sanderson.
"He is ahead of his time," added appeal to us, but the history behind monetary value of the tokens their tokens. "Not only does the they hit over 140 casinos to obtain Nassau, and Paradise Isle. In 1989 nearly all 50 states, the Bahamas, Their travels have taken them to

fad. There's even a magazine on token collecting." began. Now it's an up-and-coming think of collecting tokens when he Mrs. Sanderson. "Nobody would

> for \$4 each. teen cents each and later sold them padlocks. He bought them for fif-ONCE HE COLLECTED

whole weekend trying all those keys in the padlocks. "We actually keys, about 700 of them. His wife, Sanderson bought a basin full of found some that fit," he said. wo daughters, and he spent a for them. Once at a flea market Part of the fun was finding keys

pieces are just for family and for him, but the majority of his The walls of his home abound with his work. Some his daughter sells One of Sanderson's quieter

always went along with them." "My hobbies have been fun," said Sanderson. "And my family

Arthur Sanderson, lived life to the remind them that he, Captain spirit of adventure which will grown children and nine grandful of memorabilia, but rather a cy to them will not just be a housechildren. Arthur Sanderson's lega-The Sandersons have four

By 'Mrs. Chips' CH-069

There were a total of 28 members in attendance. Those who were not members when the meeting began, signed up by the time we adjourned. The meeting was called to order by President Black who stated that the club presently has 330 paid up members after dropping 49 for non-renewal of dues. President Black predicted that club membership will total 500 members by the time we meet in Chicago in 1991.

All those in attendance were given a commemorative wooden dollar "chip" and the club's distinctive commemorative clay chip issued to celebrate our 3rd annual meeting.

Two awards were announced by President Black. The club's "TOP RECRUITER AWARD" was presented to CHARLES T. RODGERS (C.T. Coins) for sponsoring the most new members (58). Runners-up were Dean Richmond & Howard Herz with 33 new members each.

MICHAEL KNAPP was awarded the "BEST NEWSLETTER ARTICLE" prize for his installments of "INFORMATION BOOTH". Both awards given to Mr. Knapp and Mr. Rodgers were custom wristwatches with the club's logo imprinted on the watch face.

DEAN RICHMOND, on behalf of the club, presented President Black with this year's commemorative chip encased in lucite in appreciation for his efforts as Club President.

HOWARD HERZ, Curator for Harvey's Museum in Lake Tahoe, announced that ground will be broken in September for a new museum devoted to casino chips, tokens, and other gaming memorabilia and history at the Harvey's Tahoe casino. Harvey's is also planning to sponsor a gaming & collectibles show in Lake Tahoe in June, 1991. Mr. Herz also speculated that there is a possiblility that Harvey's may underwrite, through a grant, a new category for competitive exhibits on gaming at future A.N.A. conventions.

CHARLES RODGERS proposed that the club sponsor a contest to determine the "CHIP OF THE YEAR", voted on by the membership each year, and a suitable plaque with the winning chip affixed could be presented to the casino that issued the chip. A similar contest for tokens could also be held. President Black said he would present Mr. Rodgers' excellent idea to his fellow officers with his recommendation that the suggestion be adopted.

A discussion was held on some members requesting to pay a <u>voluntary</u> surcharge of \$5 each year for 1st class postage on the club newsletter, as opposed to the current 3rd class bulk mailing which sometimes takes 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. Also, some officers have suggested numbering the pages of the quarterly newsletter, and having the entire issue printed, collated and stapled by a local printer. Our printing costs would be increased dramatically over what our current costs are with the Editor and his assistant doing all of the labor associated with getting each issue out.

BOB MATTHEWS gave a report on the new Excalibur Casino which opened in Las Vegas this past June. Several die variations of their slot tokens issued were explained and illustrated to those in attendance.

The club still has club logo decals and club member ship patches sale. A sample display of all the items currently available was provided by JANICE O'NEAL who is now taking orders for this year's items as well as a limited number of issues from our last two meetings. Items as well as a limited number of issues from our last two meetings. Write to Janice for details. Her address is 1836 Fisk Road Howell, MI 48843.

HOWARD HERZ is working on two club projects. One is just about ready to be unveiled. A newly designed club membership application which will be printed in four colors. A sample of the layout and artwork was approved at our Seattle meeting and hopefully will be available shortly. The other item, which will take a considerable of time to develop, is a standard color chart that will enable our membership to accurately standard colors in correspondence and price/trade listings to avoid describe chip colors in correspondence and price/trade listings to avoid the confusion that presently exists with some chip colors. Howard also the confusion that the club advertise in foreign publications in advanced a suggestion that the club advertise in foreign publications in an attempt to recruit collectors from out of the country and those who collect foreign chips.

An unanswered question from the audience... "who has the expertise to appraise collections for insurance purposes?"

"COIN WORLD" columnist, MARILYN VAN ALLEN, author of "COLLECTOR'S CLEARINGHOUSE" covered our meeting as a representative of Amos Press; and wound up joining the club. Welcome Marilyn! Look for her weekly and wound informative articles on coin & token errors in "Coin World."

Following the formal adjournment of the meeting, a spirited swap session was held by several members who brought their duplicates for trade with them. Quite a few goodies were exchanged and/or bought, as many happy collectors headed for the dealer's tables on the bourse floor clutching their new aquisitions.



CHARLES T. RODGERS (C.T. COINS)

"Top Recruiter Of The Year"

Respectfully submitted, Brenda ("Mrs. Chips") Black 2





Club Member Gene Grossblatt looks over a selection of chips at one o several dealers tables on the hug A.N.A. convention bourse floor.

CLUB DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

A complete membership directory of club members, with the addresses and phone numbers of those who have consented to publication, is available for \$3.50 from Secretary Michael Knapp. For a geographical index of members, please add an additional \$1.50. Make checks payable to Michael Knapp, and request a copy of the directory from him at 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235.

MORE PHOTOS FROM SEATTLE



Just a small portion of the huge 1990 Seattle A.N.A. convention bourse floor.



Showing customer some of his chip & token inventory.



CC>CC member dealers who also had tables at the 1990 ANA convention but were not available for photographs were; Henry Garrett and Paul Cunningham.

CHARLES T. RODGERS (C.T. COINS) is all smiles for the camera at his Seattle table.



HOWARD "Howdy" HERZ (HIGH SIERRA NUMISMATICS) had a table there also.

NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES

On occasion, members inquire about the availability of back issues of our newsletters. Unfortunately, all supplies are exhausted, because we usually print only a few more than are necessary to mail to current members.

For those of you who may want copies of back issues, Secretary Michael Knapp will photocopy his own copies at his cost of fifteen cents per page. Following is the cost per issue:

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JODI SONES (Washoe Antiques) Puts on her best smile.



STILL MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS!



CLUB PRESIDENT, "MR. CHIPS" is presented a 1990 chip in a plexiglass holder for his service to CC>CC from Dean Richmond while "Coin World" columnist, Marilyn Tiernan, (at left) looks on. Presentation took place during annual club meeting at Seattle.

Photo left: Club member Dean Richmond gestures at his Washoe Antiques table on bourse floor.



Even KREGG from High Sierra was in attendance!



THE DEADWOOD STORY

By Janice O'Neal; Club Historian Information kindly furnished by Ed Nelson of Deadwood, South Dakota

A new gaming frontier opening in Deadwood has opened up a whole new chapter in chip and token collecting. So we had all better get rolling on a new album.

The actual word "casino" is banned by the city. Therefore, most places are referred to as "Gaming" or "Gambling Halls" or "Saloons". Anyone heading that way for a vacation should not expect to find another Las Vegas. This is a small town, with a population of 2200 when gaming was introduced in November of 1989.

The Gaming Halls are small and are allowed by law to have only 30 gaming devices per building. All gaming revenue received by the city is to be set aside for historic preservation. Gaming is limited to a \$5 maximum wager and consists of slots, poker and blackjack. Poker games being played at this time are mainly Texas Hold-Em and 7 card stud, both straight Hi, or Hi-Lo split. The slots are 5 cents, 25 cents and \$1, with \$5 machines being planned for the future

The Ed Nelson version of "Coming to Deadwood...be sure to see" is:

GOLD DUST......Lots of Vegas glitz.

SILVERADO......Nice, plus good cheap food.

GOLDBERGS......Established 1876, see where Calamity Jane still owes them \$6.00....it's in the ledger!

JACKPOT CHARLIES...Nice, quiet, non-alcoholic (only one at this time)

Located beneath the former Green Door Brothel!

EAGLE BAR......Beautiful renovation of a real dump!

ADAMS MUSEUM.....Lots of western history (and free too).

HOMESTAKE GOLD MINE Lots of gold and silver to be seen here.

MOUNT MORIAH.....Grave sites of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and other colorful western figures.

ED NELSON......Big, fat, bald, and billed as the worst blackjack and poker dealer in the continental U.S.! But he is friendly and he would like to meet you.

(These are Ed's words ... not mine - Janice)

Another quote from Ed: "One thing you'll find in Deadwood is friendly dealers! Before you have played 3 or 4 hands, they will generally know your first name and where you are from. Some places have nice uniforms and stuff, just like the big guys. While in other places, dealers just dress casual and even wear baseball caps. Talk about laid back! Anyhow, Deadwood is a lot of fun."

Seeing places with names such as Crazy Horse Saloon, Deadwood Gulch, Tin Lizzie, Rotten Luck Willies and Carrie Nation's Temperance Saloon among others, how could we possibly miss adding these chips and tokens to our collections?

Thanks Ed, we are looking forward to a trip there soon.

Now published for the first time is a listing of what is available in Deadwood. As in Nevada, also true in Deadwood, there are changes day by day. New tokens, new chips, even new names for a gaming area

less than one year old!! We will endeavor to keep you as up to date as possible on what is available.

At this time there are three slot route companies that handle many of the one dollar slot machines. There is quite a difference here as only the slot route name is on the token... meaning that it is almost impossible to tell which gaming hall it is used in. They are; Black Hills Novelty, Deadwood Players, and Goodtime Novelty.

There were at least four places that had original temporary chips in play. I believe they were all "Mr. Lucky" rim with a paper glued in the center inlay with the name and denomination on it. Each had a \$1 and a \$5 chip. They were Calamity Jane's, Dakota Territory, Deadwood Dick's, and Gold Street & Main.

Chips and slot tokens currently available in Deadwood are follows:

ANACONDA 639 Main Street Formerly: WAGON WHEEL

\$1 H&C wht 3 grn/blu... blk, red, wht CI \$5 H&C red 3 pnk/dk brn/off wht.... blk, red, wht CI

Slots; Goodtime Novelty

B.B. CODY'S SALOON 681 Main Street \$1 Langworthy blu 3 off wht, H.S.

\$5 Langworthy red 3 off wht H.S. \$1 slot token 1989 NCM

BAZEL'S DINER 668 Main Street \$1 slot token 1990 CT

BELLA UNION 643 Main Street \$1 Langworthy off wht 3 blk H.S. \$5 Langworthy red 3 wht H.S.

\$1 slot token 1989 NCM

BODEGA SALOON & RESTAURANT 622 Main Street

\$1 BJ wht 4 blu brass metal inlay

\$5 BJ red 4 wht brass metal inlay

\$1 slot token 1989 NCM

BUFFALO SALOON 658 Main Street \$1 Langworthy off wht 3 blk H.S.

\$5 Langworthy red 3 off wht H.S.

\$1 slot token 1989 NCM

Bullock Hotel 633 Main Street

\$1 H&C wht 4 pnk/lav ... blk, red, wht CI

\$5 H&C red 3 pnk/yel/grn blk, red, wht CI

Slots.. Deadwood Players

BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID 57 Sherman Street

\$1 H&C cream 4 lav/grn.... blk, red, wht CI

\$5 H&C red 3 grn/pch/dk blu... blk, red, wht CI

\$1 slot token 1990 CT









CALAMITY JANE'S GAMBLING HALL & SALOON 692 Main Street \$1 H&C wht 3 lav/olv.... blk, red, wht CI \$5 H&C red 4 lt org/gry/grn... blk, red, wht CI \$1 slot token 1989 NCM CAPONE'S 136 Sherman Street NO \$1 chips \$5 H&C red 3 grn/gry/grn... blk, red, wht CI Slots - Black Hills Novelty CARRIE NATIONS 603 Main Street \$1 H&C wht 4 pnk/gry.... blk, wht CI \$5 H&C red 3 pnk/gld/pur... blk, wht CI \$1 slot token (1990) NCM OWOOD CASEY'S 557 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 3 pnk/lt grn... blk, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 3 yel/blk/lt grn... blk, wht CI Uses tokens from Tin Lizzie COUSIN JACK'S 607 Main Street H&C Wht 4 org/blu.... blk, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 3 lt red/blk/lt grn.... blk, wht, CI \$1 slot token (1989) NCM DAKOTA TERRITORY SALOON 652 Main Street H&C Wht 3 org/blu.... red, blk, wht CI Red 4 lt pur/yel/grn.... red, blk, wht CI \$5 H&C \$1 slot token 1989 NCM DEADWOOD DICK'S SALOON 55 Sherman Street \$1 H&C Wht 2 grn 2 gry... blk, red, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 3 brt org/blu.... blk, red, wht CI Slots - Deadwood Players DEADWOOD GULCH RESORT NO \$1 chips \$5 \$1 slot token 1990 CT DEADWOOD GULCH SALOON \$1 BJ Wht 4 gry Metal Inlay \$5 BJ Red 4 gry Metal Inlay \$1 slot token 1990 CT DEADWOOD LIVERY 605 Main Street Slots Only... \$1 slot token (1990) NCM THE DEPOT 155 Sherman Street Slots only.. \$1 slot token 1990 NCM "1st Edition" DURTY NELLY'S *See Franklin Hotel EAGLE BAR 624 Main Street Uses \$5 chips and \$1 slot tokens from PRAIRIE EDGE

EAGLES CLUB Slots only... Black Hills Novelty

ELKS LODGE Slots only... Black Hills Novelty

FRANKLIN HOTEL 700 Main Street
(live gaming is DURTY NELLY'S)
\$1 H&C Wht... grn, yel, blk, wht CI
\$5 H&C Red 2 lt grn/2 grn... grn, yel, blk, wht CI
Slots... Black Hills Novelty

FRONTIER DRUG STORE 670 Main Street NO \$1 chips \$5 BJ Red 4 wht Metal Inlay Slots... Goodtime Novelty

GOLD DUST 688 Main Street NO \$1 chips \$5 BJ Red 6 yel Metal Inlay \$1 Slot Token 1990 CT

GOLD RUSH 19 Deadwood Street Slots only... Good Tiime Novelty

GOLD STREET & MAIN 653 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 3 org/blu... blk, gld, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 4 lt pch/grn/drk pur... blk, gld, wht CI \$1 Slot token (1989) NCM brass

HICKOK HOUSE BEST WESTERN 137 Charles Street NO \$1 chips

\$5 H&C Red 3 lt org/dk blu/lt grn... blk, red, wht CI

\$1 slot token 1990 NCM

HICKOK'S 685 Main Street
NO \$1 chips
\$5 Langworthy Red 3 off wht H.S.
\$1 slot token 1989 USM "First Edition"
\$1 slot token 1990 USM "First Edition"
\$1 slot token 1990 CT "Second Edition"

JACKPOT CHARLIES 616 Main Street \$1 BJ 8 suit wht H.S. \$5 BJ 8 suit red/wht H.S. *Chips are obsolete.... tables have been removed Slots.. Good Time Novelty

THE LAST CHANCE 637 Main Street
NO \$1 chips
\$5 H&C Red 3 pch/yel/grn... blk, red, wht CI
\$1 slot token 1990 CT

LEGENDS OF THE WILD WEST 641 Main Street Slots only \$1 slot token 1990 CT







LIZZIE'S 671 Main Street Slots only \$1 slot token 1990 CT

LUCKY MINER 651 Main Street Slots only \$1 slot token 1990 CT

LUCKY WRANGLER 638 Main Street \$1 Langworthy off wht 3 blk H.S. \$5 Langworthy red 3 off wht H.S. Slots.. Black Hills Novelty

MISS KITTY'S 649 Main Street Using WILDERNESS EDGE chips \$1 slot token (1990) NCM

THE MOTHER LODE 153 Sherman Street NO \$1 chips

\$5 H&C Red 4 lt grn/blk/tan... blk, red, wht CI \$1 slot token 1990 NCM "1st Edition"

MUSTANG 557 Main Street Slots only uses TIN LIZZIE'S tokens

NICKELODEON 692 Main Street Slots only Good Time Novelty

THE NUGGET 604 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 4 dk red/dk pur/dk red... blk, red, wht CI

\$5 H&C Red 4 lt org/lt blu/grn... blk, red, wht CI

\$1 slot token 1990 CT

PEACOCK CLUB 634 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 4 tan/grn... blu, blk, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 4 pur/yel/grn... blu, blk, wht CI Slots Black Hills Novelty

PINK PALACE 673 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 4 lt olv grn H.S.

\$5 H&C Dk pnk 3 lt lav/lt grn/ dk lav H.S.

POKER ALICE'S 424 Main Street \$1 Langworthy Wht 3 blk H.S.

\$5 Langworthy Red 3 wht H.S.

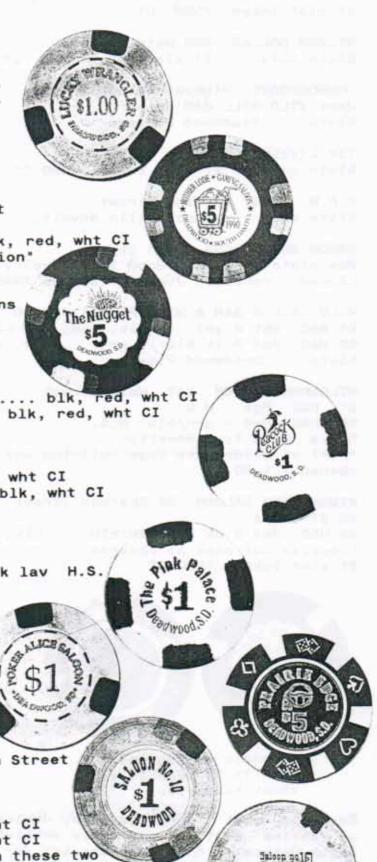
\$1 slot token 1990 Ct

PRAIRIE EDGE 622 Main Street NO \$1 chips \$5 BJ Red 6 yel Metal Inlay \$1 slot token (1990) RWM

SAFEWAY GROCERY STORE 124 Sherman Street Slots only... Black Hills Novelty

SALOON NO. 10 657 Main Street \$1 H&C Bge 3 lt org/blu.. blk, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 4 lt lav/pnk.. blk, wht CI reverse not the same as obverse on these two

Slots.... Black Hills Novelty



SILVERADO 709 Main Street NO \$1 chips \$5 BJ Red 6 splt gry Metal Inlay \$1 slot token 1990 CT

SILVER DOLLAR 688 Main Street Slots only.... \$1 slot token 1990 CT

THUNDERCOVE Highway 85 south Uses WILD BILL BAR chips Slots.... Deadwood Players

TIN LIZZIE 557 Main Street Slots only... \$1 slot token 1990 CT

V.F.W. CLUB 10 Pine Street Slots only... Black Hills Novelty

WAGON WHEEL 639 Main Street Was slots only.... Good Time Novelty Closed - reopened June 1, 1990 as ANACONDA

WILD BILL'S BAR & MISS P.J.'S PARLOR 608 Main Street \$1 H&C Wht 4 yel... blk, red, wht CI \$5 H&C Red 3 lt blu/lt grn... blk, red, wht CI Slots... Deadwood Players

WILDERNESS EDGE 647 Main Street \$1 H&C Bge H.S. \$5 H&C Red 4 grn/blu H.S. Slots Good Time Novelty

*Part of Wilderness Edge building was remodeled to become Miss Kitty's opened 7-1-90

WINDFLOWER SALOON 65 Sherman Street NO \$1 chips \$5 H&C Red 3 dk blu/tan/blu... blk, wht CI *reverse not same as obverse \$1 slot token 1990 CT



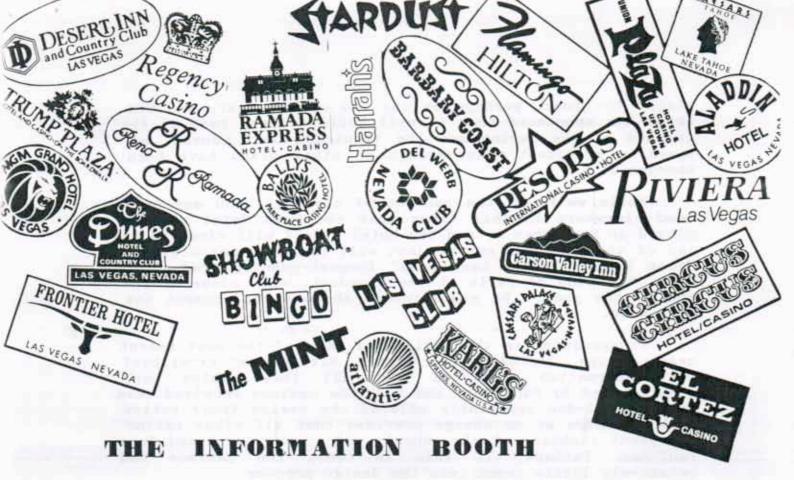
A couple of new ones! "PHATTY THOMPSONS" is about to arrive.

FLASH!! Just received word from Ed Nelson in mid-September that the owner of the Windflower was recently robbed and murdered. Shocking!! The killer was caught, but a lot of bad publicity for the town resulted.





Editor's Note: Thank you both, Janice and Ed for a very thorough job of listing what is currently available (and obsolete) in Deadwood, South Dakota. A superb service for our membership which can only serve to stimulate additional interest in our fascinating hobby.



Edited by MICHAEL KNAPP (CH-007)

As usual, we have more questions than answers for you this time, but we are pleased that we have some answers to previous questions, and some answers to new ones as well.

If you are able to provide information about any of the UFC's (Unidentified Flying Chips) shown in this or previous columns, please share your knowledge with other members by dropping a note to Michael Knapp, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235.

Now to this issue's answers. A member noticed that there are different patterns of lines on the edges of some casino tokens, and wonders why. Those lines are called "reeds." Edge reeding is a way to distinguish metal tokens (or coins: notice that the U.S. quarter is reeded, whereas the nickel is not) from each other, especially in stacks, and also help prevent counterfeiting. They serve a function similar to the edge inserts in chips.

The token issues of the Franklin Mint, for example, each has a specific pattern of reeding in comparison to blank areas on the token rim, and no two casino issues have the same edge reeding patterns. The reed patterns for each Franklin Mint issue have been published and can be checked.

Another member asks about plans for the new MGM Grand theme park on the grounds of the Marina. Unfortunately, the plans haven't been announced yet. Although the MGM Marina is

slated to close, perhaps by the end of the year, and MGM Grand has announced that it will build a theme park on the grounds of the Marina and the Tropicana Golf Course, no specific architect's renderings or other plans have been announced.

While we're on the subject of closings, you may have read elsewhere in this issue that the Park Hotel casino closed on September 4, and the hotel itself will close by the end of the year. A new project will be built north of the Union Plaza. Also, Las Vegas' longest-running production show, the Lido de Paris at the Stardust, will close at the end of the year. No announcement about a replacement has been made.

Disappointed in the designs of some of the most recent casino chips, including The Mirage, Riviera and Excalibur? Our information indicates that all these chips were manufactured by Paul-Son, and that the casinos received them free! Paul-Son apparently offered the casino their entire rack of chips at no charge provided that all other casino equipment (tables, stools, wheels, etc.) was purchased from Paul-Son. Perhaps, if this is true, the casinos had relatively little input into the design process.

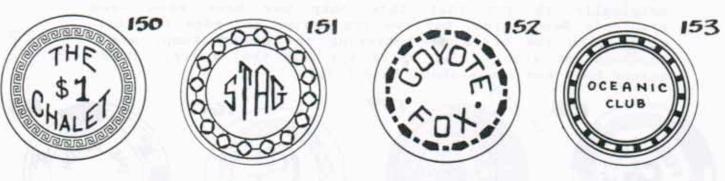
Now for answers to previous questions.

- Q. 96: Although we don't know any more about the St. Louis Racquet Club, we have been told that the chip was manufactured by the U.S. Playing Card Co. in red, white and blue, and issued on May 18, 1922.
- Q. 107: Again, we know nothing about the club itself, but the chip was issued in September, 1928, manufactured by the U.S. Playing Card Co. for a distributor in Los Angeles. That leads to the deduction that the Cortez club may well have been somewhere in Southern California.
- Q. 109: This chip was manufactured by U.S. Playing Card Co. for the Far Western Travelers Association in New York City. It was originally issued in 1921, and 300 more were made, in red, blue and yellow, in 1937. Still no information about the club itself.
- Q. 116: The RAFB chip comes from the officers' club at Reese Air Force Base in Texas.
- Q. 127: The 924 Club was an illegal club in San Francisco, probably in the early 1900's. One of our members who was going to try to do some research on the illegal clubs of California (of which there must have been many, especially in the Tenderloin and Barbary Coast districts of San Francisco, and the motion the industry playgrounds of Hollywood), writes that the sing history of California

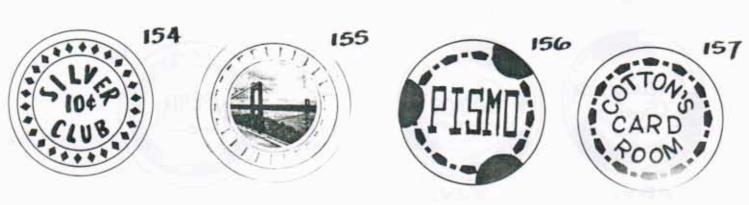
has been "sanitized": almost no information seems to be available.

New questions with answers:

- Q. 150: The Chalet was an illicit club in Detroit, run by the Detroit Purple Gang in the 1920's and 1930's.
- Q. 151: There was a Stag Club with gaming, across Virginia Street from The Colonial Casino, in the 1940's and early 1950's. We believe that this chip is from Reno's Stag Club. Can anyone confirm this?



- Q. 152 and 153: Both Coyote Fox and the Oceanic Club (some of the chips have only "Oceanic" hotstamped on them) were illegal clubs in Southern California during the 1940's and early 1950's. The Oceanic Club was in Santa Monica, and the Coyote Fox was supposedly a bordello/saloon with gambling, in the city of Signal Hill.
- Q. 154: We think that this chip is from the Silver Club (later Karl's Silver Club, and now the Silver Club again) in Sparks, Nevada. Can anyone confirm?
- Q. 155: The center insert in this chip has a photo of what appears to be the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco. Can anyone tell us more about it?
- Q. 156 and 157: Both of these chips seem to be from California card rooms. 156 may be from Pismo Beach, CA. Does anyone know anything about them?



- Q. 158: Rumor has it that Poor Pete's may have been in the Lake Tahoe area. Has anyone heard of it?
 - Q. 159: No. 24 Hanover St. is an ivory chip.
- Q. 160: This chip has Chinese characters on the reverse, but the copy we received was too dark to publish.
- Q. 161: There was a Beach Club in Palm Beach, Florida, run by Edward Bradley. The Beach Club was an extremely exclusive, fancy membership-only club, and opened in 1899. It closed with Bradley's death in 1946, however. We originally thought that this chip may have been from Bradley's Beach Club, but the rim design and edge inserts, along with the style of lettering in the hotstamp, are inconsistent with a club which operated that early. Does anyone have any ideas about this chip?



Q. 162 - 185: New UFC's. Any information welcome!









Thanks for information and questions provided in this issue, to: John Benedict, Archie Black, Jack Boberg, Bill O'Brien, Robert Eisenstadt, Howard Herz, Norm Mangouni, Allan Myers, Jerry O'Neal, Chuck Pilgrim, Ernie Wheelden, and Al Zaika.

ERROR SLOT TOKENS

How many members collect error tokens? A better question may be, how many members have even seen error slot tokens? According to club member HENRY BESSLER of Burlington, Mass private mints do make a lot of errors. However, Henry states, "I have the feeling that MOST of their errors go back into the melting pot since the cost of metals is somewhat high." Henry has been collecting bronze medals for a LONG time and he reports that, "I have never seen a casino error for sale until very recently. PERHAPS THERE IS A STORY HERE," exclaimed Mr. Bessler!

An impressive selection of Henry's dramatic slot token errors are illustrated at the right and below. Some are quite spectacular while others are a bit more subtle and require a little basic knowledge about minting procedures to fully appreciate or understand how they came about. Collectors with a background in coin collecting will probably be more familiar with Henry's error examples than non-coin collectors. Henry concludes, "there is a possibility that many U.S. error coin collectors are unaware of the existence of other error exonumia pieces", and he has sent a few of his error token samples to Coin World columnist, Marilyn Van Allen, in the hopes that she will publish his story in a future issue of "Collector's Clearinghouse", calling attention to this overlooked area of token collecting.

Thanks for sharing your interesting error tokens with us Henry. They would make an excellent subject for an exhibit. You should give some serious thought about putting such a display together. Perhaps at our annual ANA meeting in Chicago next year?

Members with similar interest in this type of specialized error material are encouraged to write to Mr. Bessler at 40 Hilltop Drive Burlington, Mass 01803.









"OFF-CENTERS"





"BROADSTRUCK"

Are We Having Fun Yet?

A Gambling Pact: An agreement between Las Vegas-based United Gaming Inc. and New York-based USI International Inc. was formed recently in order to sell slot machines and other coin-operated gambling devices to the Soviet Union. The initial shipment is set at 250 machines, with provisions to make more shipments to the country if the Soviets place additional orders for the machines.



'ODD VALUE NEVADA CHIPS'

By Walter Dirzulaitis CH-031

Although "odd" denomination chips are common elsewhere, they are rather scarce in unregulated Nevada. \$2 and \$3 chips are used in California cardrooms because of the structures of the poker and pan games which are legal there. \$2.50 chips are the rule in Atlantic City in order to pay off blackjacks (3 to 2) on their \$5 and \$25 minimum tables. Considering the number of casinos throughout Nevada, there just have not been many "odd" value chips issued in this gambling capital of the world.

Most \$2 and \$3 chips were issued to simplify play at tables that had posted those values as a minimum bet. In the late 1970's, when the Union Plaza introduced their baccarat game with a 144 deck shoe (enough for an eight hour shift without a shuffle) they wanted to lower the \$5 minimum bet but thought that \$2 was too low. Hence, the brown \$3 chip, one side of which advertizes "the world's largest shoe", was issued. The Bingo Club in Las Vegas had a .25 cent minimum on all of their tables. In order to correctly pay off blackjacks and 3-2 odds at the craps tables, they issued a unique .12 1/2 cent chip. Perhaps the few of these chips left in existence were pocketed by gamblers who didn't want to take a half cent loss when cashing out an odd chip!

One of the challenges of collecting odd denomination chips is that for some reason, they seem to come and go very quickly, and very few are saved. \$2.50 chips are much more likely to be cashed in or given to the dealer as a "toke" than saved. There are currently only two \$2.50 chips circulating in Las Vegas and four in northern Nevada. I know of no \$2 or \$3 chips circulating anywhere outside of California. Although \$2.50 chips serve a definite purpose in the "5-25" world of casinos, the \$2 and \$3 chips may be considered obsolete for good.

Below is a listing of several odd value Nevada chips that the author is aware of. Additions and/or corrections to this listing are welcome.

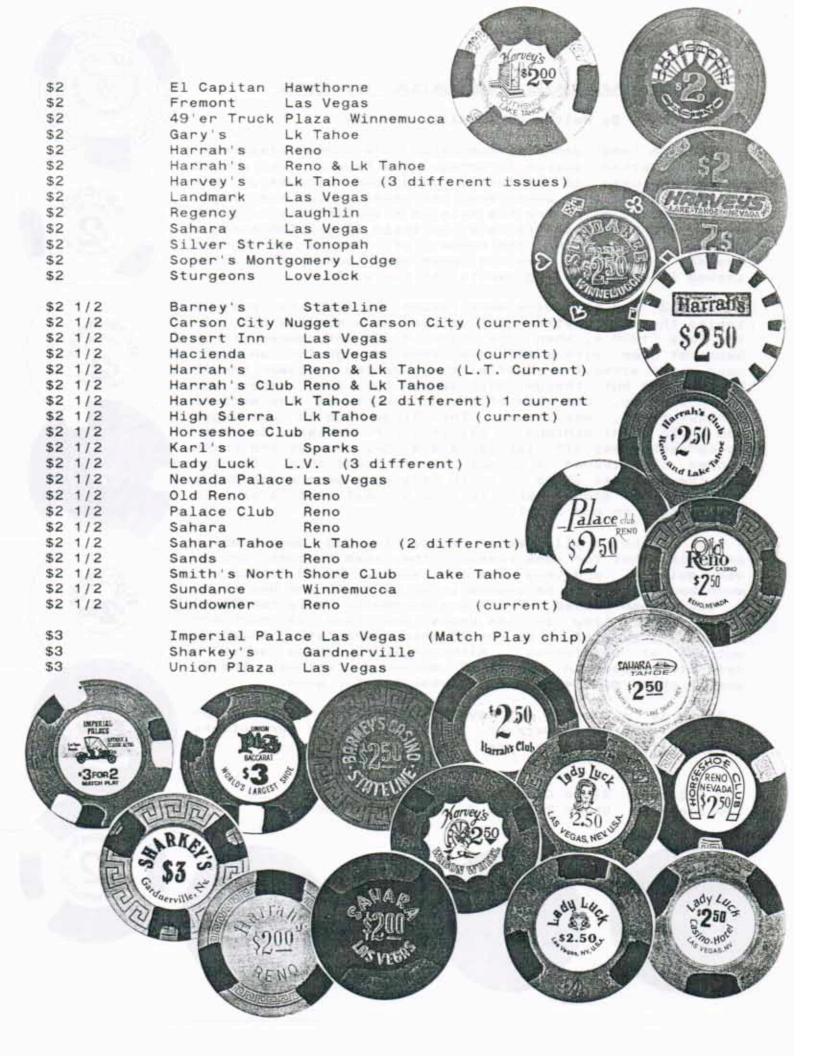
.12 1/2 cent Bingo Club Las Vegas
.70 cent Union Plaza L.V. (good for Keno only)











NEVADA UPDATE

By Janice O'Neal, Club Historian, CH-008

In as much as we have not been to Nevada in the past three months, the following information has ben kindly supplied by other club members. Thank you one and all!

First, we (along with Bruce Landau) missed one that we both stood right there and looked at! Boomtown, Verdi has added "Verdi, NV." below the word casino on their \$5 chips. Same colors, same chip, but still a new variation.

Burro Inn, Beatty has a new \$5 chip. Original burro faces left, H&C red, 3 yel/brn/yel...blu, org, brn, wht CI. On the new chip, the burro faces right, H&C, red w/3 lt must/pnk/lt mustard.... brn, blk, red, yel, wht CI.

Gold Dust West, Reno has no more live gaming, so another obsolete chip will be much sought after.

On October 1, 1990 High Sierra, Lake Tahoe will become Horizon Casino Resort under the new ownership of Wimar-Tahoe Corp.

Whiskey Pete's, Jean, Nev. has changed their \$5 chip. It now says, "Jean, Nevada" not "Clark County Nevada". They also have a \$1 chip in play, same color as the older, now obsolete one, but it too says, "Jean Nevada" not Clark County, Nevada.

Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, opened on August 1, 1990. \$1 chip is lt blu w/4 grn, house, blk, pnk w/wht CI. \$5 chip is red w/4 lt org/lt blu, house, blk, pnk on wht CI.

Cal-Nev-Ari on Hwy 95 south of Searchlight, NV has new chips on their one blackjack table that is open only on Friday and Saturday nights. Chips are Bud Jones \$1 wht/yel w/metal center and a \$5 red/wht chip with metal center.

The Golden Nugget, Laughlin, has been re-named, "Beau Rivage" and is calling their new parking garage the "Dream Deck"!

Virginia River Casino is scheduled to open on September 1st in Mesquite, near Peppermill Resort.

In North Las Vegas, Silver Nugget has removed their \$5 token slot machines. Another obsolete! The Landmark, LV, was put up for auction on August 6th. There were no bidders and it is now permanently closed. The Park in downtown LV has also closed to begin the new Church Street Station project.

Town Hall Casino on Koval Lane, behind Bally's, has put in two blackjack tables and now has a red \$5 Bud Jones chip with 4 white inserts and metal center.

A new \$5 Baccarat chip at Riviera is an oversize chip with the new "R" logo. New .25 cent chips at Fitzgeralds, downtown LV, are light olive instead of the light mint green. Las Vegas Club has a .25 cent H&C white chip that now says, "Las Vegas, NV." not "Casino Center".

New 1990 \$1 slot tokens are popping up all over. Owl Club, Batttle Mountain, Harvey's North Lake Tahoe, Hughes Executive Terminal LV, Tropicana & Flamingo Hilton both LV. Sam's Town LV has TWO; 1990 LM and 1990 CT.

Bars and restaurant slot tokens, all Las Vegas: J.J.'s Sierra Casino, Escape Lounge, Goodtimes, Stagedoor, T-Bird Lounge, Mad Matty's, Office Bar #6, Lucky Nickel, Shifty's, Trolley Stop, Turf Lounge in Jockey Club Hotel, Whistle Stop, Barcelona Lounge, Champs Sports Lounge, Off Ramp Bar, Red Rock Inn and Starboard Tack. Outside of Vegas we have; Renata's in Henderson and Mountain View in Pahrump, Sidelines & Playhouse Lounge in Sparks, Quality Inn and Geno's in Reno. Last but not least is D'alessandro's in Elko.

Many thanks to Walter Dirzulaitis, Bruce Landau, Paul Zindel, Al Giorgi, Jim Sarra, Michael Knapp, and anyone else I may have forgotten to mention.

I have had many comments and compliments from members in the past few months on how much the "NEVADA UPDATE" feature is appreciated. It is only with the combined efforts of everyone that I can keep it going. So please, take a moment to jot down any changes YOU may find and send them along to me for the NEXT newsletter issue.

Sincerely,

Janice O'Neal 1836 Fisk Road Howell, MI 48843

EXTRA, EXTRA... AUGUST 8, 1990... Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zindel of Davis, California have their number one addition to their family. A fine baby girl, Hannah Colleen!!





A ROYAL FLUSH??

Club President, Archie Black, poses with his newly aquired "Chips Seat" purchased at the Garden State Convention in Cherry Hill, NJ this past June.

There are about \$4500 in face value obsolete chips from Harvey's Lake Tahoe Casino imbeded in the two piece lucite lid and seat, including a few that are quite rare.

Like it? Write to Howdy Herz for information.

A FEW 'NEW ARRIVALS'

A couple of new developments that have come to light since "press time" that Janice has asked be added to her "Nevada Update" in this issue if there was any room.

Circus Circus Las Vegas has new chips!! \$1 H&C off wht 3 pnk... blk,red,yel,wht CI. \$5 H&C light red w/3 gray inserts... blk,pnk, yel,wht CI. Gone are the old hot stamps now in use. The new ones have a neat center inlay with a clown head logo.





MGM Marina will close on November 30, 1990 to begin construction on their new MGM Grand theme park and hotel.

El Capitan, Hawthorne, has a new \$1 chip in play. No description or an illustration available as of today.



In late September (27th), Brenda & I went to see Leslie Uggams at a show in Caesars, Atlantic City. Following the performance, while strolling through the casino, we witnessed a jackpot falling into the hopper of a \$1 slot machine. The hundreds of tokens in the bin were all unusually bright & shiny. A closer look confirmed my suspicions. A NEW ISSUE!!

Atlantic City does not have the frequency of new tokens and chips issued that L.V. does, so it is indeed a thrill to come across a "find", especially in view of the fact that these tokens must have just been put in play on the very day we were there or not more than a day earlier.





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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

RENO, NEVADA

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW MASONIC HALL.....OCTOBER 27 BOOK & PAPER COLLECTORS FAIR MARINA RAMADA.....NOVEMBER WESTERN NATIONAL COLLECTIBLES CASHMAN FIELD CENTER...NOVEMBER 23-25 BOTTLE & COLLECTIBLES..DECEMBER PLACER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS TANNERS FLEA MARKET....DECEMBER RENO CONVENTION CENTER

"STOP BY AND SAY HELLO" TO DEAN & JODI RENO.

P.O. BOX 2064 (702) 322-3555

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Yesterday (Oct.8) we had dinner at Bally's Grand with the Neiswongers (Jim'& Karen) from Arizona when I learned from Jim that TropWorld had a "new" issue token. While the design is identical to the present \$1 & \$5 issues, the new tokens bear a different, smaller mint mark, "JM", from the Jonathan Mathey Mint. The old issue bears a "gd" mintmark for "Green Duck". The new issue tokens also have a bold reeding around the edge.

POKER CHIPS/CATALOGS WANTED:

Interested in buying/trading clay and ivory poker chips and in buying gambling supply catalogs and antique/unique chip holders. INTRODUCTION TO POKER CHIPS. different clay composition antique poker chips for \$30 postpaid (all have Seymour codes). Return privileges.

ROBERT EISENSTADT, BOX 767 BROOKLYN, NY 11202 (718)625-3553



Dear Archie:

Just a note to let you know of another "wacko" running around loose with the club directory. This person is res-

ponding to (magazine subscription) offers in my name but not sending payment. Now he is sending gift subscriptions to other members of the club in my name (copy is enclosed). This is a rotten use of our membership list, and unfair to me. Perhaps a note in the newsletter regarding the unauthorized use of members names is in order.

(signed) JON MORELL

Editors Note: Thanks for the information Jon. Be advised that the officers of this club will take swift action against any member found misusing the club directory for those purposes not intended. Automatic expulsion from the club would be my strong recomendation.

CASINO CLUB CARDS??? By: Donald Sidars (R-193)

Casino Club Cards, are these really a test market techinque? Word has it, casinos are "toying" with the idea of using credit cards instead of coins, tokens. and maybe even chips.

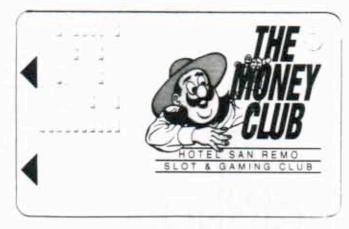
Cashiers will credit your card with X-number of dollars, you insert the card in the machine of your choice and your authorized credit is acknowledged. You play till you loose, or if you win, credits are added to your account. Take your card back to the cashier, and she or he pays you based on your credits. Sounds great, but is it really? Many newer machines are conditioning the players by retaining credits, and most larger casinos in heavy tourist areas are rewarding players thru their slot clubs. Are they preparing the player for this new concept? If so, what will happen to our token hobby, and to chips when tables are later modified?

Most people who play slots enjoy their anonymity, in general they are small change players, and play for entertainment. Would you like every casino you patronize to have a "win/lose" record on you? What a track record! Do you now have any club cards in your name? Remember when you applied for one "free"? How about the proof of ID you most likely gave, your driver's license number and/or social security number? Did you use the card? Credits totaled up for the "big gift prizes", and you once again had to provide your driver's license and/or social security number to verify you were the same person who applied for the card in the first place. Six months later you return, and lo & behold the computer remembers you. "HI (Welcome Aloha or Ahoy) '(your name)', you have accumulated X-number of credits".

I'm old fashioned, I love the "jingle" of wins falling into the payout tray, also gives me a chance to check for needed tokens, sort of a double win. Besides, I enjoy my privacy, and if I decide to spend \$10.00, \$100.00 or \$1,000.00 I don't have to worry about someone looking over my shoulder.

I hope it never happens, because if it does, I'm one less patron they (the casinos) will have, and I will probably go back to collecting "Barbed Wire", another fascinating hobby with a lot of "good points".









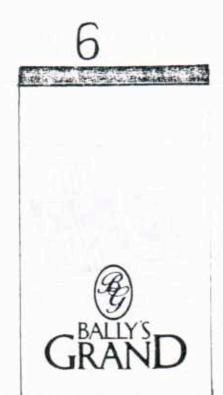
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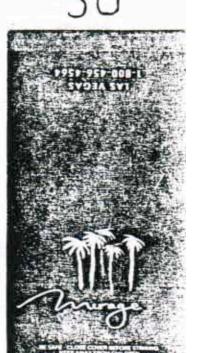
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LATEST A.C. SCAM

Pictured below is an altered \$1
Taj Mahal slot token. As you can see, the dome of the Taj has been cut out with a jewelers saw or jig saw. The cut-out is then gold plated and a loop is soldered onto the dome and is sold as a charm for a ladies bracelet or necklace. The \$1 defaced tokens are then deposited into the slot machine in the hopes of a quick payout, as the "craftsman" has already taken his \$1+ value out of the token.

I'm told that the same thing is happening with the \$1 Trump Castle tokens, probably by the same persons. The pot of gold is being removed and gold plated and sold as a charm and the "holed" tokens are being played in the machines. I'm certain that by now, adjustments have been made to the coin mechanisims inside the machines to reject these cut out tokens.





'NEW' TOKENS OUT

Thanks to a couple of eagle-eyed New Jersey members, it was brought to my attention that a "new" \$5 Showboat token dated 1989 has been issued. The original Showboat \$5 token was dated 1987. The new issue is identical to the previous issue with the exception of the 1989 date.



Another avid South Jersey club member and A.C. token collector has advised me that Bally's Park Place has recently come out with a new modified change on their \$1 tokens. The original token had raised lettering around the outside rim, the new variety has indented or incused lettering.





Keep the new issues news coming in folks. That's the only way we find out about them. It's up to all of us to report what new issues are out there. This is not information that is published in the local newspapers and the casinos ain't saying either! We've got to do it ourselves.

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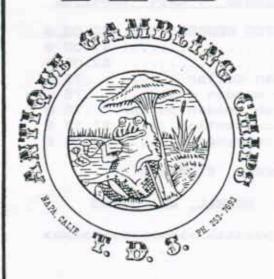
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