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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, summer has come and gone. Another ANA convention and annual club meeting is behind us and we look toward the spring of 1993 and our 1st Annual Convention at the Aladdin Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. Lots of people are hard at work on behalf of the club to turn this dream convention into a successful reality. You can help accomplish our goals by giving your club officers and committees one key ingredient..... your participation! While we would like to see every club member in attendance, reality tells us that's not possible. However, you can contribute in other ways if you can not attend.

For example, you can submit a design for our proposed convention medal/token. You could supply us with a booster ad for our convention program. Please purchase our 1993 convention chip and token issues after the convention is over. Submitting auction material and bidding on our convention club auction, via mail, is another form of participation without attending.

If you <u>are</u> planning to make the trip to Vegas, you are probably going to stay for more than just the days of the convention. You'll probably be in town for a week or so; especially if you're a first time visitor. You can be a big help to the club by staying at the Aladdin Hotel on the nights of our convention... even if it means checking out of the "other" hotel room you are in during the begining of the week.... or after the show is over. We know there are cheaper places to stay in Vegas, but for the extra few bucks it is worth the convenience to stay in the convention hotel and it surely helps the club with our show expenses which will be offset by our room occupancy rate. It also gives us an "experience factor" bargaining chip for future convention negotiations with Vegas hotels. This convention will establish a "track record" for our club for use in planning future annual conventions.

If you are planning to attend, have you given serious thought about taking a table? You do not have to be a big name "dealer" to book table space. Convert many of your duplicates into cash by selling them off to other collectors. Besides, it's fun to meet other club members who are on the other side of the table. While at the show, attend the various events and/or meetings scheduled during the show. Do you have an exhibit of chips or tokens that you would like to display? If we get enough interest, we may even consider exhibit awards for competitive displays of chips & tokens. We are also planning a day bus trip to Laughlin or to Lake Mead for bored non-collector spouses to give them something to do so that you can "wheel & deal" at leisure. Hopefully, there will be something for everyone.

After it's all over, sit down and write us a letter telling us how you enjoyed the show..... or how dissatisfied you were with our first time efforts. We're going to make mistakes I'm sure. The trick is not to repeat them in our next outings. It will be a learning process for all of us. Do we have YOUR support?

Finally, to the individual who was overheard to say, "CC&GTCC puts out way too much information in their magazine".... I say, "we don't need you pal. I hope you never join!"

Happy collecting, Archie.

CLUB TO ISSUE CONVENTION "TOKEN"

DESIGN CONTEST NOW UNDERWAY..... MAISCH NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

During the club's 1992 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida this past August there was much discussion about CC&GTCC issuing tokens to commemorate our First Annual Convention in Las Vegas for our members who collect metal gaming tokens, Robert Maisch was named as Chairman to head up a committee to select a suitable token design for our 1993 convention. At the time, because of what was perceived as limited production schedules to get a design approved and submitted to a token/medal manufacturer and struck in time for our '93 event, Mr. Maisch was originally appointed to submit a design on behalf of the club, which would then be approved by the club officers. Upon researching the time interval requirements further, from the minting firm that struck the 1992 TAMS medals, it was discovered that the club did in fact have sufficient lead time to conduct a design contest, with input from the membership, and still be able to issue an attractive token/medal in time for our April, 1993 convention.

The club is now accepting suggested designs from the membership in a contest to select a reverse die design for our 1993 token/medal which will be struck on the opposite (obverse) side of our club logo design. The obverse die is already being prepared by Masterpiece Medallions in Claremont, California. The contest rules are as follows:

1. The obverse side of the token/medal shall be the club's logo.
2. The suggested reverse design should be presented in black & white on plain paper in a circle 6 to 8 inches in diameter.
3. (This is the most important rule). The subject matter, main theme, should be depicted as large as the encompassing circle will allow. Supplementary words that must be included are: "First Annual CC&GTCC Convention" "Las Vegas, Nevada" and "1993".
4. The subject may be presented as a photograph, decal, pencilled art layout; supported with or without pictures. Formal art is not necessary.
5. The subject matter of the design should be relevant to Las Vegas.
6. You may submit an explanation of your design.
7. You may submit up to three different designs.
8. If your entry is of private or commercial subject matter, get written permission from the appropriate authority. The written permission, if required, must accompany the design entry to be considered by the judges.
9. All designs submitted become the property of the Club.
10. The Medal/Token Committee Chairman reserves the right to modify the winning design to meet the requirement of the minting process. Any modifications will be cleared with the designer.
11. The winning design will be selected by the Medal/Token Chairman and his committee judges pending approval by the club officers.
12. A suitable award will be presented during the 1993 convention to the final winner of the selected design.
13. Only paid up members in good standing are eligible to participate.
14. All designs must be received by the Contest Chairman by November 30th. The Committee judges selection and club officers decision is final and no appeals will be entertained.

ROBERT MAISCH, CC&GTCC DESIGN CONTEST CHAIRMAN
P.O. BOX 360
BLACKWOOD, NJ 08012

CLUB NOW ACCEPTING BOOSTER ADS FOR 1993 CONVENTION PROGRAM

An official "CONVENTION PROGRAM" is being planned for distribution at our 1993 Convention at the Aladdin Hotel. In addition to publishing the schedule of daily activities, an alphabetical listing of participating dealers with tables, and our floor plan, we are now soliciting ads from dealers and "booster" ads from our club members for publication in the CONVENTION PROGRAM. The size of the program will be 7" x 8 1/2" format. The ad rates are as follows: (as long as copy is legible, it does not have to be "camera ready" although "camera ready" is preferred)

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CLUB TO HOLD AUCTION AT ALADDIN

What promises to be an exciting event at our 1993 Las Vegas convention is a public auction of chips, tokens, and other casino related memorabilia, is scheduled to be held after the convention bourse floor closes (7 p.m.) on Saturday, May 1st, at the Aladdin Hotel Casino. Our Club Treasurer, Bruce Landau, has offered to serve as the Auction Chairman. Professional auctioneer and club member, Jim Kruse, will call the sale. The following is how we plan to conduct this experimental 1st convention activity:

Any current CC&GTCC member in good standing will be allowed to submit up to FIVE lots for this combined mail bid/public auction. We hope that by limiting each consignor to only five lots, that we will receive better quality material and many club members will be able to get involved. We will however, have to limit the number of lots to around 300-400, therefore please do not delay.

All descriptions (please make them as complete as possible) of the members auction lots that are submitted to the Auction Chairman by December 15, 1992 will be listed in the next issue (January) of the club magazine. After this listing is published and the magazine is mailed out to the membership in January, MAIL BIDS on these published lots will be accepted by the Auction Chairman anytime before April 1, 1993.

Lots received after December 15th (assuming that we have not reached the 300-400 lots limit) will not be published in the January issue of the club magazine and therefore will not be eligible for mail bidding, but they will be accepted for the PUBLIC AUCTION session on Saturday, May 1st, for all those in attendance. All lots, published and un-published, will be available for public viewing and examination on the convention floor during the regular hours of the two day show.

Consignors are requested not to place reserve or minimum bids on their lots. However, if consignors insist upon placing minimums and in the event those lots are unsold, a 10% commission charge will be charged against the minimum bid to be paid by the consignor. All lots are to be sold to the highest bidder at our absolute auction on May 1, 1993.

A 10% commission to the club treasury will be deducted from the price realized on each sold lot. Successful bidders in attendance may pick up and pay for their lots immediately after the sale. Successful bidders not in attendance will have their lots mailed to them by the Auction Chairman within 10 days after the sale and will be expected to reimburse the club for any postage and insurance fees.

An auction lot submission form is enclosed with this copy of the club magazine. For any additional information please write to:

Bruce Landau
44 West Gate Rd.
Suffern, NY 10901

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 1992 official annual meeting of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club was held on Saturday, August 15th, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the 101st anniversary convention of the American Numismatic Association.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with 36 members in attendance. Polly Abbott, CC&GCCC club member and F.U.N. Board Member, (host club) welcomed everyone on behalf of F.U.N. and invited the club to come back to the Florida United Numismatists convention in January, 1993.

President Black asked all in attendance to introduce themselves to the assembled members and announced the next A.N.A. meeting will be held in Baltimore, Maryland next August ... after our 1st annual convention at the Aladdin Hotel Casino in Las Vegas on April 30-May 1, 1993. President Black expressed the hope that our future annual conventions will be held in Las Vegas, or in other Nevada gaming juristictions, but that the club would continue to meet at the annual ANA convention as a member club of the ANA. President Black then recognized Mr. Keith Zander of Coin World who was in attendance to cover the events of our meeting.

Black then proceeded to announce the following award recipients who were presented with distinctive recognition plaques. CHIP OF THE YEAR was won by MAIN STREET STATION, now closed. The plaque was accepted by club member Robert Maisch, who will deliver the award during his trip to Maine to CHIPCO, manufacturer of the Main Street Station chips. TOKEN OF THE YEAR was won by SANTA FE CASINO of Las Vegas. The plaque will be shipped to Earl Donley, CC&GTCC Recording Secretary who resides in Las Vegas, to present the plaque to a representative of the Santa Fe Casino. BEST MAGAZINE ARTICLE award was presented to Dr. Alan Myers of Kentucky for his Volume 4 Issue #4 article on "SOUTHERN INDIANA GAMBLING". Two awards for "TOP RECRUITER OF THE YEAR" were announced. The top recruiter award for a dealer was won by Robert Mera of Atlantic City while the top recruiter award for a non-dealer was won by Robert Eisenstadt of New York. Eisenstadt's award plaque will be shipped to him. Mera will be presented with his award plaque at his A.C. Gaming Emporium shop. "SPECIAL RECOGNITION" custom medal awards were presented to Joseph Gallagher of Pennsylvania and Arthur Sanderson of Georgia for their valued dedicated work on behalf of the club. Charles Rodgers of California was also cited for his role as Advertising Chairman and will receive a "SPECIAL RECOGNITION" award via the mail. Club officers Michael Knapp, Bruce Landau and Janice O'Neal were also awarded "SPECIAL RECOGNITION" medals.

A proposed public auction to be held at the Aladdin during the club's 1993 convention was discussed. It was announced that the club will be soliciting up to five lots each from members who wish to consign material to the auction. A commission of 10% to the club treasury will be deducted from the winning bids. Bruce Landau has offered to serve as the auctioneer... subject to Las Vegas restrictions. President Black to check on regulations governing such activities. Lots are to be received by December for listing in the January magazine for mail bid and will be on available for inspection and display during the convention, prior to the sale. Minimum bids may be placed on lots

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offered for sale at the discretion of the consignor. However, those lots which have reserve bids that do not sell due to the absence of a second bid will be subject to the 10% commission fee from the consignor based on the minimum bid.

Henry Garret, dealer member from California, asked about licensing for auctioneer. Nevadan Howard Herz said that auctioneers are licensed by the State. We may be able to get past stage of licensing and offered to find out. It may be easier to do with a club sponsored event. Florida club member, Ed Abbott offered that he thought it might not be a problem if show was restricted to club members only. If the show is open to the public it might present a problem. President Black reported that we are doing a lot of convention co-ordinating with club members in Nevada and that he has contacted Vince Mowery, who is a member of the club and has booked a table at our '93 show and is acting as a local co-ordinator for the club. He will ask Vince to follow-up on that matter. If it presents too big a problem, we may simply have a bid board set up.

President Black reported that he has received convention dealer contracts and checks back for eight table fees as of the day he left for Orlando (August 12th) and that he anticipates additional contracts and checks awaiting him upon his return from the ANA convention. We are planning for 30 tables right now although we have additional space available to expand from that number. About 30 member's hands went up when asked of those in attendance "how many of you are planning to attend the Las Vegas convention?" Black also reported that the club plans to rebate $5 per table per night to dealers who book a hotel room at the Aladdin. The convention hotel room rate to all others will be $45 per night and a block of 100 rooms has been set aside in advance for our use.

CC&GTCC Election Chairman was called upon to give his report. Mr. Maisch stated that the current officers had received more than 3 nominations each and that the current slate was unopposed. He then motioned that the incumbents be returned for the 1992-1993 term. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously

President Black referred to a March 8, 1989 Coin World article regarding a Trop World token error in which it was reported the club had 150 members. Our goal last year (1991) was to sign up member #500 by the Chicago ANA Convention. That challenging goal was met and surpassed. Since Chicago, the club has added 300 more members; having signed up member #802 prior to the 1992 Orlando ANA Convention. That is the good news reported Black. The bad news is that just over 100 members have not renewed their 1992-1993 dues and will be dropped from our roles. We still have a net gain of over 200 additional members for the year and we now have a total of about 600 paid-up members.

Club members Nancy & Roger Casey of Florida submitted a suggestion to create a new membership category of "Associate Membership" for a husband or wife of a current member to apply for club membership at a discounted dues rate and would not receive the club magazine since one copy is already sent to the same address. A motion to adopt the Associate Membership proposal at 50% off the regular annual dues rate ($7.50) was defeated. A second motion at a rate of $3 per year was also unsuccessful. A compromise dues proposal of $5 per year for an Associate Membership was Seconded and passed unanimously.

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Roger Bryan, FUN Past President and ANA Convention Chairman presented a framed A.N.A. Appreciation Certificate to the club for participating at the 1992 A.N.A. convention. The certificate was accepted by President Black and given to Club Historian Janice O'Neal for her club file preservation and safe keeping.

A proposed plan to issue a club commemorative token/medal in conjunction with our Las Vegas convention was presented by President Black and V.P. O'Neal. A die will be prepared bearing an impression of our club logo. This die will be common on all future metal token issues the club may decide to issue. A different opposing die will be prepared for the reverse. O'Neal & Black have gathered some basic information from the TAMS Medal Chairman on their medal program and will get in touch with their manufacturer for details on strikings. CC&GTCC member Robert Maisch was the designer of the 1992 TAMS medal and displayed a presentation set of TAMS medals he was awarded at the TAMS banquet the night before our meeting. Due to the limited time available to the club for production of a 1993 token/medal set, Paul Cunningham suggested that Robert Maisch be appointed as the designer for this our 1st convention medal and that design competitions be considered for future medals. Howard Herz noted that we should be careful in not striking a token that might be accepted in slot machines and that an off-size medal should be struck. President Black then appointed member Maisch to go to work on a design for approval by the club officers for our 1993 convention. In the event that the club would want to utilize the Aladdin logo in any proposed design, Mr. Maisch was directed to seek approval from the Aladdin beforehand and was given a contact to write to for permission should it be necessary.

In response to a question from the floor about discontinuing issuing annual meeting chips or woods, the membership was assured that this token would not replace our custom of issuing the other commemorative collectibles we've issued in the past. The token collectors deserve a souvenir memento of our events as well as the chip collectors. The club is considering issuing sets of these tokens, perhaps in three diffent metals.... perhaps including a limited number of .999 fine silver specimens avialable only by advance subscription.

The club's Non-Profit status again came up. President Black said that the club has recently received a request for financial information from member Eric Rosenblum, Esq. (New York) who is handling the process. Club Treasurer Bruce Landau has provided Mr. Rosenblum with that information and has returned the forms to Mr. Rosenblum. "I can only assume that Rosenblum has filed for the exemption."

Club Secretary Michael Knapp, who was unable to be in attendance, has asked to be relieved of some of the duties he is presently engaged in due to the travelling he is committed to do in conjunction with a new employment position he has accepted. President Black read portions of a letter received from Secretary Knapp outlining duties he is willing to continue doing and those which require lots of time. President Black expressed an interest in creating a new officer title rather than making a Membership Chairman appointment. Jerry O'Neal motioned that the present Secretary job be divided into two new titles; a Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary. Paul Cunningham 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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With the two new officer titles now approved, the business of filling the two jobs was the next order of business. Paul Cunningham moved that a special election be held. Henry Garrett asked if there was a conflict with the club ByLaws. President Black said there was no conflict as the club has never adopted an official set of ByLaws although a set has been prepared but never adopted. Jerry O'Neal then nominated Las Vegas member Earl Donley to fill the slot of Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Vern Blanck of Texas and the vote was unanimous. Earl will serve until the elections next spring when the newly elected officers will assume their positions at our 1993 Las Vegas convention.

Henry Garrett then nominated Michael Knapp to the newly authorized officer position of Corresponding Secretary. Howard Herz seconded the nomination and the vote was unanimous.

President Black displayed a unique sample set of six different 1992 Orlando annual convention chips, manufactured by club member James Blanchard, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at our Las Vegas convention. Only one complete set exists. Specimens of the convention chip that was selected were distributed to all those in attendance. They will be made available via mail order to those wishing to purchase them after the convention is concluded.

Discussions were then opened up to the membership for anything from the floor.

Newly signed up club member Greg Heim of New Jersey announced the release of his new gambling book titled, "What The Casinos Don't Tell You" and had copies for sale at the convention.

Author Howard Herz announced that he is re-writing "Harvey's Guide To Collecting Chips" and is seeking additional help input from members. Some of those who already have contributed are Janice O'Neal, Gene Grossblatt.

Dr. Alan Myers rose to request a round of applause from those in attendance in recognition of the fine work the CC&GTCC officers have done and are continuing to do on behalf of the club.

Bob Mathews of Michigan questioned why the club does not stagger the membership expiration date depending upon which month the member joined rather than have a fiscal common dues renewal period. Some members have complained that they only get 2 or 3 issues of the club magazine for one full year's dues payment. Polly Abbot replied that FUN's dues are renewed by the calendar year. It is simpler and much less work for the Secretary. President Black reminded all that we currently do offer a one-half year dues payment ($7.50) for those who apply for membership after January 1st.

Club member John Bennedict suggested that the club advertise in International magazines in Europe. Our club magazine is widely read "over there" and there is a need to advertise in their magazines and catalogs so that they are assured a welcome to join our organization.

The dealers in attendance who had chips and/or tokens for sale at their ANA tables were invited to give their table numbers out so that those visitors to the show who were not interested in the coins tables

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could go directly to those tables offering our collecting interests. Members were also advised that due to ANA restrictions at our club table on the convention hall midway, they were forbidden to transact any private business at the club table. However, a couple of member dealers who had tables at the show graciously offered to let CC&GTCC members use their tables to conduct private transactions.

Returning to other club business, President Black read Secretary Knapp's proposed "Code Of Ethics" that was published on page 10 of the last issue of the club magazine. The "Code" was adopted unanimously by those in attendance. Howard Herz recommended that the club combine the "Code Of Ethics" into the club ByLaws and send them out to the entire membership for approval. 2nd by Bob Matthews. Dr. Myers suggested that the ByLaws be published in the club magazine. Herz suggested a vote on them in next issue of magazine. Henry Garrett motioned for a Special Mailing and a written ballot, adopted or rejected by the time our Las Vegas convention is held. Herz 2nd. President Black asked Elections Chairman Robert Maisch if he and his committee would offer to receive and tabulate the ByLaws ballots. Maisch accepted. Approved unanimously.

V.P. Janice O'Neal thanked all those who have contributed in any way to the success of the club via their input. Without their help the club could not have progressed to the point we are presently at. She encouraged the membership to continue to contribute information to her in an attempt to keep the membership informed and up to date.

A motion to adjourn was entertained by President Black and a lively session of horse trading and exchanging information and meeting other club members face to face, (after only corresponding with so many) was a great opportunity to cement the bonds of former pen-pals into true friendships.

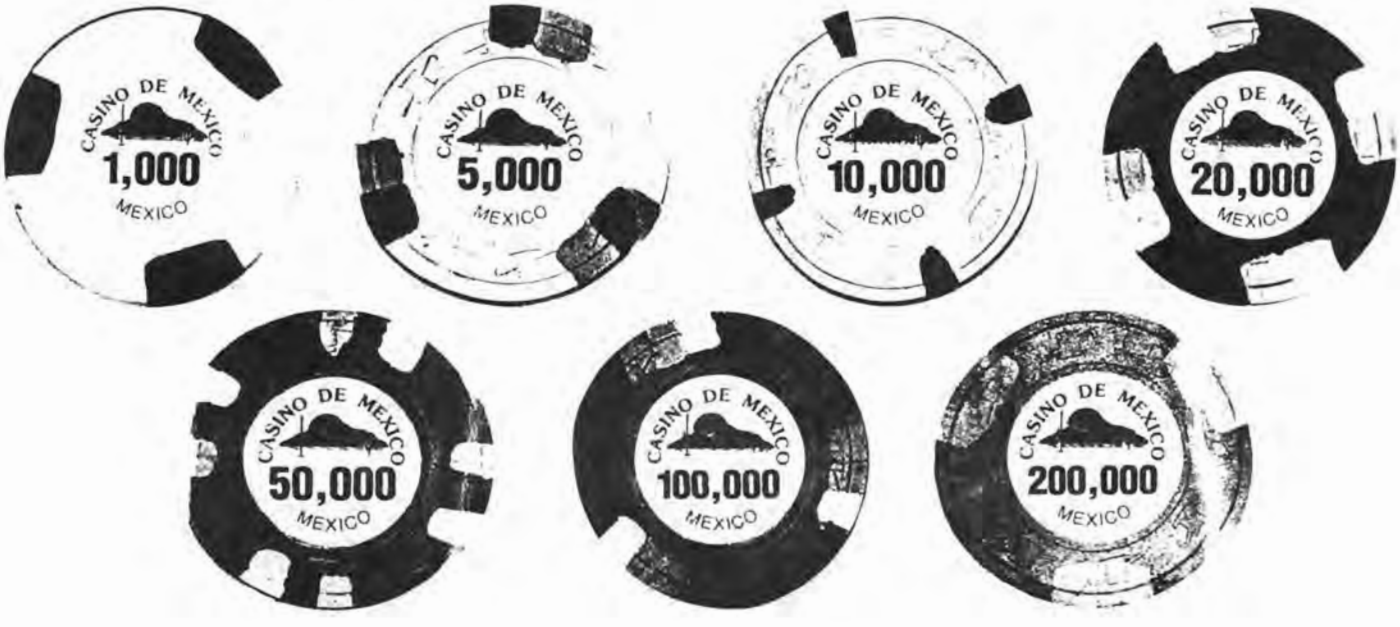
(Submitted by Brenda Black in the absence of Secretary Knapp)

1993 CC&GTCC CONVENTION & SHOW SITE.

CAVEAT EMPTOR
"BUYER BEWARE"

By Archie A. Black

Another "nice looking set" of bogus "casino" chips has surfaced recently, awaiting the unsuspecting novice buyers out there. Folks, if you are paying more than $10-$15 for the whole set.... you are getting ripped off! These "Casino De Mexico" chips were produced for home use by Paulson & Co. and can be purchased for as low as .60 cents each! Over the counter, at Paulson's Showroom, anyone can purchase them for $85 per hundred. Like the critic said, as reported in the President's Message, "that club (CC&GTCC) publishes too much information." Well I hope this type of information being published is keeping our club members from being taken advantage of by those who are hell bent on trying to destroy this hobby. I find no fault with those who choose to sell this stuff. As long as they are honest and up front with their customers and tell them the truth about these chips. They make nice colorful additions to anyone's chip collection. Just as long as they are not being misrepresented as something they are not, then everyone is happy.



OFFICIAL 1993 CC&GTCC TOKEN/MEDAL ADVANCE ORDERING INFORMATION

Due to an unanticipated level of response to our 1st official token/ medal issue, it will be difficult to predict with any accuracy the quantities of medals that should be ordered for our 1993 convention.

The club is planning to strike a two-piece commemorative medal set consisting of an antiqued bronze and a one ounce, serially numbered, .999 fine silver medal. Our plan is to accept advance orders for the two-piece sets in order to determine exactly how many sets will be satisfactory to meet the demand without disappointing anyone. Medal orders will be limited to just two sets to any one individual member. Price estimates right now are in the $15 per set range. Unnumbered individual bronze medals will also be available for under $5 each. To reserve your set(s) early, please send your advance orders by December 1st to: Janice O'Neal 1836 Fisk Road Howell, MI 48843.

Letters *to the* Editor

Dear Editor:

I read with much dismay the article written by member Gary Gustafson R-514 regarding, "For The Novice: How To Start A Chip Collection" in the Summer Issue 1992 of the Club Magazine.

Though overall, the article had some good pointers for someone new to the collecting field, the one point in the article that caught my eye is how Mr. Gustafson acquires roulette chips.

The roulette chip is a no value chip whose value is determined when a player buys in to play. When cashing in, the player is paid in other cash chips for the amount of roulette chips he possesses. The roulette chips are kept under strict inventory at each table. The dealers are accountable for this inventory.

I have played a lot of roulette in my day and have always abided by the rules of the game. That is, to return all roulette chips bought in, either by losing them all, or cashing them all in for a profit.

Mr. Gustafson's method of acquiring these chips is wrong in my way of thinking and to tell the novice collector that lying to a dealer, saying one must have fallen off the table, is not in good taste. In fact, the second rule in the new proposed Code Of Ethics covers this situation very well..... "To conduct myself so as to bring no discredit to the Club or to impair the prestige of the Club or its members."

I am sure there are members and non-members connected with Casinos who will read this article and be a bit concerned about this method of acquiring chips.

There are plenty of chips out there and I for one do not feel this method should be used, nor should it be brought to the attention of new collectors. Jack Boberg CH-051

(Editors Note:) Well, now you have another member's opinion. I wonder how many members agree with letter writer Boberg, or author Gustafson? Do you see anything wrong with taking roulette chips you have paid for from the casinos? Does it "discredit or impair the prestige of the Club or its members" as writer Boberg suggests? I'm welcoming your comments. Let's take a survey.

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Dear Editor:

I wanted club members to know of the difficulty I've experienced with the Oxon Hill Fire Department.

In June 1991, I sent them a check for $1.50 for one $1 chip and one .50 cent chip. They cashed my check, but no chips were sent. I wrote to

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them again in October, asking about the status of the chips. no response to my inquiry. In December 1991, I wrote again inquiring about the chips. Again no response. In June 1992, I wrote to the Oxon Hill Town Council asking for help in either receiving the chips or my money back. Now after two months, I've received no response from them either. It makes me wonder if anyone at all lives in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Someone must, because my check was cashed.

I thought your members might like to know in case they are considering writing to the fire department for gaming chips. Toni Heisey R-530

'ACCOMODATING NEIGHBORS'

By John Benedict R-388

This CHIPCO chip is used at three of the four casinos in Hungary. Notice that the value is in Deutsche Mark. The Hungarian casinos attract a large number of guests from Germany, and accommodate them with this convenience.

The fourth casino, Casino Sopron, which is on the Hungarian-Austrian border, has chips in Austrian Schilling for those visiting from Austria as well.

One of the four casinos is on an anchored ship on the Danube River, in Budapest, and another has a Salle Privee in the 700 year old Nicholas Tower of a Monestery.

Your win may be exported from Hungary tax-free, and an export license is provided by all four casinos to the winner at the cashout cage. Thus far, I do not know of any license needed to **"EXPORT"** any chips.

Happy Hunting, from John Benedict!

CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW AND SALE TO BE HELD AGAIN IN BELLFLOWER

The popular Casino Collectibles Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1992 at the Masonic Hall, 9813 Beach Street in Bellflower, California. Show hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and admission is $3.00.

Collecting casino items such as chips, tokens, dishes, signs, postcards, matchcovers, dice, playing cards, advertising items and antique slot machines is fast becoming one of America's favorite hobbies. Many collectors from around the country will be in attendance and collectors new and old are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Jim Munding, P.O. Box 4087 West Covina, California 91791, or call (818) 919-0603 evenings or weekends.

Casino Collectible show dates for 1993 are; Saturday March 27th, and Saturday October 23rd, in Bellflower.

Chip Challenger

REVAMPED COMPANY INTRODUCES CHIP INNOVATIONS
By Roger Gros, Editor "CASINO JOURNAL"

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Everything old is new again.

John Kendall knew almost nothing about casinos in 1985, when he purchased one of the oldest companies that serviced the gaming industry. "I had never even been in a casino before then," he admits.

What Kendall did know, however, was how to turn around struggling companies. He turned his specialty, which he performed for an investment group, into a personal challenge when he stumbled across the Burt Company, the originator of clay poker chips.

Poker Balls

The Burt Company, of Portland, Maine, was a manufacturer of billiard balls at the turn of the century, when its pool-hall clients began to operate gaming houses. They needed poker chips, so the Burt Company merely used the same material they employed for billiard balls, and pressed it into discs to produce the clay, handmade poker chips.

From that time until the early 1970s, the Burt Company had a worldwide monopoly on casino-quality chips, and manufactured customized chips for casino vendors like Bud Jones and Paul-Son in the U.S., and Huxley and Cairos in Europe.

When Bud Jones and Paul-Son opened up their own factories in the '70s, the Burt Company began a rapid decline, and was very close to shutting down when Kendall came along.

"Casino chips had not changed in all those years," says Kendall, "until Bud Jones introduced the plastic coin-insert chip in 1976. That was the first and only innovation up until the time we decided to change the way chips were made."

One way Kendall had turned around other struggling companies was to utilize new technologies that had never been used before in those industries. In the case of the Burt Company (now named Chipco International, Ltd.), that new technology included a new manufacturing process to produce chips that don't wear, and computer graphics to make the chips more attractive.

Chipco Strategy

Though the Burt Company was one of the industry's oldest vendors, Kendall was virtually starting from scratch. "Since I didn't know much about casinos," he explains, "I went through the industry and talked to everyone I could find, to see what we could do to offer them a new product that they would actually buy."

Kendall identified a "dirty-dozen" list of criteria that casino executives indicated would convince them to buy a new chip product, and Kendall went to work. His industry sources suggested they wanted clay chips—not plastic—that were unbreakable, washable and could be customized at a reasonable price, as well as security and confidence in the production process.

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The result of this two-year process of research and development was Chipco's Pro-Tech series. With colorful, innovative and totally new graphics, combined with a ceramic-like manufacturing process that produced chips that don't wear down, as traditional clay chips do, Chipco was able to develop new customers for its value chips.

In addition, Kendall aimed at a "niche" market of attractive, unique chips that could be ordered in small quantities and delivered in a fast, efficient manner. "We saw a vacuum for innovative casino products," says Kendall, "and we wanted to fill that role."

Because Chipco cheques are unique, casino customers have realized a valuable aspect not necessarily found in traditional chips. "The chips become profit centers in themselves," points out Kendall. "They become inexpensive souvenirs for the players."

Since a Chipco cheque only costs the casino 65 cents, if a player pays $5 for one, the casino is way ahead when he walks out the door with the chip. "When we delivered our first order of 15,000 chips to the El San Juan, in Puerto Rico, in 1987," recalls Kendall, "almost half were gone in the first 30 days. They had to re-order three separate times."

Custom Design

Building upon the success of this first foray, Kendall says the niche market for special-event chips has exploded. "Last year we did a special chip for the annual rib cook-off at John Ascuaga's Nugget, in Sparks, Nevada," he says. "Of 10,000-$5 chips, almost 7,000 were taken as souvenirs, resulting in a profit of almost $30,000 for the casino. Everyone wins in this scenario. The player has an inexpensive souvenir, the casino gets a profit and always valuable publicity, and we make a sale and develop a steady customer."

Chipco has produced custom special-event themed chips for Bally's Reno, Caesars Palace, California's Bicycle Club and Artichoke Joe's, as well as many of the Colorado, South Dakota and riverboat casinos.

Cruise lines are becoming a specialty for Chipco. "We do approximately 40 percent of the cruise lines based in this country," says Kendall. "We've been supplying Royal Caribbean, Princess and we just got Carnival as a client. They all have done special chips for the maiden voyages of their new ships."

Almost 50 percent of Chipco's business is foreign. "We're the exclusive manufacturer of Monte Carlo's non-value roulette chips," says Kendall. "We got a great deal of business from Eastern Europe when the casinos opened there after the fall of communism."

In fact, another Chipco option, the SmartChip System—designed to combat employee theft—was very popular with those emerging casinos. "Unlike casinos in this country, where employees seldom risk their jobs to steal cheques, a $100 chip could have a significant impact on someone's life in Eastern Europe," says Kendall. The Smartchip System incorporates sensors that set off alarms in the event of theft. This option only adds another 20 cents to the price of the individual chip.

Casino Currency

Kendall knows that to increase Chipco's share of the U.S. market, he must provide products and service that can be found nowhere else. His main competition—Paul-Son and Bud Jones—each offer a large variety of gaming products, in addition to their chips. Their operations are virtually "one-stop shops" for casino operators outfitting a new casino. "They offer a combination of tables, furniture and layouts," says Kendall, "and I can't compete with their package prices. So I commend them for their sales expertise."

In order to get more business, Chipco is taking a different tack than its competition. "I can't figure out how to make a better table or a better layout, but I know that to get a competitive advantage," explains Kendall, "we have to expand our product line."

In addition to the SmartChip system, Chipco also offers several machines that integrate its chips with a casino's audit system. The Pro-Sorter reads bar codes embedded in the chips, and counts, validates and sorts them into specific denominations. The Pro-Tech Cashier is an ATM-like machine that redeems players' cheques and lessens the need for cashiers. The machine displays the amount of chips deposited, and if the player agrees with that amount, he simply pushes a button to get his money. Each machine gives on-line status reports and can be integrated with any accounting software system used in a casino.

Service is very important to any casino customer, and Kendall says Chipco makes special efforts in this area. "We take pride in our speed of delivery," he says. "When the S.S. Norway was having her maiden voyage, we received the approved artwork on Monday, and delivered 40,000 chips on Friday in Miami, just before she was to sail."

Chip Change

With the explosive growth of gaming in the 1990s, Chipco expects to be at the forefront in providing the latest in cheque-related products. Indeed, Kendall reveals that Chipco plans to introduce a revolutionary slot token by the end of the year that will incorporate the durability and graphics that characterize its popular line of Pro-Tech cheques. "We'll never be a 'me-too' company," he says. "We want to continue to be a company that uses modern technology to produce innovative products in the area of casino currency, chips and tokens." ♠

Trump casinos rebound after two rough years

Two years ago hardly a soul would have believed **Donald Trump** could keep his casino empire together. Each of his three Atlantic City casino hotels flirted with default and ended up in Bankruptcy Court in a sea of red ink.

But now, after somewhat painful reorganizations, the casinos have emerged intact, with Trump still in control. And the casinos appear to be in healthier condition than they have been in years.

Revenues are up after two years of declines and operating profits are up. And with lower interest payments thanks to the restructurings, each property has a lot more financial flexibility.

Gamblers, ahoy. New law legalizes cruise ship gaming

President Bush has signed into law a bill that legalizes gambling on American cruise ships. Its sponsors in Congress said the intent is to make American-flag cruise ships more competitive with foreign-flag ships that offer gambling.

The measure eliminates current federal prohibitions against gambling on cruise liners operating outside the three-mile, state-waters limit. Gambling will be allowed provided that it is not the main purpose of the cruise.

■ El Rancho Closes For Good

The first victim of hard times on the Strip, the El Rancho Hotel Casino closed in early July, the first casino on the Strip to fall to increased pressure from the new mega-resorts. Many have blamed owner Ed Torres for years of neglect, although industry analysts have long predicted that smaller, less potentially competitive casinos would go bankrupt in the shadow of new resort giants, such as Mirage and Excalibur.

CHIPCO NEW ISSUES

Most of the recently released U.S. CHIPCO's are illustrated in other articles published elsewhere in this issue of "CASINO CHIP & TOKEN NEWS". Most of the illustrations below are recent issues from cruise ships and foreign CHIPCO issues.

Congratulations to CHIPCO from all of us at CC&GTCC for their recent award that was announced at our Orlando A.N.A. meeting.

Club member, Bob Maisch (c), presents "CHIP OF THE YEAR" award to CHIPCO Int'l Sales Manager Bill Forbes (l) and CHIPCO President, John Kendall (r). CHIPCO was the manufacturer of the winning chip for 1991, Main Street Station, now closed.

Note the "1993" date on the above two chips. Who says we don't get the info. out early!

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THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

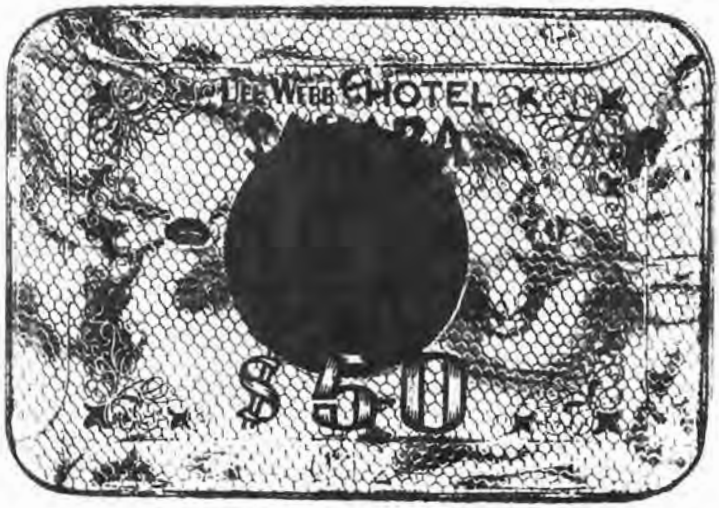
The Information Booth is a regular column which appears in every issue of *Casino Chip and Token News*, and is designed to answer questions which members have about casino history, gaming personalities, and chips and tokens which they may not be able to identify.

Although much of the column is devoted to UFC's (Unidentified Flying Chips!), that isn't its only purpose, as you will see from some of the questions and answers below. Any question pertaining to history, the hobby, or chips or tokens is fair game. If you have a question or an answer, please share with other members by writing to Michael Knapp, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235. For those of you who have submitted questions or provided answers you do not see in this issue, it's only because we ran out of room! Rest assured that all usable information or questions will appear eventually.

We start this edition of the column with some information about the **Sahara baccarat plaques** which were, so far as most of us are aware, the only European-style plaques ever used in a U.S. casino. Unfortunately we were not able to obtain a good illustration of one of the plaques for this column, but many of you have seen them or have them in your collection.

We recently learned that the plaques were put into play in 1980 or 1981, and were removed from the tables within the year. The purpose of the plaques was to stimulate interest in the Sahara's baccarat game. It was hoped that the introduction of distinctive plaques, rather than using ordinary chips, might result in more play at the baccarat tables. The casino management believed that passers-by might see the unique gaming pieces, and take a try at the tables in part because of the plaques.

The idea didn't work, apparently, and because the plaques were more difficult for the dealers to handle than regular chips, they were removed from play less than a year after having been put out on the tables.



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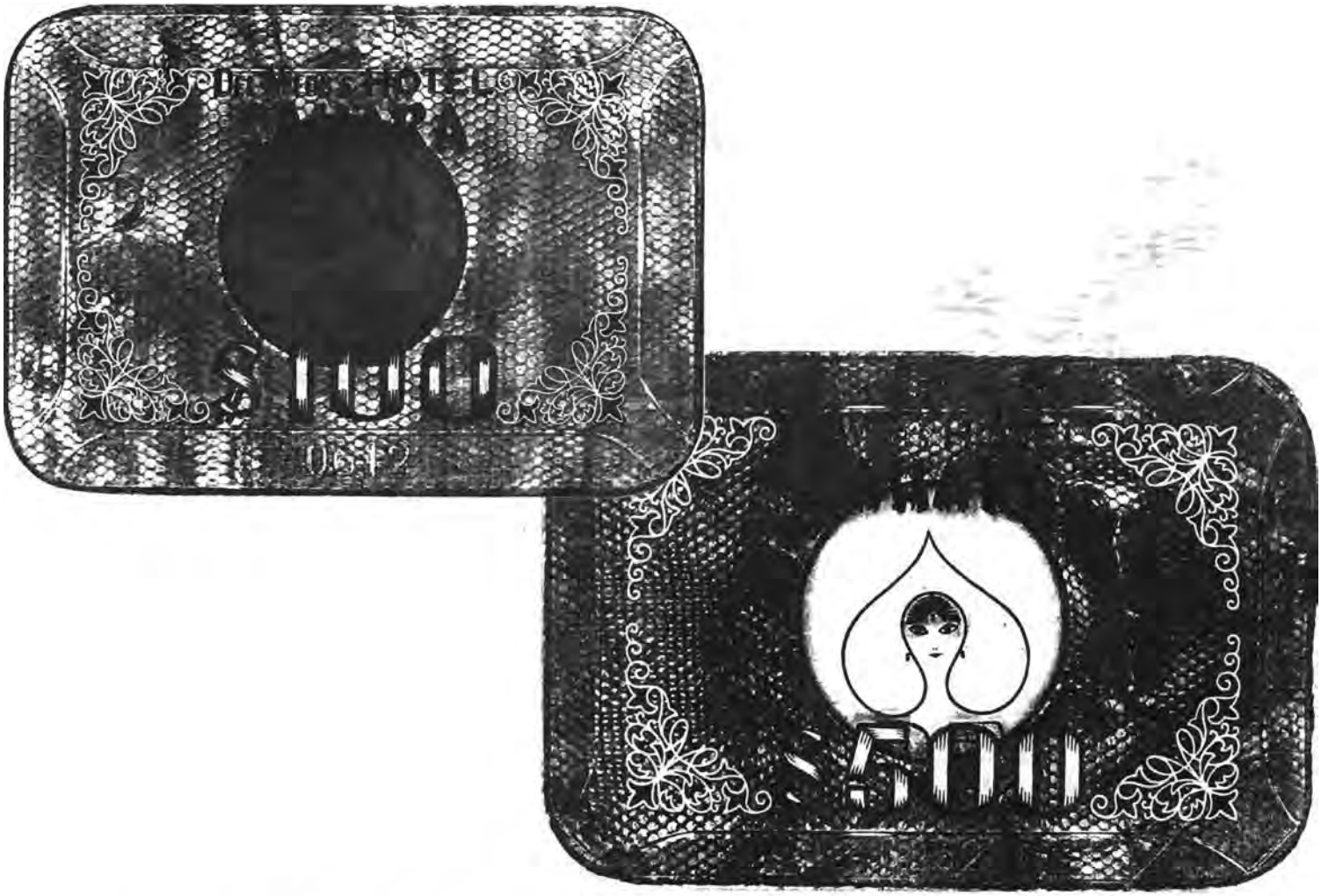

Another question comes form a member who asks about the "**casinos" in California**. Actually, the only "casinos" which California has had have been illegal. In California, as well as in Washington, North Dakota and Montana, card rooms are legal, but casinos are not. The difference is that in card rooms, the only games that can be played are those in which the players are competing with each other, rather than against the house. That means that in these States, the only legal card room game is poker (or its many variations). The card room makes its money by raking the pot (taking a percentage from each round of betting) or by renting seats at the table, but it has no direct stake in the outcome of any game.

We received a letter from a member who told us that **El Rancho Vegas** had closed in July, 1992, and who was wondering whether El Rancho Vegas chips would become more valuable. Actually, El Rancho Vegas has been gone since it burned down in 1960. El Rancho Vegas was the first hotel built on what would later become the Las Vegas Strip. Built by Thomas Hull, who owned several "El Rancho" hotels in California. . El Rancho Vegas opened in April of 1941, and at the time was located outside the Las Vegas city limits.

In March of 1944, the hotel was sold to Wilbur Clark (who got his start in the gaming business as a dealer on the offshore-California gambling ships) and S. P. Barbash. Two years later, they sold El Rancho Vegas to Sanford Adler and Charles Resnick, who had the hotel for a little more than a year before selling it again, to Beldon Katleman. It was Katleman who, in 1960, ejected a Chicago mob figure known as John Marshall (actually Marshall Caifano) from the hotel because he was concerned about his license. John Marshall was one of the first mobsters included in the Nevada "Black Book" of people not permitted in any licensed gaming establishment in the State.

Within two weeks of Katleman's ejection of Caifano from El Rancho Vegas, the hotel burned to the ground in the early morning hours. The cause of the fire has never been determined. The land on which El Rancho Vegas stood, across from the Sahara Hotel, has remained vacant ever since.

El Rancho, which is located south of the Sahara, did not come into existence until 1982. It began in 1948, when Marion Hicks (who had built El Cortez downtown), and other investors built the third hotel on the growing Strip, and named it the Thunderbird. Controlling interest in the hotel was actually held by

Meyer Lansky and his brother Jake, a fact which the *Las Vegas Sun* disclosed in a series of articles in 1955. Those articles resulted in the revocation of the Thunderbird's gaming license, although the license was finally won back after a protracted legal battle.

The **Thunderbird** was sold in 1964 to Del Webb, who also owned the Sahara and the Mint Hotel downtown. It was shortly thereafter that the Sahara/Thunderbird chips were issued, usable at both of the Strip hotels. In 1972, the Thunderbird was bought by Caesars Palace, and in 1976 sold to Major Riddle (who had owned and operated the Dunes). Riddle did some remodelling and renamed the hotel the Silver Bird. It remained the **Silver Bird** until 1981 when Ed Torres (of the Aladdin) bought the hotel out of bankruptcy, remodelled it, and reopened it in 1982 as **El Rancho.**

El Rancho, which some say was named as a tribute to the Strip's first resort hotel, struggled for the last few years, as larger, fancier, and more fantastic hotels were built on the Strip. In July, ten years after it opened, its doors were closed. Supposedly the hotel is for sale, although it seems likely that Torres will want more for the hotel than a buyer is willing to pay, given the recent history of the casino.

We hope that the historical explanation did not bore those of you who already knew the dates and succession, but perhaps there are members who were not aware of the details of these two historic hotels.

Now for some answers to previously-published UFC's:

30: Excelsior Club. The details about this chip come from antique experts Ralph and Terry Kovel, to whom we sent a sample issue of the club magazine. They recognized the chip, and looked it up in the *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History* for us. According to the Encyclopedia, the Excelsior Club was formed by 22 men in 1877 as a social club for upwardly mobile Jewish men of German extraction. There were many such clubs formed throughout the late 1800's. The Excelsior occupied several buildings in downtown Cleveland during its early years. In 1908, the club finally built a large structure on Euclid Avenue at what is now University Circle. In 1931 the club merged withthe Oakwood Club, and the building was sold to Western Reserve University.

226: J & M. Rick Meyer, who has done some fantastically detailed research into the card rooms of San Diego, tells us that the J & M Card Room was located at 437 Market Street in San Diego. It opened in 1971, and is now closed.

420: Syrian So Fra. While not a complete answer, new member Ken Knoof provides an educated guess as to part of the name on this chip. "Fra," he tells us, may well stand for Fleet Reserve Association. These are organizations for career enlisted Navy, Marine and Coast Guard members. The "So" might be the abbreviation for "Southern." Additional details are still needed!

425: Casino del Rio. The Casino del Rio was one of the Havana, Cuba clubs which operated until the early 1960's. There's an interesting story about the $1,000 denomination chip illustrated in this column. Steve Passalacqua has found that the $1,000's were made for the casino, but the club had difficulty paying for them, and they were never delivered. The chips wound up with the owner of a casino in Nevada, given to him as a gift by B. C. Wills, who was the distributor of the chips.

480: Brioni Casino. The answer to this one comes from Al Zaika. Pula is located on the Adriatic seacoast of Jugoslavia, which has (or had, until the current civil unrest) a number of casinos in the resort cities along the coast. Neither Al nor your columnist is willing to take a guess at what will be the name of the country in which Pula and the Brioni Casino are located after the present hostilities cease!

484: 750 Club. Ken Knoof, who has really taken his new membership seriously, sends us an identification of this one, which was another San Diego card room. The 750 Club was located at 750 5th Avenue, and was open from 1953 until the early 1980's. The chips are still being used at VFW Post 4851 in San Diego.

486: Trails End. Again, Ken Knoof supplies us with the information that this is from a card room in Missoula, Montana. There is presently no gaming at Trails End, however.

487: Serra Mesa Card Room. New Jersey member Al Zaika recognized this one as likely being from a California card room. His suggestion was another bit of detective work. There is, he wrote, a listing for a Serra Mesa postal station in the San Diego area, in the National Postal Zip Code Directory. Also, he reasoned, the term "card room" is common to California and to Washington and Montana, neither of which have any kind of postal address like Serra Mesa.

Turns out Al was exactly right! Rick Meyer's research has turned up the Serra Mesa Card Room, at 3361 Sandrock Road in San Diego. It was only open from 1975 to 1976.

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491: Rusty Nail. Another Missoula, Montana card room where gaming no longer takes place. Thanks for this identification to Ken Knoof.

There are several UFC's which were sent in over the past weeks that we can identify, at least in part. In fact, several came with suggested or known identifications, but because they were unusual, we thought that the rest of the members would like to see them.

Michael Petty sent us the **Chez Paree (505)** chip, along with some information about its history. The Chez Paree was an illegal club at Carter Lake, Iowa. The Chez Paree was a supper club and nightclub which had a large back room where illegal gaming took place during the 1940's. It was sometimes described as the biggest gambling house between Chicago and Las Vegas, and was closed down in 1949.

506, Bill Hester's Four Queens, might be from the Lake Tahoe area, although we have not been able to confirm this. Member Walter Dirzulaitis sent us the copy of this chip, and suggested that it might be from Lake Tahoe. According to *The Gaming Table*, there was a Four Queens at Lake Tahoe, but the name Bill Hester does not appear in the book. Can anyone confirm whether this is in fact the Lake Tahoe club?

507, Casino Card Club, is another chip sent by Walter Dirzulaitis. He believes that it might be from Redding, California, but we cannot confirm this. Can anyone help?

508, Centre, Inc., came from a card room in Fargo, North Dakota, according to member Gary Gustafson. But which one? Can someone tell us?

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There are a number of known casinos in Nevada which have used chips with the initials "TC" on them. The Tonopah Club and Tahoe Colonial chips have been illustrated in this column in the past. **509** and **510**, however, are different styles than the others, and have been identified by L. C. Meredith as having been used at the **Treasury Club** in Sparks, Nevada.

We begin this issue's UFC's with number 511, a European-style acrylic chip. As in the past, these are chips that members have sent to us asking for identification. If you have information which can help identify these chips, please drop us a note so that we can share that information with other members in the next issue. As has been our practice, chips with denominations on the reverse side are noted with a small "$" next to the chips.

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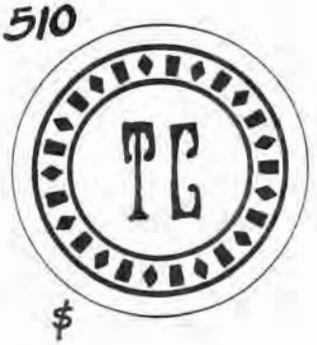

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THE SPOTLIGHT

The Spotlight returns! We plan this feature as a regular part of The Information Booth. If you have particular chips you believe are worth featuring, please let us know and we will consider them for future issues.

This issue features the chips of the Agua Caliente, a posh resort in Tijuana, Mexico during the late 1920's and 1930's. Patterned after a Spanish Hacienda, the sprawling resort was built by three Americans and a Mexican governor, for $7 million. It immediately became the playground for the '20's version of Hollywood's "jet set." Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, Tom Mix, Charlie Chaplin, Al Jolson, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, national sports figures such as Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey, as well as up and coming American gangsters, frequented the plush, high roller casino.

In 1930, the Agua Caliente race track was built, with its own casino: the Agua Caliente Jockey Club. Agua Caliente closed in 1935 when Mexican President Cardenas outlawed gambling in the country. Below are pictured some of the known chips from Agua Caliente and its Jockey Club. Do other members have other denominations?

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We'd like to hear from you!

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I have a line on Northern California chips. All my chips are hand picked with the best possible condition available from each club or casino. I will send a free catalog with each order and update it with every shipment. Below are some of the chips available.

The portrait on this chip is the famous bank robber of the 20's and 30's, Pretty Boy Floyd. The club was owned and operated by his son, Jack Floyd. It opened in 1981 and closed two years latter. The 50¢, $1 and $5 have Pretty Boy's portrait and the $20 & $100 have his mothers portrait, Ruby. (scarce) Write for further details.

Calif.-Games Equip.-Co. This chip is from an illegal game from 1916-40 in the basement of the Traversi Hotel in Sacramento. The 25¢ and $1 chips from this club a scarce. There is only ten $5 chips known. Offers are welcome.

Regina's is a one table club in Salinas. The chips is gray with 3/pink & lm grn. Center is wt, blk & red with two roses.

Gloria's Casino was open from 1990-91 in Petaluma. The Pineapple in the center is a likeness of the owner Gloria Herrand.

Outpost Casino is a four table club east of San Francisco. They just purchased 25¢ chips, (pink w/same inlay) for use in a game called 22.

California Grand has some very beautiful Bud Jones chips.

CHIPCO'S: Patio Club with black king of diamonds. Diamond Syl's four table old west type casino. King Midas from Emeryvelle. Reverse side has two Pai Gow tiles. The double sided King is very rare. (6 known)

Floyd's (50¢-1-5-20-100)		Offer	Outpost Casino	25¢	$3	Diamond Syl's	$1	$4
Calif.-Games	25¢	$15	" "	50¢	$4	" "	$5	$10
" "	$1	$18	" "	$1	$4	King Midas	$1	$4
" "	$5	Offer	" "	$5	$10	" "	$5	$10
Regina's	$1	$5	CA Grand	$1	$4	Double sided King		Offer
Gloria's	$1	$5	CA Grand	$2	$6			
"	$5	$12	Patio Club	$1	$6			
"	$25	$18	" "	$5	$12			
			" "	$20	$25			

Gamblers and chip collectors are two different animals. While looking for the double sided $1 king at King Midas, I looked at both sides of over 1000 chips in an eight hour poker session. Each time I won a pot all the chips were kept to the side until I stacked them one at a time turning each one over. At one point half the table and the dealer was watching me. The guy next to me said, "A nice looking chip." I think what he wanted to say was, "Hey nut head, they all look the same." When I mentioned that there was a mistake that had kings on both side they had no concept of what I meant. The club is in a bad area and caters to a rough crowd. Don't look for any new members here.

Dr. Allan Myers of Louisville, Kentucky accepts club award from President Black at Orlando A.N.A. for "BEST MAGAZINE ARTICLE" in 1991. Dr. Myers' article, titled "SOUTHERN INDIANA GAMBLING", appeared in the Vol. 4, #4 issue.

A group photo
Florida A.N

F.U.N. President and Ge
man for the 1992 A.N.A.
Roger Bryan (l), presen
cate welcoming CC&GTCC

A slightly out of focus, Janice O'Neal and Brenda Black, tend the club table during the 1992 A.N.A. Orlando, Florida convention. Many, many club members and interested collectors visited the booth where several new members were signed up. Club Banner in the background was created and donated to the club by club member Arthur Sanderson.

Arthur Sanderson (r) ac
appreciation award from
Archie A. Black at 1992

of a meeting room full of CC&GTCC club members at our Orlando, A. 1992 Convention meeting. Over 35 were in attendance.

neral Chair- Convention, ts certifi- to Orlando.

As his first official act as CC&GTCC Recording Secretary, Earl Donley (l) presents our club's "TOKEN OF THE YEAR AWARD" to Santa Fe Casino. Accepting the award are Don Joshua, Slot Manager (c); and Dave Sugar, Casino Manager (r).

epts CC&GTCC club President Orlando meeting

Brenda Black (l) takes minutes of club meeting while Club V.P. Janice O'Neal(r) gives her Orlando, Florida report.

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Biloxi Belle	Biloxi, MS

We have added all 15 Indian Reservation Casinos in Minnesota, all 14 in Wisconsin, two in Iowa and one in Connecticut. In the near future we will be adding 8 from Michigan. Four of these casinos have CHIPCO chips and two more will be adding CHIPCO chips in the near future. The Indian Reservation Casinos range from large Las Vegas style casinos to little ones such as the one actually called the "Hole In The Wall". Most collectors and most dealers have a few Indian Reservation items. We made a 2,600 mile trip to stock up on all of them so you can add this fascinating area to your collection.

Complete price list and more information on the Riverboats and Indian Reservations is available on request. We are committed to having all available chips and tokens in stock as well as cards, dice and other Casino items. We invite standing orders. The following prices are typical (a few exceptions are noted in the price list):

25 cent tokens	$0.50	25 cent chips	$1.00
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$5 chips or tokens	$7.50	50 cent CHIPCO	$3.00
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Shipping and Handling	$3.00	$25 CHIPCO	$35.00

CHIPS 'N TOKENS UPDATE'

By JANICE O'NEAL CH-008 V.P./CLUB HISTORIAN

DUE TO AN OLD SAYING, "WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?" IT IS ALREADY TIME FOR ANOTHER CHIP & TOKEN NEWS ISSUE TO GO TO PRESS. AND HIGH TIME FOR ME TO PUT TOGETHER ALL THE PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT SO MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO SEND ME OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS INTO THE NEW CHIP AND TOKEN UPDATE. THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED, VIA THIS COLUMN, WITH ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR FAST GROWING ORGANIZATION. AND NOW TO WORK!

NEVADA-- LAS VEGAS--NOT MUCH ACTIVITY IN CHIPS, BUT, AS ALWAYS, TOKENS ARE IN FULL SWING. BALLY'S HAS SWITCHED FROM RENO TO LAS VEGAS FOR THEIR CHIPCO SOUVENIR ISSUE CHIPS. JUST OUT-A $5 "FESTIVAL OF GAMES". THIS CHIP, SO FAR, IS AVAILABLE IN ONLY ONE OF THE THREE PIT AREAS. THE REEL DEAL CASINO OPENED IN JULY WHERE FRANKLIN BROS. CLOSED RECENTLY. $5 CHIP HRS HDS RT DK RED 3 YEL--BLK RED WHT CI; .25 CHIP LANG PLAIN ORG 3 OFF WHT--HS; $1 TOKEN 1992 CT. CALIF HOTEL $25 CHIPCO FOR A GOLF TOURNAMENT CALLED "HI-CAL". THE VARIATION OF "LAS VEGAS" AND "LAS VEGAS, NV" HAS BEEN FOUND FOR THE .25 EL CORTEZ HOTEL H&C YEL--HS CHIP.

AS SOME OF YOU ALREADY KNOW BY NOW, JERRY AND I SPENT THREE GLORIOUS WEEKS TRAVELING AROUND NORTHERN NEVADA IN JUNE. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR FINDINGS ADDED TO WHAT HAS BEEN SENT IN BY FELLOW MEMBER TRAVELERS: IN JUNE BALLY'S RENO HAD JUST ISSUED THE NEW $5 CHIPCO FOR RENO RODEO 1992 (WHICH NOW IS A THING OF THE PAST!) AT THAT TIME BALLY'S ALSO HAD A 5 NCV H&C LAV 8 CRM--HS CHIP FOR JUNKET PLAYERS; CIRCUS CIRCUS, RENO HAS FINALLY ADDED THE $5 H&C RED 3 LT BRN--HS CHIP THAT HAS RENO, NV. BOTH OLD AND NEW CHIPS ARE IN PLAY. CIRCUS CIRCUS, RENO HAS SINCE ISSUED A $5 CHIPCO FOR"SUMMER NITES 1992": THE VIRGINIAN HAS A 1 NCV "WIN CARDS" CHIP 8 CLOVER PNK/WHT--HS. THE SHORT LIVED PACO'S IS NOW COMPLETELY CHANGED OVER TO FLAMINGO HILTON. SMALL SLOT CASINO CALLED "THE GEM" NEXT TO RAILROAD TRACKS IS GONE.

BALDINI'S SPKS ADDED A CRAPS TABLE AND NOW HAS .25 H&C LAV--HS AND $1 H&C BLU--HS CHIPS. JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET SPKS "RIB COOK-OFF 1992" CHIPCO, CAL NEVA LODGE, CB $5 CHIPCO AND HARVEY'S STLN LT, THE SECOND $5 CHIPCO IN THEIR COLLECTOR SERIES. CACTUS JACK'S, CC $5 CHIPCO. THIS ONE BEING THE FIRST RELEASE OF A FIVE YEAR HISTORICAL SERIES (TO BE ONE EACH YEAR) FEATURING CARSON CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA. EACH CHIP IS PART OF A LIMITED NUMBER PRINTED SPECIFICALLY FOR CACTUS JACK'S CASINO. 2000 CHIPS WERE ISSUED FOR 1992 SPECIAL EDITION AND NO MORE WILL BE

MADE. ED'S TAHOE NUGGET OPENED WHERE JOHN'S TAHOE NUGGET WAS AT STLN LT. TO START THERE WAS A .25 H&C GLD--BLK HS CHIP, WHICH WAS CHANGED TOH&C BLU--GLD HS BY THE TIME WE GOT THERE. THERE WAS A $1 H&C WHT 3 PRP--BLU BLK GLD GRN CI CHIP PUT IN PLAY, BUT WAS QUICKLY PULLED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THE VERY LIGHT GREEN $25 CHIPS WERE GETTING MIXED WITH THE WHITE $1. (HAVEN'T WE HEARD OF THIS HAPPENING SEVERAL TIMES NOW??)!! ALSO A $5 H&C DK PNK 4 BLU--BLU BLK GLD GRN CI AND THE $25 H&C LT GRN 4 PNK/LAV--BLU BLK GLD GRN CI.

HOTEL NEVADA, BTL MTN CHIPS ARE .50 H&C BGE, $1 H&C BLU, AND $5 H&C DK PNK 4 GRN--ALL ARE HS: OWL CLUB, BTL MTN $5 H&C RED 3 PNK/PRP/PNK--BLK WHT CI; FIRESIDE INN, ELY (TABLE OPENS "AT RANDOM") $1 H&C PRP--HS AND $5 H&C GRN 3 YEL--HS; JAILHOUSE, ELY HAS NO MORE LIVE GAMING AND CHIPS ARE GONE; OWL CLUB, EUREKA HAS ONE 21 TABLE THAT OPENS AFTER 7:00 P.M. $5 H&C RED 4 YEL/ORG--HS.

GOLDEN CLUB, AUSTIN CLOSED PERMANENTLY SEPT. 1991. SILVER STRIKE, TONOPAH IS CLOSED. CHINA TOWN, WELLS HAS NO TABLES AND $5 CHIPS ARE GONE. THEY HAVE ONLY .05 AND .25 SLOTS, SO NO TOKEN HERE EITHER. RANCH HOUSE, WELLS ALSO IS CLOSED. SIGNS SAY "CLOSED TO REMODEL". IN Mc DERMITT AT SAY WHEN CASINO WE FOUND A VARATION ON THE $5 CHIP. SAME LRG KEY BRN 3 YEL--BLU RED WHT CI. LETTERS IN "SAY WHEN" AND "McDERMITT, NV" MUCH THINNER ON NEWER LOOKING CHIP. IN WENDOVER AT THE HIDE-AWAY WE ALSO FOUND A VARIATION ON THE $5 EWING GRN--HS CHIPS. THE NUMERAL "5" ARE TWO DIFFERENT STYLES.

RED GARTER IN WENDOVER HAS TWO SETS OF CHIPS IN PLAY. "RED GARTER SALOON"--HRS SHOS MOLD AND "RED GARTER CASINO"--LRG KEY MOLD. $1 CHIPS ARE BGE 3 BLU--RED BLK WHT CI AND $5 CHIPS ARE RED 3 BLK-- RED BLK WHT CI. SOPER'S MONTGOMERY LODGE AT MONTGOMERY PASS ALSO HAS TWO SETS OF CHIPS IN PLAY. THE DECIMAL POINT IS BIGGER AND SQUARE. THE LETTERS ARE WIDER. BOTH LRG KEY, THE COLORS ARE NOT QUITE THE SAME, ORIGINAL $2 BGE 3 DK GRN, NEWER ONE GRY 3 BLK. ORIGINAL $5 GRN 3 ORG, NEWER ONE DK GRN 3 BRN.

CAESARS TAHOE AND CAESARS PALACE LV HAVE BOTH CLOSED THEIR POKER ROOMS SO NO MORE $1 CAESARS CHIPS AVAILABLE. IN SPARKS, THE MINT CLUB HAS NO MORE LIVE GAMING, CHIPS ARE GONE. THE GOLD CLUB IS NOT ONLY CLOSED, THE BUILDING IS COMPLETELY GONE! IN CARSON CITY, HORSESHOE CLUB HAS NO MORE LIVE GAMING, CHIPS ARE GONE. ALSO THE SMALL VICTORY CLUB NEXT DOOR HAS DISAPPEARED TO BECOME PART OF THE

HORSESHOE.

MORE NEW CHIPS: RENO HILTON RESORT $1 HOUSE BLU--RED BLU BLK WHT CI: $% HOUSE RED 2 PCH 2 LAV--RED BLU BLK WHT CI: BOOMTOWN, VERDI HAS TWO NEW $5 CHIPCO, "COUNTRY JAMBOREE" AND "BOOMDOWNS" (PIG RACES??)

AND THEN THERE ARE TOKENS! THE HARRAH'S LV SET HAS INCREASED TO 6 (WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE ALL OF THEM-POSSIBLE 2 MORE LATER ON!) #1 PADDLEWHEEL, #2 LAMP POST, #3 MARK TWAIN, #4 MARDI GRAS, #5 SAX PLAYER, & #6 PARADE. #5 SAX PLAYER HAS 2 TYPES; TYPE I FRONT LINE OF SAX BETWEEN R & G, TYPE II- FRONT LINE OF SAX ABOVE R. TYPE I FOUND WITH DIE CRACK. #6 PARADE ALSO HAS 2 TYPES, TYPE I-HIGH MINT MARK, TYPE II- LOW MINT MARK. (NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE HERE, BUT ENOUGH TO SEE)

NEVADA HOTEL LV HAS ISSUED A SECOND UNDATED TOKEN WITH THE ORIGINAL NCM MARK OBLITERATED AND NEW CT MARK AT TOP OF TOKEN ON REVERSE. CAESARS PALACE LV APPEARS TO HAVE RELEASED 1990 DATED NCM AND 1992 DATED NCM TOKENS AT THE SAME TIME. THERE IS ALSO A NEW $5 NCM TOKEN HERE. GRANADA HOTEL IS CLOSED, SO ANOTHER OBSOLETE HERE.

BAR TOKENS--LAS VEGAS--DRAFT HOUSE, NEW PLAIN EDGE. R-BAR, RED ROCK INN, LUCKY NICKEL SALOON, SHARK CLUB. PLAY IT AGAIN SAM NEW PLAIN EDGE. OFFICE BAR # (1992) C&R REVERSE LOGO IS NEW. PAGE AVJET (WAS HUGHES TERMINAL). BJ'S 218 E TROPICANA, STAKEOUT, MAJOR LEAGUE (WAS JOX LOUNGE), AZTEC HOTEL, BRITTANY'S, AND NEW P T'S PUB 8584 W LAKE MEAD. 49'ER SALOON 1556 N EASTERN HAS BEGUN USING A TOKEN ORDERED IN 1989. IT IS DATED 1989 BUT WAS NEVER PUT INTO PLAY, SO IN MY LISTS WILL BE CONSIDERED A (1992)/1989 TOKEN. IN HENDERSON OFFICE BAR #4, SIDELINES, AND GREEN'S SUPPER CLUB. GATEWAY INN, RENO AND RETREAT LOUNGE, CC.

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE TO THROW EVERYONE INTO A TAIL SPIN! FAMOUS MURPHY'S, RENO ISSUED A NEW (1992) TOKEN USING THE DATED 1988 OBVERSE DIE. 1988 TOKEN WAS BALLY DISTRUBITING ROUTE CO, TWO TYPES SSM & USM. NEW (1992)/1988 JUST ISSUED IS CARDIVAN ROUTE CO CT MINT . THE SAME THING HAS HAPPENED WITH THE 1989 USM BALLY DIST CO AT EAST 50 BAR, DAYTON.. THE NEW (1992)/1989 IS AGAIN CARDIVAN, CT MINT.

OLDER VARIATIONS THAT HAVE TURNED UP: BONANZA INN, FALLON, 2 TYPES ON (1984) (GD); TYPE I-THIN LETTERS REVERSE RIM. TYPE II-THICK LETTERS REVERSE RIM. GOLD DUST WEST,

RENO 1979 (LM) HAS COIN ALIGN AND MEDAL ALIGN REVERSE.

RENO HILTON RESORT HAS $1 & $5 TOKENS IN PLAY; SILVER CLUB SPARKS HAS $7 .999 SILVER TOKEN, CASINO BUILDING ONE SIDE, GOLD PANNER OTHER SIDE. HARVEY'S STLN LT HAS SECOND $7 .999 SILVER TOKEN, HOTEL BUILDING ONE SIDE, STEAM ENGINE TRAIN OTHER SIDE. IN RENO, ELDORADO HOTEL (1992) $5 CT, PIONEER HOTEL 1992 $5 LM. AT ED'S TAHOE NUGGET STLN LT $1 1992 CT. COLLINS COURT HOTEL,ELY (1992) $1 CT. SILVERSMITH, WEND (1992) $1 GD (MINT MARK IS VERY SMALL BLOB BELOW "S"). PEPPERMILL, MESQUITE NEW $5 TOKEN (1992) LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE (1989) BUT IS NCM INSTEAD OF RWM.

FLASH: FOUR NEW $1 TOKENS AT TROPICANA LV. DESIGNS ARE FISH, WATERFALL, TREASURE CHEST, & SAIL BOAT. ALSO MOST BARS ,ETC HAVING TOKENS FROM EDT ROUTE COMPANY WILL BE GETTING NEW TOKENS SHORTLY, AS EDT CONTRACTS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT OUT BY CARDIVAN.

CALIFORNIA: COMMERCE CASINO HAS CHANGED TWO CHIPS FOR NEW COLORS; $2 H&C LT GRN 3 LAV--BLK RED WHT CI AND $3 H&C DK BRN 3 LT ORG/DK PNK--BLK RED WHT CI. BINGO PALACE CASINO INDIO HAS .50 H&C BRT ORG--HS, $1 H&C BLU 4 LAV/DK GRN--BLK RED WHT CI, $2 H&C LT GRN 3 GLD--BLK RED WHT CI, $3 H&C GRY 4 RED/PRP/PNK--BLK RED WHT CI, $5 H&C YEL 4 OLV/ORG/MRN--BLK RED WHT CI. VIEJAS VALLEY, ALPINE ADDED .25 H&C BRT PNK--HS AND .50 H&C BRT ORG--HS CHIPS. REGENCY CARD CLUB, BELL VERY UNEXPECTEDLY CLOSED DOWN COMPLETELY.

IOWA: WINNAVEGAS AT SLOAN HAS ADDED A .50 CHIP LANG PLAIN BLK 3 OFF WHT--HS: CASINO OMAHA OPENED 7-23-92 AT ONAWA (A BIT OF TRIVIA, THANKS TO MICHAEL PETTY, ONAWA, IOWA IS WHERE THE ESKIMO PIE ICE CREAM STICK WAS INVENTED) CASINO OMAHA CHIPS ARE $1 BJ WHT 6 BLU--RED BLK WHT CI; $5 BJ RED 4 WHT--RED BLK WHT CI. TOKENS ARE $1 (1992)CT, .25 (1992) CT BRASS AND .50 (1992) CT BRONZE. OMAHA NATION BINGO & CASINO IS OPEN IN MACY, NEBRASKA. CHIPS ARE GENERIC BUD JONES SO FAR AND NO DOLLAR SLOTS.

WASHINGTON: OFF BROADWAY, SPOKANE AND COWBOY CLUB, KENNEWICK ARE CLOSED. CLIFFS, SEATTLE HAS OPENED A SECOND CARD ROOM CALLED WOJO'S WHICH HAS CHIPCO $1 YEL BLK WHT GRN AND $5 YEL BLK WHT PRP. AN INDIAN CASINO HAS OPENED IN BELLINGHAM WITH A $5 CHIPCO BLK WHT BLU YEL RED.

COLORADO: (THE CHANGES HERE ARE HAPPENING TOO FAST TO KEEP UP WITH!!)

BLACKHAWK: NEWLY OPENED: EL DORADO $1 & $5 CHIPCO, 4-$1 TOKENS (1) LACE HOUSE 1863, 920 BOBTAIL MILL

1870, (3) GREGORY MONUMENT 1859, (4) R.R. ENGINE #71, 1872: JAZZ ALLEY $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN: BLACKHAWK STATION $5 CHIP, $1 TOKEN: EUREKA CASINO $5 CHIP, $1 TOKEN: BULLWHACKERS $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKEN; RICH MAN CASINO $5 CHIPCO & $1 TOKEN: SILVERHAWK $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN. WILD CARD BUILDING HAS BEEN SOLD TO BRONCO BILLY'S OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND CLAIM JUMPERS IS CLOSED. BRASS ASS ADDED A $5 TOKEN AND IT HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

CENTRAL CITY: MAYOR WILLIOES OPENED WITH $5 CHIPCO AND $1 TOKEN. TABLES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REMOVED AND CHIP IS OBSOLETE. BULLWHACKERS $1 &$5 H&C CHIPS, $1 & $5 TOKENS. TELLER HOUSE ADDED A REGULAR $5 TOKEN. DILLIONS DOUBLE EAGLE ADDED $1 & $5 BJ CHIPS, BUT IS NOW CLOSED. TERPS $1 & $5 CHIPS,$1 TOKEN, PAPONE'S PALACE $1 TOKEN, MINERS PICK $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN AND THAT IS NOW CLOSED. GOLD COIN OPENED WITH $1 & $5 TOKENS. GOLD STAR OPENED WITH $1 TOKENS AND CLOSED AFTER ONLY 15 DAYS!! TOLL GATE $5 CHIP, $1 & $5 TOKENS, DOC HOLIDAYS $1 TOKEN, H.A.W.TABORS $1 TOKEN. SILVER SLIPPER DISCONTINUED $1 CHIP & $5 TOKEN. CRYSTAL CAROUSEL IS CLOSED. GOLDEN ROSE HAS ADDED $5 TOKEN.

CRIPPLE CREEK: IMPERIAL HOTEL OPEN $1 & $5 CHIPCP, $1 & $5 TOKENS; SILVER PALACE $1 TOKEN; GOLD DIGGERS $1 TOKEN; LONG BRANCH OF CRIPPLE CREEK $1 & $5 CHIPS, $1 & $5 TOKENS; MAVERICK'S $1 TOKEN; MADAM JUNE'S $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN;VIRGIN MULE $1 TOKEN; JUBILEE CASINO $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN; BOWL OF GOLD CASINO (ANOTHER BOWL OF GOLD RESORTS, INC) $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS; PALACE HOTEL $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS; STAR OF CRIPPLE CREEK $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS; GOLDEN HORSESHOE $5 CHIPCO, $1 TOKEN; WOMACK'S SALOON $1 & $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS; LUCKY LOLA'S ADDED $5 TOKEN;MIDNIGHT ROSE HOTEL $5 CHIP, $1 & $5 TOKEN

DICK VIERRA HAS TURNED UP A DANDY BROADSTRUCK OFF CENTER ERROR AT THE GOLD RUSH IN CRIPPLE CREEK. THE $5 TOKEN IS THE BRASS CENTER, SILVER COLOR RIM THAT HAS BECOME POPULAR FOR THAT DENOMINATION. ON THIS PARTICULAR TOKEN, THE REVERSE BRASS CENTER IS OFF ALMOST HALF WAY AROUND INTO THE RIM COLOR..THE OBVERSE HAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF SILVER COLOR SHOWING INTO THE CENTER BRASS AREA. THIS TOKEN IS MEDAL ALIGN AND ALSO THE ONLY ONE HE COULD FIND.

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA: THE LONG AWAITED $10 CHIPCO IS NOW OUT AT GOLDBERGS. POKER TABLES FOR OYSTER BAY ARE IN THE FAIRMONT HOTEL WITH $1 & $5 OYSTER BAY CHIPCOS. B.B. CODY'S HAS A NEW $1 CHIP LANG PLAIN OFF WHT 3 BLK--HS. SHERMAN STREET SALOON IS OPEN WHERE WINDFLOWER WAS, BUT HAS

ONLY .05 AND .25 SLOTS. GOLD COIN IS ALSO OPEN WITH ONLY .05 & .25 SLOTS. LAST CHANCE AND LILLIE'S HAVE BOTH RE-OPENED AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR A SHORT TIME. THERE IS A NEW $1 TOKEN AT WILD BILL BAR/PJ'S PARLOR, $1 CHIP AT HORSESHOE (1ST GOLD HOTEL), $1 CHIP AT PRAIRIE EDGE, AND A $5 CHIPCO AT HICKOKS.

MINNESOTA: SHOOTING STAR CASINO, MAHNOMEN .50 H&C PNK--HS, $1 H&C WHT 3 PCH/TAN--BLU RED WHT CI, $5 RED 4 LT BLU/YEL/LT BLU--BLU RED WHT CI, $1 TOKEN REEDED EDGE, $1 TOKEN PLAIN EDGE: FOND-DU-LUTH AT DULITH HAS NEW $5 CHIP HRS HDS RT DK RED 2 YEL--LAV BLK WHT CI; LAKE OF THE WOODS CASINO AT WARROAD NEW $5 CHIPCO; PALACE CACINO AT CASS LAKE $5 H&C RED 4 LT GRY/DK GRY--BLK RED WHT CI; FORTUNE BAY AT TOWER $5 CHIP HRS HDS RT DK RED 2 GRY--RED WHT YEL BLU CI; JACKPOT JUNCTION AT MORTON NEW $5 CHIP BJ RED 4 GRN--MI.

WISCONSIN: GRAND CASINO-LAC COURTE OREILLES AT HAYWARD .50 H&C WHT--GRN BLK GLD WHT CI, $5 H&C RED 3 LT GRN/LAV/LT GRN--GRN BLK GLD WHT CI, $1 TOKEN 1992 CT; ONEIDA BINGO CASINO AT GREEN BAY HAS ALL NEW CHIPS-"1ST AMERICAN GAMES" .50 BJ YEL 4 WHT--BLU RED WHT CI, $1 BJ WHT 4 LAV--BLU RED WHT CI, $5 BJ RED 4 BLU--BLU RED WHT CI. ALL 3 HAVE HOLOGRAM RING AROUND CENTER INLAY.

NORTH STAR CASINO AT BOWLER .50 HRS HDS RT MUS--PNK YEL BLK CI, $1 HRS HDS RT BGE--PNK YEL BLK CI, $5 HRS HDS RT DK RED 2 YEL--PNK YEL BLK CI, $1 TOKEN (1992) GDC BRASS: MAJESTIC PINES AT BLACK RIVER FALLS (WAS SANDS CASINO) HAS NEW CHIPS WITH NO NAME ON THEM. OBVERSE IS INDIAN FIGURE, PINE TREE, & CLOUD ON $1.00 BJ 8 SUIT WHT/GRY--HS IN GOLD, $2.50 BJ 8 SUIT PNK/WHT-- HS, $5.00 BJ 8 SUIT RED/WHT--HS: GOLDEN NICKEL AT BARABOO (WISCONSIN DELLS) $1 H&C WHT 4 SPT TAN--RED BLK WHT CI, $2.50 H&C PNK 4 LT BLU--RED BLK WHT CI, $5 H&C RED 3 ORG/DK TAN--RED BLK WHT CI.

AND FINALLY THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERYONE, FOR KEEPING THE INFORMATION COMING IN TO KEEP THE UPDATE GOING.

UNTIL NEXT TIME---AS ALWAYS--------

JANICE O'NEAL

Club President, Archie Black, announces another recipient of club's appreciation medal award while V.P. Janice O'Neal proudly displays her medal.

Club V.P. & Historian, Janice O'Neal, and token dealer, Elta Gray (R-165), greet each other for the first time during Los Gatos, California visit.

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Rumor has it that CAESARS will be introducing headliner CHIPCO's in the near future. Look for David Copperfield and Buddy Hackett $5 issues before the year is out. I hope to be able to illustrate them in the next issue. Patience, all you CHIPCO freaks, patience!

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FLASH! I've just received a call from Bob Maisch that SANDS A.C. has had a 1992 GDC token on their tables for over a month!! How can we let these go for so long before we find out about them?? It makes it extremely tough to get these new issues in decent condition if no one tells us about it... as soon as it happens. There are only 12 casinos in Atlantic City. We must have at least one club member who works in each casino to pass the word on?

RESORTS ISSUES "NEW" $5 TOKEN

I can't believe it! I had to rely on a Californian to tell me about this new issue..... and then it was weeks, perhaps a month... or more, before I heard about it!

On September 8, 1992 I received a nice letter from club member DAVID WILLIS of San Mateo, who is a fellow roulette chip collector and in his letter, Dave said to me, "during a recent visit to Atlantic City I picked up $5 tokens from Caesars, Claridge, Resorts International (1989 & 1992.....)". Did he say 1992?? Well ole Dave was right! After looking through about 15 $100 rolls I was able to find less than 20 pieces. Seems like the new 1992 tokens are very sparsely mixed in with the 1986 & 1989 issues. NONE of them are in that great condition. Even the twenty+ 1992s I found were bag marked pretty good.

All three tokens are of the same design except for the date. However, the '92 issue has a much larger mint mark than the other two issues.

We've got to keep looking harder all of you A.C. collectors!! The only way to get nice choice specimens is to pick them up shortly after they are released.

By Archie A. Black CH-001

TRAVELIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS

'ARUBA-ARUBA'

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

Let's go to Aruba! It's an island off the coast of Venezuela, South America. They have perfect weather and casinos. The tropical scenery is beautiful, and they have casinos. Rum and cokes are abundant, and they have casinos. Your travel agent has a fist full of "package deals" to get you there. The one that Muriel and I chose involved air, sea, and land.

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SONESTA HOTEL: A large hotel in the heart of Oranjestad, Aruba. It isn't on the beach, so they bought a little island about a mile off shore. It has a family beach, a nude beach, restaurant and bar, and a gift shop. Then they built a canal commecting the ocean with the hotel so as to have water taxis ferry the guests back and forth. It's the only hotel that I know of that has a boat dock in the lobby.

We flew out of Atlanta on a Sunday and arived in Aruba around 8 p.m. They took us directly to the ship and we sailed at ten. Their schedule is such as to sail during the night and dock in the morning, which gives you eight hours ashore at each of the six islands. The first island was "Curacao". We went ashore at 9 and hired a cab that took us to eight casinos (during a five hour period) for $30. The casinos took us for more than that... but we got lots of tokens!

We didn't see any more casinos, other than shipboard, for the rest of the week. We checked Caracas, Grenada, and St. Lucia. Back on Aruba it's quite different. We had three nights to visit ten casinos. We saw others that were closed down and some new ones under construction. "Harbortown" is a floating casino. It rolled a little, but it didn't seem to bother the dice or the patrons. It has no bar, purse, but waitresses bring free drinks ..... even to the by-standers.

Listing the names of the casinos down there can be confusing. The same place may have two names. The "Sonesta Resort & Casino".... where the casino is called "The Crystal". Likewise, at the "Holiday Inn & Casino", the casino is named, "King International". Many others are the same way.

I found numerous old and new Nevada tokens in play. I kept four "Big Bonanza", 1967, AU.... along with 18 others that I needed. I thought it strange, but to them a token is a token, is a token. Still worth a dollar.

It was an exciting and enjoyable trip that I'm sure we will do again.... and when we do, I'll probably find tokens from our riverboats, Indian Reservations, and even mining towns.

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CRIPPLE CREEK.... THE WORLD'S GREATEST GOLD CAMP

By Robert Gaarder R-304

Cripple Creek, Colorado is celebrating its centennial this year. Prior to 1892 this community was known as Fremont, Colorado. Then, as the story goes, a cow crippled it's leg when crossing a creek near town. After that, the cowboys started to call the community "Cripple Creek" and the Post Office made it official in 1892. A new casino, THE MAVERICK, depicts the scene on it's $1 slot token...the cow with the crippled leg at the creek near the base of Pike's Peak.

Bob Womack, a local cowboy, was the first to discover gold in the Cripple Creek mining district. He sold his interest in the Grand View Mine for $500 and legend has it that he spent the money on wine and women. In late July, a new casino called WOMACKS opened in downtown Cripple Creek. It was noted when I visited Womacks that in addition to gambling, there is still a lot of money being spent on wine and women. Womacks tradition continues.

Estimated value of gold produced in the Cripple Creek gold camp was $433 million at a period when the price of gold was $20 an ounce. Around the turn of the century, Cripple Creek was the world's greatest gold camp in terms of production. It remains in the top ten to this day. Population has dwindled from 50,111 in 1900 to about 650 last year. It will be interesting to see how much it increasees during the second gold rush.

Also in Cripple, some fine new casinos have opened. The star of Cripple Creek (Atlantic City connection) MADAM JUNE'S, a nice casino at the end of Bennett Avenue. GOLDEN HORSESHOE; BOWL OF GOLD; and the largest and most elegant to date, the JUBILEE.

There is a woman who plays rag time piano at the COLORADO GRANDE. The other day while I was there she was playing, "Flat Foot Floogie With A Floy Floy". Now if you remember that tune, you must be about my age!!

Meanwhile, in Central City, there has been a rash of new openings. THE GOLD COIN; TERPS; TOLL GATE; PAPONES; and the MINERS PICK. CHIPCO has issued a chip featuring a miner picking his nose, the token has the same logo!

In neighboring Black Hawk, openings include the BLACK HAWK STATION; SILVER HAWK; RICH MAN; BULLWHACKERS; and JAZZ ALLEY (the former Black Hawk jail). The building is built around the old adobe jail house wich is now the KENO machine room. The CHIPCO'S look dynamite with musical notes around the rim.

An employee of the Black Hawk BULLWHACKERS tells me that they are attempting to buy up all of the casinos next to them on Gregory Street with the idea of combining them under one roof and re-name them to

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OUTLAW. We will see how good my informant is by this time next year. Incidentally, sharp-eyed Michael Knapp noticed that some of the Black Hawk chips and tokens have the town spelled as one word. I'll let you find them.

In late summer, a disturbing trend was noticed. The CLAIM JUMPER has closed and several of the smaller casinos are up for sale (for about $2 million if you are interested). Is this an indication that there are too many casinos..... or that the recently opened large plush enterprises are forcing the smaller ones out??

This has been a great summer. In July, super collectors Tom & Flo from California visited, and in August, CC&GTCC member Rick and his lovely wife and daughter from New Jersey visited. Both families plan to move here as soon as they can arrange it. You are therefore warned that if you decide to visit Colorado, you may be overwhelmed by the lure of the Rocky Mountains!!

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'CALIFORNIA RAMBLING'

By Michael Moore R-759

From the questions and comments I get from club members I have the impression California gaming is not clear. In this article I will attempt to give some history, explain the law, games played and remark on clubs I've collected, played or worked. Gambling is probably the second oldest profession. As far as collectors go it is as old as the first collectable object used. For California this goes back to the gold rush of 1849 and has evolved uninterrupted to the present day. There has been more gambling establishments come and go from here than all the rest of the country combined. When they came by the thousands to get rich off the yellow stuff many more robbers, cheats and politicians came to get rich off the ones trying to get rich. Saloons and gambling joints were thrown up by the dozens in tents lit by whale-oil lamps. If the miners moved to better digging then the tent saloons went with them. Perhaps the most famous of the tent saloons of the old West was the El Dorado which paid $40,000 a year for a location in San Francisco. That wasn't bad considering their daily "handle" was sometimes more than $200,000. By 1850 San Francisco had a gambling joint for every 25 people in the city. Unsuspecting miners and farmers were loosing their fortunes on one drunken night of gambling. A game called Faro was preferred by the "house" because it allowed the most room for cheating. With a deck of cards in the hands of a shark and a drink in the hands of a sucker, his bank roll was the limit. It was easy to see that laws had to be passed to regulate gambling.

The laws that were passed in 1885 to protect the citizens, didn't take into account that the games and ways to gamble would change. California has been restricted to five card draw and lo-ball up until in 1988 Huntington Park Club in Los Angeles went to court to have the laws changed to allow other forms of poker. They won their case and all hold-em type games, stud, pai gow and double hand pai gow poker are legal.

Going back to what is now called "the old lo-ball days," gambling in California became a service rendered. Sometimes vending machine companies would rent poker tables, chairs and chips the way a pool table might be rented today. The chips were more likely to be made without denomination because the stakes in the games changed from night to night. Toward the end of any pay period the stakes might be nickel, dime, quarter. On pay day it might be no limit. The 1885 law stated that the house would only be allowed to take a "time collection." Essentially the players were renting their chairs. The games were most often self dealt and the owner or "floor man" would collect "time" every half hour and be the referee on disputes. At the close of each night a strict count was kept on the chips to prevent a player from walking with chips that would be used for a higher denomination on another night. It is still a common practice today. Just a few weeks ago I received a call from the owner of a club I had collected some chips from. He asked me if I took 11 $1 chips and 7 of his 50¢ chips. When I admitted that I had, he asked me to bring them back. So any of you that has chips from the 19th Hole that came from me, now you know.

Many of the old clubs were one table joints behind a barber shop, tacked on behind a bar or a spare room at the bowling alley. These games saw the same faces night after night with the chips moving around the table like the tide. Strangers were met with much scrutiny and all the local gambling moves were tried out that had quit working on their cohorts years ago. The chances of a game depended on the number of players that showed on any given night. I stopped into Roy's Club in Lodi one evening to find there was no game but Roy was having a drink at the bar. I asked if he would sell me some chips. He looked at me as if I had asked to s...w his daughter. I tried another angle, I'm writing an article on card rooms. When I said writer, I think he heard, Ax Murderer. I finally got around to gambling and card room discourse and his attitude changed. He says, "Here, let me give you a chip." He hunts down a chip that was so worn I couldn't tell if it had anything printed on it. I finally talked him into a brand new one. His parting words were, "I better not find you spent that at the bar." Right.

While the back room lo-ball games are going by the way of train travel, new clubs are opening with a wide range of poker games and the established clubs are expanding. We may not be Nevada, but were not behind the barber shop either.

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'GAMING STOCKS'

By FRANCIS McILVAINE R-366

The story of how I became a chip collector started with a modest investment that I made in the stock of Circus-Circus Enterprises. Before investing, I sent away to Circus-Circus for some financial information on the company. Let me assure you, they know how to write an annual report! After reading one of their reports, the first thing you want to do is to get on a plane and fly to Nevada. Not that this is what they are trying to promote! Anyway, to make a long story short, I decided that it would be interesting to go to Nevada to "do first hand research on my investment", and that trip turned out to coincide with the start of my chip collecting.

There are a number of gaming companies that are publicly owned. People in a hobby like ours are interested in the industry, and most people who frequent casinos have definite opinions on which hotels are run properly and which ones should be avoided. It is also alot of fun going into a casino knowing that you own a little piece of the casino and looking at the casino from an owners perspective. Sometimes, you even find yourself rooting for the house to win.... never when YOU are playing of course! Naturally, being a chip collector, I would love to own a few shares of a chip making company, but to my knowledge, none of them are public companies. With the growing number of states allowing gaming recently, gaming stocks may prove to be a wise investment. I will list the stocks which I know about, where they are traded, their stock symbol and the hotel/casinos that they own. OTC stands for "over the counter" (NASDAQ), NYSE is the "New York Stock Exchange" and ASE is the "American Stock Exchange".

AZTAR (AZTR OTC) TROPICANA in Las Vegas; RAMADA EXPRESS in Laughlin; and TROPWORLD in Atlantic City.

BALLY GAMING (BGII OTC) Bally's slot machine business, a majority of its stock is owned by Bally Manufacturing.

BALLY MANUFACTURING (BLY NYSE) In bankruptcy after overpaying for Atlantic City casinos. This company owns the BALLY'S GRAND in Reno, Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Hilton Hotels has made the high bid to purchase BALLY'S GRAND in Reno (subject to bankruptcy courts approval) and BALLY'S GRAND in Las Vegas which will become an independent public company with the creditors owning the stock, as part of its reorganization.

CAESARS WORLD (CAW NYSE) CAESARS PALACE Las Vegas; CAESARS TAHOE; and CAESARS Atlantic City.

CIRCUS CIRCUS (CIR NYSE) EDGEWATER and COLORADO BELLE in Laughlin; CIRCUS CIRCUS in Reno and Las Vegas; EXCALIBUR, SILVER CITY and SLOTS -A-FUN in Las Vegas. Circus Circus is also in the process of building LUXOR, a 2,500 room hotel/casino in Las Vegas.

INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY (IGT NYSE) Slot and video gaming machines. IGT was the number one performing stock in 1991 on the New York Stock Exchange as its price rose over 500% in that year.

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HILTON HOTELS (HLT NYSE) LAS VEGAS HILTON and FLAMINGO HILTON in Las Vegas, Laughlin, Reno; and the CONRAD and JUPITER casino in Australia.

JACKPOT ENTERPRISES (J NYSE) This company primarily runs gaming machine routes in Nevada (at K-Marts, super markets, etc.) However, it owns the NUGGET in Reno and the OWL CLUB in Battle Mountain.

MGM GRAND HOTEL (MGG NYSE) The DESERT INN in Las Vegas. They are also in the process of building the MGM GRAND HOTEL AND THEME PARK, a 5,000+ room hotel/casino in Las Vegas.

MIRAGE RESORTS (MIR NYSE) GOLDEN NUGGET and the MIRAGE in Las Vegas; GOLDEN NUGGET in Laughlin. They are now building TREASURE ISLAND which will be a 3,000 room hotel/casino in Las Vegas.

PROMUS (PRI NYSE) HARRAH'S in Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Laughlin, Lake Tahoe and Reno. They are also building a Mississippi riverboat.

SAHARA RESORTS (SHRE OTC) HACIENDA, SAHARA and SANTA FE in Las Vegas; PIONEER in Laughlin.

SANDS REGENT (SNDS OTC) SANDS REGENT in Reno.

SHOWBOAT (SBO NYSE) SHOWBOAT in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

Michael Gaughan's casino group consisting of THE PLAZA, GOLD COAST, and BARBARY COAST in Las Vegas have been reported to be waiting for the right time to go public. If you read the financial press, the companies are always announcing plans "subject to gaming becoming legal". HILTON would like to open a casino in New Orleans; the MIRAGE in Hartford Connecticut; and in the biggest proposal of all, CIRCUS-CIRCUS, CAESARS WORLD, and HILTON, all want to open a gigantic gaming complex in Chicago. How many of these projects get off the ground is still anyone's guess.

Some of the annual reports go into business details that would be hard to come by in any other way. For example, at the SAND REGENT (Reno) daily gaming revenue per occupied room is $70. I find this a very interesting way to keep abreast of the hotel/casino industry [AND CHIPS!].

Investing in the gaming industry is the only way I know to gamble with the odds in your favor.

Truck Robbers Discover They're Not in the Chips

LAS VEGAS—The driver of a potato chip truck was beaten by two robbers who discovered the Vegas Chips he was hauling were potato chips, not gaming chips.

Police Lt. Carl Fruge said the driver was accosted at knifepoint and forced to drive to a remote area, where the robbers demanded he "turn over the chips."

Fruge said the robbers became irate when they learned the truck was carrying potato chips.

Dick Falk, vice president and general manager of Vegas Chips, says the truck was clearly identified as carrying potato chips. He said the company logo displays a bag with both potato chips and gaming chips coming out of it.

Someone would have to be illiterate or have "really bad eyes" not to know Vegas Chips were snacks, Falk said Wednesday.

—Associated Press

'ONCE AROUND THE WEST'
BY STEVE GOODRICH R-306

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Hi friends. Before I get to my main topic, I wanted to quickly address a question I am frequently asked in my correspondence. Since I write about the West, people have often wondered about the chip collecting potential in Idaho (which is a natural query considering Idaho is my state of residence). Let me give you a brief account of the present availability of chips. It is, in a word, nil. Idaho, unlike most western states, does not allow gaming of any type (barring the ever-present lottery) and gambling has never officially been legal. However, having a "rough and rugged" tradition as a mining and ranching state, there have been times during its history when law enforcement officials have "looked the other way" regarding gambling. As a result several casinos and card clubs have been established in various locales across the state at different times during the last 100 years. Though I myself have never seen a chip from an Idaho location, I do know of clubs that existed in Boise, Idaho City, Nampa, and Ketchum (Sun Valley). In fact, raids on illegal clubs still occasionally occur within the state. A raid on a club in which dozens of video poker machines were confiscated in the Kellogg mining district in the northern part of the state even made national headlines last year. So chips from Idaho must certainly have existed; the question is whether or not any still remain (anybody out there know of some?).

An important postscript must be added to the above information. The Indian groups in Idaho are pressing for open gambling to be allowed on their lands as it is in many other states. The governor convened a special session of the legislature to resolve the matter and they in turn decided to put it to the voters. Consequently, there will be a referendum on the November ballot which, if passed, will permit gambling on reservation land. I will be sure to keep you all informed as to the outcome.

Now on to the subject which I wanted to cover in this newsletter, Calgary. In Canada each province gets to install its own regulations regarding gaming (I wrote about the eccentricities in British Columbia in a previous article). In Alberta, card rooms (or "social clubs") are illegal. Hence you will not find any poker in the province. However, casinos are allowed with certain restrictions. Each casino is run by a non-profit organization (as in British Columbia) and receives some of the proceeds. These groups often rotate although the casinos remain in the same locations. Further restrictions cover wagering limits, types of games allowed, and opening times. It is especially important that I call attention to that last point as these casinos are not open very often. They are only allowed to operate a limited number of days per year. The best times to find open casinos are on summer weekends and holidays (I would highly recommend checking in advance before planning any trip). Once there, you will usually find an atmosphere reminiscent of an American casino. The dress is casual and there are no admission fees or restrictions (besides age). Blackjack, roulette, baccarat and craps are the most common games and limits usually run from about a $1 minimum to a $50 or $100 maximum. Slot machines of all kinds are illegal (unless there has been a recent change). This leaves token collectors holding the bag, so to say, as dollar tokens do not exist as far as I know. Occasionally, however, 50-cent metal tokens may be found as they are sometimes used to pay off 3-for-2 blackjacks.

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An article on Calgary would not be complete without mentioning the world-famous Calgary Stampede, the largest western round-up in the world. For two weeks in July the entire city turns its attention to this event. It is a sight to see but make sure you secure accommodations well in advance if you plan to attend. What does this have to do with casino gambling and chip collecting? I thought you would never ask. During the Stampede the various casinos are all allowed on the fair grounds as their restrictions on opening times are lifted. They pool their efforts to create one enormous gambling area.

Following is a list of the "permanent" casinos and their addresses. Often a casino will be known by more than one name as the operators will vary (and the chips will not always correspond directly). During the Stampede they usually all consolidate at the exhibition facilities. I have also included examples (the ones which photocopy the best) of the chips that can found at the various locales. Archie Black's article in the last newsletter mentioned the "canceled" Chipcos that carry the Frontier Casino's designation. The regular issues of these chips are on the roulette tables. Each table has a different logo imprinted on its chips (instead of a letter or number as is usually customary). One table has a cowboy on the chips, one has a boot, another a horse, etc. An example of one is included in the illustrations.

Calgary, Alberta
Cash Casino (Arkay Casinos)--4040 Blackfoot
Elbow River Inn & Casino (Arkay Casinos)--1919 Macleod Trail
Frontier Casino--at Stampede Park
Tower Casino--Calgary Tower, 9 Ave at Centre Street

P.S. The city of Edmonton (the other large city in Alberta) runs its casinos in much the same manner. They also have an annual round-up (Klondike Days--the last 2 weeks in July) where gaming has been allowed in the past. Please cast any questions, comments, or insults to me at P.O.Box 3162 Moscow, ID 83843.

A UNIQUE FRONTIER CASINO TOKEN

If you will carefully notice, I wrote "casino token", not "gaming token", or "slot token".

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After a player accumulates ten of these aluminum tokens, they can be redeemable for a free room at the Frontier; Sunday to Thursday. For 15 tokens, you get a weekend room.

According to Anthony Curtis, publisher of the "LAS VEGAS ADVISOR", (who kindly provided me with this token) "since you are dealt a blackjack about every 21 hands, you should earn your free room after about 3 1/2 hours of $5 play."

So, all you token collectors, you had better sharpen up your blackjack game if you want to add this one to your collections.... and do the time. I hope you are winning after 3 1/2 hours!!

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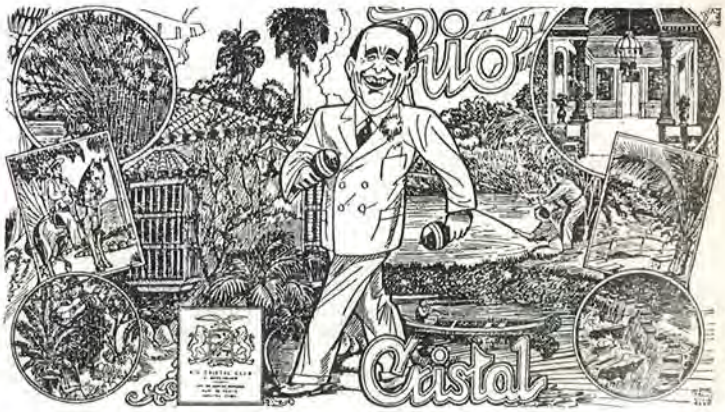

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EARL DONLEY NEW CLUB OFFICER

A new club officer position of "Recording Secretary" was approved by unanimous action at the 5th annual CC&GTCC meeting held in Orlando, Florida on August 15, 1993. A copy of the official minutes are printed elsewhere in this issue of the club magazine.

Our present Club Secretary, Michael Knapp, citing "the rapidly-expanding size of the club, and the travel demands of my new (employment) position, which will keep me out of town much of the time except for weekends", has concluded that it would be best for the club to create two positions to replace the larger job that Michael has performed so admirably for the past five years. As a result, the club now has two new officer titles; Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary duties will continue to be performed by Michael Knapp, while Earl Donley will assume the club's new Recording Secretary responsibilities. Secretary Knapp promises as smooth a transition period as possible.

Duties of the new Recording Secretary will be as follows: Receive and enroll all new membership applications and assign membership numbers, maintain the club database accurately, prepare notice of annual dues renewals and receive and record payment of same, issue membership cards and send current issue of the club magazine to new members, print the mailing labels for the quarterly magazine and other club mass mailings and print/publish annual membership directories. He/she would also record the minutes of our official annual meetings or other official club actions. It is absolutely imperative that the Recording Secretary posesses basic computer skills and has regular access to such equipment as the job cannot be performed efficiently by hand due to the rapid growth of the club.

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary would be to conduct the club's official correspondence, maintain the club's official records, manage special projects such as convention site negotiations, arrange for the production of our club annual commemorative meeting chips and/or medals and tokens, write articles for the club magazine and perform other assignments that the President may define and is called upon. Officer elections for all posts will be held in the Spring of 1993.

Good luck to both officers in their "new" titles!!

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NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

As a result of other official action taken during our annual meeting in Orlando, a new membership classification was adopted unanimously by the members in attendance. Effective immediately, a spouse or child of a current member in good standing may apply for **CC&GTCC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** at a discounted annual dues rate of $5 per year. The associate member must reside at the same address as the regular member and would not receive a copy of the club quarterly magazine. However, the associate member would have voting privileges and would receive a club membership card and other club mailings and is eligible for all other club privileges and benefits.